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Businessman was 'an astute visionary'

Scott Rumph Jr. was one of Sumter's most successful entrepreneurs.

A 1949 graduate of The Citadel, he returned to Sumter after a stint in the service and began a business career that spanned more than 60 years.

"He was an astute visionary," said Pat Sears, who worked for Rumph for many years. "From a business standpoint, he could assess people and situations and turn that into a business opportunity."

His father, Scott Rumph Sr., was an Amoco Oil jobber. Upon his death, his

son and widow took over the business, Sumter Petroleum Company.

From there, the younger Rumph created nothing less than a business empire, founding and growing companies such as Palmetto Gas Company and Sumter Transport Company.

Sears said Rumph was a man of great integrity.

"To him, a deal was a deal and he would make a deal on a handshake,"

Sears said. "If it didn't turn out, he would take his lumps with everybody else."

Sumter Item archivist and local historian Sammy Way said he was always impressed by the entrepreneur.

"I was an admirer of his accomplishments and involvement in the community," Way said. "He was always very kind and willing to help people."

He said Rumph always wore a smile. "He could remember what you did and made you feel positive about yourself," he said.

Rumph was involved in his community and was generous with his giving. He was a frequent contributor to *The Sumter Item's* Fireside Fund and donated a generous amount of money to Sumter Cemetery, where he was a board member.

Rumph was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Broadwell Rumph, and a son, Edwin Broadwell Rumph. He is survived by a daughter, Emily Rumph Bourgeois, a son, Robert Maitland

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Laundry processor opens in Bishopville

BY BRUCE MILLS
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BISHOPVILLE — The parking lot at the former Lee County-owned speculative building in the Interstate 20 Industrial Park is close to full for the first time ever, and many area residents are thankful this Thanksgiving holiday weekend for new jobs with a new major employer.

Crown Health Care Laundry Services opened its fifth U.S. laundry processing facility in Bishopville on Nov. 5. With the new plant/warehouse operation comes 153 jobs within three years for the small rural community.

According to company officials, Crown is the leader in the Southeast in the growing health care linen services sector.

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Crown employee Steven Hickmon lays folded pillow cases on a conveyor line at the Bishopville plant last week. The linen-processing warehouse opened for business on Nov. 5.

Church delivers Thanksgiving meals to needy



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Dwayne Hodges organizes Thanksgiving meals that Community Church gave to needy families for the holiday. The 25 boxes of meals that came from the IGA on Pinewood Road were purchased with donations that Community Church members accumulated over about three months by putting a few dollars in at a time.

Man doesn't let cancer diagnosis keep him from helping others

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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He wasn't going to let a cancer diagnosis stop him from helping others have a Thanksgiving meal.

When Dwayne Hodges organized the collection and delivery of 25 already-made turkeys and sides to people in his Pinewood Road community who otherwise wouldn't have a way to celebrate the holiday, he knew they were more in need than what his stage 1 acute leukemia was putting on him.

Hodges used to feed the homeless with his mother, and he said using his role as event coordinator at Community Church — on Pinewood before it

goes through Manchester State Forest — to reach out to people in need reminds him of "where I came from" and of the people who helped his mother when his family "had nothing."

"We've only been here about 15 months," he said of the 35-member church. "We just wanted to do something for the community. There's nothing here."

The building was a bar called Sandy's Place some 30 years ago, and it has been a barbecue restaurant, too, but on the day before Thanksgiving this week it was a meeting location where people picked up a few of the food boxes and delivered them to houses.

Hodges said many of the recipients

are single parents or elderly.

He delivered a box to a man dying of cancer, he said, which reminded him that he still wants to help people even though he is also sick.

The 25 boxes that came from the IGA on Pinewood Road were purchased with donations the church's members accumulated over about three months by putting a few dollars in at a time.

Helping people and families in need is not just a holiday occasion at Community Church.

"We don't charge if someone needs a place to have a funeral, wedding," Hodges said. "We're open to anyone."

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More than 2,500 registered for Christmas parade

Santa Claus will ring in the season with Dec. 3 event

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Evening Optimist Club, will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3, on Main Street.

The theme for this year's parade is "It's a Wonderful Life."

The parade will begin at the corner of North Main and Dubose streets and proceed southward on Main Street to Bartlette Street.

Spectators are reminded to arrive early to select their favorite viewing location, as all streets that intersect with Main Street between Dubose and Bartlette streets will begin closing at 1:30 p.m.

Leading units of the parade will arrive at the old courthouse about 2:15 p.m., and the final units will pass the courthouse about 3:25 p.m. and reach Bartlette Street at approximately 3:40 p.m. Of course, jolly old Saint Nick will be there to fill everyone with the Christmas spirit.

More than 100 units — with more than 2,500 participants — registered for the event, according to the Evening Optimist Club parade committee.

Spectators will enjoy colorful floats, dance teams, beauty queens, marching bands and many more festive holiday entries.

Palmetto College Campus Dean Michael Sonntag of University of South Carolina Sumter is parade grand marshal. USC Sumter students and athletic teams will take part in the parade.

Parade units will include local emergency service agencies: Sumter Police Department, Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Sumter Fire Department, Shaw Air Force Base Fire Department and Sumter County EMS. Many local churches and businesses will also be featured, as well as Shriner's organizations and other civic clubs.

Sumter, Lakewood and Crestwood high schools will be well represented with several parade entries, including AFJROTC units, cheerleaders, school queens, choruses and performances by the Sumter and Crestwood high school marching bands. Lake Marion High School will also be represented by its Junior Army ROTC.

Multiple elementary and middle schools are also participating including Archway Academy, Kids First Acade-

my, Westside Christian Academy; Kingsbury, Millwood, Rafting Creek and Willow Drive elementary schools; and Bates, Furman, Hillcrest middle schools.

And dancers from Miss Libby's School of Dance, Freed School of Performing Arts, Dreamworks Dance Academy and Caroline Mack Center for the Arts will be dancing to the beat of your favorite holiday songs. Numerous area queens will be featured including Iris Festival Queens and Miss Swan Lake.

Evening Optimist Club thanks the following sponsors for their generous support of the Sumter Christmas Parade: Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital, Pilgrim's Pride, Archway Academy, All-South Federal Credit Union, Hill Printing and SAFE Federal Credit Union.

Turkey Trot tradition continues for 35th year



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Runners, pets and children take to the road in the YMCA's 35th Annual Turkey Trot 5K and Gobbler Dash on Thursday.

Demand is high, spots few for S.C. physician assistants

BY LAUREN SAUSSER
Post and Courier

When Dustin Hayes was a biology major at the University of South Carolina, he thought about going to medical school.

He decided to become a physician assistant instead. He'll still take care of patients, prescribe drugs and may choose to specialize in a niche practice. But tuition for PA school will cost him far less than medical school and the course load will take about half the time.

"I like the fast track," said Hayes, who grew up in Mullins,

near Florence. "I like the fact that we are so flexible we can go into a lot of different specialties."

In 2019, Hayes will graduate from PA school at the Medical University of South Carolina, a program that has become particularly competitive.

Helen Martin, the director of physician assistant studies at MUSC, said 1,600 applicants recently applied for the program. More than 700 of them were considered qualified and nearly 200 will be interviewed for only 60 seats.

"It is a growing profession. It has been for a number of years. We are at the top of the market right now," Martin said. "There is a shortage of health care providers. This profession fits that need."

Physician assistants work under the leadership of doctors, but in many ways, their roles are nearly identical. They examine patients, diagnose illness and provide treatment. PAs earn less than most doctors but still typically bring in \$100,000 a year. For these reasons and others, placement into

MUSC's PA program has become slightly more competitive than its medical school, according to data published on MUSC's website.

Meanwhile, other schools are trying to cash in on the demand.

Martin recently told the MUSC Board of Trustees that five other schools in South Carolina have opened PA programs, creating a challenge for her department. As students flood the market, it becomes harder to find space in real-world clinical settings to

train them.

"There's only a certain number of clinical sites in South Carolina, and we're all competing," Martin said.

Members of the MUSC Board of Trustees expressed interest in growing the PA program, but that will have to wait. The PA program at MUSC lost accreditation in 2012. It has since become accredited again, but the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants will not allow MUSC to grow its class size for five years.

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VA study shows parasite from Vietnam may be killing vets

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The Associated Press

HEROLD, W.Va. — A half century after serving in Vietnam, hundreds of veterans have a new reason to think they may be dying from a silent bullet — test results show some men may have been infected by a slow-killing parasite while fighting in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

The Department of Veterans Affairs this spring commissioned a small pilot study to look into the link between liver flukes ingested through raw or undercooked fish and a rare bile duct cancer. It can take decades for symptoms to appear. By then, patients are often in tremendous pain, with just a few months to live.

Of the 50 blood samples submitted, more than 20 percent came back positive or bordering positive for liver fluke antibodies, said Sung-Tae Hong, the tropical medicine specialist who carried out the tests at Seoul National University in South Korea.

“It was surprising,” he said, stressing the preliminary results could include false positives and that the research is ongoing.

Northport VA Medical Center spokesman Christopher Goodman confirmed the New York facility collected the samples and sent them to the lab. He would not comment on the findings but said everyone who tested positive was notified.

Gerry Wiggins, who served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, has already lost friends to the disease. He was among those who got the call.

“I was in a state of shock,” he said. “I didn’t think it would be me.”

The 69-year-old, who lives in Port Jefferson Station, New York, didn’t have any symptoms when he agreed to take part in the study but hoped his participation could help save lives. He immediately scheduled further tests, discovering he had two cysts on his bile duct, which had the potential to develop into the cancer, known as cholangiocarcinoma. They have since been removed, and for now, he’s doing well.

Though rarely found in Americans, the parasites infect an estimated 25 million people worldwide, mostly in Asia.

Endemic in the rivers of Vietnam, the worms can easily be wiped out with a handful of pills early on, but left untreated they can live for decades without making their hosts sick. Over time, swelling and inflammation of the bile duct can lead to cancer. Jaundice, itchy skin, weight loss and other symptoms appear only when the disease is in its final stages.

The VA study, along with a call by Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer of New York for broader research into liver flukes and cancer-stricken veterans, began after The Associated Press raised the issue in a story last year. The reporting found that about 700 veterans with cholangiocarcinoma have been seen by the VA in the past 15 years. Less than half of them submitted claims for service-related benefits, mostly because they were not aware of a possible connection to Vietnam. The VA rejected 80 percent of the requests, but decisions often appeared to be haphazard or contradictory, depending on what desks they landed on, the AP found.

The number of claims submitted reached 60 in 2017, up from 41 last year. Nearly three out of four of those cases were also denied, even though the government posted a warning on its website this year saying veterans who ate raw or undercooked freshwater fish while in Vietnam might be at risk. It stopped short of urging them to get ultrasounds or other tests, saying there was currently no evidence the vets had higher infection rates than the general population. “We are taking this seriously,” said Curt Cashour, a



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A display of preserved liver fluke parasites is seen in 2016 at the Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand. Hundreds of veterans may have been infected with the parasites, which has been linked to a rare bile duct cancer, after eating raw or undercooked fish while serving in Vietnam.

spokesman with the Department of Veterans Affairs. “But until further research, a recommendation cannot be made either way.”

Veteran Mike Baughman, 65, who was featured in the previous AP article, said his claim was granted early this year after being denied three times. He said the approval came right after his doctor wrote a letter saying his bile

duct cancer was “more likely than not” caused by liver flukes from the uncooked fish he and his unit in Vietnam ate when they ran out of rations in the jungle. He

now gets about \$3,100 a month and says he’s relieved to know his wife will continue to receive benefits after he dies. But he remains angry that other veterans’ last days are consumed by fighting the same government they went to war for as young men.

“In the best of all worlds, if you came down with cholangiocarcinoma, just like Agent Orange, you automatically were in,” he said, referring to benefits granted to veterans exposed to the toxic defoliant sprayed in Vietnam. “You didn’t have to go fighting.”

Baughman, who is thin and weak, wishes the VA would do more to raise awareness about liver flukes and to encourage Vietnam veterans to get an ultrasound that can detect inflammation.

“Personally, I got what I needed, but if you look at the bigger picture with all these other veterans, they don’t know what necessarily to do,” he said. “None of them have even heard of it before. A lot of them give me that blank stare like, ‘You’ve got what?’”



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COST \$15

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CLASS DATE Thursday, Dec. 7
CLASS TIME 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
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CLASS DATE Monday, Dec. 18
CLASS TIME 6-8 p.m.
COST Free

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GROUP MEETS Monday, Dec. 4
TIME 10 a.m.
LOCATION Women and Infants Pavilion Classroom
COST Free

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GROUP MEETS Monday, Dec. 18
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'A Very Southern Christmas'

5 homes will be featured in 67th annual Holiday House Tour and Tea

BY BONNIE DISNEY

Special to The Sumter Item

The Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter will host its 67th annual Holiday House Tour and Tea in Sumter on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017. This year, the theme of the tour is "A Very Southern Christmas" with five featured homes. The tour hours will be from noon until 6 p.m. The tickets can be purchased at each house on the day of the tour or at the Garden Center from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. The tickets featuring original art by Betty Reese can be purchased before the day of the tour at the Sumter Visitors Center at Swan Lake now through Friday, Dec. 1. Children 12 and under are free. The Holiday House Tea will be hosted by the Azalea Garden Club at the Alice Boyle Garden Center, 842 West Liberty St., from 3 to 5 p.m. All ticket holders are invited to come.

This year, special musical events and groups will be featured at each holiday house:

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• 4 to 6 p.m. — music from the Scape Ore Bluegrass Band

Scarborough House

• Noon to 12:30 p.m. — Crestwood High School Chorus

• 12:30 to 1 p.m. — Furman Middle School chorus

• 2 to 2:45 p.m. — Willow Drive fourth- and fifth-grade chorus

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The Henry L. Scarborough House

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In August 2015, Willie Brunson, a prominent attorney in Sumter, bought the "Scarborough House" to use for his law firm that he opened in January 2016. The house was previously owned by Substation II.

In addition to practicing law, Brunson has spent time researching the history of the house and its features as well as planning the restoration of the house. To furnish the house, he found antique furniture that fits the décor. Because the house is now used for Brunson's law firm, the furniture and accessories are used as well as admired.

To help understand and preserve the Scarborough House's history, the Sumter County Historical Society erected a metal sign in front of the house in 1995 that says:

"The Henry Lee Scarborough House was built 1908-1909 by Scarborough (1866-1929), a leading Sumter County farmer, business man, and public servant serving as county treasurer (1894-1902), commissioner of public works for six years and clerk of court (1912-1929). The house, an excellent example of the Neo-Classical Revival style, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1995."

Although the house has two levels, only the expansive bottom floor will be available for the tour. The flooring comprises restored heart pine and maple, both original to the house. Likewise, oak and dark mahogany wainscoting and judges paneling are found in various rooms. Throughout the house, the rooms have 12-foot ceilings, plaster walls with wainscoting, built-in bookcases, hand-blown glass windows, pocket doors, a staircase and chandeliers. The rooms today have a variety of purposes related to the needs of the law firm; however, these rooms in 1910 may have had different names and functions, such as a parlor, men's smoking room with a bar, a dining room, a butler's pantry and doorway, a study by the staircase, a back entry hallway and perhaps a music room. Of special interest are the metal covers of the coal burning fireplaces and the surrounding hand-carved mantels and tiger eye oak paneling around the brick on the fireplace. Each fireplace is different and worth studying for its craftsmanship.

Besides the large antiques that include Empire pieces circa 1890 that are throughout the house, Brunson has a number of smaller antiques for those who love history and the study of the culture of a bygone era. A few of the most unusual include South Carolina dispensary bottles from about 1890, a National cash register, a Thomas Edison ediphone, telephones by Sumter Telephone Manufacturing that was on Harvin Street, a Victrola that still can be played, framed deeds from 1822 and 1842 and a Civil War surgical knife.

A special room that has been added on the house for the law firm is a mock trial room in which Brunson and his attorney's prepare for litigation.



Home of David Deprill

DAVID DEPRILL

32 Frank Clarke St.

Framed by a large oak tree to the right of his home and a multiple tiered fountain to the left, David Deprill's vintage home is an inviting setting for 'A Very Southern Christmas.'

An interior designer, Deprill has created separate Christmas themes that flow into each room. All the decorated Christmas trees, as well as each room's Christmas décor, are heartwarming and stunning, creating a Christmas feast for the eyes.

Using a variety of Christmas themes and interesting decorations, Deprill has placed large Christmas trees throughout his vintage, 1948 ranch-style home. The entryway and main living room showcase traditional Christmas décor in red, green and gold on the trees and mantel. In the music room, the baby grand piano comes to life as local pianist Tristan Pack and vocalist Cierra Stewart entertain guests. The tree in the music room features a musical theme, complete with carolers and elves. Even the hallway in David's home is made special, showcasing artwork by his grandfather, the late William J. Reynolds. A guest bedroom is showcased with a tree featuring pineapple décor, a snowman room is sure to inspire the spirit of winter, and the den décor evokes the woodlands with bird and animal decorations. The dining room is more formal, with a Christmas theme featuring elegant glass and crystal on the tree and a chandelier appointed in the same fashion. Finally, in the kitchen, Jane Sterling, of Entertain with Jane, recalls Christmases past as she prepares and serves cookies and cider.



Home of Connie and William Turner Brogdon III

CONNIE and WILLIAM TURNER BROGDON III

Brogdon Farms
4470 U.S. 521 S.

Connie and William Turner's home was built in 1839 by John Bagnal Brogdon. Throughout its 178 years, seven generations of Brogdons have lived in this house — John Bagnal, William Turner, John Clint, William Turner

Sr. (Bill), William Turner Jr. (Billy), William Turner III (W.T.), and William Turner IV (Turner). Over time, many renovations have taken place as each new generation faced the opportunities and challenges of living in an older family house.

Connie and W.T. Brogdon III moved into the house in 1995 and have since made necessary changes. They have added a bathroom, removed a wall to enlarge a room, remodeled the kitchen, moved the laundry room, added a screen porch and lowered some ceilings. Although the original flooring may be now subflooring, the Brogdons have recently refinished wood flooring that was put in sometime in the 1940s. Over its 178 years, the house has been transformed from one with an outdoor kitchen and privy to a home with modern-day conveniences and appliances.

Connie and W.T. have found ways to feature much of the Brogdons' rich history through their decorating. W.T. used antique wooden doors from the old Brogdon Depot at the Brogdon railroad stop where his grandfather, William Turner Sr., ran a general store. He has refinished and stained the wood to make unique wooden doors on either side of a large entryway between the hall and dining room. In addition, he has fashioned a door jamb out of wooden beams from the "old Smith house" (1853) for the entryway between the kitchen and dining room. Above this entryway in the kitchen rests a large Brogdon sign that used to stand by the railroad stop to inform the train's personnel of the community in which the train was stopping.

During the Civil War, this home stood directly in the path of history as Union soldiers traveled from Manning to Sumter, looting and burning properties along the way. This crucial part of history came to be known as Potter's Raid, named after Gen. Edward E. Potter, who answered Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's orders. The story of Potter's Raid has been passed down through the generations and recorded by Cassie Nicholes in her book "Historical Sketches of Sumter County: Its Birth and Growth." The following is from the book:

"She (Grandmother Brogdon) watched as all the outhouses on the premises went up in flames and a soldier was placing a blaze beneath her beloved home. In desperation she gave the Masonic signal of distress. Instantaneously, the officer in charge ordered the fire extinguished . . . Thus the beautiful old house was saved."

Pictures of the seven generations of Brogdon men are proudly displayed in the library. The portrait of Lillis Turner Brogdon, W.T.'s mother, overlooks the room from its place above the fireplace. The painting, along with many others in the house, was painted by her mother. In the hall, pictures of the family throughout the years are displayed on a rustic work shed door.

Outside the house, the family enjoys the screened-in porch, the patio, pergola, fire pit and other beautiful natural settings surrounding the house.



Home of Billy and Kristi Downer

BILLY and KRISTI DOWNER

3435 U.S. 521 S.

The home of Billy and Kristi Downer was built circa 1875 and has a rich history. The original builder, a veteran of the battle at Dingle's Mill during the Civil War, was John Ingram Brogdon. He and his wife, Susan Rebecca, lived in the house until their deaths. Jake, a son, inherited the house, and he and his wife, Louise, enjoyed the house with their family until their deaths. Louise taught school at the nearby Brogdon schoolhouse. Family and neighbors recall the house as a "happy place" where family reunions were held. Recollections of Potter's Raid by Allan Thigpen includes a modern picture of the home along with another picture from 1918 of Mr. and Mrs. John Ingram Brogdon. The home is located on U.S. 521 South, also known as Manning Highway, where Potter's Union troops marched to Sumter during Potter's Raid.

In March 2008, the Downers purchased the house. At that time, the house had been vacant for more than 14 years. The front roof and the porch were severely damaged, the columns were rotten, and much of the exterior of the

home was covered in vines. By February of 2009, renovations were completed, and the Downer family moved into the house. Many of the original features of the home were saved, such as the banister rails on the front porch, the hand-blown glass surrounding the front door, interior porcelain door knobs, the widow's porch, wainscoting and the heart pine stairway. Other areas of the home needed to be renovated and modernized. Because much of the upper floor was burned in 1902, that part of the house was reconstructed with 8-foot ceilings unlike the bottom floor, which features the original 12-foot ceilings. Most windows, the kitchen and some other living areas needed considerable renovation to be livable. While some walls are still made with plaster, other walls have sheetrock that covers older plastered walls. Only two fireplaces remain, but both have been sealed and are not used now.

Furniture, family pictures and personal items are displayed throughout the home. Billy's Citadel dress gray uniform, mounted in a shadow box, is a centerpiece in the main hallway, along with an original hand-painted brick featuring the Padgett-Thomas Barracks on the Citadel campus. Family include a hall tree and a Duncan Phyfe table and chairs. Other notable antiques include the dining room table and chairs along with a settee in the bedroom.

Traditional Christmas decorations include a live tree and ceramic Santa Clauses hand painted by Kristi's mother, Joan Lee, of Sumter.

Not to be missed are the special trees in the yard area. A live oak, estimated to be more than 200 years old, claims its spot near the home. The limbs of this tree, one of the largest in the county, spread across the side yard. Jake's handiwork may be appreciated by admiring the old camellias around the house. A banana "bush" has become a tree near the patio, and holly bushes, too, think they are trees.

The Downers are the newest generation to live in, love and care for the 142-year-old Brogdon house.



Home of Carmela Bryan and Michael Duffy

CARMELA BRYAN and MICHAEL DUFFY

422 Calhoun St.

Built in 1979, the house at 422 Calhoun St. underwent significant renovations when Carmela and Michael purchased it in 2014. With the help of Randy Abbott, a local interior designer, they transformed the traditional interior of the house into a contemporary, clean setting throughout. The home also reflects the lifestyles and artistic natures of Duffy, Abbott and Bryan, who are well known in Sumter for their contributions and participation in the Sumter Little Theatre and the Sumter Cultural Center.

Upon entering the arched front doorway, one is both visually and physically drawn through the arched hallway to the off-white sofa in the sunroom with its backdrop of aquamarine water in the backyard swimming pool. With a few exceptions such as Bryan's Le Corbusier lounge chair, the furniture is not any room's sole focus. Rather, the paintings and sculpture help define the living space and encourage interesting conversations regarding the art pieces.

Duffy's original drawings are located downstairs, and his mask sculptures are placed inside and outside. Bryan, originally from Naples, Italy, has inherited many landscape and portrait oil paintings from her mother and father, both of whom were art connoisseurs and collectors of fine art. Most of these pieces are originals by Italian artists from the Tuscan School from the 19th century. Other local artworks include watercolor paintings by the late Rose Metz as well as works by Amanda Cox, Shane Edge and Abbott. Bryan found and purchased several contemporary and abstract artworks by international artists whose works have been shown at the Sumter County Gallery of Art. These artists include Michael Broadway, Wayne Thornley, Frank McCauley, Marcelo Novo and Persi Naravaez.

Although Christmas decorations are somewhat subdued, Carmela and Michael have a home that is alive with the celebration of the arts.



MISS ACHZIGER



MISS BARWICK



MISS BELK



MISS CRAWFORD



MISS CUNNINGHAM



MISS DUBOSE



MISS FISHER



MISS GOODSON



MISS HILL



MISS JACKSON



MISS KELLEY



MISS LYLES



MISS MUNN



MISS NOONAN



MISS OSTEEN

The Cotillion Club

The Cotillion Club will present six debutantes on Thursday, Dec. 28, at Sunset Country Club.

Madeline Rebecca Crawford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kristopher Robert Crawford, will be presented by her father and escorted by Garrett Lawrence Kirby and Parker Lee Lamont. She is sponsored by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wayne Gamble III.

