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# No resolution

## Clarendon coroner hearing to continue into next week

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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In what seems to be turning into a chicken or the egg situation at the Clarendon County Courthouse, a merit hearing about whether the winner of the Democratic primary for coroner can remain on the ballot will spill into next week.

The hearing on Friday, which

ultimately lasted from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., was originally a result of Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock filing a lawsuit claiming LaNette Samuels-Cooper, who beat Mock in the June 12 primary, is not qualified to be a coroner in South Carolina and incorrectly marked she had one year's experience in death investigation with a law enforcement agency, coroner or medical examiner agency.

Mock, who was appointed coroner by Gov. Henry McMaster in

April after serving as interim coroner since January after the late Samuels Hayes died, has 22 years' experience as a death investigator and has worked as deputy coroner in Clarendon County for 21 years.

Samuels-Cooper, the sister of Hayes, has said on the record previously she has not led a death investigation but that her 13 years of working as an administrative assistant in the coroner's office and at her brother's funeral



MOCK



SAMUELS-COOPER

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*'To everything there is a season ...'* (ECCLESIASTES 3:1)

## New facility offers new day for mental health services for Sumter residents



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Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center staff member Patrice Lloyd, right, shows guests a children's play room area on Thursday at the new center.

**\$9M in state funding pays for 30,000-square-foot regional center, opening in August**

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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Jeffrey Ham pulled from both a well-known Bible verse and a famous song in describing the new day it is now for his regional mental health service agency with the grand opening of a new \$9 million facility in Sumter on Thursday night.

"To Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center:



HAM

This is your season," Ham said, to serve the community with a renewed commitment of excellence, to celebrate its mission to support the recovery of individuals with mental illness and also celebrate the opening of two new buildings at 801 N. Pike West.

Area lawmakers, local philanthropists and state department officials also participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Thursday's event.

Ham has been the regional



Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center is at 801 N. Pike West.

Below, officials and dignitaries participate in Thursday's ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new center. From left, are state Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, Sumter County Councilman Eugene Baten, Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center Board Chair Sylvia Christian-James, center executive director Jeffrey Ham, and center board members Catherine Harris, Lawrence Graham and Mary Alice Ipock.



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*'Seasons come, and seasons go, nothing stays the same ...'* (LYRICS FROM HOLES IN THE FLOOR OF HEAVEN)

## The Sumter Item holding 1st high school football Media Day



### Discussions with players, coaches to stream on Facebook Live

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

The Sumter Item sports staff is hosting the paper's first-ever Sumter Item Media Day to showcase tri-county high school football teams ahead of their fall season.

The inaugural event, presented by title sponsor Hines Furniture, will feature players and coaches from public and private school football teams

around Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties. They will take part in question and answer sessions discussing their upcoming season with The Item's sports staff. Each school will be broadcast on Facebook Live, where the community can comment to send in their own questions.

"Think about it like we're bringing our version of SEC or any other college football

Media Day right here to Sumter," Publisher Vince Johnson said. "Our goal is to highlight the student-athletes and their coaches through an event that gets everyone excited for fall. This will be a great way for us to continue on our mission to be the area's premier local news source and engage with our community around us."

Sumter Item Media Day will be held at Sumter High School on Aug. 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Anyone is welcome to watch in person, but everything will be streamed live on

Facebook at [www.facebook.com/theitem](http://www.facebook.com/theitem), and coverage will run across The Item's print, video and photo platforms.

The event will also coincide with The Item's annual Gridiron Preview, which will publish prior to the start of the 2018 football season on Friday, Aug. 17.

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## Online sales tax ruling 'levels playing field'

### Retail industry will likely see impacts

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Local small business leaders think a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision to allow states to charge sales taxes for online purchases will "level the playing field" for brick-and-mortar retailers to compete against e-commerce.

By a 5-4 vote last month, the nation's highest court ruled that remote online retailers that don't have a store or other physical presence in a state are now subject to sales and use tax. For example, the tax now could be collected from S.C. shoppers who shop online at outdoor retailer L.L. Bean.

Donnie Hines, owner of Hines Furniture Co., and Shawn Matthews, vice president of Simpson Hardware and

Sports, both said Wednesday they support the new legislation.

"This levels the playing field and allows fairness in trade out there for the local businesses to compete against e-commerce and those companies that are just not collecting any taxes whatsoever," Hines said. "That's wrong and hurts the states and local businesses. You're talking a lot of dollars that are lost annually by a state when these things are not being collected."

Many states — including South Carolina — previously had a law stating that if an individual buys something online and doesn't pay sales tax at the time of purchase, he or she is supposed to self-report it on an income tax return.

University of South Carolina Economist Joey Von Nessen said a lack of self-reporting nationwide contributed to a loss of billions of dollars in tax revenue at the national level.

Matthews said retailers, and all businesses in general, don't want

more regulations and taxes but that the new legislation provides a more level playing field for all businesses.

"If we are going to be taxed and regulated and have to pass that on to customers, we sure think other retailers — whether online or not — should have to play the same game," he said.

Chris Hardy, president and CEO of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, and Von Nessen said the retail industry will be more impacted by the new legislation than service industry businesses.

"The majority of items retailed that are also purchased online are going to have the biggest impacts," Hardy said. "As far as your locally owned businesses, it's going to be a positive effect for them in the long run because they are going to be able to compete with the strictly online retailers."

Implementation of the new legislation falls in the hands of the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

DOR Director Hartley Powell has

said previously his agency is currently drafting guidance for remote retailers with no physical presence in the state regarding registration, collecting, filing and remitting sales and use tax and plans to ensure a smooth transition.

The guidance will apply the principles in the recent Supreme Court ruling to remote retailers who deliver more than \$100,000 of goods and services in South Carolina or engage in 200 or more separate transactions for the delivery of goods and services annually with state residents. The state agency doesn't know exactly when it will begin collecting taxes from remote sellers, according to a spokeswoman.

The case the high court ruled in had to do with a law passed in South Dakota in 2016. That state's governor has said his state loses out on an estimated \$50 million per year in sales tax that doesn't get collected by out-of-state sellers.

## LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Pinewood to hold meeting on water system project Thursday

After receiving \$9.6 million in federal funding last year to expand its water system, the Town of Pinewood will hold another informational meeting to update the public on the project Thursday.

Pinewood Mayor Sarah Mathis distributed a news release on Thursday's meeting late last week.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture-Rural Development award funding will expand Pinewood Water System into the nearby Rimini and Panola communities.

The mayor and other town officials will make a brief presentation at the meeting and provide answers to frequently asked questions on the project, according to the news release.

Thursday's meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at Pinewood Community Center, 130 Epperson Lane, in Pinewood.

