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SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

2 new members to be voted on

Delegation may make announcement Monday

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The Sumter County Legislative Delegation plans to announce the two at-large members to the Sumter School District Board of Trustees on Monday night after a delegation vote at a public meeting at Central Carolina Technical College.

State Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, and the county delegation's chairman, sent out a public meeting notice of the meeting on Friday.

Monday's meeting will be at 7 p.m. in Room 401, a conference room, in Building 400 on

CCTC's main campus, 506 N. Guignard Drive. Building 400 is the college's Industrial Technology building. The public is invited to attend. At that meeting, individual county delegation members will vote for their two choices as the at-large school board members, according to Smith. The two candidates with the most votes will be selected as the new appointees to the board, Smith said.

Twenty applicants officially applied by submitting a resume and letter of interest in June

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Trustees take no action after returning from open session

BY BRUCE MILLS
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After meeting for nearly 2 ½ hours in executive session at a special called meeting Friday night, the Sumter School District Board of Trustees took no action when

it returned to open session. Immediately after Friday's meeting began at 4 p.m. at the district office, the board entered executive session behind closed doors

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Mo' money

Retailers prep for tax-free weekend

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Local retailers are gearing up for South Carolina's tax-free weekend, which this year begins at 12:01 a.m. Friday and ends at midnight next Sunday, Aug. 6.

Each year, beginning on the first Friday in August, the state eliminates all sales and use taxes for the entire weekend on dozens of items. The exemptions also include local sales taxes, including any penny taxes.

The annual sales tax holiday helps parents and students save money as they get ready for school.

At Staples on Broad Street, Supervisor Karlef Jefferson is planning for an extremely busy weekend.

The entire center area of the store, from the front to rear, is filled with back-to-school supplies. Jefferson said pencils, paper, tablets and folders will all be sold at discounted prices. There's a limit of 30 of each item that can be purchased at one time at discounted prices. After 30, prices go back up. He said that allows other shoppers to take advantage of the deals.

A hot back-to-school item these days is kids' character book bags, according to Jefferson.

"We have Wonder Woman, and we also have some Star Trek as well," Jefferson said. "And, we also have

emojis, which are the symbols like the smiley faces and the hands. The cartoon character book bags are big with the kids now."

Jefferson said all store employees will be working the weekend. Staples will also be open extended hours all three days to accommodate customers. The store will be open until 10 p.m. on Friday and Saturday night and until 7 p.m. Sunday. That's an hour later than usual each day. Staples opens at 8 a.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and 10 a.m. on Sundays.

The tax-free holiday also applies to other items, such as computers, printers, clothing, shoes and linens. Shoppers will pay no sales tax on those. However, items such as jewelry, cosmetics, eyewear, furniture and layaway purchases are not exempt from taxes.

Further down Broad Street at Walmart, Co-manager Will Duke is also expecting big crowds on tax-free weekend. He said the traditional school supplies are always hot items, in addition to computers, printers and software. Duke said through the years, store shoppers have also expanded to the other items that are exempt from taxes.

"Our customers have become very knowledgeable of the other items that are

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JESSICA STEPHENS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Colton Stephens, 3, pointing, shows his brother Jacob Stephens, 5, some school supplies at a local drugstore Friday. Jacob will be in kindergarten at Pocalla Springs Elementary School this year. The state's tax-free holiday weekend is Friday through next Sunday.

What's EXEMPT from sales tax?

Broadly, exempt items include the following:

- Clothing
- Clothing accessories including, but not limited to, hats, scarves, hosiery and handbags
- Shoes/sandals (footwear)
- School supplies including, but not limited to, pens, pencils, paper, binders, notebooks, books, book bags, lunchboxes and calculators
- Computers, printers and printer supplies and computer software
- Dorm and home linen supplies including, but not limited to, bath wash cloths, blankets, bedspreads, bed linens, sheet sets, comforter sets, bath towels, shower curtains, bath rugs and mats, pillows and pillow cases

What's NOT EXEMPT from sales tax?

The exemption does not apply to the following:

- Sales of jewelry, cosmetics, eyewear, wallets and watches
- Sales of furniture
- A sale of an item placed on layaway or similar deferred payment and delivery plan
- Rental of clothing or footwear
- Sale or lease of an item for use in a trade or business

Want more details?

A full listing of exempt and non-exempt items is available on the web at www.dor.sc.gov/taxfreeweekend.

Source: S.C. Department of Revenue



N. Korea 2nd ICBM test puts much of U.S. in range

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korea on Friday test-fired its second intercontinental ballistic missile, which flew longer and higher than the first according to its wary neighbors, leading analysts to conclude that a wide swath of the U.S., including Los Angeles and Chicago, is now within range of Pyongyang's weapons.

Japanese government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said the missile, launched late Friday

night, flew for about 45 minutes — about five minutes longer than the ICBM North Korea test-fired on July 4. The missile was launched on very high trajectory, which limited the distance it traveled, and landed west of Japan's island of Hokkaido.

"We assess that this missile was an intercontinental ballistic missile, as had been expected," Pentagon spokesman Navy Capt. Jeff Davis said in Washington.

Analysts had estimated that

the North's first ICBM could have reached Alaska, and said Friday that the latest missile appeared to extend that range significantly.

David Wright, a physicist and co-director of the global security program at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said in Washington that if reports of the missile's maximum altitude and

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Sumter's Griffith named to IPTAY board of directors

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Beginning on July 1 in conjunction with the start of the 2018 fiscal year, Ben Griffith of Sumter joined the board of directors of IPTAY, the fundraising organization for Clemson University Athletics. He is one of three people elected to serve an initial two-year term in District 6, which includes Dillon, Marion, Sumter, Florence, Clarendon, Williamsburg,



Georgetown, Marion and Horry counties.

"We are looking forward to adding these three great individuals to the IPTAY Board of Directors," IPTAY CEO Davis Babb said. "I am confident that each of these new members will bring a host of valuable knowledge and expertise to our IPTAY team, and I look forward to working with them in the coming months and years ahead."

Griffith graduated from Clemson in 1972 with a Bachelor of Arts degree and returned to Clemson to earn a master's degree in City and Regional Planning in 1974. Griffith is the owner of the State Farm-Ben Griffith Insurance Agency and the co-owner and president of Griffith Financial Group Inc. & Griffith Properties.

Since graduation from Clemson, Griffith has served Clemson by being a member on both the Clemson University Foundation Board and Clemson University Board of Visitors. In addition to his service on these two boards, Griffith and his wife, Deloris, established the Clemson University-Griffith Family Diversity Endowment in 2015 and have been members of IPTAY for 34 years.

Ben and his wife reside in Sumter. They have four children and eight grandchildren.

Lee County S.D. to hold student registration

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lee County School District will hold its first day of student attendance on Tuesday, Aug. 22.

Student registration will be held at Lower Lee Elementary School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, and noon to 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3.

Bishopville Primary School will hold registration from 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 1, and 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2.

West Lee Elementary School registration will be held from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Registration for Lee Central Middle School will be held for sixth grade from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1; seventh grade from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2; and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3.

Lee Central High School registration is set for 8 a.m. to noon and 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 1-2.

Lee County School District Back-to-School Bash will be held from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 5, at Lee Central Middle School Gymnasium, 41 Charlene Lane, Bishopville.

For more information, call (803) 484-5327 or visit <http://www.leeschoolsk12.org/>.

Sumter Rotary awards college scholarships



PHOTO PROVIDED

Sumter Rotary awarded \$7,250 in college scholarships this year. Johnny Hilton, left, Rotary scholarship chairman, and Jonathan Zimpleman, right, Rotary president, flank scholarship winners, from left, Laceasar Sherrod, Niaya Singleton, Deja Stewart, Madison Harris, Brishanna Davis and Alysia Pollard.

Lt. Gov. Bryant to run for top post

BY SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant touted his conservative credentials as he officially entered the 2018 governor's race Friday and said he wants to "bring integrity back" to state politics.

Bryant's announcement in his hometown of Anderson makes him the fourth candidate competing for the Republican nomination next June. No one has announced a bid as a Democrat.

Bryant, first elected to the state Senate in 2004, said family discussions and prayer prompted him to run.

While he agrees with his opponents' conservative rhetoric, he said, he's the lone candidate with the record to back it up.

"Government is a dangerous tool to only be used as a last resort — a tool that cannot replace God or family or common sense," he said. "Your government fails you in all things."

In 2005, Bryant helped found the Senate's libertarian Williams Wallace Caucus, named after the Scottish rebel depicted in the movie "Braveheart." A "Don't Tread On Me" Gadsden flag sits on each member's desk.

His anti-tax votes include opposing all bills that increased the state gas tax to fix South Carolina's roads. His record is also very socially conservative. During his 12 years as senator, he was among the Legislature's staunchest abortion foes and proponents of using tax policy to help parents send their children to private school.

Bryant's signs carry his campaign theme: "Integrity."

Many of South Carolina's leaders

'Government is a dangerous tool to only be used as a last resort — a tool that cannot replace God or family or common sense. Your government fails you in all things.'



— KEVIN BRYANT
SOUTH CAROLINA LT. GOVERNOR

lack the personal integrity needed to "resist the temptation empowerment brings," he said. But he declined to name anyone and sidestepped questions about his opponents.

A special prosecutor's investigation into potential Statehouse corruption has, since 2014, resulted in the conviction of one Statehouse leader and indictment of three other legislators.

How many others could be caught up is unknown, he noted.

Several other legislators have been convicted or resigned in the last few years amid allegations outside that probe.

"I don't know where the fires are, but I know there's a ton of smoke in South Carolina," Bryant said.

The 50-year-old pharmacist became lieutenant governor in January after Nikki Haley's confirmation as United Nations ambassador made Henry McMaster governor and created a vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office. Bryant was the only Republican willing to leave the Senate for a role largely viewed as ceremonial.

The post also offered no clear political future.

The lieutenant governor's main duties are presiding over the Senate and overseeing the Office on Aging.

But that job description will end with the 2018 election. As per a constitutional change approved by voters in 2012, party nominees for governor will start selecting their running mate next year.

Knowing voters could not elect him to a full term in the job, Bryant said in January he saw the new role as a way to advance conservative ideas. He's been touring the state and fundraising since. He opened a gubernatorial campaign account just last week. But he has \$98,000 available in his lieutenant governor's account.

McMaster, a former two-term attorney general and state GOP chairman, is running in 2018 for his first full term as governor. He had \$1.5 million cash on hand as of his last campaign filing earlier this month.

Closest to him in the money race is Catherine Templeton of Mount Pleasant, an attorney seeking her first publicly elected office after running two state agencies. She had \$1.3 million available earlier this month.

The other declared candidate in the GOP field is former Democratic Sen. Yancey McGill of Kingstree, who left the chamber in 2014 after 26 years to fill a seven-month vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office. He had \$12,000 available.

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Feed My Starving Children seeking volunteers

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One thousand one hundred fifty-two — that's the number of hungry children who have been fed a meal a day for the past three years, thanks to Sumter Feeds My Starving Children. The all-volunteer program, part of the national Christian nonprofit Feed My Starving Children, begins in Sumter with fundraisers to pay for meals that are then packed by about 2,000 volunteers for shipping to orphanages and embedded missions, where children are at high risk for malnutrition and even starvation.

The fourth-annual Sumter Feeds My Starving Children MobilePack will be held at Sumter County Civic Center from 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday. About 50 more volunteers are needed to work for a minimum of two hours during the packing event.

The effort came to Sumter in 2014 through coordinator Sarah Bradham, who had been involved in a Feed My Starving Children MobilePack event in Florence in 2013.

"They shared the story of a 3-year-old girl named Marilyn who weighed 13 pounds," Bradham said. "My 3-month-old daughter weighed 14 pounds!"

She said her church at the time,

Mayesville Presbyterian, "kickstarted the (Sumter County) program" and continues to be a major fundraiser. The project also depends on contributions from local churches, businesses — Jones Buick-GMC is the signature sponsor this year — and individual donors.

Already the local fundraising goal has been met, allowing Sumter Feeds My Starving Children to pack 200,000 meals, double what it packed in 2016. Overall, FMSC sites packed more than 284 million meals last year.

"God showed us he wanted us to pack more," Bradham said, "and we were blessed — we got additional meals from FMSC, through 'extra blessings.'"

Last year, Bradham said, the Sumter group packed more than 100,000 meals, which consist of "all dried ingredients, geared especially for those with malnutrition." Each meal contains a protein powder, dried vegetables, soy and rice, which are rehydrated, cooked and served to the orphans.

While she and the other volunteers won't know where their meals will be sent for several weeks, Bradham said previous boxes have been sent mainly to Haiti, with some going to Swaziland.

Bradham and several other volunteers have seen Feed My Starving Children from start to finish, she said.



Volunteers enjoy packing meals at a past Sumter Feeds My Starving Children MobilePack. About 200 volunteers, some as young as 5, will pack thousands of meals to be sent to missions and orphanages in countries where malnutrition, especially among children, is a major issue.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

They went on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic in March, where "we got to see, witness and serve the meals to the children ourselves," she said. "One of my favorite things was watching the children share their food."

Workers at the orphanage told Bradham that the first time the children had received the meals, they were so hungry they did not share.

"The plate was their plate, the spoon was their spoon," she said. "After a year of receiving the meals, even the youngest were sharing without any

prompting from the adults. I never felt so connected, seeing the process from packing to feeding the children."

Volunteers for Sumter's MobilePack event for Feed My Starving Children are requested to register online in advance for available shifts. Visit www.fmssc.org/mobilepack/events, and scroll down to South Carolina to find Sumter's page.

For more information, contact Bradham at (803) 968-1686 or sbradham@gmail.com, or visit the Facebook page Sumter Feeds My Starving Children.

POLICE BLOTTER

STOLEN PROPERTY

Two 15-inch Dell laptops valued at \$300 a 42-inch Panasonic TV valued at \$500 and a black PlayStation 4 valued at \$100 were reportedly stolen from a residence in the 500 block of Dicks Street between 4 p.m. on Sunday and noon on Monday. Approximately \$80 in damage was caused to the front door frame of the residence during the incident, according to an incident report from Sumter Police Department.

A Carry-On trailer valued at \$1,600 was reportedly stolen

from a residence in the 4600 block of Patriot Parkway between noon and 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

A Dell E6540 laptop and laptop bag valued at \$1,150 were reportedly stolen from a 1995 Honda Accord while parked in the 400 block of Planters Drive between 7 p.m. on Tuesday and 7 a.m. on Wednesday.

A black-and-brown Remington shotgun, unknown caliber, valued at \$225; a black-and-silver .380-caliber Hi-Point ACP valued at \$200; a silver .357-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver valued at \$200; and \$1,000 in

cash were reportedly stolen from a residence in the 1000 block of Furman Drive between 10 p.m. on Tuesday and midnight on Wednesday.

A black outdoor grill, unknown make, valued at \$1,800 was reportedly stolen from a residence in the 4800 block of East Brewington Road, Gable, between midnight and 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

DAMAGED PROPERTY

Approximately \$2,000 in damage was caused to a 2003 Ford Explorer when profanity was scratched into the hood and sides of the vehicle while parked in the 30 block of Wilson Street between about

noon and 8:30 p.m. on Monday. According to an incident report from Sumter Police Department, a black PlayStation 4 valued at \$650; two black PlayStation 4 controllers valued at \$100; three video games valued at \$150; a blue-and-black PlayStation 4 headset valued at \$20; five hats valued at \$180; and a black Barnes & Nobles Nook 7 tablet valued at \$100 were reportedly stolen from the vehicle.

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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



Women and Children

Please call 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, August 17
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, August 3
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 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, August 21
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, August 28
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 Tuomey Birthplace.

CLASS DATE Thursday, August 10
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, August 2 & 16
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 August classes, please contact Anna Elmore at 774-2229.

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5 Simple Tips for Back-to-School

- 1. Reset bedtime hours.** Getting a good night's sleep makes for a good day every day!
- 2. Back-to-school shopping.** Make a list and stick to it!
- 3. Get organized.** Keep backpacks and all other essentials in an easy location.
- 4. Calm the first-day jitters.** Keep the morning positive. It may even help to drive kids to school the first day.
- 5. Stay healthy.** Avoid feeding kids too many carbs and sugars, which will tire them.

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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 774-BABY (2229).

GROUP MEETS Monday, August 7
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 774-8678 or Susan Parnell at 774-9047.

GROUP MEETS Monday, August 21
TIME 6-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION Hospital Conference Room 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 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 773-4663.

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What eclipse? Perseid meteor showers up 1st

BY IVY MOORE
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While the area is busy preparing for the total solar eclipse on Aug. 21, the most spectacular meteor shower of the year seems to be getting short shrift. The Perseid meteor shower will peak on Aug. 12 and 13 from late night until dawn. The shower of a meteor per minute or up to 100 or more meteors an hour will last longer than the eclipse, and it can be pretty spectacular.

While there are actually some meteors visible now, it will probably be easier to spot them as the shower gets closer to peak.

The most difficult part of watching the Perseids is, perhaps, finding a really dark spot to maximize viewing. When is the last time you were outside in the dark with no illumination from artificial lighting?

As Paul Bogard notes in his book "The End of Night," a good three-quarters of Americans never experience true darkness, and their eyes never switch over to night vision.

In addition to the problems of artificial light, the moon will be very bright on Aug. 11 through 13. The waning gibbous moon's glare may obscure some of the meteors, as the full moon occurs on Aug. 7.

There are several areas nearby where it will be dark enough, minus the moon's brightness. Among them are state parks.

The area's S.C. state parks are becoming more popular with meteor watchers, but as most close shortly before dark, you have to reserve a campsite to see the showers of "shooting stars" well.

Poinsett State Park in Sum-

ter County has several areas with open views of the sky and has reservations available, said Ranger Michael Reid. He said there were "just a few extra" campers for last year's Perseids.

"I guess a lot of people don't know about them, because people aren't talking about them like they are the eclipse," he said. "We get more people coming to see the blood moon and some photographers. It really depends on the weather."

Rates for campsites can range from \$15 to \$25 per night, depending on location and whether they have power or are "primitive" sites.

Santee State Park follows the same policy as Poinsett, as far as closing time and camp sites, said Ranger and Assistant Manager Bradley Robinson.

"We have a lot of spaces that definitely have less light pollution than others," he said. "I'd advise people who want to camp out to see the Perseids to just ask a ranger at the desk to show them the best areas."

Robinson also suggested that people consider Manchester State Forest, adjacent to Poinsett State Park.

Lee State Park, just off Interstate 20 near Bishopville,



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As many as 100 or more meteors can be seen during the peak times of the Perseid Meteor Shower. While viewing may be difficult because the moon will be in the night sky, the nights of Aug. 11 through 13 offers the best opportunity to see the usually spectacular light show.

also has similar regulations to Poinsett and Santee, meaning you have to be a camper to spend the night. One consolation to that policy is that you can take your dog with you, as long as he's on a 6-foot or shorter leash.

Good viewing areas are the dam at the swimming pond and the equestrian show ring.

For information on Lee State Park, visit the websites www.scgreatoutdoors.com/park-lee.html or <http://bit.ly/2aha0iS>. Call (803) 428-5307 for reservations, or reserve a campsite at the website <http://bit.ly/2aNmdwk>, where details can be found on camping restrictions.

For information on Poinsett State Park, see the websites <http://bit.ly/2amPg8J> and <http://bit.ly/2aC8ITU>. Call (803) 494-8177 to make a reservation.

The website <http://scgreatoutdoors.com/park-santee.html> has extensive information about Santee State Park, or call (843) 854-2408.

WHAT ARE THE PERSEIDS?

The meteor showers occur when Earth's orbit crosses the most crowded part of comet Swift-Tuttle's field of debris each year around mid-August. Gravity pulls the debris toward Earth, but when the bits traveling at about 130,000 miles an hour hit Earth's atmosphere, they are burned up by the friction created. The result, in the case of the Perseids, is a spectacular light show, which should be visible all over the night sky.

HOW TO WATCH

Astronomer Bruce McClure of earthsky.com advises to watch the Perseids between midnight and dawn with some friends; watch for meteor "trains," which are trails of light that linger after bright meteors or fireballs create an afterglow. He also suggests lying in a moon shadow—the moon should be bright enough to throw shadows—and observing the color of the meteors.

Other viewing tips include: bring a reclining lawn chair or chaise so you can lie flat and see the entire sky; bring some food and beverages and a flashlight; don't forget the mosquito repellent.

Check out the website earthsky.com for more tips and information.

LISTEN

Most astronomers and other scientists now accept that some meteors, particularly the larger and brighter ones, do make a sound. Radio astronomer Dr. Alastair Gunn, on his website science-focus.com, said the "hissing or buzzing noises" some people claim to hear could be caused "by the very low frequency radio waves that are generated by meteors, which will arrive at the same time as the observer sees the meteor passing overhead."

In fact, Gunn says, "It has been demonstrated that these waves can cause glasses, plant foliage, pine needles and even hair to vibrate."



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Perseus, son of Zeus and a mortal woman, earned his constellation in the night sky by killing the Gorgon Medusa, whose gaze turned men into stone. He also performed many other heroic feats during his lifetime. The Perseid meteor shower is named for him simply because the meteors appear to come from his constellation. To watch the meteor shower, it's not necessary to find Perseus' constellation, as the meteors will be visible all over the sky.

Mystery plant: Who doesn't like lilies?

BY JOHN NELSON
Curator, USC Herbarium

Here's a little botanical story involving native lilies. And who doesn't like lilies?

In 1753, Carl Linnaeus, the Father of Plant Taxonomy, described a lily species in his epic "Species Plantarum" from eastern North America, naming it *Lilium canadense*, and we know this still today, mostly in the Appalachian Mountains, from eastern Canada all the way to Alabama and Georgia. Most people call it "Canada lily," which sort of makes sense. It's a really beautiful species, with somewhat scratchy leaf edges, and with dangling flowers on a smooth stem maybe 2 feet high or a little taller. Within the range of this species occurs our mystery plant. It has populations within what we call the "Roan Massif," which is a

concentration of peaks involving Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, and dominated by Roan Mountain. You can see these plants in certain places along the Blue Ridge Parkway, too. These plants have flowers which are similarly colored, usually red or red-orange, with lots of dark maroon spots on the inside, but the sepals and petals are a bit shorter, and wider toward the tip, than typical Canada lily.

Now, it turns out that the famous American botanist (from Harvard) Asa Gray collected and studied a good many plants in the southern Appalachians, including Roan Mountain and surrounding peaks. Gray considered both of these lily forms to represent the same thing, and he adopted Linnaeus' old name *Lilium canadense* to accommodate the plants he was seeing. It wasn't until 1879 that another American bota-

nist, a very good one actually, but one who probably doesn't get the accolades that he deserves, was also studying these lilies. His name was Sereno Watson.

Watson was a fascinating person, also a Yankee like Asa Gray. Originally from Connecticut, he spent a considerable amount of time out west involved in field study, where he made a reputation for himself as a botanist, ultimately getting the attention of Gray. Watson was offered a position at the Herbarium at Harvard and worked as Gray's assistant for a number of years.

In 1879, Watson realized that the two lily forms under consideration represented similar—but different—species, and he named the "second" one after his boss. Harvard's herbarium was officially named after Gray in 1893, which was a year after Watson's death.

Actually it's a little bit late in the summer for you to see this particular plant up in the mountains, as it tends to bloom earlier in July. It really is a pretty thing. The sepals and petals curve backward a bit, and the flowers tend to spread out horizontally, or droop. A much taller lily, one that is blooming like crazy now in the mountains and whose leaf edges are smooth, is "Turk's-cap lily," which is *Lilium superbum*, and which can also be seen where our mystery plant grows.

If you plan on a wildflower trip to the mountains anytime soon, that's great. But remember: DON'T pick any wildflowers! (And use your blinker.)

Answer: "Gray's lily," *Lilium grayi*

John Nelson is the curator of the A.C. Moore Herbarium at the University of South Caroli-



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This week's mystery plant has populations within what we call the "Roan Massif," which is a concentration of peaks involving Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia, and dominated by Roan Mountain.

na, in the Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia SC 29208. As a public service, the Herbarium offers free plant identifications. For more information, visit www.herbarium.org, call 803-777-8196, or email nelson@sc.edu.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Registers celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. Perry L. Register of Sumter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2017.

A reception will be given in their honor at a later date by their two sons and their spouses: Brian and Beverly Register and Eric and Kelly Register, all of Atlanta.

The couple has three grandchildren.

Mrs. Register is the former Mary E. Ware of Anniston, Alabama.



