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**INDOOR GUN RANGE  
COMING TO SUMTER**

Site to open next summer may appeal to pistol, rifle shooters

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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What started out about four years ago as a small group's dream for an indoor firearms range in Sumter is now coming to reality. Husband-and-wife team Robert and Megan Richards on Friday discussed the construction process for opening Ricochet Range next summer on U.S. 15 South. The indoor, 10-lane training bay range will also feature an automated state-of-the-art target retrieval system where shooters can fire their pistol or rifle up to 25 yards, in air conditioning or heat — depending on the time of year. The new firearms training and shooting sports site will feature the 3,000-square-foot range building and a separate 3,500-square-foot front building for classroom, retail

and office space. The Richardses said they got the idea for the indoor range in Sumter from longtime friends Gary and Jenny Chapin. All four grew up together in Bakersfield, California. Robert and Gary are best friends. Gary Chapin is a Combat Arms Training and Maintenance instructor in the U.S. Air Force and was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base for eight years. He thought Shaw was going to be his final station in the military and dreamed of opening an indoor range for pistol and rifle training here as his "retire-

ment job" after leaving the service. The Chapins sold the Richardses on the idea, but a small hiccup occurred along the way — Gary and his wife got transfer orders to Aviano Air Base in Italy. About the same time, the Richardses — back in Bakersfield — came into some money. Last summer, they said they decided "now is the time to make it happen," moved cross country to Sumter and bought six acres on U.S. 15 South, where the former Sumter Marine Supply was located and near Bar-B-Que Hut on South Guignard Drive. Since then, the Richardses have been living off their nest egg and working full time on the new business venture. According to their knowledge, the facility will be the

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PHOTOS BY RHONDA BARRICK / THE SUMTER ITEM  
Families continue to enjoy the Fourth of July holiday on Thursday at the City of Sumter Aquatics Center, 1115 S. Lafayette Drive. The center, complete with an open sliding tube and wade pool, is the ideal place to cool off during these long summer days. The pool is open Tuesday-Saturday, noon-5 p.m., and 2-6 p.m. Sunday. For additional information, call (803) 774-3998.

**Don't let your guard down around warm freshwater**

Sumter family shares story of son's death from amoeba

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Though summer is the time to relax and let go of a few of life's stresses, people should not let their guard down when at the lake, or even in their backyard, when warm freshwater is around.



DRIGGERS

*Naegleria fowleri*, an amoeba that is commonly found in warm freshwater sources, has claimed the lives of numerous people — more than 130 since 1962 — who were infected by the organism through water recreation or even nasal rinses, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If you've never heard of *naegleria*

*fowleri*, it's because the amoeba and the disease it causes, primary amoebic meningoencephalitis, is very rare. A person can get infected by the amoeba when warm water containing the organism enters the nasal cavity with a certain amount of force. The amoeba then travels to the brain, where it infects and attacks the central nervous system. Not only is it rare for someone to contract the amoeba, but detecting it is also difficult because symptoms of

an infection can resemble those of bacterial meningitis, which is why about 75 percent of diagnoses are determined after the patient has died, according to the CDC. In July 2012, one Sumter family witnessed firsthand how quickly the amoeba can become fatal when 8-year-old Blake Driggers died 10 days after contracting *naegleria fowleri* during a trip to Lake Marion.

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## Free Zumba in the Park event will be held Friday night at USC Sumter

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

Have fun while focusing on your health with friends and neighbors during Zumba in the Park, hosted by Palmetto Health and University of South Carolina Sumter.

The free event will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Friday at USC Sumter, 200 Miller Road, on property adjacent to the soccer field.

A professional DJ, free snacks, bottled water and door prizes will be available.

“More than 20 Zumba instructors from both Sumter and Columbia are coming to dance with the

entire community,” said Tammie Epps, Palmetto Health media relations manager and a Zumba instructor. “We started this event a few years ago as a fun way to remind the community to protect their health by being active. We are excited to bring it to Sumter for the first time.”

Participants are encouraged to dress up as their favorite superhero for this month’s theme, “We are all superheroes.”

For more information, contact Tammie Epps, (803) 434-4903 or [Tammie.Epps@PalmettoHealth.org](mailto:Tammie.Epps@PalmettoHealth.org).



People get active during a Zumba in the Park event held in Columbia.

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## Part of neighborhood lane caves in



City of Sumter employees prepare to fix a cave-in at the end of Mattison Avenue at Phelps Street on Friday morning. Several hundred feet of the right lane was closed to traffic late Thursday after water washed the bed of the road out from under the pavement, causing the cave-in. The road had just been repaved in 2017.



MELANIE SMITH / THE SUMTER ITEM

## USC Sumter professor earns an innovation teaching grant

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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A University of South Carolina Sumter instructor has been awarded an innovative teaching grant by the USC system for continuous quality improvement in coursework. The USC Center for Teaching Excellence awarded a total of 14 such grants to system faculty during the spring semester, according to a news release on Thursday.

The grant supports full-time faculty in the revision or redevelopment of courses with an end goal of highly engaged learning for students.

USC Sumter Senior Biology Instructor Dr. Dan Kiernan received the innovation teaching grant to support his revision and redevelopment of the Biology 110 inquiry-based course, according to the release.

To encourage critical thinking, Kiernan will update Biology 110 to a flipped/case study course with creative outside learning and in-class

problem solving.

In “flipping” a classroom, students gain control of the learning process through initially studying course material outside of class via readings, pre-recorded video lectures or research assignments. During class time, instructors facilitate the learning process by helping students work through course material individually or in groups with a focus on inquiry, application and assessment.

Kiernan said the updated Biology 110 flipped/case study course, with creative outside learning and inside cooperative problem solving, will allow students to learn about the scientific method (outside the classroom) but also actually work through the scientific method (inside the classroom).

In addition to earning several awards and accolades, Kiernan was also the 2017-18 winner of the Hugh T. Stoddard Sr. Award for Distinguished Service at USC Sumter.



University of South Carolina Sumter senior biology instructor Dan Kiernan, center, was recently awarded an innovation teaching grant from the USC Center for Teaching Excellence.

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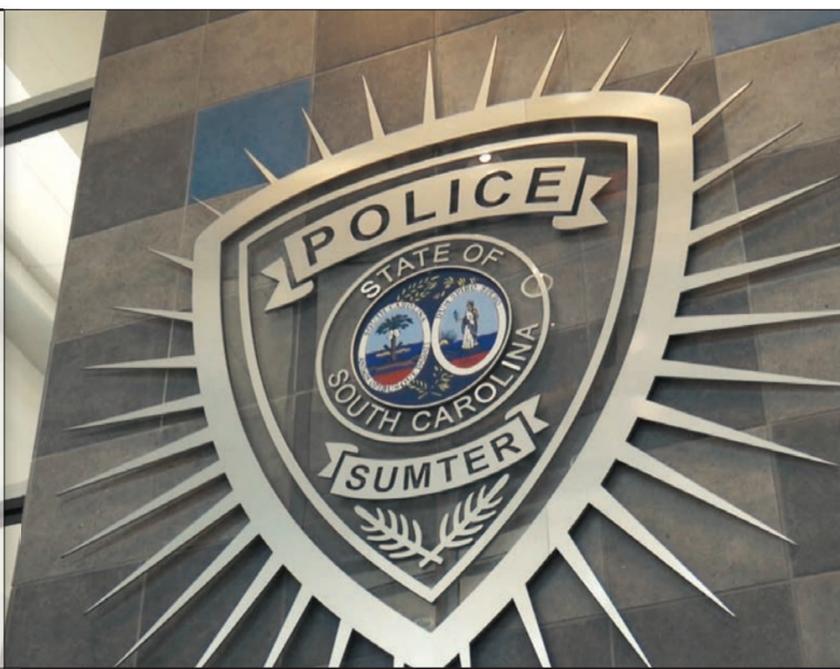
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# U.S. Army quietly discharging immigrant recruits

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Some immigrant U.S. Army reservists and recruits who enlisted in the military with a promised path to citizenship are being abruptly discharged, the Associated Press has learned.

The AP was unable to quantify how many men and women who enlisted through the special recruitment program have been booted from the Army, but immigration attorneys say they know of more than 40 who have been discharged or whose status has become questionable, jeopardizing their futures.

"It was my dream to serve in the military," said reservist Lucas Calixto, a Brazilian immigrant who filed a lawsuit against the Army last week. "Since this country has been so good to me, I thought it was the least I could do to give back to my adopted country and serve in the United States military."

Some of the service members say they were not told why they were being discharged. Others who pressed for answers said the Army informed them they'd been labeled as security risks because they have relatives abroad or because the Defense Department had not completed background checks on them.

Spokespeople for the Pentagon and the Army said that, due to the pending litigation, they were unable to explain the discharges or respond to questions about whether there have been policy changes in any of the military branches.

Eligible recruits are required to have legal status in the U.S., such as a student visa, before enlisting. More than 5,000 immigrants were recruited into the program in 2016, and an estimated 10,000 are currently serving. Most go the Army, but some also go to the other military branches.

To become citizens, the service members need an honorable service designation, which can come after even just a few days at boot camp. But the recently discharged service members have had their basic training delayed, so they can't be naturalized.

Margaret Stock, an Alaska-based immigration attorney and a retired Army Reserve lieutenant colonel who helped create the immigrant recruitment program, said she's been inundated over the past several days by recruits who have been abruptly discharged.

All had signed enlistment contracts and taken an Army oath, Stock said. Many were reservists who had been attending unit drills, receiving pay and undergoing training, while others had been in a "delayed entry" program, she said.

"Immigrants have been serving in the Army since 1775," Stock said. "We wouldn't have won the revolution without immigrants. And we're not going to win the global war on terrorism today without immigrants."

Stock said the service members she's heard from had been told the Defense Department had not managed to put them through extensive back-

ground checks, which include CIA, FBI and National Intelligence Agency screenings and counterintelligence interviews. Therefore, by default, they do not meet the background check requirement.

"It's a vicious cycle," she said.

The AP interviewed Calixto and recruits from Pakistan and Iran, all of whom said they were devastated by their unexpected discharges.

"Now the great feeling I had when I enlisted is going down the drain," said Calixto, 28. "I don't understand why this is happening."

In hopes of undoing the discharge, he filed a lawsuit in Washington, D.C., last week alleging the Defense Department hadn't given him a chance to defend himself or appeal. He said he was given no specific grounds other than "personnel security."

Calixto, who lives in Massachusetts and came to the U.S. when he was 12, said in an email interview arranged through his attorney that he joined the Army out of patriotism.

In the suit, Calixto said he learned he was being kicked out soon after he was promoted to private second class.

The Pakistani service member who spoke to the AP said he learned in a phone call a few weeks ago that his military career was over.

"There were so many tears in my eyes that my hands couldn't move fast enough to wipe them away," he said. "I was devastated, because I love the U.S. and was so honored to

be able to serve this great country."

He asked that his name be withheld because he fears he might be forced to return to Pakistan, where he could face danger as a former U.S. Army enlistee.

Portions of the 22-year-old's

military file reviewed by the AP said he was so deeply loyal to the U.S. that his relationships with his family and fiancée in Pakistan would not make him a security threat. Nonetheless, the documents show the Army cited those foreign ties as a concern.

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Robert and Megan Richards stand outside the former Sumter Marine Supply building on Friday. The Richardses purchased the building and adjoining acreage on U.S. 15 South last year and are building an indoor firearms range.



Ricochet Range, scheduled to open August 2019, will feature a front building with classroom and retail space, and an indoor firearms range in the rear.

IMAGE PROVIDED

first indoor firearms range in Sumter County.

The construction process is in three phases, Robert Richards said. Kirk Construction Co. of Columbia recently finished the demolition of sections of Sumter Marine Supply.

Phase Two will be renovating the remainder of the facility, which will be the front building on site, and adding on a parking lot. The final project phase will be constructing the separate cinder block and concrete

range building on the back end of the property.

According to Richards, Chapin will be retiring from the Air Force in about a year and will then move back to Sumter. The indoor range is scheduled to open in August 2019.

With his firearms expertise from the military, Chapin will oversee pistol and rifle training classes, which will be available on weeknights and the weekends, Richards said.

Concealed Weapons Permit classes

will be offered at the private range so people can earn their permit, and various memberships will be available for licensed shooters of all types to continue improving and develop precision.

Membership rates for the private range include a \$20 single-day "Brass" membership and three annual memberships — "Lead," "Copper" and the premier "Steel" — all with packages for individuals or families. The "Steel" membership for a family could be about \$700, Richards said.

"With the memberships, the higher up the food chain you move, the more discounts that will be available," Richards said.

When complete, the indoor facility will be one of less than a dozen in the state of its size, he said, and one of only three within a 200-mile radius. The other two comparable indoor facilities are Blue Line Shooting Center in Florence and Palmetto State Armory in Columbia, Richards said.

Ricochet Range plans to target numerous groups, including the area's airmen and soldiers, for their personal firearms training, which they're not allowed to do on Shaw, according to the Richardses. They think the range will also appeal to area outdoorsmen; the regular, everyday licensed carrier; and possibly law enforcement.

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**FUTURE LOCATION:** 1410 U.S. 15 S., Sumter (opening planned August 2019)  
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**AMOEBIA** FROM PAGE A1

On Saturday, July 14, 2012, Blake started to show signs that he was infected with *naegleria fowleri* with a fever and vomiting, said Gingi Driggers, Blake's mother.

"It mimicked a stomach bug," she said.

Driggers took her son to the hospital on Sunday as his condition continued to get worse.

He was so weak and kept dozing off that he couldn't swallow the contrast for a CAT scan, she said.

Driggers thought Blake was just exhausted from vomiting, but it was actually the amoeba that had started to damage his body.

Blake started to sleep more than usual, even for someone suspected of having a stomach bug, she said.

Doctors originally thought Blake had bacterial meningitis and sent him to Richland Children's Hospital in Columbia where they did a spinal tap.

*Naegleria fowleri* will show up in a person's spinal fluid, but Blake's fluid was cloudy, so doctors couldn't see it, she said.

So doctors started treating Blake for bacterial meningitis.

"He progressively got worse," Driggers said, reflecting on her son's second day — Monday, July 16, 2012 — of medical care.

Eventually, Blake was only able to communicate with sounds, and he had seizures during subsequent CAT scans as his brain began to swell.

Then, about 1 a.m. on Tuesday, the Driggers family received a phone call from the hospital. Blake's brain was swelling again, and they were not sure if his heart would stop.

About that time, the doctors found the *naegleria fowleri* in Blake's spinal fluid and realized what was wrong.

But Blake was already on life support.

He died later that day.

Blake loved to laugh and loved to make other people laugh, Driggers said, remembering her youngest child of three.

He was kindhearted and very active in church, she said.

Blake's passing has definitely been difficult for the family, especially for his two older sisters, but it has also brought others closer to Christ and closer to each other, she said.

Though the Driggerses' story is heartbreaking, the family does not want others to be discouraged from enjoying time at the lake.

Gingi Driggers said Blake may have been infected with the amoeba when he was jumping off a dock at Lake Marion and got water up his nose.

She said if she had known about the amoeba beforehand, she would have never let her children play in the water without nose plugs.

"I would never have taken the chance if I had known," she said.

Now doctors know how to treat and kill the amoeba with miltefosine, a drug originally developed in Germany to treat breast cancer, which has been obtained by multiple hospitals across the country, including Palmetto Health Richland, since 2016.

To prevent a *naegleria fowleri* infection, people are encouraged to wear nose plugs or to close their noses with their hands if they engage in activities in warm freshwater.

When doing a nasal rinse with water from a public water system, boil the tap water, use a filter with "NSF 53," "NSF 58," "cyst removal" or "cyst reduction" in the label, or purchase distilled water.

For more information about *naegleria fowleri* and treatment, go to [www.cdc.gov/parasites/naegleria/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/naegleria/index.html).

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## Out of the shadows

*I don't want to carry him anymore.  
I don't love him.'*

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"S" holds her baby boy as she sits in her shelter in Balukhali refugee camp in Bangladesh. "S," a widow, was so worried about her neighbors discovering her pregnancy that she suffered silently through labor in her shelter, stuffing a scarf in her mouth to swallow her screams.

## Babies of Rohingya rape survivors arrive

BY KRISTEN GELINEAU  
Associated Press

UKHIYA, Bangladesh — Tucked away in the shadows of her family's bamboo shelter, the girl hid from the world.

She was 13, and she was petrified. Two months earlier, soldiers had broken into her home back in Myanmar and raped her, an attack that drove her and her terrified family over the border to Bangladesh. Ever since, she had waited for her period to arrive. Gradually, she came to realize that it would not.

For the girl, a Rohingya Muslim who agreed to be identified by her first initial, A, the pregnancy was a prison she was desperate to escape. The rape itself had destroyed her innocence. But carrying the baby of a Buddhist soldier could destroy her life.

More than 10 months have passed since Myanmar's security forces launched a sweeping campaign of rape and other brutalities against the Rohingya, and the babies conceived during those assaults have been born. For many of their mothers, the births have been tinged with fear — not only because the infants are reminders of the horrors they survived, but also because their community often views rape as shameful and bearing a baby conceived by Buddhists as sacrilege.

Theirs is a misery spoken of only in murmurs. Some ended their pregnancies early by taking cheap abortion pills available throughout the camps. Others gave birth to unloved babies; some agonized over whether to give them away. One woman was so worried about her neighbors discovering her pregnancy that she suffered silently through labor in her shelter, stuffing a scarf in her mouth to swallow her screams.

In Bangladesh's overcrowded refugee camps where shelter walls are made of hole-pocked plastic and sounds travel easily across the tree-stripped hills, A knew that hiding her pregnancy would be difficult and hiding a wailing newborn impossible.

She worried that giving birth to this child would leave her so tainted that no man would ever want her as his wife. In a panic, she told her mother, who swift-

ly took her to a clinic for an abortion. But A was so frightened by the doctor's description of possible side effects that she thought she would die.

And so she retreated to her shelter, where she tried to flatten her growing belly by wrapping it in tight layers of scarves. She hid there for months, emerging only to use the latrine a few meters away.

There was nothing to do but wait with dread for the baby who symbolized the pain of an entire people to arrive.

For the women who became pregnant during last year's wave of attacks in Myanmar's Rakhine state, to speak the truth is to risk losing everything. Because of that, no one knows how many rape survivors have given birth. But given the vastness of the sexual violence, relief groups had braced for the worst: a spike in deliveries from traumatized women and scores of babies left abandoned in the camps that are home to around 900,000 Rohingya refugees.

By June, though, the birth rate in medical clinics had remained relatively steady, and only a handful of babies have been found left behind. Aid workers began to suspect that many women had quietly dealt with their pregnancies themselves.

"They will not come forward for antenatal checkups — they will try to hide their pregnancy," says Medecins Sans Frontieres midwife Daniela Cassio, a sexual violence specialist. "I'm sure many have also died during the pregnancy or during the delivery."

Yet sprinkled throughout the sprawling camps, you will find women who have grown weary of the silence. Ten such women and girls agreed to interviews with The Associated Press. They consented to be identified in this story by their first initials only, citing fear of retaliation from Myanmar's military.

The monsoon rains thundering down on the roof of A's shelter threaten to drown out her words. Her voice still has a childlike softness, and when she speaks of the soldiers who raped her, it fades to a whisper.

Already, several men who had shown interest in marrying her have walked

away when they've learned about the attack. Her parents worry no man will ever want her. And yet, with their blessing, she leans in close to share her story.

"I want justice," she says, anxiously turning a plastic cup over and over in her hands. "That's why I'm talking to you."

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To understand the fear that drove some of these women underground, enter the stifling shelter where M lives.

She sits on a mat, sweating and scratching at the angry scar on her breast left by the soldier who bit her. The baby who was the product of that attack wails in his 8-year-old sister's arms. The little girl tries to hand the infant off to her mother, but M dismisses them both with a wave of her hand.

"I don't want to carry him anymore," M says. "I don't love him." And so the girl gently places the screaming infant into a hammock crafted out of a rice sack and twine.

M's husband is not home to help. He rarely is, she says. Ever since she told him of her rape and pregnancy, he has wanted little to do with her.

Her nightmare began the way it did for so many Rohingya women: With scores of soldiers swarming her village in August, shortly after Rohingya insurgents attacked several police posts. The details of her assault follow a pattern documented last year in an investigation by the AP. That investigation, based on interviews with 29 rape survivors, an examination of medical records and testimony from doctors, concluded the rapes of Rohingya women were sweeping and methodical.

From inside her house, M heard a rattle of gunfire and a chorus of screams. She looked outside and saw soldiers setting fire to homes. Her two daughters fled, but by the time M made it out the door with her 2-year-old son, six soldiers were waiting. One snatched the wailing boy from her arms, strangled him, and threw his lifeless body to the ground.

The soldiers forced her back into the house. When she saw them undoing their pants, she pressed her hands over her eyes. They stomped on her stomach

and feet, and one after another they raped her. She felt like she was dying.

Two days passed before her husband found her and carried her to the mountains, and then across the border to Bangladesh. He asked her if the soldiers had raped her. Too ashamed to tell him the truth, she said they had only beaten her.

After two months, her period still hadn't arrived. She felt dizzy and nauseous, and craved sour foods like tamarind, just as she had with her other pregnancies.

Terrified of how her husband would react, she said nothing. Another two months passed, and she began to feel movements deep inside her. She knew she couldn't hide the pregnancy much longer.

One night, she was too sick to make him rice for dinner. "What's wrong with you?" he asked.

The truth spilled out: "I was raped by six soldiers. And I'm pregnant."

Her husband offered no comfort, only blame. He demanded to know why she hadn't run away from the soldiers. He told her he could never have sex with her again. And then he asked if he could marry another woman.

"You are useless to me," he said.

M pleaded with him not to leave her, told him she needed help with their girls. And so he stayed, though he treated her like she was invisible. At night, she curled up in the corner of their shelter with her daughters; he slept along an adjacent wall.

With her other pregnancies, she excitedly counted the days until delivery. With this baby, she paid no attention to her due date. She felt detached from the life growing inside her.

Her contractions began late one night. She labored quietly for hours, until her screams awakened her husband. She told him to find a local birthing assistant to help her. He did and then left.

When the infant finally arrived, he looked nothing like her other children. In his eyes, she saw her rapists. To look at him was to relive her attack, over and

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over again.

Her husband returned hours after the birth. He said nothing to her, and ignored the baby. He wouldn't help her clean up the mat she'd given birth on, and she was in too much pain to clean it herself. She lay on it for days, until one of her daughters came to her aid.

The baby's cries just made her angry. She found herself crying all the time, too.

Before the rape, her husband was loving and kind. Now, he leaves their shelter early in the morning and doesn't return until midnight. He has never kissed the boy, or cuddled him.

She didn't bother to name the child until a community leader told her to. She chose the first name that popped into her mind. It means nothing to her, she says. And neither does the boy.

She doesn't want to give him to a foster family. Her only other son was killed in the attack. So she takes care of this new boy in the hopes that one day, he will take care of her.