Elizabeth Kent Cunningham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kent Newton Cunningham, will be presented by her father and escorted by William Ballard Kinney and Samuel Larand Watford.

Lauren Melinda Goodson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Arthur Goodson III, will be presented by her father and escorted by James Arthur Goodson IV and Jacob Turner Bryan.

Catherine Grace Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ferguson Kelley Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Ramon Grier Schwartz and Robert Wesley James.

Mary Margaret Munn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rhett Munn Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Edward Brode McMillan and Chandler Durant Stone.

Mary Frances Stuckey, daughter of Elizabeth Lang Britton Stuckey and James Davis Stuckey III, will be presented by her grandfather, Dr. John James Britton, and escorted by Myers Christian Noyes and Trenton Joseph Hodges. She is sponsored by her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. John James Britton.

State Sen. Joseph Thomas McElveen III is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Joseph Thomas McElveen III. Mrs. George Coggin James Jr. is debutante chairwoman.

The Carolinian Ball

The Carolinian Ball will present five debutantes and five sons on Friday, Dec. 15, at Sunset Country Club.

McLean Marie Achziger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Walter Achziger Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Kiel Curran Bilton and Granger Keith Rabon.

Elizabeth Kent Cunningham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kent Newton Cunningham, will be presented by her father and escorted by William Ballard Kinney and Robert Wesley James.

Nicolette Kaitlyn Fisher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bret Ernst Fisher, will be presented by her father and escorted by John Evans Boyle and James Patrick Muldrow.

Lauren Melinda Goodson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. James Arthur Goodson III, will be presented by her father and escorted by James Arthur Goodson IV and Samuel Larand Watford.

Lauren Wynn Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Leverne Hill Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Blaze Evan Robertson and Thomas Preston Thompson III.

Sophomore sons being presented are: Dylan Matthew Kolb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Eric Kolb; Turner Champ Newman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Leverne Newman Jr.; Brandon Scott Spittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Scott Spittle; William Charles Stallings, son of retired Lt. Col. and Mrs. William Lee Stallings III; and Samuel Larand Watford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Benjamin Watford.

Mr. Francis Leverne Newman Jr. is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Anthony Ray Scott. Debutante chairwoman is Mrs. Roger McSwain Armfield.

The Camellia Ball

The Camellia Ball will present eight debutantes and three sons on Friday, Dec. 22, at Sunset Country Club.

Mary Paisley Belk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Clark Belk, will be presented by her father and escorted by Coleman Chase Belk and Samuel Larand Watford.

Elizabeth Kent Cunningham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kent Newton Cunningham, will be presented by her father and escorted by William Ballard Kinney and Edward Brode McMillan.

Nicolette Kaitlyn Fisher, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bret Ernst Fisher, will be presented by her father and escorted by David Allen Tussey and William Tradd Watterson Stover.

Mary Caroline Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly Jackson, will be presented by her father and escorted by Cecil Kelly Jackson Jr. and Harris Ellis Jordan.

Catherine Grace Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ferguson Kelley Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Ramon Grier Schwartz and Ronald Wilson Kelley.

Anna Christian Lyles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Clifford Lyles Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Bryson Clifford Lyles and Brayden Davis Fidler.

Mary Margaret Munn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rhett Munn Jr., will be presented by her father and es-

orted by Chandler Durant Stone and Brent Allen Carraway.

Riley Elizabeth Noonan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Thomas Noonan Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Daniel Christopher Spencer and Daniel Evan Tallon. She is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. David Pate Merchant.

Sophomore sons being presented are: Brent Allen Carraway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Dewayne Carraway; Samuel Larand Watford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Benjamin Watford; and Brandon Scott Spittle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Scott Spittle.

Mr. Harold Raymond Waynick is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Robert Young. Debutante chairwoman is Mrs. Harold Raymond Waynick.

Les Trente

Les Trente will present three debutantes on Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Sunset Country Club.

Mary Frances Stuckey, daughter of Elizabeth Lang Britton Stuckey and James Davis Stuckey III, will be presented by her grandfather, Dr. John James Britton, and escorted by Myers Christian Noyes and Trenton Joseph Hodges. She is sponsored by her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. John James Britton.

Mary Margaret Munn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rhett Munn Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Chandler Durant Stone and Edward Brode McMillan.

Margaret Wells Osteen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Brown Osteen, will be presented by her father and escorted by John Braden Tuttle and Joseph Andrew Hedrick.

Mr. Shawn Michael Matthews is president of the club. Mrs. Shawn Michael Matthews is the ball chairwoman, and Mrs. LeRoy Payne Creech is debutante chairwoman.



MISS SMITH



MISS STUCKEY

The Assembly

The Assembly will present one debutante on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at Sunset Country Club.

Margaret Wells Osteen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Brown Osteen, will be presented by her father and escorted by Kyle Brown Osteen Jr. and John Evans Boyle.

Dr. MacDonald Mayes DuBose is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. MacDonald Mayes DuBose. Debutante chairwoman is Mrs. LeRoy Payne Creech.

The Trian Club

The Trian Club will present three debutantes on Thursday, Dec. 21, at Sunset Country Club.

Mary Caroline Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kelly Jackson, will be presented by her father and escorted by Cecil Kelly Jackson Jr. and Miles Hamilton Cox.

Taylor Danielle Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gant Smith, will be presented by her father and escorted by Joshua

Charles Barnett and Britton Conley Beatson.

Leah Elizabeth Barwick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Eugene Barwick, will be presented by her father and escorted by William Pierce Thompson and William Allen Barwick.

Mr. Cecil Kelly Jackson is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Burke Watson Jr. Mrs. Brandon Tripp McElveen is debutante chairwoman.

The Sumter Ball

The Sumter Ball will present two debutantes on Monday, Dec. 18, at Sunset Country Club.

Madeline Rebecca Crawford, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Kristopher Robert Crawford, will be presented by her father and escorted by Garrett Lawrence Kirby and Parker Lee Lamont. She is sponsored by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wayne Gamble III.

Patricia Elizabeth DuBose, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Macdonald DuBose Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Talmadge Aley Johnson and James Edgar Mayes III.

Mr. Eugene King Weston is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Eugene King Weston, and debutante chairwoman is Mrs. Denny Wayne Parker.

The Epicurean Club

The Epicurean Club will present four sophomore sons on Saturday, Dec. 16, at Sunset Country Club.

They are: Connor McCoy Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stephen Curtis; Samuel Larand Watford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Benjamin Watford; Jacob Carter Reaves, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hill Reaves; and Coker Workman Lowder, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clayton Ralph Lowder III.

Mr. John Wilds James III is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. James Wilburn Bateman III, and debutante chairwoman is Mrs. William Neal Coulter.



MISS BRIGGS



MISS COFFEY



MISS GRAHAM



MISS HAM



MISS HUSSEY

The Lord Clarendon Cotillion

The Lord Clarendon Cotillion will present seven debutantes and one son at their annual ball on Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Sunset Country Club in Sumter.

Elizabeth Rose Coffey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Columbus Coffey III. She will be presented by her father and escorted by William Columbus Coffey IV and Reid Foster Darby. She is being sponsored by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Columbus Coffey Jr.

Callie Elizabeth Graham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tod Dodd Graham. She will be presented by her father and escorted by John William Graham and Tyler Logan Sprott.

Mackenzie Elaine Ham is the daughter of Mr. and Dr. Thomas Olin Ham. She will be presented by her father and escorted by Tyler Watson Baker and Lane Olin Ham. She is being sponsored by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. James Barry Ham.

Mary Geer Kirkland is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Waitus Keith Kirkland. She will be presented by her father and escorted by Bailey Henry

Kirkland and Kenneth Reaves Wannamaker. She is being sponsored by her grandmother, Mrs. Ben Geer Alderman Jr.

Caroline Elizabeth Land is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ceth Land. She will be presented by her father and escorted by James Ceth Land and William Anders Land.

Eadon Kressly Moody is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Holman Moody. She will be presented by her father and escorted by Robert McFaddin Moody and Troy Ingram Clifford. She is being sponsored by her great aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Gerald Robertson.

Olivia Dean Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Joe Wilson Jr. She will be presented by her father and escorted by John Joe Wilson III and Raymond Bradley Davis.

Son of members being presented is James Ceth Land, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ceth Land.

Harmon Burgess Sprott III is president of the Lord Clarendon Cotillion. Mrs. James Barry Ham is ball chairwoman, and Mrs. Theodore Mitchell Gardner is debutante chairwoman.



MISS KIRKLAND



MISS LAND



MISS MOODY

The Azalea Ball Cotillion

The Azalea Ball Cotillion will present five debutantes and two sons at its annual ball on Jan. 6, 2018, at the Matrix Center in Manning.

Grace Elizabeth Briggs is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edward Briggs III. She is being presented by her father and escorted by Matthew Anderson Nettles and John Thomas Eppley.

Callie Elizabeth Graham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tod D. Graham. She is being presented by her father and escorted by John William Graham and Tyler Logan Sprott.

Christian Wells Hussey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warren Hussey. She is being presented by her father and escorted by Benjamin

Dalton Page and Stephen Campbell Mims III. She is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Van Page.

Caroline Elizabeth Land is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ceth Land. She is being presented by her father and escorted by James Ceth Land and William Anders Land.

Olivia Dean Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Joe Wilson Jr. She is being presented by her father and escorted by John Joe Wilson III and Raymond Bradley Davis.

Sons of members being presented are: James Ceth Land, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ceth Land; and Jacob Carter Reaves, son of Mr. and Mrs.



MISS WILSON

James Hill Reaves. Steven Lyle DuBose is the president of the Azalea Ball Cotillion, Mrs. Stevenson Carl Gamble Jr. is the ball chairwoman, and Mrs. James Paul Eaddy is the debutante chairwoman.

WEDDING

Leviner-Weissenstein

Baleigh Anne Leviner and Alvin Paul Weissenstein III, both of Sumter, were united in marriage at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Tracy O'Neal Leviner and Ms. Sherry DeLong Leviner and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack LeRoy Leviner and Mr. and Mrs. Richard I. DeLong, all of Sumter. She graduated in 2014 from Laurence Manning Academy and expects to graduate in 2018 as a surgical tech from Central Carolina Technical College.

She has been employed part-time since 2013 with Palmetto Oyster House while attending school.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weissenstein Jr. of Sumter and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Paul Weissenstein Sr. of Walterboro and the late Mr. and Mrs. Homer Alfred Yenny of Columbia. He graduated in 2007 from the University of South Carolina with a degree in liberal arts. He is employed as a bartender at Palmetto Oyster House.

Senior Pastor Joseph James Jr. officiated at the ceremony.

Music was provided by Ms. Beth Lewellen.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a figure-flattering gown from Essence of Australia, meticulously designed with the perfect mix of classic lace and a modern fit-and-flare silhouette, featuring an illusion, sweet-heart neckline, sheer lace detailing and fabric-covered buttons.

Ashley Kay Self and Cathleen Nara Holland served as matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Megan McGee-Leviner, Ali Alexis Leviner and Tracy "Olivia" Leviner, sisters of the bride, and Alex Marie Filipiak and Stephanie Nicole Weissenstein. Mattison "Mattie" Grubb and Taylor Rae Leviner served as flower girls.

Carlos Sanders served as best man. Groomsmen were Charles Lansing, Mike Villegas, Drew Estep, Jimmie Jackson III, Nate Cannon, John Floyd and Matthew Grubb. Rinehart Joseph Taylor served as ring bearer.

Also participating was John Lewis "Louie" Mitchell, who escorted the mother of the bride.

The bride's parents held the reception at The O'Donnell House.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at their home.

The couple resides in Sumter.



MRS. ALVIN WEISSENSTEIN III

Husband won't lend an ear to wife with hearing loss

DEAR ABBY — I have hearing loss. My insurance isn't very good, and the monthly payments for hearing aids are the equivalent of a car payment, so I try my best and do without. People who know about my hearing loss will talk louder for me or let me know when they need my attention. Even strangers will repeat themselves or talk louder if I say I'm hard of hearing.

The problem is that my husband refuses to talk louder for me or make any attempt to improve our communication. He has gone as far as to threaten that he just won't talk to me anymore because he's sick of repeating himself. No matter how many times I say I can't hear, he practically whispers or will scream at the top of his lungs at me to make a point. It's like he's taking my hearing loss personally, as though somehow my hearing loss is my fault. I also feel he may have an ulterior motive for talking softer.

I feel depressed and isolated, and I'm not sure what to do. My marriage is falling apart.

I can't hear you in California

DEAR CAN'T HEAR — What he's doing is emotionally abusive.

Please have your hearing checked by an audiologist to determine how much of your hearing you have lost. Take your husband along so a professional can explain it to him. And be sure to ask if there may be lower-cost options for an assistive device that won't bust your budget.



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — When I was 17, I was engaged to a serviceman. I broke the engagement because my mother disapproved. I was young, naive, had no job or money, and I had never disobeyed my mom.

Big mistake! I have paid for it for more than 50 years. I have raised a family, but my heart is still with my young military man. I wake up in the middle of the night

thinking of him. I've dreamt about him all these years. I still cry and feel I can hardly breathe sometimes. I still love him. Thoughts of him are consuming my life. I wonder if anyone else has had these feelings this long.

I don't want to risk disturbing two families by contacting him in another state to apologize. Please advise me about what to do.

Seeking closure in the South

DEAR SEEKING CLOSURE — There is no magic wand I can wave to make those feelings go away. I can, however, point out that your memories of that young man are from the perspective of a 17-year-old girl with little life experience. Viewed from that perspective, the life (and person) you have idealized may be far from reality.

Because these thoughts have become obsessive, it would benefit you to talk them through with a licensed mental health professional. Please don't put it off any longer, because it's clear from what you have written that you are hurting and need professional help.

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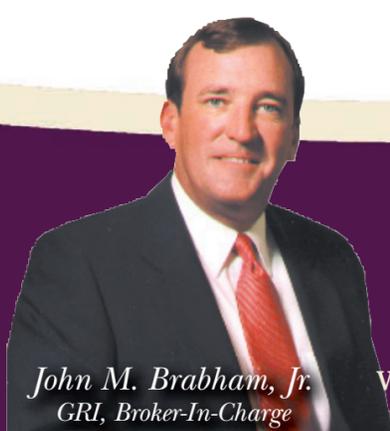


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Computer game comes thanks to 2 Supreme Court justices

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's first female justice, Sandra Day O'Connor, has helped teach millions of students civics through computer games created by an organization she founded. Now, with a push from the Supreme Court's first Hispanic justice, Sonia Sotomayor, the group has translated one of its games into Spanish.

The group iCivics, which O'Connor founded in 2009 after her retirement from the Supreme Court, now has 19 computer games that were played by 5 million students last year. Sotomayor, who grew up speaking Spanish at home, joined the organization's board in 2015. One of her first initiatives has been to try to make iCivics games more accessible to students learning English and others struggling with reading, she has said.

O'Connor and Sotomayor never served together on the high court, but they have found a common calling in advocating for civics education in schools.

"For me, civic education is the key to inspiring kids to want to become and stay involved in making a difference," Sotomayor said at an event in September at Washington's Newseum.

Games created by iCivics teach students concepts from how the nation's court system works and how laws are made to how presidential campaigns work and what it's like to be on a jury. Sotomayor has predicted iCivics "will change America" and may be O'Connor's "longest-

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lasting legacy."

The game iCivics has been updated in Spanish and is called "Do I Have a Right?" In it, players run a law firm. They listen to potential clients' stories, decide if their constitutional rights have been violated and, if so, match the clients with lawyers who can help. The game was first released in 2011, and iCivics says it has been played nearly 9 million times.

The Spanish language update is aimed at the almost 10 percent of public school students, about 4.6 million students, who are classified as English-language learners. The majority of them come from homes where Spanish is spoken.

On a recent Thursday morning, students in Phoebe Sherman's 11th grade U.S. history class at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Washington were some of the first to play the updated game. The students, almost all of them immigrants from Central America who are in a class of Eng-

lish-language learners, spent time answering the question "What is a right?" and coming up with examples before playing the game in pairs.

Some pairs chose to play in English while others chose Spanish. Some groups switched back and forth while playing. Aside from the Spanish translation, the game's new version also includes other updates for students struggling with English: a glossary that explains legal and other terms and an optional voiceover in the English game.

Zayra Granados, 17, who moved to the United States from El Salvador four years ago, was playing the game in Spanish. She read a question about whether a newspaper could be required by law to publish only happy news or if it had a right to publish a story about homelessness. The newspaper could publish the story about homelessness, she concluded.

"People have to know what is happening in their country," she said.

By the end of the period, she and her partner had just eked out a winning record, with their law firm winning eight cases and losing seven. She was happy about the wins.

"I want to learn about laws and stuff so I can know my rights," she said.

iCivics' executive director, Louise Dube, said her organization hopes to make all of its games available with modifications for English-language learners, though they don't yet have a timetable. Making changes to the current game cost \$400,000, and they'll have

to raise money to make more games available, she said.

O'Connor, who is now 87, said in a statement that her goal is to reach every student in America through iCivics.

"To do that, we need to be able to address the needs of all learners, including those who struggle with reading," she said. "I am delighted with the new game."

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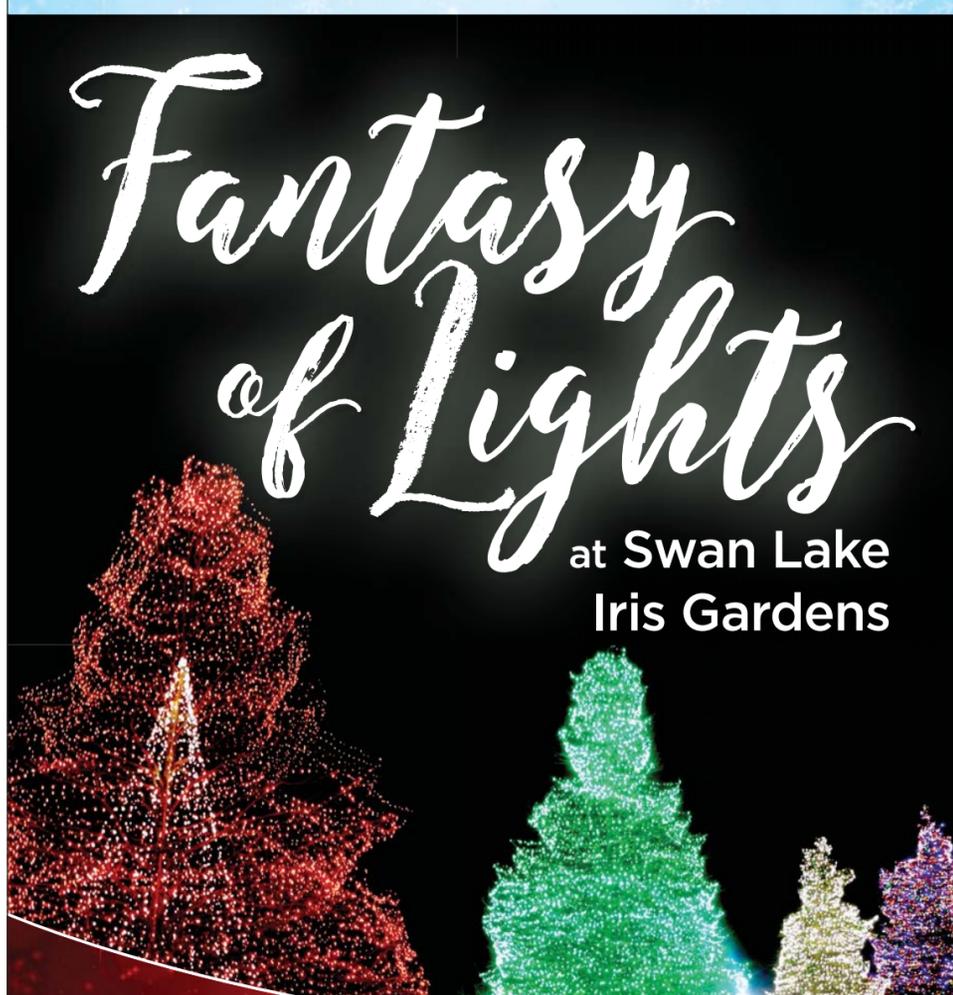
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COMMENTARY

Giving thanks for journalism

WASHINGTON — Thanksgiving is a splendid holiday but also a useful one. It reminds us that gratitude is a virtue. We owe the most satisfying parts of our lives to others and fool ourselves if we imagine otherwise.

We usually begin, rightly, by thanking our families since they are (if we are lucky) both the original and ongoing sources of love and nurture. But we should also be aware of our debt to institutions and their stewards. This year, a peculiar candidate for acknowledgment kept forcing its way into my thinking: journalism.

Since you are reading this in a newspaper or online at a media site, you might chuckle derisively at my presumption. The guy makes a living from journalism, so of course he's grateful.

True enough, but the political crisis we confront has encouraged a great many who are neither scribes nor broadcasters to consider why journalism matters to a democracy. Among the many helpful books and articles on this subject, I particularly recommend a 2009 essay by Paul Starr, a Princeton University professor.

One of his central observations, from cross-national studies: The lower the circulation of newspapers in a given country, the higher the level of corruption. Journalism, it turns out, is an essential restraint on abuses by the powers that be, and all the more so when the checks and balances inside government are faltering.

Since journalists are human beings, we are by our very natures flawed. It's not hard to point to our shortcomings. So in the interest of offering a model of what journalism is supposed to be (and, in the spirit of Thanksgiving, to express appreciation to someone I hold dear), permit me to introduce you to Shelly Binn, one of the best editors I will ever know.

Shelly, who died 11 years ago at the age of 83, was *The New York Times'* metropolitan political editor back when I covered state and local politics for the paper. One dramatic example will suffice to give you a sense of his devotion to service — and also of how much he loved politics.

On Nov. 3, 1944, Shelly, an Army anti-tank gunner, was gravely wounded in Holland and lost an eye. He was unconscious for four days, and when he finally came to, his very first question was not about his condition. He wanted to know if Franklin Roosevelt had won re-election.

Shelly believed passionately

that an essential journalistic task was to provide citizens with unbiased information so they could influence the decisions that affected them. At one news meeting, he and his colleagues pondered an article for the next day's paper about a proposed new master plan for development of Manhattan's West Side.

It was not the most exciting account, and one asked, "Can't we wait until they decide on it?"

To which Shelly shot back: "What the hell are we, Pravda?"

It's a question I hope we ask every day. Journalism shouldn't wait for some powerful "they" to settle things.

The best lesson Shelly ever taught me came when I shared information with him about alleged corruption by a politician. I knew another newspaper had it, too, but I wasn't sure it all

checked out.

Shelly said something more editors should be willing to say in this age of instant publication online: "Sometimes, it's better to be second."

He was not trying to quell my competitive instincts. He very much wanted us to be first when we were right. But above all, he didn't want us to be wrong, especially when someone's reputation was at stake.

The competing paper published the charges first — and they turned out to be false.

Shelly had a delightful way of signaling that a seemingly harebrained idea came from above. "This is high church," he would say. He was telling us that we had to deal with the idea somehow, but that he'd back us up if we reached conclusions the top brass had not expected. And he always did.

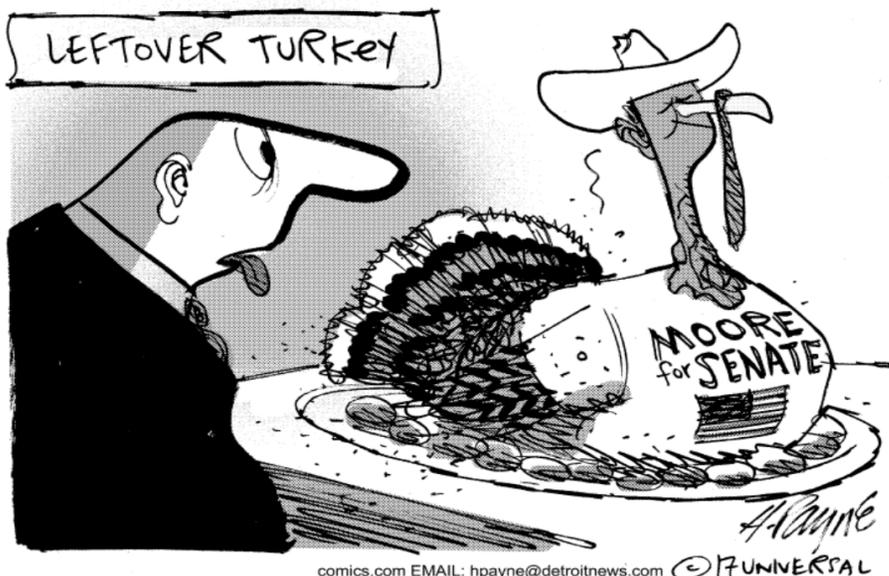
It might surprise regular readers that one of my very favorite editors was rather conservative in his politics as he became disillusioned with what he saw as liberalism's failures.