MR., MRS. PERRY L. REGISTER

Tomsons celebrate 58 years

Mr. and Mrs. Chester J. Tomson Jr., of Orangeburg, celebrated their 58th anniversary on July 25, 2017.

Their children are Chester J. Tomson III and Michael D. Tomson.

Mrs. Tomson is the former Esther Rogers of Sumter.



MR., MRS. CHESTER J. TOMSON JR.

NEW ARRIVAL

Hidalgos announce birth of a daughter

Patrick and Reita Hidalgo of Denver announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Ophir Hidalgo, on May 4, 2017, at Rose Medical Center, Denver.

Catherine weighed 7 pounds and 10 ounces. She was 20 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are Charles and Kay Shugart of Sumter and Martin and Carol Hidalgo of Littleton, Colorado.

Mrs. Hidalgo is the former Reita Shugart.



CATHERINE OPHIR HIDALGO

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.

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Reluctant college student may benefit from gap year

Dear Abby
ABIGAIL
VAN BUREN

and pay for it for the rest of her life — or continue to push her into some kind of life skill set?

Life skills in Missouri

DEAR LIFE SKILLS — Your daughter may be burned out from studying. Rather than "push" her into doing something she is sure to resent, consider allowing her to take a gap year.

This does not mean it should be spent resting on her laurels or her fanny. She might benefit from getting a

job and learning what the real world is like. It would give her time to mature and, after spending a year in a lower-paying job, she may begin to appreciate the wisdom of furthering her education for the financial benefit it brings.

DEAR ABBY — I have had a weight problem all my life. What makes it harder is that I have a sister a year younger who can't gain a pound. She has always been the "hot one" and the center of attention. People she has introduced me to have actually said, "I can't believe you're sisters" instead of "Nice to meet you."

Of course, my sister is married, while I am still single. I hate being around her because I feel like a slug. I'm more physically active than she is, and I eat healthier. I'm not ugly, but I feel that way around her. Do you have any advice on handling this?

In her shadow in Maryland

DEAR IN HER SHADOW — For starters, stop comparing yourself to your sis-

ter. You are overdue for reviewing your own assets as an individual.

You may not be as "metabolically blessed" as your slender sister, but that doesn't mean you don't have important qualities that she doesn't share. Figure out what those are, "polish" them, and you will discover you are a successful person in your own right.

If you think your not being married is a drawback, it's time you understood that marriage isn't a goal; it is only a beginning. It's a partnership, hopefully a successful one, but it's not a guarantee of success in any area.

DEAR ABBY — My son volunteers teaching classes at a community center and is generous about assisting anyone with anything he is capable of. But when it comes to helping his wife and family, he never has time because he's always helping strangers. I believe his giving should begin at home. How can we get him to see the light?

Do-gooder's mom

DEAR DO-GOODER'S MOM — While I agree that charity should begin at home, your daughter-in-law should address this with your son, not you. Suggest she begin by asking him why the psychic gratification he receives from helping strangers seems to be greater than what he feels from helping family. His answer should be an interesting jumping-off place for the discussion that ensues. Everybody needs to feel important, and strangers may be more inclined to express their gratitude.

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Robots, race cars and weather: Girl Scouts offer new badges

NEW YORK (AP) — Girl Scouts from tiny Daisies to teen Ambassadors may earn 23 new badges focused on science, technology, engineering and math.

It's the largest addition of new badges in a decade for Girl Scouts of the USA. The effort takes a progressive approach to STEM and also nudges girls to become citizen scientists using the great outdoors as their laboratory.

Among the new badges are those that introduce kindergarten and first-graders to the world of robots and engineering. Scouts can learn basic programming and build prototypes to solve everyday problems. Older scouts will have the chance to enhance those skills, learning more

about artificial intelligence, algorithms and how to formally present their work.

Other new badges focus on race car and aviation design using kits from GoldieBlox, a girl-focused toy company. The "leave no trace" approach to interacting with the environment and the study of meteorology by learning to predict weather patterns and potential hazards are among activities geared to new outdoors badges.

Cayla Hicks, 7, is grateful. She's a Baltimore Brownie who's interested in the "Designing Robots" badge.

"I want to be a scientist. I like building things, and I like discovering things. Me and my brother — well, I usually ask my brother if he

wants to look through my telescope. Usually he says no," Cayla said as she recently demonstrated how to make a "robotic arm" out of sticks and fasteners.

Baby boomer Sylvia Acevedo, the CEO of the scouting group, was just like Cayla as a girl growing up in tiny Las Cruces, New Mexico.

"My troop leader looked at me and saw me looking at the stars, and she taught me that there were constellations, she taught me there were systems and patterns to the stars," Acevedo said in a recent interview. "Because I got my science badge I developed that courage and that confidence to study science and math at a time when girls like me weren't studying science

and math. Girls like me, statistically, weren't even finishing high school."

Acevedo was one of the first Hispanic students, male or female, to earn a graduate engineering degree from Stanford University. The former tech executive's first job was as a rocket scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California.

The new badges, some of which were requested by scouts themselves in a survey, are available now.

Next year, another initiative will allow Girl Scouts to earn "Cybersecurity" badges. One study cited by the scouts showed women remain vastly underrepresented in that industry, holding 11 percent of such jobs globally. Another

study, done by the Computing Technology Industry Association, found that 69 percent of women who have not pursued careers in information technology attribute their choice to not knowing what opportunities are available to them.

As for STEM overall, Acevedo said, a lot of girls remain vulnerable to a crisis of confidence in pursuing education and careers in those fields.

"A lot of girls haven't made that shift from using technology to, 'You can actually be a programmer,'" she said. "That you're the one who can make that coding. For a lot of girls, they need to have that hands-on experience so they feel confident."



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with Superintendent Frank Baker and school district attorney Connie Jackson of Halligan, Mahoney and Williams of Columbia.

When the trustees and Baker returned at 6:30 p.m., Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney only said the meeting was the board's last with Baker before his retirement Monday, the last day of the month.

The superintendent's retirement was initially announced on July 18 at another special called meeting.

After Friday's meeting concluded, McGhaney said Baker and the district's attorneys from Halligan, Mahoney and Williams mutually agreed July 18 in executive session that he would retire. Due to that agreement, McGhaney said a public vote by the board in an open meeting was not necessary.

McGhaney added Friday night that there have been some discussions to have a public drop-in for Baker, as he enters his retirement from the district. McGhaney said arrangements for that event may be released soon by the board.

Baker retires Monday, following eight months of turmoil after the December release of the fiscal 2016 audit report.

That report 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 the district's auditor.

Baker has been superintendent of Sumter School District for four years since July 2013. Two school districts in the county — Sumter School District 2 and Sumter School District 17 — were consolidated in July 2011.

Previously, Baker served in the former District 2 for 40 years, from 1971 to 2011. For the last 19 years of that tenure,

Baker was superintendent of that district before it merged with District 17.

Last week, the board voted unanimously to name Debbie Hamm the district's interim superintendent. Hamm, a former superintendent for Richland School District Two in Columbia, will begin her duties with Sumter School District on Tuesday.

Friday's meeting was the fourth special called meeting of the board in the last five weeks.

The next scheduled board meeting is set for Aug. 14 and will be Hamm's first board meeting.

It will also be the first board meeting for two new at-large board members, who will be named Monday by the Sumter County Legislative Delegation at a public meeting at Central Carolina Technical College. With the two additions, the school board will expand from seven to nine voting members.

DELEGATION FROM PAGE A1

for the two new at-large seats available on the Sumter School District Board of Trustees.

The local delegation initiated and helped pass a bill in the General Assembly this spring that added the two board members. With the new legislation, the board expands from seven voting members to nine.

Smith distributed all the candidates' biographical information to the other delegation members, which include state Reps. David Weeks, D-Sumter; Bobby Ridgeway, D-Clarendon; Will Wheeler, D-Bishopville; and Wendy Brawley, D-Hopkins; and state Sens. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter; and Kevin Johnson, D-Manning.

The delegation has emphasized the appointments are short-term political appointments. The new law stipulates the two appointees will hold the seats until the November 2018 election, when the public will vote on the two at-large seats. Both board-member appointees named Monday will be eligible to run for that election.

The new law also stipulates the two at-large seats will change to single member seats in 2021 after the next decennial census with reapportionment. Then, Sumter School District will have nine single-member districts or seats.

McElveen, who introduced the legislation in March with Johnson, said the move to add two at-large board members was something the delegation had considered for a long time, but the school district's recent financial crisis pushed

the need for the legislation to the forefront.

McElveen and Weeks have said the objective of putting two more people on the board is to increase accountability and transparency, in light of the district's current financial situation.

In December, the fiscal year 2016 audit report was released and 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 the district's auditor.

Within a few weeks, the board hired a financial consultant to guide the district through its financial difficulties, and the consultant reported last week the district was projected to end the fiscal-year cycle — which ended June 30 — with an estimated \$289,000 surplus, after all accruals. District staff said previously that amount will be added to the district's low general fund balance and will not be used in this year's budget in any way.

The district also hired a full-time chief financial officer, Chris Griner, who started July 17. The district operated without a CFO position for the last two years. In the wake of the financial difficulties and turmoil that has surrounded it, the school board's attorneys and Superintendent Frank Baker mutually agreed that he will retire effective Monday. The board voted and named Debbie Hamm as its interim superintendent last week. Hamm begins her post Tuesday.

The school board's next regularly scheduled meeting is Aug. 14 at the district office,

WANT TO GO?

WHAT: Public meeting on two school board member appointees

WHEN: 7 p.m. Monday

WHERE: Room 401, Building 400, Central Carolina Technical College, 506 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter

1345 Wilson Hall Road. That meeting may be the first board meeting for the two new appointees and Hamm.

The 20 applicants who applied for the at-large seats were the following: Brian Alston, Lamar Atkins, Tony Barwick, Debbie Bowen, Barbara Bowman, William Byrd, Rose Colclough, Bonnie Disney, Angela Gordy, Lloyd Hunter, Frank Ladson, John Lee III, Gretchen Meyers, William Oden, Teresa Oelze, Joseph Ortmann, Eula Osborne, Dr. Washington Ray Jr., the Rev. Ron Underwood and Gantt Williams Jr.



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flight time are correct, it would have a theoretical range of at least about 6,500 miles.

That means it could have reached Los Angeles, Denver and Chicago, depending on variables such as the size and weight of the warhead that would be carried atop such a missile in an actual attack.

Bruce Klingner, a Korean and Japanese affairs specialist at the Heritage Foundation think tank in Washington, said, "It now appears that a significant portion of the continental United States is within range" of North Korean missiles. Klingner recently met with North Korean officials to discuss denuclearization, the think tank said.

Washington and its allies have

watched with growing concern as Pyongyang has made significant progress toward its goal of having all of the U.S. within range of its missiles to counter what it labels as U.S. aggression.

There are other hurdles, including building nuclear warheads to fit on those missiles and ensuring reliability. But many analysts have been surprised by how quickly leader Kim Jong Un has developed North Korea's nuclear and missile programs despite several rounds of U.N. Security Council sanctions that have squeezed the impoverished country's economy.

President Trump has said he will not allow North Korea to obtain an ICBM that can deliver a nuclear warhead. But this week, the Defense Intelligence Agency reportedly concluded that the North will have a reliable ICBM capable of carrying a nuclear

weapon as early as next year, in an assessment that trimmed two years from the agency's earlier estimate.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called the launch a "serious and real threat" to the country's security.

Suga, the Japanese spokesman, said Japan has lodged a strong protest with North Korea. "North Korea's repeated provocative acts absolutely cannot be accepted," he said.

A spokesman for Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Friday that Dunford met at the Pentagon with the commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific, Adm. Harry Harris, to discuss U.S. military options in light of North Korea's missile test.

The spokesman, Navy Capt. Greg Hicks, said Dunford and Harris placed a phone call to Dunford's South Korean counterpart, Gen. Lee Sun Jin. Dun-

ford and Harris "expressed the iron-clad commitment to the U.S.-Republic of Korea alliance," Hicks said, referring to the U.S. defense treaty that obliges the U.S. to defend South Korea.

Prime Minister Abe said Japan would cooperate closely with the U.S., South Korea and other nations to step up pressure on North Korea to halt its missile programs.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile reached an estimated height of 2,300 miles before landing at sea about 625 miles away. It appeared to be more advanced than the ICBM North Korea previously launched, it said.

There was no immediate confirmation of the launch by North Korea. The day's broadcast on state-run television had already ended when the news broke at around midnight Pyongyang time.

PREP FROM PAGE A1

available tax free and are shopping into those other categories, such as clothing, shoes, footwear, bed and bath," Duke said.

According to Bonnie Swingle, public information director with the state Department of Revenue, shoppers throughout the Palmetto State go out in big numbers during the tax holiday.

Historically, the state agency estimates shoppers save between \$2 million and \$3 million during tax-free weekend each year.

Swingle also said online sales purchases with standard retailers for the exempt items will also be tax free for the three-day holiday weekend. In the case of retailers without physical locations in South Carolina and without retail licenses in the state, online shoppers here generally don't pay sales taxes but are respon-



Kid's character book bags hang on a display rack recently at Staples on Broad Street.

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sible for paying a use tax on their income tax return annually. However, Swingle said if customers make a purchase online with the out-of-state retailer during the tax holiday weekend, they are also not responsible to pay the use tax.

Swingle added there's one

item everyone asks about for the upcoming weekend, and that's cellphones. She said the answer is no, they're not exempt.

"Cellphones, smartphones, anything that makes a phone call is not exempt from sales tax," Swingle said.

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COMMENTARY

Journalism changing with technology, but not dying

Before I had the opportunity to conduct some soul searching during my senior year of high school, I was dead set on stepping on the University of South Carolina's campus and majoring in journalism. Why not?



Campbell Mims

Journalism was and still is one of my academic affections. I fell in love with the outlet of being able to voice my opinions freely and confidently without reprimand.

I started to feel a little uneasy, however, about my prospective college major when strangers, and even friends, would find out I was taking the journalistic route and say, "You can't make any money these days in journalism."

I cannot tell you how many times I have heard that cliché phrase. Most of the time, I would just defend the factual position that journalism is a major that can be a door opener for many different types of careers.

Above all the other jobs I took from people on my career choice, my favorite to take a stance against was "journalism is dying." Journalism is anything but dead; it is simply changing.

Being a student of journalism is one of the most impactful professions one can have. Not only do I have freedom of speech guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, but this freedom also allows me to communicate information to the public that may not normally be provided to the masses.

Journalism is one of the ways that I can give back to my community; a type of civic duty, if you will. I write because I wish to inform my audiences about a social issue that may otherwise go unnoticed, but at the same time I do it because I enjoy the process.

There are three goals journalists should fulfill: educate, inform, and expose. Foremost of these is to educate. What would journalism be without being a form of education? As you read the articles, you learn more and more about a particular subject. You learn the good and the bad.

You are equipped with the tools to form your own opinions after reading the evidence provided to you by journalists. Journalists dominate every social media outlet, being the first ones that you see in the morning when you wake up and turn on CNN or Fox News.

You can imagine how disappointed I become when one says that journalism is dead. I will be the first to say that as

the 21st century has progressed, the way we access our information has changed. There is no denying that the majority of those that stay up to date with their news access their information on the internet or through a news application on their phone.

This change in the way we access information has resulted in journalists reformulating the way they distribute information. People no longer want to read a six-page text box of an event that can be easily described through pictures and a short caption. Unfortunately, reading has found a rival in the art of skimming. Most people are going to skim through this article to find the key points of my argument because that has become the method of choice on how people inform themselves.

While journalism should maintain its traditional print routes, I embrace the fact of change in this age that is so dominated by technology. I believe in progress and welcome new advancement within the profession with open arms. It seems that I am in the minority, since many have used this advancement to justify their conspiracy theories that newspapers are evil and that journalists are embezzlers of society.

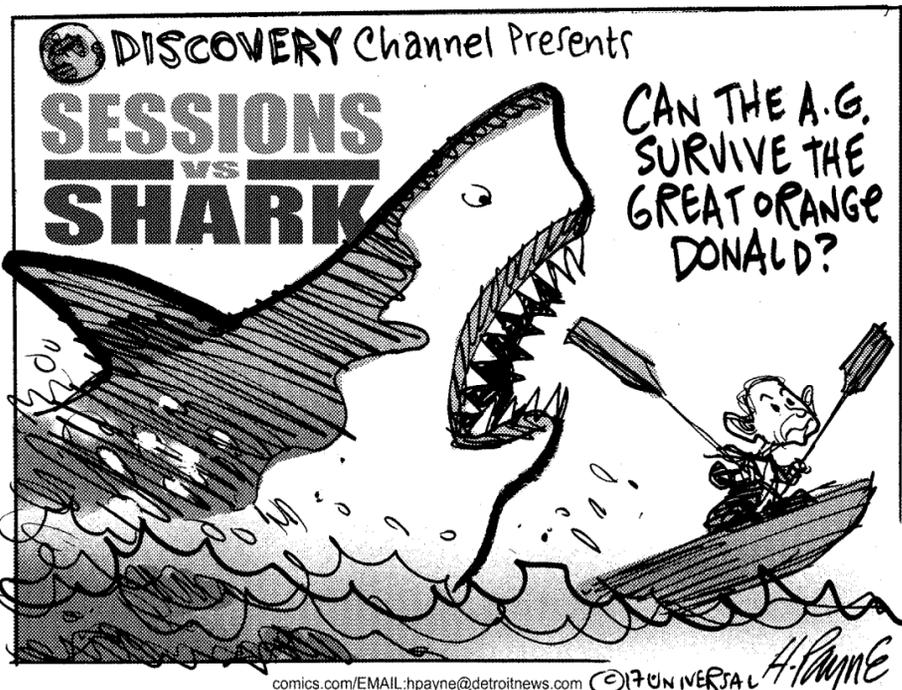
Admittedly, there is much controversy in the United States over the "fake news" claims, but one must remember that one of journalism's key objectives is to expose. There is a responsibility for the media to be whistleblowers and to provide oversight.

This controversy surrounding journalism is all the more reason to teach prospective journalists the skills they need to make a clear and informed decision. "Young people will have a digital mindset as a virtue of their environment, and will naturally help bridge the cultural divide between print and digital (media), a source of contention in many newsrooms," writes Mona Zhang, a freelance editor and writer.

My advice to any student that is considering a career in journalism, or even those that want to find an extra-curricular outlet to voice their opinion, is to take a chance and go for it. You will be surprised how easy it can be to say what you want when you put your ideas down on paper. We need more students to enter into this field to lead an evolving industry.

I was so uncertain when I was faced with the decision of signing up for either a Journalism I class or a computer class my sophomore year of high school, but I am so thankful I chose the journalism class that day.

Mims is a recent graduate of Wilson Hall and a student at University of South Carolina.



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COMMENTARY

Getting lively downtown and in D.C.

Before I get to the quote of the week, let's talk about downtown Sumter's continuing progress.

While walking around downtown this week checking out the new hotel, the Economic Development



Graham Osteen

Headquarters, the new Hamptons Restaurant, the new parking garage and all of the other projects going on, I noticed

something: People of all ages are walking around downtown. Not just to get from point A to point B, but actually walking around looking at things, like tourists.

The "Downtown Sumter Rocks" project has been a great idea for helping people discover all that's happening. They're also rediscovering older businesses that have been around for many years, and new ones that are making downtown Sumter unique.

Although *The Sumter Item* building was technically downtown when we were at 20 North Magnolia all those years, our "new" downtown location at 36 West Liberty feels much more like being in the heart of the progress that's taking shape every day.

Speaking of the new Sumter Economic Development Headquarters building going up on on Liberty Street, I would suggest that four early critics of that project be recognized.

In case you've forgotten, my dear friend the former city councilwoman Colleen

Change your view

For a good downtown perspective, check out my nephew Brown Osteen's "Infrastructure Flyover" video on the web: <http://bit.ly/2vTwPnl>.

Yates, the great educator Julia Talley and my own father, Hubert Osteen, were all vocal critics of the design last year. Here's a column about it: <http://bit.ly/2hbOS53>.

While riding by the new HQ building with my father in the car the other day, I pointed out how interesting the design was and how it's bringing a new feel to that part of downtown.

He grudgingly admitted it "might be OK," even though last year he publicly agreed with one of our readers — a Mr. Dubose — who said the original design looked like a gas station.

Flash back to Colleen's comments last April: "Nobody says it's just 'an ugly building,'" she said. "People come up with ungodly comments." Mrs. Talley said it looked like a life-guard station on a California beach.

Here's my proposal: When the building finally opens, invite all four of these esteemed village elders to cut the ribbon. That will demonstrate to our youth the type of community unity our country needs more of in the Age of Trump. We can differ, but we come together in the name of progress as we march toward a brighter future for all people.

Which brings us to the quote of the week.

Like many people, I've been cutting back on my

news consumption to avoid Washington Reality TV.

For example, "Gun-smoke" is a great distraction, and just last week Turner Classic Movies had a "spend the night with Ava Gardner" theme, in which they showed "Night of the Iguana," "Knights of the Round Table," "Bhowani Junction," "Mogambo." I set the DVR so now I have them all On Demand. Some people call it "Ava in her prime," but I say Ava was always in her prime. The trick is to fast-forward to her scenes because the movies are otherwise terrible.

Again, back to the quote.

It was impossible to miss the story this week about the foul-mouthed new White House press secretary, Anthony Scaramucci.

"The Mooch" said nasty things about Reince Priebus followed by even weirder nasty things about Steve Bannon.

Brian Williams of NBC, who left "Nightly News" in disgrace but has returned with a new show on MSNBC — "The 11th Hour" — said this in a recap of the day's events: "What we can't repeat is about Steve Bannon which, if true, would make Bannon a gymnast."

Thanks to my son, Hugh, a sharp-eyed digital observer who shared that thoroughly modern post with me via barstoolsports.com.

What a world we live in. Where's the Marshal Matt Dillon when you need him?

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NYC to at-home pet boarders: You're in the doghouse

BY JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fur is flying over pet-sitting in New York City, where regulators are sniffing around apps that connect owners with people who take animals into their homes for pay.

Health regulators are trying to reinforce a longstanding rule against the practice, a leading app is pushing back, and a city councilman is pondering the issue. And anxious pet sitters are wondering what to tell clients.

"I don't know what to do," says Tanoopa Jaikaran, who left a marketing job last year to start a dog-walking and pet-sitting business.

She does most of her sitting in clients' own homes but she'd agreed to take a pet or two during upcoming holidays to her three-family Bronx house, where the animals can have their own apartment.

"We want to do everything the right way," she said, but "it's a really hard pill to swallow right now."

In New York and elsewhere, pet-boarding rules have gotten new attention with the rise of apps. The popular Rover and a former rival, DogVacay, were among the top five highest-funded "pet tech" startups in the last five years, according to CB Insights, which tracks venture capital.

Just last month, Democratic Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper signed a law letting people board as many as three pets without a license. The sponsors, Republican Rep. Lois Landgraf and Democratic Rep. Dan Pabon, said constituents had been stunned to learn they needed licenses to board pets even occasionally.

"It's not realistic to think that somebody who may not make \$400 a year pet-sitting has to have a \$400 license, compared to somebody who runs a full-blown dog day care and grooming facility," says Landgraf, a Colorado Republican.

Similarly, California lawmakers last year limited the state's first pet-boarding regulations to facilities hosting four or more animals.

New York City health officials, on



Tanoopa Jaikaran demonstrates 9-year old pit bull mix Mimosa's obedience skills while out for a walk in Manhattan. Jaikaran left a marketing job last year to start a dog-walking and pet-sitting business.

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the other hand, have proposed to tweak regulations to make the city's in-home pet boarding ban all the more clear. The policy, discussed at a health department hearing last week, doesn't apply to pet-sitting an animal in its own pad or watching someone's pet for free as a favor.

The years-old prohibition isn't actively policed; enforcement is driven by complaints. Statistics weren't available from the Health Department last week.

State Sen. Tony Avella, a Democrat who contacted the city health department last year about pet-sitting apps, says people who advertise and charge for pet care should have to meet licensing standards.

And in a city of apartment-dwellers, health department lawyer Thomas Merrill says residents "have a right not to have someone next door with a bunch of animals coming in." As the

Daily News first reported, he told DogVacay in October that its at-home boarders were breaking the law and could be fined.

Rover, which has since acquired DogVacay, says it's unfair to require more of pet sitters than baby sitters and to deprive pet owners of an option that many prefer to a kennel, especially for aged or disabled animals.

"Rover did not invent pet sitting; we simply make it safer with peer reviews, 24-hour safety support and pet sitter screening," said company lawyer John Lapham. He says he's optimistic about reaching "a sensible compromise" with New York regulators.