## Semi-truck wreck leads to power outages, lane closure

### Hazardous material on board secured

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Sumter Fire Department sent its hazmat team from Thomas Sumter Station to a wreck on U.S. 15 where a semi-truck carrying hazardous materials went through a fence and struck a utility pole on Friday morning.

South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. David Jones said the driver sustained minor injuries, but no hazardous materials were spilled. The wreck is still under investigation, but the driver had a medical condition, he said.



A member of Sumter Fire Department's hazmat team from Thomas Sumter Station suits up on Friday at a wreck on U.S. 15.

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

The truck was traveling south bound on U.S. 15, away from Sumter, when the vehicle went to the left, crossed the median and two lanes of north bound traffic before hitting the

fence and powerline, he said.

The crash caused power outages in the area that affected multiple traffic lights, according to Micah Green, chief digital officer

for *The Sumter Item*, who was at the scene.

Law enforcement also closed one lane of traffic on the northbound side of the highway, he said.

A cleanup crew from Charleston was headed to the scene on Friday to monitor as a wrecker service moved the truck, according to Jones and Sumter Fire Department Division Chief Brian Christmas.

## WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: SUMTER CITY COUNCIL

# SCETV lease renewed, rezoning request denied

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Sumter City Council approved readings for a wastewater system project in Mayesville, and a lease with SCETV and denied a rezoning request for a beauty salon on Tuesday.

### REZONING FOR BEAUTY SALON DENIED IN MAJORITY VOTE

**Reading:** First of two

**Agenda Item:** A request to rezone .30 acres at 702 N. Main St. from residential-6 to general commercial for the construction of a beauty salon.

**Background:** As of Tuesday, there was a house on the property that is scheduled to be demolished by the Sumter Pride program.

Sumter Planning Commission and Sumter Planning Department staff did not recommend rezoning the property to general commercial because the property is not large enough for the general commercial distance requirements from other structures and sidewalks.

**Discussion:** The property is a small, triangular-shaped parcel at the corner of Pine and North Main streets, Sumter Planning

Department Director George McGregor said.

He said the rezoning would permit many uses that may not be compatible with the mostly residential uses in the area.

However, rezoning the property to neighborhood commercial would allow the beauty salon and require less stringent distance requirements, he said.

McGregor said the applicant could apply for a neighborhood commercial rezoning if the existing request is denied.

During the public hearing, one city resident said the beauty parlor would be a good idea even though the property is small.

Two other residents asked about parking and the hours of operation.

Councilman Thomas Lowery made a motion to approve the rezoning, and councilman Calvin Hastie seconded.

**Vote:** 4-3 denial

### TEMPORARY UTILITY EASEMENT APPROVED FOR MAYESVILLE SEWER PROJECT

**Reading:** Resolution — requires one reading

**Agenda Item:** A resolution to require a temporary construction easement, for just compensation of \$18.26 to the property owner, for a project to connect the town of Mayesville's wastewater treatment system to the city's wastewater system.

**Background:** This is a \$1.5 million project that is funded through two sources: \$1 million from a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant and \$500,000 in rural infrastructure funds, said Assistant City Manager Al Harris.

Harris said this will be a temporary easement at the corner of Florence Highway and Avenue A in Mayesville so the city can work underneath a portion of the road.

The landowner will regain control of the property when the project is complete, he said.

**Discussion:** Councilman David Merchant made a motion for approval, and Hastie seconded.

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

### RENEWING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SCETV

**Reading:** First

**Agenda Item:** An ordinance to authorize two lease agreements between the city and South Carolina Educational Television, also known as SCETV, for the use of a building and microwave tower at 18 N. Harvin St.

**Background:** The building lease agreement will allow SCETV to use the building for a term of 10 years starting on the date the lease is approved. The tower lease states the agreement will be valid for a term of 20 years at an agreed rate of \$1 per year.

**Discussion:** Councilwoman Ione Dwyer made a motion for approval, and councilman Steve Corley seconded.

**Vote:** Unanimous approval

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# Special Olympics celebrates 50 years of inclusiveness

BY JOHN MARSHALL  
AP Sports Writer

SURPRISE, Ariz. — Bases loaded, a gold medal on the line. Manuel Velasco Jr. stands in the batter's box sniffling, tears streaming down his face.

Seconds earlier, the 19-year-old known as Junior was behind the dug-out, his coach imploring him to shake off a hard collision at third base in the top half of the inning. Junior was about to miss his turn at the plate.

Once in the box, he quickly falls behind two strikes. A wipe of the face and a swipe of the bat, he hits a ball the third baseman can't handle. Junior reaches first base just as the winning run crosses the plate. Coaches and players swarm, family and friends cheer.

Junior's clutch hit in the face of adversity came at the Arizona state softball tournament last summer. Inspirational stories like his have played out in nearly every corner of the world during the 50 years of Special Olympics.

"Every person has a story to tell, and most people wish the world would pay attention to them. In our community, the stories have a particular hue," Special Olympics chairman Tim Shriver said. "They almost always start in sadness and shock, they almost always follow a path of humiliation and discrimination, and they almost always have a moment or a series of moments where all the humiliation, all the shock and sadness are transformed into meaning, purpose and joy. That story in some ways is common in all people, but in our community, people just tell it with more authenticity and rawness and punch."

Shriver's mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, made it so these stories were heard.

The sister of President John F. Kennedy helped change perceptions of people with intellectual disabilities and, in turn, carved out a better future for them. Her sister, Rosemary, had an intellectual disability, and Kennedy Shriver wanted a better life and opportunities for children who, in the 1950s and 1960s, were often bullied, isolated by their parents or institutionalized.

Kennedy Shriver forged the groundwork for the first Special Olympics at Chicago's Soldier Field in 1968 with Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne



Sumter's Special Olympics athletes celebrate as their names are called during a pep rally before the 2014 Special Olympics National Games.

Burke, then a volunteer with the Chicago Parks Department.

Special Olympics has since branched out to 172 countries and 4.9 million athletes competing in a range of sports from soccer to snowboarding while spreading a global message of inclusion and empowerment. The organization's 50th anniversary is being celebrated during a five-day event in Chicago this week.

"Anything that lasts this long and is continuing to grow is tapping into something that's profoundly human, that's shared across cultures and time periods, that doesn't expire," Shriver said. "The energy that the Special Olympics athletes unleash is an energy of compassion and trust, an energy of putting relationships above possessions or power or notoriety. It's the lesson that every human being has a gift, and I don't think that lesson gets old."

The lasting impact of Special Olympics reaches far beyond the competition on the field. It has become a human rights movement for a segment of society that often was shoved to the background or ridiculed.