But his personal politics never shaped his view of what constituted a valuable story. The writer Charles Kaiser, also a Shelly fan, noted that he "was so utterly straight that his judgment was never clouded by ideology" or, more miraculously, by "internal politics."

This is what day-to-day reporting strives for, and I give thanks that I encountered someone early on who truly took this mission to heart.

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COMMENTARY

Merkel — and Davos — rebuked

It's been a tough era for Davos Man, the personification of the great and the good who meet in the World Economic Forum in that Swiss ski resort every January. The rebukes just keep coming. The European debt crisis. Brexit. Donald Trump. And now, and once again unexpectedly, Angela Merkel's failure to form a German government.

For a dozen years, European elites who have recoiled from George W. Bush and swooned over Barack Obama have regarded Merkel as a



Michael Barone

rock-solid firmament of good sense. Her considerable internal political skills, her seeming unflappable and her upholding of conventional

wisdoms, both well- and ill-founded, have made her a favorite at Davos.

Merkel has been the pillar of the European Union and seems to have been the dominant force behind the multiple responses to each of a succession of euro crises. It helps, of course, that Germany has Europe's largest economy, one mostly unscathed by the 2008 financial crisis — though that owes much to the Thatcherish labor law reforms of Merkel's predecessor, the Social Democrat Gerhard Schroeder.

By standard political science rules of thumb, Merkel and her Christian Democrats should have been a big winner in the Sept. 24 elections. The national unemployment rate is 3.7 percent. Inflation, the bugaboo of Germans since the 1920s, is low. The Social Democrats' leader is untested in national politics.

Yet the CDU and its Bavarian partner, the CSU, got only 33 percent of the vote — their lowest percentage since West Germany started voting in 1949. The SPD, arguably the

world's oldest social democratic party, plummeted to 21 percent. The two major parties thus barely topped 50 percent, compared with 76 to 77 percent from 1992 to 2002 and the high 60s from 2005 to 2013.

This, like Brexit in Britain and Trump's victory in the United States, was a slap in the face of the political, media and business establishment.

The reason is not hard to grasp: The establishment hasn't been performing very well of late. You don't have to be as harsh as former media baron and Franklin Roosevelt biographer Conrad Black, who wrote regarding the 2016 presidential election, "The previous 20 years of government had been utterly and bipartisanly incompetent, in the White House and the Congress," or *The New York Times'* sorta-conservative columnist David Brooks, who put it more succinctly: "Our elites really do stink."

You just have to look at what has been happening — in this case, in Europe — and how Angela Merkel ("a skilled and unideological dealmaker," says *The Economist*) has been following Davos theology on the European Union, climate change and immigration.

First, Europe. The euro, the common currency imposed on most of the EU (Britain wisely stayed out) in 2002, has not unified the Continent but divided it — and for the very reasons Margaret Thatcher set out in 1990: A supranational currency will not suit the needs of multiple countries with different economic cycles and economic cultures.

The solution of French President Emmanuel Macron and many Eurocrats is a continentwide finance ministry. That's a non-starter now, given Merkel's weakness, and probably always was. The avowed goal project of the European Union, "an ever closer union," has come unglued.

Second, climate change and energy. After Japan's Fukushima nuclear plant disaster

in 2011, Merkel unilaterally decided to shut down Germany's non-polluting nuclear plants and, in a country with unreliable sun and wind, rely on renewables. So Germany now imports American coal, has higher emissions and has hugely high electric rates.

Third, immigration. Europe has opened itself up to Muslim immigrants, has failed to assimilate them and suffers from increasing Islamic terrorism. Merkel upped the ante in September 2015 by inviting in more than 1 million unregistered "refugees," supposedly from Syria but also from distant Mali and Bangladesh.

Prophecies that they would supply the skilled labor low-birthrate Germany needs have proved laughable. Murder and sexual assaults, though covered up by the government and press, have been dismayingly frequent.

These unforced blunders, in line with the Davos mindset, helped the free market Free Democratic Party to rise from 5 to 11 percent and the unsavory nationalist Alternative for Germany to go from 5 to 13 percent. That left Merkel, understandably shunning the AfD and neo-communist Left Party and with the SPD no longer willing to join her CDU in coalition, trying to form a coalition with the FDP and Greens.

The FDP understandably balked at the Merkel/Green energy and immigration policies, leaving Merkel having to govern without a majority or face new elections. Merkel may be an admirable person, but Germans seem to have concluded that her Davos-praised policies "really do stink."

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LITTER ADS ARE A WASTE OF MONEY AROUND HERE

Every time I see the ad on TV where they sing, "No one trashes my state," I think it is a real waste of money. Apparently they have never driven along the bypass or any other highway in Sumter County.

Only time we get any relief of trash sightings is when the grass gets high; then comes the state mowers and things provided by so many inconsiderate persons is revealed. Recently I have observed full trash bags in the middle of roadways and have observed persons leaving a mobile home park with a trash bag on the trunk lid. Apparently intending to stop at the dumpster at the entrance to the park but forget and let the bag fall into the roadway. At one time, deputies were supposed to check the

bag contents to try and determine who dumped that trash and charge them appropriately. Apparently they have let that process go by the wayside.

Sumter County has established a group to discuss the trash problem; about the only thing they may accomplish is picking it up along with the inmates from SCDC. Take a drive on South Pike East from U.S. 76 to the Lake City Highway, you can quickly see how inconsiderate people can be with whatever they have in their hands or car can be jettisoned. Also, the many trash trucks that exit the bypass to get on U.S. 76 to go to the county landfill with debris flying out of them. "Uncommon Patriotism" may be alive and well in our community, but "No One Trashes My State" is a fallacy.

JIM AUSTIN
Sumter

SCOTT W. RUMPH JR.

Scott Winfield Rumph Jr. of Sumter entered into eternal life on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, after a courageous fight with renal cell carcinoma.



RUMPH

He was born in Sumter on Aug. 23, 1928, the son of the late Olive and Scott Winfield Rumph Sr.

Mr. Rumph spent his childhood years in Sumter where he graduated from Edmonds High School in 1945. He attended The Citadel and graduated in 1949 with a degree in civil engineering. Upon graduation, he served in the United States Air Force and was a veteran of the Korean War.

Returning to Sumter, he began a lifelong career in a family business, Sumter Petroleum Company.

During his 65-year business career, he started numerous companies including Palmetto Gas Corporation and Sumter Transport Company. He was an avid businessman who loved his work and his employees, a trait that earned him Businessman of the Year.

He was dedicated to maintaining strong business opportunities in the Sumter community and was a key supporter, as well as investor, to save plants that Sumter would otherwise have lost. He will be remembered for often taking an unusual business approach and was a mentor to many.

Mr. Rumph grew up at First Presbyterian Church, later serving as a deacon. He served on numerous boards including NBSC. He was an original board member and investor of Wilson Hall School.

Mr. Rumph never lost his love of flying and boating, two interests he acquired while at the Citadel.

He started the Mount Vernon Coffee Club in 1957. It brought him great joy and some of his closest friends through the years.

He is survived by his sons Scott Winfield Rumph III and wife Eileen and their children, Sarah Rumph Thomas and husband Jason Bart Thomas; Kathryn Rumph Ross and husband Jason Paul Ross of Sumter; Robert Maitland Rumph and wife Evalyn and their children, Robert Maitland Rumph Jr. and Molly Belle Rumph of Garden City; daughter Emily Rumph Bourgeois and her children, John Rion Bourgeois and wife Sarah Dickson Bourgeois of Charlotte, and Townsend Bourgeois Kinsler and husband Joshua Lewis Kinsler of Athens, Georgia. He leaves behind seven great-grandchildren, John Decamp "Camp" Kinsler and Margot McMillan Kinsler, Carmen Grace Thomas, Caleb Graham Thomas, Miller Olivia Ross, John Pierce "Jack" Bourgeois, Eleanor Broadwell Bourgeois; sister Nora Jane Throckmorton; and niece Helen Leigh Throckmorton.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 63 years, Dorothy "Dot" Broadwell Rumph; and his son Edwin Broadwell Rumph.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church of Sumter.

Honorary pall bearers will be from Mount Vernon Coffee Club.

The family will receive visitors in the fellowship hall following the service. Interment will be private at Sumter Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sumter Salvation Army, 16 Kendrick St., Sumter, SC 29150, or Wilson Hall School, 520 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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



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MICHAEL J. DENNY

Michael James "Mike" Denny, 49, died on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017.

Mike was born in Augusta, Georgia, on Oct. 14, 1968.



DENNY

His family moved to South Carolina when Mike started high school. Mike made many lasting friendships at both Spring Valley High School in Columbia and at Wilson Hall in Sumter, where he spent his junior and senior years, graduating in 1987.

Mike graduated from Clemson University in 1992 with a B.S. in accounting.

He remained a dedicated fan of Clemson sports, especially football. He worked as a CPA in Atlanta before pursuing a career in law.

In 2002, Mike earned his J.D. cum laude from Indiana University, where he served as managing editor of the Indiana Law Journal.

Mike practiced business law in Charlotte for 15 years, earning recognition for his expertise. Before founding GreenSky Law in 2016, he was a partner with international law firm K&L Gates. He was proud of his involvement in pro bono legal work for various charitable causes.

He will be remembered as a true renaissance man for the range of his interests and enthusiasms. An excellent golfer, Mike qualified as a teaching pro after college.

He enjoyed philosophy, writing, and running, and he loved the mountains and music. He was an amateur guitarist and named his law firm after a favorite blue grass band.

Exceeding his enjoyment of these interests is the love Mike had for his four children. Together they enjoyed trips to the mountains, movie nights, and visits to Mimi and Papa's in Sumter.

Mike is survived by his parents, Bill and Martha Denny of Sumter; his wife Helen Johnson Denny; children, Fred, Mary, James, and Martha Denny, all of Charlotte, North Carolina; his sister, Leigh Handschumacher (Doug); brother, Scott Denny; nephew, Blake Handschumacher; and nieces, Ashley and Chloe Handschumacher. He is also survived by beloved aunts, Jo Ellen Denny Christianson and Violet Marie Shoback, and an uncle, James Baker Denny.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of McEwen Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Sardis Presbyterian Church, 6100 Sardis Road, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Memorials may be sent to Lily Pad Haven, lilypad-haven.org, a nonprofit organization that provides housing for survivors of human trafficking, or Sardis Presbyterian Church, sardis.org.

JOHNNY D. WESTMORELAND

Johnny Dale Westmoreland, 65, husband of Martha Kay Turner Westmoreland, died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at McLeod Hospice House.



WESTMORELAND

Born on June 2, 1952, in Sanford, North Carolina, he was a son of the late Jim Larson and Louise Cotton Westmoreland.

He was a member of Providence Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Sumter; a brother, Ray Westmoreland (Serena) of Laurens; two sisters, Peggy Rich (Keith) of Sumter, and Sandy Slye (Gerry) of The Villages, Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Providence Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Harold Greene, the Rev. Wayne McElveen and the Rev. Pat

Coffey officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Lawrence Preast, Anthony Preast, Tony Preast, Joshua Wilsey, Michael Jasperse, Ronnie Carroll, Stevie Carroll, and Christopher Strickland.

Honorary pallbearers will be Elias McDonald Preast, Jim Tingin, Jeffery Preast, Dargan Hodge, Keith Hodge, Billy Reville, Dave Amerson, Paul Rodgers, J.B. Hodge, Russell Hodge, David Judy, Jack Logan, Legrand Bradshaw, Dale Bradshaw, Charles Hodge, Jessie Preast, Nick Seruya, and Willie Green.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service from 1 to 2 p.m. at the church and other times at the home of his mother-in-law, Loretta Turner, 3406 Stone Road, Manning.

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

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

NAOMI CHESTNUT

Naomi Chestnut, 64, departed this life on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Aug. 10, 1953, in Sumter, a daughter of the late Rev. James W. and Lucille Manning Chestnut.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 950 Salterstown Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

MARGARET C. WRIGHT

Margaret Elizabeth China Wright, 87, youngest child of the late Frank and Louise Bossard China, was born on Sept. 22, 1930, in Sumter. She departed this life on Saturday, Nov. 18, 2017.

Margaret was united in holy wedlock to James Wright, who preceded her in death on their 47th wedding anniversary on Jan. 26, 1996.

Margaret loved the Lord. In her early youth, she was a member of Beulah AME Church. Margaret later joined St. Mark Seventh-Day Adventist Church, which is now Berea Seventh-Day Adventist Church, under Dr. Calvin B. Rock. Margaret was known for her big smile and hearty laugh. She loved her family and friends. She especially loved the little children.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a son, Edward (Alicia) Wright of Lawrenceville, Georgia; daughters, Genovia China (Wilbur) Richardson of Washington, D.C., Doris Ann Wright Waldon of Sanford, Florida, and Beverly Elizabeth Wright of the home; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; one sister-in-law, Chestina Chambers of Baltimore; dear and best friend, Hattie Mae McCoy of Sumter; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Mrs. Wright will be placed in the church at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday at Berea Seventh Day Adventist Church, 675 S. Lafayette Drive, Sumter, SC 29150, with Pastor Michael Miller, assisted by Pastor Marquis Jackson. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Park.

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

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

ISAAC THOMAS

BISHOPVILLE — Isaac Thomas entered eternal rest on Nov. 23, 2017, at Regency Hospital, Florence.

The family is receiving friends at 1856 Lucknow Road, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be an-

nounced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

HENRY SNIDER JR.

MANNING — Henry Snider Jr., 92, widower of Sadie Reid Snider, died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at Lake Marion Nursing Home, Summerton.

He was born on April 15, 1925, in Georgetown, a son of the late Henry Sr. and Rose Kennedy Snider.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister, Martha Conyers, 10974 Greeleyville Highway, Manning.

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

DELAREA B. COLEMAN

ALCOLU — Delarea Brockington Coleman, 70, widow of Sammie Coleman, died on Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017, at Carolinas Hospital System, Florence.

She was born on Jan. 8, 1947, in Cades, a daughter of the late Otis and Minnie Bradley Brockington.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Felicia Coleman, 1459 Barnhill Lane, Alcolu.

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

SHIRLEY PHILLIPS

On Monday, Nov. 20, 2017, at her home, God sent an angel to the bedside of Shirley Mae Miller Phillips and said to her, you have fought a good fight.

Shirley then closed her eyes to rest for her work has been done.

Born on May 6, 1939, in Sumter, she was the daughter of Robert and Sally Miller.

She attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of Lincoln High School, class of 1957. She attended Bethel AME Church.

She worked at Pioneer LTD and Crescent Tools for several years.

She was married to the late Robert A. Phillips and they were blessed with two sons.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memories her two sons, Reginald Phillips and Standley O. Phillips; a daughter-in-law, Patricia W. Phillips of Sumter; four sisters, Louise Miller of Sumter, Geraldine Allen of Las Vegas, Nevada, Wilma Burch of Jersey City, New Jersey, and Aleshia Miller of Florida; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a special care giver, Chandra Smiling of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her son, 5 Neal Street, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, with the Rev. Davie Brown — eulogist — officiating.

The funeral procession will leave from the home at 9:30 a.m.

Burial was in the Florence National Cemetery, 803 East National Cemetery Road, Florence.

These services have been entrusted to the Management and Staff of Williams Funeral Home, Inc., 821 North Main Street, Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

Visit us on the Web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

EDWARD D. ANDERSON

Edward David Anderson, departed this earthly life on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2017, at Blue Ridge Healthcare, Sumter.

"Ed" as he was called by his family and friends was born on Dec. 2, 1949, in Sumter County, to the late James and Jessie Robinson Anderson.

He was married to Doris Anderson — to this union one son was born, Edward Anderson Jr.

Ed leaves to cherish his

memory, his wife, Doris Anderson; son, Edward (Glynda) Anderson Jr. of Columbia; three brothers, James (Mary) Anderson of Sumter, Leroy (Betty) Anderson of Sumter; and Roosevelt Anderson of Wedgefield; and a grandson, Jayden Anderson of Columbia.

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

Mr. Anderson will be placed in the church at noon on Monday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Bethel AME Church of Wedgefield with Pastor Larry D. Clark officiating.

Interment will follow in Bethel AME Church Cemetery, Wedgefield.

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

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

ELINOR G. PHILLIPS

Elinor Gillmeister Phillips, 88, wife of Chester Everett Phillips, died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at Covenant Place.

Born in Deutsch-Krone, Germany, she was a daughter of the late Johannes Gillmeister and Adelheid Jeske Gillmeister.

She is survived by her husband of Sumter.

She was predeceased by her son, Steve Phillips

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday in the Chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

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

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



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SAMEL RAGIN

SUMMERTON — Samel Ragin, 35, died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter.

She was the daughter of Hunsten Baxter Ragin and Bobby Frierson. She was born on Sept. 8, 1982, in Sumter.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her mother, 2 Grant Martin St., Summerton.

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

TIMOTHY MCFADDEN

Timothy McFadden, 46, of Summerton, died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at McLeod Medical Center, Florence.

He was born on April 19, 1971, in Clarendon County, to the late Jessie John and Rose Marie Tindal McFadden.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date.

The family is receiving friends at the home, 1283 Rolling Hill Drive, Summerton.

Services have been entrusted in the professional care of King-Fields Mortuary, Summerton, 803-485-5039.

WYNDENIA M. NATHAN

VIRGINIA BEACH, Virginia — Wyndenia McClary Nathan, 74, wife of Patrick Nathan, died on Friday, Nov. 24, 2017, at Sentara Princess Ann, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

She's the daughter of the late Frank Henry Rogers and Maggie Holston. She was born on July 7, 1943, in Salters.

The family will receive friends, starting Nov. 28, 2017, at 114 N. Church St., Manning.

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

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MEALS

FROM PAGE A1

I'm not here to judge anyone by no means."

Robert Hall Sr., associate pastor, said he joined about two months ago.

"It's a diverse group of people here. There's different types of people from different churches. ... Some people want a large church, some want a small one like here," he said.

He said before Community Church opened its doors, Enon Missionary Baptist Church was the closest to the community — a little more than a mile north. "We all come from different walks, just like America," Hall said.

He said he likes Community Church over other churches because of how focused the members are on giving back, whether it is to each other or to strangers.

"You can always use another place to be friendly around people," he said.

Carrying out missions and good deeds from the Bible is a priority in his beliefs and with the other members, he said.

"We try to keep both feet on the ground," he said, "while our hearts go out to other people."



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Community Church delivered Thanksgiving meals to needy families for the holiday.



BRUCE MILLS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crown employee Demetrice Pugh feeds sheets into a process drying machine at the Bishopville plant last week. The linen-processing warehouse opened for business on Nov. 5.

LAUNDRY

FROM PAGE A1

Hospitals, clinics and other health care facilities have been moving toward outsourcing their linen supply and management services during the last decade because of costs and increasingly stringent regulations to maintain hygiene, according to industry officials.

As a high-volume linen service provider, Crown owns the linens — to include bed sheets, pillowcases, blankets, scrubs, gowns, washcloths and other items — and rents them to a health care facility and subsequently cleans and processes them multiple times per week for that facility.

Given their linen volume, hospitals are Crown's largest customers. With the opening of the new state-of-the-art laundry processing facility, Crown has rerouted some work from its four other Southeast facilities to the Bishopville location, according to new warehouse General Manager John Chrobak.

Five existing large hospital clients along the state's coastal counties and Augusta, Georgia, are now being serviced six days per week from the new plant in the industrial park, which is at Exit 116 off I-20.

With a plant in southern Georgia and previously a depot off Interstate 95 in Walterboro, Crown already had a good presence in South Carolina, Chrobak said.

In order to grow more business in the Palmetto State, the laundry processor needed a facility in the state, Chrobak said, because of federal Department of Transportation delivery regulations.

Those laws limit commercial truck drivers to 11 hours of drive time per day. That works well for deliveries within a 250-mile radius of a Crown processing facility, according to Chrobak.

"But, when you start hitting that 250-mile mark or greater, you're unable to get out and back in time to meet DOT regulations," Chrobak said.

With the five hospital clients already running from the new plant in its initial weeks, Crown ramped up hiring quickly. It's already at 75 employees, including about 55 mainline — or front-line — workers, according to Chrobak and Human Resources/Office Manager Tamiko Singleton.

Being a new industry in an area without an existing employer with a similar operation, the

opening few weeks at the facility have mainly involved training for the new employees, Singleton said. At some times, management is moving and adjusting workers to processing machines that are best suited for them.

Most of the front-line workers are considered in the general production category and are currently in a customary 90-day probationary period, according to Singleton.

Wages there start at \$8.50 an hour, but hourly pay can increase after the probationary period, and a health care benefits package is also offered after 90 days.

Singleton said most front-line workers to date are from Lee and Sumter counties.

Dechelle Montgomery from Sumter was unemployed for two months before landing the job at the beginning of this month with Crown. She said she's excited with the opportunity.

"I like that it's a new company, and it's growing," Montgomery said. "I look forward to advancing and growing here, and I'm just thankful for the opportunity to be working and not unemployed."

Cody Seymour, who lives in Bishopville, previously worked in factory jobs in Ohio for about nine years before moving to Lee County three years ago. Ever since, he said, he's been trying to get into a plant job — with no success. Seymour said he had another job locally, but Crown represented a move-up opportunity for him.

"It's good work, and they're keeping us busy," Seymour said. "It's a great job. It's slow rolling right now, but they're getting everything in place with all the machines and the work. I'll work my way from the bottom up, if I need to."

Singleton said Crown is not accepting general production worker applications at this time because it already has a large pool of applications employers are working through from previous job fairs. However, people can apply after Jan. 1 directly through their local SC Works employment centers in surrounding counties.

Crown is always looking for Class A CDL drivers to apply, according to Singleton. That starting pay range is \$17 to \$19 per hour, based on experience.

Chrobak, the general manager, said the facility could reach 125 employees within four months.



MONTGOMERY



SEYMOUR

RUMPH

FROM PAGE A1

Rumph, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sears said Rumph was always meticulous about his business operating within regulations.

"He always had to deal with a lot of regulatory agencies, and he could use those agencies as references because he always made sure his companies stayed within the law," Sears said.

Though Rumph sold Sumter Transport in December 2015, Sears said he never officially retired.

"He stayed involved in all of his businesses," Sears said.

He was more than just a businessman, he said.

"I enjoyed doing business with him, and he was a great father figure to me," Sears said.

Scott Rumph was also a

neighbor and longtime friend of Mayor Joe McElveen.

Rumph was a brilliant business man, McElveen said, who had many ideas that were well ahead of the times.

Despite his longtime battle with illnesses, Rumph managed to stay positive, and, in doing so, encouraged the people around him to do the same.

"I always wondered how he kept on going, but he did," McElveen said.

Rumph was passionate about Sumter and making it a better place for citizens and visitors, he said.

A memorial service for Rumph will be held at on Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church.

— Jim Hilley and Adrienne Sarvis

Store employee killed during alleged armed robbery

FROM STAFF REPORTS

It was unclear if anything had been taken from the store as of Saturday morning, according to the on call public information officer.

Authorities are working to identify two men who allegedly shot and killed a store employee during an armed robbery at Save-Mart Grocery on Manning Avenue on Friday night.

The two men — both armed and wearing masks — entered the store at 6:59 p.m., and one or both of the men fired handguns in the direction of the employee

before fleeing the store in an unknown direction, states a news release from Sumter Police Department.

The employee died as a result of gunshot wounds.

The coroner's office was notified and has made contact with the victim's family. An autopsy has been scheduled.

Anyone with information is asked to call Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

Information also can be given anonymously by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-888-CRIME-SC. A cash reward may be available for tips leading to an arrest.

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FYI

The National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina is in need of unwanted vehicles — even ones that don't run.

profit organization, accepts vehicle contributions. To complete a vehicle donation, call (800) 544-1213 or visit www.mdff.org

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD INC. CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING INC.

