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# 'Sir, I assume command.'



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Maj. Gen. Scott J. Zobrist, Commander, 9th Air Force, Air Combat Command, Shaw Air Force Base, Col. Daniel Lasica, the outgoing Commander of the 20th Fighter Wing and the incoming Col. Derek J. O'Malley, Commander, 20th Fighter Wing are seen during the Change of Command ceremony on Friday.

## Shaw welcomes new commander O'Malley, says goodbye to Lasica

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Of all the photos and artifacts in the 20th Fighter Wing's new commander's new office, an old photo is his favorite.

The photo is of his father, a former maintenance officer who was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base in the '60s, throwing Col. Derek J. O'Malley in the air. His father said the boy loved being thrown high in the air.

O'Malley assumed command of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw on Friday morning at a change-of-command ceremony in Hangar 1200, one

of the buildings his father said he still recognized.

"He told me what Shaw was like back then, so it's been really cool to walk around this base, see some of the facilities that were here when he was here and to remember some of his stories," O'Malley said. "So, I'm just excited to dive into the mission and to get to know these airmen. Because, really, my role at this point is to take care of them so they can take care of the mission."

Before taking command of the Air Force's largest F-16 Fighting Falcon combat wing, O'Malley was the vice

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## Lasica awarded Legion of Merit with Shaw exit

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Col. Daniel T. Lasica may be on his way to Aviano Air Base in Italy, where he and his family relocated this week as he accepted a promotion to command the 31st Fighter Wing there, but Shaw Air Force Base did not have him leave without recognizing him for his impact in Sumter in the last two years one last time.

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Maj. Gen. David C. Hill, the new deputy commander of U.S. Army Central, smiles at his wife, Chris, as she and Lt. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, USARCENT commander, place his major general epaulettes on his jacket.

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## New deputy commander welcomed to, promoted at U.S. Army Central

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U.S. Army Central's new deputy commanding general has more than a new home and base to get used to. He also has a new title and rank attached to his name.

A ceremony on Thursday morning at USARCENT's Patton Hall on Shaw Air Force Base

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## 2 Shaw airmen honored for saving 88 lives

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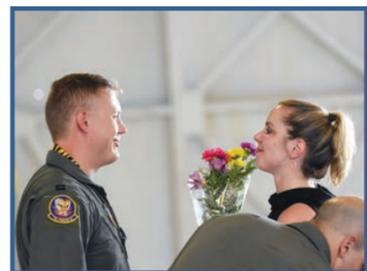
In an hours-long firefight in Afghanistan where two American soldiers were killed in the offset, the remaining 88 American and coalition troops credit their lives to two Shaw Air Force Base F-16 fighter pilots.

Cpts. John J. Nygard and Salvador A. Cruz, both members of the 79th Fighter Squadron at Shaw, received a Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) Medal on Thursday in a ceremony attended by their families, the Gold Star families of the two fallen soldiers, community leaders, airmen and the others involved in the combat mission. The DFC is awarded to any member of the armed forces or a friendly foreign nation who distinguishes him or herself in "actual combat in support of operations by heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight," according to an Air Force fact sheet.

"It was a tough night, no doubt," said Col. Daniel T. Lasica, who pinned the medals on the two captains the day before his time as commander of the 20th Fighter Wing ended as he re-stationed to Aviano Air Base in Italy.

According to the citation accompanying their medals, Nygard, an instructor pilot and flight commander, and Cruz, a search pilot, employed weapons on two separate attacks that "enabled the elimination of a senior Islamic State or Iraq and Syria-K leader and

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Above, Col. Daniel Lasica stands with Capt. Salvador Cruz as Cruz's DFC Medal citation is read out loud. Below, Capt. John Nygard shares a moment with his wife, Laura, after giving her flowers. Nygard and Cruz were awarded a DFC Medal Thursday at Shaw Air Force Base.

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## Here is who will be on your ballot Tuesday

### Local candidates answer platform Q&A ahead of primaries

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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As the primary elections for national, state and local positions draws nearer, voters have to come to a conclusion on Tuesday about who they want to represent their party on the ticket.

Below is a list of candidates — including Q&A answers for primaries specific to Sumter County — who are campaigning for a spot on the general election ballot in November in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties, as well as statewide races.

Voters do not have to declare a party, but they can only choose one party's ballot for the primary.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday. For more information about the primaries and polls, call Sumter County Voter Registration and Election at (803) 436-2310 or visit [www.sumtercountysc.org/?q=department/voter-registration-elections](http://www.sumtercountysc.org/?q=department/voter-registration-elections).

#### SUMTER COUNTY DISTRICT 2

**ARTIE BAKER (R) — Incumbent**

**Career:** Former elementary school teacher and high school track coach, and businessman

**What inspired you to run:** Baker said he is running for a sixth term on county council to continue the work and change he has already been a part of, such as looking out for the best interests of constituents in District 2.

**Goals:** Protect Shaw Air Force Base from encroachment, maintain the roads in District 2 and continue to grow the tax base in Sumter County.

**Why do you think the public should vote for you?:** "I've got a record you can see," Baker said.

**BUBBA RABON (R)**

**Career:** U.S. Navy veteran, co-owner of Bubba's Diner and owner of Rabon Properties

**What inspires you to run:** "It's just time for a change," Rabon said. He said he thinks he will be effective in that change, especially for Shaw Air Force Base

and other veterans because of his experience in the military.

**Goals:** To help maintain Shaw Air Force Base, roads and infrastructure in the county, address litter and work with law enforcement to help keep Sumter safe.

**Other community involvement:** American Legion Post 15, VFW Post 3034 and The Salvation Army of Sumter

**Why do you think the public should vote for you?:** "I will be their voice on county council," Rabon said. "I will represent them to the fullest."

**HAZEL EVENICH (R)**

**Career:** Retired realtor and life insurance agent

**What inspires you to run:**

"I want to get involved in the community," Evenich said. She said she also wants to find out how tax money is used in the county.

**Goals:** If elected, Evenich would like to focus on protection for schools in Sumter County and offer more incentives for law enforcement to encourage more people to join Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

**Other community involvement:** Evenich is a member of Veterans of Foreign War, a national organization with a Sumter post.

**Why do you think the public should vote for you?:** Evenich said the public should vote for her because she is honest, respectable and accountable.

#### SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

**JAMES T. MCCAIN JR. (D) — Incumbent**

**Career:** Former UPS manager in Atlanta, Georgia

**What inspires you to run:**

"We've got a lot of good things going on in Sumter," McCain said. He said continuing the progress that council has already made under his leadership, such as the increase in per capita income with the introduction of new industries, is what motivates him to run for re-election.

**Goals:** McCain said focusing on increasing the infrastructure to encourage by economic growth and blight removal will continue to be his goals if he is re-elected. Of the 102 dilapidated houses that have been torn down with funds provided through the penny sales tax and the South Carolina State Housing Authority Neighborhood Ini-

tiative Program, 63 were in District 6, he said.

**Other community involvement:** Vice chairman of the Sumter United Ministries board, president of the Westside Neighborhood Association, member of the YMCA board and chairman of the Westend Community Church board of trustees.

**Why do you think the public should vote for you?:** To continue the change that has already taking place, McCain said.

**CHARLIE JONES (D)**

Jones did not return calls for comment by press time on Friday.

#### STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 64

**ROBERT RIDGEWAY III (D)**

— Incumbent

**Career:** Physician

**What inspires you to run:** It takes seniority to get things done in the House, Ridgeway said. He said his placement on multiple committees — most recently the Legislative Oversight and Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs committees — have put him in a position to further benefit District 64.

**Goals:** If re-elected, Ridgeway he would like to see better health care opportunities for the uninsured and would like to speak with legislators from urban areas about the differences in health care in urban and rural areas. Whereas urban areas may have a doctor on every corner, medical providers are usually more limited in rural parts of the state, he said. Ridgeway said he would continue to focus on increasing base student costs and local government funding as well as support salary increases for teachers and state employees, among other things, if he is re-elected.

**Other community involvement:**

Ridgeway has been a volunteer firefighter with Clarendon County Fire Department for more than 35 years and also volunteers with the Manning City Fire Department.

**Why do you think the public should vote for you:** Ridgeway said the contacts he has made with other legislators of the same and different parties will benefit his district and help bring democratic issues to the forefront.

**MITCH ELLERBY (D)**

Ellerby did not return requests for comment by press time on Friday.

#### U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 5

**Archie Parnell (D)**

**Steve Lough (D)**

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**Benton Blakely (D)**

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## Woman sentenced to 18 years for kidnapping infant in 1998

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A woman who kidnapped a newborn from a Florida hospital two decades ago and raised the child as her own in South Carolina was sentenced Friday to 18 years for kidnapping. She will also serve five years concurrently on a charge of custody interference.

Gloria Williams was sentenced for the kidnapping of Kamiyah Mobley from a hospital in Jacksonville in July 1998.

The 52-year-old Williams testified at her trial that she wore scrubs to look like a nurse and put the infant in a bag and secreted her out of the hospital. She said she was in an abusive

relationship at the time and suffering from depression.

On Friday, Williams stood next to her attorneys wearing an orange jumpsuit as the judge read the sentence. She looked down as if in prayer and did not visibly react to the judge's words.

"There are no winners and no losers in this case," Judge Marianne Aho said just before announcing the sentence. Aho said many people had suffered in the case, including Williams.

"The family in this case suffered not knowing what happened to their child for approximately 18 years."

Williams got credit for 511

days she's already served, and has 30 days to appeal the sentencing.

Williams raised Mobley — who grew up as Alexis Manigo — in Walterboro, South Carolina, until her arrest in 2017. She didn't tell the girl of her true identity until the girl discovered she couldn't get a driver's license because she didn't have a valid birth certificate or Social Security card.

After finding out her true identity, Mobley told a friend about it. Eventually, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received an anonymous tip about Kamiyah's whereabouts, and authorities

were alerted and Williams arrested.

Since learning her identity, Kamiyah has legally changed her name from Alexis and reconnected with her birth parents Shanara Mobley and Craig Aiken, according to news reports. Kamiyah has spent time with her biological parents but still supports the only mother she knew. She has professed sadness that Williams faces years in a prison cell.

"I believe now that this is over, we can continue on our journey of healing together as a family and support our daughter on her decision making," Aiken said in a brief state-

ment to reporters.

Kamiyah did not attend Friday's sentencing hearing, according to news reports.

Williams testified at her trial earlier this year that when she stole the newborn Kamiyah Mobley in 1998, she had lost custody of her two other children and was in an abusive relationship that led her to miscarry about a month before. After the loss of her pregnancy, she drove to Jacksonville from South Carolina.

She had testified that she had no plans to kidnap a child.

"I felt like I was on autopilot. My life was out of control, I lost everything," she had said.

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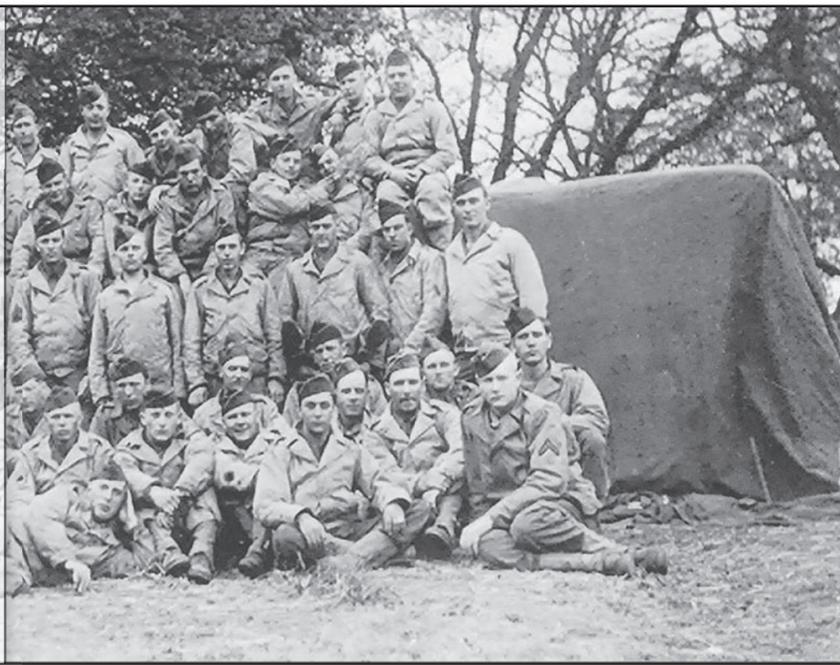
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# Beach Santa gifts visitors candy canes, lessons in recycling

BY BO PETERSEN  
The Post and Courier of Charleston

ISLE OF PALMS — On the Isle of Palms, it's a merry, merry day. Kids are squealing in the surf. Sunbathers sprawl out on their towels. Santa kicks back in his beach chair.

Yep, Beach Santa — decked out in the big white beard, red swimming trunks and red muscle shirt with a few candy canes draped from the neck hem.

And oh yeah, the old man is jolly, until he weaves around the other beach-goers to make his way down the shore with a litter grabber and bucket instead of sack of toys.

A few Sundays ago, Santa came away with 240 pieces, stuff like plastic shreds, drink lids with straws, plastic shovels, broken beer bottles, semi-crushed cans and cigarette butts — "cigarette butts galore," Howard Hogue of



Howard Hogue, also known as Beach Santa, pauses on the beach on the Isle of Palms.

Moncks Corner said. "I pick up so many I don't even count them."

The candy canes are for the kids who chase after him, their parents in tow. If they ask, they get a lesson in recycling responsibility. Santa isn't out

there just to work on his tan. Hogue, 67, is a retired Maryland shop teacher who used to do Santa dress-up events. He relishes the resemblance and the attention. He'll tell the kids he's down here to bring back seashells for elves who have

never seen them and that the reindeer are out in the marsh resting for the ride home.

"It's a nice thing, and it brings some happiness to people. We need more happiness," he said.

When Santa first showed up at the Isle of Palms County Park last summer, "you kind of wondered, what is he doing?" said Laura Edwards, an assistant park manager. But "people love him. The kids run up to him to get their pictures taken. He's just become a staple."

He's become enough of a staple that he got the tag, Beach Santa. And he just won a Community Pride award for his volunteer anti-litter efforts.

"He's like a one-man show on Isle of Palms," Marlo Ann Sheddlock, of the Clemson University Extension-based pride beautification program, said.

At home, Hogue does nautical-themed craft work, model ships and wall designs, draw-

ing on his shop skills. The beach thing came from doctor's orders to diet and exercise. The litter patrol came after the first day when he found himself stooping over repeatedly to pick trash out of the sand as he walked.

At least a few times per week he's at the park. Lately he's taken to documenting how much he collects each day on his one-mile patrol.

Since April, he's done more than 25 rounds and picked up more than 1,580 pieces. And along the way, he's tugged loose more than a few smiles.

When a Charleston Park and Recreation Commission swim instructor lost a fin in the water, Hogue found it down the beach the next day. He took it home, Christmas-wrapped it and presented it to her as an early gift — from Santa, Edwards said.

"He's just fantastic to see," she said.

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# PANORAMA

## Silly old bear



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Toys made by the Teddy Toy Company about 1930 are seen May 29 and are early examples of Winnie-the-Pooh merchandise. Atlanta's High Museum of Art is hosting an exhibition called "Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring a Classic" from June 3 to Sept. 2.

## Exhibition explores world of Winnie-the-Pooh

**A**TLANTA (AP) — A new exhibition in Atlanta celebrates Winnie-the-Pooh, wandering through his magical world and giving visitors a peek behind the scenes at the people, relationships and inspirations behind the "silly old bear" and his friends.

"Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring a Classic" opened June 3 at the High Museum of Art. It highlights the intensely collaborative relationship between author A.A. Milne and illustrator E.H. Shepard, who brought the stories to life, and guides visitors through those

### WINNIE-THE-POOH: EXPLORING A CLASSIC

June 3-Sept. 2, High Museum of Art, 1280 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta; <http://www.high.org>, 404-733-5000. Open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and on Fridays until 9 p.m.; Sundays, noon-5 p.m. Admission: \$14.50; children 5 and under, free.

tales and their lessons.

"It's the idea that a writer can imagine a whole world but the written descriptions can only go so far, and then the illustrations take you the next step," said Virginia Shearer, the museum's director of education.

Milne was inspired by his young son's stuffed toys to create stories about a boy named Christopher Robin (his son's first and middle names) and his beloved Winnie-the-Pooh, also known as Pooh Bear. The bear and his plush friends come to life on the page just as they do in the imagination of a child, animated by witty prose and playful drawings.

In a room hung with pale blue and white striped wallpaper to evoke a nursery, a faux window looks out on the imaginary world created by Milne and Shepard as the only known recording of Milne reading from the "Winnie-the-Pooh" book of stories plays in the background. A glass case houses replicas of the plush toys that inspired the characters.

Milne invited Shepard to his home to draw portraits of his son's toy animals "from life" and hosted Shepard at his country home so he could observe and sketch the trees and landscapes that inspired the Hundred Acre Wood, where Pooh and friends live. Some of the pencil-sketch studies that resulted are on display in a part of the exhibition that explores their collaboration.

Drawings grouped by the chapters in "Winnie-the-Pooh" and "The

House at Pooh Corner" are the exhibition's main focus. Story panels at adult eye-level give brief summaries of the chapters. Panels at child eye-level are written for beginning readers and encourage children to think about the lessons learned.

The exhibition ends with a room filled with Winnie-the-Pooh merchandise, ranging from the earliest days to the present, to illustrate the spread and growth of the brand. It includes the familiar plush bear with a red T-shirt reading "Pooh" marketed by Disney,

which bought the character rights in 1961.

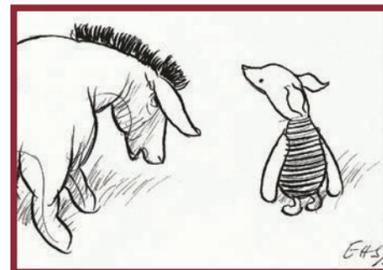
The exhibition is a continuation of a series at the museum that puts the spotlight on children's book authors and illustrators.

"I think with all of these projects we're encouraging people to look closely at what they have at home and realize they have works of art in their own homes," said co-presenting curator Ginia Sweeney. Another goal, she said, is to provide children with skills they can use to visit and enjoy the rest of the museum and to give parents the tools to help them.

Shearer and Sweeney said they hope the exhibition inspires children to get outside, away from screens, to have adventures.

"Christopher Robin says his favorite thing to do is nothing because you have so many possibilities when you have nothing to do," Sweeney said.

The exhibition was organized by the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.



## WEDDINGS

## Munn-White

Taylor Marie Munn and Thomas McConnell White, both of Sumter, were united in marriage at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rhett Munn Jr. of Sumter and the granddaughter of Mr. John Wayne Davis Sr. of Bishopville, the late Mrs. Margaret Edwards Davis of Sumter, the late Mary Lou Munn of Sumter and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Rhett Munn of Sumter. She graduated from Wilson Hall in 2010, from the University of South Carolina in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and from The Citadel Graduate College in 2016 with a Master's Degree in Counselor Education. She is employed by Lexington County School District as a school counselor at Pelion Middle School.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thomas White of Sumter and the grandson of the late Dr. and Mrs. Charles Rutledge Holmes of Columbia and Mrs. James Maurice White and the late Mr. White of Sumter. He graduated in 2009 from Wilson Hall and from the University of South Carolina in 2013 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He is employed by Nu-Idea in Sumter as a sales representative.

The Rev. Joseph Ralph James Jr. and the Rev. Angela Halter Marshall officiated.

Music was provided by Beth Lewallen, organist; Worth Lewallen IV, violinist; and Michael Helmly, cousin of the bridegroom, soloist.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a princess-style gown with a lace and tulle silhouette designed in a V-pattern across the waist and featuring sheer lace off-the-shoulder sleeves, a scalloped lace hem, and an open back with a cathedral-length train finished with scalloped lace. She carried a hand-tied bouquet of white peonies, garden roses, Queen Anne's lace, freesia and veronica.

Elizabeth Harris Munn and Mary Margaret Munn, sisters of the bride, served as maids of honor. Bridesmaids were Morgan Ann Ashmore; Elizabeth Sharpe Creed; Morgan Hensley Fields; Elizabeth Alston James; Katherine Elizabeth Kneecce; Alexandra Kalar Latham; Mollie Kinney McMillian; Kemper Elizabeth Peacock; Katherine Tribble Schwartz; and Char-



MRS. THOMAS WHITE

lotte Rutledge White, sister of the bridegroom. Caroline Cole Powers, cousin of the bridegroom, served as flower girl. Honorary bridesmaids were Lucy Gray Helmly, cousin of the bridegroom, and Halle Roberts Stone.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Austin O'Neil Boyle; Davis Wilder Boyle; Clark Bethea Dean; Randolph Williams FauntLeRoy; George Turner Heron; David McKinley Jones, cousin of the bridegroom; James Laughton Jones II, cousin of the bridegroom; Hugh Johnson McMillian; James Howard Poston; and Preston Reid Schwartz. Ushers were Caleb Freer DuBose; James Dow Harrelson III; Thomas Connor Holmes, cousin of the bridegroom; and Christopher Wayne Lynch. Ring bearers were Daniel Coulter Owens and Jonah Fisher Owens, cousins of the bride.

Also participating were Michael Hunter Helmly, crucifer; John Jamison Powers IV, Bible bearer; Hadley Munn Spencer, cousin of the bride, and Dr. and Mrs. Mitchel Robert Grunsky, Scripture readers; Elizabeth Madison Boals and Genevieve Ann Wodeki, greeters; and Nicole Smith Frier and Sarah Elizabeth Rhodes, bride's book attendants.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at La Piazza in Sumter.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at Hampton's Main Room in Sumter.

The couple will honeymoon in Playa Mujeres, Mexico.

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The couple is registered at Naomi & Warner, Sumter Lighting and One Accord, all in Sumter.

## Reynolds-Robertson

AUGUSTA, Georgia — Blythe Elizabeth Reynolds of Augusta, Georgia, and Zachary Tyler Robertson of Sumter were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Trinity on the Hill United Methodist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Charles Reynolds and the granddaughter of Mrs. Frederick Hamilton Kuhlke and the late Mr. Kuhlke and Mrs. James Leland Reynolds and the late Mr. Reynolds, all of Augusta. She graduated from Presbyterian College in 2013 and the University of South Carolina in 2017. She is employed by Lexington Richland District 5.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Frank Robertson Jr. of Sumter and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack W. Butler of Sumter and the late Mr. and Mrs. Leland Robertson. He graduated from Presbyterian College in 2013. He is employed by Thomas Sumter Academy as a teacher and athletic director.

The Rev. Roy Yawn McVeigh officiated.

Music was provided by Karen Jones, soloist; Andy Reid, pianist; Cindy Wilkinson, organist; and Carl Purdy, bagpiper.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a silk taffeta A-line gown designed by Heidi El-nora adorned with an off-the-shoulder three-quarter length sleeve scalloped lace overlay completed with an heirloom veil from her

mother and retailed for the bride. She carried a bouquet of peonies, David Austin roses, white lisianthus, white astilbe, ranunculus and salal leaves.

Mary Hamilton Reynolds, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Katelyn Lee Battle; Mary Angela Harbin; Allie Lorraine Howard; Kathryn Peacock Jones; Kemper Elizabeth Peacock; Kristen Peterson Robertson; Brianne Robertson Tillirson, sister of the bridegroom; Sarah Riley Scott; and Kathleen Hyder Zepernick.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Charles Anthony Bolton, Jefferson Barnham Bowers, Matt Dean Griggs, Allston Alexander LaBruce, Charles Baylis MacInnis, Stephen Folsom Richardson, Keith Porter Smith, Garlon Sims Tillirson and James Gardener Yarbrough. Barney Branford Thompson III served as ring bearer.

Also participating were Callie Elizabeth Neal, James Collie Gardner IV, Joseph Collin Butler, Mary Kate Burgamy, Sarah Ann Burgamy and Lillie Katherine Burgamy.

The bride's parents held the reception at The Augusta Country Club.

The bridegroom's parents held the rehearsal party at The Foundry at Rae's Creek.

Following a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple resides in Columbia.



MRS. ZACHARY ROBERTSON

## Griffin-Beard

MONCKS CORNER — Lindsay Kate Griffin and William Rhett Beard were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Old Santee Canal Park.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Donald Griffin of Sumter and the granddaughter of Mrs. June Robertson Murphy of Florence and the late Edward Murphy and the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ralph Griffin. She graduated from the College of Charleston in 2014 with a Bachelor of Science in Middle School Education. She is employed as a middle school math teacher at Haut Gap Middle School in Charleston.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Linda Beard Kennedy of Sumter and the late Thurmon Dargan Beard and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. William David Tomlinson Sr. and the late Ruby Barfield Beard and the late Ivy Dargan Beard. He graduated from Central Carolina Technical College in 2007 with an Associate Degree in Environmental Engineering Technology. He is employed with the Town of Sullivan's Is-

land Water and Sewer Department.

The Rev. Thomas Brown officiated.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a white ballgown with a crystal-encrusted bodice and a chapel train complemented by a tiered mid-length veil with a beaded stitched edge. She carried a bouquet of dusty miller, eucalyptus silver dollar, magnolia leaves, white lisianthus, white mums and Tibet roses tied with a vintage gold ribbon.

Kayla Marie Hanson served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Kaitlyn Elizabeth Russell, sister of the bride, and Lola Katherine Beard, sister of the bridegroom. Olivia Beard, daughter of the bridegroom, served as flower girl.

Walter Thurmon Beard, brother of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsman was Brandon Hunter Griffin, brother of the bride.

The bride's parents held the reception at Old Santee

Canal Park.

The bridegroom's mother held the rehearsal party at The Warren Room in Charleston.

Following a wedding trip to Tulum, Mexico, the couple will reside in Charleston.

## EDUCATION NEWS

## Sumter School District

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES HELD

Crestwood and Lakewood high school graduations were held Friday at Sumter County Civic Center. Sumter High School graduation was held Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Crestwood's valedictorian was Aaliyah Charlot, and the salutatorian was Andrew Smith. Lakewood's valedictorian was Sydney Gonzales, and the salutatorian was Hannah Partin.

Sumter's valedictorian was McKenzie Faye Michelson, and the salutatorian was Nesreen Taher Almosadder. These top two graduates from each school gave a commencement address.

Junior Marshals assisted with the ceremony. Marshals are chosen from among the top academic performers in the current 11th grade.

From Crestwood, Chief Junior Marshal was Zaniya Simone Cooley, and marshals were Erin Kelly Currier, Selena Chantae Vaughn, Ja'Breyah Cy'Nae James, Alexandra Monserrat Manzo, Kelsie Cheyenne Ratliff, Krysten Alexis Skinner, Deliaha Shantanique Green, Dontae Malik Capers, Alaya Keara Richardson, Aaliya Sherre Wilson, Kaitlynn Marie Horton, Samantha Imogene Worthen, John Martin Dunleavy, Adorjan Angel Goomansingh, Eric Shane Gaymon, Kodesia Gertashia Scarborough, Carson Gerard Dick, Brittany Megan Adkins, Aiyana Msaada Dukes, Shonique Nicole Howard, Thomas Benjamin Pace, Anna Rose Sales Hernandez, Kendrick Jermar Bennett, Apisara Nokaew, Abigail Marilyn Parker, Christopher Jarod Fortune, Da'ijuliana Ma Liah Jefferson, Elizabeth Nichole Spurlock, Emily Taylor Ragan, Jessica Anyse Davis, Indyia Malaysia Jackson

and Gloria Lisset Reyes-Quirino.

Lakewood High School's Chief Marshal was Emily McWilliams. Marshals were Ke'Aundra Benjamin, Ty Asia Brunson, Kevin Carson, Tucker Chapman, Jayden Christmas, Valencia Croom, Bailey Dickson, Trent Frye, Donovan Grider, Gianna Hill, Faith Howard, Makayla Johnson, Micah Johnson, Jonathan Paul Jones, Janiece Matthews, Scott McConn, Tyress Patterson, Juwan Perdue, Alejandro Pineda-Cardenas, Malik Richardson, Kali Roland, Brittany Sanders, Dayjah Sanseverino and Nia Tindal.

Sumter High School's junior marshals were Jordan Ali, Kayleigh Benenhaley, Jasmine Brunson, Lauren Carneal, Samara Castleberry, Emily Cook, Joshua DeWitt, Heather Gamble, Hailey Gosnell, Sophia Haughton, Jacob Holladay, Cassidy Kitchens, George McGregor, Kaitlyn Michelson, Owen Midgette, Sessaly Mitchell-Nelson, Ann Margaret Phillips, Tianna Roberts, Jordan Shuping, Emily Simmons, Ja'Niya Singleton, Katherine Singleton, Perrin Thompson, Kylie Timmons, Benjamin Tower, John Williams, Trinity Wilson-El, Ethan Witt and Ambria Woolever.

The combined senior classes of Crestwood, Lakewood and Sumter high schools earned more than \$19.3 million in scholarships for post-secondary educations.

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE RECOGNIZED

Four Sumter School District seniors have been recognized for 12 years of perfect attendance. Congratulations to J'Quan Tylek Jenkins-Johnson, Shekinah Victoria Lonon and Morgan Elizabeth Pringle from Sumter High and Kyle Boothe from Crestwood High.

"To graduate without missing a single day of class in your 12-year academic career is a unique accomplishment that is the culmination of hard work and determination. I know these students are well prepared for the next step after high school, and I congratulate them, their parents, and their teachers on this

achievement," State Superintendent of Education Mollie Spearman said.

## STUDENT SELECTED FOR FORUM

This summer, Anthony Dinkins-McCall will join outstanding high school students from across the nation in National Youth Leadership Forum Engineering and Technology at University of California, Berkeley. NYLF is one of the Envision family of programs that enable students to explore their interests and experience learning beyond the classroom.

Anthony, a rising junior at Sumter High School, was nominated by his teachers. In addition to being a youth camp mentor and adviser, he is active in community service. Anthony loves playing varsity football, as well as track and basketball. While aspiring to be a mechanical engineer, Anthony is looking forward to gaining hands-on experience. — *Shelly Galloway*

## Central Carolina Technical College

## SNAP BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

CCTC will host its first Back to School Bash on Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to noon on the college's Main Campus in Sumter. Students attending the event will receive free school supplies, learn about CCTC and tour the campus. The event will provide free entertainment, unique food vendors, community resource agencies, a safety zone and a kids zone.

This year's theme is "Snap" Back to School. The first 10 students to Snapchat the event will receive a prize. For more information or to become a vendor/sponsor, contact Angela Conyers at (803) 666-2422 or Diana Green at (803) 473-2531.