City Council health committee chairman Corey Johnson, a Democrat, is looking at whether to propose changing the rules.

Proprietors of pet-boarding facilities say it is unfair to let others get into

the business without following the same rules.

Tammy Karecki took a city-required course to get a permit, pays thousands of dollars in rent and collects sales tax for her Manhattan dog day care and training center, Star Paws.

"I have to do it, so I think everybody should have to do it," said Karecki, a longtime dog trainer who worries that the do-it-yourself app atmosphere may attract inexperienced pet boarders.

Whatever the setting, the Humane Society of the United States advises pet owners to check references and meet prospective caregivers in person, spokeswoman Vicki Stevens said.

Jaikaran, meanwhile, says she's determined to figure out a solution.

"We do this because we love it," she said as she walked, cajoled and encouraged a client's 9-year-old, arthritic dog on lower Manhattan streets this week.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES H. HUGHES

MT. PLEASANT — Charles H. "Charlie" Hughes was born in Eutawville to George H. and Edna Croft Hughes on



HUGHES

Feb. 23, 1939. He attended schools in Eutawville and Holly Hill as well as the University of South Carolina. He also attended the South Carolina Banker's School and the School of Banking of the South in Louisiana.

He joined C&S National Bank in 1960 in Columbia and retired with Bank of America in 1999. He served as senior vice president and regional executive with responsibilities for banking centers in Sumter, Hartsville, Camden, Florence, Conway, Georgetown, Myrtle Beach and Aiken. He and his wife Sara lived in Columbia, Sumter, Myrtle Beach, Aiken and Orangeburg during his banking career.

Charlie selflessly served his community as a Rotarian for more than 43 years. In Orangeburg, he served as secretary and board member. He was a member of the Myrtle Beach Rotary Club and charter president of the Chicora Rotary Club in Myrtle Beach. He was also a member of the Sumter, Manning and Aiken Rotary clubs and was a Paul Harris Fellow. His other civic involvements included president of the Sumter Jaycees, president of the Orangeburg Chamber of Commerce, executive board member of the Myrtle Beach Chamber and president of the Aiken Chamber of Commerce. He served on Vestry in Episcopal Churches in Aiken, Sumter and Summerton.

Charlie greatly enjoyed meeting people and serving as was so evident throughout his banking career. He never met a stranger and was known for his special smile. He embraced and celebrated life and will be missed by us all.

Charlie was married 57 years to and is survived by the former Sara Nell Phillips of Marion; children, Charles (Chuck) H. Hughes Jr. and his wife, Cheryl Graves Hughes, and Cheryl Hughes Ward and her husband, Stephen Ray Ward, all of Mt. Pleasant; and

grandchildren, Sarah Elizabeth Thie and her husband, Douglas, Charles Taylor Hughes, Harrison Croft Hughes, Samuel Raymond Ward and Hannah Lane Ward.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday in the Rodenberg Chapel at Franke at Seaside, 1885 Rifle Range Road, Mt. Pleasant.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Respite Care of Charleston, 1605 Harbor View Rd, Charleston, SC 29412.

For online condolences, please visit www.avinger.com.

LULA MAE THOMPSON

Lula Mae Thompson, 84, widow of George Thompson and daughter of the late Robert Gamble and Creola Chandler Gamble, was born on Oct. 7, 1932, in Sumter. She departed this life on Friday, July 28, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter.

Family will receive friends at the home, 2 Lakeside Drive, Sumter.

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

WAYNE M. CARTER

Wayne Maurice Carter, 51, son of the late James Carter and Mariah Bradley Carter, was born on Sept. 9, 1965, in Sumter County. He departed this life on Monday, July 17, 2017, at his residence in Aiken.

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

PIA CLEA

Mrs. Pia Clea was born Dec. 5, 1953, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the late Porsha L. White Hardy and the late Sherman W. Johnson. She is the wife of Frank Clea Jr.

She departed this life on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, in Columbia.

The family is receiving friends at 748 Meadow Circle, Sumter.

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

FRANCES HICKMON

Mrs. Frances Hickmon entered eternal rest on July 23, 2017, at McCoy Nursing Home.

Funeral service was held at

2 p.m. on Saturday at Mt. Calvary Holiness Church, Rembert, with Evangelist Maggie Williams officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Wilson's Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LILLIE M. WELLS

Lillie Mae Mahoney Wells, 73, transitioned from her earthly home in the early morning hours on Wednesday, July 26, 2017. Born May 28, 1944, in Sumter County, she was the daughter of the late Thomas and Viola Keith Mahoney. She was married to the late Frank "Boy" Wells, Jr.

At an early age, she accepted Christ as her Savior, joining Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church for instruction, fellowship and service. She was educated in the Sumter County School System. Lillie was a graduate of Ebenezer High School, Class of 1965. She worked at Georgia Pacific, U.S. Textile and Manchester Farm, where she later retired in 2004.

She leaves to mourn her memories: two children, Ronald (Kimberly) Mahoney of Rock Hill, Pamela (Eric) Singleton of Dalzell, and six more children she gained in her union of marriage, Darlene W. Titus of Fort Pierce, Florida, Rosaline (James) Porter of Baltimore, Maryland, Ernest (Patricia) Wells of Columbus, Georgia, Patricia Ann Wells of Sumter, Lloyd C. Wells of Baltimore, and Betty Jean Wells, who preceded her in death; two sisters, Bertha Bembry and Patricia Gavin, both of Dalzell; three sisters-in-law; one brother-in-law; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Homegoing Celebration will be held at noon on Monday from the Grant Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 5401 Black River Road, Rembert, with the Rev. Clifton Witherpoon, pastor, eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her daughter, 2457 Trudy Road, Dalzell.

The remains will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. The procession will leave at 11:20 a.m. from the home. Burial will be in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery, Dalzell.

These services have been entrusted to the management

and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

WILLIE J. MCCRAY

Willie James McCray, 65, companion of Kerina Mae Epps and son of the late Leroy McKenzie and Ida McCray was born on Aug. 24, 1951, in Baltimore, Maryland. He departed this life on Friday, July 28, 2017, at McLeod Health Hospital, Florence.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 2933 Farmington Road, Gamble, SC 29051.

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

WILLIE E. MONTGOMERY

MANNING — Willie "Buddy" Edward Montgomery, 68, husband of Inez Johnson Montgomery, died Friday evening, July 28, 2017, at his residence, 1032 Hollywood Road, in the Davis Station community of Manning.

He was born Oct. 2, 1948, in Sumter, and a son of the late Albert Montgomery Sr. and Thelma Graham Montgomery.

The family will be receiving friends at his residence.

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

DAVID P. BURNS

David Pressley Burns, 82, beloved husband of Pat McCoy Burns, went to be with the Lord on July 29, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born Nov. 24, 1934, in Clarendon County, he was the son of the late James Flovia Burns and Corrina Morris Burns. After graduating from Edmunds High School, David joined the Sumter County Sheriff's Office as a dispatcher. He left there to join the FBI in Washington, D.C. A short while later, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he was recruited into the Defense Attaché. That led him to work in the American Embassy in Ankara, Turkey; Cairo, Egypt; Vienna, Austria; and Tehran, Iran. After retiring in 1976, he went to work for The South Carolina Farm Bureau Insurance Company. He won the

South Carolina Agent of the Year award in 1986, highlighting his 18-year career. He retired as the Agency Manager for Sumter County in 1995.

Present and past affiliations included the Civitan Club, the 4-H Council, Manville Masonic Lodge #104, Board of Directors of the Samaritan House, The Friendship Men's Club, Oswego Hunting Club and the American Legion Post 15. He was a longtime member of Bethel United Methodist Church where he served his Lord in various capacities.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, sons Christopher David Burns (Nan) of North Augusta and Scott Jeffrey Burns of Columbia; granddaughter Kayla Stewart Burns of Greenville and grandson Jacob Thomas Burns at Clemson University; sisters Burnell Wood and Margaret Johnson of Sumter; and brothers Robert Burns of Florence, Eugene Burns (Rosemarie) and Charles Burns of Sumter, and sister-in-law Marie Burns of Oswego.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Evelyn Lybrand and Olene Brown; and brother Alvin Burns.

Also, four brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; and infant grandson Matthew David Burns.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Bethel United Methodist Church in Oswego. The Rev. Jeremy Howell will be officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. A reception for all friends and family will immediately follow in the Family Life Center.

Pallbearers will be Ronnie Burns, Tony Burns, Mitchell Johnson, Jimmy Johnson, Wayne Lybrand and O'Neil McCoy.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the John Edens Bible class, Jack Reyling, John Edward Outlaw and David Floyd.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

Memorials may be made to Bethel United Methodist Church, 5575 Lodebar Road, Sumter.

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



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The ferry back from Ocracoke to Hatteras is full Friday in Hatteras, North Carolina. A man-made power outage forced up to 70,000 tourists to flee Hatteras and Ocracoke islands.

Power outage hits islands

N.C. tourists evacuated from Hatteras, Ocracoke

BY SEANNA ADCOX

Associated Press

A “steady stream” of tourists left a North Carolina island Saturday under evacuation orders prompted by a widespread power outage, wiping out a significant chunk of the lucrative summer months for local businesses.

It could take days or weeks to repair an underground transmission line damaged early Thursday by construction crews working on a new bridge between islands. The construction company drove a steel casing into an underground transmission line, causing blackouts on Ocracoke and Hatteras islands.

Cars lined up Friday to get on ferries, the only way off Ocracoke Island, after about 10,000 tourists were ordered Thursday evening to evacuate. A second order for visitors to Hatteras Island, south of Oregon Inlet, meant up to 60,000 additional people had to evacuate starting Saturday, primarily north over the inlet bridge.

As of 2 p.m. Saturday, North Carolina ferries had evacuated about 3,800 people and 1,500 cars from both islands, according to Gov. Roy Cooper’s office. Cooper said he called local officials to pledge state help.

“We’ll do all we can to get repairs moving,” he said in a release Saturday.

Dare County spokeswoman Dorothy Hester had no estimate for how many people still needed to leave Hatteras Island.

“We realize people are disappointed. They brought a lot of stuff here. They’re packing up and moving out,” she said. “While disappointed, they’re going to make their way home.”

Roughly 80 percent of the islands’ tourism stems from vacation rentals, and the order coincides with the customary Saturday turnover for weekly home rentals, so those people would be leaving anyway. The big question is when visitors can get to homes already rented for

upcoming weeks in the height of tourism season, said Lee Nettles, director of the Outer Banks Visitors Bureau.

While villages north of the bridge may benefit from some displaced tourists, others “got the message and are staying home,” he said.

The order barring inbound tourists did not apply to Hatteras Island’s roughly 6,000 year-round residents or to other property owners.

The island’s regular summer fish fry remained on schedule for Saturday evening since organizers ordered the fish before the evacuation call was made Friday. Now they’re just hoping to recoup their costs. They’re foregoing the normal plate fees, feeding whoever shows up with whatever they can pay, if they can.

Emergency generators brought in by the local electric cooperatives supplied power to residents, businesses and emergency services.

But conservation measures were still mandatory. Those rules primarily bar the running of air conditioning and hot tubs, Hester said.

Business owners were upset that the disaster was caused by human error, not Mother Nature.

“It’s a hard pill to swallow that someone forgot where the power cable was,” said Jason Wells, owner of Jason’s Restaurant on Ocracoke Island. “How do you forget where the power cable is?”

Wells said his restaurant, closed by the outage, is missing out on at least \$5,000 a day in sales. He said many seasonal businesses close for one-third of the year, making the summer months essential to their bottom lines. His 25 workers typically make between \$75 and \$250 a day.

“So when you take this hit in July and factor in that you’re only open eight months out of the year, it’s big,” he said. “It’s a lot more than people even realize.”

He estimated that total losses for shops, hotels and restaurants on the island could easily top \$100,000 per day.

History buffs honor forgotten war general

COVENTRY, R.I. (AP) — History buffs have one wish on the 275th birthday of a Revolutionary War general: That he’ll get the recognition he deserves.

Nathanael Greene was a major general in the Continental Army and a trusted adviser and good friend to George Washington. Historians say his decisions were crucial to the American victory in the South campaign, yet many people haven’t heard of him.

The anniversary of his birth was marked Saturday at his homestead, a national historic landmark built in 1770 in Coventry, Rhode Island.

David Procaccini, president of the homestead, says Greene is an “important national hero” and he’s trying to get that message out.

Greene has been largely overlooked for many reasons, said Greg Massey, who co-edited a collection of essays about Greene.

Greene oversaw the Army’s supplies for part of the war, which was not a glamorous position. Greene also fought in the South. Especially after the Civil War, historians tended to write about the Revolutionary War through a northern lens.

Greene wore down British forces but never decisively won a major battle. He died shortly after the war. Had he lived, he would’ve likely been one of the early leaders of the federal government.

“We put a lot of stock in our independence, as independent people,” said Massey, a history professor at Freed-Hardeman University. “He’s one of the essential people to the winning of the independence.”

After the Army retired to Valley Forge, Washington



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A sign welcomes visitors to Spell Hall, the 1770 Rhode Island homestead of Nathanael Greene, a major general in the Continental Army. The 275th anniversary of Greene’s birth was marked on Saturday.

asked Greene in 1778 to become the quartermaster general to improve the system of supplies. Greene accepted, though he knew such a position wouldn’t bring the military fame that many generals sought.

“It would be good if Americans knew about the contributions of someone so humble as to be willing to take a job like quartermaster when it was necessary to save the Army,” said Philip Mead, chief historian at the Museum of the American Revolution. “The willingness to sacrifice your own self-interest for the good of your country, that’s an aspirational value in that period and in ours.”

Greene then assumed command in the South. He fought the British in the Carolinas, weakening their forces enough so that the British commander, Charles Cornwallis, had to move to Wilming-

ton, North Carolina, and then on to Yorktown, Virginia, where his forces were trapped by French and American troops in 1781.

“That’s the last big battle of the war. They were still fighting, but the British government began negotiating for peace,” Massey said. “Greene isn’t at Yorktown but everything he did set the stage for that. Without him, that didn’t happen.”

Massey describes Greene as one of the great American generals.

Procaccini is using social media to try to draw people to the homestead, hosting more events and improving the property. Attendance has been increasing in recent years. On Saturday, there were historical reenactors at the site to talk to the public about the war. The ceremony included a cannon salute and speeches.

President threat: End of subsidies if health care law isn’t repealed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Trump on Saturday threatened once more to end required payments to insurance companies unless lawmakers repeal and replace the Obama-era health care law.

In apparent frustration over Friday’s failure by the Senate Republican majority to pass a bill repealing parts of the Affordable Care Act, Trump tweeted: “If a new HealthCare Bill is not approved quickly, BAILOUTS for Insurance Companies and BAILOUTS for Members of Congress will end very soon!”

No Democrats voted for the GOP bill.

Repeal-and-replace has been a guiding star for Republicans ever since President Obama enacted the law in 2010. That goal, which Trump turned into a top campaign promise, remains out of reach even with Republicans controlling both the White House and Congress. The issue has dominated the opening months of Trump’s presidency.

But Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said after the bill failed early Friday that he would move to other legislative business in the upcoming week.

Trump also tweeted: “Unless the Republican Senators are total quitters, Repeal & Replace is not dead! Demand another vote before voting on any other bill!”

The subsidies, totaling

about \$7 billion a year, help reduce deductibles and co-payments for consumers with modest incomes.

The Obama administration used its rule-making authority to set direct payments to insurers to help offset these costs. Trump inherited the payment structure, but he also has the power to end them.

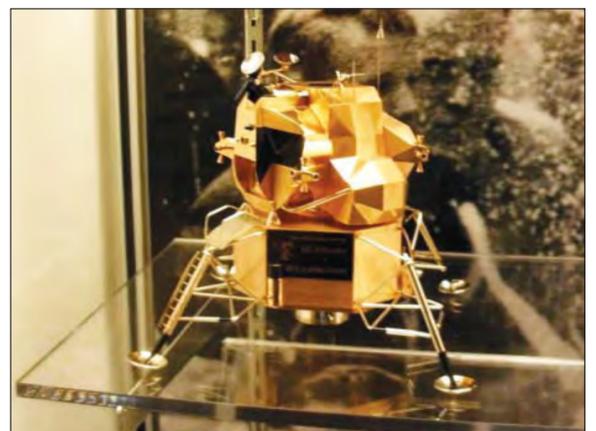
The payments are the subject of a lawsuit brought by House Republicans over whether the Affordable Care Act specifically included a congressional appropriation for the money, as required under the Constitution. Trump has only guaranteed the payments through July, which ends Monday.

Trump previously said the law that he and others call “Obamacare” would collapse immediately whenever those payments stop.

Without the payments, analysts have said, more insurers might drop out of the system, limiting options for consumers and clearing the way for the insurers who stay to charge more for coverage.

The Senate’s Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer of New York, cautioned such a step, saying it would make health care more expensive.

“If the president refuses to make the cost sharing reduction payments, every expert agrees that premiums will go up and health care will be more expensive for millions of Americans,” Schumer said Saturday in a written statement.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A lunar module replica is seen at Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio. Police say the rare gold replica of the lunar space module has been stolen from the museum.

Gold lunar module stolen from Armstrong museum

WAPAKONETA, Ohio (AP) — Ohio police say a rare gold replica of the lunar space module has been stolen from the Armstrong Air and Space Museum.

Police in Wapakoneta (wah-puh-kuh-NEHT’-uh) responded to a museum alarm late Friday night and discovered the 5-inch high, solid-gold replica had been stolen.

Replicas of the lunar excursion module produced by Cartier were presented to Neil Armstrong and his two fellow astronauts, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, in Paris shortly after their historic space mission. Armstrong, a Wapakoneta native, became the first person to step onto the moon’s surface in 1969.

Police say the value of the replica cannot be determined. The FBI and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation are assisting Wapakoneta police in investigating the theft. Armstrong died in 2012 at the age of 82.

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FYI

The Single Parent Institute meets 5:45-6:45 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Birnie HOPE Center.

day at the Sumter Mall community room, 1057 Broad St. The group helps in developing speaking and leadership skills.

PUBLIC AGENDA

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

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

BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST in your best interest to remain mysterious when it comes to your colleagues. Don't feel pressured by others to do things you don't want to do.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't mix business with pleasure. It's

together or on your own. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Impulsive decisions will stifle your earning potential or put a dent in your reputation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Consider what you want out of life. Don't rule out working with someone who comes from a different background than you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Try something new or visit a place you've never been before. Encounters with people from different backgrounds will bring you knowledge and teach you a lesson you won't soon forget.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be creative when it comes to vocational pursuits or money matters. Use your insight and knowledge to help you make wise choices that fit into the current economic trend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Learn as you go. Observation will help you decide what's best for you. Make special plans to spend time with a friend, romantic partner or family member.

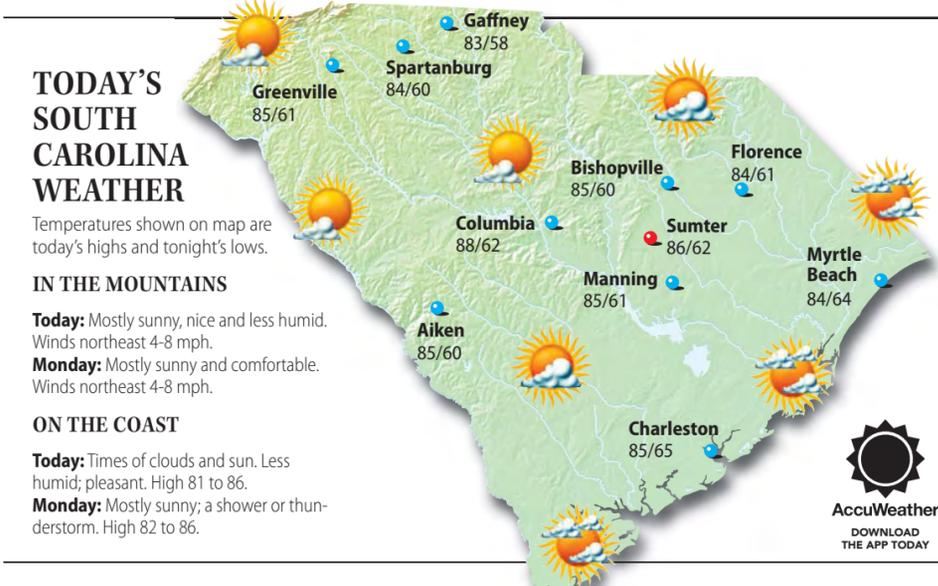
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be creative in the way you handle medical, financial or legal matters. Do your research and set up your strategy to win.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperatures, and chances of rain.



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SUMTER THROUGH 4 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. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists lakes like Murray, Marion, and Moultrie.

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for July 30, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, and Aug 21.

RIVER STAGES

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

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, and tide times for Myrtle Beach.

NATIONAL CITIES

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

REGIONAL CITIES

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

Advertisement for Jimmy's Heating and Air, LLC celebrating 10 years in business. Includes photos of Jimmy Mathis and Chris Mathis, contact information, and a TRANE logo.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD grid with answers filled in. Includes a small crossword grid and a larger one with answers.

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in a 9x9 grid.

JUMBLE

COLOR LEVEL SANDAL BIOPSY Dracula started paying for plasma because he knew that — BLOOD 'SELLS'

Large crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

DIXIE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

Offensive surge



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter Ponytails X-Play batter Ashlyn Elmore rips a base hit during Saturday's 13-4 victory over Hopkins County, Texas, during the Dixie Softball World Series at Palmetto Park.

Bats ignite in late innings of Sumter Ponytails' 13-4 victory over Texas

BY PATRICK ENZOR

Special To The Sumter Items

"We'll start hitting when you start yelling."

Those were the words of Sumter Ponytails X-Play head coach Mike Stone. Needless to say, his voice was on the way out after a 13-4 win over Hopkins

County, Texas, in the opening game of the Dixie Angels X-Play Softball World Series on Saturday at Bobby Richardson Complex at Palmetto Park.

"If everything goes our way, we're done Wednesday," said Stone. "I don't want it to end, they don't want it to end. We've been

together every day for the last seven weeks. We're a family.

"Why can't we win," Stone asked.

The Ponytails had 10 hits and drew six walks, while Amberly Way held Texas at bay from the circle. Texas managed just three hits against Way and reliever

Hannah Kate Branham.

The game was tied at 4-4 entering the fifth inning. Sumter exploded for five runs on four hits and two errors to break the game open.

Sumter added four more runs in the sixth inning.

"They're 12-year-old girls -

SEE PONYTAILS, PAGE B4

Sumter Darlings can't climb out of early hole, fall 13-7 to Louisiana

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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Before the Sumter 7-8-year-old Dixie Darlings coaches pitch softball team got a chance to swing the bat on Saturday in the Dixie Darlings Softball World Series at Patriot Park SportsPlex, it found itself in a 6-0 hole.

And it was one from which Sumter could not climb out.

Jena, Louisiana, got seven hits in its 10 at-bat first inning to go up 6-0 and held off a Sumter rally for a 13-7 victory in the opening game for both teams.

Sumter faces Okeechobee, Florida, today at 10 a.m. on Field 4 in an elimination game. Louisiana will take on Summertown, Tennessee, at 11:15 a.m. on Field 1.

"You're not going to win a lot of games when you put yourself in a 6-0 hole in the first inning," said Sumter head coach Jimmy Morris. "It's especially tough when you're playing the level of competition we're facing here."

Kinley Morris led off for Louisiana with a single and scored on a Jordan Parker single. Trin Williams followed with a double and Kiette Cooper added an RBI single.

After an out, Lynia Murray and Ameera Jones added RBI singles as Jena pushed the lead to 6-0.

Sumter didn't score in the first inning and scratched across a run in the second. Marlee Black led off with a single and scored on a Lillie Ivey groundout to make it 6-1.

When Louisiana scored four times in the top of the third, two coming in on a Murray home run, to make it 10-1, the 10-run mercy rule looked like a real possibility. However, Sumter did some 2-out damage, stringing together some hits and taking advantage of a couple of Louisiana errors to score five runs.

Zy Ransom started the inning with a single before the next two batters were put out. An Ashley Rae Hodge single followed by two errors helped three runs score. Black and Emma Truett added RBI singles

SEE DARLINGS, PAGE B4

Sumter Angels win by forfeit

Tennessee pitcher goes over max with host squad leading

BY PATRICK ENZOR

Special To The Sumter Items

The Sumter Angels X-Play softball team broke open a scoreless tie in the top of the seventh inning against Chester County, Tennessee, with two runs scoring on wild pitches in the Angels X-Play Softball World Series on Saturday at Bobby Richardson Complex at Palmetto Park.