Special Olympics has brought the wide breadth of inspirational stories into the public eye, allowing people with intellectual disabilities to be recognized for the gifts they have, find themselves being included in-



Christian Thomas participates in the softball throw during the regional Special Olympics in Sumter in 2015. Thomas won the softball throw and 10-meter wheelchair race.

stead of excluded.

The acceptance and confidence that comes from competing in Special Olympics has created a world where people with intellectual disabilities can thrive in ways they never had before. A person with special needs bagging groceries or working at a fast-

food joint, unthought of before Special Olympics started, has now become commonplace.

"Special Olympics is everything to me," said Samantha Dunn, a Special Olympics athlete from Surprise, Arizona.

Dunn, known as Sam to family and friends, has been involved in Special Olympics and adaptive recreation nearly her entire life. The 26-year-old with Williams Syndrome, which causes mild to moderate learning disabilities, began playing special-needs Little League in Southern California and became involved in Special Olympics when she moved to Arizona in the late 1990s.

People with Williams Syndrome are usually outgoing, have engaging personalities and take an extreme interest in other people. The characterization fits Sam perfectly; she's exceptionally outgoing, enjoys talking to new people and loves to dance, especially to Michael Jackson songs.

Special Olympics allowed her to blossom even further while making new friends and increasing her coordination.

"Her confidence, her coordination, it's hard to explain how much it helped her," said her father, Buddy, a Special Olympics coach the past 20 years. "It doesn't put her a step down; it puts her a step above because she thinks she can do anything and be better than anybody because of Special Olympics."

The athletes aren't the only ones who benefit.

Before Special Olympics started, parents with special-needs children often heard how sorry and disappointed people were for them.

Special Olympics has given parents and families an opportunity to be openly proud of their children, for people to see how special their children are beyond their disabilities. The pride of a special-needs child after scoring a goal or hitting a home run is only exceeded by that of their parents in the stands.

"They're beaming with pride. It's a simple gift, but it's not always accorded to our families," Shriver said. "We help families hold the strength they know, hold the love they feel for their child who might have special needs, hold it up so the world can also see what they see, which is a gifted and beautiful kid."

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## Woman came for a funeral, left with a history lesson

BY TRACY KIMBALL

The Herald of Rock Hill

ROCK HILL — Charlotte resident Melanie Tindley came to Rock Hill to attend the funeral of a civil rights leader she never met.

She left town two hours later with so much more than the message she heard at James Frank Wells' funeral service. She got the history lesson of a lifetime.

Tindley met David Williamson Jr., one of the Friendship Nine civil rights leaders, who sat with Wells in protest at Rock Hill's McCrory's lunch counter in 1961.

The black men and seven of their classmates from Rock Hill's Friendship

College, which closed decades ago, were arrested for staging the sit-in at the whites-only lunch counter. They spent a month doing hard labor at a prison camp, forgoing bail. On principal. Their "Jail, no bail!" slogan underscored the group's commitment to civil rights.

Wells, a prominent Rock Hill lawyer, died July 8 at the age of 77.

"When I heard about Mr. Wells, I wanted to come and honor his legacy because without the legacy of him and his generation, I wouldn't have had the educational or professional opportunities that I enjoy today," Tindley said.

Gwendolyn Segers, a niece of Wells, talked about the legacy her uncle left to a crowd of more than 200 mourners.

"(He) taught us about the South, taught us about being humanitarians, taught us about paving our way in society and one day being somebody," Segers said. "I am so proud to stand here as a niece and say 'Uncle James, job well done.'"

Wells lived a life of service to others, the Rev. Joseph Wilson said at the funeral.

"He was a prince dedicated to seeking a life of justice for all

of God's children," he said. "A life based on trying to stand up to injustice wherever he found it."

After the funeral, Tindley heard the old lunch counter was still around. The Missouri native headed to downtown Rock Hill to visit the spot where the men were arrested.

McCrory's is no longer around, but the original bar stools, etched with the names of the nine men, are a permanent fixture at the Five & Dine Cafe, where the old lunch counter once stood.

Tindley stopped in front of the cafe to read a historical marker before heading inside. As she opened the door, her history lesson was waiting.

Williamson was sitting at Wells' spot at the bar next to

his brother.

"Your whole generation, I owe a debt of gratitude to," Tindley said to Williamson.

Her mother's class at the University of Missouri in 1955, she said, was the first integrated class.

"I would not be a senior engineer for a major Fortune 50 corporation today had it not been for everything that your generation did," she told Williamson. "I not only owe you a debt of responsibility and gratitude, but I also owe you the commitment to keep doing more of the same and taking the responsibility forward."

Williamson said "that's all I want" as he shook her hand.

"The reason we did it, it was for the other people, it wasn't about us," Williamson said.

Tindley walked around the restaurant taking photos of the Friendship Nine's bar stools as Williamson ordered a club sandwich.

When the server brought over the tab, Tindley paid it. Williamson had the sandwich boxed up so he could take Tindley on a personal tour of the Freedom Walkway nearby.

The alley has memorials and artwork dedicated to the Friendship Nine and other Rock Hill civil rights leaders.



Members of the rescued soccer team pay their respects and thanks in front of a portrait of Saman Gunan, the retired Thai SEAL diver who died during their rescue attempt, in Mae Sai district, Chiang Rai province, northern Thailand on Thursday.

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## Thailand seeks control over movies about cave ordeal

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's military government wants to control how movies portray the ordeal of the young soccer players and their heroic rescue from a flooded cave that drew worldwide interest and the attention of foreign filmmakers.

Culture Minister Vira Rojpochanarat said he will propose at next week's Cabinet meeting that a special committee be established to oversee the production of films, documentaries and videos related to the experiences of the 12 boys and their coach who were trapped in a cave for almost three weeks before being rescued.

With the boys returned home, attention has turned to how the media is handling the post-rescue story. There has been criticism of several news outlets, mostly foreign, who are considered to have ignored official advice to leave the boys alone for at least a month to try to avoid psychological stress that recounting their ordeal might trigger.

Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-ngam said Friday he had instructed officials from the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security to make sure the young soccer players and those associated with them are not bothered while they are going through a period of mental rehabilitation.

He said the foreign media "may not know the consequences of our child protections laws. Even if unintentional, but if guilty, we can conduct legal proceedings against foreigners." Wissanu, who is considered the top legal expert for Thailand's ruling junta, said the boys are protected by child protection laws and information protection laws.

The rescue, carried out successfully against high odds, was a rare bit of feel-good news from Thailand, which has been mired in political conflict and heavy-handed military rule for more than a decade. Even as the world watched the cave saga, a boat sinking off a southern resort island claimed almost 50 Chinese tourists, an event that normally would have registered as a high-profile debacle.

The cave rescue also allowed the government of Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha, who has been criticized for political maneuvering to stay in power after elections planned for next year, to share in some glory.