For now, she pretends to love him. After all, she says, he is just a baby. This is not his fault.

Nor is it hers, though she still berates herself for the rape. She questions her decision not to run from the house sooner, though running faster probably would not have saved her.

She spends much of her days lying on a mat, praying for Allah to end her life.

"I don't have any money to buy anything. I am always depressed. My husband doesn't love me. I want to die as soon as possible," she says, weeping. "My life is meaningless."

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For some rape survivors, the idea of giving birth to a child conceived by someone other than a Muslim felt like a fate worse than death. So they turned to clinics and makeshift pharmacies set up in the camps for abortion drugs they hoped could end their agony.

The pain of D's rape was so severe that she had to wrap a supportive scarf around her battered pelvis to endure the dayslong walk to Bangladesh. Yet through it all, she survived.

When she discovered she was pregnant, she wished she had not.

She was a widow, and to give birth to a child without a husband was to invite admonishment. She quickly sought out a pharmacy to find the drugs that would induce an abortion.

As she swallowed the first tablet, she cried and prayed to Allah. But nothing happened. So she bought more medicine, taking pill after pill until, at last, her stomach twisted with intense cramps and heavy blood began to flow. Her relief was instant.

"I felt that I had found a new world," she says. "I would have taken poison if I had to give birth to that baby because it is a big shame for me. People would criticize me."

Others, though, found surprising support. So certain was T that her husband would divorce her, that she waited a month to tell him about her pregnancy. Her heart hammered the day she revealed the truth. When she did, her husband began to cry, and so did she.

"It's not your fault," he reassured her. "Maybe it was your fate that this happened to you. You didn't want this."

She had no idea she could go to a hospital for an abortion. But one day, she met an aid worker who was walking through the camps looking for pregnant women in distress. The aid worker provided her with abortion drugs. T took the pills, then visited a religious leader who performed a ceremony that he said would remove the baby. When she began to bleed, she felt as if a dirtiness inside her had been washed clean.

Slowly, a few women have forgiven themselves, though there was never anything to

forgive. H, who also had an abortion, was once so ashamed of her pregnancy that she told no one. Now, though, she has begun to share her story with others and has focused her fury on the men who brutalized her. She did nothing to invite their violence, she says. So why should she feel ashamed?

In Myanmar, where the Rohingya people have few rights and Rohingya women even less, she had no voice. Here, she says, she feels she can finally speak.

"I don't want to hide anymore," she says.

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The moment that A had long feared arrived one day in May. After months of isolation, her contractions had finally begun.

She was still a child herself, overwhelmed with uncertainty over what to expect. And she cringed at the thought of what others would say.

For hours, she labored on the

floor of her shelter, her mother and grandmother by her side, until at last, she pushed out a baby girl.

She looked down at the infant and began to shake. She felt like she was going into shock.

The baby was fat and strong, with a round face and small eyes. As A gazed at her child, she saw beauty. But she also saw pain.

She knew she could not keep the girl.

Her father hurried to a clinic run by a relief group and asked them to take the baby away. An hour after A gave birth, an aid worker arrived to retrieve the infant.

She held her daughter in her arms and began to cry. She kissed her head and her tiny hands. And then she handed the baby over.

She doesn't know who is caring for her baby now, but groups like Save the Children

and UNICEF have found Rohingya families within the camps who are willing to take in such children. The organizations have placed around 10 babies with new families, says Krissie Hayes, a child protection in emergencies specialist with UNICEF.

For now, A tries to imagine what her future will be like. She hopes someone will marry her one day, and give her more babies. She hopes for a sewing machine, so she can earn money mending clothes.

Sometimes, she says, an aid worker stops by the shelter to show her photos of her daughter, so she can see that she is safe and well.

"Even though I got this baby from the Buddhists, I love her," she says. "Because I carried her for nine months."

For her, giving the baby away was the right decision. It was the only decision.

But she aches for her still.



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## COMMENTARY

# Democrats are powerless to block Trump's Supreme Court nominee

**W**ASHINGTON — As President Trump prepares to announce his replacement for retiring Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, Democrats are desperate to block the president's nominee — but are powerless to do so. They have no one to blame but themselves. Let's take a moment to recall the sordid 15-year history of Democratic miscalculations that brought them to this point.

The Democrats' first mistake was to launch unprecedented filibusters against President George W. Bush's appellate court nominees, starting with his 2001 nomination of Miguel Estrada for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The D.C. Circuit is considered the country's second-most important court, having produced more Supreme Court justices than any other federal court.

Estrada was a supremely qualified nominee who had the support of a clear majority in the Senate. His confirmation should have been easy.

But Democrats killed his nomination. Why? According to internal strategy memos obtained by the *Wall Street Journal*, they blocked Estrada at the request of liberal interest groups who said Estrada was "especially dangerous" because "he is Latino, and the White House seems to be grooming him for a Supreme Court appointment." Democrats did not want Republicans to put the first Hispanic on the Supreme Court. Instead, two years after his nomination, they made Estrada the first appeals court nominee in history to be successfully filibustered. It was an extraordinary breach of precedent.

They did not stop with Estrada. Democrats also filibustered nine other Bush circuit-court nominees, all of whom had majority support in the Senate. It was, as columnist Robert Novak wrote at the time, "the first full-scale effort in American history to prevent a president from picking the federal judges he wants."

The Democrats' second big mistake was using the "nuclear option" to pack the federal circuit courts with liberal judges. After Democrats won control of the Senate and the White House, they set about trying to fill court vacancies — particularly on the D.C. Circuit — with judges so left-wing they knew they could not meet the 60-vote "standard."

When Republicans (following the precedent Democrats had set) filibustered some of President Barack Obama's nominees, Democrats again broke precedent and eliminated the filibuster for all but Supreme Court nominees.

The short-term gain of going nuclear was immense. Obama flipped most of the circuit courts from conservative to liberal majorities, including the D.C. Circuit. But the long-term costs were around the corner.

The Democrats' third mistake was to filibuster Neil M. Gorsuch. After Republicans had won back the Senate, they refused to confirm Obama's choice of Merrick Garland to replace the late Justice Antonin Scalia (citing as precedent the promise made in 2007 by Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., that Democrats would not confirm a Supreme Court justice during President George W. Bush's final year in office).

When Donald Trump was elected and appointed Gorsuch to fill Scalia's seat, apoplectic Democrats made a fatal error: Instead of keeping their powder dry until Kennedy resigned, they filibustered Gorsuch's nomination.

The decision to block such an obviously qualified nominee — praised for his impeccable temperament, character and intellect by legal scholars on both the left and right — freed tradition-bound Republicans to end the filibuster for Supreme Court nominees and confirm him with a simple majority.

Had Democrats not tried to block Gorsuch, they would still have the filibuster. And Republicans, who now have just a single-vote majority, would have a much more difficult time mustering the votes to change Senate rules today. But thanks to Democrats' miscalculations, the GOP doesn't have to.

Democrats are accusing Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., of hypocrisy moving forward with a Supreme Court nominee during an election year. But McConnell never said he would not confirm nominees before midterm elections in the second year of a presidency. Three sitting justices were confirmed in midterm election years: Elena Kagan (August 2010), Samuel A. Alito Jr. (January 2006) and Stephen G. Breyer (August 1994) — as were retired Justice David Souter (October 1990) and Scalia (September 1986).

Trump is going to do exactly what Presidents Obama, Bill Clinton and both Bushes did before him: He will nominate a qualified candidate to fill the high court vacancy, and Senate Republicans will confirm his nominee. There is nothing the left can do about it. If Democrats are upset, too bad. They should have confirmed Miguel Estrada.

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## COMMENTARY

# Support local news — it's crucial to our lives and our democracy

**T**he murder of five people at the *Capital Gazette* in Annapolis was tragic.

It was also a powerful reminder that local news organizations are the bedrock of engagement in a democratic republic. They inform citizens in local congressional districts, mayoral regions or neighborhood councils — the basic units of government. They are open and available; even the doors of the *Gazette's* office were glass.

**Alberto Ibarguen** *The Gazette* tells its community's everyday

story, every day. Who did what, what the Board of Ed or city council did, what streets are closed, where buildings will be built, who won the game, who got married and what's the latest joke in town. Consumers of local newspapers — or local radio, online or TV news operations — like the *Gazette* judge the reliability of the publication because they live the paper's stories. The citizen is the ultimate fact-checker — and it couldn't be more different than the distant report from national news centers or the anonymous or unverified writings that flood the internet and social media.

At the beginning of our republic, media's reach was local and largely verifiable. But for the last couple of decades, local news has been under financial stress, as readers have embraced opinion and commentary served up on the internet and cable TV, disconnected from the geographical location of the news consumer.

Unlike European and Latin American newspapers, the holy grail of American journalism has long been the full, accurate, contextual search for truth, regardless of ideology. In providing the public with accessible insights into the arguments at the core of our republic, the Founding Fathers formalized the role of the press as the staging ground for the middle, a written and spoken battlefield where wars of words are waged until common ground is reached.

This tendency toward the middle, toward principled compromise based on common interests and promoted by a local press, is the genius of American democra-

cy. Americans ultimately reject extremes, often tempering the power of an executive with one ideology by installing a legislature with another, tuning out or voting out voices that lead to the edges.

Yet today, our collective ability to engage in principled compromise is waning.

Local radio, TV, Internet and newspaper reporters have not been immune from anti-news media sentiment. They are not distinguished in attacks on journalism; by design, they are exposed to their readers which, until Thursday, June 28, seemed a good thing to ensure authenticity. And that shouldn't change.

Traditional American news reports of the kind *The Gazette* produces daily provides a shared basis of fact on which to debate decisions, the foundation for democratic decision-making. That's worth preserving — no matter the platform — because it's exactly the place where we can start rebuilding the trust that has crumbled on the national scene. They are where people in towns with different views can feel part of the same community, not just the same tribe.

While the maddening evil of the attack captured headlines, the existential threat to local news is rooted in the collapse of the ad-based business model that sustained local news for more than a century. Local publications have gone digital but mostly haven't found the way to build a robust business online, despite hundreds of experiments in membership, event sponsorships and advertising. With scale and an ability to target audiences precisely, the Facebooks and Googles have captured close to 90 percent of new digital advertising revenue over the last decade.

For the last 25 years, print, TV and radio news companies have squeezed operations to stay profitable, while still serving the communities they cover. Having been an early part of that trend, I know personally what an increasingly difficult task it has been to balance business need and still be true to the news mission. More recently, private equity investors have entered the field without any evident sense of news mission, eliminating staff and news production to levels that effectively have turned huge swaths of our country into local news deserts, unable to keep tabs on

government and corruption, or even cover daily life.

Meanwhile, some news companies, such as McClatchy, owner of this newspaper, are working to reinvent the newsroom and the news products that are credible and essential for a 21st century audience. Dozens of papers nationwide have joined the Knight-Lenfest Newsroom Initiative, that helps advance digital transformation of local news. And many dozens of nonprofit news organizations have sprung up locally across the country.

What to do? If you want to support your community, subscribe to your local paper and demand more coverage. Support local public radio news or nonprofit news outlets that are filling critical gaps in coverage. You can find nonprofit organizations across the country through *NewsMatch.org*. Foundations should follow the lead of community foundations in San Diego and Hartford, which helped launch the *Voice of San Diego* and *Connecticut Mirror*, or like the Houston Endowment's early support for the *Texas Tribune*. These online publications have added critically to local knowledge.

Many foundations have begun to invest in journalism. I applaud that and urge that they fund journalism, not advocacy. And then there are the digital platforms, the accidental publishers of Google, Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat that take, repurpose and present the work of others without sharing profits with news producers or assuming responsibility for the veracity of the information they present. That needs to change by pressure from the market or, heaven help us, from government.

I live in Miami and have worked in newspapers here for many years. I used to marvel at the fact that only 90 miles away from Florida, in Cuba, people might be shot or jailed for doing what we were privileged to do because we practiced journalism in the United States. That's a distinction worth preserving.

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The last word in astrology

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Children, family and fun should be on

perspective regarding personal traits you possess. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let situations at home drag you down.

your agenda. Get involved in physical and mental activities that you find stimulating.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions will surface when dealing with personal matters. Don't get into an argument with someone as stubborn as you are or you'll both have regrets.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look at what's involved before you commit to something you know little about. Ask for the facts and figures as well as what's expected of you, and prepare to say no to anyone trying to rope you into a joint venture.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look for a way to expel energy, but don't take risks that can result in injury. Home improvements are favored, but if you overspend, stress will leave you wishing you had taken frugality into consideration.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look for the truth, and question anyone who could have ulterior motives. Keeping your mind and body active will help you stay in shape as long as you pay attention and don't take chances that could result in an emotional setback.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Participate in something you've never done; someone you encounter will make you an offer you cannot refuse.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Check out alternative ways to pursue your goals. Don't let an emotional incident ruin your plans or keep you from sharing with someone you love.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't compensate for others. Do what's best for yourself and keep moving forward. Refrain from feeling guilty or giving in to someone using emotional tactics to persuade you to take on more than you can handle mentally, physically or emotionally.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Count your money, look over your investments and make decisions about pending legal or contractual matters that need to be resolved. Trust your intuition to lead you down the right path.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll come up with interesting alternatives when faced with a dilemma. Don't take off on a day trip without proper planning. Dealing with friends and relatives will give you an interesting

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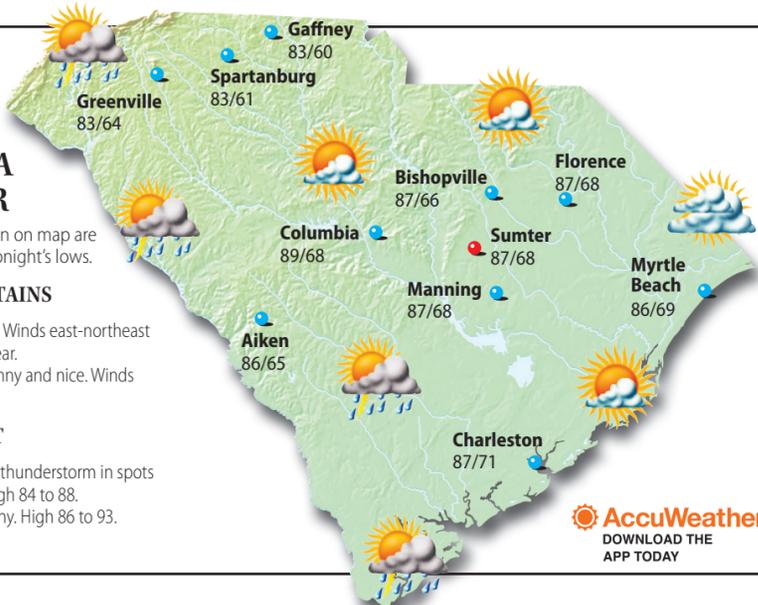
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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Ryan Moore digs for home during the P-15's 4-2 victory over Florence Post 1 on Friday at Riley Park. Moore scored the final run of the game on Daulton Dabbs' RBI single in the fifth inning. The win was Sumter's first over Florence since 2015.

## Sumter P-15's finish regular season with 4-2 victory over Florence

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
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The Sumter P-15's American Legion baseball team is set to start the state playoffs on Monday with a series

against Hartsville, and the P-15's will be hitting the playoffs on a high note after closing out their regular season on Friday, defeating Florence Post 1 4-2 at Riley Park.

Sumter finishes its regular-

season campaign with a 15-9 record, having clinched second place in League III with a victory over Lexington on Tuesday. Hartsville is the No. 3 seed.

Camden faces Lexington in the other side of the bracket,

with the winners set to meet with a trip to the state tournament on the line.

Florence, the top-seeded team from League II, suffered only its fifth loss in 29 outings. Sumter head coach Curtis

Johnson said while the game against Florence had no bearing on the playoffs, it was important for his team to get a quality win.

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## PRO BASEBALL

### Sanchez, Braves beat Brewers 5-1 to snap skid

BY COLIN FLY  
The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Anibal Sanchez pitched effectively into the seventh and Freddie Freeman added three hits, lifting the slumping Atlanta Braves to a 5-1 win over the Milwaukee Brewers on Saturday.

Sanchez (4-2) retired 19 in a row at one point to help snap Atlanta's season high four-game skid. He exited with two outs in the seventh after being hit by a liner on his right hip.

Atlanta got to Brewers spot starter Aaron Wilkerson (0-1) early to end Milwaukee's five-game winning streak. Wilkerson had taken the rotation turn of Brent Suter, who went on the 10-day disabled list with left forearm tightness on Friday.

Sanchez struck out six in a row at one point. But after two easy outs in the seventh, his day ended quickly following a walk to Hernan Perez.

SEE BRAVES, PAGE B5



Milwaukee's Eric Thames, right, reacts after popping out during the sixth inning of the Brewers' 5-1 loss to Atlanta on Saturday in Milwaukee.

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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

### 'Veteran' Junior P-15's ready for state playoffs

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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When the Sumter Junior P-15's made the Junior American Legion baseball state tournament last season, they did so as a very young team.

When the Junior P-15's begin play in the state playoffs on Tuesday to try and find their way back to the state tournament, they will do so as a veteran squad.

"We've got a lot of returning players from last year on this squad," said Sumter head coach Robby Coker, whose team will begin a best-of-3 first-round series against Marlboro on Tuesday at Riley Park beginning at 7 p.m.

"We've got a lot of guys who have been through this before. We've been to the state tournament and done that, so they know what to expect."

When the Junior P-15's advanced to the state tournament last season and finished with an 18-7 record after going 1-2, it was the first time the program had done so since 2007. They go into the series with Marlboro with a 15-2-1 overall record. They went 13-1 in winning League IV.

The second game is scheduled for Wednesday in Bennettsville with a third game, if needed, back at Riley on Thursday.

The winner between Sumter and Marlboro will take on the winner of the first-round series between Camden and Darlington. The Junior P-15's would have the home-field advantage in that series as well.

While Sumter has won the overwhelming majority of its games, Coker admits it hasn't necessarily been an easy chore for his squad.

SEE JUNIOR, PAGE B5

## WIMBLEDON

### No. 1 Halep calls self 'unprofessional' after Wimbledon loss

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
The Associated Press

LONDON — Simona Halep was ready for a vacation. It's going to start a week earlier than she wanted after she gave away a big lead, wasted a match point and lost at Wimbledon, joining the procession of top women on the way out.

Ranked and seeded No. 1, fresh off her winning first Grand Slam title at the French Open, so sure she had figured out how to overcome the big-moment anxiety that was so problematic for so long, Halep chastised herself as "unprofessional" after bowing out in the third round at the All England Club on Saturday, dropping the last five games while being beaten 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 by Hsieh Su-Wei of Taiwan.



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Ernests Gulbis returns a ball to Alexander Zverev during their third-round match in the Wimbledon Championships in London on Saturday.

"I just was too negative to myself, talking too much. I think because I was tired, because I'm tired, I couldn't stay focused for every ball," Halep said. "Mentally, I was

tired. Also physically, I feel tired. My muscles are gone."

For the first time in Wimbledon history, none of the top five women's seeds reached the round of 16.

Only one of the top 10 seeds will be in action in Week 2: No. 7 Karolina Pliskova. The only past champion at the grass-court tournament left is Serena Williams. Only two other women among the 16 left even own a Grand Slam singles title: Angelique Kerber has two, Jelena Ostapenko one.

"I mean, I'm not surprised anymore," said 2017 French Open champion Ostapenko, a 6-0, 6-4 winner against Vitalia Diatchenko, who eliminated five-time major champion Maria Sharapova in the first round. "Because every day, something strange is happening in the draw."

Far less so in the men's bracket, although No. 4 seed Alexander Zverev did depart Saturday with a 7-6 (2), 4-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-0 loss to Ernests Gulbis, a Latvian ranked

WORLD CUP SOCCER



Croatia's Andrej Kramaric, second from left, scores his side's opening goal during the quarterfinal match between Russia and Croatia at the 2018 World Cup in the Fisht Stadium in Sochi, Russia, on Saturday.

# Croatia ends Russia's run, advances to World Cup semis

BY TALES AZZONI  
The Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — Nyet this time. Although Russia made it further at this year's World Cup than most anyone expected, it was Croatia that advanced to the semifinals with a 4-3 shootout victory Saturday following a 2-2 draw.

The overachieving hosts, the lowest ranked team in the tournament at No. 70, were trying to make it to the World Cup semifinals for the first time since the Soviet Union finished fourth at the 1966 tournament in England.

Even Russian President Vladimir Putin was taken in by the host nation's surprising run, at least according to Russia coach Stanislav Cherchesov.

"Putin called me during the day, and he called me right now," Cherchesov said. "He congratulated us on a very good game. He said what we showed on the field was great. I told him we were disappointed. He said

we should have our eyes open and make the next steps."

The Croats hadn't advanced to the semifinals at the World Cup since 1998, when the country made its first appearance. Croatia will next play England in the semifinals on Wednesday in Moscow.

With the crowd silenced following an extra-time header from Croatia defender Domagoj Vida in the 101st minute, Russia defender Mario Fernandes scored with his own header in the 115th to send the match to yet another penalty shootout.

Fernandes, who was born in Brazil but rejected a chance to play for that country's national team in 2011, sent his penalty kick wide of the net in the shootout, giving Croatia the advantage.

Both goalkeepers made early saves in the shootout, with an injured Danijel Subasic stopping the opening shot from Fyodor Smolov. Igor Akinfeev later blocked an attempt from Mateo Kovacic.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

# England reaches World Cup semifinals, beats Sweden 2-0

BY STEVE DOUGLAS  
The Associated Press

SAMARA, Russia — England achieved something David Beckham's generation never managed: It reached the semifinals of the World Cup.

Harry Maguire and Dele Alli scored with headers in a 2-0 win over Sweden on Saturday, earning England's youthful team a match against Croatia for a place in the final on July 15.

"We looked composed," England captain Harry Kane said. "We looked like we controlled the game."

England's fairly muted celebrations reflected the routine nature of the victory over a hard-working Swedish side that had already gone further than expected in its first major tournament without Zlatan Ibrahimovic.

England's deep run also is a surprise. Not even the England side containing stars like Beckham, Steven Gerrard and a young Wayne Rooney ever got

this far at a major tournament.

The 1966 World Cup champions last reached the semifinals in 1990, losing the first of a series of haunting penalty shootouts. In 2014, the team didn't even make it out of the group stage.

Yet the performances of Gareth Southgate's squad — the second youngest at the tournament — are being celebrated wildly back home. Even at Wimbledon, the home of lawn tennis, updates of England's goals were spread by fans watching or listening to the match on their cell phones.

"I know the fans here are enjoying it," Kane said. "The fans at home, I'm sure we'll see some videos tonight of them enjoying it."

The chant of "On our way, on our way, to Moscow, on our way" came from England fans in one corner of the Samara Arena throughout the match, and the team's march to the Russian capital is being fuelled by goals from set pieces.