Those pitches, however, came from an ineligible pitcher who had maxed out her inning allotment for the day. Therefore, the Angels advanced any way with a win by forfeit and moved on to the winners bracket game.

Sumter will face the winner between Rustburg, Virginia and Merchant Park, Mississippi, today at noon.

Chester County meets South Columbus, North Carolina, today at 10 a.m. in an elimination game.

Tennessee pitcher Mykayla Martin had not given up a



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter Dixie Angels X-Play pitcher Autumn Gibbons delivers against Chester County, Tennessee, in Saturday's Dixie Softball World Series held at Palmetto Park. Sumter won via forfeit.

hit through her seven innings.

"We struggled all day to push something across,"

said Angels head coach Ryan Fowler. "We knew

SEE ANGELS, PAGE B4

Big fourth inning leads Belles past Virginia 10-0

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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The Sumter Belles all-star softball team was in a tight battle with Halifax County, Virginia, after 3 1/2 innings of its Dixie Belles Softball World Series opener, leading just 1-0.

In the bottom of the fourth though, Sumter used a mix of small ball and power to break the game open with eight runs on the way to a 10-0 mercy rule victory in five innings at Patriot Park SportsPlex.

Sumter plays Lexington, Tennessee, today at noon on Field 2 at Patriot Park. Virginia will face West Robeson, North Carolina in an elimination game at 10 a.m. on Field 2.

"I believe the girls started getting a little more comfortable at the plate," said Sumter head coach Nolan Hunter. "They started waiting on the pitches that they wanted. I think they were a little anxious in the early going."

Madison Elmore drew a walk from Virginia starting pitcher Gracie Wagstaff to start the fourth. Sydney Dan-



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter Dixie Belles Sydney Jarnecki hits a ground ball during Saturday's 10-0 victory against Halifax County, Virginia, in the Dixie Softball World Series at Patriot Park SportsPlex.

iel put down a bunt for a single and Elmore went all the way to third when no one covered the bag. Ellie Hunter hit a ground ball to third baseman Jessica Balducci, who threw home when Elmore

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

7:30 a.m. - Formula One Racing: Hungarian Grand Prix from Budapest, Hungary (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, UNIVISION).
9 a.m. - Professional Tennis: German Championships Final Match from Hamburg, Germany (TENNIS).
9:30 a.m. - Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions The Senior Open Final Round from Bridgend, Wales (WIS 10).
1 p.m. - PGA Golf: Canadian Open Final Round from Oakville, Ontario (GOLF).
1:30 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Philadelphia (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WW-FN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
1:30 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies from Cooperstown, N.Y. (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. - Youth Baseball: National Youth Championship U-12 Finals Game (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. - Major League Soccer: New York City at Toronto (ESPN).
2 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee (TBS).
3 p.m. - International Swimming: FINA World Championships Semifinals and Finals from Budapest, Hungary (WIS 10).
3 p.m. - PGA Golf: Canadian Open Final Round from Oakville, Ontario (WLTN 19).
3 p.m. - IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Honda Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio from Lexington, Ohio (CNBC).
3 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: Washington at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
3 p.m. - LPGA Golf: Ladies Scottish Open Final Round from North Ayrshire, Scotland (GOLF).
3 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Overton's 400 from Long Pond, Pa. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).
4 p.m. - International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from Foxborough, Mass. - Roma vs. Juventus (ESPN).
5 p.m. - Horse Racing: Haskell Invitational Stakes from Monmouth, N.J. (WIS 10).
5 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Atlanta Open Final Match from Atlanta (ESPN2).
5 p.m. - Horse Racing: Shuvee Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
5 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: Dallas at Los Angeles (NBA TV).
7 p.m. - Professional Boxing: Victor Ortiz vs. Saul Corral in a Welterweight Bout from Bakersfield, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: Seattle at Minnesota (NBA TV).
8 p.m. - Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN).
8 p.m. - Women's International Soccer: Tournament of Nations Match from San Diego - United States vs. Brazil (ESPN2).
11:30 p.m. - IRL Racing: Indy Lights Series from Lexington, Ohio (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
2 a.m. - Professional Golf: European PGA Tour European Open Final Round from Hamburg, Germany (GOLF).

MONDAY

12:30 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Philadelphia (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
2 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Citi Open First-Round Matches from Washington (TENNIS).
4 p.m. - Horse Racing: Coronation Cup Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Boston (ESPN).
7 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Citi Open First-Round Matches from Washington (TENNIS).
8 p.m. - Youth Baseball: National Baseball Congress World Series Pool-Play Game from Wichita, Kan. (ESPN2).

MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	56	46	.549	—
Boston	56	48	.538	1
Tampa Bay	53	52	.505	4½
Baltimore	48	54	.471	8
Toronto	48	56	.462	9

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	56	45	.554	—
Kansas City	54	47	.535	2
Minnesota	50	51	.495	6
Detroit	45	56	.446	11
Chicago	39	61	.390	16½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	68	34	.667	—
Seattle	52	53	.495	17½
Texas	50	52	.490	18
Los Angeles	51	54	.486	18½
Oakland	44	59	.427	24½

FRIDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 1
 L.A. Angels 7, Toronto 2
 Houston 6, Detroit 5
 Kansas City 4, Boston 2
 Texas 8, Baltimore 2
 Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 3
 Minnesota 6, Oakland 3
 N.Y. Mets 7, Seattle 5

SATURDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 5, Tampa Bay 4
 L.A. Angels 6, Toronto 5
 Seattle 3, N.Y. Mets 2
 Houston at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
 Baltimore at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay (Faria 5-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 7-5), 1:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Chavez 5-10) at Toronto (Valdez 1-0), 1:07 p.m.
 Houston (McCullers 7-2) at Detroit

(Verlander 5-7), 1:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Hammel 4-8) at Boston (Pomeranz 10-4), 1:35 p.m.
 Cleveland (Tomlin 7-9) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 1-4), 2:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Miley 4-9) at Texas (Perez 5-8), 3:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Colon 2-9) at Oakland (Cotton 5-8), 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Lugo 5-2) at Seattle (Paxton 10-3), 4:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

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

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	61	39	.610	—
Miami	48	53	.475	13½
Atlanta	48	53	.475	13½
New York	48	54	.471	14
Philadelphia	36	64	.360	25

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	54	48	.529	—
Milwaukee	55	50	.524	½
St. Louis	51	52	.495	3½
Pittsburgh	50	53	.485	4½
Cincinnati	41	62	.398	13½

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	73	31	.702	—
Arizona	59	44	.573	13½
Colorado	58	45	.563	14½
San Diego	46	57	.447	26½
San Francisco	40	65	.381	33½

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Washington, p.p.d.
 Philadelphia 10, Atlanta 3
 Miami 7, Cincinnati 4
 Milwaukee 2, Chicago Cubs 1
 St. Louis 1, Arizona 0
 L.A. Dodgers 6, San Francisco 4
 N.Y. Mets 7, Seattle 5
 San Diego 3, Pittsburgh 2

SATURDAY'S GAMES

L.A. Dodgers 2, San Francisco 1
 Seattle 3, N.Y. Mets 2
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Colorado at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Arizona at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Cincinnati (Castillo 1-4) at Miami (Straily 7-6), 1:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Dickey 6-7) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-6), 1:35 p.m.
 Colorado (Gray 3-1) at Washington (Fedde 0-0), 1:35 p.m., 1st game
 Chicago Cubs (Lackey 7-9) at Milwaukee (Davies 12-4), 2:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Walker 6-4) at St. Louis (Lynn 8-6), 2:15 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Lugo 5-2) at Seattle (Paxton 10-3), 4:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Cole 8-7) at San Diego (Richard 5-11), 4:40 p.m.
 Colorado (Freeland 10-7) at Washington (Jackson 1-1), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
 San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 3-6), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.
 Washington at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS - Placed LHP Robbie Ray on the seven-day concussion DL.
COLORADO ROCKIES - Recalled OF Raimel Tapia from Albuquerque (PCL). Optioned RHP Carlos Estevez to Albuquerque. Designated RHP Jordan Lyles for assignment.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
DALLAS COWBOYS - Waived injured QB Zac Dysert. Signed WR Javonte Herndon and QB Luke McCown. Moved DE Richard Ash off Active/NFI.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS - Activated S Malik Hooker from the PUP list. Placed DE Kendall Langford and C-G Brian Schwenke on the PUP list.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS - Placed WR Mike Williams, CB Jason Verrett and S Darrell Stuckey on the PUP list.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS - Signed LB Darnell Sankey. Waived-injured LB Shaan Washington.
TENNESSEE TITANS - Agreed to terms with WR Corey Davis.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS - Signed DB Jeremiah McKinnon. Waived-injured DB Lou Young III.

WNBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	13	9	.591	—
Washington	13	9	.591	—
New York	11	10	.524	1½
Atlanta	10	12	.455	3
Chicago	8	15	.348	5½
Indiana	8	15	.348	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	18	2	.900	—
Los Angeles	16	6	.727	3
Phoenix	12	10	.545	7
Dallas	11	13	.458	9
Seattle	10	12	.455	9
San Antonio	3	20	.130	16½

FRIDAY'S GAMES

New York 85, Indiana 84
 Minnesota 90, Atlanta 80
 Los Angeles 85, San Antonio 73
 Phoenix 86, Chicago 80
 Dallas 93, Seattle 109
 Connecticut at Washington, p.p.d.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled

TODAY'S GAMES

Washington at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
 Indiana at Connecticut, 3 p.m.
 Dallas at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.
 New York at Chicago, 6 p.m.
 San Antonio at Phoenix, 6 p.m.
 Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

No games scheduled

SPORTS ITEMS

Sumter squad finishes 2nd at Dixie Junior Boys state tourney

The Sumter 13U all-star baseball team finished second in the Dixie Junior Boys state tournament held in North Augusta.

With the second-place finish, Sumter earned a berth in the Dixie Junior Boys



World Series which begins on Saturday in Bluffton.

Sumter lost to McLeod Park of Florence 3-0 in the championship game. James Wylie, JR Kolb and Britton Beasley combined to

limit McLeod Park to two hits. McLeod Park had scored in double digits in all of its other games and won each by the 10-run mercy rule.

Dayven McLeod led Sumter with two hits. Austin Trapp had a hit and a walk and Beasley, Jay Thompson and Timothy Gottshall each had a hit.

Sumter defeated Seneca 8-4 to get to the championship game. Trapp pitched five innings, striking out seven, to get the victory. Wylie got the save, striking out three on 13 pitches.

Sumter had 14 hits. Denzel Sigler was 2-for-3 with a triple and two runs batted in. Ben June was 2-for-3 with a run scored. Johnathan Bryant singled home Sigler in the top of the seventh to give Sumter the lead.

KIRKHART FINISHES SECOND

Hayden Kirkhart of Sumter Area Swimming finished second in the 50-meter freestyle in the USA Swimming State Championship meet held last weekend at the University of South Carolina Natorium.

Kirkhart finished in a time of 28.34 seconds. She was 10th in the 200 backstroke in 2 minutes, 36.02 seconds and eighth in the 100 backstroke preliminaries with a time of 1:11.64. The finals were canceled by a storm.

Kirkhart scored 13 points. Sumter Area Swimming finished 17th out of 27 teams

MLB ROUNDUP

Gardner, Yankees walk off against Rays 5-4

NEW YORK — Brett Gardner hit a bases-loaded single in the ninth inning to give the New York Yankees their sixth straight victory, 5-4 over the Tampa



GARDNER

Bay Rays on Saturday. With the game tied at 4, Chase Headley started the ninth with a leadoff walk off Brad Boxberger (2-3). Pinch-runner Jacoby Ellsbury stole second and Todd Frazier was hit by a pitch. Adeiny Hechavarria and Tim Beckham miscommunicated on a grounder for the second time in the series to load the bases, prompting a pitching change.

Gardner, who homered in the 11th inning to give the Yankees a 6-5 victory on Thursday, calmly stroked Dan Jennings' 0-1 fastball up the middle for his second game-winning hit of the series.

DODGERS 2

GIANTS 1

LOS ANGELES — Corey Seager had three hits, Cody Bellinger drove in two runs and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 for their seventh straight victory.

Rich Hill (8-4) pitched two-hit ball into the sixth inning as the major league-leading Dodgers won for

with three swimmers. The others are Samantha Kirkhart and Abby Hosohour.

PREECE WINS XFINITY RACE AT IOWA

NEWTON, Iowa — Ryan Preece survived a green-white-checked finish to win the NASCAR Xfinity race Saturday at Iowa Speedway for his first career victory.

The 26-year-old Preece, running the second of a two-race deal in the No. 20 Toyota for Joe Gibbs Racing, held off Kyle Benjamin on three restarts in the final 17 laps. Preece started from the pole.

Benjamin was second, followed by Brian Scott, Brennan Poole and rookie Cole Custer.

HOFFMAN TAKE 1-SHOT LEAD IN RBC CANADIAN OPEN

OAKVILLE, Ontario — Charley Hoffman birdied the final hole for a 7-under 65 on Saturday at Glen Abbey to take a one-stroke lead into the final round of the RBC Canadian Open.

The 40-year-old Hoffman had six birdies in a seven-hole stretch that ended on No. 15, bogeyed the par-4 17th and rebounded with the two-putt birdie on the par-5 18th.

Kevin Chappell was second.

LANGER TAKES 4-SHOT LEAD IN SENIOR BRITISH OPEN

BRIDGEND, Wales — Bernhard Langer shot a bogey-free 6-under 65 on Saturday at Royal Porthcawl to take a four-stroke lead in the Senior British Open.

The 59-year-old German star is in position for his fifth victory in the last 10 major championships. He had a 5-under 208 total. Corey Pavin was second, also shooting 65 in some afternoon rain and wind gusting to 20 mph.

Peter Lonard (67) was third at even par, and Miguel Angel Jimenez (65), Steve Flesch (71) and Billy Mayfair (71) were 1 over.

From staff, wire reports

MARINERS 3

METS 2

SEATTLE — Yovani Gallardo took a shutout into the sixth inning and the Seattle Mariners beat the New York Mets 3-2, ending Jacob deGrom's 8-start winning streak.

Gallardo (5-7) allowed one run and five hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out two and walked two.

De Grom (12-4) allowed three runs and five hits in six innings, needing 109 pitches. He gave up a 2-run single to Jarrod Dyson in the second and an unearned run in the third.

ANGELS 6

BLUE JAYS 5

TORONTO — Cliff Pennington drove in the tie-breaking run with a sacrifice fly in the ninth inning and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-5.

Trailing 5-3 against Blue Jays closer Roberto Osuna (3-1), the Angels took the lead with a three-run

FRIDAY

PHILLIES 10

BRAVES 3

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron Altherr homered twice and Jake Thompson pitched five scoreless innings in an emergency start to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 10-3 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Friday night.

Tommy Joseph and Cameron Rupp also homered and Freddy Galvis had three hits for the Phillies, who have scored 19 runs on seven homers and 14 extra-base hits while winning the last two.

Thompson, who the Phillies acquired from Texas in the 2015 trade that sent Cole Hamels to the Rangers, gave up five hits while striking out five and walking two. He was making his fourth appearance this season but first start since last September.

Julio Teheran (7-9) allowed eight runs in 4 2/3 innings.

From wire reports

AREA SCOREBOARD

GOLF

CHURCHES CHALLENGE

There are just three spots remaining for teams in the 18th annual Churches Challenge Praise Rally & Golf Tournament, which will be held Aug. 25-26.

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

The cost is \$45 per golfer and includes the praise din-

ner on Friday as well as lunch and beverages on Saturday.

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

Registration forms can be mailed to CGA, 1285 Clara Louise Kellogg Drive, Sumter, SC 29153 or can be brought to the office at Dillon Park, next to Crystal Lakes Golf Course.

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

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

For more information, con-

tact the Christian Golfers Association at (803) 773-2171 or (803) 983-3457.

GYMNASTICS

ADULT TUMBLING

The Sumter Family YMCA is offering an adult tumbling class.

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

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

For more information, call the YMCA at (803) 773-1404 or

AUTO RACING



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Kasey Kahne, center left, hopes that last week's Brickyard 400 victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis puts him in good standing with car owner Rick Hendrick, center right, to keep driving the No. 5 Chevrolet past this season.

Kahne hopes Brickyard 400 victory last week can save job

BY DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Kasey Kahne was busy celebrating his win in the Brickyard 400 and missed his team owner state plans are not set for the No. 5 car next season.

You know, Kahne's ride. The one he's under contract to drive in 2018.

"I didn't hear that until I got home," Kahne said.

But there was little need for a spoiler alert warning on team owner Rick Hendrick's news.

"I pretty much knew it," Kahne said, laughing.

"There's not a lot you can do. I'm signed there through 2018 and it's up to him what I do next year and the rest of this year. I want to race and I love racing. There's a lot of people at Hendrick Motorsports that I enjoy and like working with and things. I love racing and hopefully I can win a lot more before it's done."

Kahne's future driving the No. 5 Chevrolet beyond this season remains murky, even with his milestone victory at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. He made the traditional kiss of the bricks and spent the week celebrating with friends and his crew. His team even lined up some bricks back at the team shop and let employees who didn't make the trip pucker up and kiss 'em.

His losing streak was over. Some of the angst over his middling season evaporated, too.

"Yeah, for me," he said. "It's good for our team, as well, and our future. Who knows? It's definitely good for our future."

Is win one at the Brickyard

really enough to save his job?

Kahne's fate has been in limbo for most of the season because of run-of-the mill finishes and sponsorship woes. Farmer's Insurance bailed on Kahne and Great Clips also cut ties with the driver. Great Clips was actually signed as the primary sponsor for 10 races annually through the 2018 season. But that deal ended early — and so could Kahne's run with Hendrick.

"There's nothing concrete or done and that hasn't changed," Hendrick said in Indianapolis. "We'll see how things shake out at the end of the year."

William Byron, the 19-year-old sensation and Hendrick prospect, has dominated the Xfinity series and join Jimmie Johnson, Chase Elliott and Alex Bowman in the four-car stable next year.

Without that needed infusion of sponsorship dollars, Kahne could be elsewhere in 2018.

But there are few quality options. Richard Childress Racing saw Paul Menard leave for Wood Brothers Racing and there's no guarantee RCR's third entry will be filled in 2018. Stewart-Haas Racing could have openings if Danica Patrick and Kurt Busch leave. Matt Kenseth, the 2003 champion, also is on the market because Joe Gibbs Racing replaced him in '18 with Erik Jones.

Kenseth said he's had no serious talks with another team.

"Nah, not really," he said.

Kenseth, though, won a combined seven races in 2015 and 2016. Kahne's losing streak stretched 102 races.

"We haven't had wins out of that shop in a while," he said.

Almost three years — a stunning dry spell for once one of the top young drivers in NASCAR.

He won as many as six races in 2006 driving for Ray Evernham and finished as high as fourth in the standings in 2012 driving for Hendrick. He won two races in 2013, won Aug. 31, 2014 at Atlanta Motor Speedway for career victory No. 17 and then — nothing.

Kahne slumped and had back-to-back winless seasons for the first time in his career. He opened this season with a seventh-place finish in the Daytona 500 and was fourth in Atlanta and seemed to show he might have returned to form. But his success was just a flicker and he crashed out of five races and failed to finish better than 15th in the nine races leading into Indianapolis.

Kahne overcame scoring heat, painful muscle cramps and a grueling, crash-marred, six-hour marathon to win at Indy.

"We didn't have the fastest car on Sunday, but we had a really good car and our strategy worked out perfect," he said. "Usually our strategy doesn't work. That strategy worked, so we ended up in victory lane. It's tough."

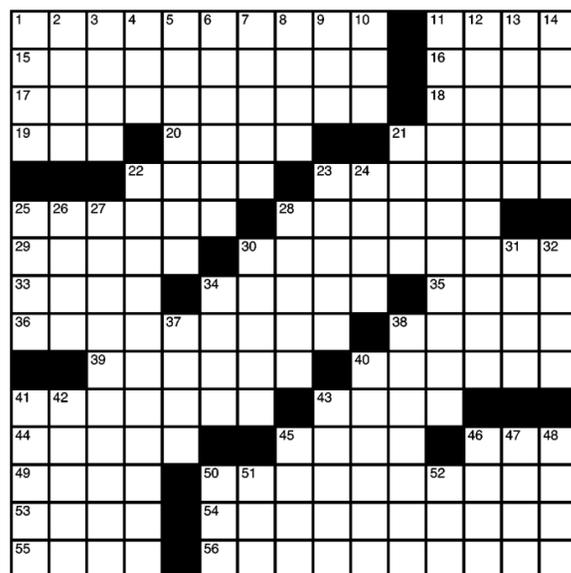
He has two career wins (2008, 2013) at Pocono Raceway and a third could make a decision for Hendrick that much tougher.

Kahne reveled in the spoils of victory. He'd rather enjoy some job security.

"I had a lot of fun and did some media stuff, TV and also radio and things, things that I hadn't done a lot of lately," he said. "It was good to be part of all that again."

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Mary Lou Guizzo

7/29/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Two-sided
 - 11 Shows one's hand, in a way
 - 15 "Is anyone else here?"
 - 16 "My turn"
 - 17 George Washington in New York, e.g.
 - 18 Middle of a classical trio
 - 19 Tolkien character
 - 20 Pindar works
 - 21 2,000-year-old portrayal for Eden
 - 22 Word with steel or square
 - 23 "Semper Fidelis" group
 - 25 Baseball statistic
 - 28 Tuscan treat
 - 29 Model Cheryl
 - 30 Audacious
 - 33 React to dizziness
 - 34 Kazantzakis title character
 - 35 HR dept. concern
 - 36 2013 Nelson Mandela
 - 38 Strained
 - 39 Voice of Magoo
 - 40 Shade-tolerant foliage
 - 41 Busts, e.g.
 - 43 The better part here?
 - 44 Took the trouble
 - 45 Fashion designer
 - 46 Arctic coast explorer
 - 49 Fling
 - 50 California Raisins ads production technique
 - 53 Pitcher Hershiser
 - 54 Cylindrical stuffed pasta
 - 55 River in Rwanda
 - 56 Not taken
 - 11 "Enough already!"
 - 12 "It wasn't me!"
 - 13 Film with few costumes?
 - 14 Infiltrators
 - 21 German count
 - 22 Pasta commonly served with Bolognese sauce
 - 23 Peach
 - 24 Pierce portrayer
 - 25 Abruzzi bell town
 - 26 Even
 - 27 It might be tapped
 - 28 Costumes
 - 30 Hard pill to swallow
 - 31 "Frozen" queen
 - 32 Impersonates
 - 34 Cowardly Lion's farmhand alter ego
 - 37 Skim along, as clouds
 - 38 Built like models
 - 40 Spam source
 - 41 "Danke ___"
 - 42 Alpha __: Bull constellation star
 - 43 ESPN journalist
 - 45 Operates
 - 46 Fracas
 - 47 Excellent
 - 48 Lover of Geraint
 - 50 Ward for heart patients, briefly
 - 51 PC connection
 - 52 Attention in a 50-Down

DOWN

- 1 Subside
- 2 Pressing agent
- 3 Skin
- 4 Its point is often boring
- 5 Completes an installation, perhaps
- 6 "Buenas ___"
- 7 Jaw-dropping courtroom admission
- 8 Does lawn work
- 9 Director Lee
- 10 Born

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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Ans. here: □ □ □ □ □ □ □ □



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

“(Answers Monday)”

Yesterday's Jumbles: LINER HENCE ACQUIT ACIDIC
Answer: The reindeer ate the growth on the tree bark and were — "LICHEN" IT

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								
3	2	5	7	4	8	9	1	6
8	7	4	6	9	1	2	3	5
6	1	9	2	3	5	4	7	8
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2	8	7	4	1	6	3	5	9

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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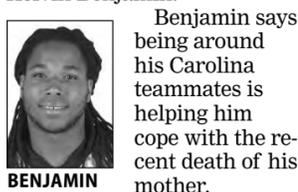
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PRO FOOTBALL

Teammates help Panthers receiver Benjamin cope with mother's death

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

SPARTANBURG — Training camp has been a blessing for Panthers wide receiver Kelvin Benjamin.



BENJAMIN

Benjamin says being around his Carolina teammates is helping him cope with the recent death of his mother.

The Panthers fourth-year receiver posted on Instagram on Friday that he buried his mother last weekend and was in a "dark place" initially, but that spending time with his team-

mates has been good for him. "Been around my bros! It crazy how I feed off (their) Energy. Love mom keep watching over me," Benjamin wrote.