The government's Thailand Film Office already regulates the production of films shot in Thailand by foreign companies, including vetting scripts and issuing filming permits, but Vira said the committee would oversee content, licensing and the protection of privacy of the rescued team and their families.

Vira, speaking after a film board meeting Thursday chaired by Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu, said five foreign film production companies have shown interest in making a movie or documentary about the cave rescue and some had already been on location to collect information.

Thai film producers have also shown interest but have not yet contacted the government, Vira said.

The boys and coach of the Wild Boars soccer team were released from the hospital on Wednesday and at a news conference described how they got trapped in the cave, and after 10 days cut off from the outside world, were astonished to see two British divers rising from muddy waters and assuring them work was underway to rescue them.

"This (story) has all the right elements," Vira said. "If you talk about drama associated with filmmaking, it has everything. It has loss as well as jubilation. The content and story it has for filmmaking is very complete. Even if you don't create additional drama, these events had every flavor."

Wissanu said that it is the boys' right to sign contracts for their own benefit, but added that the government committee would provide advice "like a manager," but without seeking any profit for itself.

He said the government was "very afraid" that some of those close to the ordeal could be coerced to sign contracts "because once a contract is signed, that person can't do anything else, which is why someone with legal knowledge needs to step in and help."

Several murals and sculptures have already been commissioned to mark the epic cave adventure. Many focus on Saman Gunan, a former Thai navy SEAL who volunteered to help with the rescue effort and died while diving on a mission to supply the cave with oxygen tanks essential to helping the boys escape. Saman is being treated as a national hero.

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Yanet Rodriguez, 33, wears a T-shirt with words of encouragement while working in the kitchen at Homegirl Cafe in Los Angeles on Monday.

**L**OS ANGELES (AP) — In a different time, at another place and under other circumstances, you might have run away from Lati-sha Valenzuela and Glenda Alvarenga. But at Homegirl Cafe, a Los Angeles breakfast and lunch spot with a Latino twist, the two waitresses welcome you with smiles and friendship.

"You alone?" Valenzuela asked when I recently visited. "Don't worry. We'll keep you company." After seating me, she tells me, "You'll want our cinnamon coffee. We make it ourselves." She says it as if we've been friends since middle school.

Here, in the City of Angels, Homegirl Cafe offers a unique dining experience with food prepared by former gang members gaining new skills. It's a haven for them, to be sure. But the popular cafe in the city's Chinatown is a special place for visitors, too, providing carefully crafted meals along with inspiration from ex-inmates who willingly tell stories about how they are seeking a better life.

And where these hands once hurt others, now they are steering their energies to serve pleasurable, satisfying dishes made with love and perseverance.

The hip cafe is an offshoot of the Homeboy Industries social enterprises founded by Jesuit priest Greg Boyle. After working in one of the city's poorest and most gang-plagued regions, he



**LEFT:** Mario Lundes, 36, shakes hands with a customer at Homegirl Cafe. The popular breakfast and lunch spot with a Latino twist offers a unique dining experience with food prepared by former gang members / inmates gaining new skills, who willingly tell their stories on how they are seeking a better life.

quickly found out that businesses wouldn't hire former gang members and inmates, even when they had marketable skills. So, he formed non-profit businesses aimed at giving jobs and training to the "least of these," as the poor and vulnerable are described in Scripture.

He formed Homeboy tortillas, Homeboy bakery and then, Homegirl Cafe.

Trainees learn all aspects of culinary arts while developing social skills that create tender encounters with visitors. In addition to job training, the former gang members can take advantage of tattoo removal, anger management classes and drug treatment.

Former enemies become friends. Instead of trading gunshots, they shoot playful texts to each other. That tenderness is passed along to customers, who include writers, lawyers, actors and teachers.

When a new staffer shows up, "you can tell she's scared and ready to fight," Alvarenga told me during my visit. "We make sure we hug her and show nothing but love. Most of the time, they just start crying."

Plates like the chilaquiles — fresh crisp tortilla chips tossed with warm tomatillo salsa, egg, crema fresca and queso cotija — are made from ingredients that come from urban farms. The Manoy's, a sandwich made of braised shredded chicken prepared Central American-style with pickled cabbage, onions and mayonnaise, is another unique option. The homegirls can tell you exactly how it's prepared.

In addition to the food are the stories.

Boyle has told this one many times in speeches, interviews and his latest book: Actress Diane Keaton once came

in for brunch with a guest. A waitress, a former gang member who'd spent time in prison, went to serve her. Keaton asked for advice on platos, and the waitress gave her suggestions. Then, it hit the waitress. "Wait, I feel like I know you," the waitress reportedly said. "You so look familiar."

"Oh I don't know," Keaton said. "I must have that face."

"No. Now I know," the waitress said. "We were locked up together!"

The story always gets a laugh, but Boyle retells it to highlight the power of kinship, and how a former gang member and an Oscar winner connected in a most unlikely place.

Boyle has authored two books, and his inspirational quotes are on T-shirts and fliers around the cafe. To some of the homies, he's the first person who ever showed them unconditional love

**BELOW:** A selection of pastries is displayed in the bakery case at the restaurant.

without judgment. "Ah man, when Father Boyle walks down the street and into this place ... people follow him like Jesus," said Erika Carlos, a woman who spent eight years in prison who now helps run the gift shop. "All the homies want him to give them a blessing."

At the gift shop, visitors can buy an array of Homeboy Industries or Homegirl Cafe shirts, hoodies, hats and bags. The clothing is designed by former gang members who are being taught new job skills. Workers like Carlos are happy to share their stories or those of others who inspired them.

After my first visit, I returned for a Mother's Day special with my Texas-born mother, father and sister. My mother, who was abandoned briefly as a baby before being adopted by an immigrant woman from Mexico, recognized immediately that she was among the forgotten and feared.

"This feels like home," she told Valenzuela.

Valenzuela smiled, then replied, "You are home."