England's Dele Alli, 2nd from left, scores his side's second goal during the quarterfinal match between Sweden and England at the 2018 World Cup in the Samara Arena, in Samara, Russia, on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**7 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Irish Open Final Round from Donegal, Ireland (GOLF).  
**7:30 a.m.** — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 2 from La-Roche-sur-Yon, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:05a.m.** — Formula One Racing: British Grand Prix from Silverstone, England (ESPN2).  
**1 p.m.** — PGA Golf: A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier Final Round from White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. (GOLF).  
**2 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Milwaukee (FOX SPORTSOUTH, TBS, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**2:30 p.m.** — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Iowa Corn 300 from Newton, Iowa (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** — PGA Golf: A Military Tribute at The Greenbrier Final Round from White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. (WLTX 19).  
**3 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Week 1 Highlights from London (WOLU 25).  
**3 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**3 p.m.** — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour LECOM Health Challenge Final Round from Clymer, N.Y. (GOLF).  
**3 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Minnesota vs. Toronto (NBA TV).  
**3:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Washington vs. San Antonio (ESPN2).  
**4:30 p.m.** — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 2 from La-Roche-sur-Yon, France (WIS 10).  
**5 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Charlotte vs. Miami (NBA TV).  
**5:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Portland vs. Atlanta (ESPN2).  
**5:30 p.m.** — LPGA Golf: Thornberry Creek LPGA Classic Final Round from Oneida, Wis. (GOLF).  
**6:30 p.m.** — Professional Swimming: TYR Pro Swim Series Day 4 from Columbus, Ohio — 200-Meter Butterfly, 100-Meter Breaststroke, 100-Meter Backstroke, 200-Meter Individual Medley 1,000-Yard Freestyle and 800-Meter Freestyle (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: MLB All-Star Selection Show (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: New York at New York City (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Dallas vs. Milwaukee (NBA TV).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Golden State vs. Houston (ESPN2).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Los Angeles Angels (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Utah vs. New York (NBA TV).  
**9:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Memphis vs. Orlando (ESPN2).  
**11 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Los Angeles Clippers vs. Sacramento (NBA TV).  
**11 p.m.** — IRL Racing: Indy Lights Series from Newton, Iowa (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Los Angeles Lakers vs. Chicago (ESPN2).

MONDAY

**7 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from London (ESPN, ESPN2).  
**9 a.m.** — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 3 from Cholet, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**Noon** — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Men's and Women's Round-of-16 Matches from London (ESPN, ESPN2).  
**3:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Toronto vs. Oklahoma City (NBA TV).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia at New York Mets (MLB NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Wimbledon Round-of-16 Highlights from London (TENNIS).  
**5 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Cleveland vs. Indiana (ESPN2).  
**5:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Washington vs. Philadelphia (NBA TV).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — American Legion Baseball: State Playoffs First-Round Series Game 1 — Hartsville at Sumter (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Washington at Pittsburgh (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Charlotte vs. Boston (ESPN2).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Golden State vs. Dallas (NBA TV).  
**9 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Milwaukee vs. Denver (ESPN2).  
**9:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Orlando vs. Phoenix (NBA TV).  
**10 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at San Francisco or Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego

(MLB NETWORK).  
**11 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Brooklyn vs. Minnesota (ESPN2).  
**11:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: NBA Summer League Game from Las Vegas — Los Angeles Clippers vs. Houston (NBA TV).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	60	29	.674	—
New York	57	29	.663	1½
Tampa Bay	44	44	.500	15½
Toronto	41	47	.466	18½
Baltimore	24	64	.273	35½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	49	38	.563	—
Minnesota	38	48	.442	10½
Detroit	40	51	.440	11
Chicago	30	59	.337	20
Kansas City	25	62	.287	24
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	60	31	.659	—
Seattle	56	34	.622	3½
Oakland	49	40	.551	10
Los Angeles	45	44	.506	14
Texas	39	51	.433	20½

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 Toronto 6, N.Y. Yankees 2  
 Detroit 3, Texas 1  
 N.Y. Mets 5, Tampa Bay 1  
 Cleveland 10, Oakland 4  
 Houston 11, Chicago White Sox 4  
 Minnesota 6, Baltimore 2  
 Boston 10, Kansas City 5  
 L.A. Angels 3, L.A. Dodgers 2  
 Colorado 7, Seattle 1

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 Minnesota 5, Baltimore 4  
 N.Y. Yankees 8, Toronto 5  
 Houston 12, Chicago White Sox 6  
 Colorado 5, Seattle 1  
 Detroit 7, Texas 2  
 Oakland 6, Cleveland 3, 11 innings  
 Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Mets 0  
 Boston at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 7:15 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 N.Y. Yankees (German 2-4) at Toronto (Borucki 0-1), 1:07 p.m.  
 Oakland (Montas 4-2) at Cleveland (Bieber 4-0), 1:10 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Flexen 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
 Texas (Bibens-Dirkx 1-2) at Detroit (Fulmer 3-7), 1:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Cobb 2-10) at Minnesota (Odorizzi 3-6), 2:10 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Giolito 5-7) at Houston (Keuchel 5-8), 2:10 p.m.  
 Boston (Porcello 10-3) at Kansas City (Junis 5-10), 2:15 p.m.  
 Colorado (Senzatela 3-1) at Seattle (LeBlanc 4-0), 4:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Wood 5-5) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-6), 8:05 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
 N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m., 1st game  
 N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game  
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
 Detroit at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 Texas at Boston, 7:10 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.  
 Oakland at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	49	37	.570	—
Atlanta	50	38	.568	—
Washington	44	43	.506	5½
New York	35	50	.412	13½
Miami	36	54	.400	15
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	53	36	.596	—
Chicago	50	36	.581	1½
St. Louis	46	42	.523	6½
Pittsburgh	40	48	.455	12½
Cincinnati	39	50	.438	14
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	49	40	.551	—
Los Angeles	47	40	.540	1
Colorado	46	43	.517	3

San Francisco	46	45	.505	4
San Diego	38	52	.422	11½

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2  
 Philadelphia 17, Pittsburgh 5  
 Washington 3, Miami 2  
 N.Y. Mets 5, Tampa Bay 1  
 Milwaukee 5, Atlanta 4  
 Arizona 3, San Diego 1  
 L.A. Angels 3, L.A. Dodgers 2  
 Colorado 7, Seattle 1  
 San Francisco 3, St. Louis 2

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 Chicago Cubs 8, Cincinnati 7  
 Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2  
 St. Louis 3, San Francisco 2  
 Atlanta 5, Milwaukee 1  
 Colorado 5, Seattle 1  
 Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Mets 0  
 L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 7:15 p.m.  
 Miami at Washington, 7:15 p.m.  
 San Diego at Arizona, 10:10 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 Tampa Bay (Eovaldi 2-3) at N.Y. Mets (Flexen 0-1), 1:10 p.m.  
 Miami (Richards 2-5) at Washington (Roark 3-10), 1:35 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Anderson 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Kingham 2-4), 1:35 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Newcomb 8-3) at Milwaukee (Guerra 5-5), 2:10 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Castillo 5-8) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 11-2), 2:20 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Flaherty 3-4) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 1-3), 4:05 p.m.  
 Colorado (Senzatela 3-1) at Seattle (LeBlanc 4-0), 4:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (Richard 7-8) at Arizona (Greinke 9-5), 4:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Wood 5-5) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-6), 8:05 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 4:10 p.m., 1st game  
 Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m., 2nd game  
 L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	11	6	.647	—
Connecticut	10	8	.556	1½
Atlanta	8	9	.471	3
Chicago	6	12	.333	5½
New York	5	13	.278	6½
Indiana	2	17	.105	10
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	14	5	.737	—
Seattle	14	5	.737	—
Los Angeles	12	7	.632	2
Minnesota	11	7	.611	2½
Dallas	9	8	.529	4
Las Vegas	7	12	.368	7

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 Seattle 95, Atlanta 86

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 Washington at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Connecticut at Las Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 Dallas at New York, 3 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Atlanta, 3 p.m.  
 Washington at Seattle, 7 p.m.

WORLD CUP SOCCER

**SECOND ROUND**  
 Saturday, June 30  
 At Kazan, Russia  
 France 4, Argentina 3  
 At Sochi, Russia  
 Uruguay 2, Portugal 1  
 Sunday, July 1  
 At Moscow  
 Russia 1, Spain 1, Russia advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks  
 At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia  
 Croatia 1, Denmark 1, Croatia advanced 3-2 on penalty kicks  
 Monday, July 2  
 At Samara, Russia  
 Brazil 2, Mexico 0  
 At Rostov-on-Don, Russia  
 Belgium 3, Japan 2

Tuesday, July 3  
 At St. Petersburg, Russia  
 Sweden 1, Switzerland 0  
 At Moscow  
 England 1, Colombia 1, England advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks

**QUARTERFINALS**  
 Friday, July 6  
 At Nizhny Novgorod, Russia  
 France 2, Uruguay 0  
 At Kazan, Russia  
 Belgium 2, Brazil 1  
 Saturday, July 7  
 At Samara, Russia  
 England 2, Sweden 0  
 At Sochi, Russia  
 Croatia 2, Russia 2, Croatia advanced 4-3 on penalty kicks

**SEMIFINALS**  
 Tuesday, July 10  
 At St. Petersburg, Russia  
 France vs. Belgium, 2 p.m.  
 Wednesday, July 11  
 At Moscow  
 England vs. Croatia, 2 p.m.

**THIRD PLACE**  
 Saturday, July 14  
 At St. Petersburg, Russia  
 Semifinals losers, 10 a.m.

**CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Sunday, July 15  
 At Moscow  
 Semifinals winners, 11 a.m.

PGA SCORES

**TOUR-A MILITARY TRIBUTE AT THE GREENBRIER Saturday At The Greenbrier (The Old White TPC) White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. Purse: \$7.3 million Yardage: 7,286; Par: 70**

Third Round	
Harold Varner III	66-64-66=196
Kelly Kraft	64-63-69=196
Xander Schauffele	66-66-65=197
Kevin Na	69-63-65=197
Sam Saunders	68-63-67=198
Bubba Watson	68-66-65=199
Anirban Lahiri	67-65-67=199
Bronson Burgoon	67-68-65=200
Ryan Moore	66-67-67=200
Jamie Lovemark	67-66-67=200
Ryan Armour	67-66-67=200
Jason Kokrak	65-64-71=200
Keegan Bradley	65-69-67=201
Tony Finau	67-67-67=201
J.J. Spaun	68-65-68=201
Ollie Schniederjans	66-66-69=201
J.T. Poston	69-68-65=202
David Lingmerth	66-68-68=202
Austin Cook	66-69-70=202
Brandon Huges	72-65-66=203
Mackenzie Hughes	69-67-67=203
David Hearn	68-67-68=203
Jim Furyk	68-66-69=203
Wesley Bryan	69-65-69=203
Steve Wheatcroft	66-67-70=203
Scott Stallings	70-63-70=203
Brandt Snedeker	66-67-70=203
Billy Hurley III	66-66-71=203
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Abraham Ancer	67-68-69=204
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Kevin Chappell	66-68-70=204
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Scott Brown	70-67-68=205
John Peterson	68-69-68=205
Roberto Diaz	70-67-68=205
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Nick Taylor	71-66-69=206
Russell Henley	68-69-69=206
Stephan Jaeger	66-70-70=206
Brian Harman	67-69-70=206
Corey Connors	67-69-70=206
Cameron Percy	67-68-71=206
Robert Streb	66-69-71=206
Kevin Kisner	69-66-71=206
Chad Campbell	65-69-72=206
Whee Kim	62-68-76=206
Brett Stegmaier	67-70-70=207
Ben Silverman	68-69-70=207
Rob Oppenheim	71-66-70=207

## PRO BASKETBALL

# New Warrior Cousins calls new team's potential: 'scary'

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — DeMarcus Cousins perfectly summed up the potential of the Golden State Warriors.

"Scary," he said. The rest of the league likely agrees.

Cousins signed his contract Friday to join the two-time defending NBA champion Warriors for this coming season, one in which he'll make \$5.3 million. He isn't sure when his surgically repaired Achilles will allow him to start playing with his new team — being ready for the start of training camp seems quite doubtful — but he can already envision what might happen when he returns to form.

"Of course it's going to take a lot of hard work, a lot of hard work and dedication, and also a lot of sacrifice from not only myself but other guys on the team as well," Cousins told reporters Friday night at the NBA Summer League. "That's something that we all are aware of and that's something we accepted already."

When he returns, something he says he won't do until he's back to 100 percent, the Warriors could have a starting five composed entirely of 2018 All-Stars — Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson at guard, Kevin Durant and Draymond Green at forward, Cousins at center.

It's mindboggling even for Warriors coach Steve Kerr to think about.

"We just felt like we didn't have enough All-Stars," Kerr deadpanned in an in-game interview with ESPN's Mark



AP FILE PHOTO

New Golden State center DeMarcus Cousins (0) believes the potential of the 2-time defending NBA champion Warriors potential is "scary" with his addition.

Jones and Doris Burke during the Warriors' summer league game Friday.

Kerr told the story of his meeting with Cousins and how he asked him the following first question: When seven consecutive possessions go by and Curry and Thompson take all the shots, how will you feel?

If it was a test, Cousins passed easily. He assured Kerr that wouldn't be a problem.

"We wanted to make sure it made sense for both sides," Kerr said.

Cousins has been an All-Star in each of the last six seasons, averaging at least 24 points per game in each of those. With the Warriors, he knows the scoring numbers will likely dip.

Again, he apparently has no problem with that. He said he can see some nights where he takes only four shots, even though that's happened only

four times in his 535-game career.

"It may be some games where I'm the leading scorer," Cousins said. "I look at that as a positive. I don't have to be the guy every night. I've always wanted a team where everything doesn't rely on me and now I'm in that position."

He's going to be in playoff position as well. Cousins has never lost an NBA playoff game, because he's never appeared in an NBA playoff game. His last postseason playing experience was with Kentucky and its run to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament in 2010.

"I'm coming in just playing my part," Cousins said. "I'll do whatever it takes to help this team win. Of course, I'm in a position where I'm able to play for a championship and every NBA player's goal is to win a championship. So I'm coming in and I'll do whatever it

## PRO BASKETBALL



AP FILE PHOTO

Point guard Rajon Rondo officially joined the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday, and he expects the Lakers to be successful with him and LeBron James aboard.

## Rondo expects to 'win now' with LeBron, Lakers

BY GREG BEACHAM

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Rajon Rondo officially joined the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday with a clear idea about his future with LeBron James.

"We're expected to win now," Rondo said.

Rondo agreed to a one-year deal worth \$9 million earlier this week to suit up alongside James, whose signing hasn't yet been announced by the Lakers.

The veteran point guard is eager to be a mentor to Lonzo Ball, and he sees a chance for immediate success with the thoroughly revamped club. The Lakers haven't made the playoffs for a franchise-record five consecutive seasons, but Rondo believes they'll make immediate strides back toward contention for a 17th NBA championship.

"You put any group of players around LeBron James, as he has done (eight) straight times, he went to the finals," Rondo said. "So my expectations are the exact same thing. Even with the Warriors adding (DeMarcus Cousins) and the Rockets being who they are, I think we fit right up there in the mix. It is early, obviously, and I'm not promising anything, but at the end of the day, I expect to win. Nothing else."

Rondo is a familiar figure to Lakers fans, and not

necessarily in a good way. He played a major role for the Celtics when they met the Lakers in the NBA Finals, winning a ring with Boston in 2008 and losing to LA in 2010.

Seeing Rondo on the other side of that enduring NBA rivalry won't be as weird to Rondo as it might be to some Lakers fans.

"Does it feel strange? Um, no," Rondo said. "My battles with the Lakers were over a decade ago, and none of the players I was battling with are on the same roster."

The 32-year-old Rondo expressed no concerns about playing with Ball, the precocious passer chosen by the Lakers with the second overall pick in last year's draft. Ball will be sidelined for most of the summer with a torn meniscus in his left knee, but Rondo is eager to work on their chemistry in the fall.

"I'm excited to get a player that age and try to help him as much as I can," said Rondo, a starter for all but small portions of his first 12 NBA seasons spent with five franchises.

Rondo sees the Lakers' potential surplus of ball-handlers as an advantage. He isn't worried about finding roles for everyone in coach Luke Walton's up-tempo offense, which is designed to create plenty of offensive chances for every player.

## PRO BASKETBALL

# Moving Day: Parker, Howard pick new spots; Anthony may be next

LAS VEGAS — Tony Parker went to San Antonio as a teenager nearly two decades ago, quickly became part of the Spurs' legendary Big Three and celebrated four championships while wearing silver and black.

He's not done playing.

He's just done in San Antonio. Parker agreed to a two-year, \$10 million contract with the Charlotte Hornets on Friday, ending a 17-year run with the Spurs. And he's not the only veteran on the move, with Oklahoma City and Carmelo Anthony having mutually agreed they will part ways and Dwight Howard set to sign with the Washington Wizards once he clears waivers.

All of those deals were confirmed Friday to The Associated Press by people involved in the negotiations. Each of the people spoke on condition of anonymity because none of the moves were finalized — but the Parker move was confirmed by Spurs coach Gregg Popovich, who thanked his now-former point guard in a statement released by the team.

"It's difficult to put into words how important Tony Parker has been to the Spurs franchise over the past two decades," Popovich said. "From his first game in 2001 at age 19, TP has impressed and inspired us — day-after-day, game-after-game, season-after-season — with his passion, dedication and desire. We are grateful to Tony for 17 years of truly amazing memories."

The move reunites Parker with new Charlotte coach James Borrego, who most recently was an assistant in San Antonio. And Parker is close friends with Charlotte's Nicolas Batum, who predictably was thrilled by the news.

"Number 9, I see you soon in Buzz City my big bro," Batum wrote on Twitter.

Parker averaged career lows of 7.7 points and 19.5 minutes last season, when he lost his starting job. He was part of



AP FILE PHOTO

Tony Parker (9) has signed a 2-year, \$10 million deal with the Charlotte Hornets, ending his 17 years with the San Antonio Spurs that led to four NBA titles.

137 playoff wins with Popovich, the second most by any coach and player in NBA history. Popovich and Spurs star Tim Duncan combined for 157 playoff wins.

Parker told ESPN that it was a difficult decision, "but I had to move on."

Parker was part of the Spurs' Big Three with Duncan and Manu Ginobili. Duncan has retired, Parker is now gone and Ginobili's status for next season is unknown.

"The biggest joy for me has been to have the pleasure of watching TP grow up before our eyes," Popovich said. "All of us in the Spurs organization will miss having Tony in our program and wish him

and his family the best as he continues his remarkable career in Charlotte."

Parker has also appeared in 17 consecutive postseasons; only Karl Malone and John Stockton's run of 19 straight playoff trips are longer.

He has his rings.

Anthony and Howard will be on the move, seeking theirs.

Anthony has likely played his last game for the Oklahoma City Thunder — with the sides having mutually decided that he will not be on the team next season. It remains unclear how that departure will actually happen, as in whether it will be through a buyout, the Thunder waiving him or a trade.

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MLB ROUNDUP

# Severino gets 14th win, Chapman hurt as Yankees beat Blue Jays 8-5

TORONTO — Luis Severino pitched five innings to earn his major league-leading 14th win, Brett Gardner and Aaron Judge each hit solo home runs, and the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 8-5 Saturday.

Severino (14-2) won his fifth straight start, allowing three runs and five hits. Two of the hits were home runs, marking the first time this season that Severino has allowed more than one homer in a game.

He has allowed three earned runs or less in 16 consecutive starts.

Jonathan Holder, David Robertson, Dellin Betances each worked one inning and Aroldis Chapman got the first out of the ninth before leaving with an apparent injury. Chasen Shreve finished for New York, giving up a solo homer to Aledmys Diaz.

Gardner connected on left-hander J.A. Happ's first pitch of the game, the 14th leadoff homer of his career.

Judge piled on when he homered on Happ's fifth pitch, his 25th of the season.

Happ (10-5), a potential trade target for the Yankees, had a dreadful audition. He allowed six runs and four hits in 2 2-3 innings, his shortest start of the season.

Happ matched season-worst by allowing seven runs and 10 hits in his previous outing, last Sunday against Detroit. He has lost back-to-back starts after a six-game winning streak.

Brandon Drury hit a two-run double in the first and Gardner hit a two-run triple in the fifth before scoring on catcher Luke Maile's passed ball.

Toronto's Kevin Pillar hit a two-run homer in the second and Randal Grichuk added a solo shot in the fourth.

New York outfielder Aaron Hicks left after four innings because of a sore left leg. Clint Frazier came on to play left field in the bottom of the fifth, with Gardner moving from left to center.

Home plate umpire Lance Barrett made two ejections, both in the third inning. Yankees left-hander CC Sabathia was ejected for arguing balls and strikes from the bench moments before Blue Jays manager John Gibbons was also tossed for arguing.

**TWINS 5**  
**ORIOLES 4**

MINNEAPOLIS — Kyle Gibson recovered from a rough start to throw seven innings, and Max Kepler homered in his second straight game to lead Minnesota past Baltimore 5-4 on Saturday.

Bobby Wilson went 2-for-3 with three RBIs for the Twins, who won their third in a row.

Gibson (3-6) allowed three runs in the first inning — including a two-run homer by Chris Davis — but only gave up two hits after that while striking out nine. It was Gibson's highest strikeout total since fanning 10 batters on April 26 against the New York Yankees.



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New York Yankees starting pitcher Luis Severino delivers a pitch in the Yankees' 8-5 victory over Toronto on Saturday in Toronto.

**ASTROS 12**  
**WHITE SOX 6**

HOUSTON — Yuli Gurriel and Alex Bregman each homered and Charlie Morton won his 11th as the Houston Astros beat the Chicago White Sox 12-6 Saturday for their fifth straight win.

Morton (11-2) allowed five runs and five hits with eight strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings. The right-hander has won four of his last five starts.

James Shields (3-10) allowed a season high-tying eight runs on a season-high 10 hits with nine strikeouts in 5 2/3 innings for the White Sox, who have lost four straight. Shields had allowed one run over his prior two starts.

**ROCKIES 5**  
**MARINERS 1**

SEATTLE — Noel Cuevas hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning among his three hits to lead the Colorado Rockies to a 5-1 win against the Seattle Mariners on Saturday.

Carlos Gonzalez added a double and a run-scoring single for the Rockies, who have won five in a row.

Jean Segura homered for the Mariners, who came into the series having won nine of their last 10, but have now lost two in a row.

Seattle starter James Paxton (8-3) lost for the second time in three starts, allowing four runs and seven hits in seven innings. It was the third time in four starts Paxton allowed at least that many runs and hits.

**TIGERS 7**  
**RANGERS 2**

DETROIT — Nicholas Castellanos homered as part of a seven-run first inning for Detroit, and the Tigers cruised to a 7-2 victory over the Texas Rangers on Saturday.