Benjamin, a former first-round draft pick from Florida State, has not missed a practice since the Panthers first took the field Wednesday night for the start of camp. He has not yet conducted any interviews since arriving here at Wofford College.

"Being out here has been great for him," Panthers head coach Ron Rivera said following Saturday's practice. "Sometimes the best therapy is to be around your team-

mates." Rivera said the Panthers try to stay in touch with their players and monitor what is happening in their lives off the field particularly during difficult times.

"We try to talk to our guys and be there for our guys," coach Ron Rivera said. "It's something that we have learned to do with these guys. Kelvin's was a tough situation. He's the youngest in his family and he really took it hard."

Benjamin is looking for a big year after catching 63 passes for 941 yards and seven TDs in 2016, his first action since returning from a torn ACL in his knee.

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

DIXIE SOFTBALL WORLD SERIES

DIXIE DARLINGS (7-8)

All Games at Patriot Park

Saturday

Game 1 - Lancaster, South Carolina 11, Sherman, Texas 0
Game 2 - Duplin County, North Carolina 15, Columbia, Mississippi 3
Game 3 - Montgomery, Alabama 20, Crew-Burkeville, Virginia 0
Game 4 - Summertown, Tennessee 8, Okeechobee, Florida 3
Game 5 - Jena, Louisiana 13, Sumter 7

Today

Game 6 - Lancaster, South Carolina vs. Taylor County, Georgia, 10 a.m. (Field 1)
Game 7 - Sumter vs. Okeechobee, Florida, 10 a.m. (Field 4)
Game 8 - Sherman, Texas vs. Columbia, Mississippi, 11:15 a.m. (Field 4)
Game 9 - Jena, Louisiana vs. Summertown, Tennessee, 11:15 a.m. (Field 1)
Game 10 - Montgomery, Alabama, vs. Duplin County, North Carolina, 12:30 p.m. (Field 1)
Game 11 - Crew-Burkeville, Virginia, vs. Game 9 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 1)
Game 12 - Game 6 Loser vs. Game 10 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 4)
Game 13 - Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner, 7:15 p.m. (Field 4)
Game 14 - Game 10 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner, 7:15 p.m. (Field 1)

Monday

Game 15 - Game 14 Loser vs. Game 13 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 1)
Game 16 - Game 11 Winner vs. Game 12 Winner, 7 p.m. (Field 4)
Game 17 - Game 9 Winner vs. Game 14 Winner, 7:15 p.m. (Field 1)

Tuesday

Game 18 - Game 17 Loser vs. Game 16 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 1)
Game 19 - Game 17 Winner vs. Game 15 Winner, 7:15 p.m. (Field 1)

Wednesday

Game 20 - Game 19 Winner vs. Game 18 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 1)
Game 21 - If Necessary, 7:15 p.m. (Field 1)

Note: If after Game 19 there are three teams with one loss each, the team having played the most games will receive the bye in Game 21. If two teams have played the most number of games, they will draw for the bye. If all teams have played the same number of games, all three will draw for the bye.

DIXIE ANGELS X-PLAY (9-10)

Saturday-Monday at Palmetto Park Tuesday-Wednesday at Patriot Park

Saturday

Game 1 - Evansville, Louisiana 6, Okeechobee, Florida 5
Game 2 - East Montgomery, Alabama 5, Franklin County, Texas 1
Game 3 - Dillon, South Carolina 7, South Columbus, North Carolina 2
Game 4 - Sumter defeats Chester County, Tennessee, by forfeit
Game 5 - Merchant Park, Mississippi 2, Rustburg, Virginia 1

Today

Game 6 - South Columbus, North Carolina vs. Chester County, Tennessee, 10 a.m. (Field 2)
Game 7 - Okeechobee, Florida vs. Franklin County, Texas, 10 a.m. (Field 1)
Game 8 - Sumter vs. Merchant Park, Mississippi, noon (Field 2)
Game 9 - Evansville, Louisiana vs. East Montgomery, Alabama, noon (Field 1)
Game 10 - Rustburg, Virginia vs. Game 9 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 2)
Game 11 - Game 7 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner, 7 p.m. (Field 1)
Game 12 - Game 9 Winner vs. Dillon, South Carolina, 8 p.m. (Field 2)

Monday

Game 13 - Game 11 Winner vs. Game 8 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 2)
Game 14 - Game 10 Winner vs. Game 12 Loser, 7 p.m. (Field 1)
Game 15 - Game 12 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 2)

Tuesday

Game 16 - Game 14 Winner vs. Game 15 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 4)
Game 17 - Game 15 Winner vs. Game 13 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 4)

Wednesday

Game 18 - Game 17 Winner vs. Game 16 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 4)
Game 19 - If Necessary (Field 4)

Note: If after Game 17 there are three teams with one loss each, the team having played the most games will receive the bye in Game 19. If two teams have played the most number of games, they will draw for the bye. If all teams have played the same number of games, all three will draw

for the bye.

DIXIE PONYTAILS X-PLAY (11-12)

Saturday-Monday at Palmetto Park Tuesday-Wednesday at Patriot Park

Saturday

Game 1 - Sabine, Louisiana 15, Summertown, Tennessee 0
Game 2 - Geneva, Alabama 12, Columbia, Mississippi 1
Game 3 - West Pasco, Florida 8, Duplin County, North Carolina 5
Game 4 - Sumter 13, Hopkins County, Texas 4
Game 5 - Dillon, South Carolina 16, Prince Edward/Farmville, Virginia 8

Today

Game 6 - Sabine, Louisiana vs. Crawford County, Georgia, 10 a.m. (Field 6)
Game 7 - Prince Edward/Farmville, Virginia, vs. Hopkins County, Texas, 10 a.m. (Field 5)
Game 8 - Summertown, Tennessee vs. Columbia, Mississippi, noon (Field 5)
Game 9 - Dillon, South Carolina vs. Sumter, noon (Field 1)
Game 10 - West Pasco, Florida vs. Geneva, Alabama, 2 p.m. (Field 6)
Game 11 - Duplin County, North Carolina vs. Game 9 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 5)
Game 12 - Game 6 Loser vs. Game 10 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 6)
Game 13 - Game 7 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 5)
Game 14 - Game 10 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 6)

Monday

Game 15 - Game 14 Loser vs. Game 13 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 6)
Game 16 - Game 11 Winner vs. Game 12 Winner, 7 p.m. (Field 5)
Game 17 - Game 9 Winner vs. Game 14 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 6)

Tuesday

Game 18 - Game 17 Loser vs. Game 16 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 3)
Game 19 - Game 17 Winner vs. Game 15 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 3)

Wednesday

Game 20 - Game 19 Winner vs. Game 18 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 3)
Game 21 - If Necessary (Field 3)

Note: If after Game 19 there are three teams with one loss each, the team having played the most games will receive the bye in Game 21. If two teams have played the most number of games, they will draw for the bye. If all teams have played the same number of games, all three will draw for the bye.

DIXIE BELLES (13-15)

All Games Played at Patriot Park

Saturday

Game 1 - Troy, Alabama 16, Franklin County, Florida 8
Game 2 - Sabine, Louisiana 25, Magee, Mississippi 2
Game 3 - Florence, South Carolina 7, West Robeson, North Carolina 3
Game 4 - Lexington, Tennessee 19, Delta County, Texas 0
Game 5 - Sumter 10, Halifax County, Virginia 0

Today

Game 6 - West Robeson, North Carolina vs. Delta County, Texas, 10 a.m. (Field 2)
Game 7 - Franklin County, Florida vs. Magee, Mississippi, 10 a.m. (Field 3)
Game 8 - Lexington, Tennessee vs. Sumter, noon (Field 2)
Game 9 - Troy, Alabama vs. Sabine, Louisiana, noon (Field 3)
Game 10 - Halifax County, Virginia vs. Game 9 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 2)
Game 11 - Game 7 Winner vs. Game 6 Winner, 7 p.m. (Field 3)
Game 12 - Game 9 Winner vs. Florence, South Carolina, 8 p.m. (Field 2)

Monday

Game 13 - Game 11 Winner vs. Game 8 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 2)
Game 14 - Game 10 Winner vs. Game 12 Loser, 7 p.m. (Field 3)
Game 15 - Game 12 Winner vs. Game 8 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 2)

Tuesday

Game 16 - Game 14 Winner vs. Game 15 Loser, 6 p.m. (Field 2)
Game 17 - Game 15 Winner vs. Game 13 Winner, 8 p.m. (Field 2)

Wednesday

Game 18 - Game 17 Winner vs. Game 16 Winner, 6 p.m. (Field 2)
Game 19 - If Necessary (Field 2)

Note: If after Game 17 there are three teams with one loss each, the team having played the most games will receive the bye in Game 19. If two teams have played the most number of games, they will draw for the bye. If all teams have played the same number of games, all three will draw for the bye.

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going into that last inning that we're really going to have to work hard to make something happen.

"I hate that it ended the way that it did, but the rules are the rules," he added. "If I would have played it out, I would have used an inning for one of my pitchers and I just couldn't risk that in this tournament."

Ava Sliwonik and Anna Grace Fowler came home on wild pitches from Martin, who had otherwise kept Sumter off the board. Martin did walk eight and hit two more batters.

"We did not do a lot of things that we should have done at the plate," said Coach Fowler. "We were in good position to win that game and I felt confident, but knowing we needed the pitchers and the inning, so we

went ahead and protested it."

Sumter pitcher Autumn Gibbons was dominant as well, allowing only three hits while striking out 14.

"What a fantastic job she did," Coach Fowler said of Gibbons. "We knew behind her that we'd have to work, but we knew we weren't going to give up a lot of runs."

"It's good to battle those wins out, he added. "It shows that when we're not doing the things we can do that we can still pull out a victory in the World Series."

The runs came across on the wild pitches that did not bounce far away, given a close backstop. Even though they knew the pitcher was ineligible, the Sumter Angels wanted to leave nothing to risk.

"We had to get aggressive, take a lot of risks," said Coach Fowler. "In the end, it paid off with a couple of runs."

PONYTAILS

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one minute they look like they've never played softball and the next they look like world beaters," said Stone.

"With our team, hitting is contagious. All it takes is one.

"We are the host team and there is a preconceived notion that we're not supposed to win or we'll have a poor showing," he added. "We've played on that all week. They take that personally and it worked. I'll take my team over anybody."

Autumn Osteen led the Ponytails with a 4-for-4 effort. Way was 2-for-3 with two runs scored,

while Annie Marie Beard and Kaitlyn Kopp scored two runs.

"As long as my girls are laughing, I like our chances," said Stone. "Some of the girls were joking today that I seemed more nervous than them and they're right. I just want them to do well so bad."

Sumter will face Dillon, S.C., today at noon.

"We can't let up," said Stone. "We're still the underdog, but Sumter is 1-0 right now."

Texas will Prince Edward/Farmville, Virginia, today at 10 a.m.



DENNIS BRUNSON / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter Dixie Darlings shortstop Ashley Rae Hodge makes a throw to first in Sumter's 13-7 loss to Jena, Louisiana, in the Dixie Darlings Softball World Series on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex.

DARLINGS

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to make it 10-6.

"I'm proud of the way we rallied," Coach Morris said. "It just took us a little while to get our bats going."

Sumter had a chance to draw closer in the fourth

when it left runners on second and third. Louisiana put the game away in the fifth with three runs, including an RBI triple by Cooper.

Parker and Williams both had three hits for

Jena, while Cooper, Murray and Jones each had two.

Black finished with three hits for Sumter. Lyza Prickelmyer had two.

"We'll come out here tomorrow and play and see how we do," Coach Morris said. "I expect good things to happen."

BELLES

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broke for the plate. However, Elmore came back to third, leaving the bases loaded.

After Gabby Kirkman popped up on the infield, Chelsie Logan hit a grounder to third and Elmore beat the throw home to make it 2-0. Madison Sliwonik put down an outstanding bunt that scored Daniel. Madison Truett then popped the gap in left-center field for a 2-run double that made it 5-0.

A 2-run single by Sydney Jarecki, an RBI single by Caitleigh Bryant and a run-scoring double by Kadyn Dickerson made it 9-0.

That secured the win for Sliwonik, who threw four shut-out innings and allowed just one hit. She had three strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

"She did a real good job for us on the mound," Hunter said. "She had a couple of strikeouts, but she had them hitting it to where the defense was playing. They made a lot of good plays behind her."



RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter Dixie Belles Madison Truett (2) tries to slide under Halifax, Virginia, shortstop Lynia Reed during Sumter's 10-0 victory on Saturday at the Dixie Softball World Series at Patriot Park SportsPlex. Truett was called out.

Elmore pitched the fifth inning. Sumter wrapped the game up in the bottom of the fifth when Elmore walked and scored on a 1-out double by Kirkman.

Sumter's first run came in the first. Carly Allred led

off with a bunt single and eventually scored on a Daniel sacrifice fly.

Sumter finished with 12 hits. Truett was the only one in double figures with two. Elmore was the only one to score two runs.

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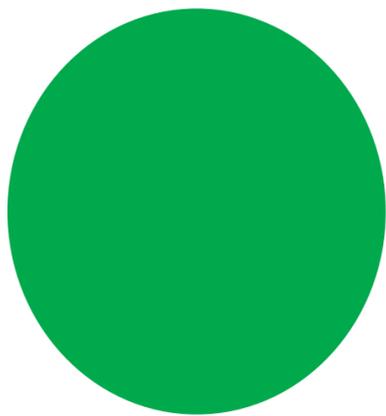
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THIS WEEK

WalletHub wanted to see how much the public knows about Federal Reserve policy. The survey results indicate further study is needed:

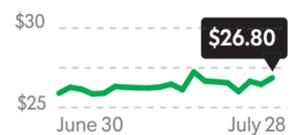
- ▶ **44%** of Americans don't know when the Fed last raised interest rates.
- ▶ **16%** think the Fed is in charge of credit scores.
- ▶ **14%** think the Fed should be abolished.
- ▶ **50%** of Americans think rate hikes make already existing mortgages more expensive (90% of mortgages have fixed rates).

ON THE MOVE

STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS

The mass media company's heavily-promoted Sunday-night Shark Week program on the Discovery Channel didn't make viewers happy. The TV event titled "Phelps vs. Shark" was actually a race between Michael Phelps and a simulation shark.



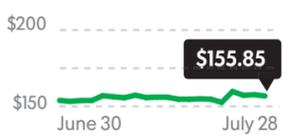
MICHAEL KORS HOLDINGS

The fashion company wanted to expand beyond its own brand name since its IPO in 2011 and agreed to buy Jimmy Choo for about \$1.2 billion, giving it a presence in higher-end luxury. Shares dropped to near July's low before rebounding.



MCDONALD'S

Customers in 13 countries don't have to leave their home to enjoy their McMuffins. Teaming with UberEATS, some 4,200 fast-food locations now deliver the goods to customers. Shares gave up some of the gain from the company's earnings beat.



STARBUCKS

The coffeehouse chain is betting China will be one of its top sales drivers in the future, mainly because of a growing middle class and urbanization, and is buying the remaining 50% of its East China joint venture in a \$1.3 billion transaction.



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RETIREMENT

Consider finances, emotions before retiring

Maurie Backman

The Motley Fool

Though many workers look forward to retirement and the change of pace it typically brings, deciding when to pull the trigger can be quite the stressful endeavor.

Before you choose to retire, take time to think about whether you're really ready.

FINANCIALLY READY?

Though you may be itching to leave your job and enjoy a more relaxed lifestyle, your plan could backfire if you're not financially prepared for what lies ahead.

The Economic Policy Institute reports that more than 40% of Baby Boomers nearing retirement have absolutely no savings. And of those who have begun building a nest egg, households ages 56 to 61 have a median savings balance of just \$17,000.

Contrary to what you may have been led to believe, Social Security is only designed to replace about 40% of the typical worker's preretirement income. Furthermore, the average current recipient collects just \$1,360 a month, or \$16,320 per year, in benefits.

Don't discount the mental upheaval once you leave your career.

But according to the latest projections, the average healthy 65-year-old couple today will spend at least \$400,000 on health care costs throughout retirement. Over a 20-year period, that's \$20,000 per couple, or \$10,000 per individual, per year.

If you're counting on Social Security in the absence of additional savings or income, that leaves you with a mere \$6,320 per year, or \$527 a month, to cover your remaining bills once medical care is accounted for. And that's just not enough.

EMOTIONALLY READY?

Don't discount the mental upheaval once you leave your career.

Though many seniors look forward to the downtime they've been missing during their working years, you may come to find that your newly unstructured existence throws you for an emotional loop.

Before you decide to retire, figure out how you'll spend your days and whether you're likely to have the income to support the lifestyle you're hoping for. If you're the type of person who needs constant stimulation, you may come to find that you're just not ready for your career to end.

Debt questions you may be afraid to ask

Sean Pyles | NerdWallet

Talking about debt can be awkward or embarrassing, leaving you to worry in silence about your own rising balances or a family member's finances. Here are answers to some questions you might be hesitant to ask:

WILL MY DEBT EVER GET SO OLD THAT I WON'T HAVE TO PAY IT?

Not really. Many debts that might be worrying you — credit-card balances or medical bills — have a statute of limitations. It varies by state, but generally is three to six years from the first missed payment or most recent payment. Most negative marks fall off credit reports after seven years.

But you still owe the debt. And debt collectors can seek payment, even though they can't sue you.

▶ **Tip:** There are a few ways to handle old debt, but tread carefully or you may accidentally reset the statute of limitations, which leaves you open to a lawsuit.

WILL I GET STUCK WITH FAMILY MEMBERS' DEBT AFTER THEY DIE — OR VICE VERSA?

It depends on the debt and how connected family members' finances are.

Assets left behind after death may have to go toward paying off debt. Most times, any debt

left over when that money runs out is a creditor's loss.

In some cases, though, a family member might have to pay. Co-signers, such as on joint credit cards, mortgages or other loans, are on the hook for any remaining balance. And in community property states, the surviving spouse is responsible for marital debts.

▶ **Tips:** Be careful about co-signing on credit accounts. And have enough life insurance to cover your debt.

IS THERE A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF DEBT I CAN TAKE ON?

The short answer is no. Lenders may offer more credit than you have the ability to pay back.

▶ **Tip:** Debt can help you accomplish goals, such as owning a home or building a business, but be realistic about what you can repay.

CAN I BE ARRESTED FOR DEBT?

Technically, no. Federal law bars debt collectors from threatening you with arrest or jail.

But debt collectors can sue for payment, and about 90% of people they sue don't appear in

court. That leads to a default judgment ordering repayment, and some collectors have used arrest warrants to get consumers to comply with such orders. That's uncommon, though. Usually, courts order payment from your wages or bank account.

▶ **Tips:** Know your rights when dealing with debt collectors, and never ignore a court summons.

WILL BANKRUPTCY ERASE ALL MY DEBT?

Alimony and child support obligations can't be erased in bankruptcy. Student loans, tax debt and judgments can be difficult to eliminate, as well.

▶ **Tip:** If you're struggling with overwhelming debt, consult a non-profit credit counselor and bankruptcy attorney to see if bankruptcy might make sense.

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PETE THE PLANNER

Q Is there a good plan for reaching the right 529 target balance? Our goal is to pay for our boys' in-state college tuition, room, board and fees. Our oldest is going to be starting first grade, and the youngest has a year before he'll start kindergarten. I am concerned we could overfund the 529s, which leads to taxes and penalties if we have excess funds which would not be used for education. If you use today's cost, I believe we already have about 25% saved. I know this isn't an exact science and that market fluctuations and inflation/cost increases will be factors but wondering if we should continue funding at the current rate, then stop upon reaching our dollar target or if we should reduce current funding now and continue to invest for the next 10-12 years.

— AMY

Peter Dunn
Special for
USA TODAY



I remember asking myself the same question while my wife was in labor with our youngest child. There are so many moving pieces and unknowns in the college funding process that it gave me an immediate headache. I then looked to the left and decided I should never mention the math-induced headache I had while my wife was giving birth.

While I believe properly funding retirement is the biggest challenge you'll ever face, funding college is the most difficult to plan for. Between tuition inflation, student loans, college saving mechanisms, scholarships, intent to go to college, potential cultural changes in higher education 10 years from now, field of study, school choice and about a dozen other factors, college planning seems like an impossible target to hit right on the nose.

Like most financial endeavors, using time efficiently is your best bet.

I recently loaded-up my future collegians in the family car for our family beach vacation. It was a 12-hour drive, and we decided we'd split the journey into two driving days. We didn't know exactly how much we'd drive the first day, but we knew the further we drove, the more pressure it would relieve from the second day's drive. I relish the opportu-

nity to make tomorrow easier. I feel this way about driving, and I feel this way about my financial life. But tomorrow doesn't get easier because time passes. Tomorrow only gets easier when you intentionally act.

Time alone should double your current balance in about 10 years, which could mean your one-fourth funded turns into one-half funded without any additional effort. In other words, funds when properly invested should compound every 10 years or so. Your focus should turn to getting as many funds stored away for college as soon as possible so that this compounding effect can do the heavy lifting for you.

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For instance, some people like to aggressively fund their Roth IRA instead of a 529 college savings plan because it can be used for both retirement and college expenses, which means you don't have to worry about overfunding. But I don't really like that method. I prefer not to commingle college and retirement funds. Retirement is my No. 1 priority, and paying for my kids' education out of those funds is contrary to my goals.

As you mentioned, if you overfund your 529 accounts and choose to use the money for non-

eligible expenses, then you have to deal with a 10% penalty and taxation on the accounts earnings (not deposits). Don't forget, you can always change the beneficiary on an account, which would allow you to use excess funds for another family member's education.

You may also consider the obligation elimination strategy that I'm utilizing. My mortgage, like the majority of Americans, is my biggest monthly expense. When it goes away, we will have a huge monthly surplus. This will allow us to pay for college as a monthly expense, if for some reason we don't have enough money in our 529 plans. By utilizing this strategy, I don't worry about overfund-

ing or underfunding because I'll have a backup funding strategy if there isn't enough money in the 529 accounts.

You won't really need to slow your funding until about four or so years prior to college. At that point, some of the many variables will start to clear, and time will have been working for you, as opposed to against you. Now is the time to make tomorrow easier, and the only way to do that is to get as much money working for you today as possible.

Note: Peter Dunn appears in 529 college savings plan commercials as a paid endorser. He is an author, speaker and radio host, and has a free podcast: Million Dollar Plan. Email him at Ask-Pete@petetheplanner.com

DIGITAL DOLLARS

Q My download speeds seem much slower than advertised. How can I verify that I'm getting what I paid for, and what can I do if I'm not?

Rob Pegoraro
Special for USA TODAY

A In most cases, you're debugging not one connection but two: the access your Internet provider brings to your house, and the Wi-Fi network that distributes it to most devices in your home.

Start by getting third-party measurements of the download and upload speeds your computer sees at the bandwidth-measurement sites Speedtest.net and M-Lab. Those two, like Netflix's more recent, download-only speed gauge Fast.com, run in your browser. Speedtest and M-Lab, along with OpenSignal, also offer mobile apps.

If they all agree your downloads are dragging, you might as well start with your Wi-Fi because that's more likely to cause problems and easier to debug.

The simplest way to see if your wireless network is letting you down is to cut out of the connection: If you have a laptop or desktop with an Ethernet port, run a network cable directly from your router to that computer.

But since many laptops and almost all tablets don't have an Ethernet port, you may have to start by moving the device closer to the router and then tinkering with the router's settings. For instance, if it offers 5 Ghz Wi-Fi, try switching to that faster but shorter-range frequency to avoid congestion in the more widely-used 2.4 Ghz Wi-Fi frequency.

If your router is more than a few years old, you may want to replace it with a newer model. "Routers have gotten much better in the last three or four years," observed Dave Burstein, a telecom analyst and editor of Fast Net News.

If you can't find a fault in your Wi-Fi, it could be your Internet provider. The Federal Communications Commission's most recent "Measuring Broadband America" study found phone-

line-based DSL was especially unreliable compared to cable and fiber-optic connections, but not all of the cable and fiber providers surveyed were as reliable.

For instance, that December 2016 report found Frontier's fiber varied much more than Verizon's. Among cable operators, Charter, Comcast, Optimum and Time Warner Cable delivered advertised speeds more often than Cox and Mediacom.



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Ralph Brown, chief technology officer at CableLabs, said cable operators should have the technology to stay ahead of growing appetites for data. "It's relatively easy to add capacity," he said. That wasn't always the case: "Early days, understanding the capacity requirements and peak capacity requirements was a bit of an art."

It wouldn't hurt to check with neighbors, especially within a block or two, to see if they're seeing the same issues. The more evidence you can bring to your provider, the better your odds of convincing them — the only people who can fix the problem — to address your concern.