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<p><b>220 W. FULTON ST.</b> \$25,000-Investment property! Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>	<p><b>7 MANEY ST.</b> \$30,000-Duplex available. Currently has tenants. Priced to sell. All investors take a look. Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>	<p><b>423 LORING</b> \$41,000 Investors special!!! Priced to sell, 3 bedrooms 1.5 bath 1138 Sqft on .20 acres. Rental home makes for a great investment. Homes is currently being rented, immediate cash flow. Out of state owner, motivated seller. Call Celio "CIC" Elliott 803-468-7330</p>	<p><b>3320 LANGSTON ST. DALZELL</b> \$119,900- This is a nice 380/28A home in Dalzell. Single carport, fenced back yard, fireplace, screened porch, o/s storage. Just a doll house! Need an apt to see. Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969</p>	<p><b>3841 MOSELEY DRIVE</b> 2 story home w/ 4BR/2.5BA and huge loft, open kitchen w/ granite,eating area,lg family room w/ fireplace, master w/ vaulted ceilings. \$191,984 Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>36 BARNETTE DR</b> \$39,995-Good Home available! Corner lot completely fenced in. Kitchen features lots of cabinet space. Hardwood under carpet. HVAC less than 2 years old. Home is conveniently located close to schools and shopping. Swan Lake area. Sold AS IS Call Reggie 803-312-5961</p>
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<p><b>1751 GLENMORANGIE DR</b> \$174,508-The Merrimack, built by Mungo Homes. Spacious open floor plan. Kitchen has lots of cabinet space, granite counter tops, huge island, family room with fire place. Large master suite with tray ceilings, large walk in closets. All other bedrooms have walk in closets also. Comes with home warranty. Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>2205 WATERSONG RUN</b> \$370,445-Built by Mungo Homes. The Bridges, 4 bedrooms 3 and a half bath features a Master suite. Gorgeous two story entry connected to the formal dining room that features coffered ceilings. Kitchen is open to family room &amp; breakfast area. Gas fireplace. Master suite features trayed ceilings, sitting room, spacious closets, huge bonus room and secondary bedroom upstairs. Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>2115 HOBBIT WAY</b> \$179,900- Brick home on 1.47 acres. Split floor plan, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, dining room, great room w/cathedral ceilings and hardwood floors. New carpet in bedrooms, new vinyl in baths. Fresh-paint throughout. New HVAC 5/26/18. New microwave in kitchen. Master bath with corner tub, dual vanity, separate shower. Convent to Sumter and Shaw At Fore Base. Seller will provide America's Preferred Home Warranty. Call Renee 803-491-8023</p>	<p><b>145 NAUTICAL</b> Built by Mungo! The Patterson B, Elite Collection. Huge Master suite downstairs W/sitting room, 2 lg WIC, 6BR/3.5 Baths plus bonus room. Granite, island, ss. \$386,271 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>1726 RUGER DR.</b> \$194,999-This beautiful home offers open floor plan. The foyer opens to family room, kitchen and dining room. The kitchen has upgraded cabinets with p/o shelves for better organization. Granite counter tops, wrap around bar. Dining room w/coffered ceilings, office/hobby room. The Master offers separate tub and shower. HW floors in the main living area. Fence, shed, sprinkler system. House is like new! Call Tina 803-609-8628</p>	<p><b>9 HAILE STREET</b> Healthlywood Sub, 3BR/2BA home in excellent condition, ready to move in! LR/DR/Den/dbl cpl, new roof \$139,900 Call Mary Alice to see 803-491-4969</p>
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# Trump heightens tariff threat in trade war with China

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Friday escalated his threats to punish China for its trade policies, warning anew that he's prepared to impose tariffs on all Chinese imports and arguing that Beijing has manipulated its currency at the expense of the United States.

In a taped interview with the business channel CNBC, Trump warned, "I'm willing to go to 500," meaning he's prepared ultimately to impose tariffs on \$500 billion in Chinese imports — roughly the value of all the goods Beijing shipped to the United States last year.

Doing so would mean that American households and companies would have to pay sharply higher prices for all Chinese products, as long as the tariffs remained in effect. Trump has already

imposed tariffs on \$34 billion in Chinese goods, and Beijing has retaliated with tariffs on an equal amount of American exports.

Trump had earlier threatened to target up to \$550 billion in Chinese products — a figure that exceeds the \$524 billion in goods and services China actually shipped to the United States last year. But his remarks to CNBC caught financial markets by surprise Friday. U.S. stocks sank in early trading before rebounding.

Global markets have remained generally calm in recent weeks and months despite the eruption of a full-blown U.S.-China trade war and a host of other conflicts that Trump has ignited between the United States and key trading partners, including Canada and the European Union.

"I've been surprised that up until now, markets seem overly sanguine about the risks" of a trade war between the world's two biggest economies, said David Dollar, senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's China studies center and a former official at the World Bank and U.S. Treasury Department.

The tariffs the Trump administration has already imposed on \$34 billion in Chinese imports are the outgrowth of a dispute over the predatory practices it says China has deployed to try to supplant America's global supremacy in high technology. Those Chinese practices include cyber-theft and an insistence that American and other foreign companies hand over technology in exchange for access to the Chinese market.

Beijing's retaliatory tariffs have hit American soybeans and pork. The two countries have also targeted an additional \$16 billion of each other's goods for an expected second round of tariffs. And last week, the administration announced plans for yet more tariffs on \$200 billion worth of additional Chinese imports. In response, Beijing vowed "firm and forceful measures."

Beijing is targeting, in particular, sectors like American agriculture that could harm Trump politically at home. But in the CNBC interview, the president said he was seeking to do only what's fair.

"I'm not doing this for politics; I'm doing this to do the right thing for our country," the president said. "We have been ripped off by China for a long time."

# Colleges ask for a share of future salary in lieu of loans

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — As more students balk at the debt loads they face after graduation, some colleges are offering an alternative: We'll pay your tuition if you offer us a percentage of your future salary.

Norwich University announced Tuesday that it will become the latest school to offer this type of contract, known as an income share agreement. Norwich's program is starting out on a small scale, mainly for students who do not have access to other types of loans or those who are taking longer than the traditional eight semesters to finish their degree.

"Norwich University is committed to offering this new way to help pay for college in a way that aligns incentives and helps reduce financial barriers to degree completion," Lauren Wobby, the school's chief financial officer and treasurer, said.

In contrast with traditional loans, in which students will simply pay down the principal and interest until there is nothing left, students with income share agreements pay back a percentage of their sal-

ary for a set period of time. Those touting the programs say they give colleges greater incentive to help students find high-earning jobs after graduation, because a higher salary means the school may recoup its investment in a shorter period of time.

For some students, income share agreements are seen as less risky, especially if they end up in a lower-paying job or struggle to find work after graduation. While students are unemployed or earning below a certain threshold, they don't have to pay anything back.

"Taking on the debt through a contract, where you don't take on a debt per se but instead will repay a portion of your future income, has a certain appeal to students when the concept is fully explained to them," Clare McCann, deputy director for education policy at the New America Foundation, said.

But because employment and salary determine repayment, it's possible providers could be seen as discriminating against recipients who choose lower-paying profes-

sions. "If income share agreement

providers aren't careful, they can definitely see unintended consequences in discriminatory terms toward students. This is one of the biggest differences between income share agreements and federal student loans," McCann said. "Federal loans offer the same terms to all borrowers."

Income share agreements were first proposed by Milton Friedman in 1955, and Yale University briefly experimented with the idea in the 1970s. In the past decade, technical training programs, such as coding boot camps, have used this type of funding largely because participants do not have access to federal student loans.