## REGISTRATION OPEN

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WEDDING

# Hughes-Brunson

ALCOLU — Kelsey Hughes and Joey Brunson, both of Manning, were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018, at Clarendon Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Mark Hughes of Manning and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louie Herman Feagin and Mr. and Mrs. William Franklin Hughes, all of Sumter. She graduated in 2016 with a Bachelor in Education and is pursuing a master's degree at Walden University. She is employed as a kindergarten teacher at Walker-Gamble Elementary School.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Louis Brunson Jr. of Manning and the grandson of Ms. Helen King Brooks of Sumter. He is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Business at the University of South Carolina Aiken. He is employed by Pine and Poll Timber Co.

The Rev. Jack Coker officiated.

Music was provided by LeAnne Amick, soloist; and Scott Warren, pianist.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a strapless satin

gown and a lace veil. She carried a bouquet of white roses, white hydrangea and greenery.

Mrs. Emma Wynn Brown served as matron of honor. Kaylee Feagin, Savannah Feagin, Lauren Brown, Tiffani Kruger, Jordan Man, Katilyn Hughes and Taylor Porter served as bridesmaids. Emery Lee Floyd served as flower girl.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Ethan Hughes, Chase Corbett, Thomas Briggs, Bill Wheeler, Matt Mays, Hunter Brunson and Shane Green. Eli Boone Hughes served as ring bearer. Also participating were Sligh Commander, Mary Daniel Stokes and JJ Tidwell, program attendants.

The bride's parents held the reception at Tanglewood Plantation, Lynchburg.

The bridegroom's family held the rehearsal party at Charleston's Place, Manning.

Following a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple will reside in Manning.

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The couple is registered at Silver Paper; Belk, [www.belk.com](http://www.belk.com); Bed, Bath and Beyond, [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com); Wayfair, [www.wayfair.com](http://www.wayfair.com); and Sumter Lighting and Home.



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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

# Hudsons celebrate 60 years

Mr. and Mrs. Roy B. Hudson Sr. of Sumter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 31, 2018, with their three children and their spouses: Pat and Tony Buddin of Sumter, Roy B. Jr. and Michele Hudson of Blairwood, and Candace Hudson of Sumter.

The couple has 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hudson is the former Barbara Galloway of Sumter.



MR., MRS. ROY B. HUDSON SR.

## CLUB DIGEST

### NU MASTER CHAPTER OF BETA SIGMA PHI

Members met on April 19 at the home of Liz Wild. A business meeting was held after lunch. Libby Singletary thanked everyone for supporting United Ministries. She asked members to participate in "Baby Bottle Boomerang" by filling baby bottles with loose change during the summer. Money collected will be donated to Sumter Pregnancy Center when meetings resume.

Founder's Day was held on April 27 at Carolina Skies Club on Shaw Air Force Base. The Golden Circle ceremony was held for Carolyn Hudson who has been a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 50 years. Margaret Dougherty was selected as

chapter Woman of the Year.

A business meeting was held on May 3 at the home of Toni Burkhardt. New officers were installed for the next sorority year. The last business meeting of the year was held at the home of Mary Ann Clark on May 17. A potluck luncheon was enjoyed. Secret Sister gifts were exchanged and new names drawn for next year. Mary Ann was selected to receive the Congeniality Award. Members joined together with husbands and guests at The Schoolhouse Restaurant in Scranton for an end-of-year get together.

A July party will be scheduled to celebrate the chapter's birthday. Business meetings are suspended until September. Beginning Day for both area chapters will be held in August, hosted by Xi Eta.

## CAMPUS CORNER

### WOFFORD COLLEGE

SPARTANBURG — The following local students were among 394 graduates of Wofford College during the 2018 Commencement exercises on May 20: **Essence Unique Buckman** of Sumter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, concentration in African/African American Studies; and **Drake Harrison McCormick** of Sumter received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Finance, Minors in Economics

and Government, cum laude.

### SOUTHERN WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

CENTRAL — **Holly Richardson** of Sumter was named to the Dean's List for spring 2018 semester at Southern Wesleyan University. To be named to the list, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher on all work attempted (12 hours or more) with no grade for any single course below 3.0.

# Robert Ridgeway House District 64



### PROTECTING ELECTRIC RATEPAYERS

The House of Representatives passed the following bills to address the abandonment of the V.C. Summer Nuclear Reactors in Fairfield County which resulted in billions of dollars in fees placed on

energy customers. The House passed:

- **H.4375, which ELIMINATED ALL CHARGES ON THE ELECTRIC BILLS OF CUSTOMERS THAT SUPPORT THE FAILED PROJECT and REPEALING THE BASE LOAD REVIEW ACT GOING FORWARD.** The bill orders new electricity rates for customers by eliminating all of the increases that have been imposed under the Base Load Review Act to finance the failed nuclear power project.

- **H.4379, which created the UTILITIES CONSUMER ADVOCATE** within the Attorney General's Office to safeguard the interests of consumers in dealings with public utilities that offer services including electrical power, gas pipelines for heating and cooking needs, water, sewerage, and telecommunications.

- **H.4378, a bill that replaced the Public Utilities Review Committee with a new twelve-member UTILITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE** and prevent conflicts interests for those serving as committee members.

### FIRST STEPS REAUTHORIZATION

The Governor signed into law H.3591, which reauthorizes the First Steps to School Readiness program to 2025.

First Steps to School Readiness is the state's comprehensive early childhood education initiative. Since its start in 1999, First Steps has helped young children prepare for school through programs that provide early intervention, strengthen families, improve children's health, increase the quality of early care and help transition rising kindergarteners into school.

Representative Ridgeway said, "First Steps ensures that young children have all the tools they need to succeed in school. With this reauthorization, this program will continue for years to come."

### SC PREGNANCY ACCOMMODATIONS ACT

H. 3865, the SC Pregnancy Accommodations, became law. This guarantees pregnant women and women recovering from childbirth are provided reasonable workplace accommodations.

The law also protects nursing mothers, protects employees from unwanted accommodations (like forced time off), and requires employers to notify employees of their rights while pregnant.

"Women deserve protection in the workplace. This law is in the best interest of South Carolina families," Representative Ridgeway said.

### DISTURBING SCHOOLS

The General Assembly revised the Disturbing Schools statute, returning the law to its original intention of prohibiting nonstudents from disrupting schools. The bill, S. 131, also calls for educators and administrators to exhaust all avenues of behavior discipline before involving law enforcement officials. This move comes amid reports of an increase in the number of students arrested for disturbing schools.

"This bill will help close the 'school to prison pipeline' by encouraging schools, rather than police, to handle disciplinary matters," Representative Ridgeway explained.

### FY 2017-18 BUDGET FOLLOW-UP

In January as follow up to the actions taken related to the FY 2017-18 Budget, the House voted to override the Governor's vetoes and voted to fund \$20.5 million for the purchasing or leasing of new public school buses.

### FY 2018-19 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

This year's budget includes \$7.9 billion in state general funds with \$355 million in recurring revenue newly available for appropriation and \$189 million in nonrecurring revenue.

**\$68 million is allocated for Hurricane Matthew recovery efforts.** \$1.25 million for recovery efforts associated with the Pinnacle Mountain Fire, and \$5 million is devoted to 2014 Winter Storm Reimbursement.

For K-12 public education, **\$60 million is used to increase the base student cost by \$75 to arrive at an estimated \$2,425 per pupil.**

**\$55.8 million for capital improvements in Abbeville plaintiff school districts and districts with a poverty index of 80% or higher.**

In addition, the FY 2018-19 budget allocates **\$12 million for a K-12 Technology Initiative.** For the second year in a row, full funding is provided for the LIFE, HOPE, and Palmetto Fellows higher education scholarship programs.

The Office on Aging receives a **\$400,000 increase for Family Caregivers to be used to support caregivers of seniors so that they may remain in their homes instead of a more expensive alternative of institutional care**

**The Local Government Fund is maintained at its \$212 million level,** with an additional \$10 M in recurring funds to replace one-time, nonrecurring dollars appropriated for this purpose in the previous year.

The Department of Health and Human Services is afforded **\$13 million for Rural Health Initiative & Telemedicine** with funds being used to address medically underserved communities in the rural areas of the state.

### MILITARY PRIORITY REGISTRATION ACT

H.4078 makes provisions for the state's public institutions of higher learning to give enrollment priority to military-related students, including active-duty members of the uniformed services, reservists, members of the South Carolina National Guard, and honorably discharged veterans.

"It is so important to support members of the military and their families, and show them that we appreciate their sacrifices," Representative Ridgeway said.

### SC RETIRED EDUCATOR CERTIFICATE

Signed into law, H.3513 allows a retired South Carolina teacher to be eligible to maintain certification for the purpose of substituting. A retired educator certificate is valid for five years as is renewable.

Representative Ridgeway stated, "This bill keeps experienced teachers in the classroom, which is a great thing for South Carolina's students."

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# Maker of fearsome animal robots is edging into the light

BOSTON (AP) — It's never been clear whether robotics company Boston Dynamics is making killing machines, household helpers, or something else entirely.

For nine years, the secretive firm — which got its start with U.S. military funding — has unnerved people around the world with YouTube videos of experimental robots resembling animal predators.

In one, a life-size robotic wildcat sprints across a parking lot at almost 20 miles an hour. In another, a small wheeled rover nicknamed SandFlea abruptly flings itself onto rooftops — and back down again. A more recent effort features a slender dog-like robot that climbs stairs, holds its own in a tug-of-war with a human and opens a door to let another robot pass.

Boston Dynamics has demonstrated little interest in elaborating on these glimpses into a possible future of fast, strong and sometimes intimidating robots. For months, the company and its parent, SoftBank, rebuffed numerous requests seeking information about its work. When a reporter visited company headquarters in the Boston suburb of Waltham, Massachusetts, he was turned away.

But after The Associated Press spoke with 10 people who have worked with Boston Dynamics or its 68-year-old founder, Marc Raibert, the CEO agreed to a brief interview in late May. Raibert had just demonstrated the machine that will be the company's first commercial robot in its 26-year history: the dog-like, door-opening SpotMini, which Boston Dynamics plans to sell to businesses as a camera-equipped security guard next year.

Speculation about Boston Dynamics' intentions — weapons or servants? — spikes every time it releases a new video. Raibert told the AP that he doesn't rule out future military applications. But he played down popular fears that his company's robots could one day be used to kill.

"We think about that, but



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In this May 24, photo a Boston Dynamics SpotMini robot walks through a conference room during a robotics summit in Boston.

that's also true for cars, airplanes, computers, lasers," Raibert said, clad in his omnipresent Hawaiian shirt. "Every technology you can imagine has multiple ways of using it. If there's a scary part, it's just that people are scary. I don't think the robots by themselves are scary."

The bigger question of just what Boston Dynamics hopes to accomplish remains murky. Interviews with eight former Boston Dynamics employees and some of Raibert's former academic collaborators suggest that the company has long brushed aside commercial demands, not to mention outsiders' moral or ethical concerns, in single-minded pursuit of machines that mimic animal locomotion.

Former employees say the

company has operated more as a well-funded research lab than a business. Raibert's vision was kept alive for years through military contracts, especially from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, known as DARPA. A federal contracting database lists more than \$150 million in defense funding to Boston Dynamics since 1994.

Boston Dynamics said only it thinks a quarter-century of work on robots will "unlock a very high commercial value." It did not answer when asked if it ever entertained proposals to weaponize them.

Building robots that can jump, gallop or prowl like animals was a fringe field of engineering when Raibert and his colleagues began studying kangaroo and ostrich videos in their Carnegie Mellon University research lab nearly 40 years ago.

But agile robots aren't so sci-fi anymore, even if they can still seem that way. In videos, the company's robots wander through a variety of locales — in and around the company's single-story headquarters, at a New Hampshire ski lodge and across the secluded meadows and woodlands near Raibert's home. In some videos, humans kick the robots or jab them with hockey sticks to test their balance.

The company's robot videos have not been independently verified.

The defense contracts began winding down in 2013 when Google bought Boston Dynamics and made clear it wanted no part in military

work. Initially, some employees felt a sense of relief and cautious optimism after a pep talk by Andy Rubin, then Google's chief robotics executive and architect of the acquisition.

"He was talking about really ambitious goals," said one former employee, who asked not to be identified because of concerns it could hurt career opportunities in the small and tight-knit U.S. robotics community. "A robot that might be able to help the elderly and infirm. Robots that work in grocery stores. Robots that deliver packages."

But Rubin left the company the following year, and his replacements overseeing Boston Dynamics grew increasingly frustrated with Raibert's approach, according to several people familiar with the transition. Among the concerns: Boston Dynamics' lack of focus on building a sellable product.

By 2016, Google was looking to sell the firm — eventually finding an interested buyer in Japanese tech giant SoftBank, which already has a robotics portfolio that includes the cute humanoid Pepper. The deal closed earlier this year.

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# OPINION

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## COMMENTARY

# Obama took lying to new heights with the Iran deal

**W**ASHINGTON — When it comes to the Iran nuclear deal, the Obama administration increasingly appears to have been a bottomless pit of deception.

First, President Barack Obama failed to disclose to Congress the existence of secret side deals on inspections when he transmitted the nuclear accord to Capitol Hill. (They were only uncovered by chance when then-Rep. Mike Pompeo, R-Kan., and Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., learned about them during a meeting with International Atomic Energy Agency officials in Vienna.) Then, we learned that the Obama administration had secretly sent a plane to Tehran loaded with \$400 million in Swiss francs, euros and other currencies on the same day Iran released four American hostages, which was followed by two more secret flights carrying another \$1.3 billion in cash.

Now, in a bombshell revelation, Republicans on the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, led by Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, have revealed in a new report that the Obama administration secretly tried to help Iran use U.S. banks to convert \$5.7 billion in Iranian assets, after promising Congress that Iran would not get access to the U.S. financial system — and then lied to Congress about what it had done. (Full disclosure: My wife works for Portman.)

In July 2015, Obama Treasury Secretary Jack Lew assured the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that, under the nuclear accord, Iran “will continue to be denied access to the [U.S.] financial and commercial market” and that “Iranian banks will not be able to clear U.S. dollars through New York, hold correspondent account relationships with U.S. financial institutions or enter into financing arrangements with U.S. banks.” A few weeks later, one of Lew’s top deputies, Adam Szubin, used the exact same words in testimony to the Senate banking committee.

But Senate investigators found that on Feb. 24, 2016, the Obama Treasury Department “granted a specific license that authorized a conversion of Iranian assets worth billions of U.S. dollars using the U.S. financial system” — exactly what Lew and Szubin said would not happen — including unlimited future Iranian deposits at Bank Muscat in Oman until the license expired.

Not only that, but Senate investigators also found that officials from the Office of Foreign Assets Control, which regulates U.S. banks’ compliance with U.S. sanctions law, “encouraged two U.S. correspondent banks to convert the funds.” The report says “both banks declined to complete the transaction due to compliance, reputational and legal risks associated with doing business with Iran.”

Then, after issuing the license, the Obama administration explicitly denied to Congress that it had done so. Lew and Szubin both failed to disclose the license in congressional testimony while continuing to assert that the Obama administration would not give Iran access to U.S. financial institutions — when they had just tried to do so. And in a June 2016 letter to Sens. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., and Mark Kirk, R-Ill., Treasury officials declared “The U.S. Department of Treasury is not working on behalf of Iran to enable Iranian access to U.S. dollars elsewhere in the international financial system, nor are we assisting Iran in gaining access to dollar payment systems outside the U.S. financial system.

The administration has not been and is not planning to grant Iran access to the U.S. financial system.” This was patently false.

Investigators also found internal State Department emails, in which officials admitted that the Obama administration had “exceeded our JCPOA commitments” by authorizing Iranian access to U.S. banks. Furthermore, the report reveals that the Obama administration put on more than 200 “roadshows” across the world where they encouraged foreign financial institutions to do business with Iran “as long as the rest of the world left the United States out of it.” According to the report, during a roadshow in London, OFAC Director John Smith “downplayed the likelihood of any future penalties or fines,” telling the audience “that 95 percent of the time OFAC sees an apparent violation it results in a simple warning letter or no enforcement action.”

In other words, the Obama administration: (1) told Congress it would not allow Iran access to U.S. financial institutions; (2) issued a special license allowing Iran to do exactly that; (3) unsuccessfully pressured U.S. banks to help Iran; (4) lied to Congress and the American people about what it had done; (5) admitted in internal emails that these efforts “exceeded” U.S. obligations under the nuclear deal; (6) sent officials, including bank regulators, around the world to urge foreign financial institutions to do business with Iran; and (7) promised that they would get nothing more than a slap on the wrist for violating U.S. sanctions.

How bad is this? Remove the words “Obama” and “Iran” and replace them with “Trump” and “Russia” and imagine the outrage that would ensue over the same revelations. Democrats would be holding news conferences, and the story would be front-page news.

We hear a lot these days from the media about the danger of presidential lies. Well, when it comes to the Iran deal, the Obama administration took lying to new heights. And no, that’s not Fake News.



**Marc Thiessen**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS MILL INCREASE TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOLS

Education is the key to economic success, and a good education does not come without the support of the entire community. I have made it my priority to do all I can to support and improve Sumter School District. Over the past several years, Sumter has seen tremendous economic development and made educational strides. The Thompson Family of Companies has committed \$100,000 in support of the upcoming Summer Professional Development Conference, to be held in Sumter with 400 educators from Sumter schools participating. Also, Thompson has made a commitment to sponsor Ben Carson Reading Rooms in every elementary school in the district. This project is designed to combat illiteracy and to promote leisure reading. It is imperative to get increased support in order to continue on the path to making our schools the best they can be, affording each child the opportunity to reach his or her highest potential.

I say all this to show my full support of the school district administration’s request for a 5.48-mill increase from the Sumter County Council. We must work together as members of the Sumter community to give the school district what it needs to improve our schools.

I can assure you Thompson, Thompson Turner and my family have one goal: to win the hearts and minds of our teachers, assistant principals, principals, staff and administrators so they can win the hearts and minds of our children, ensuring their success for generations to come.

GREG A. THOMPSON  
*Chairman*

### CODES ENFORCEMENT GOES A LONG WAY TO KEEPING A CITY BEAUTIFUL

I recently returned from a trip to my hometown of Delray Beach, Florida. While there, I decided to drive around some of the old areas in the hood where I hung out as a teenager. To my surprise, I became somewhat confused. If it had not been for the street signs, it seemed as if I was in a different town. All the yards had grass and were well kept. I saw no dirt yards or dirt driveways. All of the driveways were either concrete or asphalt, the homes were painted. I saw no yards with four or five non-operating, no current tagged vehicles. I saw no unkept vacant homes, no wild forest growing up in any yard, no stray animals, not one stray dog. I saw no trashy overgrown streets (think Kingsbury Drive or McCrays Mill Road). Not one street looked like our Broad Street. I asked my mother what did the city do to get everyone working to keep the city beautiful. She said a few years ago the city started an aggressive program to enforce the city codes that were already on the books. They forced everyone to get in compliance or pay a fine. The city is so beautiful. You cannot tell when you are leaving the white neighborhood and entering the black neighborhood.

I get back to Sumter and its trash, trash and more trash. Forests growing in yards, both black and white neighborhoods. I am glad I live in a neighborhood with a homeowners association. I have learned people are people; trashy areas plague both. Rules and fines that are enforced are what make those who don’t want to, want to be clean.

It is going to take a concentrated effort on the behalf of our city leaders to force people (black and white) to take care of this city. I would encourage all of our city leaders to take a trip to Delray Beach, Florida, and get a few points on getting everyone involved in the cleanup effort.

And to Ms. McKenzie who was fined for letting her teenage grandsons trash the area, if it was me, no it would not have been because if those were my kids, I would have

shut them down and made them clean up their area and let them know just because we live in the hood, we do not live in a trash can. I would not ask them who threw the paper on the ground but make them clean it up.

ROBERT JOHNSON  
*Sumter*

### WASHINGTON NEEDS TO STOP TEARING COUNTRY APART, KEEP ITS PROMISES

Our country is embroiled in many horrible situations, and our paid congressmen and representatives continue to spend valuable time on the “Russian collusion” in our elections. Where is the good we entrusted them to do a job for middle America as they said they would? Should an uprising occur and bombs start to fall, they will be safe in the bowels of the White House colluding with one another and filling their glasses with beverages. None of them, including our own elected officials, are worth the money they are being paid and the pensions they will receive for a lifetime. Some have tried, and they deserve credit for what they’re trying to do.

Nikki Haley is one who deserves accolades and is worthy of them for the job she’s doing in the United Nations. The others are just “lap dogs.” When are we going to put to bed this silly collusion issue and get on with running the government? HRC, the election is over, get over it and move on (hopefully to jail). Shumacher and Pelosi, do some good and stop this RESIST, RESIST idiocy and move forward to helping the United States become the country we’ve always been.

The country is being taken to task by the ACLU, our constitution is being taken part by attorneys who find so much wrong in the way it operates, yet live well, and yet no sign of their threat to leave the country as many said they would if Trump were elected president. I’m reminded of the many people on The View who threatened to leave the country and yet they’re still here. Must be great to live in America.

Let’s come together and continue to Make America Great Again. Stop tearing us apart, Washington, and do for us what you promised so that all of us can live in peace and harmony and have the ability to live the rest of our days in a country that we love and is free. Remember our country is the home of the free because of the brave. God bless America.

PAUL KORZEC  
*Manning*

### MCCAIN HAS STELLAR RECORD OF PUBLIC SERVICE, LEADERSHIP

On Election Day, June 12, Sumter County will affirm or replace incumbents. I am convinced that a stellar record of public service outweighs political promises and platitudes.

In the race for Sumter County Council, District 6, I urge you to vote for James Thomas McCain Jr. As chairman of Sumter County Council, McCain responds intelligently and compassionately to the concerns of the community. Further, he is known for working with diverse groups and building coalitions to advance the vision of making Sumter County economically vibrant and educationally progressive.

Although I no longer live in Sumter, I work in Sumter full time; therefore, I am invested in the success of my former hometown.

A vote for McCain signifies confidence in his leadership. That leadership is propelling Sumter County in a direction that elevates all of us. On Tuesday, June 12, please vote for James Thomas McCain Jr., for Sumter County Council, District 6.

Thank you.

BEVERLY DIANE FRIERSON  
*Columbia*

## A note to Krauthammer’s readers

The following letter from Charles Krauthammer was delivered to *The Washington Post*.

I have been uncharacteristically silent these past 10 months. I had thought that silence would soon be coming to an end, but I’m afraid I must tell you now that fate has decided on a different course for me.

In August of last year, I underwent surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in my abdomen. That operation was thought to have been a success, but it caused a cascade of secondary complications — which I have been fighting in hospital ever since. It was a long and hard fight with many setbacks, but I was steady, if slowly, overcoming each obstacle along the way and gradually making my way back to health.



**Charles Krauthammer**

However, recent tests have revealed that the cancer has returned. There was no sign of it as recently as a month ago, which means it is aggressive and spreading rapidly. My doctors tell me their best estimate is that I have only a few weeks left to live. This is the final verdict. My fight is over.

I wish to thank my doctors and caregivers, whose efforts have been magnificent. My dear friends, who have given me a lifetime of memories and whose support has sustained me through these difficult months. And all of my partners at *The Washington Post*, Fox News, and Crown

Publishing.

Lastly, I thank my colleagues, my readers, and my viewers, who have made my career possible and given consequence to my life’s work. I believe that the pursuit of truth and right ideas through honest debate and rigorous argument is a noble undertaking. I am grateful to have played a small role in the conversations that have helped guide this extraordinary nation’s destiny.

I leave this life with no regrets. It was a wonderful life — full and complete with the great loves and great endeavors that made it worth living. I am sad to leave, but I leave with the knowledge that I lived the life that I intended.

Charles Krauthammer’s email address is letters@charleskrauthammer.com.

**LASICA** FROM PAGE A1

Lasica received the Legion of Merit award during the change of command ceremony Friday at Shaw that transferred charge of the fighter wing to Col. Derek J. O'Malley. The medal is awarded to members of the United States armed forces and to military and political figures from foreign governments, according to an Air Force fact sheet, who distinguish themselves by "exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service."

The accomplishments for which Lasica was recognized occurred during his time as commander of the 20th Fighter Wing, which was from August 2016 through Friday. During that time, he commanded the Air Force's largest operational F-16 wing, overseeing 4,800 personnel, 146 Air Force

Specialty Codes and 79 F-16s including more than \$4 billion of base infrastructure, a \$220 million annual budget and a \$132 million Flying Hour Program, according to the citation accompanying the award.

Under his command, two combat aviation deployments supported Operations Inherent Resolve and Freedom's Sentinel, where the wing's airmen eliminated 431 enemy fighters from the battlefield with 610 munitions.

Lasica was also at Shaw through two short-notice hurricane evacuations, when he led the relocation of 47 F-16s in 2016 and 52 in 2017 with 121 pilots and more than 100 maintainer and logistics personnel, safeguarding nearly \$3 billion in assets in less than 72 hours.



Col. Daniel Lasica looks over at the new commander of the 20th Fighter Wing, Col. Derek J. O'Malley, on Friday at Shaw Air Force Base.

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

"Col. Lasica powered the 20th Fighter Wing to new heights during the 2017 Command Cyber Readiness Inspection, garnering a wing 'Double Excellent' and a top 10 percent Air Force rating" while

also piloting an MQ-9 Reaper mission to come to Shaw.

"His foresight built the wing's first ever Agile Combat Support mission integration through an adaptive basing exercise deploying 166 airmen

from four groups to Poinsett Electronic Combat Range," the citation states, "simulating a deployed environment in a contested area and testing airmen's ability to survive and operate in combat."

**ARMY** FROM PAGE A1

both welcomed David C. Hill as the new deputy commanding general of USARCENT and promoted him from brigadier general to major general, a two-star general-officer rank.

"He is the right officer for this job. The Army only selects the very, very best for promotion, and Dave is the best of the best," said Lt. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, commanding general of ARCENT and who presided over the ceremony.

Garrett said there are one million American soldiers and only 220 major generals. He said Hill's 28 years of service as a soldier and as a leader have been of the "highest caliber."

The ceremony was highlighted by the placement of Hill's major general epaulettes by Garrett and Hill's wife, Chris, on his jacket before his children, 1st Lt. Matthew Hill and Megan and Nick Hill, placed his epaulettes on his shirt.

In accordance with Army tradition, two "Ruffles and Flourishes" were played to mark the number of stars by a major general. Stars were first used to identify general officers in 1780 and later became used to signify rank, with brigadier generals wearing one star and major generals wearing two.

Hill, who replaced Maj. Gen. Terrence J. McKenrick, most recently served as the commanding general for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Transatlantic Division in Winchester Virginia, from

July 2017 to this May. The Mountaintop, Pennsylvania, native received his commission in 1990 as an engineer upon his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, according to his Army bio.

He has also served as commanding general of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Southwestern Division, director of the Office of the Chief of Engineers and has served on multiple operational tours, staff assignments and commands.

Hill has commanded the 36th Engineer Brigade at Fort Hood, Texas, and has served as the colonels human resource manager and as the chief of training and chief of operations for the 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) at Fort Hood and in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He has three deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, two in support of Operation Joint Guard in Bosnia and one in support of Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Garrett said leadership is a "very personal endeavor. You do everything you ask of those you command."

Hill thanked a host of people, but he focused mostly on his wife, who he married two days after he graduated from West Point.

"I would not be the man I am today," he said, "and I would not be the soldier I am today."

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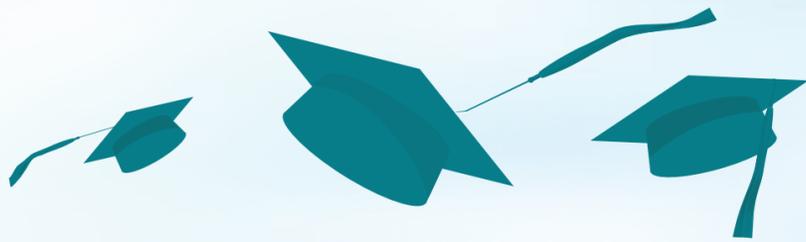
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# O'MALLEY

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commander of the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base in Utah. He comes to Shaw and Sumter with his wife, Samantha, and his son, Conner.

He said Hill was an "F-35 world, a world that is very focused on the future" and that he is excited to come to the F-16 world where the focus is on "what's happening right now."

"There's no doubt our airmen and our aircraft are fighting our fights right now," he said.

O'Malley received his commission as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force ROTC program from Brigham Young University in Idaho in 1996, according to his USAF bio. He completed pilot training at Vance Air Force Base in Oklahoma in 1998 and has accumulated more than 2,100 flight hours in operational flying assignments in the F-16 and F-35A.

In 2009, he was selected for the initial cadre for the F-35 Lightning II and later commanded an operational test squadron, where he led test efforts for the F-16, F-15C,



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Col. Derek J. O'Malley, the incoming commander of the 20th Fighter Wing, speaks to the crowd at a change of command ceremony on Friday.

F-15E, A-10, F-22 and F-35A. He also served in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the senior military elevator for air warfare systems and has deployed in support of Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

As commander of the 20th Fighter Wing at Shaw, he will be responsible for the mission readiness of the wing's aircraft, 17 wing staff

agencies, stewardship of Shaw and the health and welfare of 6,576 active duty airmen and civilians and more than 8,000 family members. He is also tasked with supervising the support of the 31,000 military retirees and 29 geographically separated units across nine states.

The change-of-command ceremony was presided over by Maj. Gen. Scott J. Zobrist, commander of the 9th Air

Force.

He said O'Malley is "no newcomer" to enemy suppression and that the 20th Fighter Wing's new commander is "exactly the right kind of leader to build on Col. [Daniel] Lasica's accomplishments."

O'Malley is replacing Lasica, who had been serving as commander of the 20th Fighter Wing since 2016.

Lasica, who was promoted to become commander of the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano Air Base in Italy, said being at Shaw and working with the airmen there has "been the greatest honor of my professional career."

Zobrist said Lasica's style of leading focused intensely on the family aspect of a base, caring for the individual airmen and their families, whether that meant fighting for policies, assignments and training or whether that meant his wife, Kelly, hosting spouses of deployed airmen at her house monthly.

That family centered leadership route is not lost on O'Malley. He said to the crowd on Friday of base leaders, four formations of airmen, community and elected officials that when he looked out on their faces as Lasica relinquished

command, he saw "nothing but sincere appreciation and admiration ... and that doesn't happen by accident."

"I will be there with you in trenches and in the cockpit," he said.

O'Malley may be in a new place with new people, but he knows they are his new family. And he knows they are vital to his and the base's success in both everyday life and the 20th Fighter Wing's greater mission.

"I looked out in the audience at all our airmen that are here today and all the families that are here today," he said after the ceremony, "and I felt the weight of responsibility to take care of them. What we do here, it's not easy. And like I said in the speech, it's sometimes dangerous. And sometimes not everybody comes home, but I want to do everything in my power to take care of these airmen who sacrifice every day."

"I can't do this alone. This is a team sport, and this was just a small portion of the wing that was here today."

O'Malley has come quite a way from his first flight. The one that was framed and sits in his office. The one his father gave to him when he got his wings, which read: "first flight."