"Give them as much detail as possible, such as when and how often you see the problem as well as what lights come on the modem," Burstein said.

He added one bit of advice you'll probably hear the first time you call, and maybe every time: "Turn off everything and then turn things back on. That resets everything and surprisingly often makes a difference."

THE WEEK AHEAD



SAUL LOEB, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Did job growth maintain its momentum in July?

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The monthly jobs report highlights this week's economic news and is expected to show the labor market got off to a solid start in the second half of the year after healthy advances the first six months. Other releases will reveal the latest data on consumer spending and activity in the manufacturing and service sectors.

Consumer spending was sluggish in May after two strong months, and June may not be much better. Last month, a core measure of retail sales that excludes volatile items dipped and auto purchases were probably soft, Nomura economist Lewis Alexander notes. Economists expect the Commerce Department on **Tuesday** to report a modest 0.1% rise in consumer spending in June following a similar increase the prior month.

Manufacturing generally has perked up in recent months as a result of an improved global economy and the revival of many oil wells shuttered during crude's price crash. In May, an index that tracks production, new orders, employment and other indicators showed the fastest expansion in nearly three years. Economists estimate the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) will an-

Economists estimate employers added 183,000 jobs in July. The Labor Department report is due Friday.

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The service sector, which makes up about 80% of the economy, similarly has been humming along, partly because of the pickup in oil drilling. And while retailers have been buffeted by the shift to online shopping, retail hiring increased in June for the first time in five months, Alexander notes. Economists reckon ISM will report **Thursday** its non-manufacturing index slipped in July to a reading indicating crisp expansion.

The low, 4.4% unemployment rate has been expected to lead to weaker job growth as employers struggle to find available workers. But while payroll gains have moderated, they've been healthier than anticipated. Employment growth has slowed from an average 226,000 a month in 2015 to 180,000 so far this year.

Some economists point to a shadow labor supply that includes part-time workers who prefer full-time jobs and discouraged workers on the sidelines. Some of them are resuming their searches for full-time jobs, easing the worker shortage and allowing businesses to boost paychecks more slowly. Economists expect the Labor Department on **Friday** to report job gains of 183,000 in July. PNC Financial Services Group figures annual wage growth held steady at 2.5%.

THE SUMMER ITEM

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of stock market data including NYSE, Nasdaq, and other indices with columns for Name, Last, Chg, and Wk. Includes sub-sections for A-B-C, D-E-F, G-H-I, and J-K-L.

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This is a view of Church Street and Hampton Avenue looking toward Liberty Street about 1920.

Sumter saw rapid growth at turn of 20th century



This is the Gaillard Home, 318 W. Hampton Ave., about 1900.



This is the Elks Club, Cadet Club, Thomas House.



This is a view of St. Anne Catholic Church and rectory in 1915.



The courthouse opened in 1907.



This is the A.C.L. train depot.



The Harby home on the corner of Church and Haynsworth streets was built about 1892.



This is the Sumter Telephone Co.



This is the house of Dr. Julius Mood built in 1889 and remodeled in 1913 by Dr. H.A. Mood.

Sumter was experiencing an unprecedented period of growth in the 20th century. *The Item* assigned a reporter to canvass the city and report on any residential or commercial construction taking place. The reporter learned that many buildings were under construction or that plans were being made to begin the building of various structures.

The following article was published in February of 1906, giving readers an overview of the considerable number of edifices under construction. The report is reprinted in its entirety with a modicum of editing. "It has been a noteworthy fact for more than a year that there are no desirable residences for rent in the city. The people have, through the force of necessity, been compelled to build houses of their own, and so together with the lumbermen, hardware dealers and building supply houses, the Building and Loan Associations of the city have, also, prospered. There are many houses that are now being remodeled and improved, and besides these, tenant houses, elegant homes, churches, factories and other buildings for commercial enterprises are in the process of construction and are indicated in the list given below.

"From interviews with the leading contractors of the city, the *Item's* reporter has learned that the following are the principal buildings that are now being erected for which plans have been made: the Courthouse, Presbyterian Church, Methodist Church, Methodist parsonage, J.J. Harby, et al, on Dugan Street; J.M. Harby, Church Street; H.J. Harby, Church and Calhoun streets; D.P. Kelly, Calhoun Street; Schwartz Bros., four houses on Hampton Avenue; Ebbie Wells, four houses on Wells Street; Mrs. Lowry, residence on Hampton Avenue; S.H. Edmunds, Calhoun and Har-



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

vin; H.W. Beall, Calhoun Street; Telephone Manufacturing Company, apartment house on Harvin Street; E.L. Witherpoon, residence on Magnolia Street; J.E. Whilden, three-story store at the corner of Dugan and Main streets; Neill O'Donnell, circular colonial residence, East Liberty Street; Episcopal Church, corner Main and Calhoun streets; The Consumer's Lumber and Fuel Co. warehouses near C.S.&N. depot in South Sumter; Mutual Ice Company, Dr. E. Mood Smith, residence, West Calhoun Street; S.J. Blackwell, residence Oakland Avenue; T.B. Jenkins, two stone houses on Oakland Avenue; T.E. Evans, two houses near the waterworks; Von-Oshen & Shirer, large additions to shops on Hampton Avenue; Col. Tom Wilson, residence on Broad Street; M.B. Randall, residence on Washington Street; Kennedy Bros., five houses near Supply Company; Bartlett Street Baptist Church, St. Anne's Catholic Church on East Liberty; J.H. Chandler, Church Street; Sam Pringle, residence on Dingle Street.

"At a conservative estimate, the buildings listed above will require the expenditure of more than \$200,000, and there are numbers of other buildings in the process of construction not mentioned."

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Sumter High's basketball team displayed the best teamwork of the season to turn back the 456th Squadron five 32 to 15 in the first game of a doubleheader at the high school gym. In the final contest Shaw Field's five was grounded by an undefeated



Yesteryear in Sumter
SAMMY WAY

Coast Guard team from Charleston, 22-38. The entire Sumter team of Hughes, Gibson, Moore, Mooneyhan and Roddy, with subs Bynum, Hodge, Moise and Warren doing good

relief work, presented the best passing attack of the year.

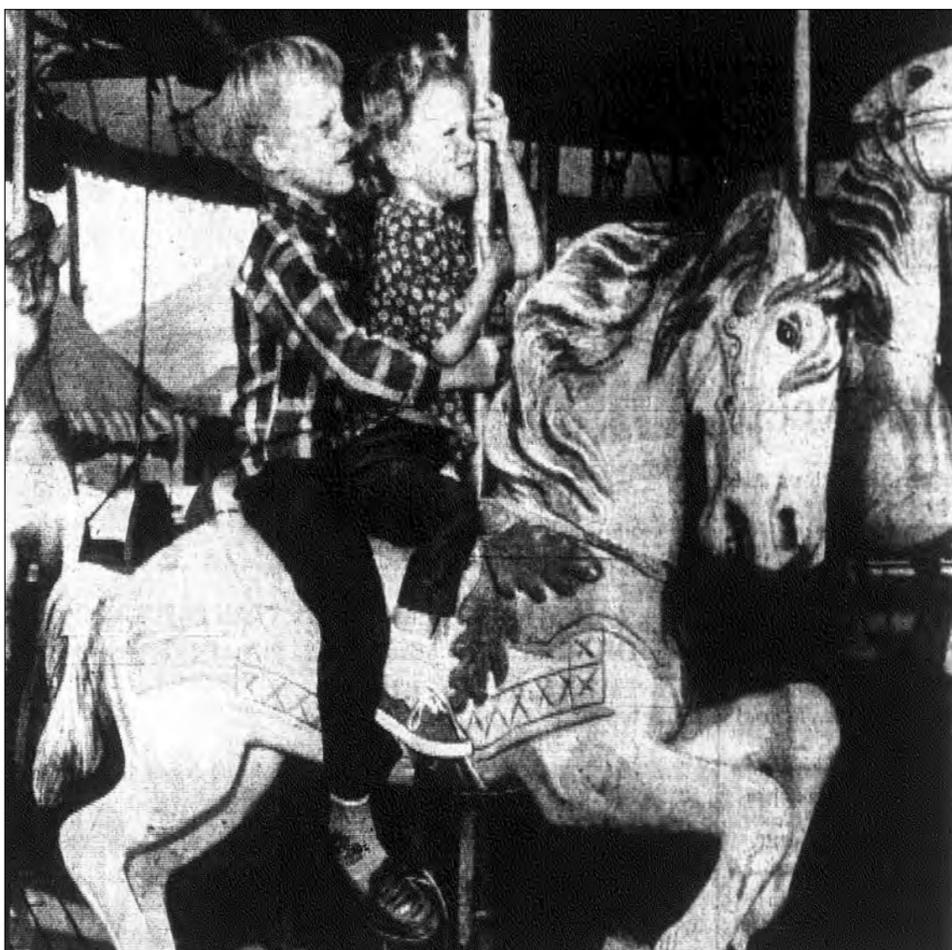
• Three young men from Sumter have reported to the Army Air Forces pre-flight school located at Maxwell Field in Alabama from the Nashville Army Air Center to begin the second phase of their training. These cadets are receiving nine weeks of intensive physical, military and academic instruction at Maxwell Field, preparatory to beginning their actual flight training at one of the many primary flying schools located in the Army Air Forces Southeast Training Center. These men are; Cadet Harold Chandler, Jr., Cadet William Edward Owens and Cadet William Marion Wilson.

• Ensign Thomas Lemmon, U.S. Naval Reserve, 30-year-old former legislator and member of the Sumter County Bar Association, was reported missing in action in a message received from the Navy Department by his mother, Mrs. A.G. Lemmon. Ensign Lemmon had returned to active duty only three weeks after a short visit at home. At that time, he was back from a convoy trip to North Africa, having commanded a squad of Navy gunners aboard a cargo vessel.

• J.E. MacDougall, manager of the district WPB office at Charlotte, said today three South Carolina plants had been awarded war contracts totaling more than \$192,000 during the past 10 days. Among the awards was Williams Furniture Co., Sumter, \$28,580.

• A \$14,300 project to finance the maintenance and operation of recreational facilities for military personnel at Sumter for the period from Feb. 1 to June 30 has been approved by the Federal Works Agency, according to information telegraphed to Mayor F.B. Creech of Sumter by Congressman H.P. Fulmer and Senator Burnet R. Maybank. The money will be used to finance some recreational projects which have been carried on heretofore by the W.P.A. and the city.

• The theatres of Sumter added \$250.67 to the national March of Dimes during the week-long collection made here, Kermit Ward, manager announced today. Containers for dimes were placed in the lobbies of all the local theaters and no other solicitation was made of the patrons.



1967 -- Delgar Fowler, 6, and his sister Susan, 3, watch the world go by as they enjoy the merry-go-round at the Sumter County Fair. They were two of hundreds of youngsters enjoying the annual event presented by American Legion Post 15. Their parents are Mr. and Mrs. Nick Fowler.

50 YEARS AGO - 1967

Oct. 22 - 28

"Father of the Fair" - If that title is ever bestowed upon any Sumterite, it would surely go to J. Cliff Brown Sr. Brown is the man who revived the Sumter County Fair from a defunct has-been into the worthwhile, entertaining event it is today. It all started when the native of Marion came here shortly after World War II to engage in the insurance business. The present fair manager had never participated in any fair, had visited relatively few such events and had no agricultural background. But that didn't stop him.

• The "Miss Buddy Poppy" beauty pageant is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Harris. He is president of the National Association of Accredited Talent and Beauty Pageant judges. Harris and his wife have judged numerous "Buddy Poppy" pageants around the state. Fifteen girls will compete for the title "Miss Buddy Poppy 1967" in the VFW sponsored event.

• S.L. Roddey Jr., vice president of Riley and Company, was elected president of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce this morning at a meeting of the 1967 and 1968 board of directors. Roddey succeeds Henry G. Martin Jr., the 1967 president. Roddey brings to this important community position the backing and experience of many years of public service.

• Six grand championships and numerous lesser trophies and ribbons were awarded in open class swine competition at the Sumter County Fair. Jimmy Davis, with his boars, and John A. Watt, with his gilts, won grand and reserve championships in the Poland China division; Four Oaks Farm, boar and gilt, Berkshires; and Fox Tindal, boar, and Joe M. Rast, gilt, Duroc.

• A delegation of North Main Street merchants was present at the City Council meeting to present their grievances against current parking meter rates on Main Street. Speaking first was Robert C. Whittle, who attributed a loss of approximately 7 1/2 percent of his monthly profits to the Main Street parking meters, which require 10 cents for one hour of parking time. Whittle displayed several photographs taken Monday afternoon at 2:30 on Main Street which showed a large number of empty parking spaces during what Whittle termed "a normally heavy period of business on Main Street."

• Maud Harris, whose products placed first in classifications ranging from peanuts to pepper plants, walked away with the most blue ribbons in judging at the Sumter County Fair Agricultural Department. Following closely behind were M.G. McDowell with seven blue ribbons; Ed McDowell and Troy Johnson, each six.

• Joseph E. Davis was elected president of the Sumter Merchants Association, with James White chosen to fill his position as vice president, when the board of directors met at the Downtowner Motor Inn. The board also took up a request from officials of American Legion Post 15 asking that opinions of Sumter merchants be polled regarding fair prizes sponsored by the businessmen.

• The Manning Monarchs, making a strong offensive come-back topped visiting Hannah-Pamplico 33-7 with almost no trouble at all. Rushing every play, the powerful Manning backs chalked up a total of 447 yards on the ground and pushed over five big touchdowns, all coming on long runs. Led by spirited quarterback Jerry Coker, who racked up 191 of the Mon-

archs' 447 yards and also three touchdowns, and G.G. Cutter, who carried for 151 Yards and two touchdowns, Turpin's boys looked good in the triumph.

• Sumter's Dwayne Windham and Lancaster's Lyn Rushing put on a dazzling offensive display but Windham's teammates had the most breaks and the Gamecocks turned back the Blue Hurricane in a 26-21 thrill show at Memorial Stadium.

25 YEARS AGO - 1992

July 24 - 30

The Clarendon School District 2 Board of Trustees took care of board business, electing officers for the 1992-93 school year and swearing in two new board members. Dr. Edward Keith was unanimously elected vice chairman of the board, and the Rev. Mark Evans was elected secretary, also unanimously. Jesse Thompson, vice chairman for the previous year, automatically becomes chairman for the 1992-93 under the board's rules.

• William Spann wants to elevate his reading and math scores. This summer he and his scores are both going up. Spann, 18, and some 60 other Sumter area youth are spending the summer sharpening their math and reading skills while learning to fly. Spann says the experience has been fun, but at times nerve-racking. He had never been behind the controls of a plane before, nor had he been on a single-engine plane.

• Sumter's defense helped it take a 2-1 lead over Conway in the second round of the American Legion baseball playoffs. Lee Hatfield, 15, pitched nine solid innings, giving up just five hits and a run to toss the P-15's to a 6-1 victory over Conway at Coastal Carolina's baseball field. The P-15's also claimed a 7-5

win over Conway at Riley Park making them the winner of the second-round, best-of-five series 3-1.

• Officials from both Sumter school districts met with law enforcement officials, community leaders and social services experts to shore up support for the districts' joint alternative school. The school, which will serve 64 students from Sumter School Districts 2 and 17 who are at risk of dropping out, will be started in September. "The key is a team approach," District 2 Superintendent Dr. Frank Baker said.

• Sumter's two public school superintendents say it's too early to tell how a projected shortfall in the state budget will affect local education funding. But they're bracing for cuts they hope won't be made in state funding. Gov. Carroll Campbell said he may call a special session of the Legislature if a revenue shortfall from the fiscal year that ended June 30 gets much larger than \$50 million. Some officials have predicted a shortfall of \$65 million, and they say the deficit could grow to three times that if changes aren't made in the state's \$3.7 billion budget for this fiscal year.

• This fall, USC Sumter students will see an increase in tuition for the first time in several years, but they shouldn't be surprised if the "new" fees have a familiar ring to them. "This is, in a sense, not a tuition increase at all but a return to the tuition that our students were paying in 1989," according to Dr. Tom Lisk, associate dean for academic affairs. "We were able to lower the tuition around that time because the South Carolina General Assembly, under a special agreement, funded the difference," Lisk explained. "But, this is the second year that we have not received the 'difference' in state funding, and although we were able to maintain the lower tuition last year out of our own operating budget, increased overhead costs have simply made it necessary for us to return to that older fee structure."

• The Santee Cooper board of directors voted to support the state health department in requiring a Sumter County landfill to set up a \$132 million environmental trust fund. DHEC ordered the trust fund be set up to protect taxpayers from paying to clean up an accident at the Laidlaw Environmental Services hazardous waste landfill near Pinewood.

• Within four minutes of a fire alarm, Sumter County Volunteer firefighters can have their trucks revved and be on their way to the blaze. Their equipment is tested regularly. Their stations are located within five miles of every home in the county. And the volunteers get about 240 hours of training each year. Those are just some of the measures county firefighters are taking to improve their firefighting capabilities; measures that Sumter County Fire Chief Doug Mathis says are protecting the entire county.

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BUILDING PERMITS

- **Sriya Hotels Group Inc.**, owner, Hunter Builders, contractor, 2607 Broad St., \$3,000,000 (four story hotel — 91 guest-rooms, commercial).
- **Mi Sou Hood**, owner, W.R. West, contractor, 575 Brutsch Ave., \$18,000 (roof mount solar system, residential).
- **Timothy J. and Sonya D. Davis**, owners, Richard H. Nelson, contractor, 3175 Ashlynn Way, \$6,780 (remove and replace shingles, residential).
- **Meadowcroft Inc.**, owner, Hurricane Construction Inc., contractor, 1170 Rockdale Blvd., 4,219 heated square feet and 734 unheated square feet, \$129,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Duangmani Friday-Carraway**, owner, Richard H. Nelson, contractor, 210 Cuttino Road, \$3,910 (remove and replace shingles, residential).
- **GP2 LLC**, owner, Sign Wave, contractor, 1251 Hastings Drive, \$1,188.40 (wall sign — Music Gator, commercial).
- **Mark William Peterson and Heichb**, owners, Mount Valley Construction Inc., contractor, 1475 E. Brewington Road, \$1,900 (foundation repair, residential).
- **Sherry Lynn Sanborn**, owner, Burch Landscaping, contractor, 365 Trailwood Drive, \$6,500 (residential demolition of brick home, residential).
- **Yvette D. Bynum (trustee)**, owner, Paradise Point Construction, contractor, 32 Paisley Park, \$35,000 (462 square foot detached garage / shop enclosed, residential); Yvette D. Bynum (trustee), owner, Paradise Point Construction, contractor, 32 Paisley Park, \$245,000, 3,980 heated square feet and 1,215 unheated square feet, (interior renovations — add master bath and garage extension, residential).
- **Creech Holding Corp.**, owner, Watson Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 110 Hasel St., \$46,000 (repair work from hurricane — roof damage replacement, residential).
- **Stephen L. Johnson**, owner, Frank's Roofing, contractor, 900 E. Brewington Road, \$7,000 (reroof, residential).
- **Bryant and Beverly F. Sowell**, owners, Willie Lyles dba Lyles and Lyles, contractor, 85 Elkhorn Trail, 168 unheated square feet, \$13,000 (attached deck with cover and roof, residential).
- **Thomas Edward Posch and Megan-Po**, owners, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 1014 Sparkleberry Lane, \$8,500 (remodel master bath — vanity, shower, tub, residential).
- **Theodore A. and Fonda B. Hardy**, owners, Ronnie V. Gainey dba Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 1125 S. St. Pauls Church Road, \$3,500 (roofing, residential).
- **MDC Coast 4 LLC**, owner, Wathco Inc., contractor, 2480 Broad St., \$300,000 (exterior facade remodel, commercial).
- **Dianne Griffin**, owner, Phil Griffin, contractor, 115 Winn St., \$6,000 (repair back porch / bathroom sheetrock / cabinet, residential).
- **City of Sumter**, owner, Thompson Turner Construction, contractor, 25 N. Sumter St., \$4,500,000 (parking deck, commercial).
- **Patricia A. Graham**, owner, Paul Joyce, contractor, 2180 Kingsbury Drive, \$27,000 (roof mount solar panel installation, residential).
- **Sabrina D. Monsanto and Davis Bel**, owners, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 7786 Camden Highway, Rembert, \$15,200 (repairs, carpentry / concrete / drywall, floors, roof, paint, residential).
- **Trinity Methodist Church**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 226 W. Liberty St., \$19,197.98 (reroof — Wesley Building, commercial); Trinity Methodist Church, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 226 W. Liberty St., \$5,934.96 (reroof — Boyle Bible Building, commercial).
- **Joseph M. Sigler**, owner and contractor, 4390 Questria Drive, \$5,000 (residential demolition of storage building, residential); Joseph M. Sigler, owner and contractor, 4390 Questria Drive, \$26,000 (detached steel building, residential).
- **Justin Pack**, owner and contractor, 2305 Killdee Drive, 1,008 heated square feet, \$12,000 (addition of two bedrooms and living room to mobile home, residential).
- **William P. and Sonia R. Taylor**, owners, Fort Roofing & Sheet Metal, contractor, 1460 Crowndale Drive, \$4,055 (roofing, residential).
- **Ronald Conner**, owner, Roland Johnson dba R&J Home, contractor, 401 W. Hampton Ave., \$2,000 (replace missing shingles, residential).
- **Mary V.R. Jones**, owner, James Elbert Euten Jr., contractor, 4925 Significant Drive, \$1,800 (roofing, residential).
- **Glasscock Co. Inc.**, aka, owner, Horne Brothers Construction Inc., contractor, 1450 Mayfield Drive, \$70,000 (230 square feet concrete pad, three equipment cabinets, 30 kilowatt generator / colocate, commercial).
- **Clifton G. Brown Jr. and John I. Et**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 112 W. Calhoun St., \$10,166 (reroof, residential).
- **Stateburg Mobile Home Park LLC**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 5804 Broad St. (36), \$550 (repair roof — three sheets plywood, two squares shingles, residential); Stateburg Mobile Home Park LLC, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 5804 Broad St. (22), \$1,450 (repair roof — five sheets plywood, replace all shingles, residential).
- **Brian R. Arens**, owner, Paul Joyce, contractor, 310 Planters Drive, \$29,402 (roof mount solar panels, residential).
- **Everett Fields and Seasons**, owners, Paul Joyce, contractor, 2156 Tanglewood Road, \$18,325 (roof mount solar panels, residential).
- **Nationsbank as trustee for Boyle**, owner,