In 2015, Oakton, Virginia-based Vemo Education began working with accredited col-

leges and universities. The company now works with nearly 30 public and private colleges and universities across the country, including Norwich University.

Vemo's first partnership was with Purdue University. It began financing the school's "Back a Boiler" income share agreement program in 2016.

Andrew Hoyler, 22, graduated from Purdue last year with a degree in professional flight with the goal of becoming a pilot. Now he is working as a pilot for American Airlines regional carrier PSA Airlines.

"One of the biggest pros for the income share agreement was the fact that out-of-college pilots do not make a lot of money, especially looking at the costs for an educational

program," Hoyler said.

The terms can vary, notably the length of the agreement and the salary percentage. Hoyler is currently paying back 8 percent of his income. Since future salary is generally unpredictable, it can be difficult to forecast how much a student will pay back over time, although most agreements do place a cap on the amount paid back.

Hoyler took out federal loans but said the income share agreement helped him avoid working multiple jobs while starting out last year as a flight instructor. Hoyler said he may end up paying more for the income share agreement in the long run as his salary rises, but deemed it a worthy trade-off.

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In this June 10 photo from the U.S. Geological Survey, fissure 8 below Kilauea Volcano continues to erupt vigorously with lava streaming through a channel that reaches the ocean at Kapoho Bay on the island of Hawaii. The width of the active part of the lava channel varies along its length but ranges from about 100 to 300 yards wide.

## Hawaii hopes lava tourism will bring economic relief

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Associated Press

HONOLULU — Stunning images of Hawaii's erupting Kilauea volcano have captivated people around the world. But ironically it's nearly impossible for residents and visitors on the ground to see the lava — a fact that's squeezing the tourism-dependent local economy.

Big Island businesses are calling for a lava viewing site, but authorities say they're finding it difficult to set one up while keeping people safe.

The risks posed by the volcano came into sharp focus this week when lava flowing into the ocean triggered an explosion that sent a hot rock the size of a basketball crashing through a tour boat's roof. One woman broke her leg, while nearly two dozen others suffered minor burns and scrapes.

Diane Ley, Hawaii County's director of research and development, said she's been working on setting up a lava viewing site for nearly two months, consulting with federal scientists and the county's civil defense administrator. The injuries from the tour boat only validate the county's caution, she said.

"That's a challenge — to find us a site that is safe from volcanic hazards, emissions and can afford the ability for large numbers to be able to come in and view," she said.

Still, pressures are mounting from merchants, tour guides and others on the island, where tourism has dropped since Kilauea began erupting in a residential neighborhood and burning down homes in May.

Downtown Pahoa, which is just a few miles from where the volcano is pumping a river of molten rock into the ocean, has been hit particularly hard. The small, rural town serves as a gateway to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, which is normally the state's most popular tourist attraction but has closed indefinitely because of dangers to visitors and staff.

As recently as April, travelers could watch molten rock in the park's lava lake and hike to remote spots to see flowing lava.

State Sen. Russell Ruderman said the county needs to urgently set up a lava viewing site to bring visitors back to Pahoa.

"Our town is dying very, very fast and very, very dramatically," said Ruderman, who owns a natural foods store in Pahoa. "It's needless because if we could get the word out that our town is open for business, we could still save it."

Currently, only helicopter and boat-tour passengers — paying about \$250 each — are able to see the lava in person.

The area where lava is bursting from the ground is under a mandatory evacuation order. Residents nearby may go to their homes, but the county restricts access for everyone else except scientists, authorities like the National Guard and a handful of escorted media.

Officials have cracked down on violators, issuing citations to more than 80 people for loitering in a restricted disaster area.

Kilauea, which has been erupting continuously for 35 years, has long attracted travelers. About 5,000 people a day descended on an official county lava viewing spot in May 1990 as molten rock slowly consumed the town of Kalapana, the *Honolulu Advertiser* reported. That's even though the spot offered views of cooled, not flowing, lava. County workers set aside some newly hardened rocks for tourists to touch as consolation.

Ley noted Kilauea is behaving differently than in the past, when lava flowed from a different spot and through uninhabited land. It also is producing more lava — erupting as much as 3,500 cubic feet per second now compared with about 141 cubic feet two years ago.

She doesn't know when the county will be ready but envisions a viewing site where tour buses could go and not private cars. The county may select several sites and open them as conditions allow, she said.

## Sailors to U.S. Navy: Women get ponytails so we want beards

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Now that women in the Navy can wear ponytails, men want beards.

The Navy said last week that servicewomen could sport ponytails; lock hairstyles, or ropelike strands; and wider hair buns, reversing a policy that long forbade females from letting their hair down.

Servicemen immediately chimed in on social media, asking the Navy if they could grow beards. A sailor's Facebook post with a #WeWantBeards hashtag was shared thousands of times.

Beards were banned in 1984. The Navy wanted professional-looking sailors who could wear firefighting masks and breathing apparatuses without interference.

The Navy says that's still the case. Still, some hope the change in female grooming standards opens the door.

Travis Rader, a 29-year-old naval physical security officer, said allowing beards would boost morale for men, just like allowing ponytails and locks has for women. There are two things that would make many Navy men happy: beards and better boots, he added.

Rader had a 6-inch-long beard when he joined the Navy after high school.

"You take something away from somebody, and they want it more," said Rader, a master-at-arms assigned to Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City.

The Navy announced it was adding grooming options for women during a Facebook Live event. Many black women had asked the Navy to be more inclusive of different hair textures. The Navy had the standards in place because of safety concerns and to ensure everyone maintained a uniform, professional look.

Rader was one of several sailors who wrote in the comments section of the Facebook Live event to press for beards. Bill Williams, a 20-year-old naval information systems technician, commented too, asking why sailors can't have beards if bearded civilian firefighters wear masks.

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home before he became coroner make her qualified for the position. She also is enrolled in a five-day class in August that she says will allow her to become qualified.

Before testimony on Samuels-Cooper began, her attorney Ronnie Sabb introduced a dispositive motion claiming precedent based on statute 7-17-530, 560 and 520. The motion asked Third Circuit Court Judge Ferrell Cothran to dismiss the entire suit based on the fact that Mock did not "exhaust all administrative options" in protesting or contesting the primary election results with the Clarendon County or South Carolina Democratic Party before a deadline of noon on the Monday after the primary.

Mock's attorney, Robert E. Tyson Jr., claimed he did not get a copy of the new motion until it was presented in court Friday morning and that that was not enough time to respond. He did say that the motion should not matter because Cothran has jurisdiction over the case because it is an injunction asking to challenge Samuels-Cooper's qualifications to be a coroner.