MCLEOD HEALTH CLARENDON BOARD OF TRUSTEES Tuesday, 6 p.m., hospital board room

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

SANTEE WATEREE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, 6 p.m., 129 S. Harvin St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take care of personal paperwork and documentation.

learning will go hand in hand. The experience you encounter by seeing and hearing something new or unique will spark your imagination

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get involved in something that moves you. Volunteering will give you a different perspective on your life

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make positive physical changes or invest time and money into sprucing up your living quarters.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Self-deception will lead you down the wrong path. Think matters through carefully and make decisions based on what you know to be true

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll face trouble when dealing with authority figures or people who may twist your words.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Visit familiar places or friends you lost touch with. Travel, socialize and take on personal projects.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put everything you've got into earning a living. Whether you work from home or in an office, your conscientious approach to your responsibilities will not go unnoticed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional and financial deception is likely to cause problems. Don't spend what you don't have or get involved in joint ventures.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be prone to emotional indulgence if you don't focus on being productive. Do your best to get along with friends and family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotional situations will cause you to overreact. Keep your opinions to yourself until you have time to consider the consequences.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay focused on what you want to achieve. Wasting time arguing with someone who is unlikely to see things your way is futile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Travel and

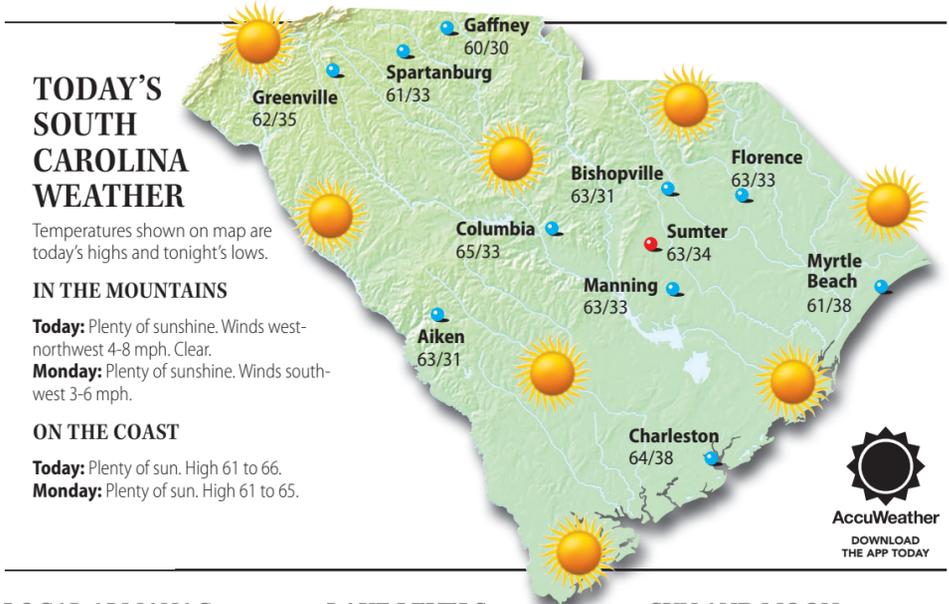
Romance is highlighted.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

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



LOCAL ALMANAC

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High, Low, Normal, Record) and Precipitation (24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest., Month to date, etc.)

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 18.

RIVER STAGES

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

NATIONAL CITIES

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

REGIONAL CITIES

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

Advertisement for 'We have a NOSE for NEWS' featuring a cartoon dog detective and contact information for The Sumter ITEM.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

- 65 Become an expatriate
93 Rome-based airline
97 TV physician of Turkish descent
99 Tourist draw at the ancient Turkish city of Ephesus

Large crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

- 37 Sorbonne
38 Traditional break time
39 Venerable Turkish shopping center
39 Older quarter-back depiction

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers.

Jumble puzzle with the words: CANDY, SPOIL, CUDDLY, BELIEF. Includes a short story about a violinist.

PALMETTO BOWL

Oops!... They did it again



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Clemson cornerback Ryan Carter steps into the end zone following a 12-yard interception return of a Jake Bentley pass in the first quarter of the Tigers' 34-10 victory over South Carolina on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

No. 3 Clemson dominant against Gamecocks once again, win 34-10

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
dennis@theitem.com

COLUMBIA — If the football game between Clemson and South Carolina on Saturday had been played at Memorial Stadium in Clemson, one has to think the stadium DJ would have

been spinning the vocals of a young Britney Spears.

Though not nearly as bad as the Tigers' 56-7 beatdown of USC last year in Death Valley, the Gamecocks' vow of "Never again" rang hollow at Williams-Brice Stadium. Clemson, ranked third in the College Football Playoff

entering the game, led 20-0 at halftime and went up 34-0 before finishing with a 34-10 triumph.

The Tigers improved to 11-1 on the season and will likely move into the top spot in the CFP after No. 1 Alabama's loss to Auburn on Saturday and No. 2 Miami's loss to Pitts-

burgh on Friday. Clemson will meet Miami in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game on Saturday.

USC, fell to 8-4 and had a 3-game winning streak snapped.

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Tigers likely earned way into CFP No. 1 with victory over Carolina

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

COLUMBIA — Clemson, No. 3 in the College Football Playoff, took the field on Saturday just after No. 1 Alabama had lost to Auburn 26-14. The Tigers' 34-10 win over No. 24

South Carolina likely propelled the Tigers to the top spot in the next CFP poll, with a meeting against No. 2 Miami (FL) awaiting in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game.

Miami is likely to fall after suffering a 24-14 upset loss on Friday at Pittsburgh.

Clemson and Alabama have played each other in the CFP national championship game the past two seasons, with Alabama winning after the 2015 season and Clemson following the 2016 season.

SEVEN STRAIGHT 10-WIN SEASONS

Clemson now has a streak of seven consecutive seasons of at least 10 wins. That is tied for the sixth-longest streak in FBS history and only nine



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson running back Travis Etienne (9) takes a handoff from quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) during the Tigers' 34-10 victory over South Carolina on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

programs have had a streak of at least seven 10-win seasons. The record for consecutive 10-win seasons is 14 in a row set by Bobby Bowden's Florida State Seminoles (1987-00). Alabama is the only other program with an active streak of at least seven straight 10-win seasons.

The Tigers have 14 10-win

seasons in their history, so half of them have come in the last seven years under head coach Dabo Swinney.

ROLLING WITH THE TIDE

Clemson has an 80-14 record over the last seven years, and only Alabama has a better re-

SEE **CLEMSON**, PAGE B4

USC FOOTBALL



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

South Carolina tight end Hayden Hurst (81) has the ball go off his hands while Clemson linebackers Kendall Joseph (34) and J.D. Davis (33) pursue him in the Tigers' 34-10 victory over South Carolina on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

Early running success slips away from Carolina

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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COLUMBIA — South Carolina ran the football with a modicum of success in the first quarter of its 34-10 football loss to No. 3 Clemson on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

The Gamecocks ran for

51 yards on nine carries and trailed just 7-0 as they were having success running the ball up the middle against the Tigers' stout defensive front.

That was about as good as it got for USC though. They only had 57 yards on 16 carries at the end of the

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

7:30 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, UNIVISION).

7:30 a.m. — International Tennis: Davis Cup Rubbers 4 and 5 — France vs. Belgium (TENNIS).

9 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Burnley (CNBC).

9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hoffenheim vs. Hamburg (FOX SPORTS 1).

10:55 a.m. — International Soccer: Manchester City vs. Huddersfield (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

Noon — College Basketball: AdvoCare Invitational Third-Place Game from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (ESPN).

Noon — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hertha Berlin vs. Cologne (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).

1 p.m. — NFL Football: Miami at New England (WLTX 19).

1 p.m. — NFL Football: Carolina at New York Jets (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

1 p.m. — College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational Motion Bracket Third-Place Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN).

1 p.m. — College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational Victory Bracket Fifth-Place Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).

1 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Nashville at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

1 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Greensboro at Maine (NBA TV).

2 p.m. — College Basketball: AdvoCare Invitational Third-Place Game from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (ESPN).

3 p.m. — College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational Victory Bracket

Third-Place Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN).

3 p.m. — College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational Motion Bracket

Fifth-Place Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).

3 p.m. — College Basketball: Houston Baptist at Oklahoma State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

4 p.m. — Figure Skating: Grand Prix Skate America from Lake Placid, N.Y. — Women's Free Skate (WIS 10).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: California-Riverside at Michigan (FOX SPORTS 1).

4:25 p.m. — NFL Football: New Orleans at Washington (WLTX 19).

5 p.m. — College Basketball: The Wooden Legacy Third-Place Game from Fullerton, Calif. (ESPN).

5 p.m. — College Basketball: Temple at La Salle (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

6 p.m. — CFL Football: Grey Cup from Ottawa, Ontario — Calgary vs. Toronto (ESPN2).

6 p.m. — College Basketball: Illinois (Chicago) at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational Victory Bracket Seventh-Place Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN).

7 p.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: Hawaii Open Singles Championship Match (TENNIS).

8:20 p.m. — NFL Football: Green Bay at Pittsburgh (WIS 10, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).

8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational Victory Bracket Championship Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN).

9:30 p.m. — College Basketball: AdvoCare Invitational Championship Game from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (ESPN2).

9:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Phil Knight Invitational Motion Bracket Seventh-Place Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN).

Midnight — College Basketball: The Wooden Legacy Championship Game from Fullerton, Calif. (ESPN2).

3:30 a.m. — College Basketball: Northern Kentucky at Memphis (SEC NETWORK).

MONDAY

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

7 p.m. — College Basketball: South Carolina at Florida International (CBS SPORTS NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Maryland at Syracuse (ESPN2).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Alabama State at Cincinnati (ESPN).

8 p.m. — College Basketball: Eastern Illinois at Marquette (FOX SPORTS 1).

8:15 p.m. — NFL Football: Houston at Baltimore (ESPN, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).

8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas at San Antonio (NBA TV).

9 p.m. — College Basketball: Wisconsin at Virginia (ESPN2).

PREP FOOTBALL SCORES

SCHSL

SEMIFINALS

5A

Upper State
Dorman 14, Gaffney 10
Lower State
Dutch 24, Fort Dorchester 14

4A

Upper State
South Pointe 67, Greer 21
Lower State
Hartsville 37, Hartsville 20

3A

Upper State
Chapman 48, Emerald 14
Lower State
Dillon 42, Brookland-Cayce 7

2A

Upper State
Abbeville 20, Saluda 15
Lower State
Bamberg-Ehrhardt 23, Barnwell 3

1A

Upper State
Lamar 35, Ridge Spring-Monetta 14
Lower State
Baptist Hill 54, C.E. Murray 13
Championships
Saturday
At Williams-Brice Stadium
In Columbia

5A

Dutch Fork vs. Dorman, noon

4A

Hartsville vs. South Pointe, 6:30 p.m.

3A

Dillon vs. Chapman, 3 p.m.
Friday
At Charlie W. Johnson Stadium
In Columbia

2A

Bamberg-Ehrhardt vs. Abbeville, 5 p.m.

1A

Baptist Hill vs. Lamar, 8 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	8	2	0	.800	290	203
Buffalo	5	5	0	.500	208	250
Miami	4	6	0	.400	157	254
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	201	222

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Jacksonville	7	3	0	.700	245	141
Tennessee	6	4	0	.600	222	253
Houston	4	6	0	.400	267	262
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300	179	280

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	2	0	.800	227	165
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	213	171
Cincinnati	4	6	0	.400	169	199
Cleveland	0	10	0	.000	150	259

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	4	0	.600	262	220

L.A. Chargers	5	6	0	.455	249	202
Oakland	4	6	0	.400	204	247
Denver	3	7	0	.300	183	259

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	9	1	0	.900	320	188
Dallas	5	6	0	.455	248	270
Washington	5	6	0	.455	258	276
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	172	267

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	302	196
Carolina	7	3	0	.700	213	180
Atlanta	6	4	0	.600	231	210
Tampa Bay	4	6	0	.400	203	228

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	271	195
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	294	264
Green Bay	5	5	0	.500	204	230
Chicago	3	7	0	.300	174	221

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700	303	186
Seattle	6	4	0	.600	242	199
Arizona	4	6	0	.400	176	254
San Francisco	1	9	0	.100	174	260

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota 30, Detroit 23
L.A. Chargers 28, Dallas 6
Washington 20, N.Y. Giants 10

TODAY'S GAMES

Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Miami at New England, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Seattle at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
Denver at Oakland, 4:25 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Pittsburgh, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Baltimore, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30

Washington at Dallas, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3

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

MONDAY, DEC. 4

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	3	.850	—
Toronto	11	7	.611	5
Philadelphia	10	7	.588	5½
New York	10	8	.556	6
Brooklyn	6	12	.333	10

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	10	8	.556	—
Miami	9	9	.500	1
Charlotte	8	10	.444	2
Orlando	8	11	.421	2½
Atlanta	4	15	.211	6½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	12	6	.667	—
Cleveland	12	7	.632	½
Indiana	11	8	.579	1½
Milwaukee	9	8	.529	2½
Chicago	3	14	.176	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	14	4	.778	—
San Antonio	11	7	.611	3
New Orleans	11	8	.579	3½
Memphis	7	11	.389	7
Dallas	4	15	.211	10½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	11	8	.579	—
Portland	11	8	.579	—
Denver	11	8	.579	—
Oklahoma City	8	10	.444	2½
Utah	8	11	.421	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	14	5	.737	—
L.A. Lakers	8	11	.421	6
L.A. Clippers	6	11	.353	7
Phoenix	7	13	.350	7½
Sacramento	5	13	.278	8½

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Portland 127, Brooklyn 125
Atlanta 116, New York 104
Boston 118, Orlando 103
Cleveland 100, Charlotte 99
Detroit 99, Oklahoma City 98
Indiana 107, Toronto 104
Miami 109, Minnesota 97
Denver 104, Memphis 92
New Orleans 115, Phoenix 91
Golden State 143, Chicago 94

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Orlando at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Portland at Washington, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 8 p.m.
New York at Houston, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Utah, 9 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Miami at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Monday's Games
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Orlando at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Brooklyn at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Saturday's College Basketball Scores
By The Associated Press

EAST

Albany (NY) 78, Holy Cross 62
American U. 69, VMI 64
BYU 68, Umass 66
Colgate 77, Columbia 71
Delaware St. 68, Georgian Court 55
Marywood 74, Wilkes 64
Minnesota 89, Alabama 84
NJ City 77, Farmingdale 71
NJIT 65, Drexel 53
Pittsburgh 80, Lehigh 68
S. Vermont 101, Castleton 84
Scranton 85, King's (Pa.) 79
Sienna 85, Hofstra 76
Vermont 79, Yale 73
W. Carolina 82, Alabama A&M 72
Wilmington (Del.) 78, Wes Chestert 61

SOUTH

Alcorn St. 103, Concordia-Selma 56
Bethel (Tenn.) 105, Wayland Baptist 71
Bethune-Cookman 95, Florida College 67
Bowie St. 91, Augusta 80
Bowling Green 78, Campbell 72
Campbellsville 101, Brescia 70

Carson-Newman 79, Lee 56
Central Penn 70, Cumberlands 68
Clayton St. 83, King (Tenn.) 68
Denver 60, St. Francis Brooklyn 50
E. Kentucky 99, Asbury 71
ETSU 83, Fort Wayne 73
Emory & Henry 98, William Peace 83
Fort Valley St. 92, Kentucky St. 75
Furman 78, Northeastern 67
Georgetown 82, Richmond 76
Jackson St. 75, Omaha 73
Johnson C. Smith 81, West Georgia 68
LSU-Alexandria 84, Benedictine 66
Lees-McRae 92, Bluefield St. 87
Liberty 96, Toccoa Falls 50
Lindsey Wilson 65, Warren Wilson 44
Loyola of Chicago 75, Kent St. 60
Maryland 80, New Mexico 65
McNeese St. 103, Southern NO 79
Memphis 76, N. Kentucky 74
Miami 86, North Florida 65
Radford 69, James Madison 68
Rhodes 141, Howard Payne 107
SC-Aiken 91, Chowan 76
SC-Upstate 88, Abilene Christian 78
SE Louisiana 73, MVSU 59
Tennessee Tech 90, Md.-Eastern Shore 60
Union (Ky.) 74, WVU Tech 67
Utah St. 77, New Hampshire 63
Virginia Tech 96, Morehead St. 63
Virginia-Wise 106, Lincoln Memorial 75

MIDWEST

Wis.-River Falls 68, Hamline 60

SOUTHWEST

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Texas Tech 103, Savannah St. 69
Tulsa 92, Cent. Arkansas 72

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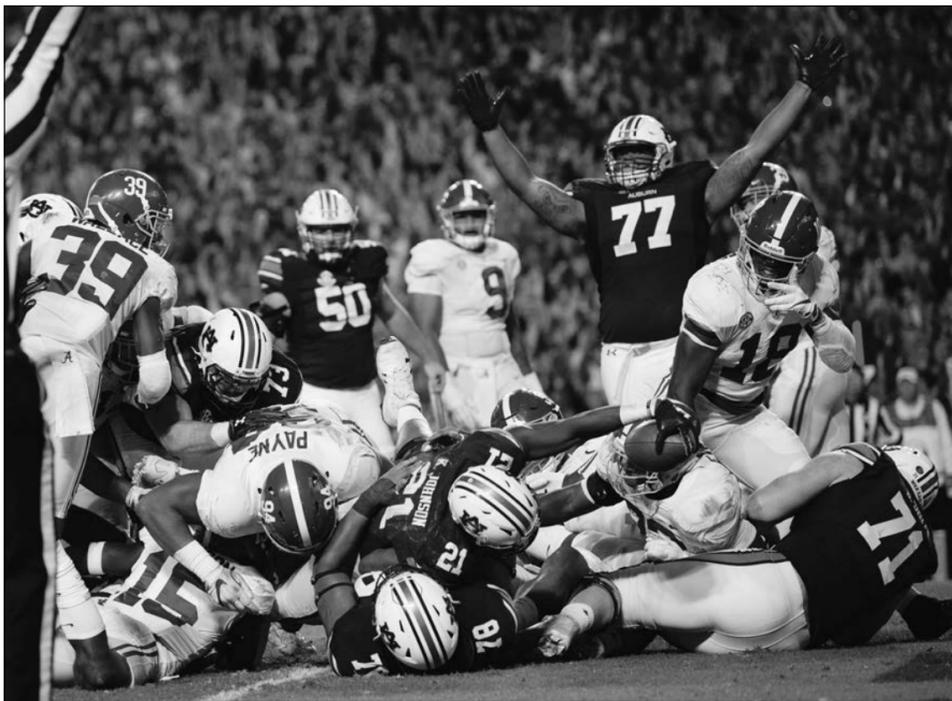
C. of Charleston 55, Alaska-Anchorage 46
Sam Houston St. 73, Santa Clara 59

PGA SCORES

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Third Round
a-amateur

Jason Day, Australia	66-68-69—203
Lucas Herbert, Australia	67-66-71—204
Jonas Blixt, Sweden	68-72-66—206
Matt Jones, Australia	71-67-68—206
Cameron Smith, Australia	69-69-69—207
Rhein Gibson, Australia	72-68-68—208
Anthony Quayle, Australia	67-69-72—208
a-Takumi Kanaya, Japan	71-73-65—209
Mark Brown, New Zealand	72-70-67—209
a-Matias Sanchez, Australia	68-72-69—209
Matthew Guyatt, Australia	63-72-74—209
Cameron Davis, Australia	71-70-68—209
James Marchesani, Aus.	73-70-67—210
Craig Parry, Australia	73-67-70—210
Jason Scrivener,	

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



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Auburn running back Kerryon Johnson (21) reaches over the goal line for the go-ahead touchdown against Alabama during the Iron Bowl on Saturday in Auburn, Alabama. Auburn won 26-14 to earn a spot in the SEC Championship Game on Saturday in a rematch with Georgia.

No. 6 Auburn tops No. 1 Alabama 26-14, earns SEC title game shot

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Auburn fans blanketed the field from end zone to end zone just like the last time they got to celebrate a stirring Iron Bowl win.

This time, Jarrett Stidham, Kerryon Johnson and No. 6 Auburn didn't need a miraculous final play to unleash the celebration. It was a build up to the crescendo as the Tigers beat top-ranked Alabama in a dominating 26-14 win Saturday. Auburn earned a berth in next week's Southeastern Conference title game against No. 7 Georgia.

The Tigers, an after thought earlier this season, now have their sights set on one of the four playoff spots. And Auburn coach Gus Malzahn made it clear his two-loss squad deserves a shot. One of his team's two defeats was to defending national champion Clemson, No. 3 at the time.

"We've got to win next week and that's going to be a handful," Malzahn said of his upcoming rematch with Georgia. "I don't know, them experts got it figured out. I don't think anybody else has played two No. 1 teams and a No. (3) team. Put up our schedule against anybody."

Auburn fans covered the field in orange and blue after the final play, creating a scene similar to 2013 when the fourth-ranked Tigers beat No. 1 Alabama on a last-play, 109-yard return of a missed field goal. The Tigers went on to the national title game but had lost the three Iron Bowls since.

Stidham passed for 237 yards and ran for a fourth-quarter touchdown to set up a rematch with Georgia in the SEC championship game Dec. 2 with a playoff spot almost certainly on the line.

Auburn (10-2, 7-1 SEC, No. 6 CFP) mostly shut down the league's top scoring offense for their second win in three weeks over the top team in the playoff rankings. They won the Western Division a week after dispatching the Bulldogs with similar precision.

The Crimson Tide (11-1, 7-1)

made a rare assortment of mistakes for a team that had appeared to be headed toward a shot at a fourth consecutive SEC title and playoff berth.

Alabama coach Nick Saban said his team still deserves a playoff shot after playing for the national title the past two years and scarcely getting challenged this season.

"I don't think one game defines who you are," Saban said. "It certainly doesn't define this team for who they are. I'm sorry that I could not do a better job as a coach and as a leader."

Auburn's Johnson delivered a jump pass for a touchdown and ran 30 times for 104 yards before leaving in the fourth quarter with a right shoulder injury.

Malzahn said after the game Johnson has "a shoulder issue," but didn't elaborate on his status for the rematch with Georgia in Atlanta. Johnson had earlier appeared hurt on a run toward the pylon but stayed in for a 1-yard touchdown run on the next play.

The SEC's leading rusher crumpled to the ground after a carry and walked off the field holding his right arm close to his body with a towel draped over his head. Fans chanted, "Kerryon!" "Kerryon!"

With No. 2 Miami losing Friday night to Pittsburgh, it's the first time the top two teams in the AP poll have fallen on the same regular-season weekend since Nov. 17, 2012.

Then, No. 1 Oregon lost to No. 14 Stanford and No. 2 Kansas State went down to Baylor.

Stidham completed 21 of 28 passes and ran for 50 yards, including a 16-yard touchdown scamper early in the fourth quarter. Ryan Davis caught 11 passes for 139 yards.

"I think we're pretty darn good," Stidham said. "Coach Malzahn told us it's never been done in three weeks beating two No. 1 teams, so I think this team is pretty good."

Alabama's Jalen Hurts passed for 177 yards and a touchdown while running 17 times for 80 yards, but neither

he nor the Tide offense ever really seemed to get going.

Alabama had a devastating sequence after Auburn took the lead late in the third on Johnson's 1-yard run.

Trevon Diggs' 55-yard return set the Tide up for a potential go-ahead score, and a pass interference against Auburn helped. Hale Hentges nearly caught a tipped pass in the end zone but replay overturned the touchdown call.

Then the Tide botched a field goal attempt with a bad snap.

Alabama had two straight botched snaps on a promising drive in the fourth quarter, failing to make good on a do-over after an Auburn penalty on the second.

THE TAKEAWAY

Alabama: Didn't play with its normal poise in big games despite the return of three injured linebackers. Failed on its first six third-down attempts and finished 3 of 11 while allowing Auburn to convert on half of its 18 attempts. Tailbacks Damien Harris, Bo Scarbrough and Josh Jacobs each had only six carries.

Auburn: Continued its revival from early and midseason struggles. Held onto the ball for 36 minutes and 78 plays.

TIDE'S WAIT

Alabama players figured they could have solidified a playoff spot with one more win. Now they have to wait and hope for an invite that's far from certain.

"We're going to learn from this," Hurts said. "It's humbling. The unfortunate thing about that (playoff) is it's not in our hands. You win out and you win games, you know you're in. We'll see what happens."

UP NEXT

Alabama must hope for help to make another playoff trip while waiting to learn its bowl destination.

Auburn faces the Bulldogs in a rematch of its 40-17 win on Nov. 11.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Furman edges Elon 28-27 in opening game of FCS playoffs

ELON, N.C. — P.J. Blazejowski threw two touchdown passes to Andy Schumpert, Donovan Perryman blocked a potential game-tying extra point with 11 minutes left, and Furman edged Elon 28-27 on Saturday in the opening game of the FCS playoffs.

Furman (8-4) dropped a 34-31 contest to Elon on Sept. 9 during a three-game losing streak to start the season, but the Paladins advanced to play seventh-seeded Wofford (9-2) next Saturday.

Schumpert tied it at 7 on a 6-yard grab early in the second quarter and it was 14-7 three minutes later on his 70-yarder. Antonio Wilcox tied it at 21 for Furman on a 14-yard run and Blazejowski's 1-yard touchdown run made it 28-21 on the first play of the fourth quarter.