Cole Hamels (4-8) retired only two batters for the Rangers in his shortest start since 2010, and Adrian Beltre had a home run taken away when Detroit's JaCoby Jones made a spectacular catch in left-

center field.

Mike Fiers (6-5) allowed a run and five hits in six innings. He struck out six with one walk.

**RAYS 3**  
**METS 0**

NEW YORK — Blake Snell blanked the Mets over a career-high-tying 7 1/3 innings, Wilson Ramos drove in a pair of runs and Tampa Bay downed New York 3-0 on Saturday.

**CUBS 8**  
**REDS 7**

CHICAGO — As far as Javier Baez is concerned, no deficit is too big for the Chicago Cubs to overcome.

Baez and his teammates showed why he feels that way on Saturday.

Baez homered and had four hits — including a game-tying infield single in the eighth — and the Cubs rallied from a five-run deficit for an 8-7 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

**PHILLIES 3**  
**PIRATES 2**

PITTSBURGH — Nick Williams, Scott Kingery and Jorge Alfaro drove in runs on consecutive at-bats in the seventh inning to help Philadelphia beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-2 on Saturday and extend the first-place Phillies' winning streak to six games.

**CARDINALS 3**  
**GIANTS 2**

SAN FRANCISCO — St. Louis pitcher Carlos Martinez found his rhythm early, both on the mound and at the plate.

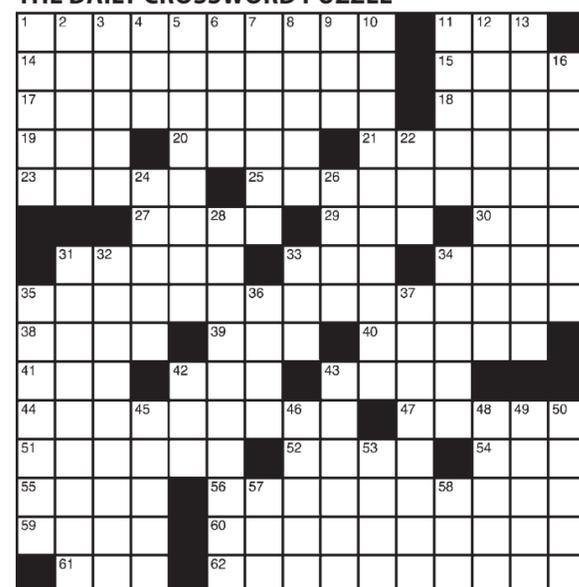
It was another encouraging sign for the right-hander, who struggled through a rough May and wound up on the disabled list for the first time in his career.

Martinez pitched seven effective innings for his third consecutive win and doubled in the Cardinals' first run in a 3-2 win over the San Francisco Giants 3-2 on Saturday.

From wire reports

## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Kyle Dolan

- ACROSS**
- 1 Shiloh's parents, familiarly
  - 11 With 15-Across, kind of vehicle
  - 14 Regional charm
  - 15 See 11-Across
  - 17 2005 Cusack/Thornton thriller/comedy, with "The"
  - 18 Caramel-filled candy
  - 19 Pukish group?: Abbr.
  - 20 The Righteous Brothers' "Ebb Tide" wasn't one
  - 21 "Really?"
  - 23 Demise
  - 25 English house symbolized by a red rose
  - 27 Julia of film
  - 29 The Jungfrau, e.g.
  - 30 Cocktail salt site
  - 31 Not abundant
  - 33 Put away
  - 34 "Smooth Operator" singer
  - 35 Great reception
  - 38 Besmirches
  - 39 Asian language
  - 40 As a whole
  - 41 Type of port
  - 42 Thrust producer
  - 43 Some code taps
  - 44 Shell-shaped dessert brand
  - 47 A bit less than a quart
  - 51 Stoolie
  - 52 Ancient Cuzco resident
  - 54 Sushi topper
  - 55 Shel Silverstein poem "Hug"
  - 56 Ball attire
  - 59 Bob Dylan's musical tribute to his wife
  - 60 Company with Wienermobiles
  - 61 "Woo-hoo!"
  - 62 Chilling account
  - 8 Ellington's "Song Go Out of My Heart"
  - 9 Crossword clue features: Abbr.
  - 10 Constitution's ratification section
  - 11 Root in perfumery
  - 12 Track through the woods
  - 13 Its worship is often forbidden
  - 16 Uniformed greeters
  - 22 Easy mark
  - 24 Prefix with gender
  - 26 29-member org.
  - 28 Dalmatian, say, to a Brit
  - 31 Store safely
  - 32 Rich pasta dish
  - 33 Long spy group
  - 34 GDR \_\_\_
  - 35 Applies plaster to
  - 36 Darling pooch
  - 37 Formicaria
  - 42 Supporting section
  - 43 Prima
  - 45 Longtime name in baseball broadcasting
  - 46 Half of diez
  - 48 Ice cream alternative, familiarly
  - 49 Lookout position
  - 50 Any of the 25-Across kings
  - 53 Dead \_\_\_: very likely thing, to a Brit
  - 57 Sorta relative
  - 58 Noir weapon
- DOWN**
- 1 Obligatory poker bet
  - 2 Tamiflu manufacturer
  - 3 Boston-D.C. service
  - 4 "Sorry"
  - 5 Feigned enthusiastic greeting
  - 6 Brown family shade
  - 7 Apollo 13 astronaut

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.

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FRAISA



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Answer here: " " " " (Answers Monday)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: GRAPH WHARF DEPUTY BABOON  
Answer: Her detailed explanation of how the toll money would be used was a — "THOROUGH-FARE"

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BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Joey Pereira gets caught in a rundown after breaking to steal second on a pitcher's throw to first during the P-15's 4-2 victory over Florence on Friday at Riley Park.

## P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

"We played a quality competitor and played well," Johnson said. "It's good for us going into the playoffs, and I'm proud of our guys. (Florence) is a well-coached group and has a lot of good players - Coach (Derick) Urquhart does a good job with them. But I'm proud of our guys and the way we battled, and hopefully we'll get off on the right foot going into the playoffs."

Sumter players agree that the P-15's have come together as a team in recent weeks, and putting together a win over Florence was a good indicator of what they're capable of when they play clean baseball and work together to manufacture runs.

Catcher Daulton Dabbs said everybody has positive feelings heading into the playoffs.

"We came out tonight and played pretty well and finally beat them, so I think that gave everybody some confidence," said Dabbs, whose RBI single in the fifth gave Sumter its winning margin. "We saw some pretty good arms tonight, and we know we can hit anybody. We're trimming down the errors and playing more cleanly."

"Our coaches have had some talks with us about becoming a team, and I think that's had an impact," he said. "They've told us we're not going to stand in there and box with anybody. We're not going to hit home runs and doubles, so we're going to have to earn every run we get."

Shortstop Ryan Moore agreed.

"Our coaches tell us as a team we've got to pick the other guys up, and when we get on we need to get the big hit," he said. "The big hit is kind of the thing that's been holding us back all year, and tonight we got them. It took us a while to get over the hump. Tonight, we played a clean game, and that was huge for us. We're just getting into the right mentality whenever we're going into games, and I think we're there now."

Daniel Twitty earned the win on the mound after com-



BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Daniel Twitty pitches in the fifth inning of the P-15's 4-2 victory over Florence Post 1 on Friday at Riley Park. Twitty earned the win, Sumter's first over Florence since 2015.

ing on in a 2-2 game in the fifth after starter Josh Bryant gave up a walk and hit a batter. Twitty struck out three and gave up only a single hit the rest of the way.

Bryant gave up two hits in the first as Florence broke on top 1-0, but Sumter manufactured two runs in the third on a sacrifice fly by Bobby Crisp and an RBI single by Dabbs.

Florence responded with a run in the fourth as Bryant gave up back-to-back hits, a sacrifice bunt and a walk before Post 1 tied the game at 2-2 on a wild pitch.

The inning might have been worse, but Rylan Williamson snagged a hot grounder up the first base line, stepped on the bag and fired home to Dabbs, who applied the tag to Florence's Dee McElveen in time to prevent any further damage.

Sumter roughed up Florence reliever Drake Adams in the fifth when Trey Yates drew a leadoff walk, advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Jacob Holladay and scored on an RBI double by Moore. Moore scored on a single by Dabbs for the game's final run.

## BRAVES FROM PAGE B1

Perez stole second, and Brad Miller's line drive deflected off Sanchez's hip and out of shortstop Dansby Swanson's reach to cut Atlanta's lead to 2-1.

Sanchez didn't appear too shaken up — smiling and getting high fives from the Braves dugout after exiting. Reliever Dan Winkler came in and recorded the final out of the inning.

Sanchez allowed one run off two hits and a walk. The veteran right-hander finished with eight strikeouts.

Johan Camargo's two-run single off Wilkerson gave Atlanta the lead in the first. Freeman and Nick Markakis added consecutive run-scoring triples in the eighth as Atlanta scored three times in the inning to put the game out of reach.

Freeman came into the game in a slump, batting .159 over his last 17 games before his three-hit performance.

Wilkerson allowed two runs off four hits and three walks in five innings. He struck out five.

Sanchez benefited from a heads up defensive play from Markakis in right field in the first inning. With runners on first and second, Travis Shaw flared a ball that should've loaded the bases.

Instead, Jesus Aguilar, at first, didn't read the play quickly enough and

Markakis fired a strike to Swanson at second base for the first of Sanchez's 19 straight outs.

Sanchez settled in from there, using an array of changeups, cutters and a four-seam fastball to keep Milwaukee's offense in check.

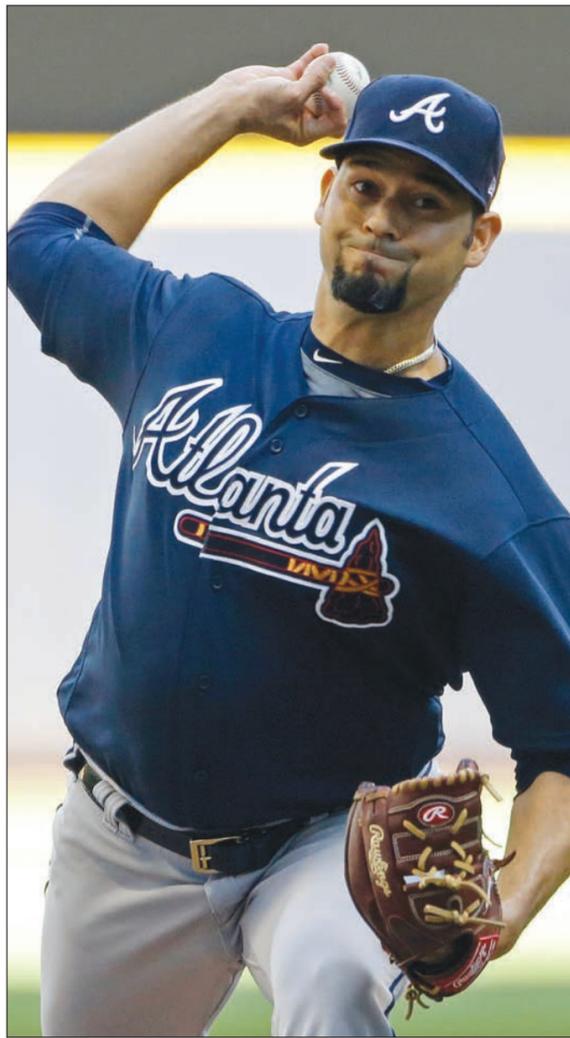
### TRAINER'S ROOM

Braves: Rookie LF Ronald Acuna Jr. was out of the lineup after leaving with left groin tightness on Friday night.

Brewers: CF Lorenzo Cain (left groin strain) is close to returning from the 10-day disabled list and could be activated as soon as Sunday. . LF Ryan Braun was a late scratch in the starting lineup with tightness in his right side, but pinch hit in the ninth. . RHP Jorge Lopez was recalled for the fifth time this year to provide pitching depth. Infielder Nate Orf was optioned to Triple-A Colorado Springs.

### UP NEXT

Braves: LHP Sean Newcomb (8-3, 3.10 ERA) looks to bounce back today after allowing five runs without getting out of the third inning in an 8-5 loss to the Yankees on Tuesday. RHP Junior Guerra (5-5, 2.87) goes for Milwaukee and is holding opponents to a .217 average in 16 starts this year.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Atlanta's Anibal Sanchez pitches during the first inning of the Braves' 5-1 victory over Milwaukee on Saturday in Milwaukee.

## JUNIOR FROM PAGE B1

"We have won a lot of games where we were behind or we were tied late in the game," Coker said. "This is a group that battles and doesn't give up. They play hard, and they know how to get it done."

Dustin Kennedy is set to start on the

mound on Tuesday with Seth Posey likely to take the hill on Wednesday. The pitching staff has been stout all season, allowing just 43 runs.

"Our pitching has been great all year, it really has," said Coker, whose son Wylie is the closer on the squad. "The main thing we tell them is to throw strikes. Walks drive me crazy. If they hit it, they

hit it, but I just hate giving them free passes."

Coach Coker believes his team's offense is starting to come back around after going through a slump. He also said defense has been a strong point as well.

"I'd put our fielding percentage up against anybody's," the head coach said.

### SUMTER JUNIOR P-15'S

Fisher Ardis	Tanner Epps
Victor Brown	Kerian Hagerty
Xavier Brown	Brennan Jones
Josh Burns	Dustin Kennedy
Aaron Carlton	Bryce Lyons
Wylie Coker	Keaton Price
Ross Connor	Austin Trapp
Sebastian DuCom	Cody Windham

## TENNIS FROM PAGE B1

138th who is the first male qualifier since 2012 to reach Wimbledon's fourth round.

In this case, though, Gulbis already has been a major semifinalist — he made it that far at the 2014 French Open, but his ranking slid because of a series of injuries — while the up-and-coming, 21-year-old Zverev has yet to have that sort of breakthrough.

Otherwise, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic and Juan Martin del Potro all won on a day the English spectators were preoccupied with two things: soccer and the sun. They followed along on cell phones as England beat Sweden 2-0 in the World Cup quarterfinals in Russia — the All England Club did not put that other sport on any of the video screens — and used umbrellas, fans and lotion to deal

with heat that reached 90 degrees (32 Celsius).

Halep essentially wilted after leading 5-2 in the third set. She wouldn't win another game.

"I tried," Hsieh said later, "to hang in there."

Halep was a point from victory while ahead 5-4 as Hsieh served at 30-40. But the 48th-ranked Hsieh got out of that predicament with a backhand winner.

Halep held two break points in the last game, but failed to convert either.

Asked when she thought she could win the match, Hsieh responded, "I don't feel I can," then leaned forward and laughed heartily. She did a lot of that during her news conference, making jokes and cracking herself up.

She plays an unconventional brand of tennis, relying on drop shots repeatedly — which, she said, tends to drive practice partners "crazy" — and gripping her racket with two hands for forehands and backhands.

Getting to the fourth round equals her best run at a major tournament in singles, although she does own two Grand Slam doubles championships. And she apparently enjoys the spotlight, because all three of her career victories over top-10 opponents came at the Australian Open (two-time major champion Garbine Muguruza), French Open (2017 Wimbledon semifinalist Johanna Konta) and, now, Wimbledon.

On Monday, Hsieh will face 2014 Australian Open runner-up Dominika Cibulkova with a spot in the quarterfinals at stake. Other round-of-16 matchups on the top half of the draw: No. 12 seed Ostapenko against 50th-

ranked Aliaksandra Sasnovich, who stunned two-time Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova in the first round; No. 14 Daria Kasatkina against 47th-ranked Alison Van Uytvanck, who beat defending champ Muguruza in the second round; and No. 11 Kerber against 56th-ranked Belinda Bencic, who defeated No 6 Caroline Garcia in the first round.

The bottom half of the bracket's matches Monday: seven-time champion Williams vs. 120th-ranked qualifier Evgeniya Rodina; 35th-ranked Ekaterina Makarova vs. 52nd-ranked Camilla Giorgi; Pliskova vs. No. 20 Kiki Bertens; No. 13 Julia Goerger vs. 55th-ranked Donna Vekic, who eliminated 2017 U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens in the first round.

Halep will be gone, off for some sort of much-needed rest and relaxation.

What will she do with the free time? "Anything," Halep said, "but tennis."

## TOUR DE FRANCE

## Froome flies off road into ditch in opening stage of Tour

BY ANDREW DAMPF

The Associated Press

FONTENAY-LE-COMTE, France — Down in a ditch, Chris Froome had to hoist himself and his bike back up to the road.

It was a startling scene when the Team Sky rider tumbled into a grassy field in the opening stage of the Tour de France on Saturday, immediately putting his pursuit of a record-tying fifth title in peril.

Froome, though, is getting used to these sort of mishaps and challenges — whether that means recovering from crashes or clearing his name of doping.

"I saw a lot of crashes out there today. It's just one of those things. We always knew the first few days were going to be tricky and going to be sketchy. It's part of the game unfortunately," said Froome, who went down with about 5 kilometers to go as the sprinters' teams jockeyed for position.

With grass stains on his right shoulder

and blood trickling down his right arm from a gash on his elbow, Froome got back up and crossed 51 seconds behind Fernando Gaviria, the Colombian who claimed the race's first yellow jersey with a commanding sprint victory.

"I'm just grateful I'm not injured in any way and there's a lot of road to cover before Paris obviously," Froome said.

When fans at the finish were informed of Froome's crash, many cheered. Froome, who was cleared of doping in an asthma drug case on Monday, was also jeered at Thursday's team presentations.

Froome was fortunate he didn't do more damage by avoiding a post near where he fell while riding at more than 50 kph.

The Kenyan-born British rider also crashed on the opening day of the Giro d'Italia in May, while warming up for the Stage 1 time trial. But Froome eventually climbed back up the standings to win the Giro — his third straight Grand Tour title.



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Chris Froome carries his bicycle after falling into a ditch during a crash with other riders during the first stage of the Tour de France on Saturday. Froome is trying for his record-tying fifth Tour triumph.

## OBITUARIES

## ANNETTE CANTY

Annette Canty was born on Jan. 7, 1957, in Sumter, to Thomasina Canty McLeod and Theodore Portee.



CANTY

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, John and Nola Williams Canty Sr. and Simon and Rosa Mickens Portee;

sister, Brenda Portee; and three brothers, Michael McLeod, Michael Portee and Frank Canty.

She departed this life on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Annette leaves to cherish her memory: two daughters, Marsha (Levern Bradley) Billups and Tamika (Larry Brown) Billups; her parents Thomasina McLeod and Theodore Portee; stepson, Howard Wright; five grandchildren, Tyrell Billups, Tyrig Billups, Tyshay Billups, Tykia Billups and Tykeem Billups; 11 great-grandchildren; uncle; aunt; nine sisters, Jeanette (Fraday) Wright, Queenie Canty, Margaret (Fred) Thompson, Nola McLeod, Barbara Portee, Shelia Portee, Melody Portee, Kathryn Holman and Francine McLeod; five brothers, Ronnie (Janice) Portee, Dedric Canty, Darryl Portee, Bryant (Termine) Portee and Theodore (Ernestine) Portee; and a host of extended family members and friends who mourn her loss.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Beulah UME Church, 2380 S. St. Paul Church Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Jonathan Smith, pastor, and Pastor Joann Murrill officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

A public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Messages of hope can be left at [www.whitesmortuary.net](http://www.whitesmortuary.net).

The family is receiving friends at 969 Cherryvale Drive, Sumter.

Services are entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC Sumter.

## RITA R. DUNLAP

Rita Riles Dunlap, age 78, widow of Leslie Dunlap, died on Friday, July 6, 2018, peacefully in her home.

Born in Sumter, on April 12, 1940, she was the daughter of the late Carl E. and the late Mary Virginia Riles.

Rita was a 1958 graduate of Edmunds High School where she was a clarinet player in the band.

She was a member of Sumter Baptist Temple. She was also a member of the Mad Hatters of the South Red Hat Ladies club, a member of the American Legion, and enjoyed playing cards and dominoes with her friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and a brother, Carl E. Riles Jr.

She leaves behind four children, Virginia "Ginny" Yonson (Pete Hulon) of Sumter,

Robin Wells (Gary Phillips) of North Myrtle Beach, Charles "Chad" Holland Jr. of Sumter, and April Reed (Jason Reed) of Princeton, North Carolina.

She was a loving and precious Nan to 11 grandchildren, Travis Yonson, Randy Yonson, Kevin Yonson, James "Jamie" Brunson (Amanda), Justin Brunson (Murray), Amber Holland, Eric Holloman, Bailey Reed, Catie Holland, Claire Holland and Claudia Holland.

She was Nan and Grandma Rita to four great-grandchildren, Cheyenne Myers, Shawn-Brandon Myers, Tannlynn Brunson, and Paisley Yonson.

In addition to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she leaves behind a special niece, Rose Marie "Rosie" McDowell, that was like a daughter to her.

Family would like to express a special thank you to Hospice-Amedisys, Aubrey Brunson and Robby Croft for their assistance and care during her last days.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. North, Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

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

## EDDIE WATSON

MANNING — Eddie Watson, 69, died on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1948, in Summerton, a son of the late Henry and Sally Ragin Watson.

Funeral services for Mr. Watson will be held at noon on Tuesday at Liberty Hill AME Church, 2310 Liberty Hill Road, Summerton.

The Rev. Robert China Jr., pastor, will officiate, and the Rev. H. Albert Sims Jr., the Rev. Lorraine Holiday and the Rev. Patricia Ragin Krautler will assist.

Burial will follow in the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 8327 Silver Road in Manning.

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

## JIMMIE NATHANIEL JR.

Jimmie Nathaniel Jr., 62, was born on Jan. 2, 1956, in Sumter, a son of Bertie Lou M. Thomas and the late Jimmie Nathaniel Sr.

He departed this life on Friday, July 6, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, Helene Mobley, 204 S. Guignard Drive.

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

## THOMAS E. KING

MANNING — Thomas Ellison King, 73, husband of Paulette Gilford King, died on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at his residence.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1945, in the Wilson community of Clarendon County, a son of the late Simuel and Ada Dozier King.

The family is receiving

friends at his residence, 7917 Greeleyville Highway, Manning.

These services will be entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

## PRINCE ALBERT

The Rev. Prince Albert went to his heavenly home on Saturday, June 30, 2018.

He was born on March 19, 1947, in Sumter County.

He was the son of the late Wisdom Albert Sr. and Mary Anderson Albert.

His loving and very devoted wife of over 50 years, minister Alice (Adline) Knox Albert, devoted herself faithfully and tirelessly to his care and to make sure he had the best of everything life had to offer.

Rev. Albert loved to preach and talk about God everywhere he went: in the home and work place.

He did many revivals. He was a very humble person of very few words.

A smile would cross his face and he would just smile until he got into the Holy Place, which is the pulpit.

He loved his home church, Mechanicsville United Methodist Church and adored Joshua Baptist Church. Each and every member and everyone who knew him loved him. He especially loved his pastor, the Rev. Eugene Dennis, his deacons, and co-workers.