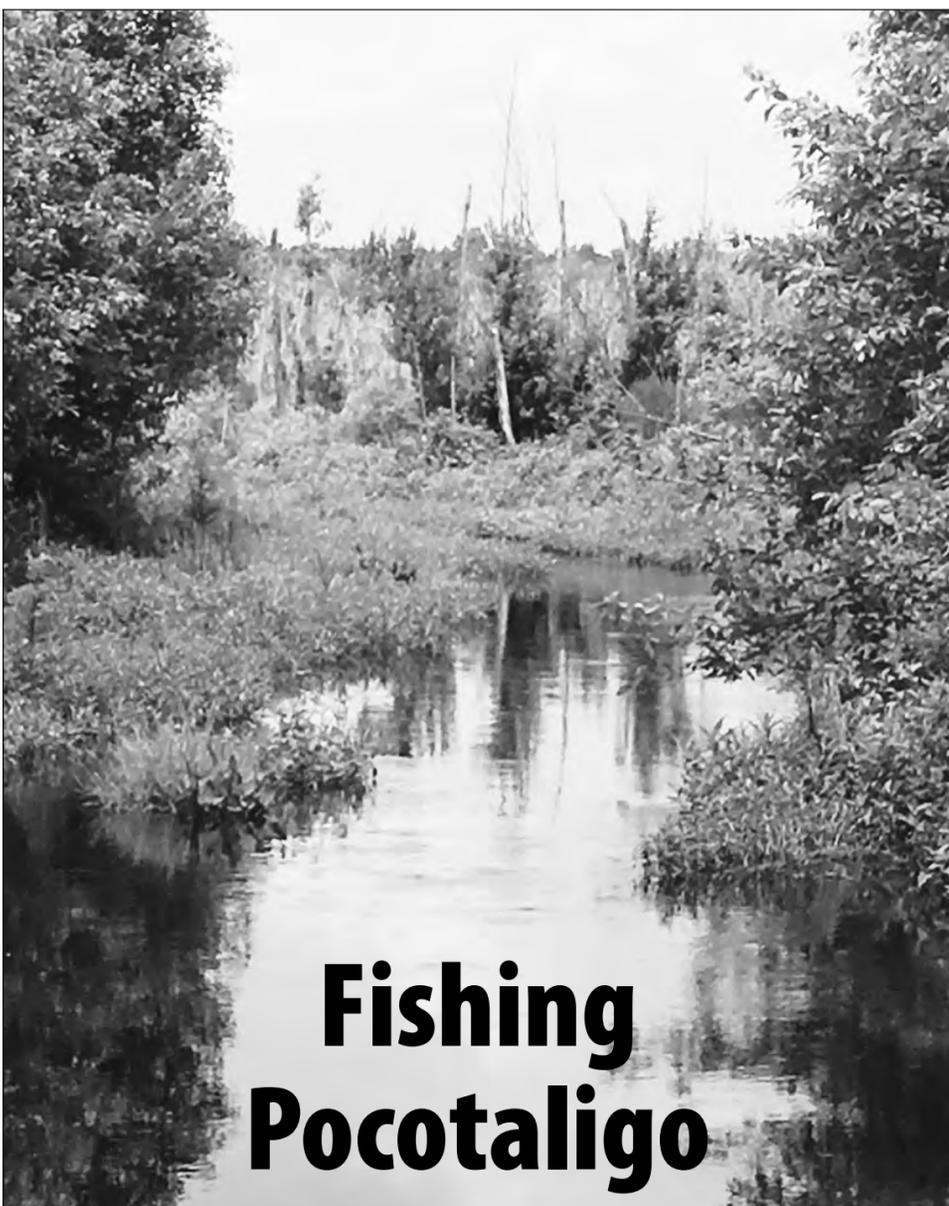
- National Contractors LLC, contractor, 829 Broad St., \$1,300,000 (addition and renovations to existing Aldi store, commercial).
- **Bigbran Corp.**, owner, Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 1132 Broad St. (1138), \$37,500 (remove / replace low slope roof system with tapered EPDM system, commercial).
- **Billy W. Bryant**, owner, James E. Standley, contractor, 2409 Springvalley Drive, \$5,260 (replace roof, residential).
- **Eric Eugene Ellis**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvements, contractor, 1771 Ketch Ave., \$6,000 (reroof only, residential).
- **Michael C. and Peggy M. Newman**, owners, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 3055 Firestone Court, 600 unheated square feet, \$21,000 (detached enclosed garage, residential).
- **Ronald F. Kelley Jr. and Grace B. Kelley**, owners, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 3260 Home Place Road, \$56,000 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Pierre A. Dallaire Jr. and Mary E. Dallaire**, owners, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 190 Elkhorn Trail, \$21,700 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Thomas A. Hickson**, owner, Ryan Mark Peters dba Steadfast Homes LLC, contractor, 2275 Garrison St., \$4,500 (remodel bathroom, residential).
- **Laura Mae Sharp**, owner, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 103 E. Patricia Drive, \$2,000 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).
- **SLS CO. Ltd. (Michael Mims)**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 103 E. Patricia Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **Vincent E. Etzel**, owner, Triple R Construction LLC, contractor, 34 Webb Ave., \$7,800 (replace damaged floor sheathing / trim / HVAC / ext repairs, residential).
- **Perry Lee Walker* and Debra Walker**, owners, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 4240 Lemacks St., Dalzell, \$10,000 (drywall / floor / carpentry / insulation / roofing / paint, residential).
- **Rosa Lee Diggs**, owner, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 1065 Dyson Court, \$13,000 (cabinets / drywall / floors / insulation / paint / roof / siding / windows / tile, residential).
- **James W. and Rebecca J. Hyatt**, owners, Dee & Gee Builders LLC, contractor, 16 Frank Clarke St., \$4,200 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Matthew and Jennifer L. Roberts**, owners, Guy Roofing Inc., contractor, 3430 Oleander Drive, \$3,471.69 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Santee Lynches Regional Development**, owner, Han Construction & Management LLC, contractor, 15 Levi St., \$4,230 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Development, owner, Han Construction & Management LLC, contractor, 501 Church St., \$4,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Development, owner, Han Construction & Management LLC, contractor, 704 Broad St., \$4,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Development, owner, Han Construction & Management LLC, contractor, 252 S. Guignard Drive, \$4,000 (residential demolition of house, residential).
- **Ernest A. Avins III and Michelle Avins**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 2805 Dbar Circle, \$5,795 (reroof, residential).
- **Ronald M. and Glenda E. Joye**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 53 Lake Shore Drive, \$230.95 (reroof detached shed, residential); Ronald M. and Glenda E. Joye, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 53 Lake Shore Drive, \$9,375.15 (reroof house, residential).
- **Villia E. Jones**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 140 W. Fulton St. (mobile home, residential).
- **Jennifer Salazar-Domingue**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 336 Bowman Drive, \$3,000 (siding / roof repairs / drywall / sheetrock / framing, residential).
- **House of Prayer of Worship & P**, owner, Lawrence Cauty, contractor, 341 W. Liberty St., \$2,475 (remove / replace roof, commercial).
- **Jody Kolb**, owner, Terry Gordon, contractor, 110 Tiller Circle, \$300 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).
- **Basem S. Mohammad**, owner, Larry Fink — General Contractor, contractor, 4650 Broad St., \$15,000 (refurbish existing convenience store, commercial).
- **Christian M. Roche and An Timmons**, owners, Danny Marshall, contractor, 805 Club Lane, \$2,000 (overhead vinyl trim only, residential).
- **Vestco Properties**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 6160 Waco Court, Wedgefield, \$1,850 (replace shingles, residential).
- **Aubri Morra**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 30 Caraway Court (mobile home, residential).
- **Heidi A. Burkett**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 116 Woodlawn Ave., \$3,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Harry Moore Jr. and Albert Derity**, owners, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 5160 Earnestine Lane, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **A.J. and Linda B. Lavender**, owners, Frank's Roofing, contractor, 730 Oak Brook Blvd., \$12,000 (reroof, residential).
- **Island Investments of Sumter**, owner, Flagship Sign Designs Inc., contractor, 1236 Wilson Hall Road, \$1,600 (change face of freestanding sign — Leidos, commercial).

- **Angelina C. Morales**, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 336 W. Hampton Ave., \$4,400 (residential demolition — home, residential).
- **Sallie D. Burch et al**, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 13 Hospital Circle, \$3,400 (residential demolition — home, residential).
- **Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church**, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 35 Atlantic St., \$3,400 (residential demolition — home, residential).
- **Bernie G. Pierson and Bever Grant**, owners, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 116 W. Moore St., \$3,400 (residential demolition — home, residential).
- **Walker Avenue Church of**, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 911 W. Bartlette St., \$4,830 (residential demolition — home, residential).
- **Ryan A. and Wendy McLeod**, owners, John Paul Smith, contractor, 3305 Gristmill Lane, 5,826 heated square feet and 2,296 unheated square feet, \$770,500 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Jack E. and Jeana M. Hamilton**, owners, Todd Miles, contractor, 2200 Watersong Run, 192 unheated square feet, \$15,000 (detached enclosed brick building, residential).
- **James Aaron Dyson Construction**, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 2860 Forest Lake Drive, 1,650 heated square feet and 606 unheated square feet, \$105,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Mungo Homes**, owner and contractor, 2115 Watersong Run, 2,595 heated square feet and 914 unheated square feet, \$261,000 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes, owner and contractor, 2125 Watersong Run, 3,877 heated square feet and 1,016 unheated square feet, \$309,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Mildred Gardner**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3960 Britton Brogdon Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Jesse B. Brown**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 3980 Britton Brogdon Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Cephus Gregg Jr. and Quentina W. Gregg**, owners, Ralph Brown, contractor, 282 W. Williams St. (mobile home, residential).
- **Adrian Ramirez Garcia**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 5465 Cannery Road, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).
- **Lamb Investments LLC**, owner, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 615 Mallard Drive, 448 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (add attached deck, residential).
- **Jimmy Carl Lamb Jr. and Ashley Lamb**, owners, Jimmy Carl Lamb Jr., contractor, 420 Reynolds Road, Pinewood, 540 unheated square feet, \$8,000 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).
- **Jack E. and Jeana M. Hamilton**, owners, Todd Miles, contractor, 2200 Watersong Run, \$28,000 (six foot brick fence, residential).
- **Margaret W. Simon**, owner, Alton Douglas Nelson, contractor, 220 Wendemere Drive, \$4,600 (tile shower and flooring, residential).
- **Billy C. and Ellen M. Hutchinson**, owners, Alton Douglas Nelson, contractor, 428 Haynsworth St., \$6,700 (new tile, floors, toilet with vanity, residential).
- **Jeffrey A. and Abigail W. Timmons**, owners, Jeffrey Timmons, contractor, 1440 Camp Branch Road, \$1,000 (enclosed carport on cement slab — detached, residential).
- **Ruby Tisdale**, owner, Sign Tek, contractor, 1323 Camden Highway, \$592 (free-standing sign — Live Oak Realty, commercial).
- **County of Sumter (Robert Galloway)**, owner, Atkins Roofing & Maintenance LLC, contractor, 115 N. Harvin St., \$14,000 (roof repair, commercial).
- **Island Investments of Sumter**, owner, Flagship Sign Designs Inc., contractor, 1236 Wilson Hall Road, \$1,675 (wall sign — Leidos, commercial).
- **Stephen M. Creech and Emil Wilson**, owners, Billy F. Taylor dba Marshgrass Construct, contractor, 209 N. Washington St., \$1,995 (repair two entry way roofs, commercial).
- **Lana Kay Singleton**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 470 Derek Drive, \$32,500 (roof mount solar panel installation, residential).
- **James R. and Bernice J. Pitts**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 345 Deschamps Road, \$33,890 (roof mount solar panel installation, residential).
- **McLeod Properties LP**, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 1455 S. Guignard Parkway, \$2,500 (remove marquee sign and install LED sign — Piggly Wiggly, commercial).
- **Meadowcraft Inc.**, owner, Johnny M. James, contractor, 2595 Foxcroft Circle, 1,500 heated square feet and 125 unheated square feet, \$115,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Time Warner Cable Southeast**, owner, Advance Signs and Lighting, contractor, 1170 N. Guignard Drive, \$4,000 (change face of freestanding sign — Time Warner, commercial); Time Warner Cable Southeast, owner, Advance Signs and Lighting, contractor, 1170 N. Guignard Drive, \$4,000 (change face of wall sign — Time Warner, commercial).
- **Bigbran Corp.**, owner, AES Associate Environmental Center, contractor, 1132 Broad St. (1138), \$1,800 (freestanding sign — Burger King, commercial).
- **Robert G. and Marta L. Stage**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 13 Beaufain Drive, \$9,575 (reroof, residential).
- **Thomas Lee Gibbs**, owner and contractor, 813 Franklin Lane, \$300 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).
- **Robert L. Johnson III**, owner and con-

- tractor, 7 Dellwood Lane, Wedgefield, 900 unheated square feet, \$12,000 (detached garage, residential).
- **Ryan A. and Wendy McLeod**, owners, John Paul Smith, contractor, 3305 Gristmill Lane / 1580 Loring, 320 unheated square feet, \$7,000 (detached storage shed, residential).
- **Arnold Palmer**, owner and contractor, 12 W. Moore St., \$25,000 (fire damage repairs, residential).
- **First Citizens Bank**, owner, Interior Group of S.C. Inc., contractor, 683 Bultman Drive, \$157,164 (demo / new offices / remove wall covering / paint / interior, commercial).
- **Pinewood United Methodist Church**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 106 E. Clark St., Pinewood, \$16,048.59 (reroof, commercial).
- **Marvin M. and Alita D. Barkley**, owners, Marvin Barkley, contractor, 4275 Nazarene Church Road, 150 unheated square feet, \$1,500 (add 150 square feet to existing detached shed, residential).
- **Mar Gin Properties (a South Carolina partnership)**, owner, Advance Signs & Lighting, contractor, 1252 Broad St., \$3,500 (wall sign — Nissan of Sumter, commercial).
- **Mark S. Wrigley**, owner, Land Roofing Co., contractor, 19 Broad St., \$8,900 (remove and replace roof, commercial).
- **Bankers Trust Co. of California**, owner, Keith Oakley dba R&M Holdings LLC, contractor, 306 Pinckney St., \$6,000 (replace roof shingles, residential).
- **C&M Enterprises (a South Carolina partnership)**, owner, Henry Todd, contractor, 217 W. Hampton Ave., \$350 (wall sign — Capstone Healthcare, commercial).
- **Francis Y. and Mary Lou M. Simmons**, owners, Michael D. Linville, contractor, 2421 Peach Orchard Road, 320 unheated square feet, \$30,000 (detached storage shed damaged in fire — enclosed, residential).
- **Patricia C. McGraw**, owner, Keith Oakley dba R&M Holdings LLC, contractor, 76 Harrell Road, \$11,620 (master bathroom remodel / install French door to outside, residential).
- **Herbert A. or Amy H. Moss**, owners, Herbert Moss, contractor, 3105 Mayflower Lane (3101), 575 heated square feet, \$27,500 (add in-law suite — bedroom / bath / kitchen, residential).
- **Viola Livingston**, owner, William Livingston, contractor, 38 Hoyt Heights, \$1,000 (residential demolition of wood frame house, residential).
- **Vernon L. Allgood Estate and Jacq**, owners, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 2735 Powhatan Drive, \$12,447 (replace shingle roof, residential).
- **Ludovic E. Ott and Mir Tschirhart**, owners, Ludovic Ott, contractor, 5 Ellen Drive, \$1,240 (three foot six inch fence, residential).
- **Samuel M. Lowery**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 422 E. Charlotte Ave., \$4,800 (remove and replace shingles, residential).
- **Vera Brooks % Sumter Habitat**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 997 Huddersfield Drive, \$14,000 (windows / roof / floor / floor covering, residential).
- **Bertha Logan**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 594 S. Main St., \$18,000 (roof / windows / electrical / insulation, residential).
- **Latisha Burch**, owner, Nelson Lee, contractor, 7326 Harvest Road, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Bessie Burgess**, owner, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 348 Bagnal Drive, \$5,800 (remove / replace siding, residential).
- **John W. and Charlotte S. Giles**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 2222 Rolling Hill Lane, \$7,388 (soffit / fascia / gutters and windows, residential).
- **Forfeited Land Commission**, owner, Bery's Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 41 Second Ave., \$2,700 (residential demolition of wood frame house, residential).
- **Autozone Inc.**, owner, Royalty Companies of Indiana Inc., contractor, 1255 Pocalla Road, \$21,574 (flat roof overlay with PVC system — no structural work, commercial).
- **Howard W. Young**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 275 Wendemere Drive, \$7,450 (reroof, residential).
- **William O. Boyer**, owner and contractor, 108 Lawson St., \$443.90 (roof repairs to shed, residential).
- **Roy Lee Fulton**, owner and contractor, 1600 Pudding Swamp Road, Lynchburg, \$800 (repair leaks in roof and top over existing back porch, residential).
- **Luebertha Singleton et al**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 910 Reaves St., \$5,200 (repairs / smoke detector / siding / steps, residential).
- **Gerald D. Perry**, owner, Guy Roofing Inc., contractor, 3540 Oleander Drive, \$8,222.32 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Patrick F. Barron**, owner, Guy Roofing Inc., contractor, 3765 Blackberry Lane, \$5,291.90 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **RX Inc.**, owner, Atkins Roofing & Maintenance LLC, contractor, 5 Alice Drive, \$59,000 (total reroof, commercial).
- **Donald V. Green**, owner, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 70 Monticello Lane, \$3,500 (six foot vinyl fence, residential).
- **Donald J. and Margaret Winston**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 781 Stratton Court, \$985 (six foot fence, residential).
- **ORC LLC**, owner, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 108 McCormick Drive, \$2,500 (reroof, residential).

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Fishing Pocotaligo

DAN GEDDINGS / OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

Pocotaligo Swamp at Twelve Bridges Road hasn't changed much in more than 50 years.

Sumter's river mostly abandoned, not forgotten

Pocotaligo Swamp is formed where Green Swamp and Cain Savannah Creek meet west of US Highway 15 in Sumter County. The swamp flows south into Clarendon County where it meets the Black River.

The hardwood timber of Pocalla was harvested in an era before modern forestry's best management practices. Tram roads were built, streams were bridged, and the majority of the swamp was clear-cut. The



Dan Geddings

spoils — tree tops, logs, and limbs were left behind to clog the labyrinth of streams and blackwater runs.

The logging debris blocked the natural flow of water and the entire swamp was flooded. Cattails, alligator grass, and willows took over the vast openings and very little natural regeneration of trees has occurred for decades.

Twelve Bridges Road crosses the swamp in southern Sumter County just before the Clarendon County line. When I was a youngster I asked my daddy why the road had that name. He told me that the original road was a dirt causeway with twelve wooden bridges crossing the creeks and wide streams that flowed through the swamp.

I can remember when the timber was cut in the Clarendon County section in the sixties. Logging trucks hauled the hardwood timber out for years.

Some years later we fished an area in Clarendon County called Thigpen's Lake. The only access was from local farm roads.

My dad and uncles built small, one man-wooden fishing boats. There was no set pattern, and the boats varied a little from builder to builder. But, the basic design was a flat bottom boat with a single seat near the middle. They were light weight and easy to handle.

Daddy modified his boats to add a seat toward the front to accommodate me or my

'You could drop that line in a small hole in the grass or in a submerged treetop. The lead would carry the baited hook to the bottom. The line would go slack when it hit bottom and you could make a small lifting motion. That's when a big bluegill or Warmouth would bite.'

brother David. Most of the boats included a live well under the seat to keep the fish alive while we fished.

The section of swamp that we fished was infested with snakes. Water snakes and cottonmouth moccasins were the main culprits. Those snakes are fish eaters, and they wanted the fish that we caught. Daddy always carried a .22 revolver and a box of bullets to deal with the snakes.

We used a rig that is called a lead line. It consisted of a cane pole with a line the length of the pole. There was no cork. A small hook was tied at the end and a piece of lead fixed just above the hook. We baited the hook with earth worms. You could drop that line in a small hole in the grass or in a submerged treetop. The lead would carry the baited hook to the bottom. The line would go slack when it hit bottom and you could make a small lifting motion. That's when a big bluegill or Warmouth would bite.

On one of the fishing trips with my dad, when I was about ten years old, I had a lively encounter with one of the cranky old serpents of the swamp. I can remember it, as if it happened yesterday.

We were fishing the main creek at Thigpen's and Daddy noticed a big wide log that had drifted up against the alligator grass in one of our favorite spots. The cypress log was three or four feet wide and probably twenty feet long. It was rock solid.

The log was blocking a little stream that we wanted to fish, but couldn't reach. Daddy suggested that I could carefully step out of the boat onto the log, and reach the little stream with my lead

line. He gave me a fish stringer out of the tackle box to put my fish on, then he pulled away into the slow current.

It was magic. I caught fish after fish, and strung them on the stringer which I tied to my belt. And, I let the fish dangle in the water, keeping them around, but couldn't go anywhere. After a while I noticed that Daddy had gone around a bend in the creek fishing.

That's when I looked around at the end of the log and noticed a very large water moccasin crawling onto the big log that I was standing on. There was nowhere to go. It was me and that snake out there in the swamp on the same log.

When the snake started crawling toward me I became a little concerned, and decided to smack him with the cane pole. He was not impressed and just kept on coming up the log. That's when I realized he was probably after the fish I had on the stringer. I wasn't going to give up my fish, so I called out for my dad.

He called back that he was coming, but I should hit the snake with my cane pole, which I continued to do, more and more vigorously. When Daddy came around the bend and saw the snake he stepped up his progress and was soon at my side. He shot the big moccasin that was now only a few feet away, and helped me clamber back into the boat.

The roads to Thigpen's Lake are abandoned now and overgrown. Those days are gone, but will live on with me. A few people fish the creeks at Twelve Bridges Road and Highway 15. I guess the fish are still there, and probably the snakes too.

FISHING REPORTS

Moultrie, canal anglers seeing better action than in Marion

SANTEE COOPER SYSTEM (UPDATED JULY 14)

Santee Cooper water levels are at 75.38 in Lake Marion (full pool is 76.8) and 75.32 in Lake Moultrie (full pool is 75.5).

The catfish bite on the Santee Cooper lakes continues to be variable, with Captain Jim Glenn (843-825-4239) reporting some scattered bites in mid-depth water as well as positive reports in shallow water late in the day. Overall cut perch and shad have been the best baits.

Captain Steve English (843-729-4044) reports that his boat has found better action in the lower lake than the upper, and that fishing in the canal continues to be strong in the same pattern. He also reports that he has been catching fish shallow in 5-8 feet of water — both day and night! He has heard good reports in deep water at certain times and in certain locations, but not everywhere.

Crappie fishing is still tough, and catches have actually slowed down again.

The bigger bream are still a little scarce, but there were some good bluegills caught off the beds last week. English's boat even landed a big 1-pound 3-ounce fish. On the August full moon there should be another good wave of spawning activity, and there could even be a new moon phase in between.

LAKE WATEREE (UPDATED JULY 14)

Lake Wateree is at 97.3 percent of full pool and by Wateree standards the lake is very clear. Water temperatures are in the upper 80s and even higher.

Even though it's gotten hotter, the crappie fishing has gotten better over the last couple of weeks according to veteran tournament angler Will Hinson of Cassatt. He reports that the fish are now on brush in the 15-20 foot range, mostly on the main lake and scattered from one end of the lake to the other. They aren't on all the brush piles in that range, but by now they seem to be on about 85 percent of them as the heat has made them more structure-oriented. Early in the day they are suspended over the brush, and as the sun gets up they sink down towards the bottom. Fish Stalker jigs have still been the best bet.

It's definitely the dog days of summer for bass fishing on Lake Wateree, and on a recent trip FLW angler Dearnal Rodgers of Camden read 91 degrees when he got out on the water in the afternoon! Accordingly he spent the afternoon and evening trying to find a deep bite, but as other anglers have found it still continues to be basically non-existent. The best bite remains shallow around the grass.

On the catfish front, Captain Rodger Taylor (803-517-7828) reports that right now with fish essentially in a post-spawn period the best bet is to get out early in the morning and fish out of June Creek or another landing in the mid-lake. He advises anchoring around mid-lake humps that might rise to within 7 or 8 feet of the surface on a flat of 12-15 feet of water. There are a lot of mussel beds in this area, and fan-casting a bunch of rods at various depths is the best way to pick up fish. If rods don't move anchored up after a few spots then you can turn to drifting to cover more water. At this time of year most of the fish won't be giant but you could catch a good one up to the mid-20s or bigger. Cut gizzard shad is the best bet.

Information on fishing trends provided courtesy of www.anglersheadquarters.com/.

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Bid Notices

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Questions concerning this IFB will be accepted in writing via mail or email to the office through August 14, 2017 at 4:00pm. Deadline for bids is 8/22/2017 at 2:00pm.

INVITATION TO BID

The County of Sumter is soliciting separate sealed bids from qualified vendors for the following project:

"Pinnacle Deep Ditch Repair"

Bids will be received until 10:00 A.M. Thursday, August 10, 2017 in the Sumter County Purchasing Department on the second floor of the Sumter County Administration Building, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150.

Plans and bid documents may be obtained from:

Sumter County Purchasing Department 13 E Canal Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Telephone inquiries should be made to (803) 436-2329.

The County of Sumter reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The County of Sumter reserves the right to waive any or all technicalities.

Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

SUMMONS (Jury Trial Demanded) Civil Action No.: 2017-CP-38-00674

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF ORANGEBURG

Terry Elijah Holland, Plaintiff,

vs. Delhaize America Transport, LLC and Clark Allen Mullenax Defendants.

TO: CLARK ALLEN MULLENAX, THE DEFENDANT ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, upon the subscriber at his offices at 301 Gibson Road, Lexington, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days of the service hereof, and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the

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relief demanded in the complaint.

You will please take notice that the Summons and Complaint in this action were filed with the Orangeburg County Court of Common Pleas on May 22, 2017 at 2:38 p.m.

THE RICK HALL LAW FIRM, LLC Frederick L. Hall, III 301 Gibson Road Post Office Box 1898 Lexington, South Carolina, 29071 (803) 957-5333 (803) 957-7717 Facsimile rick@setrialattorneys.com Lexington, SC Attorney for the Plaintiff

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2017-CP-43-01174 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-RP1, PLAINTIFF,

vs. James H. Ramsey, Sr. and if James H. Ramsey, Sr. be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of James H. Ramsey, Sr. distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of James H. Ramsey, Sr. and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Dianne S. Spann, DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINORS) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, on June 26, 2017.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to the South Carolina Supreme Court Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, (hereinafter "Order"), you may have a right to Foreclosure Intervention.