De'Sean McNair opened the scoring with a 26-yard touchdown run and he capped the scoring with a 28-yarder with 11:26 remaining in the game, but Owen Johnson's extra-point kick was blocked by Perryman.

It was the first PAT block by Furman since Ira McCune's on Aug. 31, 2013.

(8) OHIO STATE 31 MICHIGAN 20

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Dwayne Haskins replaced injured star J.T. Barrett in the third quarter and led No. 8 Ohio State from behind to beat Michigan 31-20 Saturday for the Buckeyes' sixth straight win in the storied rivalry.

The Buckeyes (10-2, 8-1 Big Ten) head to the Big Ten championship game next week to face No. 5 Wisconsin, with hopes of making the College Football Playoff.

The Wolverines (8-4, 5-4) have lost 13 of 14 to Ohio State, including the last three with coach Jim Harbaugh.

(7) GEORGIA 38 GEORGIA TECH 7

ATLANTA (AP) — Sony Michel ran for 85 yards and a touchdown, Jake Fromm threw two touchdown passes and No. 7 Georgia protected its playoff hopes with a dominant 38-7 win over Georgia Tech on Saturday.

The Bulldogs had 247 yards rushing as Michel, Nick Chubb and D'Andre Swift ran for touchdowns.

Fromm threw scoring passes of 21 yards to Javon Wims and 78 yards to Ahkil Crumpton.

The win gives Georgia (11-1, No. 7 CFP) momentum for next week's Southeastern Conference championship game against the winner of Saturday's game between No. 1 Alabama and No. 6 Auburn.

VANDERBILT 42 TENNESSEE 24

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Vanderbilt's Ralph Webb ended his career as the sixth-leading rusher in Southeastern Conference history.

He may prefer to be known as the guy who helped change the direction of the Vanderbilt-Tennessee rivalry.

Webb ran for 163 yards and two touchdowns in his final college game Saturday as Vanderbilt whipped Tennessee 42-24 to beat the Volunteers for the fourth time in the last six years. Vanderbilt had gone 1-28 against Tennessee from 1983-2011.

(3) OKLAHOMA 59 WEST VIRGINIA 31

NORMAN, Okla. — Baker Mayfield began the week with tears and an apology.

He ended it as he so often has — by celebrating a victory.

The Oklahoma quarterback passed for 281 yards and three touchdowns after being punished for directing a lewd gesture toward the Kansas bench last week, and the third-ranked Sooners routed West Virginia 59-31 on Saturday to maintain their momentum heading into the Big 12 Championship game.

Mayfield was stripped of his captaincy and starting job for Saturday's contest, his final home game as a Sooner. He received the loudest cheers when the seniors were announced, then more loud cheers when he entered the game to start Oklahoma's second drive.

"The first steps on the field made that all go away," Mayfield said. "They (the fans) are always going to have my back. It's OK for me to grow and learn and move on. If I'm progressing and becoming a better man in their eyes that's something I'm proud of. I'm going to learn from my mistakes and move forward."

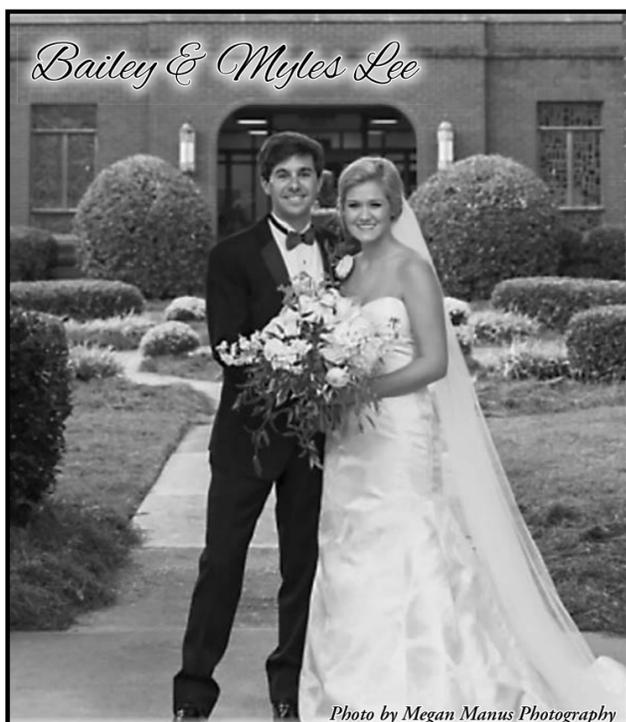


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BOWL FROM PAGE B1

The Tigers dominated USC, especially from the second quarter on. They finished with 466 yards of total offense compared to just 207 for Carolina.

Tiger quarterback Kelly Bryant completed 23 of 34 passes for 272 yards and two touchdowns. Tee Higgins had three catches for 84 yards and Hunter Renfrow had four receptions for 75 yards and two touchdowns.

The teams traded punts on their first possessions, but the Tigers had USC starting at its 1-yard line following a 43-yard punt by Will Spiers. After a 3-yard run by running back A.J. Turner, Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley threw the ball straight to Clemson cornerback Ryan Carter. He returned it 12 yards for a touchdown and placekicker Alex Spence added the extra point to make it 7-0 with 6:50 left in the first quarter.

USC punter Joseph Charlton got off a booming 55-yard punt that had a chance to be downed inside the 5 but instead bounced into the end zone for the second touchdown after a punt in the game.

The Tigers responded with a 9-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a 1-yard scoring run by running back Tavien Feaster with 8:12 remaining in the second quarter to make it 14-0.

A big play on the drive was a 23-yard completion from Bryant to running back Travis Etienne to move them from their 23 to the 47. Later in the drive, Clemson was facing third down and 10 when Bryant connected with Higgins for a 24-yard gain to the USC 29.

A pass interference call and an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against USC set the Tigers up at the Carolina 6. Feaster broke off a 5-yard run before scoring the touchdown.

After forcing a 3-and-out series, the Tigers took control of the game with a 10-play, 79-yard scoring drive that took over six minutes off the clock.



Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) attempts a pass against South Carolina during the first half of the Tigers' 34-10 victory on Saturday in Columbia.

(4) CLEMSON 34 SOUTH CAROLINA 10

Clemson	7	13	14	0	-34
South Carolina	0	0	0	10	-10

First Quarter
CLE_Carter 12 interception return (Al.Spence kick), 6:50
Second Quarter
CLE_Feaster 1 run (Al.Spence kick), 8:12
CLE_H.Renfrow 4 pass from K.Bryant (kick failed), 1:59
Third Quarter
CLE_H.Renfrow 61 pass from K.Bryant (Al.Spence kick), 14:39
CLE_Etienne 5 run (Al.Spence kick), 2:47
Fourth Quarter
SC_FG White 40, 13:21
SC_B.Edwards 38 pass from Bentley (White kick), 2:44

	CLE	SC
First downs	27	10
Rushes-yards	45-184	25-81
Passing	285	126
Comp-Att-Int	25-38-2	16-29-2
Return Yards	67	100
Punts-Avg.	3-45.33	7-44.14
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-25	9-76
Time of Possession	35:25	24:35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING_Clemson, Etienne 9-41, Choice 7-39, K.Bryant 11-23, McCloud 2-22, Fuller 5-20, Feaster 6-18, Cooper 1-9, Rencher 3-8, Rodgers 1-4. South Carolina, T.Williams 13-53, A.Turner 2-10, Bentley 5-9, Denson 3-6, R.Davis 1-5, (Team) 1-(minus 2).
PASSING_Clemson, K.Bryant 23-34-1-272, H.Johnson 2-4-1-13. South Carolina, Bentley 16-29-2-126.
RECEIVING_Clemson, H.Renfrow 4-75, Higgins 3-84, Cain 3-23, McCloud 3-16, Greenlee 2-19, Fuller 2-16, Rodgers 2-16, Feaster 2-12, Richard 2-(minus 5), Etienne 1-23, Overton 1-6. South Carolina, B.Edwards 6-70, Hurst 3-28, O.Smith 3-12, T.Williams 2-13, A.Turner 2-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS_None.

The big play of the drive was a 40-yard completion from Bryant to Higgins. That helped set up a 4-yard TD pass from Bryant to Renfrow with 1:59 left in the first half. Spence missed the extra point, leaving the halftime score 20-0.

On the first play from scrimmage of the second half, Bryant hit Renfrow with a short pass and he turned it into a 61-yard catch-and-run

touchdown. Clemson's final touchdown came on a 5-yard run by Etienne with 2:47 left in the third quarter.

South Carolina finally got on the scoreboard on a 40-yard field goal by Parker White with 13:21 remaining in the fourth quarter. Bentley connected with wide receiver Bryan Edwards for a 38-yard TD pass with 2:45 left in the game.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

STATE
SATURDAY
(4) Clemson at South Carolina
Furman 28, Elon 27

ACC
FRIDAY
Pittsburgh 24, (2) Miami 14
(24) Virginia Tech 10, Virginia 0

SATURDAY
Louisville 44, Kentucky 17
North Carolina State 33, North Carolina 21
Boston College 42, Syracuse 14
Duke 31, Wake Forest 23

SEC
THURSDAY
Mississippi 31, (16) Mississippi State 28

FRIDAY
Missouri 48, Arkansas 45

SATURDAY
(6) Auburn 26, (1) Alabama 14
(7) Georgia 38, Georgia Tech 7
Texas A&M at (19) LSU (late)
Florida State 38, Florida 22
Vanderbilt 42, Tennessee 24

TOP 25
FRIDAY
(10) TCU 45, Baylor 22
(13) Central Florida 49, (22) South Florida 42

SATURDAY
(3) Oklahoma 59, West Virginia 31
(5) Wisconsin 31, Minnesota 0
(8) Ohio State 31, Michigan 20
(9) Notre Dame at (20) Stanford (late)
(12) Penn State 66, Maryland 3
(14) Washington State at (15) Washington (late)
(17) Memphis 70, East Carolina 13
(18) Oklahoma State 58, Kansas 17
(21) Michigan State 40, Rutgers 7
(23) Northwestern 42, Illinois 7
Fresno State 28, (25) Boise State 17

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first half, trailing 20-0 as they never really stayed with the run.

Carolina's leading rusher, A.J. Turner, only played in the first two offensive series of the game. He had a rush for seven yards and caught two passes for three yards on the first series. He ran for three yards on the first play of the second series. On the next play, South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley threw an interception to Clemson cornerback Ryan Carter, who returned it 12 yards for the first points of the game.

Turner didn't return after that, finishing with two rushes for 10 yards and two receptions for three yards. Turner's absence left the door open for Ty'Son Williams, who responded with a solid contest.

Williams, the former Crestwood High School standout, finished the game with 53 yards on 13 Carries. He also caught two passes for 13 yards.

BENTLEY STRUGGLES AGAIN

A change of venue and a year of experience did not change Bentley's fortunes against the Clemson defense.

After completing just 7 of 17 passes for 41 yards with one interception in the Tigers' 56-7 demolition of the Gamecocks in Death Valley last year in just his sixth collegiate game, Bentley was 16

for 29 for 126 yards with one interception and a TD on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium with a full season of starts under his belt.

The Gamecocks had Bentley throwing a number of short passes in the early going, hitting on his first three. He then threw an incomplection and followed it with the pick-six to Carter.

Bentley was 5-for-7 for 15 yards after one quarter and was 8-for-15 for 42 yards at halftime. He was 10-for-23 for 49 yards after three quarters. His longest completion was a 38-yard TD pass to Bryan Ed-

wards in the fourth quarter

TOUCHBACK PROBLEMS

USC punter Joseph Charlton had a great night punting the ball, averaging 52.6 yards on seven punts. However, his net average wasn't nearly as good as three of the punts made it into the end zone for touchdowns, taking 20 yards off of each punt.

The frustrating part for Carolina fans was that on two of the three punts it appeared USC had a chance to down the ball inside the Clemson 5-yard line, but the ball made it into the end zone.

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CLEMSON FROM PAGE B1

With this week's ranking in the AP poll, Clemson has now been ranked in 49 straight polls, one short of the school record of 50 in a row set between 1989-92 and 2012-14. The streak includes 40 consecutive top 10 rankings, longest in Clemson history by far (14 is the second best top 10 streak). Clemson and Alabama are tied for the longest top 10 streak in the nation.

ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

This is the sixth time in nine full seasons under Swinney that Clemson has won or been co-champion of the ACC's Atlantic Division. The Dec. 2 meeting with Miami will mark the fifth time Clemson has played for the title since 2009. Clemson is 3-1 in those previous four trips.

LONGEST CAREER CATCH

Clemson wide receiver Hunter Renfrow recorded his longest career reception as a Tiger on a 61-yard catch and run for a score to open the second half. Renfrow hauled in a Kelly Bryant pass with 14:39 to go in the third quarter, giving Clemson a 27-0 lead.

TOP 25 WINS

Entering the 13th week of the college football season, Clemson leads the nation in wins over top 25 teams (rank entering the game) with four. Three of the four have come on the road, at No. 13 Louisville, at No. 12 Virginia Tech and at No. 20 North Carolina State. Clemson is the only team in the nation with three wins over top 25 teams on the road this season.

Swinney now has six wins over top 25 teams in the opponent's home stadium. There have been just 25 such wins in Clemson history.

Overall, Swinney now has a Clemson record 24 wins over top 25 teams, including an ACC record tying nine in a row. Florida State also won nine in a row over top 25 teams between 2012-14.

WINNINGEST CLASSES IN COLLEGE HISTORY

Clemson's senior class of 2016 finished with a record

of 49-7. The 49 wins are tied for sixth in FBS history and tied for first in ACC history with the Florida State seniors of 2015. Clemson has had records of 11-2, 10-3, 14-1 and 14-1 the last four years.

The seniors of 2017 have a record of 48-6 entering this week's game vs. South Carolina. Thus, this senior class can tie the ACC mark for wins by a senior class with a victory at South Carolina.

200 YARDS RUSHING = CLEMSON WIN

Clemson is 45-1 under Swinney when the Tigers rush for at least 200 yards, including 41 in a row. The only loss under Swinney when the Tigers gained 200 yards came in the 2009 ACC Championship game when Clemson actually rushed for over 300 yards in a 39-34 loss to Georgia Tech. The Tigers had 323 yards and five rushing touchdowns in that loss to the Yellow Jackets.

BIG PLAY OFFENSE

Clemson is the only school in the country with two different players who have had an 80-yard run this season. Tavien Feaster broke off an 89-yard scoring run in a 38-31 win over N.C. State, and Travis Etienne had an 81-yard touchdown run in a 47-21 win at Louisville.

DABO NUMBER TWO

With the Tigers' 38-31 win over N.C. State, Dabo Swinney became the second winningest coach in Clemson history. Swinney is 99-29, moving ahead of Danny Ford, who finished his Clemson career 96-29-4.

Frank Howard won 165 games as Clemson's coach from 1940-69, with 96 of those wins coming from 1953-69 as an ACC coach. Swinney is now fourth on the list of most overall wins by an ACC coach, trailing Bobby Bowden (Florida State, 173), George Welsh (Virginia, 136) and Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, 113).

Swinney is second in ACC history in winning percentage with a .773 mark. Jimbo Fisher is first at .781, holding an 82-23 mark in 105 games as head coach at Florida State.



Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney, left, communicates with an official during the first half of the Tigers' 34-10 victory over South Carolina on Saturday in Columbia.

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Carolina quarterback Cam Newton (1) and the rest of the Panthers are 7-3 and on a 3-game winning streak coming off their bye week. Carolina hopes to stay hot when they take on the New York Jets today in East Rutherford, N.J.

Panthers hit home stretch on roll, take on slumping Jets

BY DENNIS WASZAK JR.,
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Carolina Panthers are roaring into their favorite part of the season.

It's the home stretch with six games remaining, and sitting at 7-3 with a three-game winning streak going, it's no surprise the Panthers are starting to heat up.

Since Ron Rivera arrived as coach in 2011, Carolina is 36-15 in games played in November and December, including 2-0 this season. Next up is a matchup against the slumping New York Jets (4-6), who have lost four of their last five following a three-game winning streak.

"I think the biggest thing that our guys have done, and I think it's attributed to them, really, is we get in the latter part of the year and we seem to play well," Rivera said. "We've done well in November, December, typically."

Both the Panthers and Jets are coming off bye-week breaks, so they're well-rested. Carolina is also looking to pick up where it left off in its last two games, when the Panthers ran for over 200 yards in back-to-back games for the first time in franchise history.

In its 45-21 rout of Miami on Monday night on Nov. 13, Carolina set a team mark with 548 total yards, including 294 yards rushing. While preparing their game plan this week, the Jets certainly took note of what the Panthers did to the Dolphins.

"They played a complete game obviously, in all phases," Jets coach Todd Bowles said. "They were great on defense, they stopped the run, they stopped them from throwing the football. They ran the football, they threw the football. They made big plays. They played sound football. They played great on special teams."

"They're a good football team." And that's a bit of an understatement. Cam Newton is heating up, particularly in

the rushing attack with 181 yards in his last two games. That makes for a dangerous matchup for the Jets, who have struggled at times against the run.

Carolina also has the No. 2 overall defense, ranking third against the run and fourth vs. the pass.

"We know it's going to be a tough task because they're playing at a high level," Jets quarterback Josh McCown said. "But we're excited about the opportunity to go against the best and see where we stack up."

Here are some things to watch when the Panthers and Jets square off at MetLife Stadium on Sunday:

CAM'S THUMB: Keep an eye on Newton's right thumb, particularly if it's a cold day.

The 2015 league MVP has been wearing a compression glove on his throwing hand during practice, and it's unclear if the problem will affect his grip on the ball and his accuracy. The 28-year-old quarterback is coming off one of his best passing games, completing 21 of 35 passes for 254 yards and four touchdowns and no interceptions against Miami.

OLSEN'S RETURN: Carolina's offense will get a big

boost as three-time Pro Bowl tight end Greg Olsen returns after missing the last eight games with a broken foot.

Olsen was coming off three consecutive 1,000-yard seasons before going down in Week 2. Newton doesn't expect Olsen to have any problem assimilating into the offense. Olsen should help fill the void of starting wide receiver Curtis Samuel, who was lost to a season-ending ankle injury before the bye week.

"He brings a calming presence, not that anything has been a lack of production in that tight end room with him out," Newton said of Olsen. "Greg is just a pro's pro. ... It's just an extra piece to the puzzle that we've long been missing."

ON THE RUN: With Matt Forte likely to miss his second straight game with swelling in his surgically repaired right knee, the Jets will rely again on Bilal Powell and Elijah McGuire — and hope for better results.

New York couldn't get its run game going in a 15-10 loss at Tampa Bay on Nov. 12, with Powell gaining just 30 yards on 10 carries and McGuire rushing for 22 yards on eight attempts.

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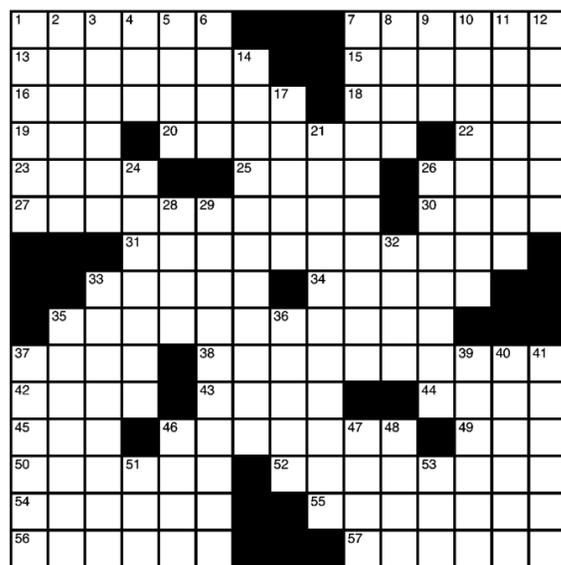
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 - 16 Immediate slap shot after receiving a pass, in hockey
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 - 25 Brought along
 - 26 Plural contraction
 - 27 Desk accessories
 - 30 Blue ghost in Pac-Man
 - 31 Recycling center debris
 - 33 Opposite of hastens
 - 34 Gets under control
 - 35 "This doesn't concern you"
 - 37 Order of encyclopedias
 - 38 Shaking one's head, maybe
 - 42 Cook seen on TV specials
 - 43 Cut down
 - 44 Cover on the street
 - 45 GI grub
 - 46 Like the most substantial sum
 - 49 Social post
 - 50 Leaning to the right, in a way
 - 52 Cheese from the Italian for "sheep"
 - 54 Entertain lavishly
 - 55 Strength
 - 56 Puts up
 - 57 Golfer's short irons
 - 7 Engine part often connected to a flywheel
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 - 9 Prefix with embarrassments
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 - 11 Boards a ship
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 - 17 Gets out of control
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 - 28 Tactic
 - 29 Some partners' workplaces
 - 32 "The Kite Runner" boy
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 - 39 Recording
 - 40 Show clearly
 - 41 Red herrings, perhaps
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 - 48 Handy bag
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 - 53 Light color

Friday's Puzzle Solved



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USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 3 South Carolina stays perfect, knocks off St. John's 76-58

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

ESTERO, Fla. (AP) — There was nothing elaborate about what Alexis Jennings was doing. She posted up, demanded the ball, executed drop steps after the catch and barreled her way around anyone attempting to guard her.

"My team needed me," Jennings said. She was right, and she delivered as well.

Jennings scored 25 points, A'ja Wilson scored 17 and No. 3 South Carolina survived a little shakiness late to beat St. John's 76-58 on Saturday in the semifinals of the Gulf Coast Showcase.

Jennings started hot and finished hot — she made her first five shots, and then finished by making five of her final six.

"I think I pretty much knew that it was going to be there," Jennings said. "My teammates, they just found me and I just did what I did, posted up, showed my numbers and they were able to get me the ball."

Wilson also grabbed 17 rebounds for the Gamecocks (6-0), who won their 17th straight game going back to last season.

The win means South Carolina coach Dawn Staley will go for career victory No. 400 on Sunday night, when the Gamecocks play for the tournament title against either No. 6 Notre Dame or No. 17 South Florida.

"I truly didn't know," Staley said. "But what a way to do it, against some good competition tomorrow, either team."

St. John's (3-1) made its first shot, and then missed its next 18 attempts from the field. Akina Wellere scored 14 points for the Red Storm, who shot 31 percent.

But they gave the Gamecocks — who led by as many as 23 — a scare in the final minutes. The Red Storm held South Carolina to six points in the second quarter and went 5 for 5 in one stretch of the

fourth quarter, getting within 62-53 when Wellere scored with 3:30 left.

Tyasha Harris hit a 3-pointer to stop the Red Storm run, Jennings powered her way for a three-point play with 1:56 left to restore a 15-point lead, and the upset bid ended there.

And now, a championship game awaits.

"It gives us a measure of where we are and where we need to be," Jennings said.

BIG PICTURE

St. John's: Some interesting scheduling by the Red Storm: They're in Florida this weekend for three games, fly home to New York, drive up to Albany for a game Thursday, and then fly back to Florida next weekend for a Dec. 3 game at Miami. ... St. John's has lost its last eight games against teams in the AP Top 25 and has another ranked opponent awaiting Sunday in the consolation game. ... The Red Storm used a primarily seven-player rotation, and three of them fouled out.

South Carolina: Between her time at Temple and South Carolina, Staley's teams have now beaten 113 different opponents. She's 0-3 against Notre Dame and has never faced South Florida. ... The Gamecocks had six points in the second quarter, and then scored seven in the first 1:35 of the third. ... South Carolina has a run of at least 10-0 in every game this season. Saturday's was an 18-0 burst in the opening quarter, the 11th double-digit run in its first six games.

THE SERIES

It was the first meeting between South Carolina and St. John's, and a rare Empire State opponent for the Gamecocks. South Carolina is now 9-3 all-time against schools from New York — five of those games against Syracuse, and one game apiece against Buffalo, Cornell, Fordham, Hofstra, Marist, Siena and now St. John's.



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South Carolina's A'ja Wilson, center, prepares to shoot against St. John's Alisha Kebbe, left, and Akina Wellere (20) during the Gamecocks' 76-58 victory in the Gulf Coast Showcase on Saturday in Estero, Florida.

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CLEMSON BASKETBALL

Thomas, DeVoe lead Tigers over Texas Southern 84-77

BY BRAD SENKIW

The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Elijah Thomas reached career-highs with 26 points and 16 rebounds to lead Clemson to an 84-77 victory over Texas Southern on Friday.

Thomas, who recorded his second double-double of the year, made 10 of 11 field goals, the most of the junior center's career.

Senior Clemson guard Gabe DeVoe scored 21 points on 8-of-9 shooting and made all five of his 3-pointers, all career-highs.

"Both of those guys had subpar games (last game) against Temple and felt awful about it," Clemson coach Brad Brownell said. "Just didn't play very well. Those guys in a lot of ways won the game for us today."