# AIRMEN

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saving the lives of 88 coalition soldiers" near Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, on April 26, 2017.

"After a nighttime insertion into a known hostile area, friendly forces began taking effective fire from all directions," their citations state.

Nygard and Cruz were tasked with coming into a chaotic situation and determining over the radio where friendly and enemy forces were located, dropping bombs in close range to friendly forces and remaining overhead while ground forces could evacuate with the two American who had been killed.

Nygard, who is from Ohio and has been at Shaw since December 2015, said the success of the mission would have been impossible without trust on all sides, from the two of them to the ground forces to the joint terminal attack controller team.

"They trust us to do our jobs professionally, and we trust them to give us the right information," he said.

Cruz stood next to Lasica, at attention but with a tear on his face as the narrator continued to read the citation and re-

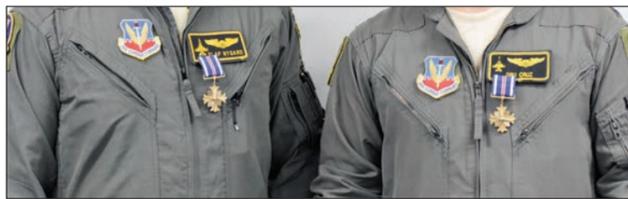
count the events of their flight.

Both Cruz and Nygard, who were on their second to last and last combat mission on that deployment after having already been overseas for six months, said the yelling over the radio and the chaos on the ground was the most intense mission they have encountered.

"I can't imagine what it's like," Cruz said to the mothers of Sgts. Joshua P. Rodgers, 22, and Cameron Thomas, 23.

"But, I can tell you what Joshua and Cameron mean to me. I'll never forget your sons. I promise you. As long as I'm alive and I pass this story along to my family, there's not a day that goes by that I don't think about them or you and what you did for me. I try to live my life in a way that honors their sacrifice. I tell their story so that other pilots, the new guys, are ready when their number is called."

Lasica said the DFC Medal is not won — it is earned. He recounted one of 88 stories. Of one soldier who came home from that deployment, a deployment he wouldn't have survived without the actions of Nygard and Cruz, and when he got off the plane he hugged his wife and held his 1-month-old son for the first time.



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The blue Distinguished Flying Cross Medal hangs from the chests of Capt. John Nygard and Salvador Cruz.



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**SUMTER HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
Tuesday, noon, Sunset Country Club

**SUMTER COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Tuesday, 5 p.m., library

**LYNCHBURG TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Teen Center on Magnolia Street, Lynchburg

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

**SUMMERTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6 p.m., town hall

**PINEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
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**TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., town hall

**MAYESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 7 p.m., town hall

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Make personal improvements. Participate in

integrity to bring about change. 5 stars

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sign up for a course or retreat. Don't let anyone pressure you to make a personal or physical change that you don't want to make. Don't let minor setbacks discourage you. Physical activity will relieve stress and anxiety.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Put more time and effort into the way you look, a creative pursuit you want to tackle or a day trip to visit someone special. A change will do you good and help you realize how much you mean to someone you love.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Listen and assess situations without offering too much information. The less people know about you, the easier it will be for you to get what you want. Someone will offer you false information if you show signs of vulnerability.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Positive change at home will bring you closer to the ones you love. Romance should be a priority, along with activities that will make your surroundings comfortable and convenient. Embrace change and new beginnings.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep an eye on what everyone around you is doing. Back away from unpredictable people or anyone using persuasive tactics to part you from your money or possessions. Choose intelligence when dealing with children or your lover.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): A reunion will spark new interest in something you used to do. Someone you have done business with will make a proposal. Don't commit until you've discussed your intentions with someone who will be affected by your decision.

events that will give you insight into things you can do to make your life better. A day trip to visit someone you regard highly or discussing concerns with a trusted friend is favored.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You'll find it difficult to make up your mind. Emotions will take over, causing uncertainty. Rely on someone you know you can depend on to help you make the best choice. Don't let anger lead you down a slippery slope you'll regret.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Take part in an event that will test your strength, intelligence and ability. Learn from experience, and pace yourself to ensure success. How you treat others will determine how well you are received. Trust your instincts.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Aim to please, but don't let anyone take advantage of your kindness. Ask others to pitch in and help so you can achieve twice as much to make a difference. Your organization and preparation will be rewarded.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let the changes others make concern you. Concentrate on what's best for you and what will help the important relationships in your life flourish. A physical challenge should be met with intelligence as well as brawn. Avoid indulgent behavior.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone will outsmart you if you aren't careful. Don't fall for deceptive tactics or someone trying to hide something from you. Ask questions and get facts from reliable sources. Use discipline and

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A t-storm around in the p.m.	A thunderstorm in spots early	T-storms possible in the a.m.	T-storms possible in the a.m.	A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	A thunderstorm possible
93°	73°	94° / 70°	90° / 74°	95° / 73°	93° / 74°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 30%
SE 3-6 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	SW 6-12 mph	WSW 4-8 mph	SW 6-12 mph	SW 4-8 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

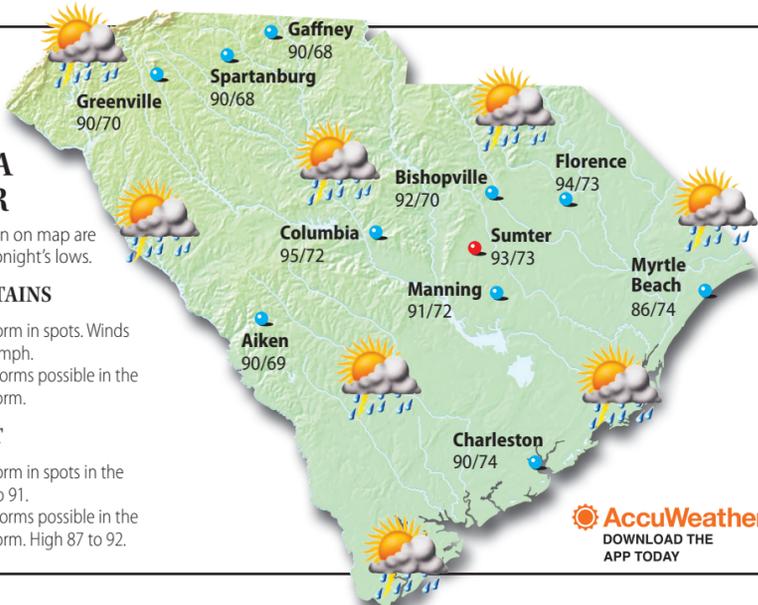
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** A thunderstorm in spots. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph.  
**Monday:** Thunderstorms possible in the morning, then a t-storm.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** A thunderstorm in spots in the afternoon. High 86 to 91.  
**Monday:** Thunderstorms possible in the morning, then a t-storm. High 87 to 92.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

**Temperature**

High	89°
Low	70°
Normal high	87°
Normal low	64°
Record high	101° in 1954
Record low	52° in 1998

**Precipitation**

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.15"
Normal month to date	1.54"
Year to date	13.17"
Last year to date	19.01"
Normal year to date	19.16"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.79	none
Marion	76.8	76.12	-0.09
Moultrie	75.5	74.86	none
Waterree	100	100.23	-0.49

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.53	-0.64
Congaree River	19	3.82	-2.56
Lynches River	14	2.81	-0.25
Saluda River	14	3.52	-1.20
Up. Santee River	80	79.91	-0.45
Waterree River	24	18.48	-0.29

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:10 a.m. Sunset 8:33 p.m.  
Moonrise 3:55 a.m. Moonset 5:08 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
June 13	June 20	June 28	July 6

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	6:32 a.m.	2.8	1:14 a.m.	0.4
	7:03 p.m.	3.3	1:25 p.m.	-0.2
Mon.	7:26 a.m.	2.8	2:12 a.m.	0.1
	7:56 p.m.	3.5	2:17 p.m.	-0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	90/73/t	88/72/t
Chicago	72/60/t	78/68/pc
Dallas	94/74/pc	95/74/pc
Detroit	74/62/c	80/63/pc
Houston	92/75/pc	94/78/pc
Los Angeles	81/63/s	82/62/s
New Orleans	89/73/t	89/75/t
New York	73/58/c	73/55/pc
Orlando	90/70/pc	89/70/pc
Philadelphia	71/58/r	71/54/pc
Phoenix	106/77/s	107/81/s
San Francisco	71/55/s	75/54/s
Wash., DC	78/63/t	70/60/sh

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	83/64/t	81/64/t	Florence	94/73/t	94/73/t
Athens	92/70/t	90/69/t	Gainesville	90/69/t	90/69/c
Augusta	92/69/t	94/70/t	Gastonia	90/69/t	89/68/t
Beaufort	91/74/t	92/73/t	Goldsboro	91/72/t	89/68/t
Cape Hatteras	84/74/t	84/71/c	Goose Creek	90/73/t	91/72/t
Charleston	90/74/t	91/73/t	Greensboro	90/68/t	85/64/t
Charlotte	91/70/t	91/68/t	Greenville	90/70/t	90/70/t
Clemson	90/69/t	89/69/t	Hickory	88/67/t	85/65/t
Columbia	95/72/t	95/74/t	Hilton Head	88/76/t	90/75/t
Darlington	92/72/t	93/71/t	Jacksonville, FL	90/68/t	90/72/t
Elizabeth City	86/73/t	82/69/t	La Grange	90/70/t	89/70/t
Elizabethtown	91/72/t	92/70/t	Macon	92/69/t	90/70/t
Fayetteville	94/72/t	92/68/t	Marietta	90/70/t	87/71/t

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

**BACK AND FORTH:** Eight answers with a 111 Across  
By Gail Grabowski

ACROSS

- 1 Bring under control
- 5 Appear without warning
- 10 Sweeping stories
- 15 Hem in
- 19 Iliad warrior
- 20 Belittle
- 21 Person from Zagreb
- 22 Do a fall chore
- 23 Air-base structure
- 25 Compact car since '72
- 27 Comes before
- 28 Not as much
- 29 Cornfield birds
- 30 Does some roofing
- 31 Brother in Genesis 4
- 33 Ballet bend
- 34 Peanut butter variety
- 37 Liquid-Plumr rival
- 38 Body shop sprayer
- 42 Term of endearment
- 43 Asset in oratory
- 45 Small numero
- 46 Taproom servings
- 48 Sirloin, for instance
- 49 Impersonate
- 50 Tank top or tee
- 52 Sassy
- 53 Many profs.' degrees
- 54 British diarist
- 56 Apply (for), as a promotion
- 57 Rodeo Drive designer
- 59 Programming pro
- 60 Visibly stunned
- 61 Source for oil and ink
- 63 Indy contestant
- 68 DVR remote button
- 69 Actress Shire
- 71 Back street
- 72 Newspaper essays
- 74 Skating leaps

75 Disneyland shuttles

- 76 Palm fruit
- 78 Repetitive learning
- 81 Squirrels away
- 82 Manning of the NFL
- 83 Food processor setting
- 84 Large quantity
- 85 Cold cubes
- 86 Sudden insights
- 89 Underground resource
- 90 Commission recipient
- 93 Class jottings
- 94 Muscle twitches
- 97 Planetarium roof
- 98 Decline to bid
- 99 December season
- 100 Pacific weather phenomenon
- 103 Extend across
- 105 Website promo
- 109 Venerable candy on a stick
- 111 Part of eight

of this puzzle's long answers

- 113 Having what it takes
- 114 Oscar winner Witherspoon
- 115 Remove a stubble
- 116 Hefty book
- 117 Top-billed role
- 118 Church officer
- 119 Himalayan region
- 120 Timetable listing

DOWN

- 1 Woodpile covering
- 2 Just shy of shut
- 3 Prepared
- 4 Track wager
- 5 Blot with a paper towel
- 6 Wind instruments
- 7 Print makers in snow
- 8 Have no \_\_\_ for (dislike)
- 9 In accordance with
- 10 Command level
- 11 Golf instructors
- 12 Charged particles
- 13 Dishonorable guy
- 14 Twinkly in the evening
- 15 Hot-dish holder
- 16 Praiseful review
- 17 Comparable (to)
- 18 Push-up beneficiaries
- 24 Paper package
- 26 Brother in Genesis 4
- 28 Fallon's predecessor
- 31 Flooring measures
- 32 Support financially
- 33 Walks nervously
- 34 Bloke
- 35 Cast portrayal

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- 36 "High" requirement for stamina
- 37 Now a new color
- 38 Ancient manuscripts
- 39 Rock concert features
- 40 Still developing
- 41 Pre-owned
- 43 Code of conduct
- 44 Thin candle
- 47 Alphabetic trio
- 48 Annual rights org.
- 50 Make do without
- 51 Affectionate greeting
- 54 Reads closely (over)
- 55 Small whirlpool
- 58 Boorish
- 59 Free from fear
- 61 Equilibrium
- 62 Southern Mexican state
- 64 Winter cap feature
- 65 Assert
- 66 November tabulation
- 67 Fencing blade
- 70 Suffix for percent
- 73 HMO network members
- 75 Little laugh
- 76 Sandy expanses
- 77 Cultural pursuits
- 79 Academic period
- 80 Fleecy females
- 83 Vet patients
- 86 Wardrobe cabinet
- 87 Theoretically
- 88 Compain, so to speak
- 91 Now ready to publish
- 92 Some off-spring
- 94 Shakespear-ean verse
- 95 Remain unsettled
- 96 Advisories
- 99 Too trusting
- 100 List shortener
- 101 Spot for an earring
- 102 The Big Easy
- 103 Moved quickly
- 104 Masquerade (as)
- 105 Spill a secret
- 106 Underlying cause
- 107 Rounds for weapons
- 108 Thought-provoking
- 110 Slim swimmer
- 111 Spokane winter setting: Abbr.
- 112 Sushi tuna

The diary kept by House of Commons member Samuel PEPYS (54 Across) from 1660 to 1669 is an important primary source for details on the English Restoration era. Used by most of America's daily newspapers, SOY ink (61 Across) allows for easier recycling. NOEL (99 Across) is derived from the Latin word for "birthday" and is thus related to "natal."

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

H	E	M	I	N	J	E	T	E	S	G	B	S				
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A	S	P	C	A	I	S	L	A	R	D	A					
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S	E	X	I	R	O	N	S	P	E	S	T	S				

SUDOKU

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

JUMBLE

RISKY SWOON LUNACY INLAND  
To enter the cave with the low entrance, they would need all their — DUCKS IN A ROW

## HORSE RACING



# Justified

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Justify carries jockey Mike Smith across the finish line to win the 150th running of the Belmont Stakes and the Triple Crown on Saturday in Elmont, N.Y. Justify is the 13th Triple Crown winner.

## Justify wins Belmont to become 13th Triple Crown champion

BY BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Justify led all the way to win the Belmont Stakes by 1 3/4 lengths on Saturday and become horse racing's 13th Triple Crown champion and second in four years.

The chestnut colt became the second undefeated horse to sweep the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont, improving to 6-0 in a racing career that began on Feb. 18. Seattle Slew was unbeaten when he won the Triple Crown in 1977.

Sent off as the 4-5 favorite, Justify

went to the lead out of the starting gate and led nine rivals around the track's sweeping turns. He burnished his reputation by defeating nine rivals, the most faced by any Triple Crown champion.

SEE JUSTIFY, PAGE B5

## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

# P-15's mercy-rule Hampton 10-0 in six

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
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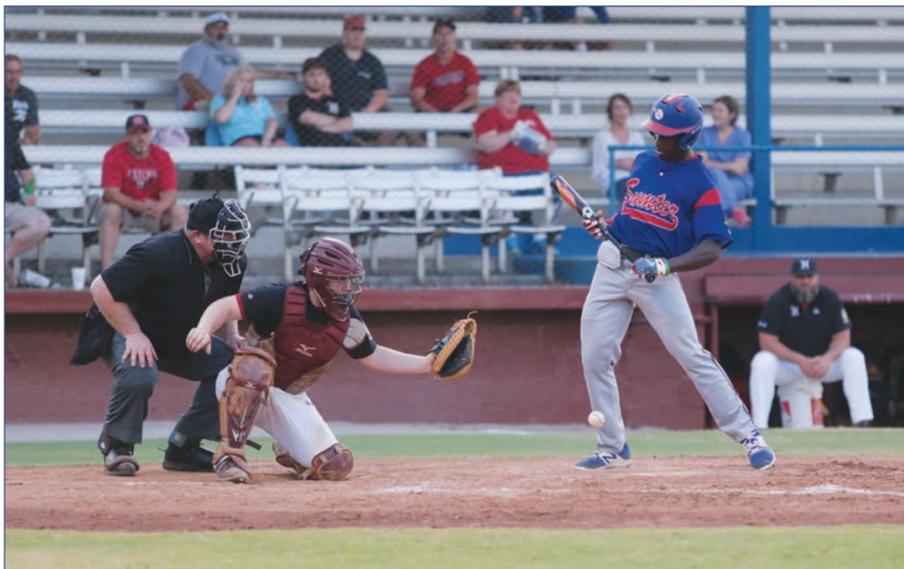
The Sumter P-15's American Legion baseball team survived its encounter with Hampton Post 108 on Friday, posting a 10-0 victory in a long 6-inning game at Riley Park.

That may not sound too difficult, but three of Sumter's runs were scored by players that got on base when they were hit by pitches.

In all, Hampton starter J.D. Bailey plunked five Sumter batters, including three in the second inning, along with giving up nine hits and eight runs in the loss before giving way to Jackson Ridgeway after 2 2/3 innings.

Sumter starter Josh Bryant got enough runs in the first to post the win, going three innings and scattering four hits and a walk while striking out four.

"We had both played a lot of games this week, so they were down on pitchers," said



BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Trey Yates is hit by a pitch during the P-15's 10-0, 6-inning victory over Hampton Post 108 on Friday at Riley Park. Yates was hit twice in the game, and three others were plunked in the first three innings as well.

Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson, whose team improved to 5-2 overall with the non-league victory. "I thought our hitters did a

good job and we played clean defensively for the most part. And I thought those guys that pitched did a good job."

Hampton looked game in the first, with a lead-off hit, a sacrifice bunt, a walk and

SEE P-15'S, PAGE B3

## PRO TENNIS

# Palmetto Pro Open starts today

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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The Palmetto Pro Open begins today with the first of three rounds of singles qualifying to fill out the 32-player main draw. Also, it will be a chance for the kids to have some fun as well.

Sixty-four players will compete in 32 matches today beginning at 9 a.m. at Palmetto Tennis Center. Ten courts will be used with three matches scheduled for eight of the courts and four on two of them.

After that, it will be Net Generation Play Day for boys and girls age 12 and younger.

The play day will begin at 5:30 p.m. and run until 7:30. It will allow the children the chance to play with the professionals. All children who participate will get a free tennis racquet and free snow cones.

After the 32 matches are played today, 16 will be played on Monday along with the doubles qualifying matches beginning as well. There will be eight singles qualifying matches on Tuesday to fill out the main draw field.

The singles main draw will actually begin on Tuesday as well. The tournament will progress with the semifinals on Saturday and the championship matches on Sunday.

Taylor Townsend is the No. 1 seed in the PPO, a \$25,000 USTA Pro Circuit event. She is ranked 71st in the world and will be the highest ranked player to ever play in the PPO.

She won the French Open Wild Card Challenge for the third time in her career and then won her first-round match. She lost in the second round to world No. 1 Simona Halep 6-3, 6-1. Halep won the French Open title on Saturday.

Townsend was the No. 1 seed in the PPO in 2015, but lost in the first round. She was the No. 1 seed in the inaugural Sumter Pink Open last October and won both the singles and doubles title.

Defending PPO champion Ashley Lahey is back to defend her title. Lahey, ranked No. 463, is the No. 11 seed. She won the tournament last year as a wild-card.

Rounding out the top 10 are Usue Maitaine Arconada (288) at No. 2 followed by Alize Lim (302), Robin Anderson (355), Shilin Xu (363), Maria Mateas (391), Chieh-Yu Hsu (396), Astra Sharma (397), Marcela Zacarias (405) and Quinn Gleason (428).

Play will begin at 9 a.m. each day. Admission to the event is free.

## NBA FINALS

# With two titles, Finals MVP Durant gets the last word

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kevin Durant had a simple message for his critics: "Thanks."

Durant's move to the Golden State Warriors, booed by many around the NBA, has unquestionably paid off for both the player and his team. Two years, two NBA championships, two NBA Finals MVPs and almost certainly a new contract in the next few weeks after he and the Warriors decide on the best way to proceed.

He is often a man of few words, but Durant let his thoughts be known Friday night after the Warriors won their second consecutive title by finishing off a sweep of the Cleveland Cavaliers.

There was a rare openness to Durant in his postgame remarks as he let his detractors know that whatever they said when he left Oklahoma City for Golden State didn't mean much then and means even less now.

"Former players and players now that got a lot to say about what I did, they know how I play," Durant said, his newest Finals MVP trophy standing just to his left. "They know exactly what I bring. They know. They know. They understand when they get on the court with me or if they check up with me, they know what it is. So I kind of try to just stand on that. But I know what I bring to the game."

SEE DURANT, PAGE B4



Golden State's Kevin Durant goes to the basket against Cleveland's LeBron James in the Warriors' series-clinching 105-83 victory on Friday in Game 4 of the NBA Finals on Friday in Cleveland. Durant was named Finals MVP for the second straight season.

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PRO TENNIS

# 4th time's the charm: Halep tops Stephens to win French Open

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

PARIS — Maybe all of those losses in Grand Slam finals helped Simona Halep actually win one.

She'd gone 0-3 in matches with a major trophy on the line before facing Sloane Stephens for the French Open title Saturday, so there was plenty to remember: what it felt like to give a lead away, to make a key mistake, to walk away with regrets.

"All the experience from those three finals that I lost ... was a positive thing," Halep said, "and gave me a little bit more power to believe."

Halep added Grand Slam trophy No. 1 to her No. 1 ranking, coming back from a set and a break down to beat Stephens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 and win the championship at Roland Garros in a match made up of long points and key momentum swings.

"That's the most important thing — that I stay there fo-



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Simona Halep returns a shot against Sloane Stephens in the championship match of the French Open at Roland Garros in Paris on Saturday. Halep defeated Stephens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Read the full story at [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).

cused," said Halep, the first Romanian to collect a major title since her manager, Virginia Ruzici, at the 1978 French Open. "I believed. And I never gave up."

The 26-year-old Halep was describing this particular match. She could have been speaking about her career.

Halep lost two previous finals at Roland Garros — against Maria Sharapova in 2014, then Jelena Ostapenko in 2017 despite leading by a set and 3-0 in the second. Her third runner-up finish came against Caroline Wozniacki at the Australian Open in January.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
5:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Women's Doubles Championship Match from Paris (TENNIS).  
6 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Shot Clock Masters Final Round from Atzenbrugg, Austria (GOLF).

9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: French Open Men's Singles Championship Match from Paris (TENNIS).  
10 a.m. — Track and Field: IAAF Diamond League Bauhaus-Galan from Stockholm, Sweden (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

Noon — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Gainesville Super Regional Game 2 from Gainesville, Fla. — Auburn vs. Florida (ESPN).

Noon — Amateur Diving: FINA World Cup Men's 10-Meter Final from Wuhan, China (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

1 p.m. — Women's International Golf: Curtis Cup Day 3 Singles Matches from Scarsdale, N.Y. — United States vs. Great Britain and Ireland (FOX SPORTS 1).

1 p.m. — PGA Golf: FedEx St. Jude Classic Final Round from Memphis, Tenn. (GOLF).

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Boston or Cleveland at Detroit (MLB NETWORK).

1:30 p.m. — Formula One Racing: Canadian Grand Prix from Montreal (WLO 25).

2 p.m. — Track and Field: IAAF Diamond League Bauhaus-Galan from Stockholm, Sweden (WIS 10).

2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Firekeepers Casino 400 from Brooklyn, Mich. (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).

3 p.m. — PGA Golf: FedEx St. Jude Classic Final Round from Memphis, Tenn. (WLTX 19).

3 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Fayetteville Super Regional Game 2 from Fayetteville, Ark. — South Carolina vs. Arkansas (ESPN, WNKT-FM 107.5).

3 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Austin Super Regional Game 2 from Austin, Texas — Tennessee Tech vs. Texas (ESPN2).

3 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Shoprite LPGA Classic Final Round from Galloway, N.J. (GOLF).

4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs or Los Angeles Angels at Minnesota (Joined in Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

5 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Rust-Oleum Championship Final Round from Mundelein, Ill. (GOLF).

6 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Nashville Super Regional Game 3 from Nashville, Tenn. — Mississippi State vs. Vanderbilt (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

6 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Lubbock Super Regional Game 2 from Lubbock, Texas — Duke vs. Texas Tech (ESPN).

7 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Principal Charity Classic Final Round from Des Moines, Iowa (GOLF).

8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at New York Mets (ESPN).

8:30 p.m. — Professional Boxing: Travis Kauffman vs. Scott Alexander in a Heavyweight Bout and Gerald Washington vs. Wes Nofire in a Heavyweight Bout from Lancaster, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).

9 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Corvallis Super Regional Game 3 from Corvallis, Ore. — Minnesota vs. Oregon State (If Necessary) (ESPN2).

9 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Fullerton Super Regional Game 3 from Fullerton, Calif. — Washington at Cal State Fullerton (If Necessary) (ESPN).

MONDAY  
5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Mercedes Cup Early-Round Matches from Stuttgart, Germany (TENNIS).

9 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Mercedes Cup Early-Round Matches from Stuttgart, Germany (TENNIS).

1 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Austin Super Regional Game 3 from Austin, Texas — Tennessee Tech vs. Texas (If Necessary) (ESPN).

1:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Libema Open Early-Round Matches from Hertogenbosch, Netherlands (TENNIS).

4 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Lubbock Super Regional Game 3 from Lubbock, Texas — Duke vs. Texas Tech (If Necessary) (ESPN).

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

7 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Fayetteville Super Regional Game 3 from Fayetteville, Ark. — South Carolina vs. Arkansas (If Necessary) (ESPN2, WNKT-FM 107.5).

8:30 p.m. — College Baseball: NCAA Tournament Gainesville Super Regional Game 3 from Gainesville, Fla. — Auburn vs. Florida (If Necessary) (ESPN).

8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee or San Diego at St. Louis (MLB NETWORK).

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Mercedes Cup Early-Round Matches from Stuttgart, Germany (TENNIS).

MLB STANDINGS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	21	.677	—
New York	41	18	.695	—
Tampa Bay	29	34	.460	14
Toronto	29	35	.453	14½
Baltimore	19	44	.302	24

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	33	28	.541	—
Detroit	30	35	.462	5
Minnesota	27	33	.450	5½
Chicago	21	41	.339	12½
Kansas City	22	43	.338	13

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	40	24	.625	—
Houston	40	25	.615	½
Los Angeles	36	28	.563	4
Oakland	33	32	.508	7½
Texas	27	39	.409	14

**FRIDAY**

Toronto 5, Baltimore 1	18.
Chicago White Sox 1, Boston 0	TRIPLES_Sanchez, Chicago, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 5; Hernandez, Toronto, 5; Jones, Detroit, 4; Profar, Texas, 4; Smith, Tampa Bay, 4; 7 tied at 3.
Cleveland 4, Detroit 1	HOME RUNS_Martinez, Boston, 21; Ramirez, Cleveland, 19; Trout, Los Angeles, 19; Machado, Baltimore, 18; Betts, Boston, 17; KDavis, Oakland, 17; Gallo, Texas, 17; Judge, New York, 17; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 16; 2 tied at 15.
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 1	STOLEN BASES_Gordon, Seattle, 19; Merrifield, Kansas City, 14; Segura, Seattle, 14; Anderson, Chicago, 13; Betts, Boston, 13; Trout, Los Angeles, 13; DeShields, Texas, 12; RDavis, Cleveland, 11; Smith, Tampa Bay, 11; Benintendi, Boston, 10.
Seattle 4, Tampa Bay 3	PITCHING_Kluber, Cleveland, 9-2; Severino, New York, 9-1; Happ, Toronto, 8-3; Porcello, Boston, 8-2; Snell, Tampa Bay, 8-3; Verlander, Houston, 8-2; 9 tied at 7.
Houston 7, Texas 3	ERA_Verlander, Houston, 1.45; Kluber, Cleveland, 1.96; Cole, Houston, 2.16; Severino, New York, 2.20; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.30; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.62; Sale, Boston, 2.83; Morton, Houston, 2.84; Paxton, Seattle, 2.95; Boyd, Detroit, 3.20.
L.A. Angels 4, Minnesota 2	STRIKEOUTS_Cole, Houston, 124; Sale, Boston, 120; Verlander, Houston, 113; Bauer, Cleveland, 109; Severino, New York, 102; Paxton, Seattle, 101; Kluber, Cleveland, 95; Morton, Houston, 92; Happ, Toronto, 90; Snell, Tampa Bay, 89.
Oakland 7, Kansas City 2	<b>NATIONAL LEAGUE</b>
	BATTING_Kemp, Los Angeles, .347; Gennett, Cincinnati, .345; Freeman, Atlanta, .336; Markakis, Atlanta, .327; Crawford, San Francisco, .326; Arenado, Colorado, .324; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, .321; Almonte, Chicago, .318; Martinez, St. Louis, .315; Yelich, Milwaukee, .311.
	RUNS_Albies, Atlanta, 41; Blackmon, Colorado, 49; Pham, St. Louis, 44; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 43; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 42; Yelich, Milwaukee, 41; Markakis, Atlanta, 40; 4 tied at 39.
	RBI_Baez, Chicago, 46; Gennett, Cincinnati, 45; Suarez, Cincinnati, 45; Freeman, Atlanta, 44; Rizzo, Chicago, 44; Harper, Washington, 43; Story, Colorado, 43; Markakis, Atlanta, 42; Kemp, Los Angeles, 40; 2 tied at 39.
	HITS_Markakis, Atlanta, 82; Freeman, Atlanta, 81; Gennett, Cincinnati, 80; Anderson, Miami, 74; Castro, Miami, 72; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 72; Arenado, Colorado, 71; Crawford, San Francisco, 71; 3 tied at 70.
	<b>DOUBLETS</b> Albies, Atlanta, 19; Freeman, Atlanta, 19; Hosmer, San Diego, 19; Bryant, Chicago, 18; Markakis, Atlanta, 18; McCutchen, San Francisco, 18; Castro, Miami, 17; Polanco, Pittsburgh, 17; 11 tied at 16.
	TRIPLES_KMarte, Arizona, 6; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 6; Baez, Chicago, 5; Blackmon, Colorado, 4; Contreras, Chicago, 4; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 4; Nimmo, New York, 4; Story, Colorado, 4; 14 tied at 3.
	HOME RUNS_Harper, Washington, 19; Villanueva, San Diego, 15; Albies, Atlanta, 14; Baez, Chicago, 14; Shaw, Milwaukee, 14; Adams, Washington, 13; Blackmon, Colorado, 13; 4 tied at 12.
	STOLEN BASES_Inciarte, Atlanta, 18; Turner, Washington, 18; MTaylor, Washington, 16; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 13; Cain, Milwaukee, 12; Dyson, Arizona, 10; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 10; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 10; Jankowski, San Diego, 10; 3 tied at 9.
	PITCHING_Scherzer, Washington, 10-1; Lester, Chicago, 7-2; Mikolas, St. Louis, 7-1; Newcomb, Atlanta, 7-1; Nola, Philadelphia, 7-2; Stratton, San Francisco, 7-3; Wacha, St. Louis, 7-1; 7 tied at 6.
	ERA_deGrom, New York, 1.57; Scherzer, Washington, 1.95; Lester, Chicago, 2.22; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.27; Folynewicz, Atlanta, 2.31; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.35; Wacha, St. Louis, 2.41; Newcomb, Atlanta, 2.49; Gonzalez, Washington, 2.65; Corbin, Arizona, 2.87.
	STRIKEOUTS_Scherzer, Washington, 133; deGrom, New York, 106; Corbin, Arizona, 105; Strasburg, Washington, 95; Folynewicz, Atlanta, 88; Greinke, Arizona, 83; Vasquez, Philadelphia, 83; Gray, Colorado, 81; Nola, Philadelphia, 80; Smith, Miami, 79.