To be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Hutchens Law Firm, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202 or call 803-726-2700. Hutchens Law Firm, represents the Plaintiff in this action and does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice.

You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.

If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.

IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Sumter Zoning Ordinance on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 N. Main St.). The following requests are scheduled for consideration:

RZ-17-05_36-40 Artillery Dr. (City) Request to rezone 1.45 acres from Residential-6 (R-6) to Limited Commercial (LC). The property is located at 36 & 40 S. Artillery Dr. and represented by Tax Map # 228-15-02-038.

RZ-17-06_1750 US Hwy. 15 South (City Pending Annexation) Request to rezone +/- 1.34 acres from Agricultural Conservation (AC) and Planned Development (PD) to General Commercial (GC). The property is located at 1750 US Hwy. 15 South and is represented by Tax Map #s 225-00-02-022 & 225-00-02-18. Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. Mayor

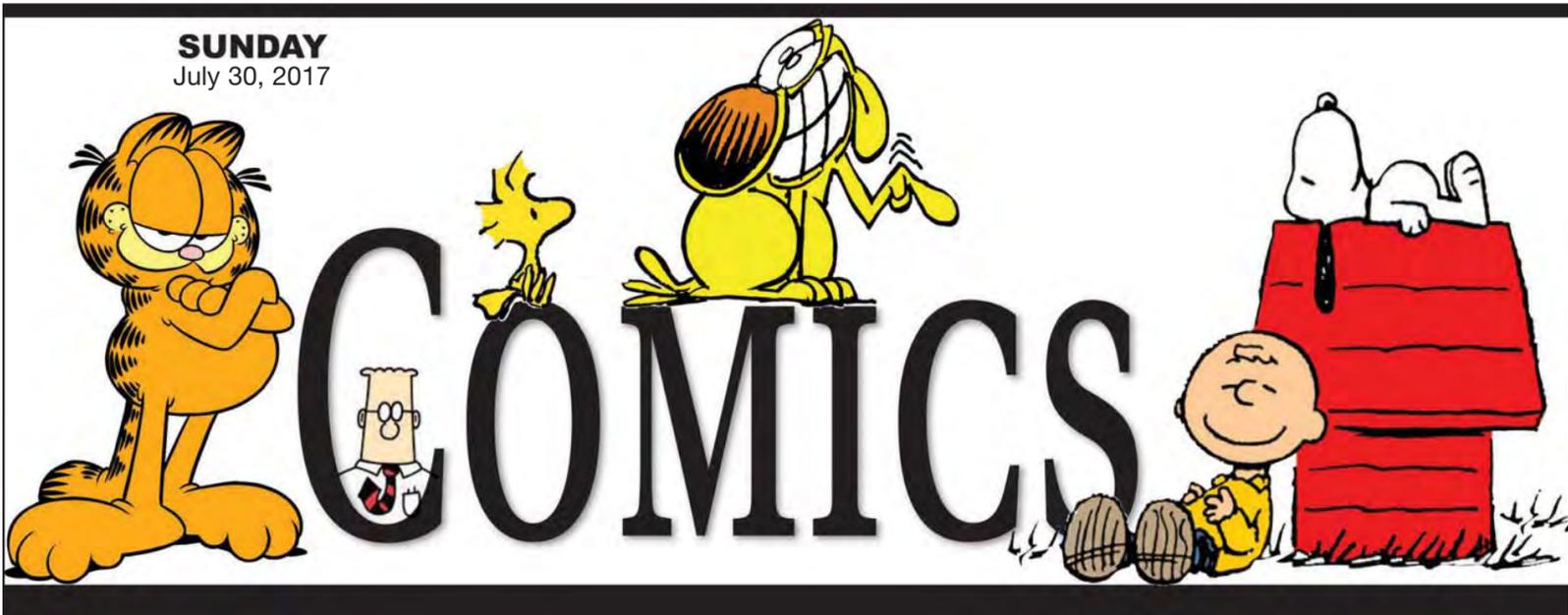


City of Manning Notice of Council For a Public Hearing on a Zoning Amendment

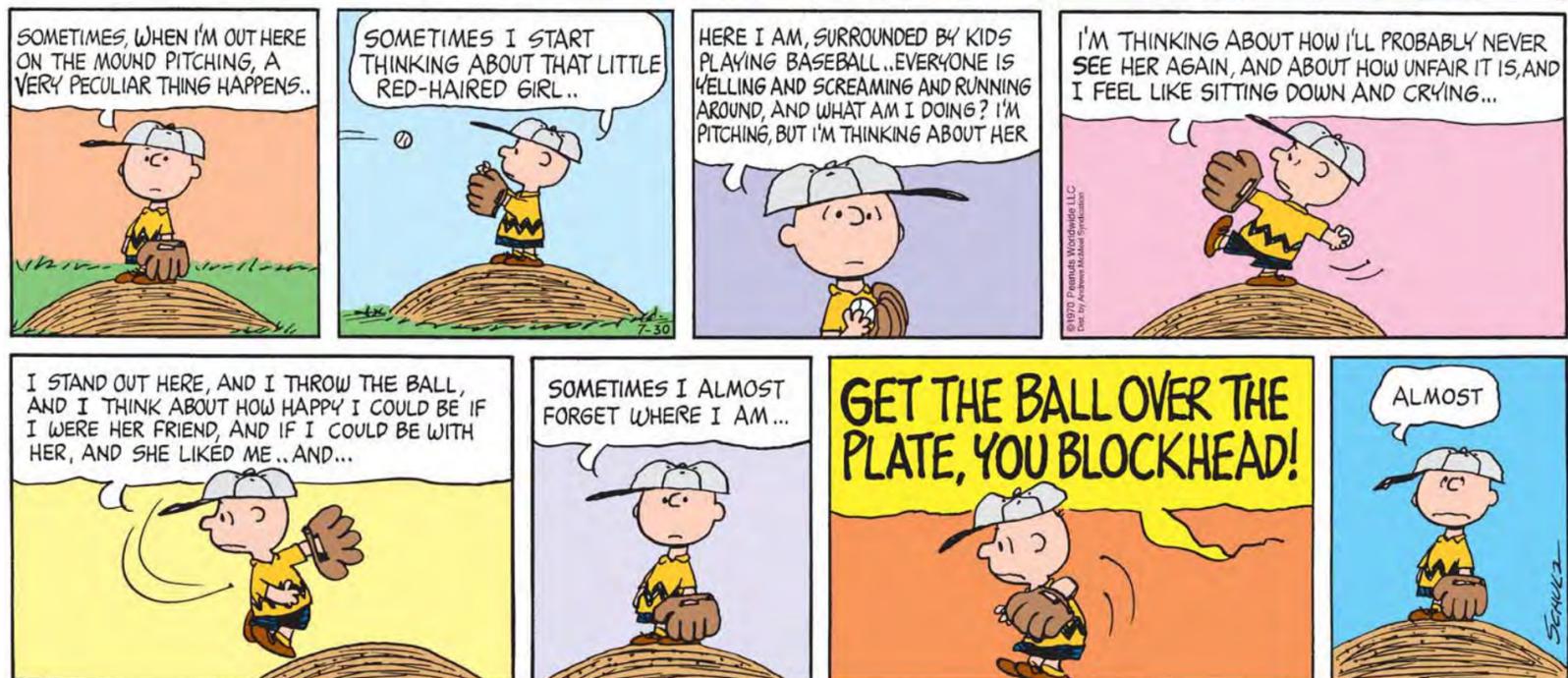
The City of Manning Planning Commission will meet on Monday, August 14, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., and the Manning City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday August 21, 2017 at 6:30 P.M., City Hall, 29 West Boyce Street, on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and/or Zoning Map:

Rezoning Request No. 2017-5M, proposed map amendment to zoning ordinance for property located at 213 South Brooks Street, Tax Map # 169-14-07-010-00 owned by Mary Jo McCuthen from Residential -10 (RS-10) to General Commercial (GC).

Documents related to the amendments are available for public inspection at City Hall, 29 W. Boyce, Manning, S.C. during regular office hours.



SUNDAY
July 30, 2017



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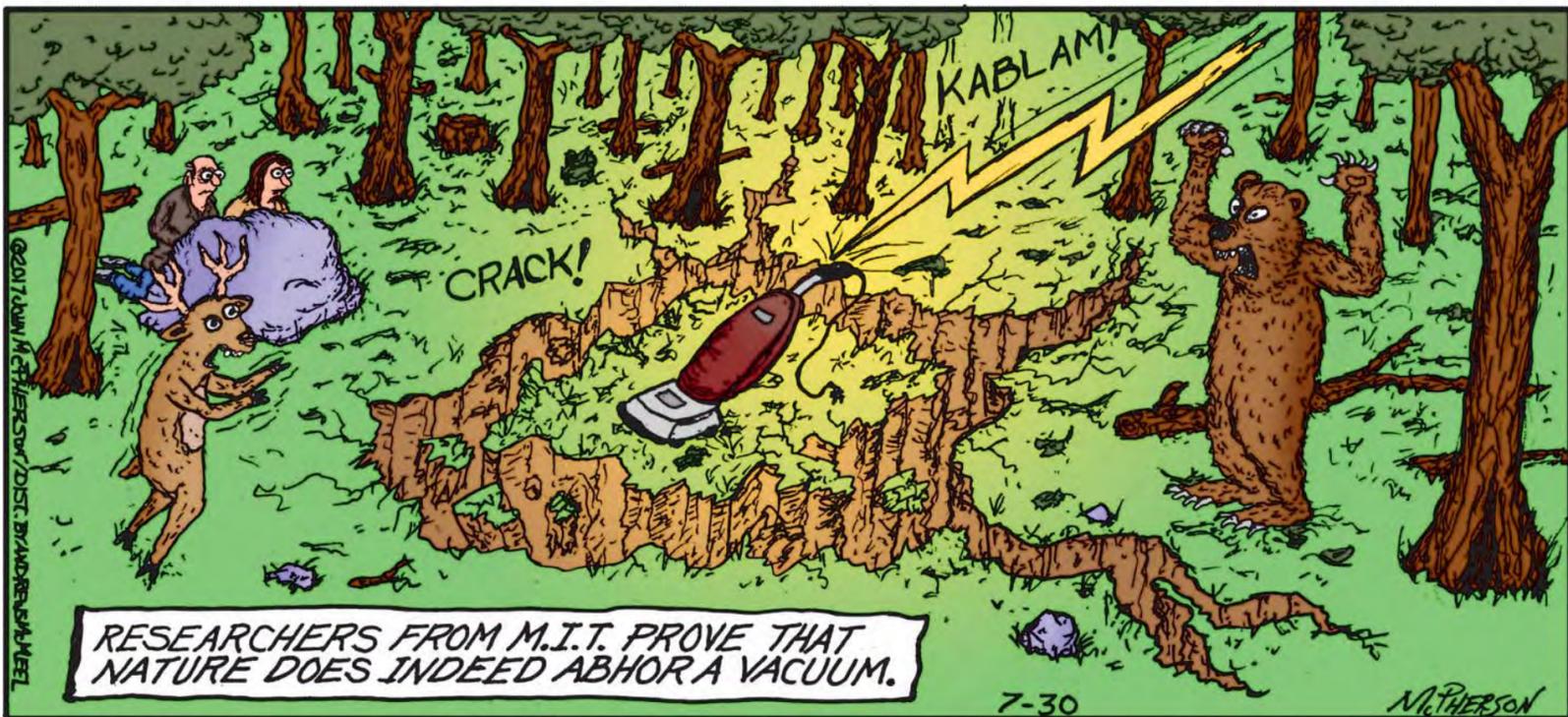
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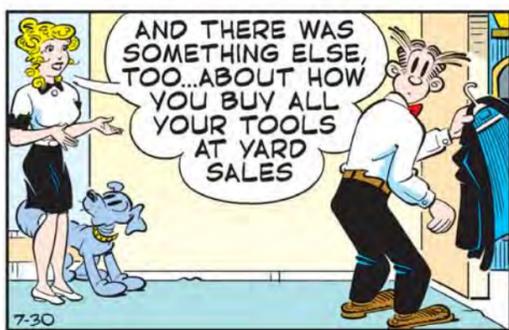
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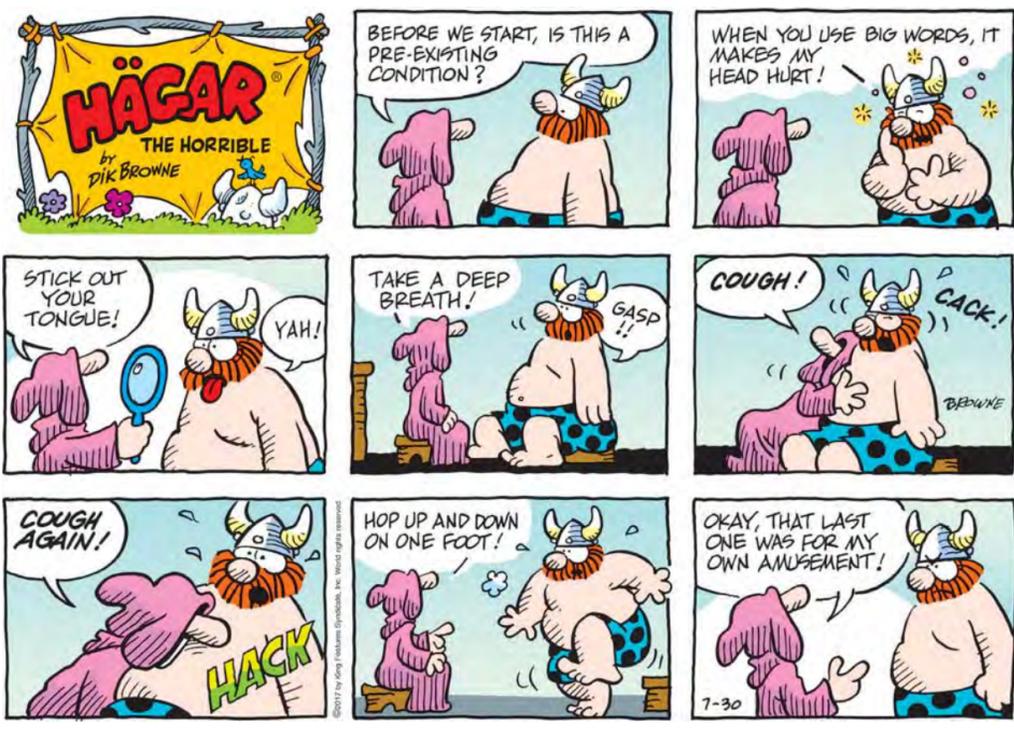
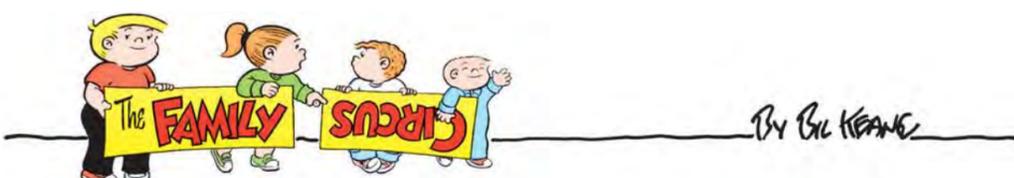
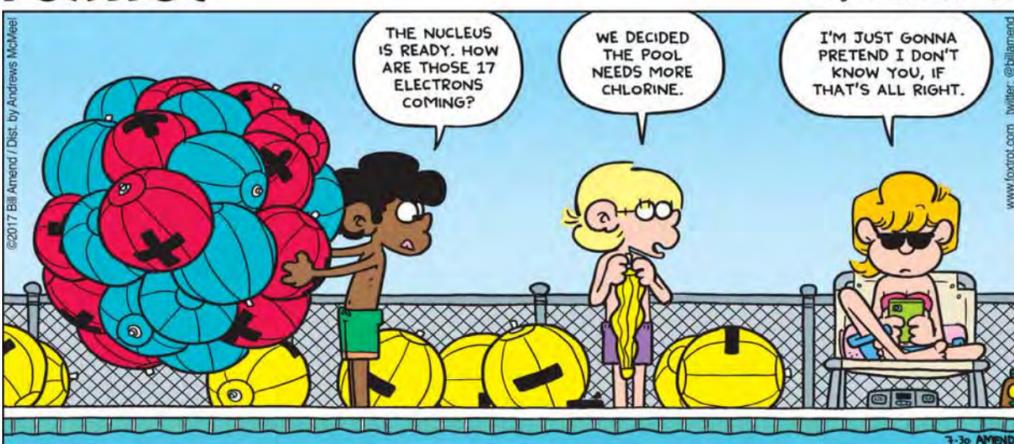
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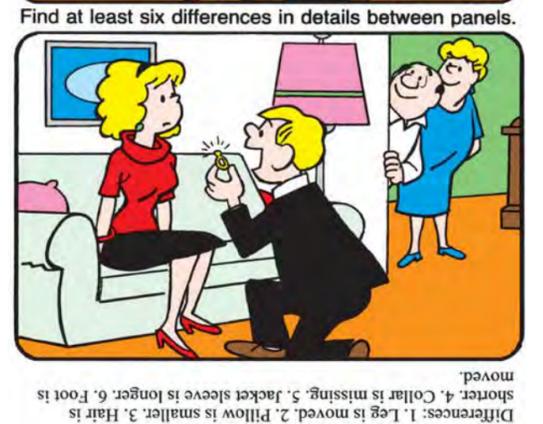
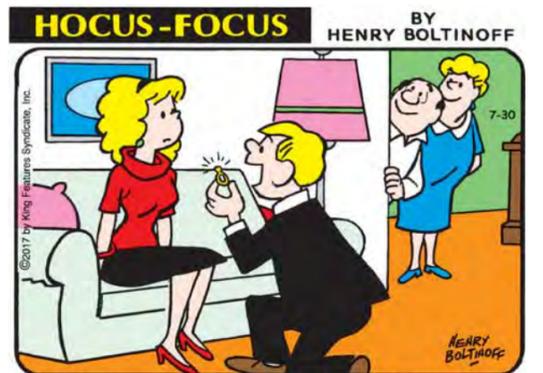
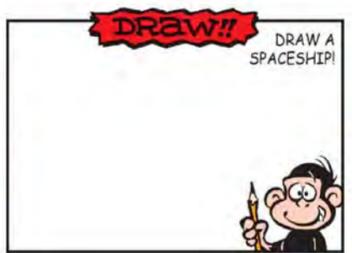
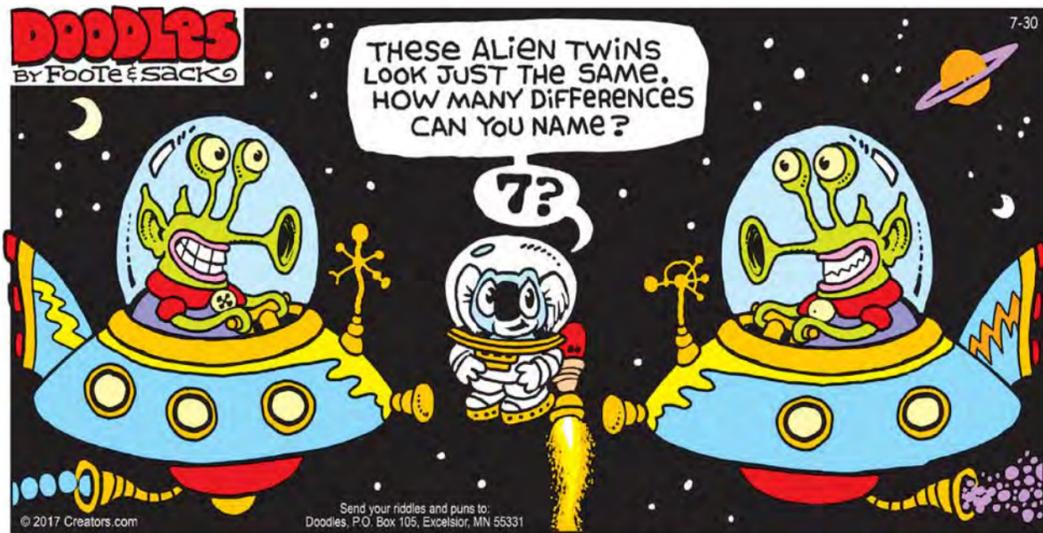


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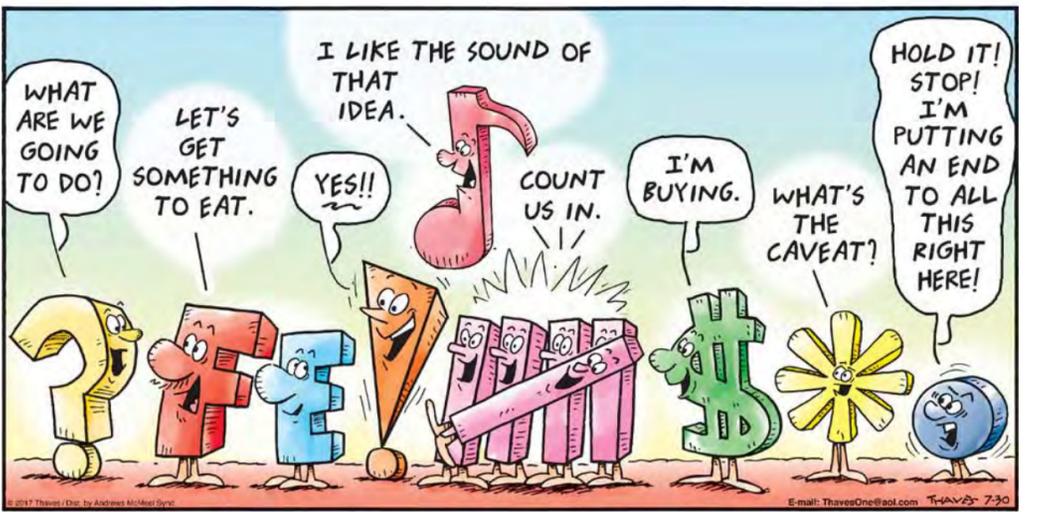
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FRANK AND ERNEST



MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker



GET FUZZY



SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

7/30

I'VE BEEN LOOKING INTO YOUR HISTORY, FALCON ...

APPARENTLY, EVERYONE IN YOUR FAMILY HAS DONE TIME IN PRISON EXCEPT YOUR YOUNGER BROTHER.

YEP...

HE WAS THE WHITE SHEEP OF THE FAMILY.

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

I FEEL LIKE SOMEONE'S LOOKING AT ME.

WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

THIS WALL IS REALLY REFLECTIVE.

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FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

CLICK!

YOU'RE LISTENING TO CKAT RADIO 101 ON YOUR DIAL! THE SWEET SOUND OF COUNTRY!

STRUMMA STRUMMA MMMMM WAL, AH THOUGHT MAH BAYBEE LOVED ME, BUT SHE LOVED MAH MONEY MORE - LEFT 'ER IN MAH 18-WHEELER, AN' AH WON'T GO BACK NO MOORE.

COUNTRY WESTERN! JEEZ, HOW CAN YOU LISTEN TO THAT CRUD?!

THAT'S THE DUMBEST MUSIC ON THE RADIO, DAD!

HONEST! NOBODY IN THEIR RIGHT MIND LISTENS TO THAT! STUFF!

CLICK!

AAHOOOH, GRUNT, OOOEEEE TWAZANNNGSS OOOEEEE, BAYBEE-SPENDIN' ALLA MAH MONEYVY... GONNA BEAT IT, GONNA RETREAT IT! GONNA JUMP INTO MAH PONTIAC, AN' BAYBEE, I AINT COMIN' BACK AHOOOH, GRUNT!

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

IT'S BEDTIME, DENNIS!

I'M TOO TIRED TO WALK UPSTAIRS.

WELL, I'M NOT CARRYING YOU!

I KNOW WHAT I'M PUTTING AT THE TOP OF MY CHRISTMAS LIGHT THIS YEAR.

AND WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?

AN ESCALATOR.

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Mort Walker's beetle bailey

SOMEBODY SURE MADE A MESS

BEEBLE! LOOK AT THE MESS YOU MADE!!

I DIDN'T DO IT

THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY!

THAT'S WHAT YOU ALWAYS SAY!

RING!

HELLO...

UH-HUH... YEAH...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? I THOUGHT YOU WERE CHASING ME

I'M TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS ON THE PHONE

IT DOESN'T SEEM RIGHT TO CHASE ME AND DO OTHER STUFF

HOW'S THIS?

THAT'S BETTER

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