Donte Grantham and Shelton Mitchell added 10 points each for the home team.

The ACC Tigers enjoyed a nice afternoon of shooting as they hit a season-high 61 percent from the field and connected on seven 3-pointers.

"This was a good win for our team. Texas Southern is talented," Brownell said. "They're hard to guard. We knew that coming in. We held them to 40 percent shooting. They play four guards and a 7-footer. They can all make 3s and they can drive right by you."

Demontrae Jefferson led Texas Southern with 22 points on 7-of-18 field goals. Kevin Scott added 14 points while Derrick Bruce chipped in with 12 points.

Thanks to a season-high 19 turnovers, Clemson (5-1) didn't easily put Texas Southern (0-6) away in front of the home crowd. The visitors trailed by as many as 17 in the first half but were able to slash the lead to five points with 24 seconds remaining. Texas Southern ran out of time against a Clemson team that shot 17 of 24 from the foul line in the victory.

"It was good for us," Thomas said. "It teaches us that we've got to take care of the ball and just learn from these games. It was tough, but we got the win."

Clemson got off to a sluggish start and turned the ball over eight times in the first half, when Texas Southern jumped out to a six-point lead in the first four minutes of the game.

The Tigers rallied and held a 40-36 lead after shooting 64 percent from the field by halftime, but several late turnovers and a couple Texas Southern 3-pointers wiped out the big second-half lead.

"I think we played better than what the score indicates here at the end because this is a talented team," Brownell said. "For us to have a 17-point lead late, we were playing pretty well."



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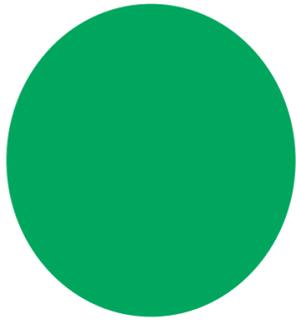
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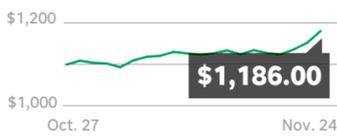
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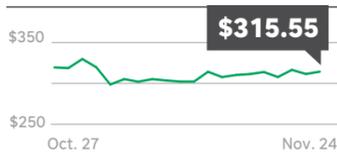
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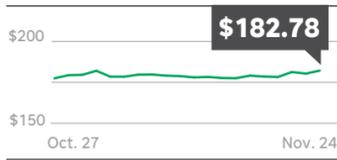
The electric carmaker only built 260 of Model 3 in the third quarter and finally started summoning non-employee reservation holders to configure their cars showing a sign of progress.



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More than half of loyalty memberships in the United States — about 54% — are inactive, according to a 2017 report by Colloquy, a marketing research firm.



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So many loyalty program options.

So little time to follow through.

Gregory Karp NerdWallet

Whether it's credit card rewards points, airline miles or store rewards, tracking loyalty programs can be overwhelming. "My head only has so much room, so I keep my rewards strategy simple," said Emma Johnson, founder of Wealthysinglemommy.com. Loyalty overload is a problem. "Just don't stress about it," says Annette Economides, who with her husband, Steve, operates MoneySmartFamily.com.

Feel the 'earn and burn'

Loyalty programs typically let you accumulate value through repeat purchases — earn — and then redeem that value — burn. Others give you a discount on a purchase or offer some benefit regular customers don't get. In weeding out programs, think with your wallet.

Curb the complexity

Airline frequent flyer programs are complicated but potentially valuable enough that accumulating miles might be worth it to you. Cash-back credit cards are popular because they can be the best of both worlds — easy to understand and potentially lucrative. They also use a valuable currency: dollars.

A complicated sandwich-shop program? You're probably better off saying, "No, thanks."

"For us, it's the combination of good rewards and ease of use," Steve Economides says.

Court the better currency

Give preference to rewards currencies you will use. Whether it's points, miles or some other cutesy name the brand uses for loyalty currency, measure its value against cash and note expiration rules. If points take a long time to add up to something meaningful or don't last long, they might not be worth the effort.

Dive into digital tools

Smartphone users can maintain loyalty programs digitally by downloading retailer apps, trying free third-party loyalty-card aggregators — such as Stocard and Key Ring — or using the built-in digital wallets that come with Apple and Android phones. The card then resides in your phone, which you can scan at checkout.

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TAMING YOUR BUDGET-BUSTING BILLS

Don't let water dry up all of your cash

Emily Bohatch
USA TODAY

In this week's installment of Taming your budget-busting bills we look at how to save on your water bill.

That drip, drip, dripping sound may be raising your water bill by more than you think.

Miscellaneous drips and leaks could amount to about 12% of your monthly bill, American Water Works Association CEO David LaFrance said. "Your toilet may be having a slow leak from the tank into the bowl, and your faucet or showerhead may have a slow drip," he said.

The median monthly water bill in the U.S. falls at about \$34.50, LaFrance said.

But, when it comes to saving, the rules are universal: be conscientious.

A good way to look at how much water you're using and how to save is to think of each room in your house, says Courtney Jespersen, consumer expert for NerdWallet.

Bathroom

The largest water usage occurs in bathrooms and can account for more than half of all the water your household uses, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Take showers instead of baths and limit the time you spend in the shower.

Kitchen

Always be conscious of how long you are running water when you are washing food and dishes.

If you wash dishes by hand, fill up the sink instead of running the water. Only use the dishwasher when it is full.

Laundry room

Only run the washing machine when you have a full load and utilize appropriate load size selections. Heating the water is the most expensive part of washing, so limit use warm or cold water whenever possible.



Water-efficient sprinklers can help save money and water. THE DESERT SUN.

Outdoor

Though water-efficient sprinklers and landscaping that require less water are some of the more obvious ways to cut down on expenses.

Water utility customers can also get a free water audit, he suggested. During an audit, a water expert can come to a home and help find leaks or other small things.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▲ 0.9% week ▲ 1.0% month ▲ 8.0% 3 months	S&P 500 ▲ 0.9% week ▲ 1.8% month ▲ 6.5% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▲ 1.6% week ▲ 5.0% month ▲ 10.0% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▲ 1.0% week ▲ 1.9% month ▲ 6.8% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▼ 0.8% week ▲ 0.9% month ▼ 0.4% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▲ 4.2% week ▲ 13.0% month ▲ 23.1% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro ▲ 0.0131 week ▲ 0.0120 month ▲ 0.0039 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▼ 0.55 week ▼ 2.14 month ▲ 2.34 3 months
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Big problems require big solutions

Solving financial issues can be painful at times



Pete the Planner
Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

As much as you and I would both like to believe that big financial problems can be solved with small, painless changes, they cannot.

Solving large problems is painful.

Sugarcoating the truth about making a financial change will do you a great disservice. Too many people tiptoe into financial change, in the midst of great financial strife, only to be discouraged by superficial and obvious culture shock.

When facing a major financial challenge, you can't try on change. You have to go for it. Eventually, you will find sweet relief, but not until you wade through the mental obstacle course which comes with true behavior change.

If you have a major financial problem, such as major consumer debt, a severely underfunded retirement, or any other situation in which years of sustained effort are necessary to put the issue behind you, you have to change who you are. Sounds a bit harsh, doesn't it?

If you're behind the eight ball, your current lifestyle led you there or is keeping you there. That same lifestyle won't free you from your problem's grasp.

Speaking of not sugarcoating the truth about financial change, the first month of major financial changes are especially awful. It's not terribly different than the first week of drastically changing your food intake. Instead of headaches, nearly psychotic cravings, and not as many pounds lost as the sacrifice you put in, you will feel more broke than ever before and unsure how you'll be able to make the changes stick long-term. And I'm only talking about making behavioral changes.

Sadly, small changes alone, no matter how painful, can't solve big financial problems.

You can attempt small changes like never dining out, couponing, and cut-



Eventually, you will find sweet relief, but not until you wade through the mental obstacle course which comes with true behavior change.

ting up your credit cards. But if your financial problem is big enough, then these solutions will eventually feel like unnecessary martyrdom.

If you have a big problem, you need a big solution.

The best big solutions I've seen both involve a major life-changing decision: selling a home you're struggling to afford and obtaining a significant second source of income.

I've convinced myself most chronic financial struggles are issues of both voluntary and involuntary "over-housing." Over-housing is when too much of

your income is dedicated to housing.

Those on the lower end of the income scale can find themselves involuntarily in this position, while those earning above living wage may voluntarily find themselves with an unaffordable home, even in locales with affordable housing.

The rent or mortgage isn't always the main culprit, as high maintenance and utility costs can leave a resident in major financial peril. No matter the cause for the over-housing, if you're facing a big financial problem, extricate yourself from your housing quagmire.

Sell it. Move. Downsize. Shift your

cash flow significantly with one bold change.

Of the several dozen emergency downsizes I've supervised, nearly all became the keystone of a new, healthier financial life. Were the new living conditions on par with what the people were used to? Of course not. But the adjustment period was almost unnaturally swift. The increased cash flow made the change worth it.

The second big solution for big problems is a significant increase in household's income. This solution is much less fun and comes with a unique set of risks. People have been working second jobs to solve financial conundrums ever since the dawn of commerce. If selling your home is easier said than done, then telling you to get a second job may seem downright tone-deaf.

I assure you I know what I'm asking of you. But my confidence in this solution comes via the thousands of Americans who work second jobs for the specific purpose of solving a major financial problem. Yes, stagnate wages are a big problem in this country, but the acknowledgment of the systemic issue doesn't solve your very tangible financial problem.

Your second job is as dangerous as it is powerful. It can certainly help you chip away at a very specific problem over time, but if you don't assign the income from the second job a specific task, then you risk increasing your dependency on a higher level of income to sustain an increased lifestyle.

If you choose to solve your big problem with the second-job solution, make sure your second job's only job is to solve a very specific financial problem. For instance, if you have \$20,000 in credit card debt, make sure every single penny from your second job goes directly toward that debt. You cannot absorb the increased income into your lifestyle and expect to come out the other side smiling.

Small changes can't solve big problems. Be bold when your life calls for a different reality.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

5 tips to stay safe while online shopping

Marc Saltzman
USA TODAY

Love online shopping? You're not alone.

The National Retail Federation predicts online retail will grow 8%-12% in 2017, up to three times higher than the growth rate of total retail sales.

1 Look for the padlock

Always use a secure Internet connection when making a purchase. Reputable websites use technologies such as SSL (Secure Socket Layer) that encrypt data during transmission.

What does that mean to you?

Look for the little padlock in the address bar or a URL that starts with "https" instead of "http," as the "s" stands for "secure."

2 Use a secure payment method

Only shop on sites that take secure payment methods, such as credit cards and PayPal, as they likely give you buyer protection just in case there's a dispute.

In other words, you won't be held liable for fraudulent charges. Even before it gets to that, you might be notified by your credit card company or bank if suspicious activity is detected.

Look for well-known security labels such as DigiCert, VeriSign, and other seals.

3 Password pointers

A strong password is at least seven characters long, has a combination of letters, numbers and symbols, and with some uppercase characters, too. Change passwords routinely. Or use password management apps if you're worried you won't remember the password.

Many opt for a passphrase instead of a password, which is typically a long sequence of strung-together words, but perhaps with a number and symbol in

there, too. For example, the sentence "My dog Eddie has a birthday May 15!" could be used to create a passphrase like "Md3habM15!"

It's good to reset your shopping passwords every so often, just in case someone guesses them, or if there's a data breach at an online retailer.

4 Do your homework

When on marketplaces like eBay, check the seller's reputation and read comments before buying a product to see what the experience was like for past customers.

Also, don't forget about the No. 1 tip about shopping: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Ignore emails or texts that claim to be from a retailer (or your bank or Internet Service Provider). These "phishing" attempts look legit, but it they ask you to confirm your financial or personal details on a website, they're fake.

5 Watch out for fake shopping apps

As we saw last year, hundreds of phony retail apps popped up in Apple's App Store and Google Play, in the hopes of tricking shoppers into downloading and using them.

Similar to "phishing" emails that look like they're from legitimate stores, these counterfeit apps want your credit card information to steal your identity. Some have been found to contain malware that can also infect a mobile device, while others ask you to log in with Facebook credentials to lift personal data.

Be sure you're downloading the legitimate app. If you're interacting with brands on social media, make sure they're "verified," with the little blue checkmark by their profile, which means the company is legit.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



Consumer spending was up 1% in September, the most in eight years, largely as a result of the healthy labor market. GETTY IMAGES

It's not just Black Friday: Consumers driving economy

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

After hitting the malls over the weekend, the resurgent American shopper takes the spotlight again in this week's economic news, with reports on consumer confidence and spending due out. Data on new-home sales and manufacturing are also expected to reflect continued gains.

New-home sales soared 18.9% in September to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 667,000, the most in a decade. Rebuilding from hurricanes in Texas and Florida may be part of the story. But many Americans also may be buying newly-constructed homes because of a shortage of existing units. For October, economists surveyed by Action Economics expect the Commerce Department on **Monday** to report a drop of 8% from that lofty level to a still robust annual rate of 615,000.

Consumer confidence jumped to the highest level in 17 years in October on steady job and income growth and a stock market that keeps setting new records. Modestly higher gasoline prices may have damped Americans' outlook marginally this month, says Gus Faucher, chief economist of PNC Financial Services Group. But the economists surveyed still expect the Conference Board on Tuesday to announce that its confidence index in November remained very close to its recent high. That would be "a good

sign for a strong holiday sales season," PNC wrote to clients.

On Wednesday, Commerce provides its second estimate of economic growth in the third quarter. Its first reading showed the nation's gross domestic product expanding at a brisk 3% annual rate despite some negative effects from the hurricanes, as consumer and business spending more than offset weak housing construction. Consumption in the July-September period will likely be revised up on **Wednesday**, Faucher says, a bump that economists say should push third-quarter growth to an even stronger 3.2%.

Consumer spending leaped 1% in September, the most in eight years, largely as a result of the healthy labor market. Strong auto sales also helped underpin the surge as many people replaced vehicles damaged by the storms. Faucher says car sales declined in October, partly offsetting sturdy spending on services. Economists expect Commerce on **Thursday** to report a more modest 0.2% gain last month in consumer spending, which makes up about 70% of economic activity.

The nation's manufacturers have been buoyed by an improving global economy and a revived oil sector. Slower car sales likely crimped activity a bit in October, Faucher says. But economists still expect the Institute for Supply Management on **Friday** to announce that its index of manufacturing activity continued to reveal strong growth.



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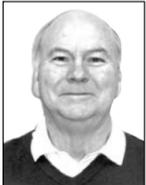
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The last of 200 turkeys comes out the oven at the consolidated mess on Thanksgiving morning. The enlisted men consumed more than 3,000 pounds of turkey during the feast.

Shaw Field's 1st Thanksgiving

This issue of Reflections remembers the first Thanksgiving celebration at Shaw Field in November 1942.

In addition to being the first post celebration, it took place during World War II, our nation's most desperate global struggle.

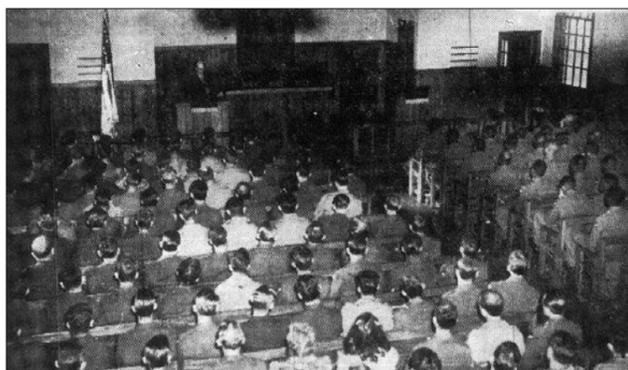


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REFLECTIONS

Although the War Department ordered 'business as usual' on Nov. 26, the men of Shaw Field would know that it

was Thanksgiving Day the moment they entered the post's mess halls.

"While two tons of turkey was consumed by the officers, cadets and enlisted men at Shaw Field, the soldiers at the air base took time out from their regular duties to attend



The largest crowd in Shaw Field's history attended the Thanksgiving Day service, conducted by Chaplain Frank K. Brasington in Post Chapel No. 1.

special Thanksgiving Day services held in the post chapels. More men attended the service at Chapel No. 1 than had ever before gathered together for a religious service at Shaw Field. While the interior of the chapel was filled to capacity, with many soldiers standing in the corridor, hundreds of others stood outside and listened to the service over a loud speaker system. Mean-

while, a Thanksgiving Mass, conducted by Chaplain Gerald J. Whelan, was held in Chapel No. 2.

Chaplain Frank K. Brasington conducted the service at Chapel No. 1. He read from the Scriptures, led the soldiers in prayers of thanksgiving and delivered an inspiring Thanksgiving Day sermon. The chaplain also read President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving proclamation and a message from Col. Burton M. Hovey Jr., post commanding officer. Hovey's message was as follows:

"We in the Army Air Forces here at Shaw Field are offering our prayers to the Almighty on this Thanksgiving Day of 1942. We are thankful first that we can assist our country in her fight to preserve democracy. We are thankful too that we can carry this fight to our enemies thus preventing invasion of our shores. For these and many other reasons we do offer our individual thanks and are truly grateful, but the greatest of all our prayers is



Col. Burton M. Hovey

one of gratitude that we shall in a short time bring this unwanted war to a successful conclusion, thus establishing for all times a glorious peace for the entire world."

"Special music was presented by a quartet composed of Sgt. Clem Reffner, Chet Gregory, Pvt. Eugene Davis and Pvt. Ernest A. Broadnax, Jr. They were accompanied on the organ by Pilot Officer Basil G. Bensted of London, England, who was associated with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, under the direction of Sir Thomas Beecham.

At one o'clock in the afternoon, the Thanksgiving feasts began in mess halls throughout the post. In addition to the thousands of turkeys, there was baked ham, pork loin,

oyster dressing, cranberry sauce, candied sweet potatoes, fresh green peas, hot rolls, mince pie and pumpkin pie and two kinds of cake. Each man also received a bag of fruit and nuts, as well as cigars, cigarettes and candy. Then back to their jobs they went grateful that they live in a country where men take time out even in days of great stress, to be thankful for the bountiful blessings of a free land."

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Transfer of Col. Burton M. Hovey Jr., commanding officer of Shaw Field, to the Air Defense Wing of the First Air Force, Norfolk, Virginia, was announced by the War Department. Lt. Col. James W. Gurr, 35, the Army basic flying school's only West pilot graduate and its second ranking officer, will assume command



Yesteryear in Sumter

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upon the departure of Col. Hovey. He currently commands the 10th basic flying training group and holds a senior pilot rating. Col. Hovey, who has commanded the post since workmen

began carving it from cotton fields in July 1941, is the school's senior officer and its only officer with a rating of command pilot and combat observer.

• State treasurer Jeff Bates said that May allocations to counties of the state gasoline tax totaled \$143,004 as compared with \$189,202 in May of last year — a decrease of approximately 33 percent. Sumter's share amounted to \$3,730.

• Maj. David E. Borden has been named Shaw Field's acting executive officer, succeeding Maj. R. Foster Scott, who was assigned to the 2nd Air Force and was to report to the 18th Replacement Wing at Salt Lake City, Utah, for possible overseas duty. Maj. Borden was the post intelligence office since November 1941, is the only member of Col. Burton M. Hovey's original staff now at Shaw Field.

• Lt. Willie Lee Ashley Jr., was a member of the Negro Aviation Unit in the battle of Pantelleria, it was learned today. Lt. Ashley received his wings at Tuskegee, Alabama, about a year ago and was sent abroad for duty. His unit was under the command of Lt. Col. Benjamin O. Davis, and they used a specially prepared air-drome in North Africa where they started hammering the Axis positions in Tunisia soon after their arrival.

• Warren T. King, secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, left Saturday for Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, where he will attend classes for a week at the Southeastern Institute for commercial organizations which is being held there.

• Four Methodist ministers from Sumter are attending the annual South Carolina Methodist pastor's school which opened at Columbia college. The theme of this year's conference, shortened from the usual fortnight to five days is "The Minister in a Period of Crisis. Sumter's representation includes the Rev. J. Ross Johnson, district superintendent; The Rev. W. D. Gleaton, pastor of Trinity Methodist; the Rev. Welborne Summers, pastor of Broad Street Methodist Church and the Rev. T.C. Shuler, pastor of the Methodist Church at Oswego.

• A wind of hurricane velocity, cutting a 700-yard path across the south end of the ramp at Shaw Field, damaged 40 basic training planes in a couple of minutes. Accompanied by torrential rain, the freak wind storm broke shortly before 2 p.m. and was followed by considerable hail. Blowing 79 miles an hour at its peak, the wind snapped mooring ropes and pushed planes into each other on the ramp. Of the 40 planes damaged, Maj. Cleo F. Peterson, sub-depot commander, said that only 12 would require major repairs.

• Plans for a 30-by-50-foot concrete floor and a cement skating rink for the Jenkins Community Center on Oakland Avenue were discussed at a called meeting of the city council and City Manager J.A. Raffield announced today that

construction of the dance floor will begin soon. The dance floor, to be an outdoor affair, will be lighted and used at night. Manager Raffield was requested by the council to seek prices on the building of the skating rink. As soon as the costs can be obtained the council will meet again to formulate plans and make it a reality. The skating rink will also be built on the outside.

• The Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. D.W. Thaxton of Charleston as its pastor, will organize here under the gospel tent at the corner of Church and Calhoun streets. The church, which will be a part of the South Carolina District of the Church of the Nazarene, will be set up under the leadership of the Rev. J.G. Wells of Columbia, district superintendent.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

Feb. 18 — Feb. 24

J. Willis Cantey, president of The Citizens and Southern National Bank of South Carolina, has been named chief executive officer of the state-wide banking institution, it was announced by Hugh C. Lane, board chairman. The announcement was made following the bank's monthly board of directors meeting in Columbia.

• The Base Airman of the Month program got a boost with the "kick off" of a new program to further recognize the top airman. The program was one of the long sought-after goals of the NCOAGA and was realized through the efforts of the association with the cooperation of the base commander and the Sumter Merchant's Association.

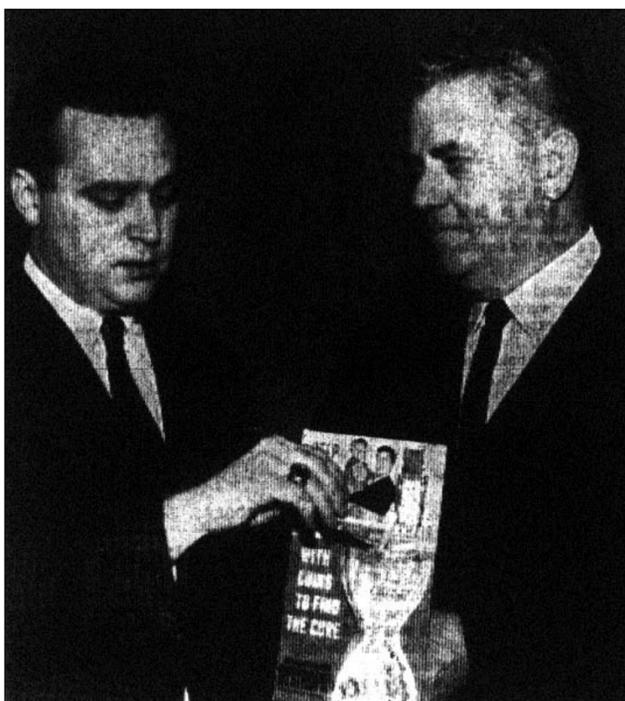
• Clemson University at Sumter broke open a tight battle in the second half and went on to down Sumter TEC, 61-48, in a benefit game for the March of Dimes at Edmunds Gym. It was the first official meeting between the two schools on the basketball court and both have hopes of making the game an annual affair. Harold Waynick, former star at Mayewood High School, was the spark plug for the winning Clemson club as he scored eight field goals and added six free throws for 22 points.

• Lincoln High School dropped two games in as many outings in the port city of Charleston to eliminate them from the Lower State AAAA Championship. The Bulldogs bowed to the Burke High Bulldogs by a 75-65 score. Earlier, Lincoln lost to the C.A. Brown Panthers by an 82-74 score. The Burke team was out front at the end of the first quarter by a 17-13 score and from this point the local team was never in the game.

• J.F. McLeod, downtown branch manager of Citizens and Southern National Bank, has been selected local chairman for the 1968 march for muscular dystrophy. The announcement was made by Larry Rogers president of the Sumter Jaycees, who sponsor this year's MD drive. McLeod will head the annual appeal for funds to support a broad attack on the problems created by muscular dystrophy. He stressed the pressing need to halt the progress of muscular dystrophy as he urged Sumter residents to give active support of the local march.