**SATURDAY**  
Toronto 4, Baltimore 3, 10 innings  
Boston 4, Chicago White Sox 2  
Kansas City 2, Oakland 0  
Tampa Bay 7, Seattle 3  
L.A. Angels at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.  
Cleveland at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.  
Houston at Texas, 7:15 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.

**TODAY**  
Chicago White Sox (Lopez 1-4) at Boston (Porcello 8-2), 1:05 p.m.  
Baltimore (Cobb 2-7) at Toronto (Estrada 2-6), 1:07 p.m.  
Cleveland (Kluber 9-2) at Detroit (Lewicki 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
Seattle (Paxton 5-1) at Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 1-1), 1:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Tropeano 3-3) at Minnesota (Romero 2-2), 2:10 p.m.  
Houston (Keuchel 3-8) at Texas (Moore 1-5), 3:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Keller 1-2) at Oakland (Manaea 5-6), 4:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 9-1) at N.Y. Mets (Lugo 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**

**East Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	36	26	.581	—
Atlanta	36	27	.571	½
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	4
New York	27	33	.450	8
Miami	23	41	.359	14

**Central Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	25	.609	—
Chicago	37	24	.607	½
St. Louis	35	27	.565	3
Pittsburgh	31	33	.484	8
Cincinnati	22	43	.338	17½

**West Division**

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	33	29	.532	—
Los Angeles	32	31	.508	1½
Colorado	32	31	.508	1½
San Francisco	32	32	.500	2
San Diego	30	36	.455	5

**FRIDAY**  
Chicago Cubs 3, Pittsburgh 1  
Milwaukee 12, Philadelphia 4  
San Francisco 9, Washington 5  
Miami 4, San Diego 0  
N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 1  
St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 6, 10 innings  
Arizona 9, Colorado 4  
L.A. Dodgers 7, Atlanta 3

**SATURDAY**  
Washington 7, San Francisco 5  
Milwaukee 12, Philadelphia 3  
Chicago Cubs 2, Pittsburgh 0  
San Diego 5, Miami 4  
St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 4  
Arizona at Colorado, 10-11 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.  
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

**TODAY**  
San Diego (Richard 4-6) at Miami (Urena 1-7), 1:10 p.m.  
St. Louis (Martinez 3-2) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Woodruff 2-0) at Philadelphia (Eflin 2-2), 1:35 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (Nova 2-5) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 4-5), 2:20 p.m.  
Arizona (Godley 5-5) at Colorado (Freeland 6-5), 3:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Holland 3-6) at Washington (Scherzer 10-1), 4:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Newcomb 7-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Stripling 4-1), 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 9-1) at N.Y. Mets (Lugo 1-1), 8:05 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
San Francisco at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.  
San Diego at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

**MLB LEADERS**

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

BATTING\_Betts, Boston, .359; Segura, Seattle, .342; Altuve, Houston, .341; Simmons, Los Angeles, .330; Castellanos, Detroit, .329; Brantley, Cleveland, .324; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .319; Martinez, Boston, .318; Rosario, Minnesota, .315; Machado, Baltimore, .311.

RUNS\_Betts, Boston, 52; Trout, Los Angeles, 52; Segura, Seattle, 49; Springer, Houston, 47; Benintendi, Boston, 46; Lindor, Cleveland, 46; Ramirez, Cleveland, 44; Judge, New York, 43; Gardner, New York, 41; Martinez, Boston, 41.

RBI\_Martinez, Boston, 54; Machado, Baltimore, 50; Haniger, Seattle, 47; KDavis, Oakland, 46; Benintendi, Boston, 44; Judge, New York, 44; Ramirez, Cleveland, 44; Judge, Rosario, Minnesota, 43; Lowrie, Oakland, 42; Mustakas, Kansas City, 42.

HITS\_Altuve, Houston, 90; Segura, Seattle, 88; Castellanos, Detroit, 83; Machado, Baltimore, 76; Rosario, Minnesota, 75; Martinez, Boston, 74; Jay, Arizona, 73; Lindor, Cleveland, 73; Springer, Houston, 73; 2 tied at 72.

DOUBLES\_Abreu, Chicago, 24; Escobar, Minnesota, 24; Castellanos, Detroit, 22; Andujar, New York, 21; Lindor, Cleveland, 20; Pillar, Toronto, 20; Betts, Boston, 19; Bregman, Houston, 19; Ramirez, Cleveland, 19; 4 tied at 18.

"Been kicked in the stomach a couple of times when she's had chances," said Halep's coach, Darren Cahill. "They say the destination is more beautiful if there's a bit of a bumpy road and you eventually get there. And that's what happened to her today."

On a muggy afternoon, Halep began slowly, unable to solve Stephens, the 10th-seeded American who won her first Grand Slam title at last year's U.S. Open. Both women are adept at defense, figuring out ways — via speed, strength, skill and instinct — to get nearly every ball back over the net. They're also both able to switch to offense in a snap.

Those traits lent themselves to engaging exchanges of 10 strokes, 20 strokes or more, sometimes interrupted by spectators who would gasp or begin to clap, thinking that a point was over when it still was not.

AUTO RACING

# Keselowski trying again for elusive win at Michigan

BY NOAH TRISTER  
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Brad Keselowski has never won a NASCAR Cup Series race at Michigan.

For some drivers, that might be no big deal, but Keselowski is from Rochester Hills, about 90 miles from Michigan International Speedway.

"A win here would be like winning the Daytona 500 for me," Keselowski said. "A home track means a lot to any race car driver."

It's a bit surprising that Keselowski hasn't won at Michigan, considering he gets two chances a year at the Cup level. He finished second in 2012 and has five top-five

showings in 17 starts. He'll have another chance Sunday, and after qualifying second, he has to be considered a contender.

Keselowski was one of six Ford drivers in the top seven in qualifying, including pole winner Kurt Busch.

Keselowski won the pole at MIS last August and led 105 laps, but he finished 17th. Keselowski has won Xfinity races at Michigan, but he has no victories there at the top level.

"It is your friends and family and there is a lot of notoriety that comes with it. That makes the losses sting more and the wins sweeter," Keselowski said. "The fact we have been so close and not achieved it is very top of mind every time I come here."

Keselowski is fifth in the Cup standings this year, the top driver without a victory. His most recent win was at Talladega last season.

"I want to win, I want to win a lot of races. I feel like we have a pretty strong team," he said. "We have had two or three races where we had the speed to win. That said, we haven't been able to execute on those. We have had a number of races we had the speed to run third to fifth and it seems we have executed very well on those weekends and didn't catch any luck to go with it."

A few more things to watch Sunday:

**ANOTHER LOCAL HOPE**

Erik Jones of Byron finished third last August in only his second Cup start at Michigan.

"Coming home to Michigan and spending some time at home, and coming back to the track that's so close to my house is nice," Jones said. "Any first win would be big, especially at Michigan."

**FIREKEEPERS CASINO 400 LINEUP**

By The Associated Press  
After Friday qualifying; race Sunday at Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.  
Lap length: 2 miles  
(Car number in parentheses)

- (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 203.361 mph.
- (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 203.166.
- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 203.120.
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 202.954.
- (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 202.168.
- (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 201.607.
- (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 201.263.
- (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 201.140.
- (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 200.792.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 200.401.
- (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 200.061.
- (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 199.784.
- (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 200.535.
- (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 200.490.
- (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 200.328.
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200.323.
- (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 200.228.
- (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 200.083.
- (6) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 199.806.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 199.784.
- (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 199.776.
- (11) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 199.645.
- (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 199.358.
- (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 199.302.
- (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 199.049.
- (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 198.999.
- (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 197.704.
- (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 196.915.
- (72) Corey Lajoie, Chevrolet, 194.437.
- (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 194.170.
- (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 192.647.
- (51) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 192.082.
- (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 191.449.
- (7) DJ Kennington, Chevrolet, 187.896.
- (66) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 186.446.
- (99) Garrett Smithley, Chevrolet,



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Andrew Twitty makes contact during the P-15's 10-0 victory over Hampton Post 108 on Friday at Riley Park.

## P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

another hit to load the bases before Bryant got Seth Pritchard to ground to first and finished off a 3-2-1 double play.

Sumter got started right away, with Chandler Hunter drawing a lead-off walk that foreshadowed Hampton's struggle with control. Tray Yates moved Hunter to second with a grounder to third and then Daulton Dabbs plated him with an RBI double. A single by designated hitter Rylan Williamson scored Dabbs from second and Sumter led 2-0.

Things really went awry for Bailey in the second, when he hit Dalton Browder to lead off and gave up back-to-back hits to Daniel Reynolds and Hunter, whose single scored Browder to make it 3-0. Bailey then hit Yates and Joey Pereira to load the bases. Dabbs flew out and Hampton third baseman Cason Dobson saved multiple runs with a great catch on a sharply hit line drive by Williamson that ended the inning with three P-15's stranded.

Remarkably, Bailey returned to the mound in the third inning and immediately hit Andrew Twitty to get things started. Jackson Hoshour and Browder singled and Twitty scored on a wild

pitch to make it 4-0. Browder's single scored Hoshour to make it 5-0. Browder moved to second on a sacrifice by Ryan Moore and to third on a wild pitch before scoring on a sacrifice bunt by Hunter to push the sixth run across. Bailey then plunked Yates a second time, and the speedster stole second before Pereira's long double to the left field fence plated him from there.

That would finally be all for Bailey, but Pereira would score on a double down the left field line by Dabbs to make it 8-0 at the end of three.

David Frey came on in relief of Bryant to start the fourth inning, and struck out two allowed only one base runner over the next two innings when he hit Hampton's Ty Keyes. Josh Sykes closed it down with a 1-2-3 sixth, striking out two.

"You've got to give our pitchers credit," Johnson said. "Bryant and Frey and Sykes right there at the end, they hadn't pitched all year and went out there and threw strikes."

Johnson praised the performance both of some of the players getting their first starts and the veterans for their support.

"We had some guys in there

that hadn't played a whole lot, and we gave them a chance to play and they were able to produce for us," Johnson said. "We started some guys that hadn't had a lot of at-bats, trying to give some guys some opportunities, and they went in there tonight and played well. And our guys that have been playing a lot showed a lot of support from the bench and really worked hard. I was really proud of them."

Sumter tacked on a run in the fourth when Hoshour singled, stole second and third and scored on a single by pinch hitter Daniel Twitty that made it 9-0.

The P-15's missed a chance to end it in the fifth, drawing two walks but taking the field again after Andrew Twitty hit into a double play. Sumter wasted no time in the sixth, however, when Hoshour tripled to lead off and Browder ended the game plating Hoshour with a single.

Sumter has a packed schedule next week, starting with back-to-back road games at Orangeburg and Hampton on Monday and Tuesday, respectively. On Wednesday, the P-15's are at home against Camden and then travel to Camden on Thursday before playing in the North Carolina-South Carolina Challenge next weekend in Salisbury, North Carolina.

## MLB ROUNDUP

# Lester, Cubs pick up 2-0 win over Pirates

CHICAGO — Jon Lester sees the Chicago Cubs delivering enough big hits and sparkling plays in the field.

More than anything, he sees his team piling up victories. And to him, it's starting to feel like the 2016 championship season all over again.

Lester combined with two relievers on a one-hitter, and the Cubs took advantage of a first-inning slip by center fielder Starling Marte in a 2-0 victory Saturday over the Pittsburgh Pirates, Chicago's 11th win in 13 games.

**NATIONALS 7  
CAPITALS 5**

WASHINGTON — The Washington Capitals showed off their newly won Stanley Cup as part of a pregame ceremony Saturday before the Nationals met the San Francisco Giants.

Bryce Harper has his mind on bringing another piece of hardware to Washington by the end of the year.

"I think a World Series trophy would be pretty cool, too," the Nationals outfielder said.

Harper hit his National League-leading 19th homer of the season in the Nationals' 7-5 victory. Harper's 437-foot blast to right-center came off reliever Ty Blach in the fourth inning.

**BREWERS 12  
PHILLIES 3**

PHILADELPHIA — Ji-Man Choi casually jogged to first. The jubilation in the Brewers' dugout indicated otherwise.

Choi and came through with a go-ahead grand slam when he pinch hit in the sixth inning, and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Philadelphia Phillies 12-3 on Saturday.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Atlanta's Nick Markakis scores on a double by Kurt Suzuki during the fifth inning of their game against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday. The Braves lost 7-3.

**DODGERS 7  
BRAVES 3**

LOS ANGELES — Walker Buehler was looking like the answer to the Dodgers' injury woes. Then he became just another problem.

Buehler was pulled from his

start Friday night with rib soreness, and Los Angeles overcame another blow to its depleted pitching staff by hitting five home runs to beat the Atlanta Braves 7-3 on Friday night.

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## NCAA BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

# Tar Heels advance to College World Series

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — It wasn't that long ago that North Carolina made it seem almost routine going to the College World Series year after year.

Now, after a few seasons away, the Tar Heels are heading back to Omaha.

UNC jumped on Stetson starter Jack Perkins in a four-run first inning and the Tar Heels hung on to beat the Hatters 7-5 on Saturday, securing their first trip to the College World Series since 2013.

The host Tar Heels (43-18), the No. 6 national seed, went to Omaha six times in eight years under coach Mike Fox. They returned by sweeping the best-of-three NCAA super regional series against the No. 11 national seed.

Everything started Saturday with that fast start, a big first inning with the bats that are humming right now.

Cody Roberts, Brandon Riley and Ashton McGee had RBI doubles in that first inning for a 4-0 lead on a pitcher who hadn't allowed more than two earned runs in a start in two months.

**TENNESSEE TECH 5  
TEXAS 4**

AUSTIN, Texas — Chase Chambers and David Garza each had an RBI double to power a three-run fifth inning and Tennessee Tech held on to beat Texas 5-4 in the opening game of a best-of-three series in the NCAA baseball tournament on Saturday.

Chambers' double in the top of the fifth drove in two runs to make it 4-3 and then Garza brought in Chambers with another double.

Ethan Roberts came on and helped Tennessee Tech (53-10) out of some trouble in the bottom of the sixth with three straight strikeouts after starter Marcus Evey (8-0) walked the first two batters of the inning. Roberts held on for another three innings to notch his fifteenth save, giving up one run on David Hamilton's sacrifice fly in the seventh inning.

Texas (40-21) opened the scoring with Zach Zubia's sacrifice fly in the first inning and took a 3-2 lead in the third on Kody Clemens' 22nd homer of the season.

**FLORIDA 8  
AUBURN 2**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Wil Dalton drove in two runs, Deacon Liput homered for the second time in three games and top-seeded Florida roughed up No. 1 draft pick Casey Mize and Auburn 8-2 Saturday in the opening game of a best-of-three series in the NCAA baseball tournament.

The defending national champion Gators (46-18) are now one victory away from returning to the College World Series for the fourth consecutive year. The Tigers (42-22) have to win two straight to advance to Omaha, Nebraska, for the first time since 1997.

Pitching for the first time since becoming first-round draft picks, Brady Singer out-dued Mize for the second time in 44 days. It was a much-hyped matchup of soon-to-be millionaires, with Mize going to Detroit with the first pick Monday night and Singer taken by Kansas City with the 18th selection.

Mize (10-6) gave up six earned runs on seven hits, walked a career-high four and a hit batter.

**TEXAS TECH 6  
DUKE 4**

LUBBOCK, Texas — Gabe Holt went 3 for 5 and drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth inning to help Texas Tech beat Duke 6-4 on Saturday in Game 1 of the best-of-three Lubbock NCAA super regional.

Holt's single to right field scored Cody Farhat and, four pitches later, Brian Klein's RBI double gave Texas Tech (43-17) a 6-4 lead going into the ninth.

Duke (44-17) took a 3-0 lead when Zack Kone hit a two-RBI double in the top of the fifth. Holt singled and Klein walked before Grant Little hit a two-out, two-RBI double in the bottom of the inning and Holt's bases-loaded fielder's choice scored Cameron Warren to make it 3-all in the sixth.

Kone hit a two-out RBI single to make it 4-3 in the top of the seventh, but Rheams tied with a solo homer in the bottom half.

Kone finished 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs for Duke.

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COMMENTARY

# Get used to a Golden State world, NBA

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
The Associated Press



Ben Del Fante crowd-surfs as Golden State Warriors fans celebrate outside Oracle Arena in Oakland, California, on Friday. The Warriors defeated the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-85 in Game 4 of the NBA Finals in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND — The NBA might have to get used to this.

Stephen Curry is under contract for basically the rest of his prime. Kevin Durant says he isn't going anywhere. Steve Kerr has more than proven himself as one of the game's best coaches. Free agents will line up for the chance to move west even if that means taking some pay cuts. There's even a new arena coming in a year or so for the Golden State Warriors to call home.

It's their league now, without question.

For the third time in four years, the Warriors are champions of the NBA world. They've gone back-to-back, beating the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-85 on Friday night to finish off a sweep of these NBA Finals in the fourth consecutive meeting between those clubs.

The Cavs may very well be coming apart.

The Warriors look very much built to last, and no matter where LeBron James goes this summer it'll probably be Golden State as the prohibitive favorites to win it all again next year.

"You don't want to cheat the moment," Curry said, the victory champagne still drying on his clothes and skin, wanting no part of any talk about dynasties or anything like that. "So we'll have plenty of time over the summer to talk about what next year's going to look like and what it's going to take for us to get back to this stage next year."

Houston probably isn't going away and remember, the Rockets gave the Warriors all they wanted this season. Had Chris Paul not gotten hurt, who knows if the Warriors even win that Game 7 in Houston and take the West title. The East might be a wild race, with Toronto, Philadelphia and Boston probably all likely to enter the year thinking they have NBA Finals potential — as will any team that has James on its roster next fall.

This much is clear: Golden State has no designs on giving up its throne.

"I've just got to keep getting

better," said Warriors star Kevin Durant, now a two-time champion and two-time NBA Finals MVP. "I think I've got a lot more to go. So I'm just trying to prove to myself that I could just stay in it for the long haul, and hopefully I continue to have some success. Just keep growing as a player. That's my only concern."

Durant was voted the best player in this series — and he wants to keep growing.

He can't be guarded now — and he wants to keep growing.

Ask the 29 other NBA teams their reaction to that statement and they would likely say some form of "welp."

"They move at such a pace, and they have five guys on the floor that can dribble, pass and shoot," Cleveland coach Tyronn Lue said Friday night, a few minutes after the season ended and a few minutes into the Warriors' celebration down the hall. "They can make plays. So if you make a mistake, they're going to make you pay. That's the beauty of their team."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver marvels at how the Warriors have put themselves in this position. They drafted well. They drafted lucky, too — Draymond Green as a second-rounder is an all-time bargain. They spend a ton of money, but they do it smartly.

They are built for the long haul.

And they are having more

than their share of fun along the way.

"Klay just Googled himself and it says three-time champion already," Green said as he sat next to Klay Thompson after Game 4, the Wikipedia world having already updated pages with the Warriors' latest championship accomplishment. "That's dope."

Every other team this summer will try to figure out how to beat Golden State. Some will try to do so in 2019. Others will wait for a more opportune time, a few years from now. Not many teams are in position to even think about knocking the Warriors off their perch.

Plus, Golden State will get better. Durant has already challenged some of the Warriors' young and promising players to raise their games. They will retool their roster this summer, change the look of the bench a bit. They will add pieces.

"When you get on the podium and you realize all the hard work that you put into it and all that you've been through led to that moment, it never gets dull," Curry said. "It never gets boring. It's always a freshness about that moment."

This is why Curry does what he does. This is why he'll be back in the gym in a couple weeks, restarting the process. Opening night is four months away, after all.

"I've got a big smile on my face right now," Curry said. "I'm going to try to hold onto it for as long as I can."

## DURANT FROM PAGE B1

Here's what he brings to the Warriors: 26.4 points per game in this regular season, 29 points per game in the playoffs, a 43-point explosion in Game 3 that will go into NBA Finals lore and a triple-double in the series clincher to cap it all off.

But the criticism — which came from both current and former players when he joined the Warriors to form a superteam two summers ago — probably won't stop, either.

Perhaps a coincidence, Durant's former Oklahoma City teammate Russell Westbrook posted a video of himself singing along with an Ice Cube rap on Saturday morning — the message of the track being that someone had lost his or her edge. "I saw it comin'; that's why I went

solo," Cube rapped, as Westbrook mouthed the words. (Not long afterward, amid speculation that was directed to Durant, Westbrook added another post that said, "Stop reaching.")

Not everyone has a negative thought on Durant and his choices. Cleveland star LeBron James, who denied Durant a title when Miami beat Oklahoma City in 2012, raves about Durant's game.

"You knew he was built for greatness from the time that he was drafted," James said.

The greatness can't be questioned now. And if Durant going to Golden State hasn't been great for league-wide parity, it has quite obviously been great for the Warriors.

They don't really care about much else.

"K.D.'s been amazing these last two years, especially in the finals, and so deserving of back-to-back finals MVPs," Warriors guard Stephen Curry said. "I'm going to be his biggest fan in there with what he's able to do. I think the biggest thing we appreciate in the locker room is, again, what everybody brings to the table and we kind of unlock the greatness out of each other."

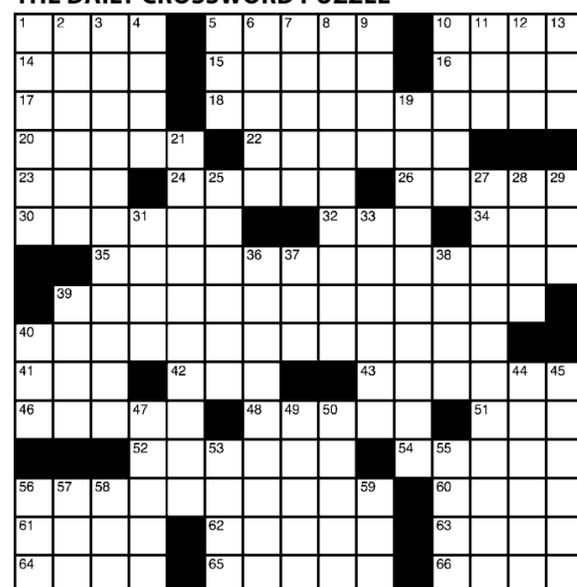
When it was all over Friday night, there was both an arrogance and a humility to Durant — both understandable.

The 29-year-old is on top of the basketball world, rich beyond his wildest expectations, with rings for both hands now and a hope that his game is only going to keep getting better.

Even in that moment, though, he remembered his roots.

## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Greg Johnson 6/9/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Exercise activity
  - 5 Foolish
  - 10 Dance term literally meaning "thrown"
  - 14 Officer's verb
  - 15 "That's so sweet!"
  - 16 Stylish energy
  - 17 Exec's hire, perhaps
  - 18 Unlikely to become a decorator
  - 20 ESPN.com post
  - 22 Theoretical parallel world access
  - 23 Trip approx.
  - 24 Debt securities
  - 26 Source of ancient wisdom
  - 30 In order to
  - 32 Muffin topper
  - 34 Full-body animal costume
  - 35 Part of a gift that needs to be returned
  - 39 "I figured as much"
  - 40 Skeptical words
  - 41 It may look like a great deal
  - 42 It folds for easy storage
  - 43 Textron Aviation brand
  - 46 \_\_\_ touch
  - 48 Bacon output
  - 51 User-created video game alteration
  - 52 River rat
  - 54 Take the edge off?
  - 56 Kids may use them to make turkeys
  - 60 Wad embellishers
  - 61 Skin-healing aid
  - 62 Get 'em all right
  - 63 Good source of protein
  - 64 It followed a postwar boom
  - 65 Noticeably bored
  - 66 Ceremonial pile
- DOWN**
- 1 Halloween inevitabilities
  - 2 Not tricked by
  - 3 Comment about contagion
  - 4 Like a movie about filmmakers making a movie
  - 5 Animated miner
  - 6 Longing words
  - 7 Aviation guide
  - 8 One unlikely to shake hands
  - 9 Nomadic shelter
  - 10 Kraft Foods trademark
  - 11 Fan of the Bulldogs
  - 12 Summer vacation "souvenir"
  - 13 Extreme background that makes a pitched baseball easier to see
  - 21 Party holder
  - 25 "We've got clearance"
  - 27 Holds a benefit, say
  - 28 Basilica recess
  - 29 Chuckle bit
  - 31 PGA Tour Champions golfer Jay
  - 33 Wool source
  - 36 Things few understand
  - 37 Evidence of frequent travel
  - 38 Injection molding inventory
  - 39 Stop on the trail
  - 40 "Silent Sunday Nights" network
  - 44 Affectionate turndown
  - 45 Holiday hymn opener
  - 47 Organize, in a way
  - 49 Strength
  - 50 Prom gown material
  - 53 Lunch
  - 55 Easy win
  - 56 Witch
  - 57 Maugham's "Cakes and \_\_\_"
  - 58 Exclusion prefix
  - 59 Place for a mud bath

#### Previous Puzzle Solved



## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

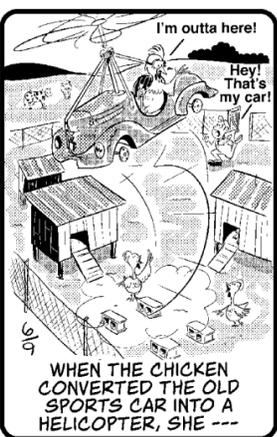
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CUTHH

COFER

SASEWE

LEPTLE



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

“CUTHER” (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: RISKY SWOON LUNACY INLAND  
Answer: To enter the cave with the low entrance, they would need all their — DUCKS IN A ROW

## SUDOKU

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

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## PRO GOLF

# U.S. Open returns to traditional course with modern touch

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — Such is the stature of century-old Shinnecock Hills that it seems everyone can't wait for the U.S. Open.

"Shinnecock looks epic," Russell Knox said after he qualified.

Phil Mickelson has been critical at times for how the USGA prepares a golf course for what it calls the "ultimate test." He was runner-up at Shinnecock Hills in 2004, when only three players broke par on the weekend, none on Sunday. Asked if it was unfair, Mickelson said that day, "I played some of the best golf of my life and still couldn't shoot par. So you tell me."

He has been back to the Long Island gem twice in recent weeks and was raving about it.

"I think it's the greatest setup I've ever seen in a U.S. Open," he said.

No one is more excited about a return to Shinnecock Hills than the USGA, which has tradition on its side for the 118th U.S. Open championship. As much as it tries to present the ultimate test, lately it has seemed more like a trivia quiz.

Twice in the last three years, the U.S. Open has gone to golf courses barely a decade old — Chambers Bay in the Pacific Northwest and Erin Hills in the heart of Wisconsin's pastureland — that featured wide fairways and the wrong kind of weather.

It reached a point where Jack Nicklaus, whose name is on the gold medal awarded the winner, feared

the U.S. Open was losing its identity. For him, that identity was narrow fairways, thick rough and hard, fast greens.

"Take me with a grain of salt," Nicklaus said. "You're partial to what you grew up with. All the (four) Opens I won were set up that way."

Shinnecock should at least look like a traditional U.S. Open, even if it will be different from the last time it was there in 2004. For starters, the course has added 10 new tees that have lengthened it by 450 yards. Most of the additional tees have been moved back at angles, instead of straight back, to try to restore the shot values that architect William Flynn had in mind.

The fairways were widened in a renovation project just over five years ago. Then in a response to the swing-for-the-fences style that wide-open Erin Hills allowed, the USGA had 200,000 square feet of turf removed from the sides of the fairways and replaced it with fescue.

"The U.S. Open really is, we consider, golf's ultimate test and accuracy needed to play a bigger role in that," said Mike Davis, the USGA's chief executive.

Fairways that were an average of 26 yards wide for 2004 were widened to about 65 yards under the renovation, and then brought in to about 41 yards for the U.S. Open. The greens were enlarged. And gone is the thick rough framing the greens, meaning errant shots will travel along short grass farther from the hole.

## STANLEY CUP



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Washington Capital Alex Ovechkin plants a kiss on the Stanley Cup during a celebration before the baseball game between the Washington Nationals and the San Francisco Giants at Nationals Park on Saturday in Washington. The Capitals defeated Vegas to win the Stanley Cup for the first time.

# Stanley Cup party rolls on for first-time champion Capitals

BY STEPHEN WHYNO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Stanley Cup champions just want to have fun.

They're doing so right now.

The Washington Capitals took the Stanley Cup through the MGM and to a dance club on the Las Vegas Strip. They took it to a popular bar not far from their suburban practice facility. Then they took it to Nationals Park where they kept hoisting it from a suite to the roars of the crowd.

Hockey decisions, their individual Cup days and change lie ahead. This weekend is for celebrating.

"We're getting days with the Cup right now," defenseman John Carlson said. "We got some time to worry about the other stuff."

From Las Vegas to Washington and with more than a few drinks in between, the Capitals are acting as if they haven't been here before — because they haven't. They're the first new Cup champion since the Los Angeles Kings in 2012 and finally are atop the NHL after nine early playoff exits.

Ovechkin is taking every chance he can get to lift the Cup, whether it was coming off the plane with Nicklas Backstrom on Friday or on the field Saturday before and after his two tries at a ceremonial first pitch.

"I just Cup holder right now," Ovechkin said.

Chugging beers during a TV interview, Capitals players broke out into an impromptu rendition of Queen's "We Are The Champions" and swayed together when it was played during the seventh-inning

stretch. The first Cup is bringing out the deepest emotions for the superstar captain and his teammates and coaches.

"I still can't believe it," Ovechkin said. "I think no one still can believe like we did and we are right now Stanley Cup champions. But it's great, I think. Something you will never forget."