"This isn't a protest to the election. This is a challenge to the qualifications of the candidate. Circuit Court has jurisdiction over injunctions," Tyson said.

After a recess, Cothran said he wanted to continue with hearing the case and said there were now two issues at play in the case — first, an issue over the date that Samuels-Cooper filed her affidavit to run as a candidate needed to be addressed with a formal protest, which Mock did not do.

In an affidavit filed on March 19, within the filing dates for the race, there were no boxes checked on Samuels-Cooper's form where coroner

candidates must say what their experience is to make them qualified. In an affidavit filed on April 4, on the official, notarized filing form on record with the South Carolina Election Commission, she marked that she has a four-year degree and one year of death investigation experience — both are included in one qualification element.

Cothran said the fact that she filed wrongly and then late likely could not be used in this case, though he said he wanted more time before making a ruling.

But because Mock is challenging whether Samuels-Cooper can be a "coroner, period," not whether she can be a candidate according to paperwork, he let the case continue on that second issue.

For the first witness, Mock was called to the stand and was questioned by both sides for two-and-a-half hours.

Tyson asked him about his background. Mock noted, in addition to his years as a deputy coroner and then as coroner this year, he is a registered nurse and has worked in emergency rooms for more than 35 years and is a volunteer first responder through the fire service.

Tyson had Mock spell out what a coroner does and what it means to conduct a death investigation, a subject that was touched on in detail throughout the rest of the day.

Mock said a death investigation involves going to a scene where there is a death, whether the death was natural, accidental or part of a crime scene. It then involves gathering information at the scene and away from the scene, possibly ordering an autopsy, talking to other agencies and witnesses and making an informed deci-

sion of the manner and cause of death.

When asked, Mock said during his time working with her, Samuels-Cooper never conducted a death investigation.

He was asked about how many death investigations he has done. With Clarendon County seeing between 250-300 deaths a year, he handled about a quarter of them, meaning he has led between 500 and 1,000 in his career.

Sabb's cross examination involved claiming Samuels-Cooper received credit for conducting death investigations by taking phone calls and filing paperwork.

He brought up a question surrounding a certification process through the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators that is one of the ways to qualify as a coroner. To sign up for to test through ABMDI, a person must be a deputy coroner or coroner. Sabb claimed the organization favors those already in office.

Shawn Kent, an attorney for the Clarendon County Board of Voter Registration and Elections, verified with Mock that he did not think the county board did anything wrong.

After another recess for lunch, the second witness called was Sabrina Gast, the coroner for York County and the new president of the South Carolina Coroner's Association who is on the South Carolina Training Advisory Committee that determines the ABMDI certification is the only valid certification process.

Tyson's questions to Gast asserted the same definitions of a death investigator, though the cross-examination by Kimberly Barr pointed out there is no definition in the law.

Gast said Samuels-Cooper, in her position as administrative assistant, cannot gain a year of death investiga-

tion "according to statute."

The rest of the day generally hinged on the issue of the ABMDI process and whether the five-day course Samuels-Cooper is signed up for can count toward it.

It was determined there is no course a person can take to get certified without being a deputy coroner, a coroner or a medical examiner.

Judge Cothran was not happy with this revelation, focusing on the error in the statute that "clearly favors" coroners and deputy coroners.

Tyson countered by saying the certification is not applicable because she did not check the box claiming that was her qualification, but if Cothran rules in favor of Sabb's motion, the affidavits cannot be used. Therefore, the question would be if she is qualified at all.

"It may be a bad statute. You may be on to something. But that's not the issue we have here today," Tyson said.

After about an hour of Gast being on the stand, Cothran decided to recess for the day.

Tyson has until Tuesday to respond to Sabb's motion requesting the case be dismissed because Mock did not protest the election.

Cothran said he will rule on the motion on Wednesday. If he rules in favor of the motion and to dismiss the issue of Samuels-Cooper's qualifications, Mock can sue again. If he rules any part of the case should continue, the trial will reconvene on July 27, where the next witness listed to take the stand is likely to be Samuels-Cooper.

The state and county agencies are no longer being questioned about wrongdoing, but they are still involved because they simply have to wait for a decision on whether Samuels-Cooper can remain on the November general election ballot.

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community mental health center's executive director since October of last year.

The two new state-of-the-art facilities include a 30,000-square-foot regional center, which will house the new Sumter County Mental Health Clinic, and a separate 3,400-square-foot training center, where employee and community training and events will take place.

The new regional center and Sumter clinic — expected to be fully operational Aug. 20 — will house about 55 staff who are currently split between three buildings in and around the downtown area. Staff outgrew the current, main facility — at 215 N. Magnolia St. and built in the early 1970s — years ago, according to officials.

The agency provides counseling and medication management outpatient services for adults, children and families, according to Ham. He said he thinks the new facility will allow the agency to expand its services to Sumter County residents.

The regional agency, which now has separate clinics in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw counties, originally opened more than 50 years ago in 1964.

State Department of Mental

Health Director John Magill, also on hand Thursday, said initially in the 1960s the regional agency served 100 to 125 people per year.

Through its early years, it developed an outstanding reputation, Magill said, and "was considered one of the jewels in the entire state department of mental health system."

Now, it provides clinical services to about 6,000 patients a year with its four regional clinics.

The main Sumter facility has always had innovative clinical programs, but more opportunities are available with the new state-of-the-art facility, Magill said.

"The Sumter center has done good work over the years," he said, "but I think the opportunity is there for it to once again become a jewel of the state system."

Ham and Magill thanked state Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, and the Sumter County Legislative Delegation for securing the \$9 million in state funding for the new center.

In his comments, Smith said center officials came to him about seven years ago with the idea for a new expanded facility. He said having the new facility will be inviting to people seeking treatment and

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will ultimately help improve the quality of life in Sumter County and the area.

"Having a robust and available mental health system that allows access to individu-

als is something that will serve this community for decades to come," Smith said.

A \$700,000 donation from the Logan Foundation, established locally in 1973, paid for the construction of the adjacent training center and is named the Myrtis Logan Training and Conference Center.

Myrtis Julia Baker Logan was an active member of the Sumter community for decades. Some of Logan's biggest contributions to the com-

munity were through the state Mental Health Association, where she served as president and state coordinator for volunteer services. In that capacity, she established a social club for patients released from the state mental hospital.

An estimated 200 people attended Thursday's event. After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, center staff members took guests on tours of the new 30,000-square-foot facility.

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## Trump can shut down his Russia critics by using one bold move

**W**ASHINGTON — If President Trump wants to shut down the critics of his performance this week in Helsinki and strengthen U.S. national security, he can do so with one bold move: Announce he is moving out most U.S. forces currently stationed in Germany and sending them to Poland.