• The movie version of the life of Sumter's Bobby Richardson, which is scheduled to be shown in the Edmunds High School auditorium, is a well put together film that should please most baseball fans as well as Richardson's friends and admirers. Viewed at a special showing the film is titled "The Bobby Richardson Story" and is based on Bobby's book of the same name.

• The Sumter Jaycees and the Sumter Sertoma Club have challenged each other for the second straight year in a "mile-of-dimes" contest. The event's purpose is to raise money for the March-of-Dimes. Starting point for the mile will be Wesmark Plaza



1968 — J.F. McLeod Jr., left, chairman of the local Muscular Dystrophy drive, puts the first donation in one of the canisters that will be placed in downtown stores. With him is Chester A. Lawson, canister chairman for the campaign.

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with the finish line at the fairgrounds. Larry Rogers will represent the Jaycees while Jim Puryear will carry the Sertoma banner. The loser gets a pie in the face from the winner.

• Coach Maxie Knowlton saw his never-say-die East Clarendon Wolverines overcome leads of up to nine points, to skim past Latta, 52-50, in an overtime thriller last night before a capacity crowd of over 1,100 fans. The Wolverines were paced by another fine 27-point effort by Ray Morris, upset the Red Raiders to stay alive in the 5-B competition. Latta, with a victory could have wrapped up the conference title, watched as the Wolverines roared back, sending the tourney down to a one game finish.

• T. O. Bowen, Sumter County extension agent, assumed the national spotlight as toastmaster at the Tuesday evening banquet of the National Peach Council annual convention in the Francis Marion Hotel in Charleston. Chemicals being developed to control weeds and grass in orchards aroused interest from industry people, according to Bowen. It has always been a basic cultivating rule to keep orchard soil mulched on the theory that the peach tree roots needed air.

• "Now it appears we have been doing some things simply because our fathers and grandfathers did. The chemicals are in the experimental stage now, with exact amount, method, method and time of application and side effects yet to be determined.

• The nation's third highest award for heroism has been awarded to Capt. Clarence C. Graham, son of Mrs. John Gibson of Sumter. Capt. Graham attended East Clarendon High School, is married to the former Nancy L. Humber of Columbus, Georgia, and they have one daughter.

25 YEARS AGO — 1992

Nov. 20 — Nov. 26

Sumter fire officials are warning residents to be careful as they try to warm themselves during the cold-weather season. Sumter Fire Chief Eli Parnell said the recent cold snap has led to several small chimney fires in Sumter. "It's the time of year when we should all be careful and check all our heating systems for problems," Parnell said. "Read the directions on your heaters, and have your chimneys checked for build-up."

• A majority of The Citadel faculty favor making the all-male military college co-educational if the school is forced to change its admissions policy according to a survey. College officials said, however, that the survey was unscientific because it did not offer the option of leaving the admissions policy as it is. The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in a suit

challenging Virginia Military Institute's all-male admissions policy, has told the school it must either admit women, create a separate women's military college or go private.

• Johnny Watt breathed a sigh of relief as the State Election Commission upheld the results of the Sumter County Council District 7 race. Democrat Bennie Brogdon, who lost to Watt by a 2,020-1,648 vote, asked the commission to overrule the Sumter County Election Commission's decision to uphold the results of the election and order a new one. Brogdon protested the results of the race and contends that confusion about which races some voters could vote in and ballot shortages in some precincts cost her the race.

• After more than a decade of planning and seeking state funding, construction has begun on a \$5.3 million library for USC Sumter. "The new library will be a dream come true not only for USC Sumter but for the entire community," stated USC Sumter Dean Jack Anderson. For Anderson and USC Sumter head librarian Jane Ferguson, planning for the new library has been a labor of love, but both are quick to point out that the project has been a team effort involving others.

• The state NAACP is investigating a recent decision by the Sumter County Election Commission to throw out the election of three black Sumter School District 2 school board candidates. The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will hold a rally at 7 p.m. at Sumter's Emmanuel United Methodist Church to announce the results of the probe. Nelson B. Rivers III, executive director of the state NAACP, will be among the visitors.

• Mayewood Band Director Coleman Sistruck has led the Marching Vikings to four trophies in the past three weeks, including two at Hillcrest High School's "Top of the Hill" competition. The Vikings won trophies for best drum major and for their "Good" rating at the Hillcrest event. At a band competition in Hampton, the Vikings won trophies for placing third in their division and for their "Excellent" rating.

• Sumter County Council will hold a public hearing on a zoning change at Pinewood and McCrays Mill roads that would allow a convenience store and a small shopping center. Owners of Market Express, a convenience store chain, are in the process of acquiring two tracts of land at the corner to build small shops. Plans submitted by Market Express to the Sumter City-County Planning Commission show that a convenience store, a fast food restaurant and an auto repair shop may be located on the property.

• The election results in Sumter School District 2 will

stand. The state Election Commission voted unanimously to overrule a Nov. 12 decision by the Sumter County Election Commission to throw out the results of the three contested District 2 races, which were held during the Nov. 3 general election. Trustee Elizabeth Kilgore, Roland Robinson and Elizabeth Kyler were elected to the District 2 board.

• Roy Acuff, whose fancy fiddle playing and stirring songs such as "The Wabash Cannonball" earned him the title "the king of country music," died. Acuff, who had been hospitalized several times in recent months, died of congestive heart failure. Acuff joined the Grand Ole Opry in 1938 and became the greatest star in the fabled history of the country music show.

• Sumter High School's Robert Smith and Peter Ford and Hillcrest's Deandre James have been named to the 35-member 1992 South Carolina Shrine Bowl football team. Rosters for both the South Carolina and North Carolina teams were released Monday. The 55th Shrine Bowl game, which pits the best senior players from each state against each other will be played Dec. 12 at Charlotte Memorial Stadium.

• Byron Kinney didn't talk like a man who had just watched his team claim a 20-point victory. "Sloppy is the first word that comes to my mind," said Sumter High School's basketball coach following the Gamecocks' 71-51 win over Bishopville in the first round of the SHS Tip-off Tournament. In truth, both teams showed definite signs that it is still very early in the basketball season. Both had trouble hanging onto the ball and suffered through spells of offensive ineptitude.

• Sumter County officials opened the doors Monday to something most wish the county didn't need — an addition to the jail. During a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Sumter County Council members welcomed the new annex — the second annex at the jail — but bemoaned the money spent on housing prisoners. Council Chairman Joe Davis praised Sumter County Correctional Center Director Jerry Hyatt for proposing the annexes.

• The room is filled with all types of people — from women in fur coats to men clad in prison garb. It's the main courtroom of the Sumter Magistrate's Office, and everyone there is in some kind of trouble. Sumter County Chief Magistrate Mary K. Herbert said in the nearly 20 years she's been involved in the magistrate's office, she's seen all type of people charged with all types of crimes come through her court. "It never bores me," she said.

• Sumter County has asked a judge to decide if restrictions in its zoning ordinance apply to the expansion of a hazardous-waste landfill in the county. Laidlaw Environmental Services of South Carolina Inc. is expanding its landfill within a 279-acre tract that is permitted for a hazardous-waste landfill by the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Sumter County officials contend that under the county's zoning ordinance, the company must appear before the local planning commission and receive permission to expand its operations. Laidlaw officials maintain that the DHEC permit is sufficient for expansion.

• Westinghouse Electric Corp. confirmed today it will sell its Sumter plant in a restructuring plan company officials say will save the electrical giant, which has been hurt by the lingering recession. None of the 340 people working at the Sumter plant are expected to lose their jobs in the sale.

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A return to the good old days

“Steady, steady,” Daddy said softly to Thomas as we approached.

Those words might have been meant for me — as much as the dog. Thomas was a young pointer, full of unbridled enthusiasm, and I was a youngster of nine or 10 on my first quail hunt with a loaded gun.

Thomas was locked on point along a brushy fence row. My Dad, my brother David and I were approaching across a small cut cornfield. It was an early Saturday morning, and it was cold enough to see



Dan Geddings

your breath.

The birds exploded from the fence row as we closed in and sailed across the field toward the woods beyond. The sudden roar and whirl of wings startled me for a moment, but I recovered and instinctively picked out a single bird from the large covey. At

my shot, a puff of feathers marked my first quail down. I couldn't believe that I had done it!

I knew that Daddy and David had shot, but I hadn't seen anything else but the bird that I had shot. Then I heard Daddy say to Thomas, “Dead, find dead.” They had each shot a bird from the covey, and Thomas was searching for the downed quail.

The covey had scattered and flew into a thick little branch bottom. We didn't try to follow them and just went on across the farm looking for another covey.

I had gone along on the quail hunts since I was six or seven and old enough to keep up with the other hunters. I started out carrying an unloaded .22 rifle. Daddy carried the bullets in his pocket. I shot my first rabbit, on a quail hunt, with that little gun.

When I got older I started carrying an unloaded 16-gauge pump gun, but it didn't take but a few hunts to graduate to a loaded gun, and this was my first real bird hunt.

Daddy was a bird hunter. It was his first love. We kept



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bird dogs and hunted quail on the farms around our small town. Quail were plentiful, and we knew where to find coveys on the land we hunted. There were no deer or turkeys in our part of the world back then.

This was back in the early '60s, and it was the waning days of the Bobwhite Quail. We didn't know it then, but bobwhite numbers would soon plummet. They hang on now across a landscape that has changed because of modern farming practices, intensive forestry practices and urban development.

Bobwhites are grassland birds. They do best on farms with weedy patches and open woods with a grassy under-

story. Early successional habitats of warm-season grasses, annual forbs and legumes (weeds) and shrub thickets were incidental in the past and are less likely to be maintained today.

Some individual land owners have managed to develop and restore habitat to benefit wild quail, and the results have been impressive. There are numerous government programs that assist individual land owners and managers, but natural resource professionals have realized that we must move beyond farm-by-farm efforts and begin to manage quail on a geographic scale.

The National Bobwhite Conservation Initiative is a range-wide habitat plan devel-

oped by 25 state wildlife agencies that comprise the historic range of the Northern Bobwhite Quail. Plans have been developed to encourage habitat development in focal areas. It is a unified effort to restore wild quail populations.

South Carolina was divided into four NBCI focal regions. They are the Pee Dee, Central, South and Piedmont. The NBCI Central Focal Region includes seven counties to include Sumter, Lee and Clarendon. The Central Region has approximately 1.5 million acres ranked as high or medium potential for bobwhite habitat restoration. Some significant public land holdings within the focal area include Manchester State Forest, Oak Lea WMA and Santee Cooper WMA. Focal areas have the goal of meeting 50 percent of the target density of quail in 5 years and 100 percent in 10 years.

The goals are ambitious. The target population represents a large increase in the existing quail population. The focal region approach will move us to a scale that will assure the long-range viability of the bobwhite quail.

My Dad and older brother are gone now, but I would love to see quail on the landscape again. It would be a welcome return to the good old days.

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Kerri's 1st deer



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Kerri Penny of Manning snags her first deer.

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Attorneys general bash plan to hike national park fees

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL
The Associated Press

A group of state attorneys general on Wednesday urged the National Park Service to scrap its proposal to more than double the entrance fee at 17 popular national parks.

The top government lawyers from 10 states and the District of Columbia sent a letter saying the increase could put access to the parks out of reach for many Americans.

“We cannot let the most popular and awe-inspiring national parks become places for the wealthy,” they said in the letter to the Park Service's acting director.

All the signers are Democrats except for Arizona's Mark Brnovich, a Republican.

The AGs say the increase is inconsistent with the laws governing the park system because the administration did not provide an economic analysis to support its claims that raising fees would increase revenue.

The Park Service estimates that higher fees will generate an additional \$70 million a year, more than half of which would be used to chip away at a backlog of maintenance

and infrastructure projects. But the AGs say the increase actually could reduce the number of visitors and revenue.

It would particularly hit lower-income people who already use the parks less frequently than those with more money, they said.

In a separate statement, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra suggested he and his colleagues could take legal action if the Park Service moves ahead with the plan, which would boost the entrance fee to \$70 per vehicle at the targeted parks, up from \$25 or \$30.

The fee would go into effect during peak season at heavily visited parks, including Glacier, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, Yosemite and Zion in the West and Acadia and Shenandoah in the East. Five of the AGs who signed the letter represent states that include parks that would be subject to the fee increases; six do not.

Raquel Coombs, a spokeswoman for Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, said it didn't matter that Maryland does not have a park that would be affected: “Everyone should have access to our nation's national parks,” she said.

Green groups, fishermen at odds over new rules on small fish

(AP) — Environmentalists and commercial fishing groups on the East Coast are divided about a decision to increase the amount fishermen can catch of an ecologically vital small fish.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission approved changes to menhaden fishing rules on Tuesday, including increasing the East Coast's fishing quota by 8 percent, or some 35 million pounds of fish.

The decision followed a string of

public hearings and weeks of debate about how to manage a fish that is important for such industries as fish oil for human supplements and meal for aquaculture but is also a vital food source for whales, dolphins and large fish.

The commission had been considering several new ways of managing menhaden, some of which included potentially reducing the quota — an idea environmental activist groups supported.

The pro-industry Menhaden Fisheries Coalition said the commission's decision to offer a modest quota increase followed “best available science.” The increase in quota won't bring the fishery close to the point of overfishing, the commission said.

But environmental groups, including Pew Charitable Trusts, said the move fails to account for menhaden's key role in the food chain.

“Wildlife on the East Coast will suf-

fer for these choices, as will people who enjoy fishing for striped bass or watching whales,” said Peter Baker, Northeast director of U.S. ocean conservation for the Pew Charitable Trusts.

Menhaden are one of the most-caught fish in the U.S., dwarfing popular food fish, such as tuna and flounder, in terms of sheer volume of catch. They're also a popular bait fish and are used in lucrative fisheries such as lobster harvesting.

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Summons & Notice

Summons and Notice Publication Family Court of Sumter, South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY (Plaintiff)

Ronnie Stukes vs. (Defendant)

IN THE INTEREST OF Minor Child DOB 1/19/2010 TO DEFENDANT: Ronnie Stukes

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED

And required to answer the complaint in the above referenced concerning the minor child above and that you have failed to contact the agency in regards to your whereabouts in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for James C. Campbell, Sumter County, South Carolina, on October 31, 2016 a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at Steven B. Suchomski, 105 N. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the statutory time allotted, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. A hearing has been scheduled for February 1, 2018 at 2:15 P.M.

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AMENDED SUMMONS IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2017-CP-43-01067

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, Plaintiff,

vs. D. Ahtonen, a minor, C. Barno, a minor, E. Behuniak, a minor, E. Brarens, a minor, M. Brarens, a minor, S. Brarens, a minor, J. Card, a minor, T. Carter, a minor, A. Costa, a minor, N. Cribb, a minor, Z. Cribb, a minor, Z. Davis, a minor, C. De La Cruz, a minor, A. Franklin, a minor, S. Frierson, a minor, M. Fullard, a minor, R. Geddings, a minor, E. Green, a minor, M. Harvin, a minor, M. Harvin, a minor, L. Jiang, a minor, N. Jiang, a minor, K. Lowery, a minor, R. Martinez, a minor, W. Maya Santos, a minor, J. McLeod, a minor, T. Polite, a minor, R. Polite, a minor, Z. Ricklin, a minor, H. Ridgeway, a minor, A. Rudd, a minor, K. Rudd, a minor, Z. Rudd, a minor, C. Ruighaver, a minor, P. Ruighaver, a minor, R. Ruighaver, a minor, D. Smalls, a minor, J. Smith, a minor, D. Stevenson, a minor, K. Svenningsen, a minor, S. Canty Thomas, a minor, A. Viperman, a minor, H. Yackeschi, a minor, Shakara Portee, and John Doe, a class designated to represent any unknown minor claimants, Defendants.

Summons & Notice

TO THE DEFENDANTS HEREIN:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Amended Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Amended Complaint on the undersigned attorneys at their offices, 935 Broad Street, Post Office Drawer 39, Camden, South Carolina, 29021, within the time remaining for a response of the original pleading or within fifteen (15) days after service of the named amended pleading, whichever period may be longer, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master in Equity or Special Referee 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 or Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a Final Judgment in this case with appeal directly to the Supreme Court of South Carolina or to the Court of Appeals, whichever is appropriate.

NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED COMPLAINT IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO.: 2017-CP-43-01067

NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED COMPLAINT TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND THE PERSONS WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE OR THEIR LEGAL GUARDIANS:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the original Amended Summons and Amended Complaint in the above entitled action were filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on September 13, 2017.

Please take notice that the Plaintiff herein filed a declaratory judgment action and has asked the court to judge the rights of the Defendants herein who were involved in an automobile accident on January 3, 2017 while riding a Sumter County school bus.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND ORDER OF APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS AND THE PERSONS WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE OR THEIR LEGAL GUARDIANS:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Kenneth R. Young, Jr., Attorney at Law, 23 W. Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150 has been appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi for said minor Defendants or those other Defendants, residents or non-residents, who are minors under legal disability, if any, who are not represented by Guardian ad Litem.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, That the said Kenneth R. Young, Jr., Attorney at Law, be and he is hereby, designated and appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi, for said minor Defendants and those other Defendants resident or non-resident, who are minors or under other legal disability, if any, who are not represented by a guardian and who cannot be personally served and he is hereby authorized to appear and defend said action on behalf of said Defendants, unless said minor Defendants or other Defendants under legal disability or the persons with whom they reside or their legal guardians, if any, or either of them, shall within thirty (30) days after notification of the appointment by service of process, exclusive of the day of service, as herein provided, procure to be appointed a Guardian ad Litem for said minor Defendants or other Defendants under legal disability, if any, for the purposes of this action. In the event any of said Defendants shall fail within the time aforesaid to have another Guardian

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appointed, the appointment of Kenneth R. Young, Jr. as Guardian ad Litem for said Defendants shall become absolute.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That Notice of Appointment shall be served upon said minor Defendants, their legal guardians or the person(s) with whom they reside and other Defendants under legal disability, if any, by publication of such notice of this Order as is required by law in the The Item, a newspaper published in Sumter County, South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

JAMES C. CAMPBELL SUMTER COUNTY CLERK OF COURT

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Camden, South Carolina 29021
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Summons and Notice Publication Family Court of Sumter, South Carolina Third Judicial Circuit

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, SUMTER COUNTY (Plaintiff)

LaBanta Butler vs. Donald Bush John Doe Calvin Singletary Michael Singleton Susie Dinkins (Defendants)

IN THE INTEREST OF Minor Child Born 9/17/2013 Minor Child Born 5/21/2015 Minor Child Born 4/29/2009 Minor Child Born 2/7/2011

TO DEFENDANTS: LaBanta Butler Donald Bush John Doe Calvin Singletary Michael Singleton Susie Dinkins

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED And required to answer the complaint in the above referenced concerning the minor child above and that you have failed to contact the agency in regards to your whereabouts in this action, the original of which has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for James C. Campbell, Sumter County, on October 30, 2017 a copy of which will be delivered to you upon request; and to serve a copy of your answer to the complaint upon the undersigned attorney for the Plaintiff at Steven B. Suchomski, 105 N. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC 29150 within thirty (30) days following the date of service upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the statutory time allotted, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said Complaint. A pre-trial conference hearing has been scheduled for December 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. A Final Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights has been scheduled for February 1, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

S. C. DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES Steven B. Suchomski, Esquire P.O. Box 68 Sumter, SC 29151 (803) 773-5531

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (Non-Jury) Foreclosure

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT C/A #: 2017-CP-43-02042

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

TRUSTMARK NATIONAL BANK, Plaintiff,

vs. BRADLEY M. BARKER, Defendant.

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TO 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, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint upon the subscribers, at their office, 1703 Laurel Street (29201), Post Office Box 11682, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on October 26, 2017.

Benjamin E. Grimsley
S.C. Bar No. 70335
Attorney for the Plaintiff
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Columbia, S.C. 29211
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Public Hearing

NOTICE OF COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter County Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Sumter Zoning Ordinance and Map on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.** in the County Council Chambers located on the Third Floor of the Sumter County Administration Building (13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina). The following request is scheduled for consideration:

RZ-17-08, 2020 Loring Mill Rd. (County)
Request to rezone a +/- 5.8 acre portion of property located at 2020 Loring Mill Rd. from Residential-15 (R-15) to Agricultural Conservation (AC). The property is represented by Tax Map # 186-00-02-008.

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.

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman
Mary Blanding, Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance #17-881

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Sumter County, South Carolina, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, December 12, 2017, - 6 O'clock P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as practicable, as said hearing can be convened, in connection with:

An Ordinance To Approve A Utility Easement Along Right Of Way Of New Intersection Of North Lafayette Drive And North Main Street.

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

Dated this 17th day of November 2017.