Just seeing the Cup in person was a thrill for the Nationals' Max Scherzer and Ryan Zimmerman, who dressed up in full hockey gear to pump up fans before Game 4 of the Cup Final. They got a sneak peek that night, and the trophy was in their clubhouse Saturday on its annual whirlwind tour that includes the District of Columbia for the first time.

"It's easily the best trophy in all of sports just the stories and how it's the same Cup every year," Zimmerman said. "I'm big into that history and it's awesome how they've kind of maintained that throughout the years."

The start of the next quest for the Cup begins in less than three months, and the coming days and weeks will bring clarity on the future of Carlson, coach Barry Trotz and Washington's other free agents. On Saturday, the 55-year-old Trotz brushed aside any conversation about a new contract.

"I'm not in any state to talk," Trotz said. "I always talked about having really good clarity and calm and all that. I don't have a lot of clarity right now. That's self-inflicted."

Scherzer tweeted the day after the Capitals' Cup clincher. "Thank God I don't have pitch today because last night was nuts." Scherzer stayed up

late Thursday watching the festivities from Washington.

"Yeah and some celebration and stuff," Scherzer said. "I had a good time."

No one's going to take issue with the Capitals having a good time after they became just the second team in NHL history to win the Cup after trailing in all four playoff series.

Players aren't doing much in the way of recalling moments during their run, but Backstrom said immediately after winning it hit him how important Lars Eller's double-overtime goal was in Game 3 of the first round to keep the Capitals from going down 3-0.

That feels like forever ago, and the Capitals are only now decompressing — without a whole lot of sleep.

"Not much," Carlson said. "A couple naps."

"You're on adrenaline for two months," Trotz added. "An adrenaline rush after the game, then you're up for the next 36 hours. You get to do something great like this and meet the Nats and bring the Cup here, and meet some of their players and all that, so, you realize it, but I think it's not going to really sink in until it actually stops a little bit."

It's not going to stop until at least Tuesday when the Capitals parade the Cup down Constitution Avenue and are feted at a rally on the National Mall.

"It's going to be amazing," Backstrom said. "Not just for us, (but) for the city of Washington I think that has waited a long time for this. It's going to be great to share that with them."



AP FILE PHOTO

Tiger Woods will be playing in the U.S. Open, which begins on Thursday. This is the 10-year anniversary of Woods winning his last major.

## JUSTIFY FROM PAGE B1

Bob Baffert became the second trainer to win the Triple Crown twice. He did so with American Pharoah in 2015, ending a 37-year drought. James "Sunny Jim" Fitzsimmons guided Gallant Fox in 1930 and Omaha in 1935.

"It never gets old," Baffert said. "American Pharoah, he'll always be my first love."

Justify's victory gives racing its sec-

ond Triple Crown winner of the decade. The last time there were two Triple Crown champions in the same decade was the 1970s, which produced Secretariat, Seattle Slew and Affirmed.

Justify achieved one of the sports' toughest feats 45 years to the day that Secretariat won the Belmont by a record 31 lengths.

The powerful colt with the blaze running the length of his face showed no signs that the rigors of running a compressed schedule had gotten to him. He

won the Kentucky Derby by 2½ lengths and then survived a half-length victory in the Preakness, both on sloppy tracks.

On a fast, dry track, Justify was just as good in his third race in five weeks at his third different track.

He ran the longest race of the series in 2:28.18 and paid \$3.60, \$3.50 and \$2.80.

"This horse ran a tremendous race, he's so gifted," said Mike Smith, who at 52 is the oldest jockey to win the Triple

Crown. "He's sent from heaven. I tell you, it's just amazing. I can't describe the emotions that's going through my body right now."

Baffert had fretted after Justify drew the No. 1 post, a spot he detests for his horses. But Smith turned it into an advantage, gunning Justify to the lead and defying any horse to challenge.

"Did you see him in the gate, he's standing so still," Smith said. "I thought maybe he's not going to break today."

## OBITUARIES

### RICHARD LEE FADDIS

Richard Lee Faddis, 67, husband of Teresa Mink Faddis, died on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on March 10, 1951, in Baltimore, Maryland, he was a son of the late Robert Vernon Faddis and Iris Greene Faddis. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. He was a Vietnam War veteran. He was a member of the DAV. Mr. Faddis was formerly employed by In-side-Out in Sumter and was currently employed by Charpy's Pool Service.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years; two children,

Richard Lee Faddis Jr. (Susan) of Sumter and Melonie Faddis Schang (Tim) of Las Vegas; five grandchildren; three brothers, Jerry Faddis, Jack Faddis and James Faddis; and a sister, Jeannie Ridinger.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Vernon Faddis Jr.

A memorial service with full military honors will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Charles Ah-tonen officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the

Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675-8517 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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

### PHILIS GIBSON-GERALD

On Friday, June 8, 2018, Philis Gibson-Gerald, widow of the late Franklin D. Gerald, heard her Master's call at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

Born on April 21, 1940 in Manning, she was a daughter of the late James Henry and Mable Williams Gibson.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 4 to 8

p.m. at the residence, 129 Breedin St. in Manning.

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

### HENRY F. ALLEN SR.

CAMDEN — Retired Senior Master Sgt. Henry F. Allen Sr., 85, of Sumter, passed away on Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

The family will receive friends from 3 until 6 p.m. today at Collins Funeral Home Inc., 714 W. DeKalb St., Camden.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 1100 Smyrl Circle, Camden, SC 29020. Burial will follow at Fort Jackson National Ceme-

tery in Columbia.

Collins Funeral Home Inc is in charge of arrangements.

### GEORGE BRADLEY JR.

FLORENCE — On Wednesday, June 6, 2018, George Bradley Jr., husband of Irma Frazier Simmons Bradley, departed this life at the McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Born on Sept. 22, 1953 in Sylvester Georgia, he was a son of Idell Brown Bradley and the late George Bradley Sr.

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

SEE OBITUARIES, PAGE B6

**LEE J. NESBITT**

Lee J. Nesbitt, 83, husband of Rebecca C. Nesbitt, died on Thursday, June 7, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

**NESBITT**

Born at Tuomey Hospital in Sumter, he was a son of the late Hallie D. and Janie Bradley Nesbitt. Mr. Nesbitt was a member of the First Church of God. He retired from Sumter Music & Amusement Co.

Surviving are his wife, Rebecca C. Nesbitt; a daughter, Rose Ann Infinger (Tommy); three stepsons, Larry Zilch of Camden, Pete Zilch (Janice) of Florence and John Zilch (Kim) of Dalzell; three granddaughters, Ellen, Mary Peyton and Abby Zilch; and three grandsons, Robert, Aiden and Zachary Zilch.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Nesbitt and the Rev. Calvin Nesbitt.

Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home. The Rev. Phillip Beacham officiated. Burial was at Wells Cemetery.

The family received friends from 3 to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the First Church of God, 1835 Camden Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com)

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



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**LAUREN A. SMITH**

Lauren Ashleigh Smith, age 32, died on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

**SMITH**

Born July 29, 1985 in Sumter, she was the daughter of Richard C. Smith and the late Susan C. Smith. Lauren's beautiful soul and smile will be deeply missed. She enjoyed being surrounded by her family and friends and making them laugh by telling stories with great enthusiasm.

She leaves behind her loving partner, Mitchell Walters, of Florence; grandmother, Blanche Smith; brother, Richard Brandon Smith (Leah); nephews, Richard Landon Smith and Dillon Smith; aunts, Cindy Smith, Becki Bradham (Randall) and Julie McGuire (Torow); uncle, David Smith; and cousins, Kyle (Desiree), Garrett, Nikki (Lee), Ryan, Cody, Emzi, Ally, Molly, Bethany, Alyssa, Brandon and Levi.

In addition to her mother, Susan Smith, she was preceded in death by her grandparents, William C. Smith and Julian and Sue Cousar.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Wise Drive Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends at the family residence.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family's Go Fund Me account at [www.gofundme.com/lauren-smith-arrangements](http://www.gofundme.com/lauren-smith-arrangements).

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



**Bullock Funeral Home & Crematorium**

**DIANNE M. RICHBOURG**

Dianne Marie Richbourg, 67, died Friday, June 8, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born Sept. 6, 1950, in Sumter, she was the daughter of the late Louis Robert Richbourg and Bessie Mae Graham Richbourg. She was a graduate of Summertown High

School and Coker College and earned her master's degree from the University of South

**RICHBOURG**

Carolina. She was a retired educator with 30 years of service, and she loved and enjoyed all the pets she had throughout her life. She was a member of Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her brother, Francis L. "Frank" Richbourg, of Sarasota, Florida; friend, Annette Bleasdale of Sumter; sister-in-law, Sarah Coulliette (George) of Pinewood; nephew, Robert G. "Robbie" Richbourg Jr. (Amanda) of Summertown; niece, Billie Ann C. Duke (Scott) of Manning; five great-nephews and nieces; and her four legged friend, Tebo.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, Robert Graham Richbourg, Hugh MacDonald "Mack" Richbourg and William Louis "Billy" Richbourg.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Gain officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Rusty Daniels, Danny Hall, Parker Coulliette, Frank Bleasdale, Shannon Chesney and Wayne Rucker.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 545 Sierra St., Sumter.

Memorials may be made to Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church, c/o Sarah Coulliette, 15149 Panola Road, Pinewood, SC 29125 or the Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 or to a charity of one's choice.

The family would like to give a special thanks to the Palmetto Health Tuomey Oncology Unit for their loving care of Dianne.

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

**DANIEL MCCRAY JR.**

Daniel McCray Jr. was born on Feb. 1, 1957, in Sumter, a son of the late David Sr. and Louise McCray. "Junior," as he was affectionately called, was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. He joined Mt. Sinai AME Church at an early age. He was joined in holy matrimony to Shirley F. McCray.

On Tuesday, June 5, 2018, Daniel McCray Jr. departed this earthly life quietly at his residence on Two Mile Road, Lynchburg.

"Junior" leaves to cherish his precious memories: his wife, Shirley McCray; a son, Danrell McCray; a daughter, Darlene M. McCray; two children reared as his own, Regina M. Fullard and Cheria L. Fullard; two sisters, Lou Emma McCray and Evlyn Kennedy, all of Sumter; four brothers, Jerome McCray, Glenn McCray, Roylee McCray and Dan (Phyllis) McCray, all of Lynchburg; three sisters-in-law, Betty McCray, Patricia McCray and Phyllis McCray of Lynchburg; grandchildren, Russell, Charya, Carsen, Ny'Zaiah, Nyla, Neveah, Mariah, Lilliannah, Alyviah, Amira and Dy'Nasti; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frankie McCray and Carnell McCray; and a brother-in-law, Henry Kennedy.

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

Mr. McCray will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Monday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Mt. Sinai AME Church, 5985 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Lynchburg, with the Rev. Marie Deas Webb officiating. Interment will follow at Edwards Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at his residence, 8145 Two Mile Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

**DAVID MCCRAY JR.**

David "Puzzle Man" McCray Jr., 69, entered eternal rest on June 4, 2018, in Sumter.

Born on Oct. 28, 1948, in Sumter, he was a son of the late David McCray Sr. and Ella Williams McCray. He accepted Christ at an early age. David attended the public schools in Sumter County. At an early age, he moved to Florida and then relocated back home in 1977. He worked for the Coca-Cola Co. for many years and retired from Florence Concrete. David was a very loving person. He enjoyed spending time with his family, loved dancing, watching Western movies and joking with family and friends.

David leaves to cherish his loving memories: a son, Jonathan (Amy) McCray of Sumter; a daughter, LaKisha McCray of Sumter; one brother, Johnny Lee McCray of Sumter; four sisters, Elousie Evans, Elizabeth Wise and Dorothy (Thurman) Starnes, all of Sumter, and Carol (Darron) Knox of Rembert; a special nephew, Charles B. McCray; a special uncle, Joe McCray; eight grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, other relatives and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Winnie Sue Smith and Margriet M. Davis; a brother, Sgt. Willie McCray; grandparents, Aaron and Winnie Williams and Sam and Elizabeth McCray; and a host of aunts and uncles.

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

Mr. McCray 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 Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Eugene Winn Sr. officiating. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. daily at the home of his sister, 823 Mathis St., Sumter.

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](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

**DAVEAH A. BROWN**

Daveah Angel Brown, daughter of Diamond B. Miller, died on June 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

She was born on June 5, 2018, in Columbia.

Her survivors include her mother, Diamond B. Miller of Sumter; grandmother, Tiffany Brown of Sumter; great-grandmother, Angie Brown of Sumter; one grandaunt, Anita Brown of Sumter; one grand-uncle, Kasheef Brown of Sumter; and a godmother, Prea Beach of Sumter.

Memorial service will be held at noon on Monday at the chapel of Sumter Funeral Service Inc. with Dr. Lewis Walker Jr. officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home, 163 Brentwood Drive, Sumter.

Sumter Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

**RUTH T. YOUNG**

Ruth Adger Taylor Young was born on Aug. 21, 1931, in Clarendon County, a daughter of the late James H. and Cora Bostic Adger. She entered into eternal rest on June 6, 2018, at her home.

Ruth was educated in the public schools of Clarendon County. As a child, she joined St. Mark Baptist Church in Pinewood, where she accepted Christ at an early age. Her love of singing began at St. Mark where she, her mother and her sisters sang with various choirs. She later joined Salem Baptist Church, where she was a longtime member of the adult choir, the trustee wives, the mothers' club, and participated in numerous other ministries. In her later years, "everyday" she looked forward to Sundays so she could go to Salem, the church

she loved so dearly.

She was employed at Williams Furniture factory in Sumter for many years. After retirement, she continued her education at Sumter Area Technical College (now Central Carolina Technical College) and became certified as a patient sitter.

As a young adult, she married the late Preston Taylor Sr. and to this union six children were born. After his death, she later married the late Clarence Young Sr., who brought to this union one son and two daughters, one of whom preceded them in death.

Due to the death of her eldest son, Preston Jr., in the Vietnam War, she became a Gold Star mother. She was a longtime member of American Legion Auxiliary Unit 0202.

In addition to her parents, husbands, son and daughter, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Willie Mae Billie, Louise Wilder and Annie Lou Adger.

She leaves to cherish her memory: four daughters, Bessie (the Rev. M. Lee) Henderson and Diana (Greg) Hatton of Atlanta, Geneva (Arthur) Williams of Ladson and Kim (John) Fusaro of Bloomfield, New Jersey; three sons, William (Rebecca) Taylor of Sumter and Goose Creek, Bishop Keith (Lutherine) Young Sr. of Douglasville, Georgia, and Alfred (Beverly) Taylor of Atlanta; a special "daughter," Daisy M. Moore of Pinewood; one brother, Abraham Adger Sr. of Plant City, Florida; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3021 Prosser Ave., Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 320 W. Fulton St., Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Cartrell W. Woods Jr., pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Silver Community, Pinewood.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com).

Visit us on the web at [www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com).

**ELDER LILLIE M. MONTGOMERY-CHINA**

Elder Lillie M. Montgomery-China, wife of Elton China, quietly transitioned to her eternal home on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at the Sumter Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was born May 11, 1936 in Lee County. She was a daughter of the late Holly and Anna Wilson Montgomery.

Elder Lillie was educated in the public schools of Lee County. She was a lifelong member of Mt. Sinai Presbyterian Church (USA), where she was a member of Sessions and Homecoming Committee and assisted with the ushers and Sunday School. She was also a member of the Gospel Choir, which was dear to her heart. She was employed as a machine operator at Santee Print Works for many years.

Elder Lillie enjoyed serving the Lord, as well as spending quality time with her loving family and friends. She especially enjoyed cooking for her husband and children. Family was everything to mother Lillie.

To celebrate her life and cherish her memories in addition to her husband are two daughters, Denise (Robert) Harry and Barbara Ann Toney, both of Lynchburg; three sons, Clifton (Connie) Montgomery of Bladensburg, Maryland, Albert Montgomery of Columbia and Rollie (Karen) Montgomery of the home; a niece reared in the home, Gloria McDonald of St. Charles; three step-daughters, Valerie China, Jackie (Terry) Rufus and Roxanne

(Isaac) McDowell; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Holly (Mary) Montgomery of Sumter; sisters-in-law, Mattie, Blanche, Ramona and Emma Bell Montgomery, Blossom James, Lena (Marvin) Benson, Sarah, Agnes and Ethel China; one brother-in-law, Frank China; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and a sister in Christ, Mildred Britton. She will also be missed dearly by the many children she nurtured in her neighborhood.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by six brothers, Ashby, Asbury, Luther, Albert, Willie and Clifton Montgomery; three sisters, Carrie Dell Fulwood, Emma Lue Wells and Christine Bonner.

Public viewing will be held on Monday from 3 to 8 p.m. at Job's Mortuary.

Family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Mortuary.

Mrs. China will be placed in the church on Tuesday at 10 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Goodwill Presbyterian Church (USA), 295 Brick Church Road, Mayesville, SC 29104 with Rev. Dr. Franklin D. Colclough Sr., officiate/eulogist.

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](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com), or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

**ROGER DURANT**

Roger Durant, husband of Alice M. Durant and son of the late Essex Sr. and Dora Durant, was born on Nov. 7, 1955 in Washington, DC. He departed this life on Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at his residence.

He accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Roger loved the Lord and lived life accordingly. He showed love to everyone he knew and never made himself a stranger.

He was educated in the public school system of Sumter County.

Roger was joined in holy matrimony to his soul mate, Alice McKnight Durant on Sept. 15, 2007.

Early in life, Roger's first employment was with Roofco Company, where he worked as a roofer for a number of years. He always showed his love and affection for others. His smile was welcomed to anyone he met. He would always lend a helping hand no matter where he was. Roger's memories will always be remembered.

Roger's memories will be cherished by his loving and devoted wife, Alice Durant of the home; two sons, Dayne (Sara) Durant of Sumter and Charles Smith of Tampa, Florida; four grandchildren, Iynala Smith of Tampa, Florida, and Tashiana, Tylasia and Tashira, all of Sumter; two great-grandchildren, Karter and Karson Powers of Sumter; two sisters, Sardora Simmons and Betty Ann Durant of Sumter; eight sisters-in-law; five brothers-in-law; three aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Essex Durant Jr. and Donald Durant; three sisters, Feola Durant, Beverly D. Harris and Carolyn D. Parrott; one niece, Stephanie Durant; and one nephew, Timothy Martin.

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

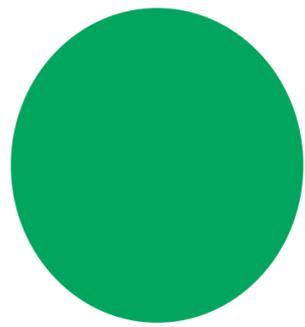
Mr. Durant will be placed in the church on Tuesday at 1 p.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Rev. Dr. Ralph W. Carty Sr. officiating

Interment will follow in Calvary Baptist Church Cemetery in Pinewood.

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

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## OFFERING TO PAY, FOR POINTS

47 million Americans say they have paid for a group bill (with the understanding they would be reimbursed) to earn points, miles or cash-back rewards on their credit cards, according to a new study from CreditCards.com. Older Millennials (28%) are the most inclined to pick up the tab for rewards compared to just 13% of Baby Boomers.

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### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

#### FACEBOOK

The social media company reportedly shares its users' information with at least 60 device makers, including Apple and Amazon. It disputed the report.



#### MICROSOFT

The tech company is planning to buy GitHub in a \$7.5 billion deal. Some 27 million software developers use GitHub to share code and build businesses.



#### TWITTER

Three years after going public, the social media company joins the S&P 500 index, replacing Monsanto. Its stock has gained nearly 60% in 2018.



#### TESLA

Elon Musk is confident he can meet production targets with the Model 3, and the electric-car maker's stock jumped. Musk's goal is 5,000 sedans a week.



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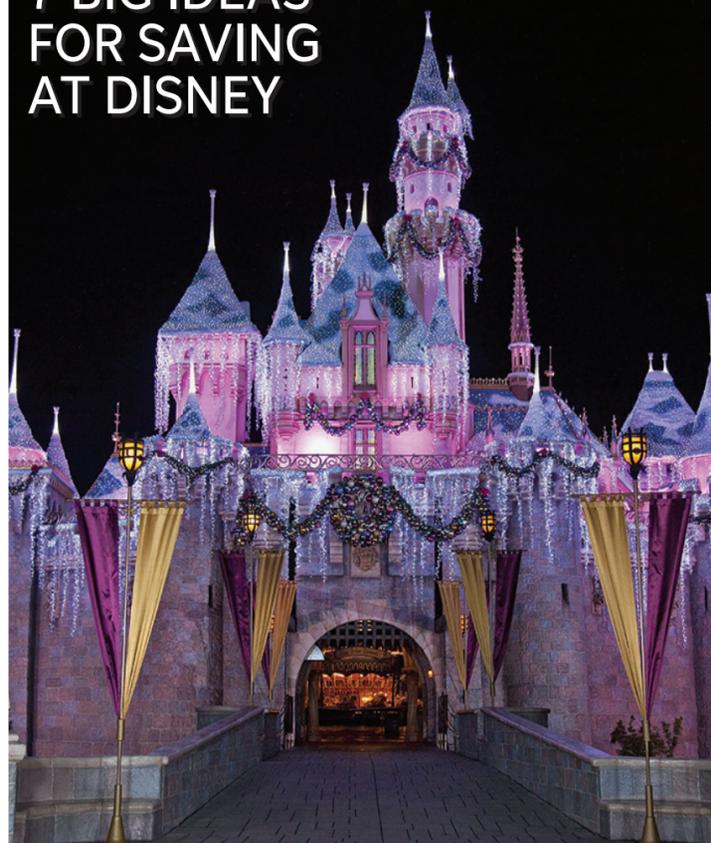
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# DON'T BE POOR LIKE CINDERELLA

## 7 BIG IDEAS FOR SAVING AT DISNEY



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Courtney Jespersen NerdWallet

Prepping your wallet for a trip to see Mickey Mouse is no walk in the park. There will be tickets, souvenirs and food to buy. ■ So to make your visit to California's Disneyland more of a fairy tale and less of a financial nightmare, try these seven ways to save money. While the tips below focus on the Anaheim park, visitors to other Disney properties will find some ideas for cutting costs, too.

### 1. Rely on reviews

Before you step foot in the park, brush up on Disneyland's best offerings by going online. You'll find many bloggers who write reviews about the newest attractions, says Casey Starnes, owner of the Disneyland Daily blog. The blogs will help you decide what — and what not — to spend money on.

### 2. Get a discounted ticket

Disneyland offers specially priced tickets to active and retired U.S. military personnel. Other visitors can search for discounts through organizations such as AAA. Be careful to avoid illegitimate sellers, though. Scammers on Craigslist and other websites have been known to deliver fake tickets.

### 3. Don't be a Sleeping Beauty

If you want to get the most bang for your buck, wake up early. You can hit up rides before the crowds set in. "I always tell people that Disneyland vacations are not for sleeping in," says Jessica Sanders, founder of The Happiest Blog on Earth and author of *Disneyland on Any Budget: Money Saving Tips From The Happiest Blog on Earth*.

### 4. Skip a meal

To save money — and feel less stuffed as you're walking around — eat two big meals instead of three,

Starnes says. Try a midmorning brunch, snacks during the afternoon and big dinner in the evening.

### 5. Use Disney gift cards

If you know you can afford to spend \$25 on souvenirs or \$50 on food, buy a Disney gift card for that amount.

"We have a gift card with that set amount on there, and then when it's gone, we're done spending on that particular thing," Sanders says. "So you don't have to keep track in your head or go way over budget because most people aren't keeping track."

### 6. Pick the right souvenirs

Choose wisely. For souvenirs, Starnes recommends selecting items that will stand the test of time.

### 7. Perfect your strategy

These tips don't only apply to summer visits. Reuse and refine them each time you visit Disneyland. "It's almost like competitive vacationing," Starnes says. "Every time you come, you want to do more and more. You want to learn more every time you visit."

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# Work a little on vacation if it helps

Just don't overdo it if you stay plugged in

Maurie Backman  
The Motley Fool

Of the various workplace benefits out there, paid vacation time is a highly coveted one among employees. Yet a large number of Americans don't capitalize on that paid time off. An estimated 21% of U.S. workers left vacation days on the table this past year.

The problem with not taking vacation, however, is that it makes workers more susceptible to burnout. Not only that, but it sends the message to employers that it's OK to be stingy on the vacation front since much of that time remains unused.

What's the solution? We can't snap our fingers and make our work disappear, but we shouldn't deny ourselves the opportunity to escape the office for brief — yet necessary — periods. The answer, therefore, may just lie in a strange — but effective — compromise: working during vacation.

■ **Pack your passport ... and laptop:** Though the idea of working while on vacation may be horrifying to some, it's a practice many uphold. In fact, 40% of men and 30% of women plan to work while on vacation this summer, according to new data from Wrike.

Now, it might seem like these folks are sacrificing way too much — after all, they've *earned* that vacation time — but in reality, working while away can be self-serving. In fact, 36% of men and 26% of women say they enjoy vacation more — and feel less stressed during it — when they stay connected and check in to ensure things are running smoothly. Meanwhile, 29% of female workers say that putting in some time during vacation periods makes for a much less stressful transition back to the office afterward.

Of course, there comes a point when too much checking in can detract from your vacation or defeat the purpose of it altogether. But if you feel that working a bit while away makes for a more enjoyable getaway on your part — and you're doing that work because you *want* to, not because you *have* to — then there's nothing wrong with carving out a little time each day to give yourself that peace of mind.

■ **Be sure to set limits:** While working a little during vacation might allow more workers to take time off, it shouldn't become the expectation. Therefore, even if you're planning to log on regularly while away, you should still prepare your manager and colleagues for the possibility you won't be working on vacation at all. This means having co-workers to back you up while you're out and setting ground rules with your boss so that you're not getting called constantly to deal with work-related emergencies.



It's OK to spend a little time checking in while you're away. GETTY IMAGES

### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲2.8% week ▲3.2% month   ▼0.1% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲1.6% week ▲3.0% month   ▼0.3% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▲1.2% week ▲4.2% month   ▲1.1% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲1.7% week ▲3.2% month   ▲0.4% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▲0.3% week ▼1.1% month   ▼2.0% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▼0.1% week ▼7.6% month   ▲6.0% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▲0.0107 week ▼0.0092 month   ▼0.0544 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼0.04 week ▼0.25 month   ▲2.77 3 months
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PART 2 OF 3

# I love HSAs; today, why I hate them



**Peter Dunn**  
Columnist  
USA TODAY

This is the second part of a three-part series where I explore the three financial products I love the most, but through a highly critical lens. During this series, I will not focus on the positives.

I thought they were playing a trick on me.

"That will be \$225," the nurse exclaimed as I was checking out of my doctor's office after a 10-minute consultation that determined that I didn't have the flu.

I extended my neck toward her like a turtle listening to a secret, "Excuse me?" Yet, there was no mistake.

This was my first visit to a doctor after my health coverage switched to a high-deductible health plan accompanied by a Health Savings Account (HSA). Where the same visit would have cost me \$20 just a few months prior, it now cost me \$225.

Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) are often identified as the solution to our health care cost problems. Yet for many Americans, HSAs can create a wake of financial destruction after the most benign trip to the doctor. This is because with HSAs, the patient is responsible for all health care costs until the deductible is met.

Speaking of deductibles, did you notice the word right before the word "deductible?" That word was "high." HSAs are generally partnered with a high-deductible health insurance plan, which means you are responsible for paying the first several thousand dollars of health care expenses. Unlike "traditional" health plans, a high-deductible health plan can crush the financially unstable.

If a patient and her family can't afford to contribute to a Health Savings

Accounts fine if you can afford to fund them, but what if you can't?



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## Next week

I will do my best to discredit my favorite financial tool ever created — the 15-year mortgage. Stay tuned for what I hate about the mortgage I love.

Account, which is meant to fund health care expenses until the deductible is achieved and the actual insurance kicks in, then unmanageable debt is certain.

This is bad for a healthy person who

needs to have a small medical problem treated, and it's a guaranteed problem for those Americans who have chronic health care conditions. Imagine being a person with major health concerns and having your coverage switched from a more traditional health care plan in which you have a \$20 co-pay and a relatively low deductible, to a high-deductible plan which requires you to fork out thousands of dollars at the beginning of a new coverage year, because the fundamental way your coverage operates has been flipped.

The problem gets worse when you comprehend this new potentially ugly financial reality and change your behavior to avoid seeking medical care. I'm all for not spending money you don't have, but when it comes to health care, ignoring a medical issue because you don't want to go into debt can lead to ... death. That's a very extreme example, but there is the very real, if remote, potential for it.

When you add in the maintenance fees on the Health Savings Account and your obligation to save receipts and documents proving your expenditures were qualified medical expenses, you've got yourself a good old-fashioned pain in the neck.

If you don't have the money to put into a Health Savings Account or your employer doesn't generously make contributions on your behalf, then you're left deciding whether to go into debt or leave your medical problems untreated. That's a horrendous conundrum countless Americans are facing on a daily basis.

An HSA is only as effective as a person's ability to fund it.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

# Read fine print to avoid bad Amazon shopping trip

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USA TODAY

For most Amazon shoppers, the experience is likely a seamless one: you search for a product, perhaps read reviews and see related items, and if you're an Amazon Prime member, you'll likely have it delivered quickly.

Alas, shopping on Amazon doesn't always go smoothly. You may have heard of a Georgia woman recently charged \$7,455 to have three cartons of toilet paper delivered (yes, she was eventually refunded). Or a Montana mom who, when trying to return a T-shirt that was too small, was asked to send a picture of herself as proof to the Amazon third-party seller. Sheesh.

The following are a few ways to reduce the odds of a bad shopping experience on Amazon — especially among third-party sellers, companies that use Amazon's site as a sales platform and now account for about 52% percent of all sales. Nearly a quarter of all third-party sales are from global sellers, according to Amazon, which means they could be an overseas company.

Difficulty getting in refunds from third-party sellers has been at the heart of recent stories about shopping on Amazon gone bad. Consider these tips to avoid any hassles.

### Shipped, but not 'fulfilled by'

"Read the fine print," suggests Michelle Madhok, a New York-based online shopping expert and founder of SHEfinds.com. "I'd recommend only buying things that are shipped by Amazon, and not fulfilled by Amazon," because third-party seller disputes are becoming an "increasing problem."

Some third-party sellers ship their products to Amazon's fulfillment centers and let Amazon take care of the shipping and packing, a service called Fulfilled by Amazon. These products can be eligible for Amazon Prime's two-day free shipping services. Madhok advises looking for products that say, "Ships from and sold by Amazon.com."

Based on Madhok's experience, third-party seller issues include long delivery times and low-quality items, especially from China.

### Counterfeit concerns

A report from the Government Accountability Office revealed many products purchased from third-party sellers on five major e-commerce sites, including Amazon, were not only counterfeit but potentially harmful to your health. Some "knock-off" cosmetics were found to contain poisonous substances like mercury or cyanide, toys and other items contained lead, and unofficial iPhone adaptors may be more prone to fire or causing electrocution.