But most of all he adored his wife, Mrs. Adline and his family, but he always, above all, put God first.

Rev. Prince Albert came in contact with so many people and loved them all, for a man of very little words.

He lived what he preached.

Throughout his illness, he would ask about certain ones, such as his best friends, Mr. Allen McClockin, Mr. James from Colo-fi, Mechanicsville Young Adult Choir, the Rev. Edward McDowell and all church members. He loved to sing the song "I'm Going to Trust in the Lord Until I Die."

He was a gentle giant of a man who loved his family to the end.

He leaves to cherish his memories his loving, devoted, faithful wife, Alice (Adline) Knox Albert; five children, Shelia (Johnny) Albert, Tyrone (Shirley) Albert Sr., Charlene (Rodney) A. Cain, Casandra (Jeffery) Snow; 11 grandchildren, Simon Grant, Tyrone Tyrell Jr., Tylesha, Xavier, Tyquan and Charity Albert, Tanija Sanders, Christopher Taylor, Jordan and Justin Snow, and Rashod Cain; five great-grandchildren, Demani Hart, Xavier Jr., Tyleah, Xavionna and Caiden Albert; three sisters, Betty (Donald) White, Jessie (Melvin) Ellington, and Mary (Verness) Harrison; two brothers, Wisdom (Ada) Albert Sr. and Edward (Deborah) Albert Sr.; a nephew who he loved as his own son, Darryle Albert; nieces and nephews, Wisdom Albert Jr., Sara Ann Jenkin, Rania, Shenedia, Monique, Bryant, and Jamie; two aunts; one uncle; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Rev. Albert was preceded in death by one brother, James Albert.

Public viewing was held from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturday at Job's Mortuary.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. today at Joshua Baptist Church, 5200 Live Oak Road in Dalzell, with the Rev. Eugene Dennis officiating.

Interment will follow in Joshua Baptist Church Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at the home his son, 4305 Black River Road in Dalzell.

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

## FANNIE MAE TAYLOR

Fannie Mae Taylor, 56, was born on Jan. 21, 1962, in Sumter, a daughter of the late David Taylor Sr. and Abell Jennings Taylor.

She departed this life on Sunday, July 1, 2018, in Sumter.

Memorial services were held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter. Apostle Anterral Taylor officiated.

The family will receive friends at 2385 Lil Baby Lane, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

## ELEASE MOSES DAVIS

BALTIMORE — Elease "Big Cooter" Moses Davis, 68, widow of Barbie Lee Davis, died on Friday, July 6, 2018, at her residence, 6101 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore.

She was born on March 18, 1950, in Alcolu, a daughter of the late Anthony Peter Moses and Dora Johnson Moses.

The family is receiving friends beginning Monday at the family home, 1228 Cooter Creek Road, Alcolu.

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

## OVEDA E. ROGERS

Oveda Elizabeth Rogers, 92, widow of Raymond L. Rogers Sr., died on Friday, July 6, 2018, at her home in Sumter.

Born in Bowling Green, Kentucky, she was a daughter of the late Bennie Porter Jackson and James E. Jackson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 8 Wright St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.



## KATHRYN T. DUKES

Kathryn "Kathy" T. Dukes, 61, wife of Joe W. Dukes, passed away on Friday, July 6, 2018, at her home.

Born on March 12, 1957, in Sumter, she was the daughter of Frank Parkin and Emily Johnson Thomas.

Mrs. Dukes was a member of Westminister Presbyterian Church.

She retired from Wachovia after 34 years in banking. She

was an active volunteer with the Sumter Mental Health Association.

Survivors include her husband of 42 years; two children, Warren Dukes (April) of Pittsburgh, and Lauren Watson (Michael) of Florida; one granddaughter, Ellena Dukes; two brothers, Frank Thomas Jr. (Kimberly) of Simpsonville, and John Lee Thomas (Reneé) of Camden; a sister-in-law, Brenda Vaughn (David) of Sumter; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Westminister Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Stuart Mizelle officiating.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. on Monday at Westminister Presbyterian Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Westminister Presbyterian Church, 230 Alice Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

## ROBERTO C. ALVAREZ

Roberto "Robbie" Carreon Alvarez, age 83, beloved husband of 57 years to Patricia Ann Krupa Alvarez, died on Thursday, July 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Mexico, he was the son of the late Encarnacion and Hilaria Carreon Alvarez.

He served in the U.S. Army and was retired from the Eaton Corporation.

In addition to his wife Patricia, he is survived by three sons, Mario Alvarez, Vince Alvarez, and Rick Alvarez; and several grandchildren.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 950 W. Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

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.



## CARRIE B. SCARBROUGH

Ms. Carrie Ballard Scarbrough of 218 Adams Circle in Lamar, entered eternal rest on Saturday, July 7, 2018, at the Carolinas Hospital System in Florence.

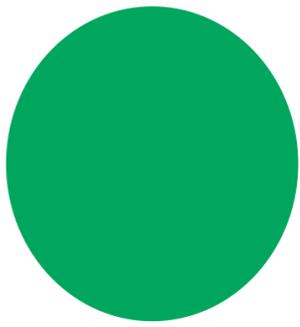
Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Bishopville.

## MARY L. JENKINS

Ms. Mary Lee Jenkins entered eternal rest on Wednesday, July 4, 2018, at her residence, 118 Janice Court in Bishopville.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, 354 W. Westvaco Road in Camden.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Bishopville.



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## WRONG WAY TO BOOST CREDIT SCORE

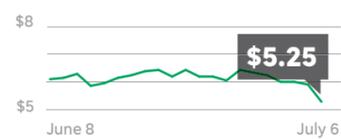
About 43 million Americans (22 percent), have wrongly carried a credit-card balance to help improve their credit scores, a new report says. Carrying a balance is not one of the five factors that makes up a FICO credit score, leaving cardholders to pay more in unnecessary interest. Younger credit-card users and those with lower income and education levels are the most likely to believe this misconception.

### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

#### BARNES & NOBLE

The book seller fired its CEO after only 14 months on Thursday and is in a search for its fifth CEO since 2010. The move made investors uneasy and lowered shares.



#### BOEING

The aircraft company formed a \$4.75 billion venture with Embraer to compete with Airbus in the market for smaller jetliners. It will own 80% of the partnership.



#### DTE ENERGY

The company challenged a property-tax bill for a power plant and if it wins, Monroe, Michigan, the city it resides in, could lose a quarter of its tax revenue.



#### FAST RETAILING

Tennis player Roger Federer appeared in clothes by the clothing company's Uniqlo in his Wimbledon match Monday. His contract with Nike expired March 1.



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**1 in 4** workers say they would give up their daily caffeine fix for increased calm in their commute.

SOURCE Volvo Car USA and Harris Poll survey of 2,020 adults  
JAE YANG, JANET LOEHRKE/USA TODAY



Making decisions now can prevent relatives from feuding later. GETTY IMAGES

# End-of-life talks difficult, but don't skip them

## Plan to cover all possible situations

**Tamara E. Holmes**  
Special to USA TODAY

Kelly McCutcheon Adams never has been one to shy away from talking about death.

Having been a social worker in such settings as emergency rooms and hospice centers, the 46-year-old from Essex Junction, Vermont, is no stranger to conversations about end-of-life planning. But when it came time to have those tough conversations with her own family, it wasn't so easy.

The first conversation took place when McCutcheon Adams was pregnant. She and her husband, Paul, discussed who would be named a guardian for their child if something were to happen to them.

"It was honestly one of the worst conversations we've ever had because you are having a conversation that is predicated on the idea that you are both dead," McCutcheon Adams says. Other difficult conversations with her parents and husband followed.

Many people see the value in discussing plans for their finances, legal matters and health care if they were to die or become incapacitated. Yet those conversations often do not take place, says Kate DeBartolo, director of The Conversation Project, an initiative of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. "We've found that over 90 percent of adults in the U.S. believed that this is important to do but only about 30 percent of them are doing it."

End-of-life planning can make the grieving process easier since your loved ones would not have to grapple with tough decisions.

For those ready to broach these seri-

ous topics, the Conversation Project offers a starter kit that can help. Here's what else you need to know.

**Think about who should carry out your wishes:** Anyone 18 or older should have two legal documents, says Dan Prebish of Wells Fargo Advisors in St. Louis. A financial power of attorney lets you appoint someone to make legal and financial decisions for you if you are incapacitated. A health care power of attorney lets someone make decisions about your medical treatment if you can't.

If you have children, you should appoint a guardian to physically take care of them if you couldn't.

**Get answers for all life stages:** DeBartolo says her husband "originally answered every question the way he would if he was 85 with Alzheimer's in a nursing home. ... "I said, "That would be great if we get to that point. I need to know now what you would want right now if something unexpected happened on your way to work.'"

**Designate, time place to talk:** McCutcheon Adams and her mother kept putting off their discussion when her mother would visit. Finally, they decided a change of scenery might help and they drove to a park. Once they were alone on a park bench, "it was an incredibly fruitful conversation," McCutcheon Adams says.

**Make conversations inclusive:** Make your wishes known to everyone you think would take a vested interest. If family members later wonder why one person was chosen to make financial decisions over another, it could cause conflict, says Neel Shah, an elder law attorney at Beacon Wealth Solutions in Monroe, New Jersey.

# How good credit can save you money

## Build up your score by behaving responsibly

**Brianna McGurran**  
NerdWallet

The need for credit sneaks up on you. If you want to rent an apartment, buy a car or get a job, you'll need to demonstrate a history of dealing with money responsibly and paying bills on time. You'll show that with a good credit score, which signals how financially trustworthy you are.

Here are three other ways good credit will make your life easier.

**You'll save money on student loans:** After you graduate, get a full-time job and build strong credit, student loan refinancing could reward you with a lower student loan payment or interest rate. You'll need a credit score of 690 or higher to qualify – unless you use a co-signer – and solid income. Refinancing a \$30,000 balance from an average 7 percent interest rate to 4 percent will save you about \$45 a month and about \$5,350 over 10 years.

When you refinance student loans, a lender pays off your existing loans and offers you a new one, with better terms. An added benefit? Because refinancing turns multiple loans into one, you'll have fewer accounts with balances on your credit report. That can improve your score, says John Ulzheimer, a credit expert who formerly worked in the credit industry.

Federal loans become private when you refinance, and they have benefits private loans don't offer. Use caution before including them in the bundle.

**You'll get freebies:** Good credit means access to rewards credit cards, which can get you airline miles, free hotel stays and other perks. But the most valuable benefit for 20- and 30-somethings might be the cash back some premium credit cards offer and the chance to transfer a balance to a card with a 0 percent APR for a period of time. With good credit, you'll likely receive a higher credit limit. That means you can spend the same amount as someone with a lower limit, but your credit utilization – what you owe compared with the limit – will be lower. That will help your score.

You can request a credit limit increase to speed up the process, says Daria Victorov, a certified financial planner at Abacus Wealth Partners in San Mateo, California. The best time to do so is if you've recently gotten a raise and already have good credit.

**You'll pay less for car insurance:** Insurers can use credit history to set rates everywhere but California, Hawaii and Massachusetts. A NerdWallet analysis found that drivers with bad credit can pay hundreds or even thousands of dollars more.

To qualify for cheap car insurance, fancy credit cards and student loan refinancing, the same playbook applies: Pay all your bills on time, keep credit-card balances below 30 percent of your credit limit, and pay off credit-card purchases by the end of the month.

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### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲0.8% week ▼2.7% month   ▲2.2% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲1.5% week ▼0.5% month   ▲6.0% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▲2.4% week unch. month   ▲11.2% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲1.7% week ▼0.2% month   ▲6.8% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex unch. week ▼3.3% month   ▼5.8% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▼0.5% week ▲14.0% month   ▲18.9% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollar per euro ▲0.0076 week ▼0.0023 month   ▼0.0540 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼0.43 week ▲0.26 month   ▲3.60 3 months
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# Dumping adviser is hard, but here's how

Make sure you have good reason, then make a call



**Pete the Planner**  
Peter Dunn  
USA TODAY

I have been dumped. I've also been the other man. So go the dynamics of a relationship with a financial adviser.

While I no longer have clients (they all broke up with me), the relationship transition between an adviser and a client still sticks in my mind as a visceral one. Did trust disappear? Did goals change? Does a reason for change even have to exist?

Sure, there are lots of parallels to be drawn between breaking up with your financial adviser and breaking up with a love interest. But there is one major difference: money. Well, hopefully that's the major difference.

There's no easy way to tell someone they failed you. That's what happened, right? You had an expectation; the expectation wasn't met.

The process of leaving an adviser has two parts: transferring your accounts to their new destination, and your adviser learning you are leaving. Once you've decided to end the relationship, here are the three primary ways to get started.

■ **Have your new adviser send/file paperwork:** There's a lot of different paperwork. The most common form involved is called an ACAT. There are full ACATs and partial ACATs. The form transfers your assets to the new account. Sometimes this requires that you liquidate your current investments before the transfer, but usually you can transfer your assets as is. Your old adviser will find out you left when the transfer paperwork arrives to claim your accounts. This is the preferred method if the relationship has gotten beyond weird. There's no reason for an avoidable confrontation, especially if the relationship has turned contentious.

■ **Contact your adviser and ask for transfer-out paperwork:** I understand you may not want to tell your adviser you are leaving. But letting your adviser



Complaints are serious matters for financial advisers, so make sure you proceed carefully before filing one. GETTY IMAGES

know is the right thing to do. A call or email will do. Thank them for their service, and let them know you are going in a different direction. They may ask why, but they probably already know why.

Here are some reasonable reasons to leave an adviser: Consistently underperforming the market, despite taking similar risks to the market; high or unexplainable fees; poor service; a bad personality match; a disagreement over investment philosophy. In all of these instances, it's not out of the question to let your adviser know why you are leaving. Your goal isn't to get into a debate, it's to end the relationship and move on.

■ **Call the firm:** In the rare instance you feel the need to create a paper trail, call the firm's customer service. There are instances in which an adviser's conduct needs to be reported. By calling the customer service department directly, you are likely to have your conversation recorded. This allows you to inform the firm of any suspected wrongdoing.

As you consider what to say, know that there's a difference between your investments lagging in performance to the market and wrongdoing. Don't blow

the whistle of wrongdoing just because you don't understand how the market works. However, if you've been promised something in regards to performance, you need to report that. But there's a big difference between promises and hypotheticals.

Be aware: You can't undo a complaint. In the financial world, a formal complaint is a *really* big deal. It will go on your adviser's permanent record. None of the reasonable reasons for leaving an adviser warrant an actual complaint. If you feel like you were lied to, or fraud is occurring, report it to their firm and report it to FINRA. Otherwise, talk directly with your adviser.

■ **A strange reality:** Some advisers are just better than others. When I was in the financial business, I had people leave me for better advisers. I was OK with that, and I'm still OK with that. Depending on where your financial person works, they may be limited in the products and services they can offer you. This isn't their fault. Some financial professionals may not be able to offer certain services based on what their company allows or doesn't allow.

And while unrealistic industry ethicists may suggest that a financial professional switch firms if he/she can't offer the absolute best solution, I find this expectation to be out of touch. A financial professional is not likely to leave the firm they are working for because they can't offer a specific solution or their pricing isn't the most competitive in the industry. Advisers risk throwing away their entire books of business if they switch firms, due to noncompete agreements. Your adviser may simply be doing the absolute best he/she can under the restraints of his/her current firm. That has nothing to do with you.

All of this is to say that if you choose to leave your adviser because of performance or pricing issues, it might not actually be that individual's fault. The fault lies in the service offerings made available by the adviser's firm.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

# 5 ways to reduce your smartphone bills



**Tech Talk**  
Kim Komando

No matter the carrier, the days of free and discounted phones are over, at least among mainstream providers. The pressure to own a smartphone is high, so how do you keep those expenses as low as possible? Here are five smart ways to keep that bill manageable.

### 1. Check out the secret carriers

"Secret carrier" sounds sketchy, but it's shorthand for a mobile virtual network operator (MVNO). These are wireless communication service providers that do not own the wireless network infrastructure they use but operate "virtually" on another carrier's network.

MVNOs lease cell coverage and data bandwidth from a big carrier – AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon – and resell it to their customers. The reception is often just as clear and strong because they're using the same technology.

Many MVNO companies offer cheaper plans than what you will find with the big providers. Sign-up is usually simple. Here are a few popular options:

■ **Virgin Mobile:** Virgin Mobile customers are using Sprint's nationwide 4G LTE network with one plan to choose from. It has no annual contract and no hidden fees. The "Innercircle" plan by Virgin Mobile costs \$50 a month for one line and comes with unlimited talk, text and 4G LTE data. You can add a mobile hot spot for \$10 a month, phone insurance for \$7 a month and international calling for \$5 a month.

■ **StraightTalk Wireless:** StraightTalk Wireless uses all of the big four providers' networks. With one line, it's \$35 a month, and you get unlimited talk, text and 2 GB of data. If you want to bump your data up to 10 GB, that plan costs \$45 a month. Its unlimited data plan will run you \$55 a month.

■ **Boost Mobile:** Boost Mobile uses Sprint's network and has 99 percent na-

tionwide coverage with voice roaming. If you have one line, it costs \$35 a month for unlimited talk and text and comes with 3 GB of data. For \$50 a month, your data is unlimited and comes with 8 GB of hot spot. And if you want to stream HD video up to 1080p, it costs \$60 a month.

### 2. Use Wi-Fi whenever you can

If you spend most of your time in a Wi-Fi-connected environment, you don't need an unlimited data plan.

### 3. Don't pay for extras

One way to cut your bill is not to add insurance on your gadget. A \$15-a-month insurance plan would cost \$180 for the year. If you have a family of four and insurance on each device, that would add up to \$720 for the year.

Don't feel like you're missing out on a quality phone just because you didn't go with the \$1,000 high-end device. Some lower-priced gadgets have all the essential features you'll need.

Scan your cellphone bill to see everything that you're paying for.

### 4. Set up data coverage alerts

If you don't have an unlimited data plan and go over the allowed amount, you're going to have to pay overage fees. These charges add up quickly.

One way to avoid overages is to set up an overage alert with your provider.

### 5. Consider a prepaid plan

Prepaid and no-contract providers often get great reception, and many people like their flexible service. You can avoid credit checks and hefty fees, and you can switch off the service whenever you want. Companies such as metroPCS and Cricket Wireless have reasonably priced monthly plans.

If you go with a no-contract provider, make sure to ask about discounts. Most offer multiline discounts.

## THE WEEK AHEAD



The U.S. unemployment rate currently is 4 percent. ODESSA AMERICAN VIA AP

# Labor market is sizzling, but can it get even hotter?

**Paul Davidson**  
USA TODAY

How hot can the scorching labor market get? We'll find out more this week when the government releases the latest data on job openings and quits.

Also, inflation is finally heating up a bit after a long stagnation, but so far the pickup has been contained, allowing the Federal Reserve to raise interest rates gradually. The latest data on consumer price increases should shed light on whether that continues to be the case.

Consumer credit growth has slowed recently, with outstanding credit-card balances and student and auto loans rising \$9.3 billion in April. That's the second-smallest increase since July 2012, according to the Fed and Nomura. But job and income growth have been healthy, and so Nomura economist Lewis Alexander expects stronger gains the rest of the year. Economists estimate the Fed on **Monday** will report a \$12 billion increase in outstanding consumer credit for May.

It would be hard for the labor market to get much hotter. In April, job openings hit a record 6.7 million. For the first time since the Labor Depart-

ment began tracking the data in 2000, job openings outnumbered the unemployed. And the portion of workers leaving one job for another remained at a post-recession high of 2.3 percent. Labor's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey for May, out **Tuesday**, will reveal whether those figures stayed at elevated levels or even advanced further, a development that would hand even more leverage to workers.

On **Thursday**, Labor releases the latest inflation data. While inflation has been picking up moderately, the annual gain in consumer prices has risen steadily from 2.4 percent in March to 2.8 percent in May. Higher food and energy prices have been partly responsible, though gasoline prices leveled off last month, Alexander says. A core inflation reading that strips out volatile food and energy costs – and that the Fed watches more closely – also has drifted higher, but not as dramatically.