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



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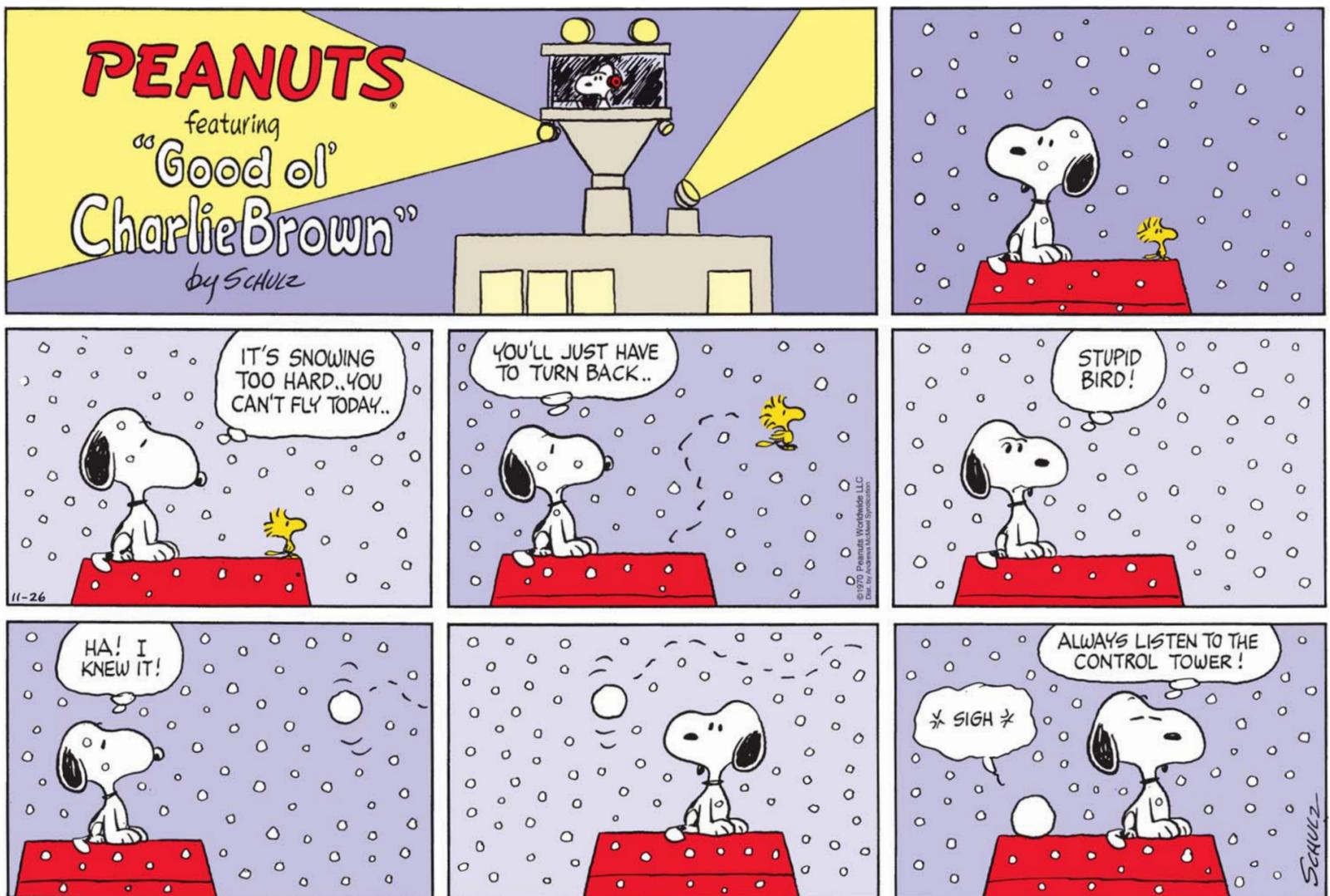
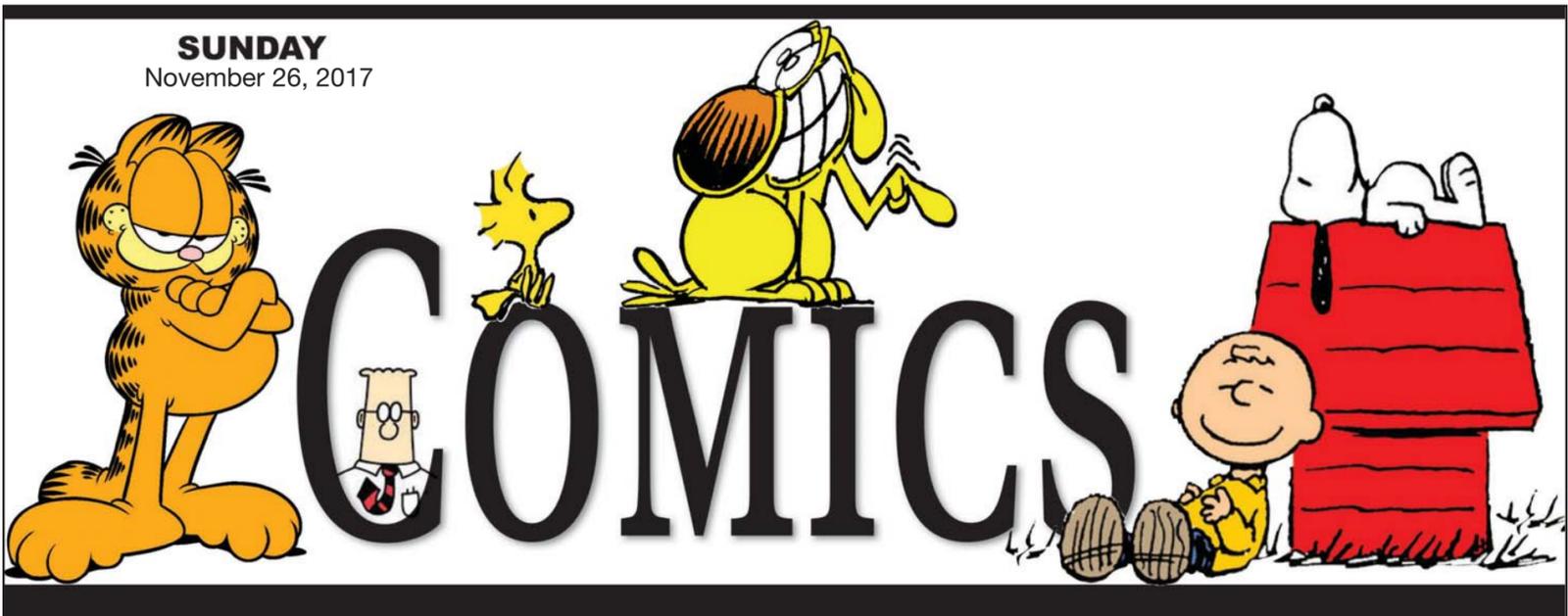
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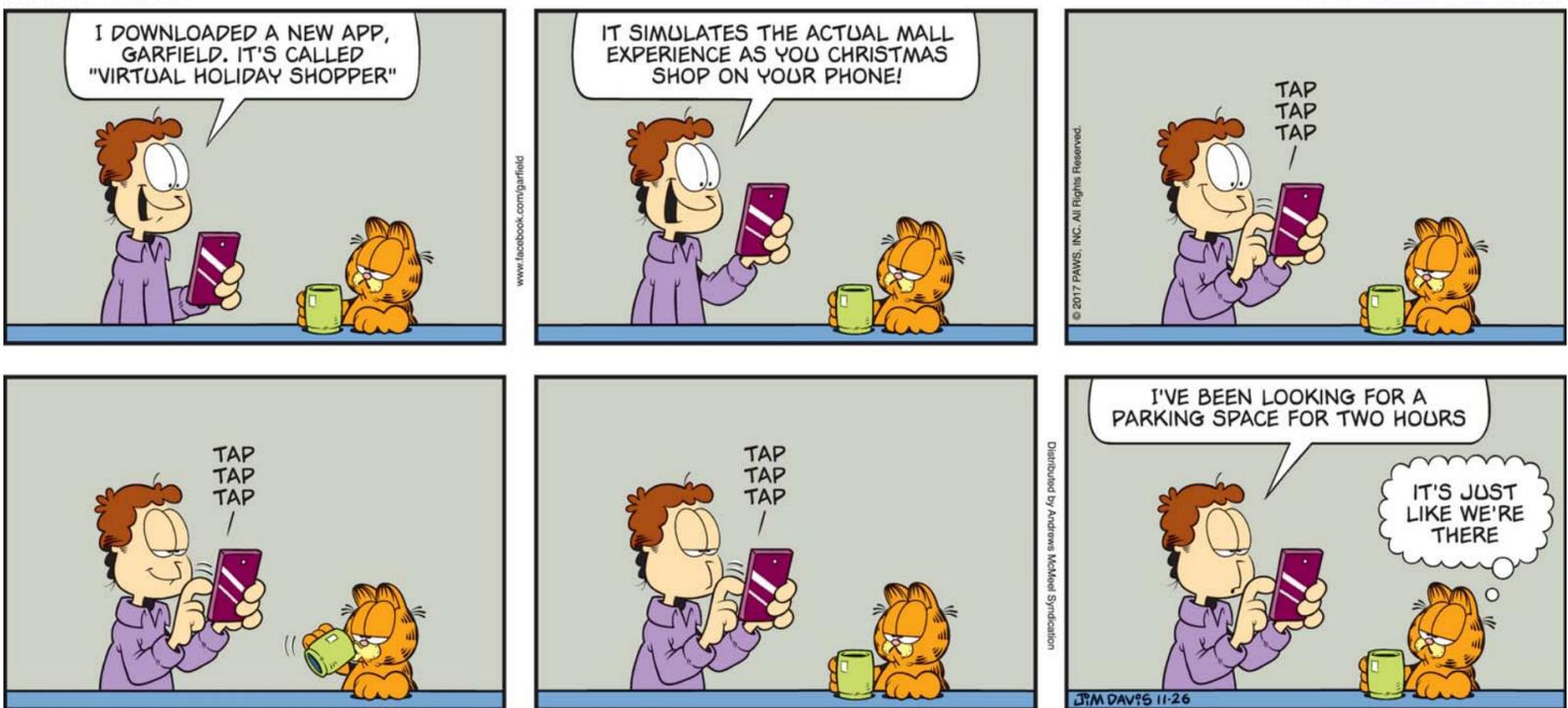
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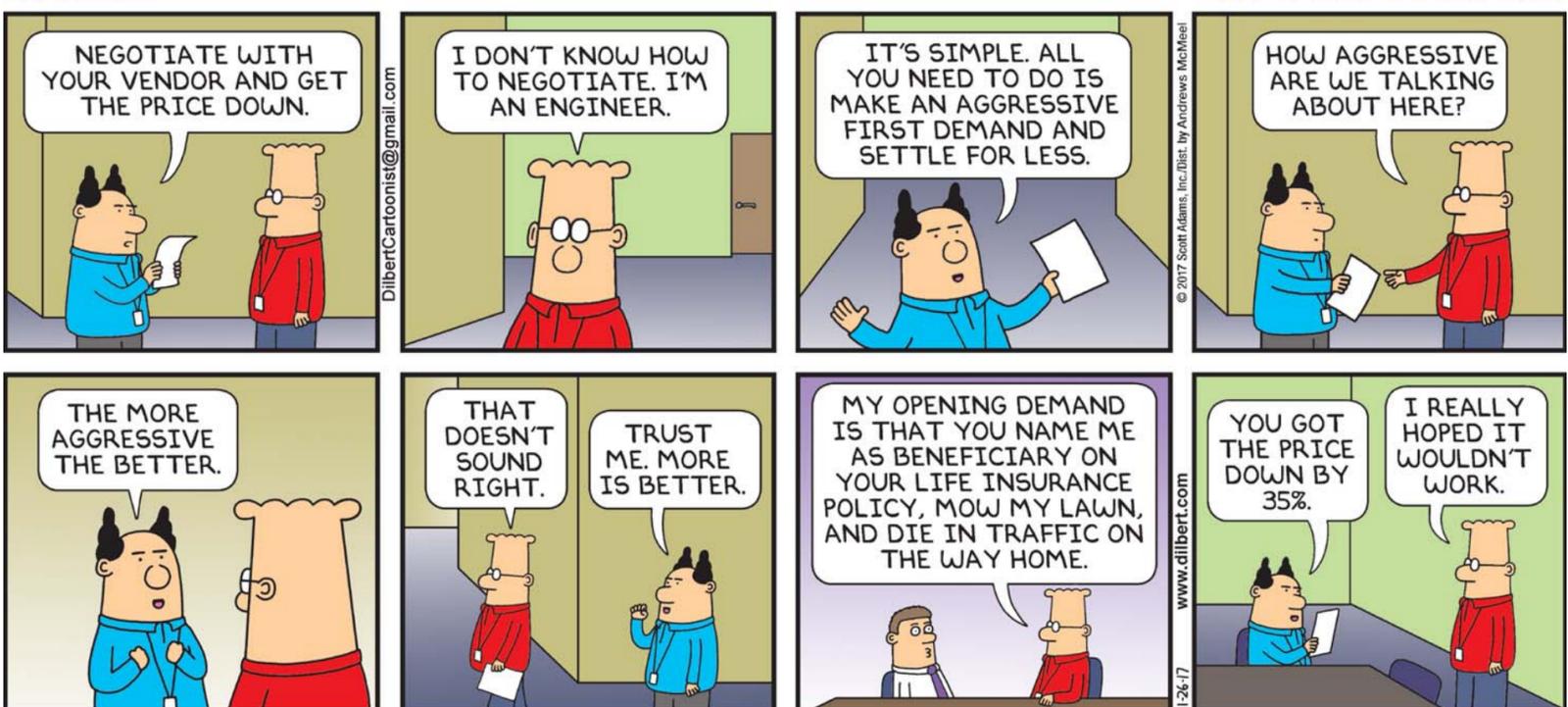
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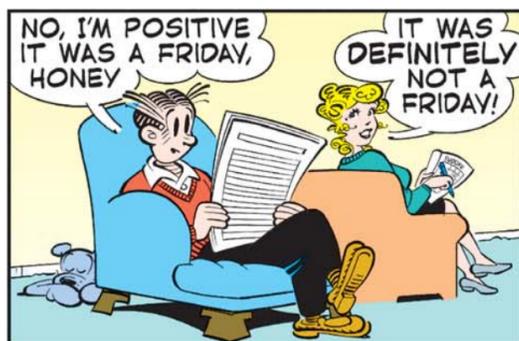
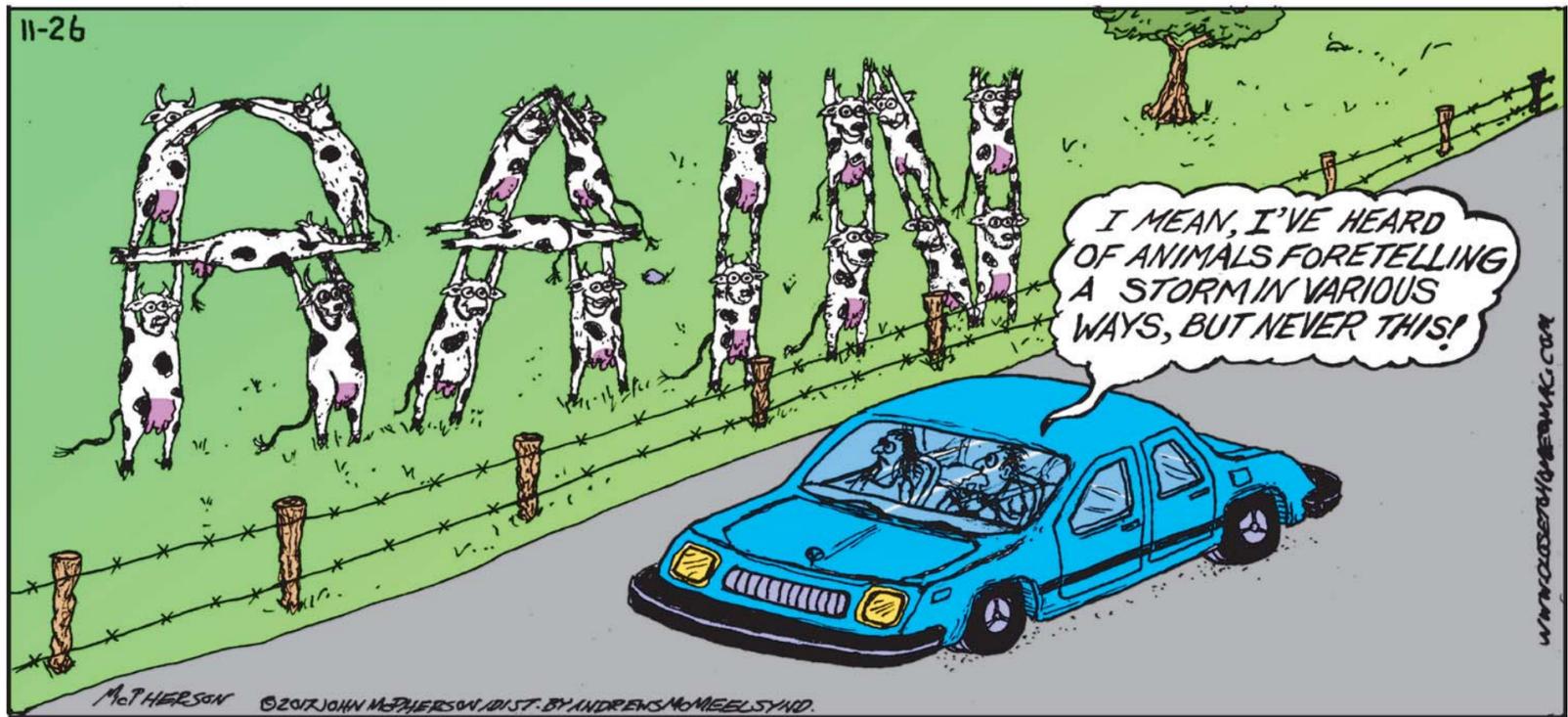
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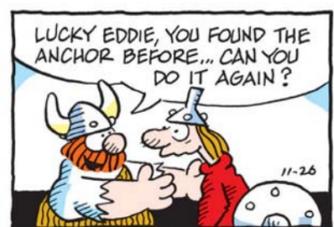
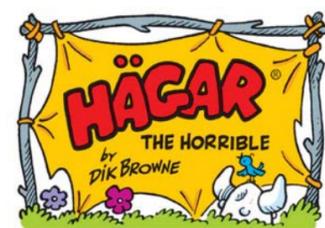
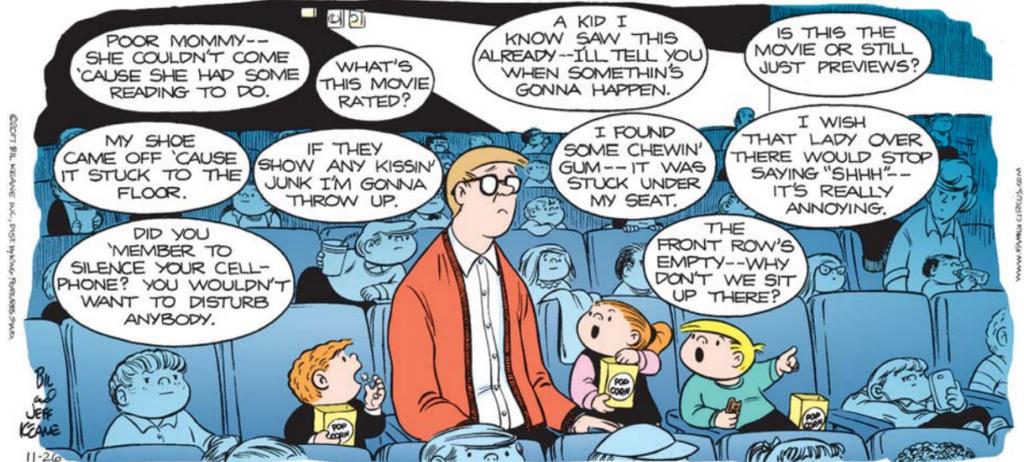
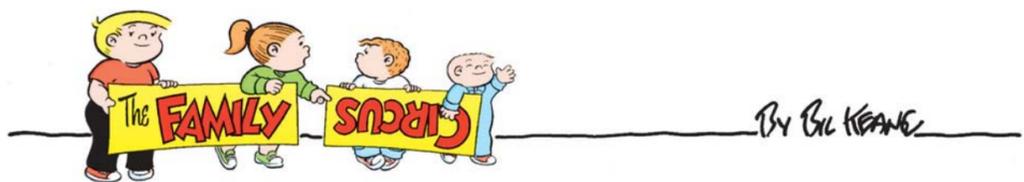
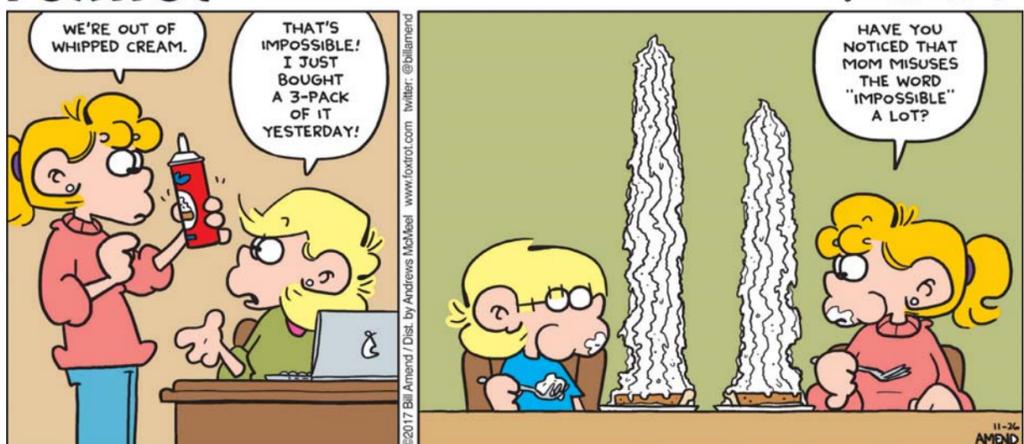
CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON



FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES

By Foote & Sacko

WE'D LIKE TO STRIKE GOLD BEFORE WE GET OLD.

11-26

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

DOODLE ZOO

I'M NOT A COMPLETE IDIOT... SOME PARTS ARE MISSING.

DRAW!!

DRAW A SAFETY HELMET!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN A DINOSAUR SNEEZES?
A. OUT OF THE WAY!
Roger Lund, Richfield, MN

Q. HOW DO OYSTERS CALL THEIR FRIENDS?
A. ON SHELLPHONES.
Bristol Samuelson, Long Beach, CA

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

11-26

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Girl is longer. 2. Boy is taller. 3. Cactus is reversed. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Building is wider. 6. Girl's hair is longer.

FRANK & ERNEST

DEADLY SINS AWARDS

PRIDE IS BEAMING BECAUSE HE JUST WON "BEST IN SHOW" AT THE DEADLY SINS AWARDS. IT LOOKS LIKE WRATH IS YELLING AT THE JUDGES FOR THEIR DECISION.

SLOTH DIDN'T BOTHER TO SHOW UP. GREED WAS ONLY AFTER THE CASH PRIZE. AND LUST MONEY! MONEY! MONEY! JUST WANTED TO IMPRESS WOMEN.

ENVY IS VERY JEALOUS OF PRIDE'S VICTORY, BUT GLUTTONY DIDN'T WANT FIRST PLACE.

HE'S ALWAYS GOING FOR SECONDS. AND BY THE LOOK OF THINGS, THIRDS TOO!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

YOU LOOK COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!

I WENT TO A NEW BARBER TO GET MY HAIRCUT THIS WEEK.

HE DIDN'T CUT YOUR HAIR, HE ANNIHILATED IT!

YEAH, I GUESS HE GOT A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY...

BUT I TAKE SOLACE IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT I CAN QUICKLY GROW IT ALL BACK.

BRAGGART!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

I WARNED YOU ABOUT DATING CATWOMAN!

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

WHY IS HENRY OUT WITH YOU TODAY?

IT'S NICE TO HAVE A MAN AROUND SOMETIMES

THEY SAY THAT PETS CAN TAKE ON THE TRAITS OF THEIR OWNERS

THERE'S CERTAINLY SOME SIMILARITY BETWEEN THOSE TWO. HA!

YOU KNOW I WAS JUST KIDDING BACK THERE, RIGHT?

HONEY...?

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

WE SWITCHED VETS AND I HAVE TO FILL OUT NEW PATIENT FORMS FOR YOU GUYS...

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE BUCKY?

COO, TOUGH ONE.

I GUESS HE'S ABOUT ... YAY. NOT BIG.

NO, NO, HIS PERSONALITY.

OH! HE'S LIKE A KNOCK ON THE DOOR... BUT ONE ON TELEVISION.

HEY.

YAA! HA HA!

CONFUSED...

NO, HE'S CONFUS-ING.

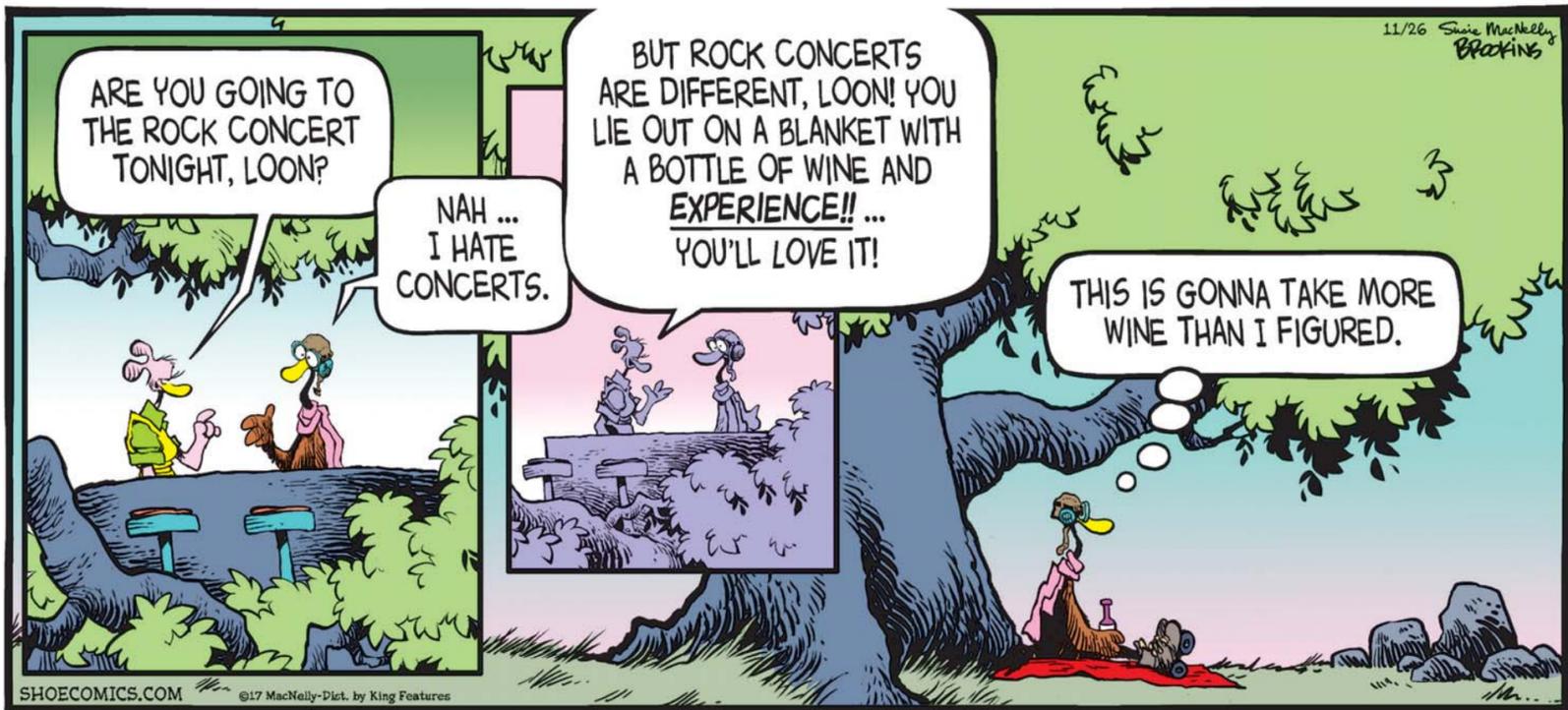
THAT WASN'T FOR BUCKY'S FORM.

BYE.

YAA! HA HA! STOP IT!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