Madhok says some third-party sellers "scam" Amazon by closing down and opening up under another name after they're paid by Amazon. "Customers will have money refunded, yes, but it's deceptive," she adds.

Before you buy, read what the third-party seller offers by way of returns or refunds.

### Do your homework

But it's up to you to look closely before you buy to see if it's coming from Amazon or a third-party seller — even if it's a "Sponsored" item. If it is a third-party seller, like Xiaxue or iFunda, you can click on the name of the company, which links to a small bio and might say if they're overseas (Amazon says companies do not need to disclose their locations).

And read the reviews from previous customers. For reviews of third-party sellers or their products, use a search engine to type in a query, or turn to friends, family and colleagues over social media. You can also read reviews of products at other shopping sites.

Finally, "Always shop with a credit card that offer good purchase protection," advises Madhok, "even though Amazon is good about refunding money if there's a dispute."

## THE WEEK AHEAD



Wednesday's Federal Reserve Board meeting will be Jerome Powell's second as chairman. MICHAEL REYNOLDS/EPA-EFE

# Interest rate hike likely; will Fed increase the pace?

**Paul Davidson**  
USA TODAY

The Federal Reserve is all but certain to raise interest rates this week. Also on tap: new readings on inflation, retail sales and industrial production.

Inflation has been edging up in recent months, at least partly because of the fading effects of a drop in cell-phone service charges in March 2017 on the annual change in total consumer prices. And while higher gas prices have pushed up overall inflation, a core measure that strips out volatile food and energy items and that the Fed monitors more closely has advanced modestly. Nomura economist Lewis Alexander figures those trends continued in May; he thinks core inflation "will accelerate only gradually."

Economists estimate the Labor Department on Tuesday will report that overall inflation rose a modest 0.2% last month, pushing average annual price increases to 2.7% from 2.5%. They reckon the core reading also edged up 0.2%, nudging the yearly gain to 2.2% from 2.1%.

Many economists believe tempered increases in inflation will allow the Fed to raise interest rates gradually. Fed

fund futures markets say there's a 91.3% chance the central bank will lift rates at a meeting Wednesday for the second time this year. The big question is whether Fed policymakers' median forecast will rise to a total four hikes this year from the current three. Economists are divided. With the economy picking up recently and unemployment falling, Alexander believes the Fed's median projection will increase to four. But noting that 10-year Treasury yields have risen, pushing up corporate borrowing costs, while stock prices have moderated, Morgan Stanley predicts the Fed will maintain its estimate of three increases.

On Thursday, the Commerce Department releases figures on May retail sales. Sales generally have picked up after a weak first quarter marred by harsh weather and a delay in tax refunds. Economists believe the positive vibe continued last month amid healthy job and income growth, with overall sales rising 0.4% partly because of higher gasoline prices. But even a core measure that excludes volatile items such as gasoline and autos is projected to rise 0.3%.

Industrial production has been strong on higher crude oil prices. Economists estimate the Fed will announce Friday that output notched a 0.3% gain.

# Act now, avoid money woes later

Planning can help avert financial stress many feel



**Robert Powell**  
Columnist  
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Stressed about finances? You're not alone.

Workers of all ages are concerned about money, according to PwC US's 2018 Employee Financial Wellness Survey. They fret about a lack of emergency savings, not being able to retire when they want to, how to cover health costs in retirement, how to support parents and adult children — and more.

Yet, there are steps that can alleviate some of those concerns and bolster "financial wellness," which PwC says workers define as freedom from stress and financial worry, and the ability to make choices that let them enjoy life.

Here's what to do:

## Build an emergency fund

Not having emergency savings is the most frequently cited financial concern for Millennial and Gen X employees, according to PwC.

One proven way to build up that fund: make the savings automatic. Have a set amount taken directly out of a paycheck and deposited into a separate account, says Larry Stein, the president of financial advisory firm Disciplined Investment Management.

Set a goal of saving at least six months of take-home pay for emergencies in a money market fund, he says.

"Once your emergency fund exceeds six months of your take-home income, start investing the excess for the long term," says Stein.

For instance, if you're in your 20s or 30s and plan to keep this money invested for 20 years or more, you have time on your side and can substantially increase your savings by investing entirely in equities, says Stein.

"Take advantage of your youth and invest 100% in low-cost equity ETFs such as 75% in the S&P 500 and 25% in small-cap equities," he says. "Sure, the



Create an emergency fund and don't raid it, experts advise. GETTY IMAGES

excess invested in equities will have its ups and downs, but if you hang in there you may be surprised at how much this portfolio will grow over the long term."

## Don't raid your 401(k)

Your 401(k) is for long-term retirement savings, says Spencer Betts, a financial consultant with Bickling Financial Services. Yet, many plan participants borrow or withdraw money from their 401(k) for emergencies, and that can be costly.

"I work with a number of 401(k) plans and I wish loans were never allowed," says Betts.

According to a hypothetical scenario from JP Morgan, a 401(k) plan participant who contributed regularly to a 401(k) had a balance of \$1.7 million, while the participant with 401(k) loans had just \$1.1 million.

Many of those loans are not taken for true emergencies, but rather to fund a lifestyle, Betts says.

Using a home equity line of credit or even credit cards, in most cases, makes more sense than borrowing or with-

drawing money from your 401(k), Betts says. "Of course, you need to open a home equity line of credit before the crisis," he says. "Having it open just in case is a great idea for those who can qualify."

## Prepare if you're a caretaker

Workers who care for both their parents and children face many challenges. So-called "sandwich-generation workers" use twice as many credit cards to pay for monthly necessities as non-caretaker of parents and kids, says PwC. These caretakers are also more than twice as likely to have withdrawn money held in retirement plans to pay for non-retirement expenses.

Parents supporting adult kids should decide if the help they are giving is actually a necessity, says Kelley Long, a financial planner with Financial Finesse.

"Think about what would happen to your kids if you could no longer support them," she says. "Most people acknowledge that their kids would be able to figure it out if they were no longer giving them money or paying their bills."

For those supporting adult children,

Long says to allot a pre-determined amount to set aside each month in a separate account. "That still allows the employee to meet her own financial obligations and she doesn't feel like she's cutting people off, but she's setting limits," she says. "The next time someone comes to her for help, she just has to look at that one account and see if she can say yes, no, or not yet."

Caring for aging parents can get complicated, says Long, because a parent could be homeless or living below the poverty line without a child's help. She advises those supporting parents to ask them to contribute some of their retirement income to household expenses.

## Plan for health care expenses

Many baby boomers delay retirement to keep their existing health care coverage, according to the PwC report.

While this can delay retirement R&R, holding on to an employer-sponsored health insurance is a wise move, says Carolyn McClanahan, the founder of financial planning firm Life Planning Partners.

"In general, if you are healthy it's better to continue working in some sort of capacity where you get health care," she says.

Those who don't want to postpone retirement past age 65, the age at which one typically signs up for Medicare, should research, and plan for, later-in-life health care costs.

For instance, a typical 65-year-old couple retiring today will spend \$17,278 a year combined on health care over 20.4 years of retirement, Fidelity says.

The government's Medicare & You publication explains what Medicare covers and a local State Health Insurance Assistance Program provides Medicare beneficiaries with information, counseling and enrollment assistance. SHIP also provides free, in-depth, one-on-one insurance counseling and assistance to the friends, family and caregivers of Medicare beneficiaries.

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# Destination wedding can be special — and affordable

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Between hotel rooms and airfare, destination weddings can be costly to attend. In fact, 27% of Americans said attending a destination wedding would make them spend less on a wedding gift than their typical budget, according to a 2018 NerdWallet study.

Destination weddings also are pricey for the couple. So, is it possible to tie the knot away from home and stay on budget? Many experts say yes.

## What is a destination wedding?

"A destination wedding is any wedding that you're having away from where you live," says Anne Chertoff, wedding trends expert at WeddingWire, a wedding-planning website. "So if you currently live in Chicago, but your hometown is Des Moines (Iowa), then technically you'd be having a destination in Des Moines."

A destination wedding could be international or domestic, but it will require you — and many of your family and friends — to travel in order to attend.

For international ceremonies, it's important to ensure you'll actually be married when all is said and done. "Every country is going to have their own laws about what constitutes a legal marriage," Chertoff says. Some countries may require that you establish residency, for instance.

To avoid this, Chertoff suggests getting married at your hometown city hall beforehand. If you go this route, your destination ceremony will function as your symbolic wedding.

## The good

In some cases, perhaps surprisingly, destination weddings are economical, according to Spencer Potter, wedding business expert at the National Wedding Council, an industry group.

This can be especially true domestically. Potter says a bride and groom who live in a metro area such as New York City might consider getting married in a less expensive rural or suburban area so they can afford to invite



As the average cost of a traditional ceremony and reception skyrockets, more couples are choosing a personalized destination wedding. GETTY IMAGES

more guests.

Couples booking a venue in unfamiliar territory can get a technological assist from tools such as Peerspace, a peer-to-peer marketplace similar to Airbnb, to find and rent wedding venues. Filter by criteria such as location, number of attendees and budget.

You may find non-traditional op-

tions, such as a warehouse or cabin, which could cost less than a more traditional venue, according to Mona Desai, special events manager at Peerspace.

## The bad

But be wary — destination weddings can add line items to your budget.

For example, you may want to travel to the location before the ceremony to see it in person, says Ivy Jacobson, senior digital editor at The Knot, a wedding website.

"If you're getting married in Italy, you may have to take one or two trips there, and those could be \$3,000 trips each time," Jacobson says. "So you really have to factor that into your budget. Otherwise, you have to have a lot of trust in booking places sight unseen."

You might also pay to enlist the help of a wedding planner who is familiar with the location, vendors and cultural customs. For international weddings, be prepared to deal with more relaxed "island time," Jacobson says. Don't expect rapid-response emails, as you're accustomed to in the U.S.

## The budget

Despite the challenges, a destination wedding isn't always more expensive than a close-to-home ceremony. You can plan either on a budget.

If you decide to wed away from where you live, try these money-saving tips from Ashley Bourque, lead planner of Chancey Charm Nashville, a wedding planning and design company.

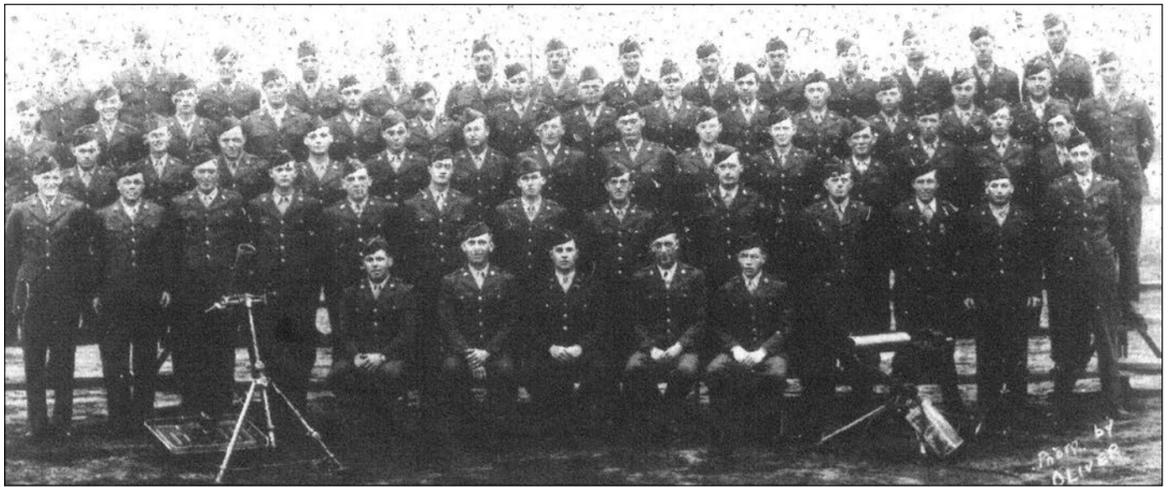
■ **Get your priorities straight:** Rank the elements of your wedding in order of importance. It'll help you gauge "where you can splurge and where you can save," Bourque says. If your budget gets tight, look at the bottom of the list for places to make cuts.

■ **Focus on colors:** Give the florist a color palette to work with, as opposed to a specific flower. There might be a bloom that's less expensive but achieves the same look.

■ **Shop around:** Don't run with the first quote a vendor gives you. If you're not working with a wedding planner who knows the going rate for the different elements of a wedding, do your own research and get multiple quotes.

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TOP: From left, Joseph Grigg, Sim Wright, Frank Burrows, Jesse Moore, Guy Ferrano, Alan Fowler, Charles Jenkins, James Prosser, Lonnie Mathis and J.P. Broughton all served in the U.S. military. LEFT: Sim Wright, right, stands with a fellow infantryman during World War II. RIGHT: Bertrand Waring's platoon included several Sumterites. Waring, nicknamed Hard Tack, is on the fourth row, ninth from left. Carlisle Lewis is on the fourth row, third from right. Ruben Watford of Turbeville is on the third row, ninth from left. James Prosser of Sumter is on the back row, fourth from left.

## Sumterites played key roles in D-Day invasion

Reflections remembers two Sumter men, who like thousands of others from across the nation took part in the massive D-Day invasion. Sim T. Wright and Bertrand Waring would take an active role in this most remembered Allied assault on "Fortress Europe." The information presented in this article was taken from an account printed in *The Sumter Daily Item* on June 6, 1994. The photographs and data were obtained from *Item* archives and are being reprinted with a modicum of editing.

"Sim T. Wright had completed just one year at Clemson College when he was drafted at the age of 19. 'Things were heating up over there, and they pulled me out,' he chuckled. By the time he was called to Omaha Beach, Wright was a 21-year-old technical sergeant (platoon sergeant) with the 83rd Infantry Division. The members of the 83rd were on maneuvers in Wales when the Normandy campaign began. They moved from Wales to Southampton, England — then waited in the English Channel more than a week for clear weather so they could make it in to the beach. The channel was 'just packed,' said Wright. Because it was cloudy, he couldn't see anything but some of the 5,000 ships — battleships, destroyers, mine sweepers, merchant ships, landing craft — jamming 59 miles of the Normandy coastline. Bouncing around on an LCI (landing craft, infantry) and inhaling the fumes of its diesel engine made many of the men sick. But not Wright. 'I don't think you get seasick when you're scared,' he joked. As they waited in the rough, crowded



Sammy Way  
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ashore about D-Day plus 10 (June 16), he didn't have to fight through land mines like previous arrivals. And he walked upright. His hand-to-hand combat came later, when the 83rd got to Normandy to relieve the 101st Infantry, who had parachuted inland on D-Day."

Private Bertrand Waring was proud to fight in his father's unit.

"Bertrand Waring was 18 years old, just out of basic training and a long way from his Sumter home. He stood on a dock in England in a thick crowd of young soldiers, restless with anticipation. They were waiting to do battle on the shores of Normandy. But it would be days before they hit Utah Beach — the 'longest day,' for them, stretched into three. 'They lost so many ships that day, they didn't come back to get us,' Waring said. Their D-Day-plus-three landing was chaotic. 'It was tough,' he remembered. 'German planes coming in strafing ... machine gun fire... artillery coming in.' He has a stark image of a trail of empty shoes ('dead people lose their shoes,' he explained). 'We had to pile our life jackets up and keep running. I didn't know whether to drop mine or not; I was afraid I'd have to swim back to the

channel, Wright and his mates could hear the German artillery. 'It made us little fellows nervous. We were just thankful we weren't there the first day,' he said. 'I look at those cliffs; how they got in is almost impossible.' By the time Wright made it



Sim Wright, right, camps in France in 1944 during World War II.

channel.' He may have been scared, but he was the sole surviving son in his family and proud to be a member of the same outfit his father served in World War I — the 30th Infantry Division, Company D. The division was nicknamed 'Old Hickory' after Andrew Jackson. Waring made it across the Normandy beach and fought in four other campaigns as well — northern France, the Rhineland, Ardennes and central Germany. 'We went all the way from the beaches as far as they'd

let us go — almost to Berlin!' he said. After the long march to Germany, the private 1st class and his fellow soldiers drove back to a ship on the French shore. The officers had sealed orders to go straight to Japan for more fighting. It was a grim trip. But then came the blessed announcement that the war in the Pacific was over. Waring returned to Sumter and married Rosa L. McElveen. He worked for Carolina Power and Light Co. for 44 years until an injury forced him to retire in 1990."

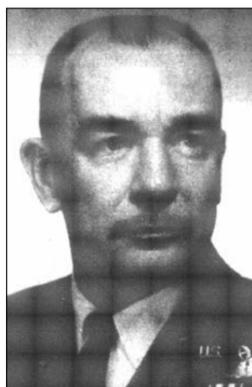
Sumterites, men and women, who also participated in the D-Day invasion are seen.



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## Bootery store manager named; Covenant Place ground broken

75 YEARS AGO — 1944

Jan. 1 — Jan. 7

• Bagging a Focke-Wulf 190 on a recent raid over enemy territory, First Lt. John H. Truluck, Thunderbolt pilot from Lynchburg, increased his number of enemy aircraft destroyed to four. Lt. Truluck had previously destroyed two Focke-Wulf 190's and one Messerschmidt 109. On his last mission, he was flying with a fighter group which knocked down 26 German aircraft — a new group record for the ETO. Lt. Truluck enlisted in the infantry as a second lieutenant from the officers' reserve corps Feb. 15, 1942. In May, he transferred to the Air Corps as an aviation cadet and received his primary training at Corsicana Field, Texas, and basic at Randolph Field, Texas. He was presented his wings at Moore Field on Dec. 13.

• Staff Sgt. James Cromer has been missing in action over German territory since Dec. 20, according to information received from the adjutant general

by Sgt. Cromer's wife, the former Sudie Hudson of Sumter. Sgt. Cromer, an aerial gunner on a bomber, had been overseas since June 1943. He went into service on Aug. 1, 1942, completing his aerial gunnery course at the Harlingen, Texas, school.

• The city schools reopened, after the Christmas holidays, with a sub-normal attendance due largely to the weather, a heavy rain before and continuing for more than an hour after the opening hour, and to a limited extent to the incidence of flu in the community. Today the attendance was normal, compared with last year and previous years. In the elementary schools today, there were 122 absentees out of the enrollment of 954.



### Yesteryear in Sumter

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• Nineteen candidates reported at the first practice of Sumter High's 1944 basketball squad, according to Coach Johnnie McMillian. The team will get its first test at the high school gym Friday night against the 454th Squadron from Shaw Field. The game will start at 8 o'clock. There was only one letterman from last year's squad reporting and one other player who was on the team, but there were quite a number who had experience with the 1943 Y Juniors. Those reporting were Tommy Hughes, letterman; Jimmy Moise, also from last year's squad; Laurin Booth; Alfred Scarborough; Van Newman; Wendell Levi; Billie Jones; Jack Black; David Edens; John Grey Young; Bo Carrigan; Lynwood Vaughn; Theron Cook; Bill Bradford; Billy Shipley; Bill Link; Lack and Porter Rivers; and Randy Pressley.

• Poinsett Park lake will be closed to fishermen after tomorrow and will remain closed until further notice, Director Marion Dwight announced today, in order that the lake's basin may be cleaned out and repaired. It will be the first overhauling of the lake in several years. The lakehead will be pulled down to such an extent as to make the ban on fishing necessary, Mr. Dwight said, but he added that the pond should be ready for use again in the spring. The lake surprised both fishermen and state forest officials in the number of fish it has supplied during the past season, and Mr. Dwight predicted that it would continue to be a good bream pond.

• Discharge pins, for honorably discharged Army personnel in the vicinity of Shaw Field, are available at the basic flying school's Quartermaster Office, according to Capt. Norman P. Adelson, who is in charge of distribution of the pins in this area. Army discharges from this area who wish "discharge buttons" for their lapels are reminded that they must furnish proof of their honorable discharges along with their applications.

• In its first report on a full year of operations, the state-owned Santee-Cooper power project earned \$2,072,270 while spending \$732,931 for salaries and \$54,530 in taxes and sums in lieu of taxes. The figures were made public at the first meeting of the public service authority board, which operates the \$57,000,000 hydroelectric development, since R. M. Jefferies became general manager late in December.

• Sgt. Stanley Michaelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Michaelson, Great Neck, New York, was today credited with making the highest score ever attained by an applicant taking the aviation cadet entrance exam at Shaw Field. Michaelson, who is a weather observer with the Shaw Field weather station, scored a total of 303 points out of a 390 in the test given to all men applying for flying training. The passing mark is 190. The weather sergeant stat-



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1993 — Cile Moise, left, uses a program to shield her head from the sun while Anna Bynum and Betty Brogdon seek shelter under an umbrella while listening to speeches during groundbreaking ceremonies for Covenant Place retirement home.

ed that for the past several years he has had a growing desire to fly. Before induction into the army, he was a student at Columbia University.

• Cpl. Francis M. Coulter was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Tunisia. His citation stated that after he was assigned to assist a field artillery battery executive as instrument operator, he gave valuable aid and performed his duties beyond reasonable expectation, continuing his duties in a courageous manner after his knee was fractured, so that the full extent of his injury was not discovered for several days.

• Walter M. Lenoir Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lenoir, was one of three South Carolinians accepted by the Shaw Field Aviation Cadet Examining Board for cadet training this week. Cpl. Harry Y. Neese, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin F. Neese of West Columbia, and a member of Shaw Field's 456th Basic Flying Training Squadron, and Private Harry H. Heard Jr., 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Heard and now a student at The Citadel, were the only other South Carolinians accepted by the board.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

Sept. 1 — 7

• Julian Field has been named as manager of the new Branford Bootery shoe store in Wesmark Plaza. Field, who has more than 30 years of experience in the shoe business, has scheduled the opening of the new store for Sept. 6. A native of Macon, Georgia, Field has worked in outstanding shoe stores across the Southeast. Before coming to Sumter, he was employed by Tapp's shoe department of Columbia, Miller-Taylor Shoe Company of Columbus, Georgia, Andrew Geller of New York, New York, and other stores in Florence, Orangeburg and North Augusta.

• Dr. Thomas Mellichampe Moore, 76, died at Kershaw County Memorial Hospital in Camden. Dr. Moore was a member of the High Hills Baptist Church and a deacon. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina and the Medical College of Charleston. He served in World War I as first lieutenant of the Medical Corps in the U.S. Army. He practiced medicine at Rembert for 50 years.

• Billy Baker, Gerald Braddock, Bob Wilson and John Quackenbush walked away with the honors at Sumter Speedway, and except WSSC sports announcer Quackenbush, who had to hold on for dear life in picking up the first race win ever — encountered very little competition. Baker started on the inside pole position and held the lead for the next 10 laps in chalking up his ninth Late Model Sportsman win of the season.

• The Timmonsville American Legion baseball team fell to undefeated Memphis, Tennessee, in fourth-round play in the American Legion Baseball Series at Manchester. Timmonsville scored in only one inning, the eighth, when Walt Braddock doubled and scored on a single by Howle Barfield. Barfield then went to second and scored on a single by Glenn Wall. Memphis scored a pair of runs in the seventh, sending the deciding runner across home plate in the top of the eighth, thus eliminating Timmonsville.

• Consider for a moment the host of candidates for the presidency this year. Discounting the pig placed in nomination by the yippies in Chicago, they number about 10. Since many of these must have known their chances of winning were only slightly better than the yippie porker, it may be assumed that for some the race is as much the attraction as the prize. For those, the ultimate envy must be for the man who, by some theories, became president of the United States without campaigning a

day, spending a dime or ruffling any feelings within either party. And afterward, President Atchison served in a period so relaxed and trouble-free that he almost slept through his whole term. Sen. David Rice Atchison of Missouri was president for one day — beginning about 1 p.m. Sunday, March 4, 1849.

• The Edmunds High School Gamecocks open their season at Memorial Stadium against Hartsville — a team that's lost only two games in the last three years. The Gamecocks, inexperienced at several key offensive positions, will have their hands full with the Hartsville bunch, which lost only three men from last year's squad. Friday's game also shapes up as a battle between Sumter's junior quarterback Joel Stoudenmire and Hartsville signal caller Paul Cannarella.

• Sumter Little Theatre is seeking extra money to put its building fund campaign over the top. Although \$54,000 has been raised for the new building in Palmetto Park, this is still \$22,000 short of the \$76,000 needed to construct the permanent home. In an open letter to the citizens of Sumter, Marvin D. Trapp and Virginia M. Rosefield, co-chairmen of the building fund drive, have called on citizens to donate to the fund so the project can reach its goal.

• Two new stores representing an investment of about \$1 million will have grand openings in Wesmark Plaza Shopping Center this weekend. Coker's of Sumter, a branch of the 103-year-old Hartsville store, and Branford Bootery, a division of Burton Shoe Stores Inc. of Macon, Georgia, will open officially over the weekend. Also observing its grand opening is the D and W Pet shop.

• Mrs. Mary L. Holladay was cited for her superior performance while serving as personnel director of the Base Exchange Services here. In a ceremony in the base commander's office last week, Col. Allan T. Sampson presented her with a letter of commendation from the chief, Army and Air Force Exchange Service. She was also presented letters of commendation from Headquarters Tactical Air Command and the general manager of the Base Exchange her along with one from Col. Sampson.

• Shaw Air Force Base took advantage of nine errors in the first two innings to pound out a 14-3 victory over Georgia Pacific in the third game of the Sumter Men's League baseball playoffs. The loss was the second in the tournament for Georgia Pacific, league champions during the regular season, and eliminated the team from further playoff competition.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

June 4 — 10

• Clarendon County residents won't see an increase in property taxes if a proposed \$5.6 million county budget for next year is approved by county council, county administrator Ray Brown said. Council will consider giving the budget proposed by Brown first-reading approval when it meets. The budget, which is almost exactly the same size as this fiscal year's budget, must be approved on three readings before fiscal 1993-94 begins on July 1.

• Sumter High School senior Ontrell McCray was drafted in the 34th round of professional baseball's amateur draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers. McCray, a 5'8", 151-pound center fielder, hit .358 for the 25-6 Gamecocks, who fell to Mauldin in the 4A state championship round this season. McCray stole 24 bases and was named All-Region IV-4A for the second consecutive season.

• Schoolchildren across Sumter County burst from their classrooms sick and tired of rules and books and ready for some fun! Free of lunchboxes

and backpacks for the first time in months, area schoolchildren eagerly began a summer full of traveling, sports, chores (when they can't be avoided) and just plain doing nothing. "It's fun ... we can stay home and play," said Marion Kelley, a student at Wilder Elementary School's kindergarten. "You get to buy stuff from the ice cream man," added his classmate, Charlotte Conway.

• Conway Twitty, who started as a teen rock idol in the 1950s and crossed over to country to become a star, died at age 59. His wife, Dee Henry, other relatives and some of his band members were with him at Cox Medical Center-South when he died of complications from surgery after a blood vessel ruptured in his stomach. Twitty collapsed on his tour bus during a rest stop in southwest Missouri. He was on the way home to Hendersonville, Tennessee, from a performance in Branson.

• After consecutive state championship seasons, Sumter's American Legion baseball P-15's can be forgiven for entering the 1993 season with high expectations. Missing from last year's 26-12 state championship team are only two position players and one pitcher. "We do not overlook the importance of league play," said Sumter coach Wallie Jones. "But I think it would be kind of naive to think that the players that we have would not have aspirations of going past league play."

• After at least one false start under a prior owner, new growth is sprouting in one of Sumter's oldest neighborhoods. Under the guidance of local developers Joe Davis and Mike Watson, the Patriot Park subdivision has begun to take shape. Fifteen of the 82 residential lots in the subdivision have been sold since January, and homes are already under construction on those 15. Three of the development's homes, sold under the previous owner, are already occupied. The property on which the development sits originally belonged to the late George Shore. There was a great deal of opposition from area residents to the initial rezoning of the property after its sale several years ago, and work stalled after only limited work.

• Arthur Winn took the victory in the Super Stock division to highlight racing action at Sumter Rebel Speedway. Winn and Ronnie Anderson started on the front row after having the best times in the qualifying heats. Anderson took the early lead before running into trouble and having to pit. Winn held the lead the rest of the way. Joey Ayers finished second, Gene Stokes third, James Hunter fourth and Anderson fifth.

• In an article written by Mac McLeod, he notes that "Recently, we celebrated National Teachers Day. What a wonderful group of people to honor. Most of what we know today, a teacher taught us. So, it's only fitting that we remember those who helped us get a good start in life. Just what could we do to repay them? Nothing really. What we learned in school is priceless. The older we get, the more we realize that fact. Our school teachers prepared us for life's journey. Without them, we would certainly have been lost and far worse off."

• Betty Boatwright has joined the staff of Central Carolina Technical College as its director of planning and research. A native of Walterboro, Boatwright has returned to her home state from Concord, North Carolina, where she served as executive assistant to the president for institutional research and management at Barber-Scotia College. She also served as the director of the institutional self-study for that institution.

• Officials broke ground for a \$12.2 million retirement facility, following a controversy over the composition of the center's board of directors and Sumter County Council's authorization of a \$9 million, tax-free loan for construction. Members of the Covenant Place board of directors and ministers from seven sponsoring religious congregations turned a spadeful of earth in a ceremony at the center's site, located at the intersection of Carter and Terry roads.