Alexander figures hotel and drug prices likely fell in June after sharp jumps, while airline fares rebounded. Economists look for a moderate 0.2 percent rise in consumer prices in June that pushes annual inflation to 2.9 percent from 2.8 percent and a 0.2 percent bump in the core reading that nudges it to 2.3 percent from 2.2 percent.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Justin David Moore and Jennifer Michelle Taylor**
- **Christopher Eric Crim and Ashley Viola Pack**
- **Rodney Odell McDaniel of Ladson and Doris Frances Tice**
- **Travis Scarborough and Shavonta Keyonna-Addie Moses**
- **Christopher Ryan Stanley and Taylor Marie Barnes**
- **Seth Nicholas Ruane and Charleen Angelica Reyes**
- **Jaeontae Joe Edwards and Paula Lea Jones**
- **John Clifton McCoy Jr. of Myrtle Beach and Debra Lynn Towery**
- **Robbie Laveran Welch and Karen Renae Creech**
- **Larry Darnell Jackson and Nabila Nelson**
- **Willie Makezzer Smith and Endya Lamontia Cooper**
- **Casey Lane Ogden and Michelle Ann Wagner**, both of Dalzell

## BUILDING PERMITS

- **Darлак Realty Inc.**, owner, Advance Signs & Lighting, contractor, 1000 Broad St., \$3,500 (change face of wall signs — Walgreens, commercial); Darлак Realty Inc., owner, Advance Signs & Lighting, contractor, 1000 Broad St., \$4,500 (change face of freestanding signs — Walgreens, commercial).
- **Lewis Williams**, owner, The Centric Group, contractor, 1520 Illery Road (1510), \$36,403.50 (drywall, handrails, painting, insulation, ceiling, windows, walls, residential).
- **Bruce H. and Marie Y. Peggs**, owners, United Solar Inc., contractor, 536 Benton Court, \$29,000 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Louise G. Skinner**, owner, Renato C. Delbeni dba Premier Homes, contractor, 1870 Barnwell Drive, 1,747 heated square feet and 400 unheated square feet, \$115,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Austin Homes LLC**, owner, William Austin James, contractor, 1350 N. Main St., 1,700 heated square feet and 480 unheated square feet, \$120,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Naomi Ruth Walker Estate et al**, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 355 Deschamps Road, \$4,360 (install new shingles, residential).
- **Matthew T. Zollman**, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 691 Talisman Drive, \$8,325 (install new shingles, residential).
- **Adam Gregory and Allison Przybla**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 835 Oak Brook Blvd., \$11,070 (reroof, residential).
- **Mark T. and Sabrina A. Autry**, owners, Ram Jack of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 870 Oak Brook Blvd., \$10,794 (foundation repair, residential).
- **Peter A. and Maura M. Zappala**, owners, Sunrun Inc. dba Sunrun Installation Service, contractor, 2493 Talloak Road, \$33,000 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Troy Griffith Mims**, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 501 Baldwin Drive, \$7,000 (remove / replace shingles and felt, residential).
- **Priscilla K. Haynes**, owner, Advance Roofing Services, contractor, 2830 Hathaway Drive, \$3,900 (roofing, residential).
- **Edwin Jenkins and Peggy McElveen**, owners, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 1034 Kentwood Drive, \$4,751 (install and wrap 12 windows, residential).
- **French K. Mixon**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 364 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$7,123 (install new shingles, residential).
- **Gayle R. Rushing**, owner, James Boykin dba Baker-Boykin Construction, contractor, 26 Conyers St., 320 unheated square feet, \$14,000 (attached covered deck, residential).
- **Lyall C. and James B. White**, owners, John Bailey, contractor, 2415 Myrtle Beach Highway, 2,335 heated square feet and 825 unheated square feet, \$145,750 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Yolonda L. Farmer**, owner, Carolina Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 3960 Nazarene Church Road, \$112,000 (repairs, sheetrock, floors, rewire, plumbing, six windows, doors, HVAC, residential).
- **Harley L. and Debra F. Sims**, owners, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 3015 Temple Road, \$36,174.90 (swimming pool, residential).
- **Gregory E. and Madeline M. Hoke**, owners, Carolina Carports, contractor, 1073 Kentwood Drive, 624 unheated square feet, \$5,821.80 (detached enclosed garage, residential).
- **Nov-10 Properties LLC**, owner, Billy J. McIntosh dba McIntosh & Sons Con, contractor, 1826 W. Oakland Ave., Alcolu, \$3,985 (reroof, residential).
- **Katrinia Denise McFadden**, owner, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 601 W. Oakland Ave., \$20,000 (remodel laundry room, install kitchen cabinets and redo hall bath, residential).
- **Retreat at Sumter LLC**, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 1, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building one, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 2, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building two, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 3, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building three, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 4, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building four, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction

- LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 5, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building five, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 6, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building six, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 7, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building seven, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 8, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building eight, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 9, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building nine, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 10, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building 10, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 11, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building 11, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 12, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building 12, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 13, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building 13, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St., Building 14, \$1,250,000 (multi-family apartments — 24 units, building 14, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (clubhouse), \$850,000 (apartment complex clubhouse, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (pool house), \$78,000 (apartment complex pool house, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (maintenance building), \$30,000 (apartment complex maintenance building, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (trash compactor), \$45,000 (apartment complex trash compactor, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (garage one), \$60,000 (seven bay garage — garage one, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (garage two), \$60,000 (seven bay garage — garage two, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (garage three), \$60,000 (seven bay garage — garage three, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (garage four), \$60,000 (seven bay garage — garage four, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (garage five), \$60,000 (seven bay garage — garage five, commercial); Retreat at Sumter LLC, owner, Berkley Hall Construction LLC, contractor, 3290 Broad St. (garage six), \$60,000 (seven bay garage — garage six, commercial).
- **Shelley Kile**, owner, Jefferson Barns and Salvage Inc., contractor, 3230 Debidue Lane, 480 unheated square feet, \$3,500 (attached — butted up to house — 16x30 platform deck, residential).
- **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 1825 Ringneck Court, 2,272 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$102,528.88 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1731 Trevino Drive, 2,362 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$112,609.79 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1717 Kodiak Court, 1,900 heated square feet and 363 unheated square feet, \$91,253.19 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3240 Debidue Lane, 2,049 heated square feet and 452 unheated square feet, \$133,087.68 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1055 Dewees St., 2,049 heated square feet and 452 unheated square feet, \$132,947.85 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 40 Daufaskie Court, 2,145 heated square feet and 415 unheated square feet, \$131,024.76 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1725 Trevino Drive, 2,125 heated square feet and 363 unheated square feet, \$102,784.58 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1713 Trevino Drive, 3,040 heated square feet and 471 unheated square feet, \$126,510.73 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Mark and Jolene Pechman**, owners, Ryan Mark Peters dba Steadfast Homes LLC, contractor, 20 Baldpate Cove, \$7,745 (install new shower, tub and vanity, new lights, residential).
- **Michael S. and Stacey D. Edenfield**, owners, Ryan Mark Peters dba Steadfast Homes LLC, contractor, 275 Mallard Drive, \$7,745 (move kitchen sink and stove, relocate lights and walls, residential).
- **Edith R. Pressley Estate et al**, owner, Daniel Gonzales, contractor, 995 Lesane Pressley Lane, Lynchburg, \$5,400 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Janie Singleton**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 24 Creed St., 160 unheated square feet, \$3,699 (detached enclosed shed, residential).
- **Bowman Nickens**, owner, Thompson

- Construction Group Inc., contractor, 4320 Prairie Road, Rembert, \$4,500 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).
- **Bonnett and Faye Glover et al**, owners, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 7335 Praises Lane, Rembert, \$4,500 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).
- **Thompson Construction (F. Glov**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 7335 Praises Lane, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Thompson Construction (R King**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 4320 Prairie Road, Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Nathaniel and Sherry A. Graves**, owners, Sherry A. Graves, contractor, 914 Trailmore Circle, 196 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (put open deck over existing slab and roof and screen on 196 square foot existing deck, residential).
- **2630 Highway 15 LLC**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 2630 U.S. 15 South, \$120,000 (interior renovations, commercial).
- **James Aaron Dyson Construction**, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 3375 Alpenglow Drive, Dalzell, 1,743 heated square feet and 615 unheated square feet, \$108,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Tanisha Lawson**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 45 W. McLeod St., Rembert (mobile home, residential).
- **Manning Richards**, owner, Kirk Commercial Construction LLC, contractor, 1410 U.S. 15 South, \$25,000 (commercial demolition section of block structure, commercial).
- **James C. Sawyer**, owner, Jamie R. Josey, contractor, 2795 Old Charleston Road, Wedgefield, \$7,300 (install metal roof, residential).
- **Linda M. Brown**, owner, Golden Construction, contractor, 10 Milton Road, \$58,000 (remove burned wood, rewire, HVAC and partial roof, residential).
- **Sandhills Medical Foundation I**, owner, Boyer Commercial Construction Inc., contractor, 260 N. Bultman Drive, 12,150 heated square feet, \$1,600,000 (one story medical office building, commercial).
- **Don Quixote Investments**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 234 Pioneer Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **Arme Joyner**, owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 3005 Haywood Choice Road, Wedgefield, \$4,500 (mobile home demolition, residential).
- **Arme Joyner**, owner, William Wilson, contractor, 3005 Haywood Choice Road, Wedgefield, (mobile home, residential).
- **Annie H. Judy**, owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 3640 Furman Road, \$4,500 (mobile home demolition, residential).
- **Annie H. Judy**, owner, William Wilson, contractor, 3640 Furman Road, (mobile home, residential).
- **Andrew B. and Ann Marie Johansen**, owners, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 230 Burns Drive, \$5,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Liberty Enterprises II LLC**, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 425 Pack Road, 288 unheated square feet, \$5,861.46 (detached storage building, residential).
- **Marie A. Griffin Estate**, owner, Bruce W. Boyd, contractor, 9 Sweetbriar Court, \$21,823.68 (paint, carpet, pad, vinyl, insulation, trim and light fixtures, residential).
- **Sumter Family Health Center**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 370 S. Pike West, \$5,500 (freestanding sign, commercial).
- **Jennifer L. and Dennis R. Flyte**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 5 Dellwood Lane, Wedgefield, \$6,335 (reroof, residential).
- **Mary Eloise Goodin**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 1090 S. Hampton St., Pinewood (mobile home, residential).
- **Frank Watford Sr.**, owner and contractor, 7 Coleman St., \$5,000 (replace rotten wood and sheetrock, residential).
- **Thompson Construction Group Inc.**, owner, Atkins Roofing & Maintenance LLC, contractor, 110 N. Main St., \$37,500 (complete reroof with new insulation and TPS membrane, commercial).
- **Sharon A. Dubose**, owner, Jamie R. Josey, contractor, 510 Mimosa Road, \$6,300 (reroof, residential).
- **April Phillips and Altima Butler**, owners, Home Depot USA Inc., contractor, 5424 Plantation Drive, \$4,300 (replace six windows size for size, residential).
- **Emory D. Lewis**, owner, Terry Wayne Sanford, contractor, 1071 Sweetbriar Drive, \$5,978.50 (soffit and fascia, residential).
- **Ashley Keven Hodge**, owner, James Hodge dba G&H Builders Inc., contractor, 2240 Marwood Drive, 1,449 heated square feet and 476 unheated square feet, \$121,500 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Mungo Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 2865 Old Field Road, 2,635 heated square feet and 446 unheated square feet, \$108,156 (new dwelling, residential); Mungo Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2873 Old Field Road, 2,402 heated square feet and 460 unheated square feet, \$102,338 (new dwelling, residential).
- **MIW Properties LLC**, owner, Neocom Solutions LLC, contractor, 3215 Beulah Cuttino Road, \$28,365 (add and/or replace antennas, RRU's and raycaps at existing site, commercial).
- **Continental Tire Sumter LLC**, owner, Shambaugh & Son LP, contractor, 1805 U.S. 521 South, \$676,500 (installation of fire suppression for FGW 2B and 2C, commercial).

- **Phylicia Jefferson / Desmond T.**, owners, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 454 Isuzu Lane, Lynchburg (mobile home, residential).
- **Danny R. and Christine A. Samuels**, owners, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 315 Corn Road, \$4,350 (install new shingles, residential).
- **GDT LLC**, owner, Atkins Roofing & Maintenance LLC, contractor, 17 S. Main St., \$8,000 (remove / replace damaged wood, commercial).
- **Paul F. Mills and Brittan Calhoun**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 13 Chappell Circle, 560 unheated square feet, \$50,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Raymond L. Hodge Jr. / Carolyn**, owners, Raymond L. Hodge Jr., contractor, 23 Haynsworth St., 600 unheated square feet, \$8,000 (detached enclosed shop on existing slab, residential).
- **Ethelene McLeod / Edgar McGehee**, owners, Jacob Randall, contractor, 730 Comings Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Lawrence Wayne Braxton**, owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 730 Comings Road, 185 unheated square feet, \$3,600 (ramp for mobile home, residential); Lawrence Wayne Braxton, owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 730 Comings Road, \$4,400 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).
- **Simon Major**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Building, contractor, 1142 Manning Road, \$4,750 (install eight windows, remove / replace shingles, paint, residential).
- **Alfred and Amanda Conyers**, owners, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Building, contractor, 819 Mathis St., \$4,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **William R. Boatman**, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 1940 Millwood Road, \$6,000 (remove / replace shingles / felt, residential); William R. Boatman, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 40 Burkett Drive, \$4,000 (remove / replace shingles / felt, residential).
- **Maplecreek Properties LLC**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 1500 Mooneyhan Road, \$4,362 (reroof only, residential).
- **Eartha D. Kearse**, owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 219 Carver St., \$8,953.07 (redo roof, ceiling, floor, walls, residential).
- **Colzie E. Sanders**, owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 30 Inglewood Drive, \$13,416.42 (redo roof, ceiling, walls, floors, residential).
- **Marian Kendrick**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 5720 TB Wright Road, Rembert, \$8,000 (roof, smoke detector — not wired — deck — change water heater, residential).
- **Virginia Cuttino Jones**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 810 Antlers Drive, 934 heated square feet, \$108,000 (living room and bathroom addition, residential).
- **Sumter County**, owner, Hardee Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 3231 Frierson Road, Dalzell, 3,560 heated square feet, \$279,800 (new EMS station, commercial).
- **Jeffery D. Lingefelt**, owner and contractor, 580 Deschamps Road, 885 unheated square feet, \$11,500 (detached closed covered patio, residential).
- **Nellie M. Morris**, owner, DSW Homes LLC, contractor, 399 Albert Drive, \$8,820.74 (redo roof, floors, walls, residential).
- **Cassie L. and Scott Just Chambers**, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 127 Curtiswood Ave., \$5,490 (reroof, residential).
- **Vincent R. Fabbio / Carol M. Fab**, owners, Griffin Pools & Spas, contractor, 1705 Mistletoe Lane, \$4,135.93 (above ground swimming pool, residential).
- **Josephine Holliday**, owner, Capstone Glass LLC, contractor, 997 Dover Circle, \$12,936 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Suzanne Eckert**, owner, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 519 Colonial Drive, \$5,187 (reroof, residential).
- **Betty M. Cockerill et al**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 2331 U.S. 521 South (2333), \$4,445 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **Nell L. McDaniel**, owner, Randolph Wells dba Wells Builders, contractor, 221 Hasel St., \$4,700 (cover roof with new shingles, residential).
- **Chong L. Lin and Huo Ying**, owners, Nunnery Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 15 Shem Cove North, \$8,100 (install new shingle roof, residential).
- **James E. Durant and Sara S. Todd**, owners, James E. Durant, contractor, 75 Nash St., \$20,000 (alt from attached garage / utility room to bedroom and bathroom, residential).
- **Denise Sublette Dunn**, owner, David B. Trapp, contractor, 2770 Windmill Drive, 725 heated square feet and 780 unheated square feet, \$101,400 (attached garage addition with room above / final elev cert prior to, residential).
- **GP of Sumter LLC and Kathie Rappe**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 418 E. Liberty St. (246), \$4,890 (reroof only, commercial).
- **James C. and Makiko Atwood**, owners, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 2843 Hathaway Drive, \$7,358 (remove / replace 10 windows with no change to structure, residential).• Murline S. and John E. Ingram, owners, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 3975 Cottage Path, \$9,651 (install new shingles, residential).• Eric L. and Jenna Leigh Stevens, owners, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 917 Trailmore Circle, \$5,000 (install new shingles, residential).

# REFLECTIONS

ERVIN DAVID SHAW • SEPT. 30, 1894 — JULY 9, 1918

## Air base named for Sumter pilot

**R**eflections remembers Lt. Ervin D. Shaw, who was killed on July 9, 1918, during World War I. He and his gunner were on a mission to locate troops, guns and equipment behind German lines. His plane was attacked by three enemy scout planes and shot down, killing both Shaw and his gunner. This daring young man, who died 100 years ago, has left a legacy including having Shaw Air Force Base named in his memory. The information used to prepare this article was taken from *The Sumter Item* archives.

Photos were made available by Ervin Shaw, nephew and namesake of Ervin D. Shaw. The following article was published in the *Sumter Daily Item* shortly after the naming of Shaw Air Force Base and is being reprinted with a modicum of editing.

“First Lt. Ervin David Shaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shaw, was born Sept. 30, 1894, in Alcolu, about 15 miles south of Sumter. His parents moved to Sumter while he was attending grade school. Lt. Shaw attended Sumter High School, graduating with the class of 1911, and went to Davidson College, and the University of Georgia.

“In September 1917, just before his 23rd birthday, Lt. Shaw enlisted in the Army and was commissioned in the Aeronautical Section of the Signal Corps. He was then sent to Columbus, Ohio, for aviation training.

After finishing elementary training, Lt. Shaw went overseas early in 1918 with the American Expeditionary Force in Britain. In April 1918, he was attached to the RAF and took advance flight training at Oxford and in Scotland. Transferred to France late in May, Lt. Shaw was one of the first American flyers to get into action against the enemy after the U.S. declaration of war. He wrote home in June telling of his first victory. On July

9, 1918, Lt. Shaw was flying a solo reconnaissance mission behind German lines in a British Mo. B 1113 Bristol aircraft. Returning from deep inside enemy territory, he encountered three enemy scouts and was immediately engaged

by them. In the ensuing combat, he destroyed one of the enemy aircraft, but his own ship was hit in the fuel tank and blew up in midair, killing Lt. Shaw and his gunner.

“A movement to name Sumter’s new Army Airfield after Lt. Shaw was started at a reunion of his high school class in May 1941. The campaign was based on the fact that he was the first Sumter man to be killed in action and the only Sumter County aviator to die in combat. There were three candidates (all deserving the honor) with Shaw’s name being selected by the War Department. Shaw Field (now Shaw Air Force Base) was activated in November 1941, and the first class of cadets arrived for basic flight training Dec. 15, 1941.”



**Sammy Way**  
REFLECTIONS



Shaw Air Force Base was named for Lt. Ervin D. Shaw, who was killed 100 years ago during World War I.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS



ABOVE: Ervin David Shaw is seen third from left with other soldiers.



Shaw was killed after encountering enemy scouts in his aircraft behind German lines.

RIGHT: Col. Philip Ruhlman, 20th Fighter Wing commander, meets Ervin Shaw, a descendant of 2nd Lt. Ervin Shaw, one of the first Americans to fly combat missions in World War I. Shaw Air Force Base was named in the lieutenant’s honor.



Shaw flew a solo reconnaissance mission in a British Mo. B 1113 airplane behind enemy lines. He was attacked by German scouts and his plane downed, killing Shaw and his gunner.

## Rat Season begins at Clemson; extension program reorganized

75 YEARS AGO — 1944  
Jan. 29 — Feb. 4

• First Lt. James Dow Harrelson, who is missing in overseas action, may be a prisoner of war. According to a message from the foreign broadcast intelligence service of the Federal Communications Commission, the name of Lt. Harrelson was mentioned in an enemy broadcast picked up, as being a prisoner in German hands. The purpose of such broadcasts is to gain listeners for enemy propaganda which the programs contain.

• Sumter High School dropped a 16-20 decision to Camden's Bulldogs at Camden. The Gamecocks, trailing

through three periods, jumped into a 2-point lead near the close but fell back to drop their second game of the year. The Bulldogs used a zone defense to slow down the Gamecock attack,



Yesteryear  
in Sumter

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and as a result the score was held down. High scorer in the slow contest was Wilson, the Camden center, with only six points. Sumter's guards tried long shots in an attempt to overcome the stubborn Camden defense, but they missed the mark.

• Alfred Scarborough Jr., popular president of the Edmunds High School student body, was honor guest at several parties prior to leaving for Davidson College to enroll in the freshman class. David Edens, who as vice president of the student body will fill Alfred's unexpired term as president, was host at a stag dinner for Alfred on Wednesday night. A red, white and blue color scheme was featured, and covers were laid for eight. After dinner, Monopoly was enjoyed.

• Lt. David D. Lenoir Jr. was killed in a plane crash near Rapid City, South Dakota, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Lenoir, were informed. The wire telling of his death was received by his family shortly after the crash. No details were given. Lt. Lenoir, pilot of a B-26 bomber, received his wings last May at Ellington Field, Texas. He was stationed at Battle Creek, Michigan, for a while and was based at Casper, Wyoming, at the time of his death. He also had seen duty at McDill Field, Florida, and at the Ardmore Army air base in Oklahoma. He graduated from Sumter High and attended Clemson College before entering the Air Force.

• Disney's Victory Through Air Power, a full-length feature film adapted from Maj. Alexander Seversky's book of the same name, will be shown at the Carolina Theater at regular Sumter Theater prices. The film is considered to be Disney's best, and it is especially timely because of the Allied air offensives which are now being turned against the enemy. Aviation's first tricontinental flight is reproduced in the film, and this sequence detailing in pictures the evolution of the airplane serves as a prelude to Seversky's views which are unfolded in live action and animation.

• Purchase of the municipal power plant from Carolina Power and Light Co. was announced by W. E. Brunson, owner of Sumter Electric Rewinding Co. The building, located at the side of the overhead bridge on Main Street, will house Rewinding Co. as soon as renovation is completed, according to Mr. Brunson. The building purchased was completed in 1921 during the administration of the late L. D. Jennings and later bought from the city by Carolina

Power and Light Co. That company will retain the original power plant and ice house, it was learned. In moving to the power plant on South Main, The Electric Rewinding Co. will be returning to a place near its original site, Mr. Brunson stated. The company began business in 1923 in that vicinity. At present, the rewinding firm is located in three buildings on East Liberty Street.

• During its two years and a month history, flyers at Shaw Field have spent a total of more than 500,000 hours in the air, officials of this Air Force Training Command's basic pilot school revealed today. The records show that the half-million mark in flying hours was passed early this week and represents time in the air by both flying officers and aviation cadets since the field was first opened in December of 1941. Officials consider this a high figure for a field of this size, and the flying time represents more than 69,000,000 air miles traveled during the past two years. During these 500,000 hours of flying, several thousand aviation cadets have graduated into advanced flying schools where they have won wings and their assignments with various units of the Air Force.

• The press exhibit at St. Anne's Parish Hall opened last night to an enthusiastic group of visitors. The striking effect in the arrangements was commented on and admired. Three of the larger tables form a V for Victory, while at their base three small tables and a longer one are so spaced as to give the Morse Code for the letter V.

• Mayor F. B. Creech presented the beautiful recreation center at 42 Council St. to black soldiers and citizens in a formal dedication last night. Several hundred persons were present for the reopening of the recently renovated and modernized community house. "It is the ambition of our churches, schools and people to provide wholesome recreation for the community," Mayor Creech said, mentioning the work of the U.S.O., Jenkins Center and the Recreation Hall over Lawson's. "The city purchased this Council Street building, and the beautiful center is for the use of the black soldiers and civilians," he said. "Each of you are part owner of this center," said City Manager J. A. Raffield, "and all should contribute to its success and proper upkeep."

50 YEARS AGO — 1968  
Sept. 29 — Oct. 5

• Luther B. Wimberly retired today as court reporter for the Third Judicial Circuit after 38 years of service. The circuit he served for the long span of years includes Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Williamsburg counties. Wimberly came to Sumter in 1930 from Columbia, where he was working with the state of South Carolina. He is a St. Matthews native.

• The opening of the Sumter County Fair was unavoidably delayed, according to Cliff Brown Sr., manager of the fair, because of the late arrival of the midway attractions. Brown apologized for the postponement but explained that it was "deemed necessary to avoid shortchanging the people who would have attended and found a half-completed midway." The late arrival of the midway attractions was because of the 500-mile trip to Sumter from their previous engagement in Maryland.

• "Rat Season has always been a time when each man and woman gets better acquainted and feels as if they are a real part of Clemson itself." The preceding is an excerpt from the dedication speech given at the opening of Rat Season last year by Robert



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1993 — Marion Young, right, and Helen Carroll examine corn for sale at the Seeds of Hope farmers market at First Presbyterian Church.

Reynolds, president of the student body. Rat Season at Clemson carries with it many meanings, but only a few will be given. It is the time of year when incoming freshmen are initiated into the long-standing tradition of the school. Also, these Rats are expected to serve Clemson and its students. For reasons beyond explanation, a unique kind of love develops for Clemson and all it stands for.

• Architects have issued a re-advertisement on revised plans for bids covering the construction of Sumter's new proposed fire department building at Magnolia and Hampton Streets. Bids will be opened Oct. 29 at 3 p.m. at city hall. James and DuRant, Sumter architects, have distributed revised drawings and specifications to general contractors proposing to bid on the structure a second time. The plans now have revisions to scale down the cost from the low bid of \$342,660 received Aug. 20 when bids were opened on the original drawings. That bid, along with seven other base bids ranging higher, was rejected by city officials.