• When "Hurricane Allen" bears down on the Midlands, most Sumterites won't even notice. But local public safety officials will be working long hours after the storm comes ashore and wipes out telephone and electrical services. The fictitious hurricane is part of a statewide disaster drill designed to help South Carolina counties prepare for an actual emergency. Sumter County Public Safety Director Vic Jones said this year's event will test the county's ability to communicate with state and federal agencies in the event of a major hurricane striking the state, similar to the real 1989 disaster of Hurricane Hugo.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Ronald David Phillips of Alcolu and Thelma Louise Daniels**
- **William Andrell McBride and Natasha Rene Gayle**
- **Christopher Daly Hosack and Meghan Jeanette Giffin**
- **Johnreckius Montillia Ellison and Emilee Lashea Boatwright of Homestead, Florida**
- **Corey James Slacum and Taylor Brianna Wright**
- **Nathan Matthew Parker and Bethannie Paige Jobe**
- **Christopher William Merritt and Tanya Nicole Dokich**
- **Gregory Joseph Zepko and Nancy Shannon Polen**
- **Kamleshkumar R. Patel and Ashaben Jayantial Patel, both of Mayesville**
- **Willie Nathaniel Ray Jr. and Courtney Lee Montgomery**
- **William Devon Flemings Jr. of Norfolk, Virginia, and Angelica Maria Reese**
- **McKenzie Thomas Morris and Brittany Mae Varner**
- **Van Eldon Carpenter and Lisa Frances Midcaif of Greer**
- **Harvis McGee Jr. of Elloree and Inez Delain Williams**
- **Michael Louis Lackey and Robin Marie Morris, both of Dalzell**

## BUILDING PERMITS

- **Jeffery A. and Sugi C. Olberding**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 20 Elkhorn Circle, \$6,400 (reroof, residential).
- **Lindsey Caldwell**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 2401 Hunt Club Road, \$32,232 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Willie E. Montgomery c/o Mary**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 2188 Tanglewood Road, \$14,340 (vinyl siding and seven windows, residential).
- **Maplecreek Properties LLC**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 3420 Drayton Drive, \$5,100 (reroof only, residential).
- **Melvin A. and Stephanie J. Burns**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 4190 Myrtle Beach Highway, Mayesville, \$65,000 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Adam R. Anderson**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 3350 Lee Altman Road, Dalzell, \$23,000 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Lawrence M. and Victoria Closson**, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 523 Benton Drive, \$9,000 (reroof, residential).
- **Angela K. Keller**, owner and contractor, 1961 Conway Drive, \$8,000 (10 replacement windows and vinyl siding, residential).
- **Titus Butler**, owner, The Red Shirt Guys Roofing LLC, contractor, 210 Junior Road, Wedgefield, \$7,559.75 (reroof, residential).
- **Wise Investments LLC**, owner, Progress Carolina LLC, contractor, 101 N. Wise Drive, \$6,500 (freestanding sign — Evergreen Villas, commercial).
- **David Johnson**, owner, Henry E. Floyd Builders, contractor, 32 Reed St., 480 unheated square feet, \$9,850 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).
- **Carolyn Cooper**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 550 Tampa Gold Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Henry C. Lancaster / Gail B. Lan**, owners, Hewitt Pools, contractor, 605 Mikom Road, \$28,250 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Anthony and Jenny Daley**, owners, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3050 Queen Chapel Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Emily J. Maple and David L. Jeter**, owners, Monroe Construction Co. LLC dba Oakridge, contractor, 45 Larkin St., \$7,000 (reroofing, residential).
- **Robert M. Bostic Jr. and Melanie J. Bostic**, owners, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 651 Henderson St., 198 heated square feet, \$28,700 (bathroom / closet addition, residential).
- **James A. Goodson III**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 2020 Loring Mill Road, 800 heated square feet and 2,560 unheated square feet, \$145,000 (shop building with heated space, residential).
- **Brian Keith and Stephanie Pruitt**, owners, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 4350 Granada Drive, \$24,000 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Thomasina Kenny**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 305 Wendemere Drive, \$6,139 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Thomas W. Garland & Associates**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 9 E. College St., \$14,875 (reshingle house, residential).
- **Kimberly W. Land**, owner and contractor, 617 Henderson St., \$7,500 (add attached exterior fireplace and move stairwell, residential).
- **Patricia Robinson**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 316 Foxworth St., \$8,000 (roof, smoke detectors, floors, residential).
- **Alicia Jones**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 944 W. Liberty St., \$20,000 (HVAC, smoke detectors, cabinets, roof, windows, residential).
- **Daniel D. and Melanie J. Hancock**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 39 Calhoun Drive, \$8,885 (reroof main house, residential).
- **SLSCO Ltd / C. Stewart**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 3560 Pinewood Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Jack Elwood and Joyce H. Rickman**, owners, Jack Rickman, contractor, 429 Dorn St., 288 unheated square feet, \$4,500 (portable storage building — detached, residential).
- **Dwayne J. Small**, owner and contractor, 4225 Relief Road, Alcolu, 1,056 heated square feet and 136 unheated

square feet, \$51,790 (completion of new dwelling, residential).

- **Richard Warren**, owner and contractor, 1590 Jefferson Road, 288 unheated square feet, \$4,033.80 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).
- **Shirley Greene dba Greenes Res**, owner, Pye-Barker Fire & Safety Inc., contractor, 448 N. Main St., \$39,750 (fire sprinkler installation, commercial).
- **City of Sumter**, owner, Mar Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 303 E. Liberty St., \$114,000 (replace storefront, commercial).
- **Alan Alston Lovelace and Burke**, owners, Carolina Carports, contractor, 40 Heyward St., 1,500 unheated square feet, \$14,983.87 (detached carport, residential).
- **Billy L. Sanders Estate**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 5722 Whisperwood Drive, Dalzell, \$4,000 (vinyl siding over hang only, residential).
- **Mattie L. Jenkins**, owner, Ram Jack of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 4520 Dawson Road, Rembert, \$4,659 (foundation repair on existing home, residential).
- **J. Paul and Janice P. Hilton**, owners, David B. Trapp, contractor, 3050 Green View Parkway, \$11,500 (adding a garage door, residential).
- **Betty Bennett**, owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 6955 TD McLeod Road, Rembert, \$6,500 (reroof, residential).
- **Jayambe Sumter Inc.**, owner, Michael A. Walters Builders, contractor, 3535 Broad St., \$17,500 (remove / replace shingles, commercial).
- **Russell F. and Jeanette Alston**, owners, Tim Huffstetler, contractor, 7320 Odell Lane, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Larry Dean Clark / Loretta Dav**, owners, Carolina Carports, contractor, 60 Marsden Place, 572 unheated square feet, \$5,035 (detached garage on existing foundation, residential).
- **City of Sumter Housing & Econ**, owner, Global Construction and Dev Group LLC, contractor, 10 Brown St., 1,270 heated square feet and 180 unheated square feet, \$100,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Isaac Clark Jr.**, owner and contractor, 3745 Artesian Drive, 384 heated square feet, \$8,000 (kitchen, den and garage addition, residential).
- **Mungo Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 1752 Glenmorangie Drive, 2,392 heated square feet and 413 unheated square feet, \$102,443 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2789 Old Field Road, 3,092 heated square feet and 551 unheated square feet, \$124,421 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2857 Old Field Road, 2,635 heated square feet and 446 unheated square feet, \$106,678 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Jaylin's Trust**, owner, Cliff Wilson dba The Centric Group, contractor, 1016 Porter St., \$4,200 (replace shingles, residential).
- **Nicki Rose**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 388 Mooneyhan Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Harold E. Rogers Estate and Anne Rogers**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 1225 Pinewood Road, \$5,700 (back porch cover, residential).
- **Glenn P. and Stacy L. Barton**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 78 Nash St., 400 unheated square feet, \$10,000 (detached storage building, residential).
- **Magnolia B. Nelson**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 7115 Chantal Drive, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Gregory M. and Jennifer E. Edwards**, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 125 Burkett Drive, \$6,006 (new roof, residential).
- **Cynthia Marie and Tyrone Smith**, owners, Berry's Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 34 S. Salem Ave., \$7,500 (residential demolition of single family home, residential).
- **Lt. Col. James W. Ross Sr.**, owner, James W. Ross, contractor, 3040 Explorer Drive, Dalzell, 1,550 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$85,000 (new dwelling, residential); Lt. Col. James W. Ross Sr., owner, James W. Ross, contractor, 3030 Explorer Drive, Dalzell, 1,550 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$85,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Lou-Von Family Foundation Inc.**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 28 Inglewood Drive, \$38,000 (repairs to framing, plumbing, electrical, painting, heat and air, residential).
- **Villia Jones and Bernard Davis**, owners, Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 5 Cedarwood Circle, \$6,750 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Damien K. Picariello and Baribeau**, owners, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 403 N. Salem Ave., \$8,000 (remove / replace roof, residential).
- **Tyrone and Jamesetta Day**, owners, Secondary Containment Solutions LLC, contractor, 3595 Kel-Sam Drive, \$56,496 (pergola roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Cameron G. Chandler**, owner, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 800 Marigold St., \$4,000 (remove / replace roof, residential).
- **Barbara Wright**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 58 Albert Spears Drive, \$5,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Continental Tire The Americas**, owner, Kajima Building & Design Group Inc., contractor, 1805 U.S. 521 South, \$14,748,951 (expansion of existing finish goods warehouse bay 2B, commercial).
- **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 30 Monticello Lane, 1,401 heated square feet and 339 unheated square feet, \$87,242.67 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 45 White-tail Circle, 2,272 heated square feet

- and 352 unheated square feet, \$103,938.14 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 35 Whitetail Circle, 2,557 heated square feet and 344 unheated square feet, \$110,272.17 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 15 White-tail Circle, 2,145 heated square feet and 415 unheated square feet, \$115,041.38 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 5 Whitetail Circle, 2,272 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$103,970.83 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 25 White-tail Circle, 3,040 heated square feet and 471 unheated square feet, \$122,511.09 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Mary Garland Roddey**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 800 Maplecreek Drive, 3,450 heated square feet and 1,225 unheated square feet, \$405,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Hazel Davis Sweet**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 631 Bowen Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **MiW Properties LLC**, owner, BDS Construction, contractor, 3215 Beulah Cuttino Road, \$75,000 (addition of a 40x200 bay onto existing building, commercial).
- **Philip Graham**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1762 Kolb Road, 720 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (detached pole shed, residential).
- **R&J Investments of Sumter LLC**, owner, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 4220 Camden Highway, Dalzell, \$35,000 (repairs to floors — add leanto roof from flat roof, electric, plumbing, HVAC, residential).
- **Wallace C. Sanders**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 5900 Dury Lane, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Robert L. and Nancy Y. Bradley**, owners, Michael Gardner dba Terminix Service Inc., contractor, 118 Phifer St., \$3,895 (remove / replace damaged sill, install drop sill with supports, residential).
- **James W. Stover III**, owner, Roland Johnson dba R&J Home Improvements, contractor, 114 Brown St., \$6,500 (install vinyl siding, residential).
- **Jannie A. Nedd**, owner, Roy Anderson Corp, contractor, 461 Robney Drive, \$10,650.88 (repair flooring, walls, ceiling and roof, residential).
- **Roberta C. June et al**, owner, Roy Anderson Corp, contractor, 3984 McCrays Mill Road, \$10,041.33 (repair ceiling, walls, floors and roof, residential).
- **Any Length Recovery Inc.**, owner, Sam Avins Construction, contractor, 2391 Wedgefield Road, \$9,425 (replace roof, commercial).
- **Stacie R. Craft**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 2580 Hilldale Drive, \$9,230 (reroof, residential).
- **Uneika Gaines**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 235 Carrie Lane (215-235), Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).
- **South Guignard Apartments LLC**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 310 S. Guignard Drive (apartment 73), \$3,500 (sheetrock, replace burned wood and shingles, commercial).
- **Margaret M. Watkins**, owner, Erus Builders LLC dba Erus Energy, contractor, 494 Wilson Hall Road, \$39,825 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **David E. and Mary L. Gerlt**, owners, Erus Builders LLC dba Erus Energy, contractor, 901 Twin Lakes Drive, \$28,600 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Henry B. Hodge III**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 345 Titus Circle (mobile home, residential).
- **Hilda L. Ethridge (lifetime estate)**, owner, Erus Builders LLC dba Erus Energy, contractor, 3420 Pinewood Road, \$29,750 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Robert P. Bessel Jr. and Jeanne C. Bessel**, owners, Erus Builders LLC dba Erus Energy, contractor, 15 Delray St., \$22,054 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Joseph Safford**, owner, Paul Joyce, contractor, 2415 Springvalley Drive, \$24,515 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Karl W. and Terri T. Halligan**, owners, Paul Joyce, contractor, 3275 Foxcroft Circle, \$29,845 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **American Towers LLC**, owner, Mastec Network Solutions LLC, contractor, 5625 Leblanc Road, Rembert, \$22,000 (NV 2.5 upgrade — equipment installation — antenna modification, commercial).
- **Clarence Rainey**, owner and contractor, 7355 Odell Lane, Rembert, 1,440 unheated square feet, \$6,500 (detached metal building, residential).
- **Warehouse Home Furnishings**, owner, Affordable Roofing Inc., contractor, 207 Broad St. (209), \$158,000 (remove EPDM roof and install durolast roofing system, commercial).
- **Shelby A. Ard**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 4340 Kangaroo Lane, Pinewood (mobile home, residential).
- **Richard Geddings II**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 4325 Kangaroo Lane, Pinewood (mobile home, residential).
- **David D. and Darlene L. Reeves**, owners, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1265 Kentwood Drive, 720 unheated square feet, \$7,200 (open pole building, residential).
- **David L. Todd Jr. and Theresa W. Todd**, owners, Ryan Mark Peters dba Steadfast Homes LLC, contractor, 130 Planters Drive, \$5,200 (take out tub / install shower, residential).
- **Keith J. Govier**, owner, Paul Joyce, contractor, 2857 Sequoia Drive, \$7,994 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Alvin G. and Carolyn D. Bowden**, owners, Paul Joyce, contractor, 6553 Meeting

House Road, Dalzell, \$34,108 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

- **James A. Dyson Construction**, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 3375 Valencia Drive, Dalzell, 1,778 heated square feet, \$105,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Mangon Jackson**, owner Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3802 Stonewood Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **Brian Keith and Stephanie Pruitt**, owners, Danny Marshall, contractor, 4350 Granada Drive, \$11,300 (vinyl siding, windows, handrails, install door, residential).
- **Sumter Apartments LP (a South Carolina limited)**, owner, Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 5 Hanover Drive (office), \$4,100 (remove / replace shingles, residential); Sumter Apartments LP (a South Carolina limited), owner, Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 60 Hanover Drive (64), \$6,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential); Sumter Apartments LP (a South Carolina limited), owner, Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 81 Hanover Drive (85), \$6,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential); Sumter Apartments LP (a South Carolina limited), owner, Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 1340 Blackwell Court (1344), \$6,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Franklin M. and Allison C. Shuler**, owners, Sam Avins Construction, contractor, 2550 Merganser Point, \$16,470 (roof repair — shingles, residential).
- **Mary Lawrence Zimmerman**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 29 Earle St., \$10,050 (reroof, residential).
- **Stephen L. and Sanders China**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 2830 Steeplechase Drive, Dalzell, \$9,000 (extend overhang 12 inches, residential).
- **David W. and Sara H. Luoma**, owners, William Hansen dba Hansen's Construction, contractor, 167 Curtiswood Ave., \$6,225 (new roof, residential).
- **William C. McIntosh**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 1322 Fairlawn Drive, \$25,181 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Ronald G. Eldridge Jr.**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 2149 Kingsbury Drive, \$25,181 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Northside Memorial Baptist Church**, owner, South Carolina General Contracting LLC, contractor, 1004 N. Main St., \$18,685 (reroof, commercial).
- **City of Sumter**, owner, South Carolina Tel-Con, contractor, 540 Black St., \$22,000 (NV 2.5 upgrade — equipment installation — antenna modification, commercial).
- **Walter T. and Earnestine Anderson**, owners, Bruce Crawshaw dba B.P. Builders, contractor, 225 Praylour Road (235), Wedgefield, \$3,500 (residential demolition of single family residence, residential).
- **Mariah Lee Cabbagestalk et al**, owner, Major L. Scott dba Fix & Go Repairs, contractor, 2220 Boulevard Road, \$14,000 (install vinyl siding and redo shingle roof, residential).
- **Robert E. Galloway Jr. and Kimberl**, owners, Danny Marshall, contractor, 105 Alice Drive, \$5,840 (install 16 replacement windows, residential).
- **Corinne E. Hill**, owner, WJA Construction, contractor, 25 Cuttino Road, \$24,500 (remove / replace roof, commercial).
- **Christopher W. and Melissa Bjork**, owners, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 3060 Bruce Circle, \$20,000 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Edward J. Grudzinski**, owner, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 3225 Deer Track Circle, Dalzell, \$32,500 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Christopher C. and Maria McKellar**, owners, Aycocock Construction LLC, contractor, 101 Chappell St., \$60 unheated square feet, \$30,000 (detached garage, residential).
- **Michael S. and Stacey D. Edenfield**, owners, Ryan Mark Peters dba Steadfast Homes LLC, contractor, 275 Mallard Drive, \$7,369 (eight replacement windows and vinyl soffit, residential).
- **Nick Davrados**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 535 Alpine Drive, 350 unheated square feet, \$6,500 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).
- **Gladys Patterson Gilmore (as trustee)**, owner, Buddin's Mini Excavator Work, contractor, 9 Second Ave., \$9,000 (residential demolition of partially burned house, residential).
- **Daniel W. and Diane B. Porter**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 490 Lynam Road, \$5,700 (reroof only, residential).
- **Joseph Waggoner**, owner, Robert Burleson, contractor, 2059 Columbia Circle, \$3,500 (close in carport, install one door, vinyl siding, two windows, two walls, residential).
- **Penny R. Smith**, owner, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 870 Slidingrock Lane, 1,275 heated square feet and 312 unheated square feet, \$72,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Thomas Earle Wilson Jr. and Laure**, owners, Home Depot USA Inc., contractor, 59 Burkett Drive, \$6,800 (reroof, residential).
- **Joslyn McCray**, owner, Home Depot USA Inc., contractor, 37 W. Charlotte Ave., \$8,989 (replace 15 windows size for size, residential).
- **Mac and J Properties LLC**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 1007 Leflore Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **Donna B. McCullum**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 771 Longwood Drive, \$64 unheated square feet, \$15,000 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).

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Symptoms of powdery mildew include yellow and brown spots on watermelon plant leaves.

## Expert warns S.C. melon growers to beware of mildew

BY DENISE ATTAWAY  
Public Service and Agriculture

CHARLESTON — Powdery mildew has been detected on South Carolina watermelons, and Clemson University specialist Anthony “Tony” Keinath warns growers to act now to protect their crops.

Powdery mildew produces yellow spots on the tops of the leaves of watermelon plants and white powdery mildew on the undersides.

Keinath, a vegetable pathologist at Clemson’s Coastal Research and Education Center, reports the fungal disease was found on watermelons at the center May 28.

“All watermelon crops in South Carolina should be sprayed immediately with a fungicide that is effective against powdery mildew,” Keinath said. “Uncontrolled, powdery mildew can reduce the weight and number of seedless watermelons by 40 percent.”

Powdery mildew usually shows up on watermelon as round, yellow spots on the leaves, Keinath said, adding growers should use a 10x lens to check for powdery mildew on the undersides of leaves. Young plants are less susceptible than older plants, so Keinath advises growers to check flowering plants if possible.

Fungicides Keinath recommends spraying watermelon crops with before powdery mildew symptoms are detected are Procure, Quintec, Vivando, Switch or Luna Experience. After symptoms have been found, he recommends using Vivando rotated with Quintec. Information on fungicide options are available in the Clemson Cooperative Extension Watermelon Spray Guide for 2018 and in the Southeastern U.S. Vegetable Crop Handbook 2018.

Watermelons can be grown in all counties in South Carolina. Commercial production is centered in the Lowcountry and Sandhills regions. The watermelon planting season in South Carolina begins in late March in the Coastal Region. For more information, see the Watermelons Factsheet produced by the Clemson Cooperative Extension Service’s Home and Garden Information Center at <https://hgic.clemson.edu/factsheet/watermelons/>.

## 2018 public gator hunting lottery to close June 15

BY SCDNR

If you haven’t already applied, there are only a few days left to enter the 2018 Public and Wildlife Management Area Alligator Hunting season lottery drawing.

A \$10 nonrefundable application fee is required to apply for the Public Lands Hunt, and a \$15 nonrefundable application fee is required to apply for the WMA Alligator Hunt. A randomized computer drawing based on a preference point system will determine the selection of hunters. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a preference point for use in future alligator lottery hunts.

This year’s public season will begin at noon Sept. 8 and run until noon Oct. 13.

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. Friday. Tag fees, if selected, vary by program.

By law, the fees collected are used to support the Alligator Management Program’s research and management activities and for conservation of the American alligator in South Carolina.

Please check the SCDNR website at [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/alligator/index.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/alligator/index.html) for more alligator hunting information and any changes or updates.

SCDNR will closely monitor these hunts, and the harvest and regulations may be modified for future seasons.

## Jigger fishing for big bass

The Santee Cooper Lakes have changed over the years, and just like any other body of water, there’s a constant struggle between land, water and cover. Water levels and conditions have varied due to drought, invasive weeds, the need to produce electric power and other factors.

The Canty’s Bay section of the lake is open water with little cover, but that hasn’t always been the case. Back in the ‘60s and ‘70s, Canty Bay was choked with cover and full of fish. Lily pads, button brush and native grasses covered most of the water.



Dan Geddings

The only open water was right up by the 301 causeway and a narrow strip along the northern shoreline.

Largemouth bass spawned in the shallow waters. Bream and catfish were plentiful. It was a fisherman’s dream but with one little hitch. The cover was so thick it was difficult to fish.

Bigger boats couldn’t penetrate the cover, and using the available fishing tackle at the time was an exercise in futility.

Jigger fishing seemed to be the only way to catch the bass. Traditional methods with rod and reel and common lures just didn’t work as good because of the cover. If you managed to hook one on a rod and reel, the fish would wrap the line around the button brush or get tangled up in the lily pads and break off. The bass fishing was best in late January, February and early March.

Jigger fishing has been around a long time but is seldom practiced any more. It can be extremely effective in the right conditions. It involves the use of a big cane pole and a big bait. Only the big bass would strike it — you just didn’t catch any little ones on a jigger. I

learned watching my Dad and uncles. They were the absolute masters at jigger fishing.

They used a long stout cane pole and would usually cut several feet off the tip so that the pole would be straight and stiff. Nylon cord, not fishing line, was tied around the middle of the pole and wrapped to the end where it was tied off and taped. A short length of cord, 12 to 16 inches long, extended beyond the tip. Nylon cord was used so that a big bass couldn’t break the line.

My Dad used a lure called a Buell Barb which he tied to the end of the short cord. The Buell Barb is considered an antique now and is no longer made. It was just a giant arrowhead-shaped spinner with a huge set of hooks. It was about seven inches long. The tips of the wings were bent in opposite directions which caused the lure to “spin” when pulled across the surface. It splashed and made a lot of noise.

We fished in homemade wooden boats. The small boats could be paddled into the lily pads to reach an open area without scaring the fish. If it was just one man in a boat, you would lay down the paddle and pick up the jigger pole, reach over and run the spinner in a zig-zag pattern across an opening in the lilies.

A top water strike from a 10-pound bass at 10 to 12 feet is unbelievable. It catches your senses off guard, even if you’re expecting it to happen. It is the ultimate fishing experience. The pole is nearly stripped out of your hands — you are amazed at the power of the fish. The end of the pole is pulled under as the big fish runs for cover.

The fish is not played and can not be lifted from the water but must be pulled straight to the boat using a hand-over-hand motion on the pole. You could expect to get wet as the big fish rolled and splashed on the surface. It was an

excitement overload.

Sometimes a big bass would make a run at the lure, and you could see him coming. You could see the wake and would usually snatch the lure out before he got there. Sometimes they would miss the bait. All you had to do was run it back into the same spot. The big fish could not stand the racket and would strike again.

My Uncle Spinks Bryant didn’t use the big spinner bait but used a more traditional jig with two strips of pork rind on the hook. His method was to dabble and splash the jig straight up and down along the water’s surface. It worked just as well but was more tiring.

The best method for jigger fishing was to have two men, one to handle the boat and the other to do the fishing. They could take turns if both were reasonably skilled at maneuvering the boat in carefully and quietly to just the right distance from the open spots.

Jigger fishing could be quite effective at night in the open-water areas, especially around the full moon when there is enough light for the fishermen to see. We often caught stripers out in the open water at night.

We never saw another angler in all the years that we fished there. The refuge had most of the area closed off because of the waterfowl that wintered at the Bluff Unit. You couldn’t run a big boat and motor in there, so I guess most just stayed away.

The cover thinned out of Canty’s Bay over the years, and the big fish moved on long before hydrilla and grass carp came on the scene.

I was just a youngster back in those days and often went along more or less just for the ride. I was more interested in the thousands of ducks and geese that were flying overhead. The refuge wintered over 200,000 ducks back then, but that’s a whole other story for another day.

## Carolinas’ waterways get \$1.2M boost

PRNEWSWIRE

CHARLOTTE — Sixteen organizations spanning 46 counties in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia will receive more than \$1.2 million in new grants from Duke Energy’s Water Resources Fund to support environmental and wildlife programs.

The fund is a \$10 million multi-year commitment from Duke Energy to help local organizations continue to protect and improve the environment, including waterways used year-round across the Carolinas and neighboring states. To date, the fund has invested \$8.5 million to support 102 projects to protect natural resources, including more than \$1.5 million in the Dan River Basin.

“Our region is home to some of the nation’s most beautiful and treasured waterways,” said David Fountain, Duke Energy’s North Carolina president. “Our commitment to improve these water resources runs as deep as the waterways we seek to protect.”

“Public access will be provided — in increased measure — to the waterways surrounding Gallants Channel in Carteret County and the Town of Beaufort with over 3,000 square feet of floating docks and marina facilities, raising citizen awareness of the value of our state’s rich maritime history and culture,” said Jerri Sutton, president of Maritime Heritage Foundation of Beaufort, North Carolina Inc. “Marina facilities and floating docks will literally put visitors to Gallants Channel on the coastal waters of North Carolina.”

“From conserving lands with abundant water resources to providing access to boats and kayaks and everything in between, the projects we’re supporting will benefit generations to come,” said Kodwo Ghartey-Tagoe, Duke Energy’s South Carolina president. “We’re proud to support the 16 organizations whose vision and innovation will protect and improve



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The boardwalk in Pocatigo Swamp near Manning is seen.

our waterways.”

“The Duke Energy Water Resources Fund grant will enable the county to restore passage in four priority areas along Lynches River by clearing debris that has become a hindrance for users,” said Florence County Administrator K.G. Rusty Smith Jr. “This will improve commerce along the route and enable the county to attain its goal of providing access for canoes and kayaks along this beautiful, scenic river. We are extremely appreciative of the partnership that we enjoy with Duke Energy and the award of this grant.”

Grants are selected by an independent panel with diverse environmental expertise. The panel includes five external members and two Duke Energy representatives. View an interactive map showcasing all 102 grantees at [duke-energy.com/H2O](http://duke-energy.com/H2O).

### SOUTH CAROLINA GRANTS

• **City of Manning Pocatigo Nature Walk and Trail** — \$100,000 to renovate and expand a popular boardwalk through the Pocatigo

Swamp known as the Pocatigo River Walk and Trail, and to bring the boardwalk up to ADA standards.

• **Florence County Lynches River Boat and Kayak Project** — \$68,200 for river cleanup at four priority areas along the Lynches River to improve access for boaters and kayakers.

• **Friends of the Reedy River Cleveland Park Stables** — \$100,000 to convert 2.5 acres along the Reedy River into a public park. Invasive plants will be removed and replaced with native vegetation, and educational signage will share the project’s connection to improving water quality.

• **Lindsay Pettus Greenway Gills Creek Nature Pavilion, Trail and Observation Piers** — \$100,000 to construct a trail and pier overlooks to provide recreational trail users access to Gills Creek in Lancaster.

• **Town of Cheraw Cheraw Erosion and Handicap Fishing Deck Project** — \$100,000 to provide three ADA-compliant fishing platforms at the Town of Cheraw’s Riverside Park on the Pee Dee River.

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#### In Loving Memory of our Brother



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**In Loving Memory**  
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### Help Wanted Full-Time

**Ashley Furniture HomeStore of Sumter** is searching highly motivated individuals to join our Sales team. Must be goal-oriented and have exceptional interpersonal skills; basic computer skills, financing knowledge, and a passion for building strong client relationships. **Ashley Furniture Industries is the #1 selling brand of furniture in the World.** Join our team today. Send resumes to 2850 Broad Street, Sumter, SC 29150 or email to sperkins@ashleysumter.com No Phone Calls, Please.

**Nesbitt Transportation** is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

**Help Wanted Part-Time**

**Trucking Opportunities**

**Tractor trailer driver** needed in Sumter. Must have CDL & clean driving record with 2 years exp. Call 803-938-2708 lv. msg.

**Drivers, CDL-A: Home EVERY Weekend!! Dedicated Southeast! Walk Away Lease, No Money Down. Drivers average \$1500/wk 888-519-4085 X143**

### Medical Help Wanted

**Pediatric office** with FT opening for receptionist, Requires EHR/Computer experience, and good communication skills. Bring in or mail resume with salary requirements to: 380 W. Westmark Blvd. Bldg. B, Sumter, SC 29150

### Schools / Instructional

**AIRLINE MECHANIC TRAINING** - Get FAA certification to fix planes. Approved for military benefits. Financial Aid if qualified. Job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance 866-367-2513

### Statewide Employment

**ADVERTISE YOUR DRIVER JOBS** in 99 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 2.1 million readers. Call Alanna Ritchie at the S.C. Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.



### Rooms for Rent

**Male housemate wanted** for nice home in downtown historic area. Two blocks from Tuomey Hospital. Call Stephen 803-565-7924.

### Unfurnished Apartments

**Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income)** Shiloh-Randolph Manor 125 W. Bartlette. 775-0575 Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available EHO

### HUNTINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS RENTS FROM \$650 PER MO.

LEASING OFFICE LOCATED AT ASHTON MILL APARTMENT HOMES 595 ASHTON MILL DRIVE 803-773-3600

### Furnished Homes

Available July 1st, 2018 - House for Rent - \$1,450. 2672 Broad Street, Beaufort, SC. 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. Refrigerator, Range, Dishwasher, Washer, Dryer. Contact: ldra312@gmail.com

### Mobile Home Rentals

**Country Living:** Doublewide MH, 4 br, 2 ba, brick underpinning, private lot, \$685 mo. + dep. Call 803-305-1165.

### Vacation Rentals

**ADVERTISE YOUR VACATION PROPERTY FOR RENT OR SALE** to more than 2.1 million S.C. newspaper readers. Your 25-word classified ad will appear in 101 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Call Alanna Ritchie at the South Carolina Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

### Office Rentals

**Office space for rent.** Available now, 2 private offices, shared conference room. Guignard/Bultman area. Utilities furnished, can be rented separately. For info call 803-773-7526 or 803-775-6800



### Homes for Sale

**3BR/2BA** Brick home, move in ready, newly renovated. Call 803-983-0113

### Land & Lots for Sale

**31.0 acres near Elliot. 13.5 acres near St. Charles, owner financing.** Call 803-427-3888 or harrivives@hotmail.com

**1-5 Acre lots** (or more) \$15,000 per acre. Peaceful quiet country living just outside Sumter. Located on London road. From Plowden Mill, about 2 tenths down on the right. 803-223-1164.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Summons & Notice

**SUMMONS IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO. 2017-DR-43-0288**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

**JENNIFER BYRD,** Plaintiff,  
vs.  
**MILTON BYRD,** Defendant.

TO: MILTON BYRD, THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer this Complaint for Divorce, a copy of which is hereby served upon you. You are required to serve a copy of your Answer to this Complaint upon the undersigned subscriber at:

**Ryan W. Lane, Esquire**  
**THE LANE LAW FIRM, LLC**  
3600 Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, SC 29205

within thirty (30) days after service, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to answer the Complaint within thirty (30) days, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in this Complaint for Divorce.

**THE LANE LAW FIRM**  
Ryan W. Lane, Esquire  
3600 Rosewood Drive  
Columbia, SC 29205  
(803) 790-9958 (office)  
(803) 790-9830 (fax)  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF



*Look in Sunday's paper for...*  
**Stocks**

PLEASE CALL  
**774-1200**

**the Sumter ITEM**

**ADVERTISING IS KEY**

**the Sumter ITEM**  
36 W. Liberty Street  
Sumter, SC 29150  
www.theitem.com

**TOP 10 REASONS to advertise frequently**

1. People may not need your product or service today, but they may need it tomorrow.
2. Frequency builds trust.
3. Frequent advertising adds credibility to your message.
4. When an ad is seen frequently, it gets the consumer yearning for your service and they will take action to buy it.
5. Advertising frequently helps put your name out in front of the competition's.
6. Frequency is the best way to get lower advertising rates.
7. Advertising frequently is a lot like repeatedly inviting a friend to come see you. One day, they are bound to visit!
8. Frequent advertising helps you build a steady source of incoming sales.
9. Out of sight, out of mind.
10. You make more money when you do! It's plain and simple.

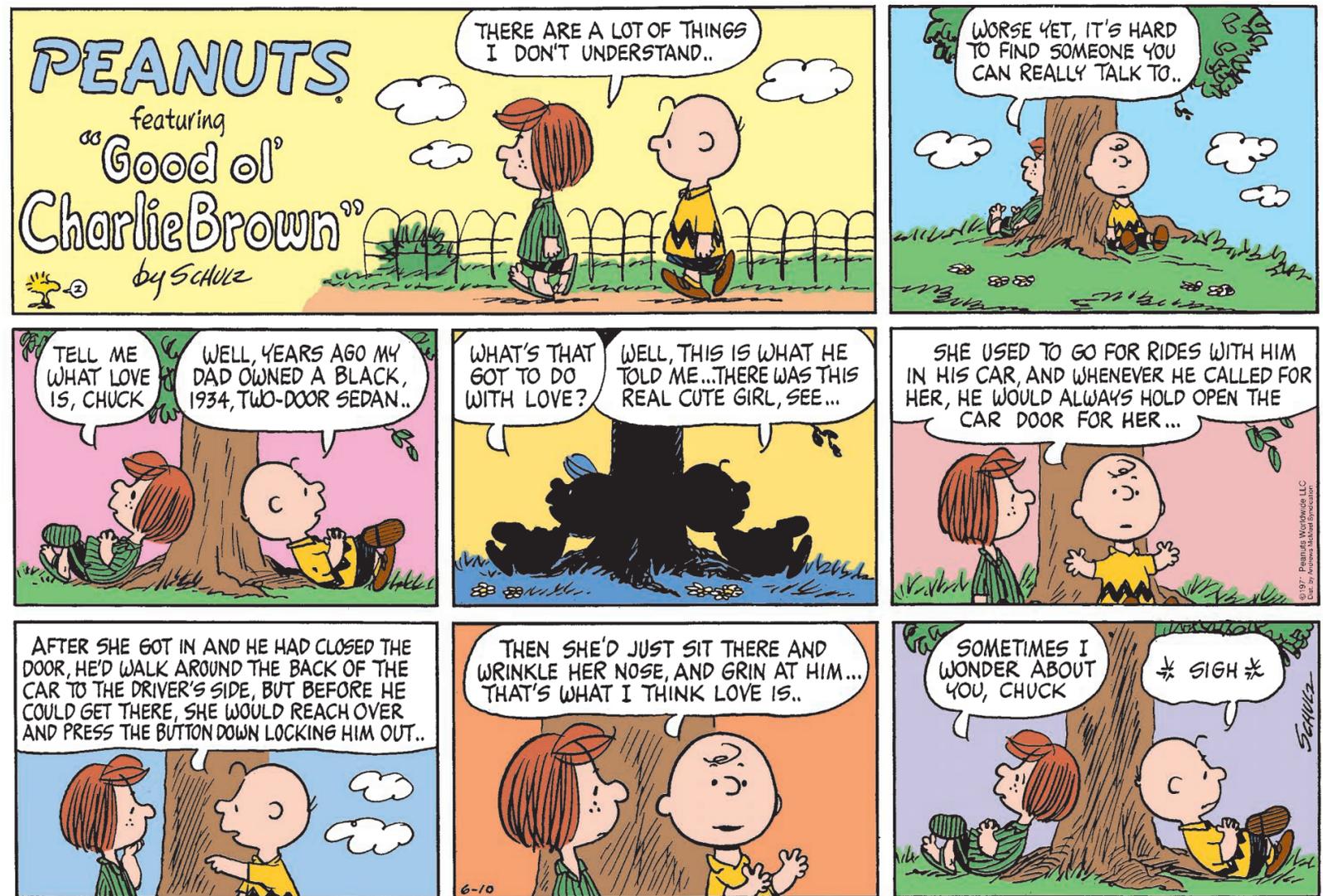
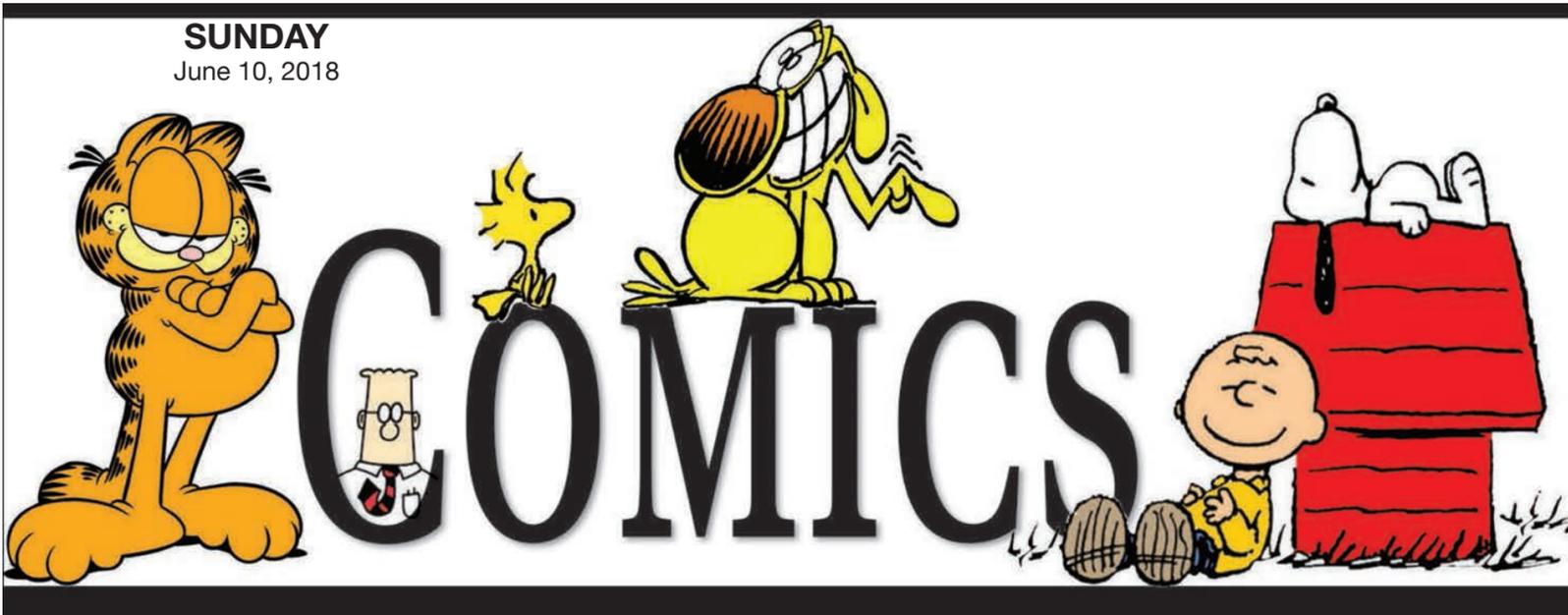
**CONTRACTORS WANTED**

**MAYESVILLE LYNCHBURG, ELLIOTT & ST. CHARLES HOME DELIVERY**

If you have good, dependable transportation, a phone in your home, and a desire to earn extra income

**Call REDA at 774-1257**

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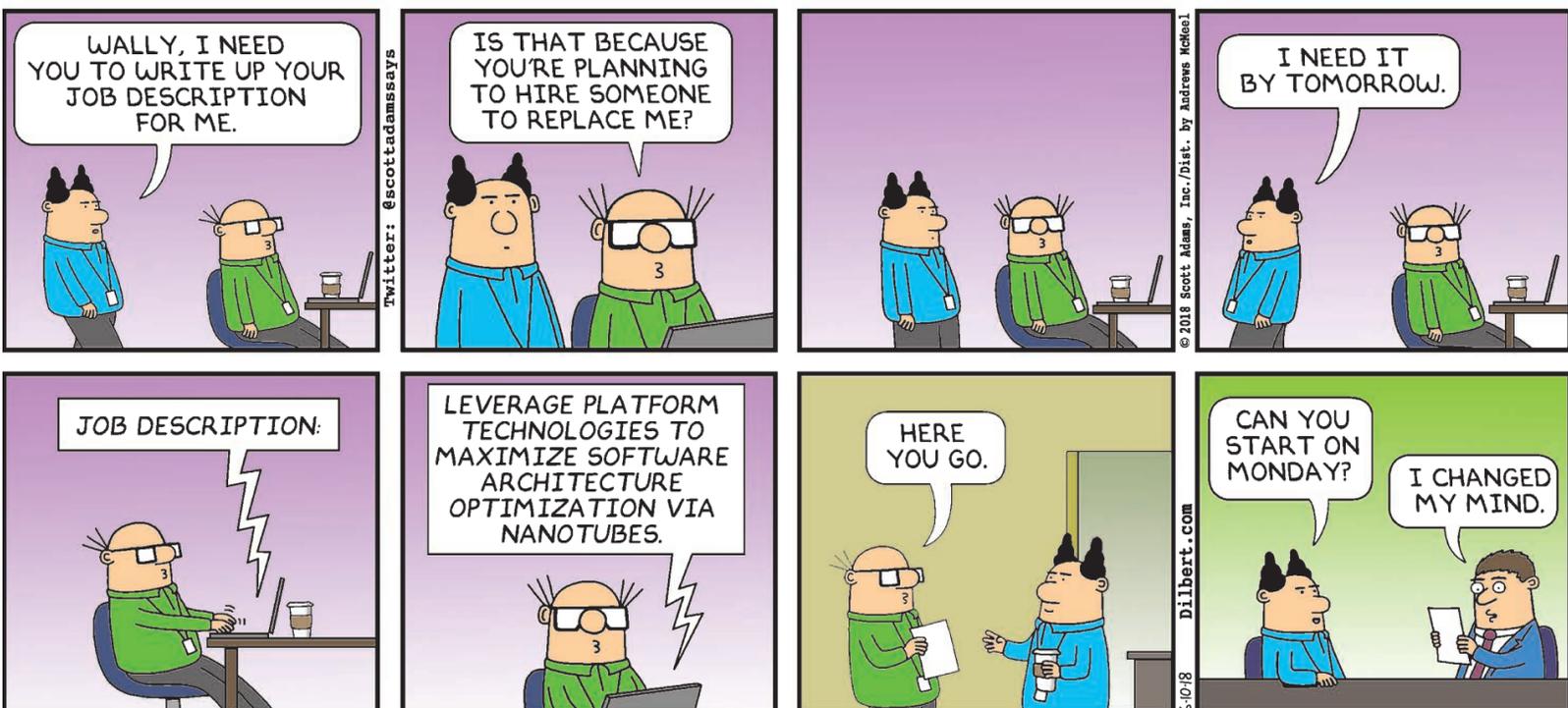
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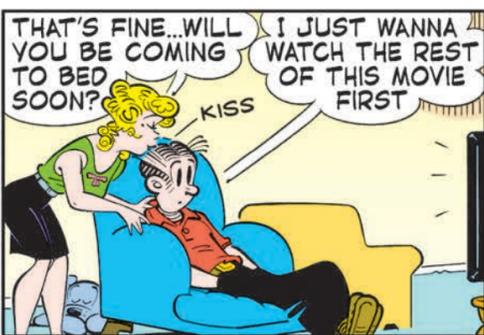
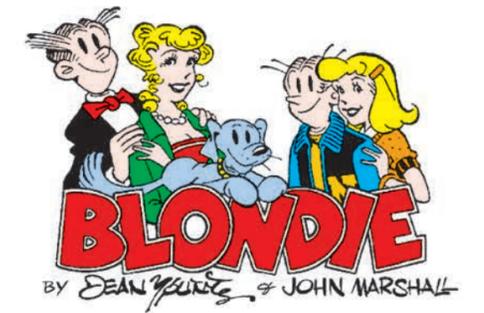
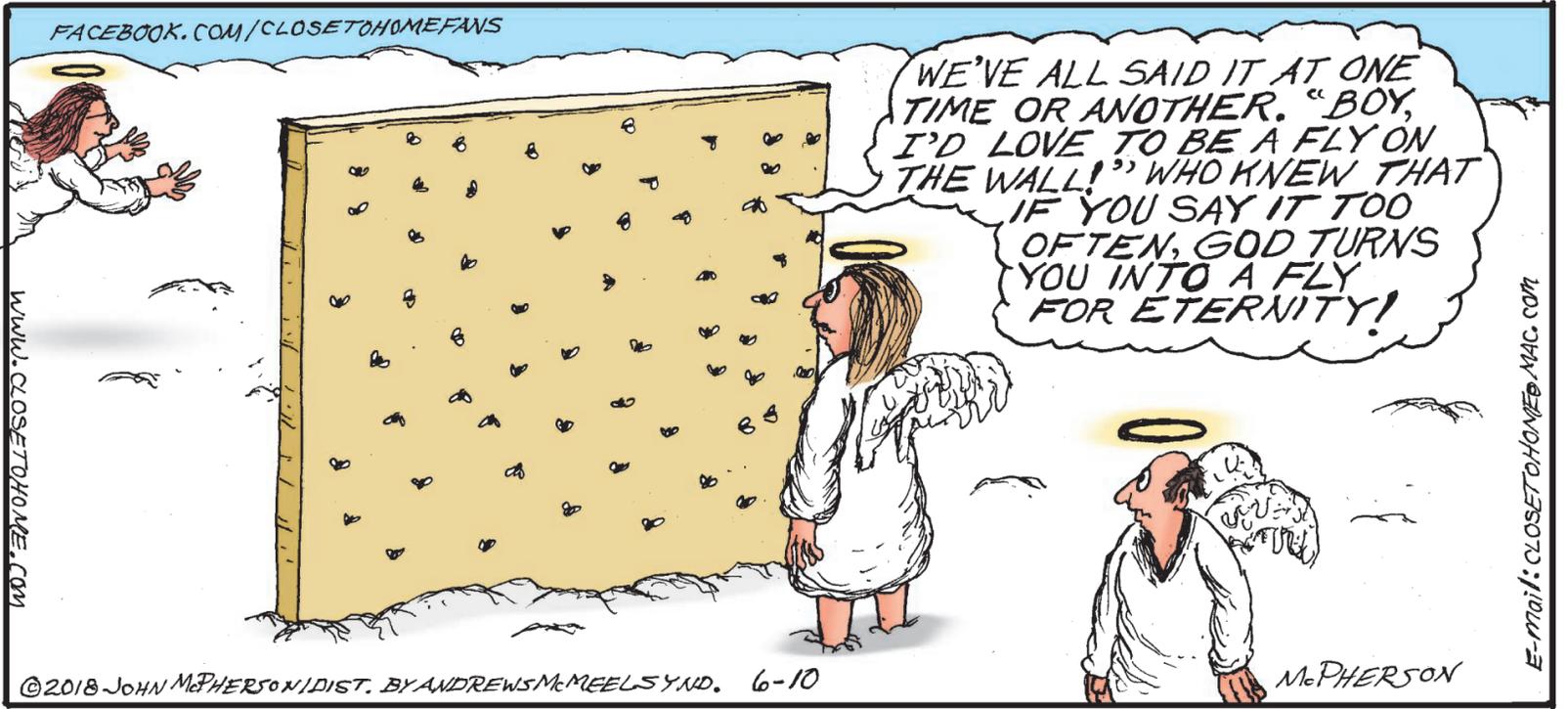
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CLOSE TO HOME

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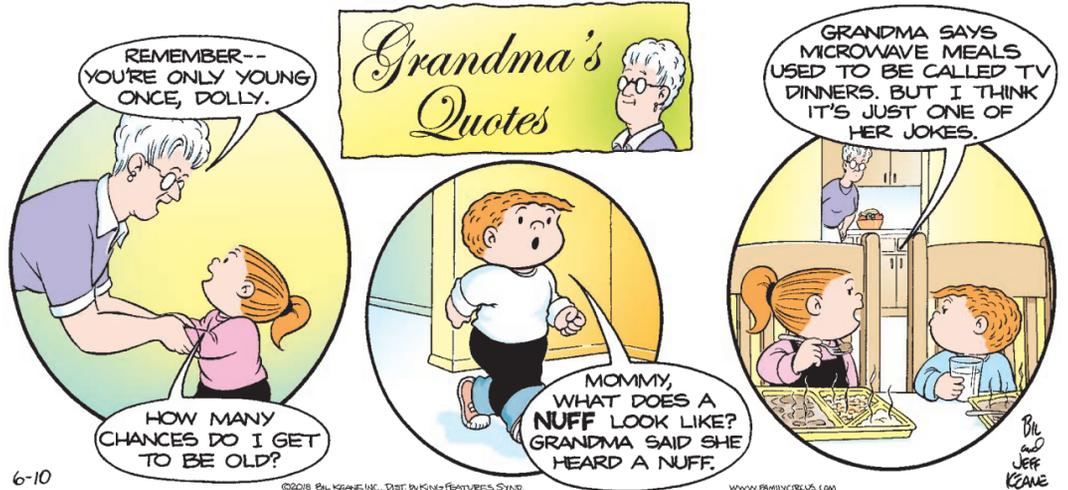
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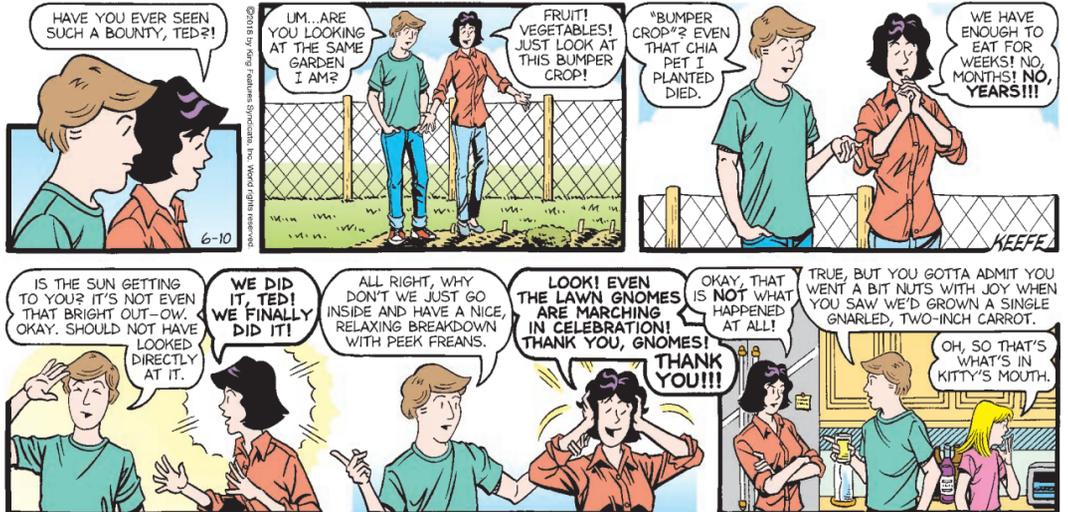
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



SALLY FORTH

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**DOODLES**  
By Foote & Sacko

THE CITY IS GETTING HOT! HELP US REACH OUR VACATION SPOT.

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

**DOODLE ZOO**

I HAVE TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING GIANTS BECAUSE THEY USE SUCH BIG WORDS.

**DRAW!!**

DRAW A BEACH BALL!

**RIDDLES!!!**

Q. WHAT TIME IS IT WHEN THE CLOCK STRIKES 25?  
A. TIME TO GET A NEW CLOCK.  
Peter Rubin, Dayton, OH

Q. WHY AREN'T DOGS GOOD DANCERS?  
A. THEY HAVE TWO LEFT FEET.  
Janelle Karsten, San Francisco, CA

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Base of lamp is thinner; 2. Picture is reversed; 3. Leg is moved; 4. Bottom of end table is different; 5. Spot on dog's head is missing; 6. Drawer handle is different.

**FRANK AND ERNEST**

**WONDERLAND INVESTORS CLUB**

EVERYBODY HAS A DIFFERENT INVESTMENT STRATEGY. THE SEVEN DWARFS AIM TO BUY LOW.

"BUY LOW, BUY LOW, THAT'S THE WAY TO GO..."

"JACK WITH THE BEANSTALK WANTS TO SEE RAPID GROWTH."

"AND A STRATEGY OF BUYING AND HOLDING FOR THE LONG TERM WORKS FOR RIP VAN WINKLE."

GEORGIE PORGIE HAS NOT HAD ANY SUCCESS. HE'S GONE BROKE WITH UNWISE, IMPULSIVE DECISIONS.

THE GUY JUST CAN'T STOP HIMSELF FROM KISSING HIS MONEY GOODBYE.

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM** BY MIKE PETERS

HAVE FUN, DEAR, BUT REMEMBER, YOUR VISA CARD EXPIRES AT MIDNIGHT!

**WIZARD OF ID** by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

LOOKS LIKE A FINE DAY FOR SOME GOLF

IT'S A DAY THAT ENDS IN "Y" AFTER ALL

THE KING SURVEYS HIS TERRITORY

HE SPOTS HIS QUARRY

HE PICKS THE FINEST CLUB FOR THE JOB

HIS CHANCE TO IMPRESS WITH PHYSICAL FRONESS

HE BLOWS HIS CHANCE MERCILESSLY

I'M GOING TO SMASH YOUR FACE WITH THIS CLUB -

SORRY... IT'S JUST NICE TO SEE YOU IN YOUR NATURAL HABITAT

**GET FUZZY** BY DARBY CONLEY

ROB... WE NEED TO TALK.

IS EVERYBODY OK? WHAT'S WRONG WITH BUCKY'S ARM?

HE'S OK, HE RAN INTO THE STORM DOOR GOING AFTER A BIRD.

HA HA HA

LAUGH IT UP, FUZZBALL.

WELL... YOU ARE THE ONLY GUY HERE WHO TRIED TO GO THROUGH A SOLID OBJECT TODAY.

YOU ARE INCORRECT, SIR.

YOU RAN INTO THE DOOR, TOO, SATCH?

REPLACE THE WORD DOOR WITH TV. YOU KNOW, THEY REALLY SHOULDN'T SHOW MAILMEN ON BASIC CABLE.

THE TV? IS SAMMY SLUNG OK?

...AND LITTLE BABY TIVO?!

I'M SORRY! SO SORRY!

NOOO!

**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art & Chip Sansom

THERE'S SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU,

FIRE WHEN READY!

BACK WHEN GLADYS AND I WERE FIRST DATING, YOU HAD A NICKNAME FOR ME...

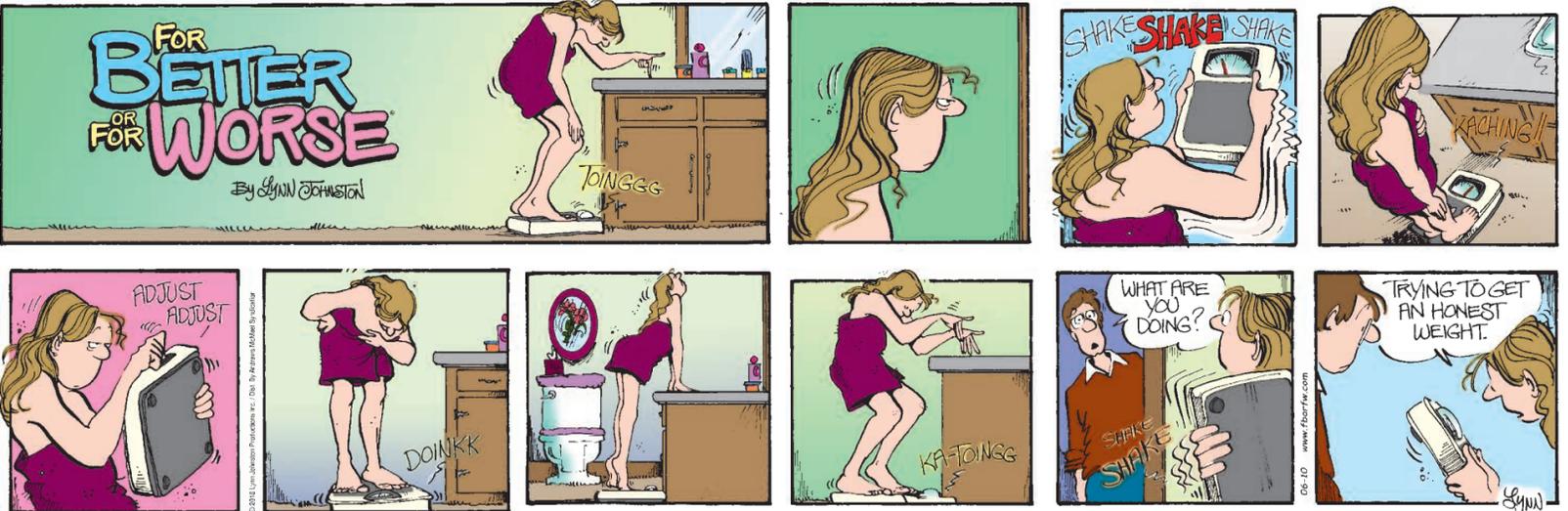
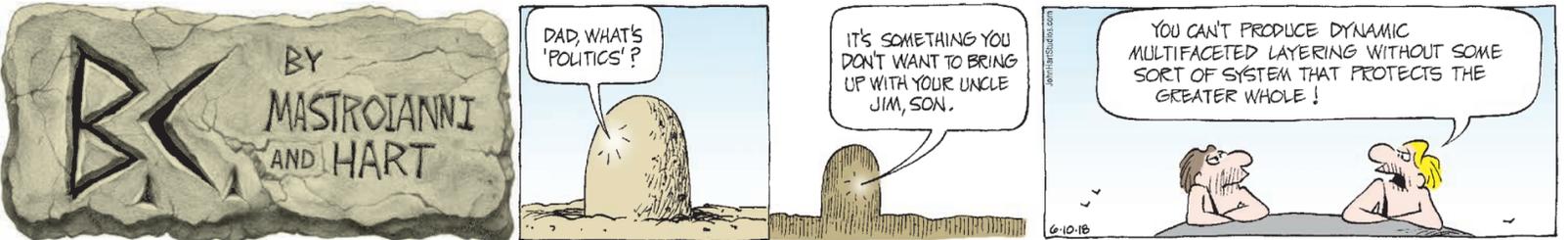
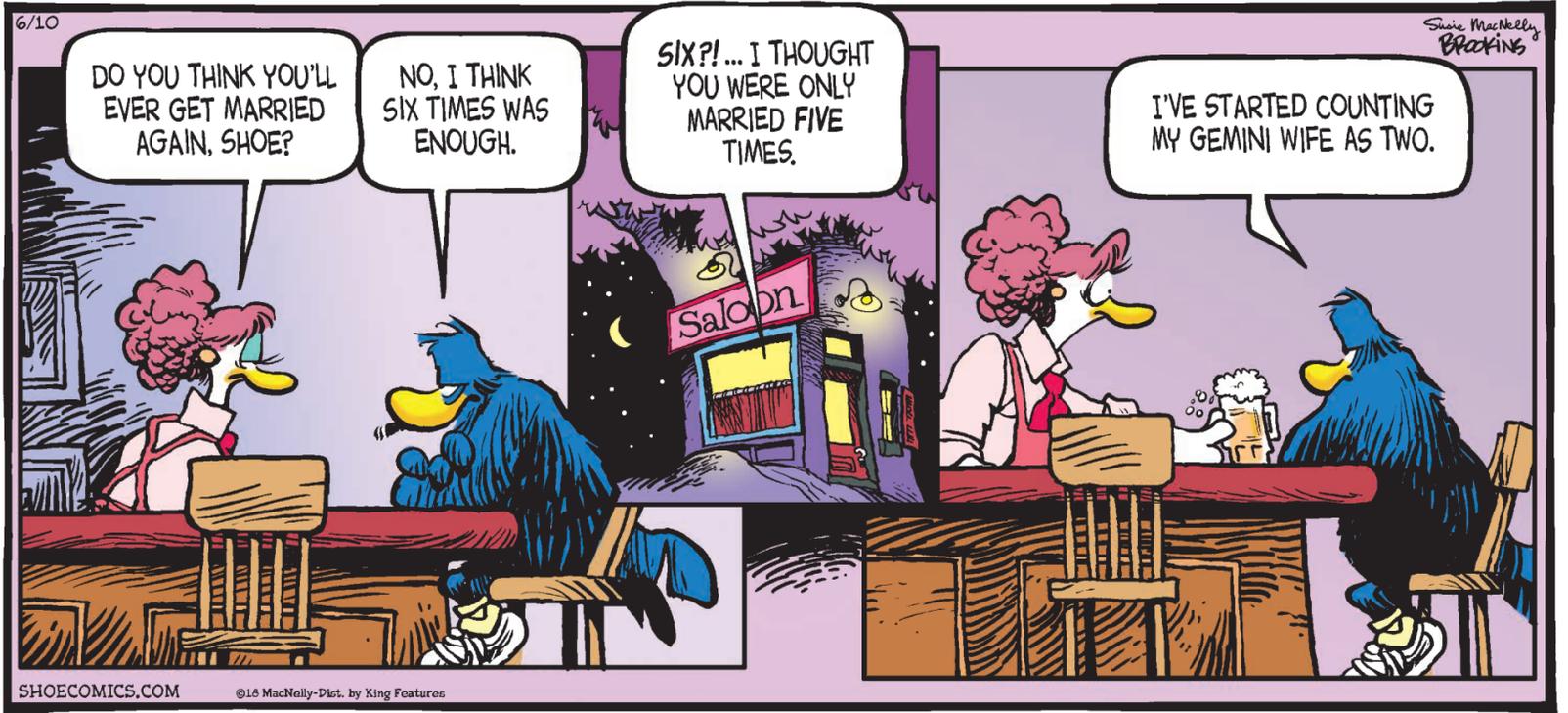
WHY DID YOU ALWAYS CALL ME "LEFTY"?

THAT WAS DUE TO A QUESTION GLADYS ASKED ME AFTER I FIRST MET YOU...

SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF I THOUGHT YOU WERE "MR. RIGHT"!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