• There were the delicate tracks of a deer, a snail feeling its cautious way up a tree trunk, big turtles sunning lazily on logs, tiny fish darting in frenetic patterns through the water, a speckled lizard crawling up a wall made of the shells of tiny sea creatures deposited millions of years ago, chunks of Fuller's earth with a history of its own, the entranceway to a giant woodpecker's home in a tree trunk. One could taste the leaf of a sourwood tree, breathe fresh forest air, exercise certain long-lazy leg muscles and fall in love with this bit of fascinating and unspoiled nature along the hiking trail at Poinsett State Park near Wedgefield. Just-christened "Coquina Trail" at Poinsett has a new look. Although the basic trail around the lake has been in use for 30 years, park superintendent Joe Frank Watson and his staff have revamped it to make a self-interpretive venture for hikers.

• "A Salute to Sumter County" is the theme of the flower show at Sumter County Fair under sponsorship of the Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter. The outstanding Tricolor award which was won by Mrs. John McFaddin of the Poinsett Garden Club paid honor to the farmers of the county. The container was a bread tray, the background representing growing wheat, with a symbolic use of peas, peppers and squash.

• SSgts. Arthur L. Wood and Edward D. Vaughn were recently presented medals for their service with rescue units in Southeast Asia. Both men are now assigned to Det. 9, Eastern Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center here. Sgt. Wood was presented the first and second oak leaf clusters to

the Air Medal and Air Force Commendation Medal while Sgt. Vaughn was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross. Sgt. Wood was presented his medals for meritorious service while stationed with Det. 9, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service, Pleiku Air Base, Vietnam. Sgt. Vaughn distinguished himself while serving as a flight engineer on a CH-3 helicopter on a hazardous mission deep into enemy territory.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993  
July 2 — 8

• Sumter County Clemson Extension Director Rowland Alston says he'll have more time to work with local farmers now that Clemson University has reorganized its extension program. To reduce mid-level management and increase efficiency, Clemson has appointed 13 county directors to oversee the extension service's educational programs in multi-county clusters. The move will allow county directors to be more involved in the programs they oversee and to save money. "The public won't notice any major change," Alston said. "They just may see more of me. The extension service is just looking to reorganize and maximize use of the sacred, dwindling tax dollar."

• A day after beating Bishopville in seven innings on the road, Manning Post 69 dropped Dalzell 11-1 in seven at Manning County Field. Manning, now 9-3, still holds on to second place in League III behind Sumter, 12-0. "I don't know, this win should get us close to being in the playoffs, if not in," said Manning coach Bill Brewer. "I don't know where everything stands right now, but that's our goal (to make the playoffs)."

• Despite committing five errors in the top of the fifth inning, Sumter bettered its chances of clinching the American Legion baseball League III title by beating Camden 12-5 at Riley Park. Sumter, now 13-0, shook off an error-infested fifth inning and held on to top Camden in the nine-inning contest. The P-15's took a 6-0 lead with three runs in the first and second innings. Sumter upped its margin 8-0 in the fifth, and it looked as if the game was going to be over early because of the 10-run rule. But Camden, which finished the game with eight hits, took advantage of five Sumter errors and scored five runs to make it 8-5.

• Stephanie Moore, a Morris College senior honor student, has just completed a very important phase of her cooperative education experience as a participant in the Morris College Cooperative Education and Placement Program. Co-Op is a national program that focuses on career orientation, experience and placement for participating students. Students spend about half a year in a job related to their major. They spend the

other half of the year on the college campus meeting academic requirements. Moore was a Co-Op participant with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, within the Division of Federal Investigation in Washington, D.C.

• Short courses to prepare individuals for re-certification in the insurance field are being offered by Central Carolina Technical College's Division of Continuing Education. "There is a new licensing requirement that insurance underwriters must earn a minimum of 24 hours of continuing education credits every two years to maintain their license," said Sue Ellen Shultz, program manager. "Beginning in July, we are offering courses to help people in the insurance field comply with these requirements. Since people's schedules vary so much, we are scheduling classes at a variety of times and days, including some weekends."

• Holiday revelers are urged to use caution when setting off fireworks and driving on the state's roads this Fourth of July weekend, law enforcement officials say. Sumter County Sheriff Tommy Mims said deputies will be working extra shifts to check for drunken drivers and to ensure motorists' safety during the three-day weekend. Sumter Police Department will be setting up sobriety checkpoints, and the state Highway Patrol is expected to set up similar checkpoints across the state. Fireworks safety is also a concern, Sumter Fire Chief Eli Parnell said.

• John Mahon misses the ducks that used to waddle up from Second Mill Pond and peck at the handfuls of corn he scattered in his back yard. Octavia Mahon misses watching the sun set and reflect off the still water behind their Mattison Avenue home, which the couple built in 1955. They no longer eat breakfast to a view of fishermen casting lines and waiting patiently for a bite from out of the bream beds that lined the Mahons' property. Now, they look at a pond bed overgrown with weeds that hide a small stream which wanders through it before emptying into the Pocatigo Swamp.

• About half of the 28 drivers at Sumter's Blue Ridge Transfer Co. Inc. have resigned because of restructuring at Blue Ridge's parent company. The drivers were told they would have to start leaving their trucks at the company's main terminal in Thomasville, North Carolina, on the weekends at the end of their hauls instead of continuing to leave them in Sumter, said Mike Altman, an independent contractor who runs Blue Ridge's Sumter terminal with his brother, Randy. Unwilling to make the weekly commute to and from Thomasville, about half of the drivers — all of whom live in Sumter — quit last weekend, Mike Altman said.

# the Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## The Castle at the Beach

Long, dark corridors run the length of the strange building. The walls are masonry, and the floors and ceilings are concrete. Ornate metal bars cover the large windows. Many small rooms line the corridors.

There is an open, central courtyard with shrubbery and palm trees. An unusual tower looms three stories high above the courtyard. There is a wall across the back with a heavy set of wooden gates that open to a long, straight



**Dan Geddings**

causeway. The narrow concrete causeway is flanked by a thick maritime forest that seems to form a tunnel over the road.

The front of the massive structure faces the dunes and the vast Atlantic Ocean. The walls seem to hug the sandy ground and seem proportionally low for the overall size of the old compound. The flat roof adds another visual anomaly.

My first visit was many years ago on a trip to the beach with my parents. The old castle was open then, and we wandered throughout the building. Even as a child, I

was fascinated with the strange structure. It seemed so out of place, and I wondered why anyone would build something so odd, like this, at the beach.

We had stopped on the way, along the road that crossed the marsh, to look at the alligators. Many cars were pulled over to the side of the road, and the people were throwing chicken bones and bread scraps to the gators. I wondered about the presence of alligators in the coastal salt marsh, and on subsequent visits I learned more about the castle and the land.

Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington built the castle, that Archer named Atalaya, on the beach as a winter home in the early 1930s and developed Brookgreen Gardens, inland across the coastal highway, as an outdoor showcase for Anna's sculptures. The state eventually acquired the beachfront property and established Huntington Beach State Park. Brookgreen Gardens is now a world-class outdoor sculpture garden.

On a recent trip to the Georgetown area my wife, Ginger, and I decided to make the short drive across Winyah Bay to the Hammock Shop on Pawley's Island. Ginger wanted to get a hammock for our swing shed in the back yard, and I wanted to get a look at the ocean. It was a Sunday, and we didn't realize that the shops were closed until noon.

Since we had about an hour, I decided to drive on to



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The back entrance to the castle Atalaya is seen.

Huntington Beach. We were not dressed for a beach outing, and it was very hot, but we needed a little diversion. I noticed signs posted along the entrance road warning visitors not to feed the alligators. I also noticed that the tide was low to the left of the road, but the water level was higher on the right side where the gators lived.

We parked in the big parking lot and walked the boardwalk over the dunes to the pure white sandy beach. The great ocean stretched to the horizon under a cloudless blue sky, and a steady cool breeze swept across the crescent of beach that arched out of sight to the north and south. People were scattered up and down the shoreline. It was magnificent! I had dressed in jeans and boots to visit a construction site in

Georgetown, but now I wished for a pair of shorts. Ginger was also in jeans.

We didn't linger but a few minutes, then headed back over the dunes to the parking lot. I could not leave without taking a look at the old castle that sits off to one side, and we walked the sidewalk over to the back entrance. The castle is open now to guided tours through the summer. We didn't have time for a tour and retreated to the air conditioning in the gift shop across the parking lot.

I found a book in the gift shop written by Robin R. Salmon about Atalaya. It opened my eyes to the things about the castle that I had thought were so odd. Archer Huntington had a lifelong love for Spanish culture. He had traveled and studied in Spain for many years, and

the castle was modeled on the Moorish type architecture that he had seen there. It was built from his memory without any plans.

The narrow causeway was paved in concrete on the original road to the castle. The modern road crosses over the embankment that he had built to create a freshwater pond for waterfowl. Thus it seems the alligators were always in fresh water, not salt marsh. The original sand dunes were washed away by a hurricane in 1954, and the area is now used as a modern-day parking lot.

The castle Atalaya made perfect sense to him, and I will visit again and look at it with a newfound sense of understanding.

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## Shepherd's 1st fish

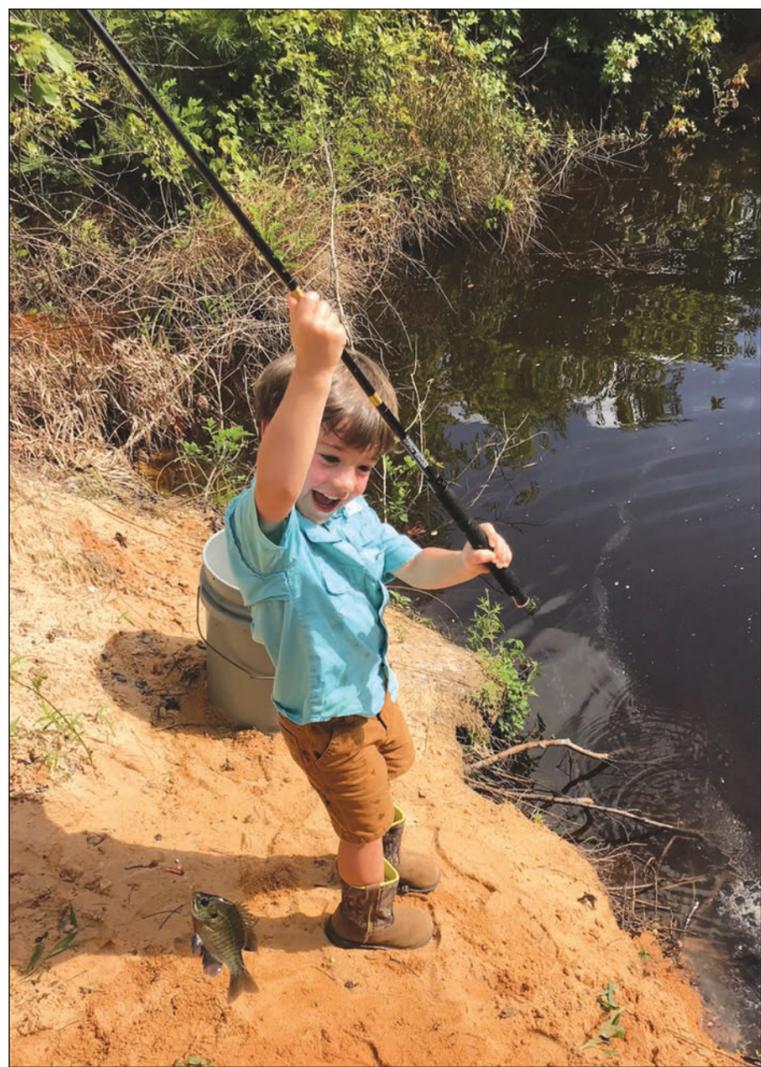


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Shepherd Rowell, 3-year-old son of Michael and Kelly Rowell, reacts to his first catch (a bream) June 30 at a private pond in Pinewood.

## Fertilizer 101: It's simpler than you might think

BY LEE REICH  
Associated Press

Every garden needs periodic fertilization. "Designer" fertilizers are available for some kinds of plants, and so are fertilizers that you're directed to apply at specified times throughout the season. So roses get their rose food, tomatoes get their tomato food, and so on, on schedule.

All this effort might make you feel good but isn't really necessary for your plants. Feeding plants can be simple.

For example, forget about all the machinations of getting fertilizer deep into the soil to feed the roots, as is sometimes recommended. Plants' feeder roots are mostly in the top few inches of soil, so just sprinkle fertilizer on the surface or, at most, scratch it into the surface. Rain, time and earthworms will put the nutrients where they belong.

### GENERAL KINDS OF FERTILIZERS

Fertilizer recommendations often call for fertilizing two or more times each growing season. In fact, most "chemical" (or "synthetic") fertilizers must be applied in small doses throughout the season. These chemicals dissolve quickly in the soil so can wash away or burn plant roots if a season's worth is applied all at once.

You can get by with a single application of chemical fertilizer if you use a type specially formulated to release its nutrients into the soil at a slow rate. Such fertilizers usually are called "slow release" or "controlled release" fertilizers.

Most "organic" fertilizers, which are derived from natural minerals, plants or animals, are either slowly soluble in water or release their nutrients as they are "gobbled up" by soil microorganisms. In either case, nutrients are bled slowly into the ground, the practical effect of which is that you only need to apply the fertilizer once per season.

Bagged or homemade compost is a special slow-release fertilizer. It's relatively low in nutrients (so low that it can't be legally called a "fertilizer").

But besides offering plants food, it also improves the soil for aeration and moisture retention and supports a wide variety of pest-fighting and otherwise beneficial microorganisms. A layer of an inch or two laid down annually will provide a feast for plants.

In fact, any bulky organic material — wood chips, straw or wood shavings, for example — laid on the ground as mulch will, as it decomposes, enrich the soil with nutrients (and provide some of the same benefits as compost). But the benefits will accrue at a much slower rate. Your plants might be hungrier for a more immediate feeding.

For an organic fertilizer with less bulk, use some type of seed meal such as cottonseed or soybean meal, available at garden centers and feed stores. For ease of handling, pelleted organic fertilizers are also available.

### MORE WAYS TO APPLY FERTILIZERS

Another easy way to fertilize is by injecting fertilizer right into the water line while you are watering. Fertilizer injectors attach near the hose spigot and bleed fertilizer at the correct rate into the hose line either from solid tablets or from a concentrated fertilizer solution you mix up. A fertilizer injector could be combined with a drip irrigation system.

Install a backflow preventer, sometimes called an anti-siphon device, at the spigot whenever you use a fertilizer injector to avoid siphoning fertilizer into your water system should your water pressure drop. Fertilizer injectors can only be used with readily soluble fertilizers.

### MODERATION IS NEEDED

As much as fertilizer is needed in a garden, too much can be as damaging as not enough, rendering plants susceptible to pests and burnt roots, even killing plants. Follow application directions.

Also, we'll soon be approaching that midsummer time when plant growth should start to slow down in preparation for winter and should not be stimulated by fertilizers.

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

**(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)**  
C/A NO: 2018-CP-14-00196  
DEFICIENCY WAIVED

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON**

**U.S. Bank National Association, PLAINTIFF,**

**vs.**  
**Patricia Hutson; Donald Hutson; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; Albert Hamilton and if Albert Hamilton be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Albert Hamilton, distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Albert Hamilton, and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe**

**DEFENDANT(S)**

**TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:**

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

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

**TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:**

**YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an

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appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.

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**TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**  
**YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina, on May 9, 2018.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION**

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

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

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

**IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION.** If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

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

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

**NOTICE TO APPOINT ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S) IN MILITARY SERVICE TO UNKNOWN OR KNOWN DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:**

**YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED** that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for the appointment of an attorney to represent you within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you Plaintiff's appointment will be made absolute and no further action from Plaintiff.

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)**  
C/A NO: 2017-CP-14-00340  
DEFICIENCY WAIVED

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF CLARENDON**

**DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, as Trustee for HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED TRUST Series INABS 2005-D, HOME EQUITY MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES Series INABS 2005-D,**

**PLAINTIFF,**

**vs.**

**Sammie L. Dingle a/k/a Sammie Lee**

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**Dingle, Sr. and if Sammie L. Dingle a/k/a Sammie Lee Dingle, Sr. be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of Sammie L. Dingle a/k/a Sammie Lee Dingle, Sr. distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Sammie L. Dingle a/k/a Sammie Lee Dingle, Sr. and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Anthony Dingle; Antonio Dingle; Keith Dingle; Sammie Lee Dingle, Jr.,**

**DEFENDANT(S)**

**TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:**

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

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**NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT**

**TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:**

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**SUMMONS**

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2018-ES-43-00310**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**Johnny Ray Bradley, Petitioner,**

**VS.**

**John Doe and all known and**

**unknown heirs of Ben B. Bradley**

**IN THE MATTER OF: Ben B. Bradley (Decedent)**

**YOU ARE HERE BY SUMMONED** and required to Answer the Petition in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Petition on the Petitioner or her attorney, Larry C. Weston, Esquire, at his office, 109 No. Main Street, Sumter South Carolina, with in thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and if you fail to Answer the Petition within the time aforesaid, the Petitioner in this Action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Petition.

**NOTICE TO RESPONDENT ABOVE NAMED: TAKE NOTICE** that the Summons in the above mentioned

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action, together with the Application for Appointment of Personal Representative were filed with the Sumter County Probate Court on June 7, 2018. The Guardian ad Litem for any unknown heirs of the Estate of Ben B. Bradley in matter is Garryl L. Deas, Esquire, Deas Law Firm, 109 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina.

**Public Hearing**

**NOTICE OF COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

The Sumter County Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Sumter Zoning Ordinance and Map on **Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** in the County Council Chambers located on the Third Floor of the Sumter County Administration Building (13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina). The following requests are scheduled for consideration:

**PD-05-09 (Rev.1), 350 Myrtle Beach Hwy. - Carolina Truck & Trailer Parts (County)**  
Request to amend the ordinance for PD-05-09, specifically for the addition of Used Motor Vehicle Parts (SIC Code 5015) as a permitted use on a 9.5 acre portion of the property located at 350 Myrtle Beach and represented by Tax Map # 267-01-02-015.

**RZ-18-06, 3425 Thomas Sumter Hwy. (County)**

**Public Hearing**

Request to rezone a +/- 1.9 acre portion of a 4.85 acre tract located at 3425 Thomas Sumter Hwy. from General Commercial (GC) to Residential-9 (R-9). The property is represented by Tax Map # 189-00-02-096.

In Lieu of rezoning 3425 Thomas Sumter Hwy., Council may consider a zoning ordinance text amendment to add stand-alone cemeteries to the General Commercial (GC) zoning district, as recommended by the Sumter City-County Planning Commission.

Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

**SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
James T. McCain, Jr., Chairman  
Mary Blanding, Clerk

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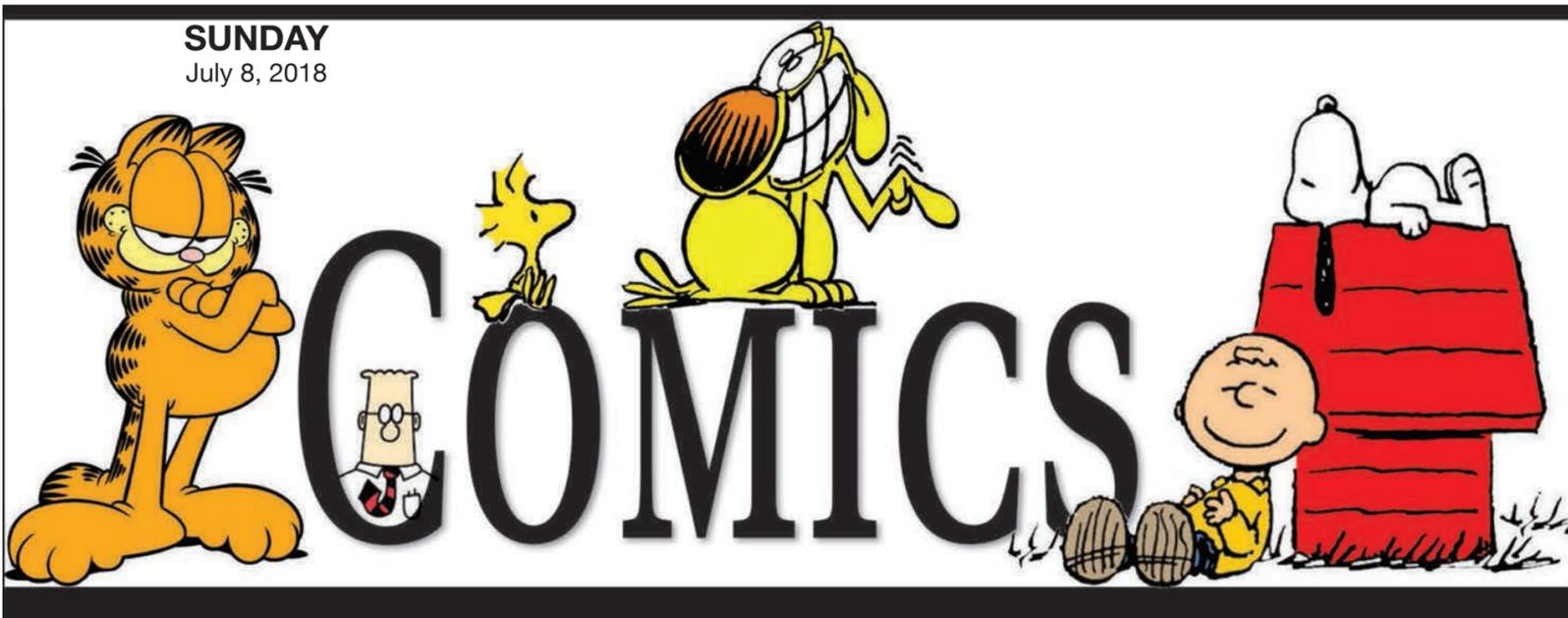
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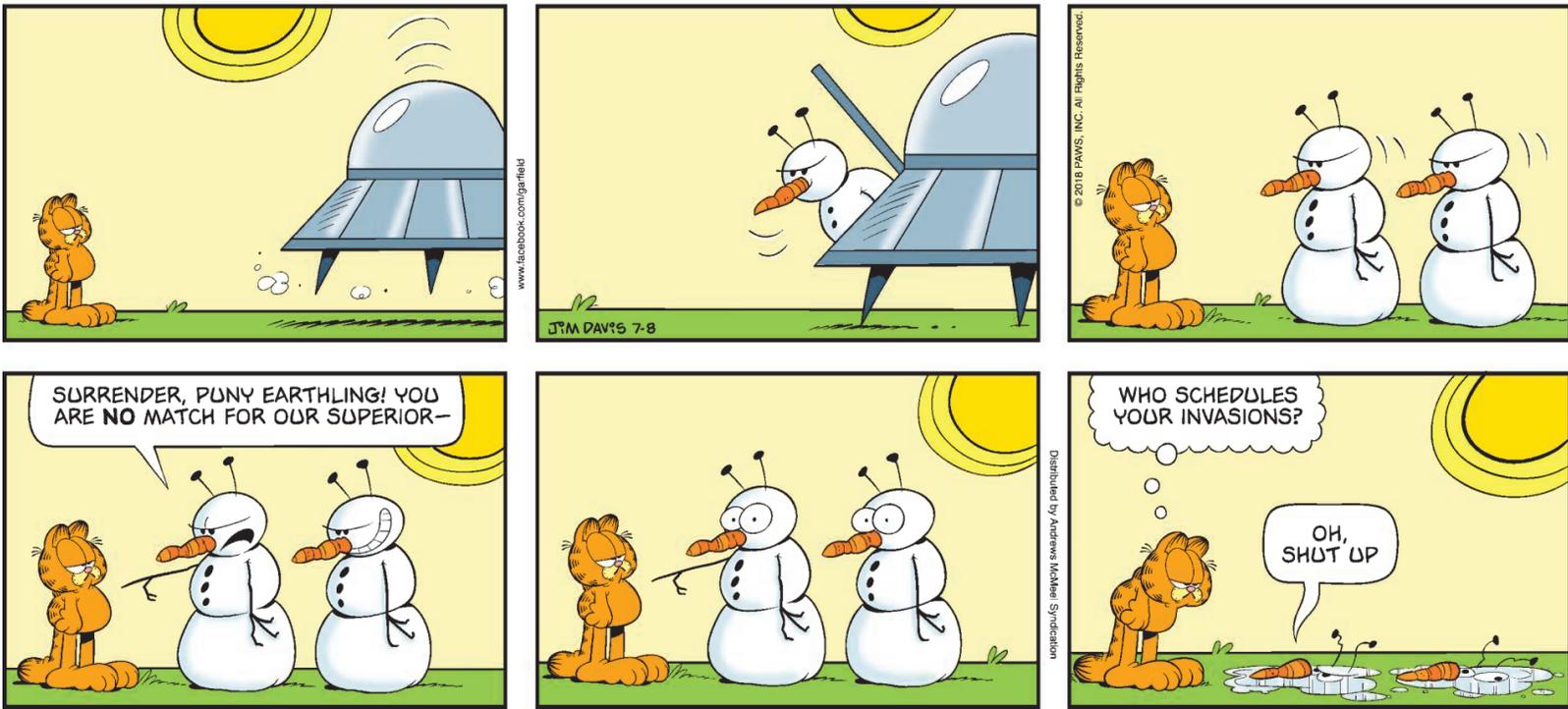
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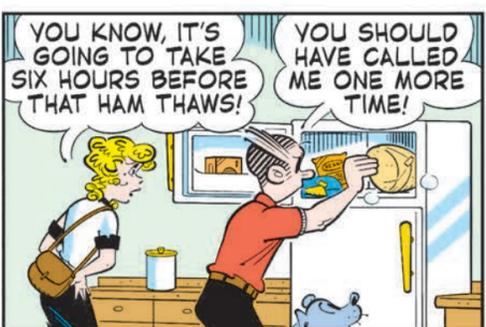
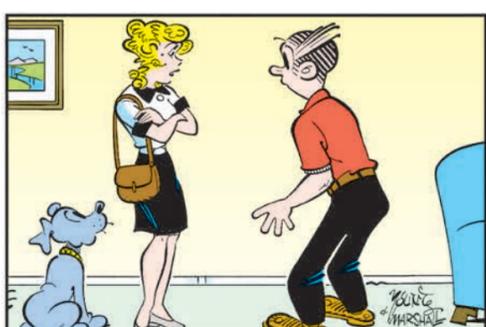
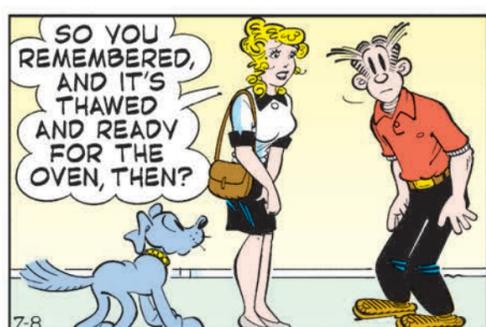
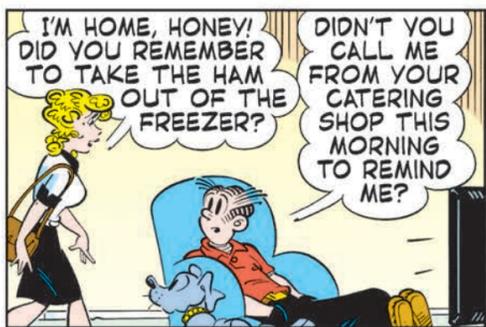
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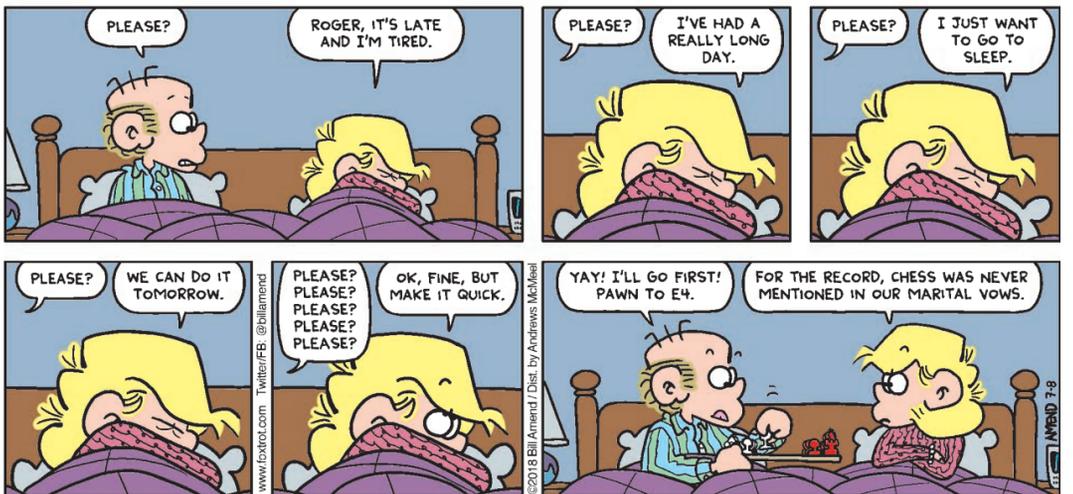
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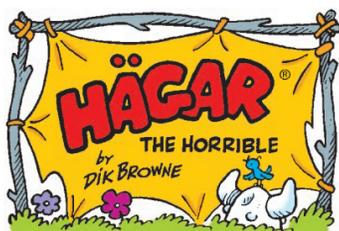
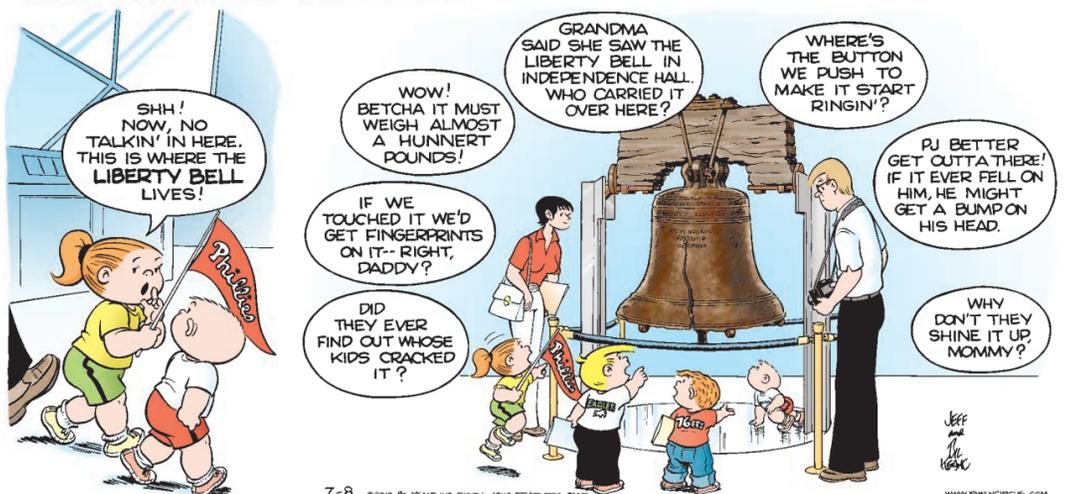
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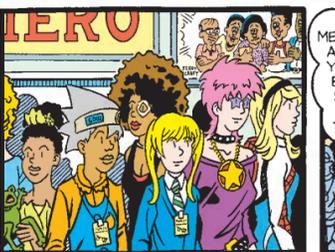
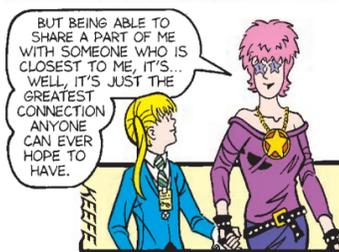
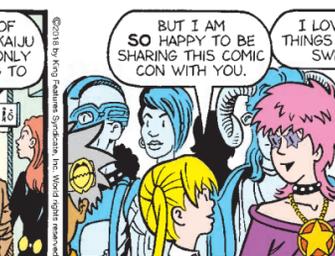
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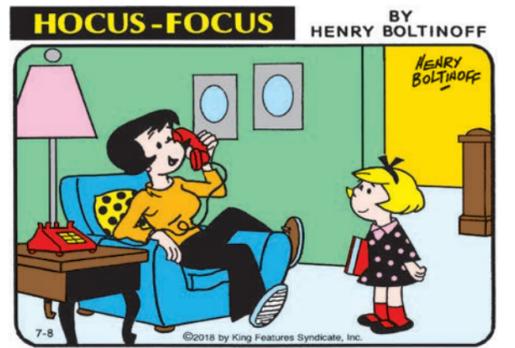
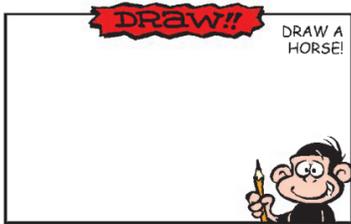
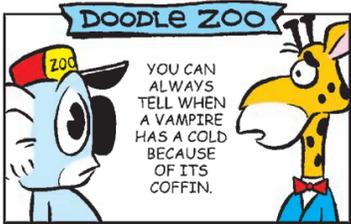
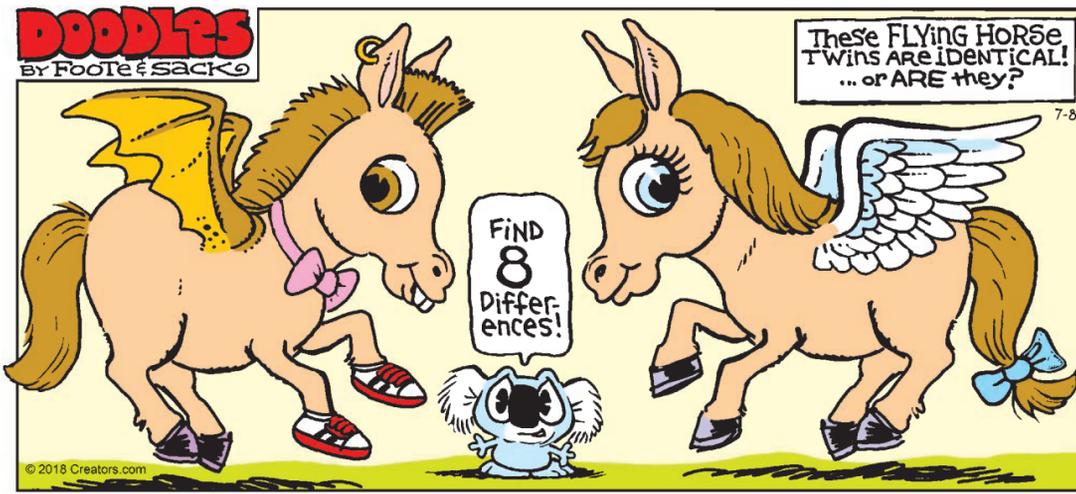
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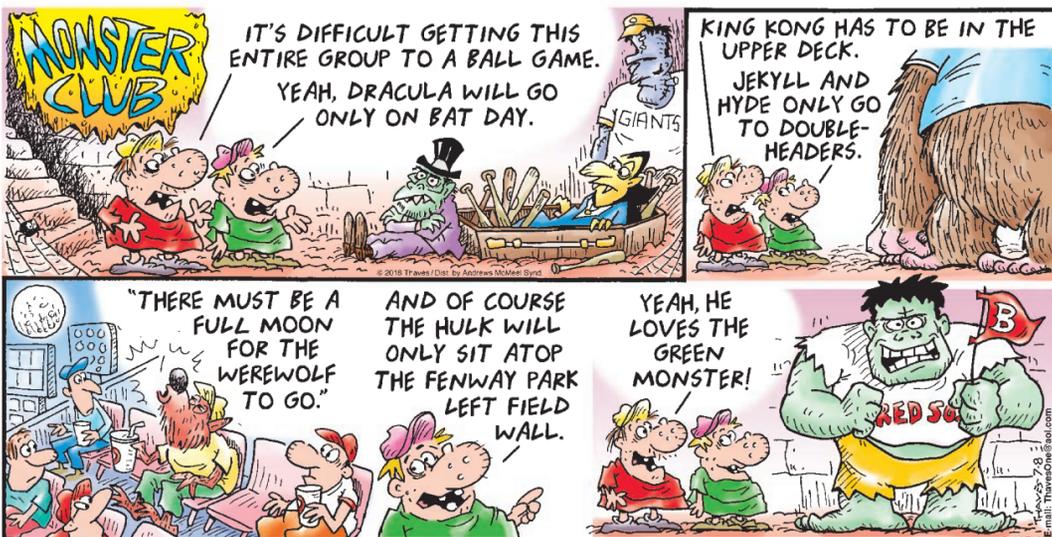
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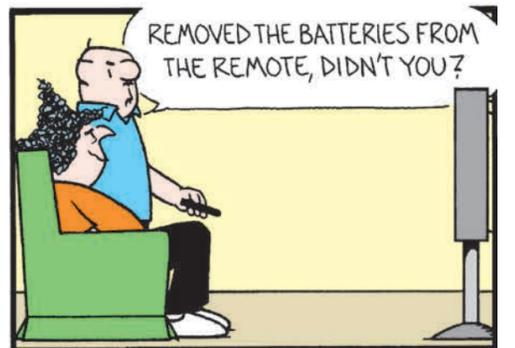
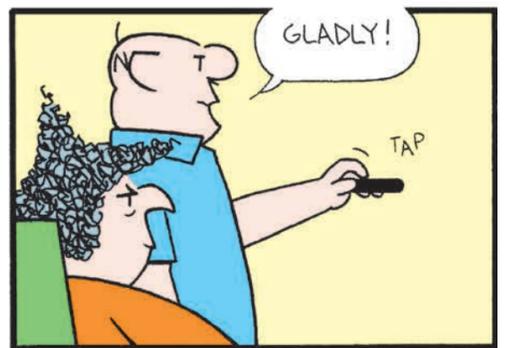
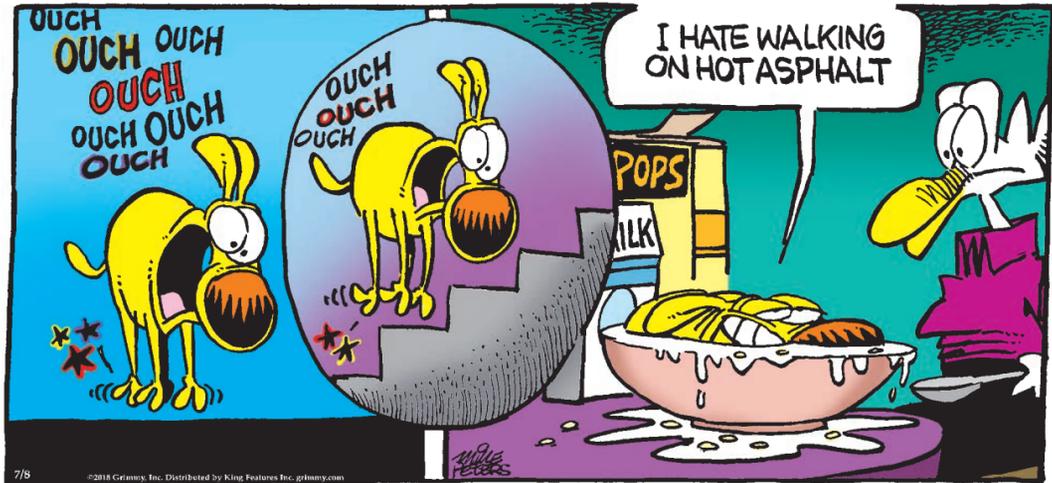


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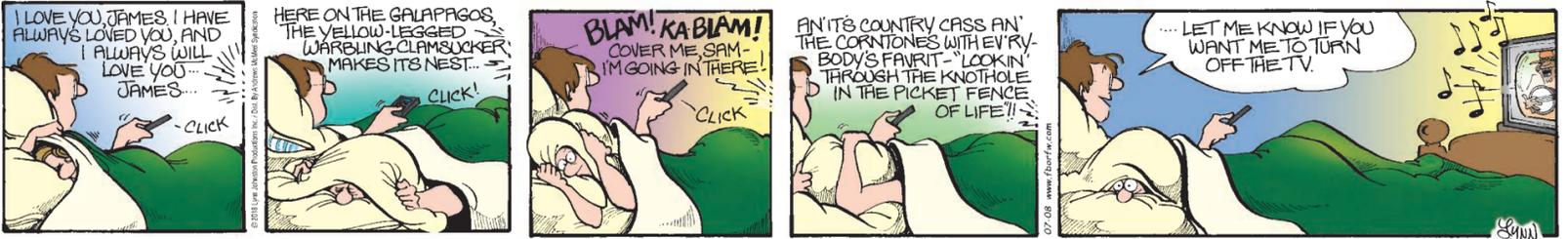
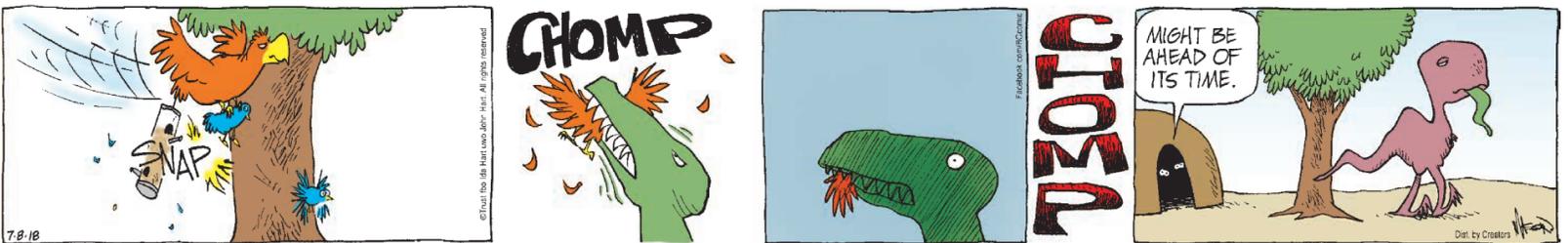
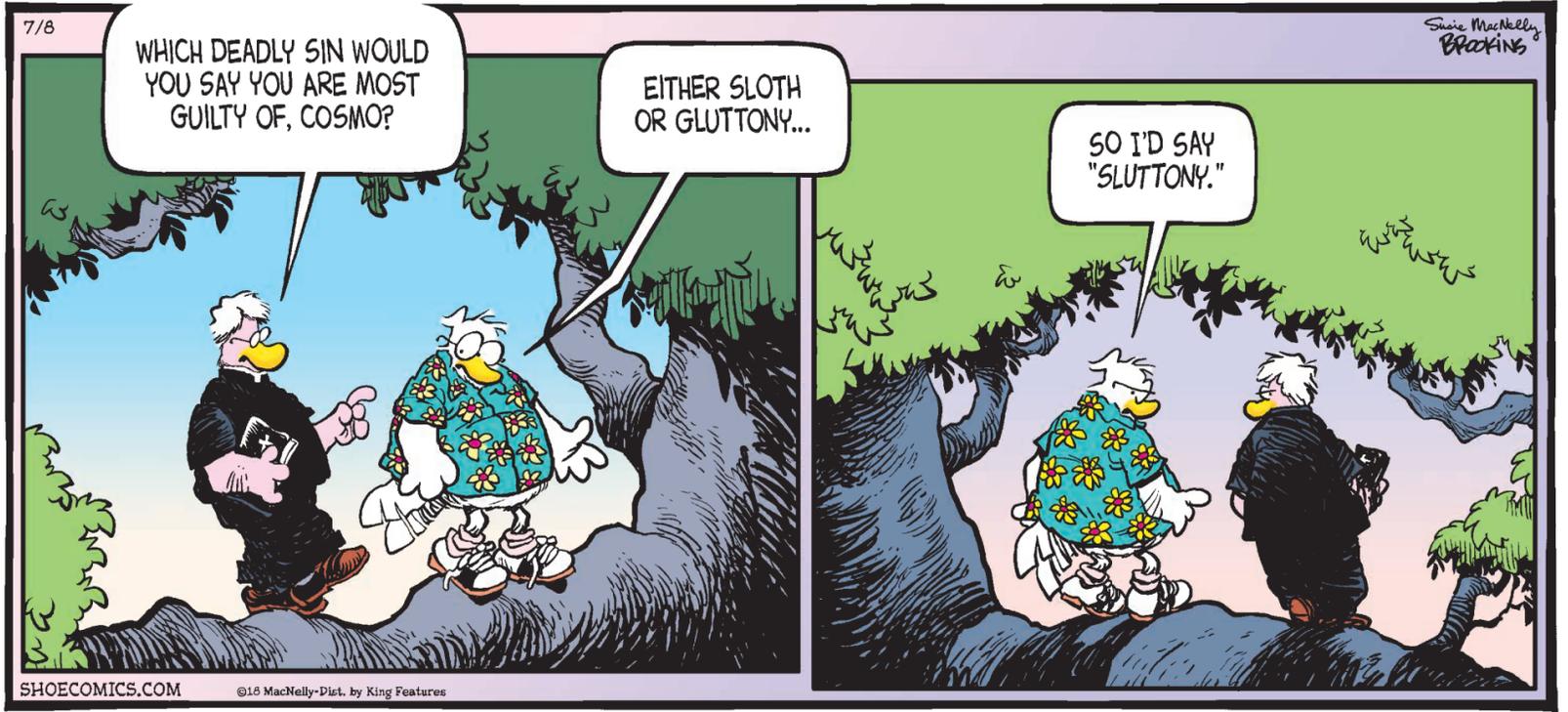
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