The Polish government recently presented Trump with a formal proposal to move U.S. troops from Stuttgart, Germany, to a new permanent U.S. military base in Poland. Trump should take up Warsaw on this offer.

Moving U.S. troops to Poland would be a bold, historic decision on par with Trump's decision to move the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem. Not only would it better position American forces, but it also would completely flummox Trump's critics in the U.S. foreign policy establishment.

After spending the past week accusing him of being Putin's puppet, they would look foolish if they turned around and criticized him for antagonizing Russia. And after attacking him for undermining NATO, they could hardly complain that he is taking unprecedented action to shore up the alliance's Eastern flank.

Such a move would reinforce the tough line the president took on defense spending at last week's NATO summit, by punishing a deadbeat ally that does not meet its NATO commitments and rewarding a steadfast ally that does.

Why should Germany — a country that spends just 1.24 percent of its gross domestic product on defense — continue to be rewarded with the economic benefit of U.S. bases? Better to station U.S. forces in a country such as Poland that is providing what Trump has called a "truly magnificent" example as "one of the NATO countries that has actually achieved the benchmark for investment in our common defense."

Trump can further argue that Germany's actions beyond its inadequate defense spending have necessitated this move. At NATO, Trump blasted the Germany-to-Russia Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, declaring "it's a very bad thing for NATO." He's right. The pipeline not only makes Germany more dependent on Moscow for energy, but it also risks the security of Poland and other Eastern European allies. Right now, all Russian gas exports to Western Europe go through pipelines that cross Poland and Slovakia — which means Russia cannot cut off gas to NATO allies in the East without also cutting off its lucrative exports to the West.

But once the new pipeline is built, sending gas directly to Germany under the Baltic Sea, Russia will be able to shut off energy supplies to Eastern Europe far more easily. Trump can correctly say that he needs to shore up the security of NATO's East European allies because of the German government's sign-off on the pipeline.

The move would also address a major U.S. strategic concern about its ability to deter Russia. *The Post* recently reported that U.S. military commanders are worried that if they had to quickly move U.S. troops east to head off a military conflict with Moscow, "the most powerful military in the world could get stuck in a traffic jam" as "Humvees ... snarl behind plodding semis on narrow roads" and "U.S. tanks ... crush rusting bridges too weak to hold their weight."

Stationing American forces in Poland would alleviate that problem. As the Polish government points out in its proposal, "a U.S. permanent presence in Poland [offers] a more forward operating location than Stuttgart provides, would greatly alleviate well-founded fears that fellow Eastern European and Baltic governments have that Moscow would be able to overtake defending forces prior to the support of U.S. and NATO forces in Stuttgart could provide."

The move would also benefit U.S. taxpayers. The Polish government has offered up to \$2 billion to cover most of the costs of building such a base and supporting U.S. troops in Poland, declaring it is committed "to share the burden of defense spending [and] make the decision more cost-effective for the U.S. government." This should be attractive to Trump, who has criticized other allies for not paying enough for the cost of stationing U.S. forces on their territory.

And there is one last good reason to do it: Poland loves Trump. When Trump spoke in Warsaw last year, his speech was repeatedly interrupted by chants of "Donald Trump! Donald Trump!" Such response would be unimaginable in Berlin.

The U.S. military presence in Germany is a legacy of the Cold War, when we positioned our forces to deter a Soviet invasion from East Germany. Today the need for deterrence is undiminished, but the potential line of contact has moved east. So should the U.S. military.

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COMMENTARY

## Why the Founders feared foreign influence in American politics

BY GAIL SAVAGE

**O**n Monday, President Donald Trump met with Russian President Vladimir Putin — then promptly sided with him. The meeting marked the culmination of two years of growing concern about Russian interference in the 2016 election and mounting fears that Russia is shaping U.S. foreign policy.

Fear of foreign interference in American affairs drove the founders to place certain safeguards in the Constitution, including the now-famous emoluments clause. Trump's behavior serves not just as a reminder of why those safeguards are necessary, but also as a reminder of the British king who inspired them: Charles II. In 1660, Charles brought the monarchy back to England after the collapse of the Cromwellian Commonwealth, a brief period of republican rule that ended shortly after Oliver Cromwell's death in 1658. Cromwell — victorious leader of Parliamentary forces in the 1642-1651 Civil War between the crown, held by Charles I, and Parliament — failed to devise a satisfactory alternative to a mixed monarchy, and his authoritarian rule became increasingly unpopular. Parliament executed Charles I in 1649, but in the absence of any good alternative to succeed Cromwell, the Stuart heir to the throne, Charles II, was invited back.

The restoration of the monarchy was welcomed by a joyous population who hoped that civil war was put

behind them and looked forward to the reopening of the theater and the return of horse racing. Parliament and crown were reunited, but the exact nature of their relationship was not explicitly defined. Charles took advantage of this ambiguous space to expand royal power whenever he could. Short on funds, Charles II looked for ways to augment his income and his power without going through Parliament.

He had reason to be grateful to French King Louis XIV, who had sheltered him and his family during their exile from England after the execution of his father. In addition, his beloved sister, Henrietta, was married to Louis' brother. Charles also understood that Louis' program of expanding French power in Europe required defeating the Dutch — which gave him an opening.

In 1662, in need of an infusion of cash, Charles sold the English interest in Dunkirk to Louis. In 1670, Henrietta acted as an intermediary in the negotiations for the Treaty of Dover between England and France to ally the two nations against the Dutch. This agreement led directly to the Third Anglo-Dutch War, which lasted from 1672 to 1674. Secret provisions gave an annual stipend to Charles to help close a budgetary gap and enable him to evade parliamentary oversight.

During a time when the principle of parliamentary supremacy was still in flux, Charles sold out his own country to the French, a breathtaking example of corruption by a head of

state at the behest of a foreign actor.

A century later, the story of Charles II's treachery was on the minds of those crafting a new constitution for the United States.

During those deliberations, Gouverneur Morris and Charles Pinckney pointed to Charles as an example of a corrupt head of state, using his perfidy to argue for the emoluments and the impeachment clauses, as well as the participation of the Senate in ratifying treaties. During the debates on ratifying the constitution in the South Carolina legislature, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney cited Charles' sale of Dunkirk to Louis as a reason to make presidential treaty-making subject to senatorial advice and consent. And Alexander Hamilton in the *Federalist Papers* underlined how Charles had fielded a standing army without respect to Parliament in the waning years of his reign.

That a scheming, feckless leader might sell out his own country was a very real threat in the minds of those tasked to create a constitutional framework for a new government. But our Constitution's safeguards against the danger of foreign corruption still exist, derived in part from the 18th-century memories of Charles' duplicity. It remains to be seen whether we have the political courage to use them or whether they will protect us.

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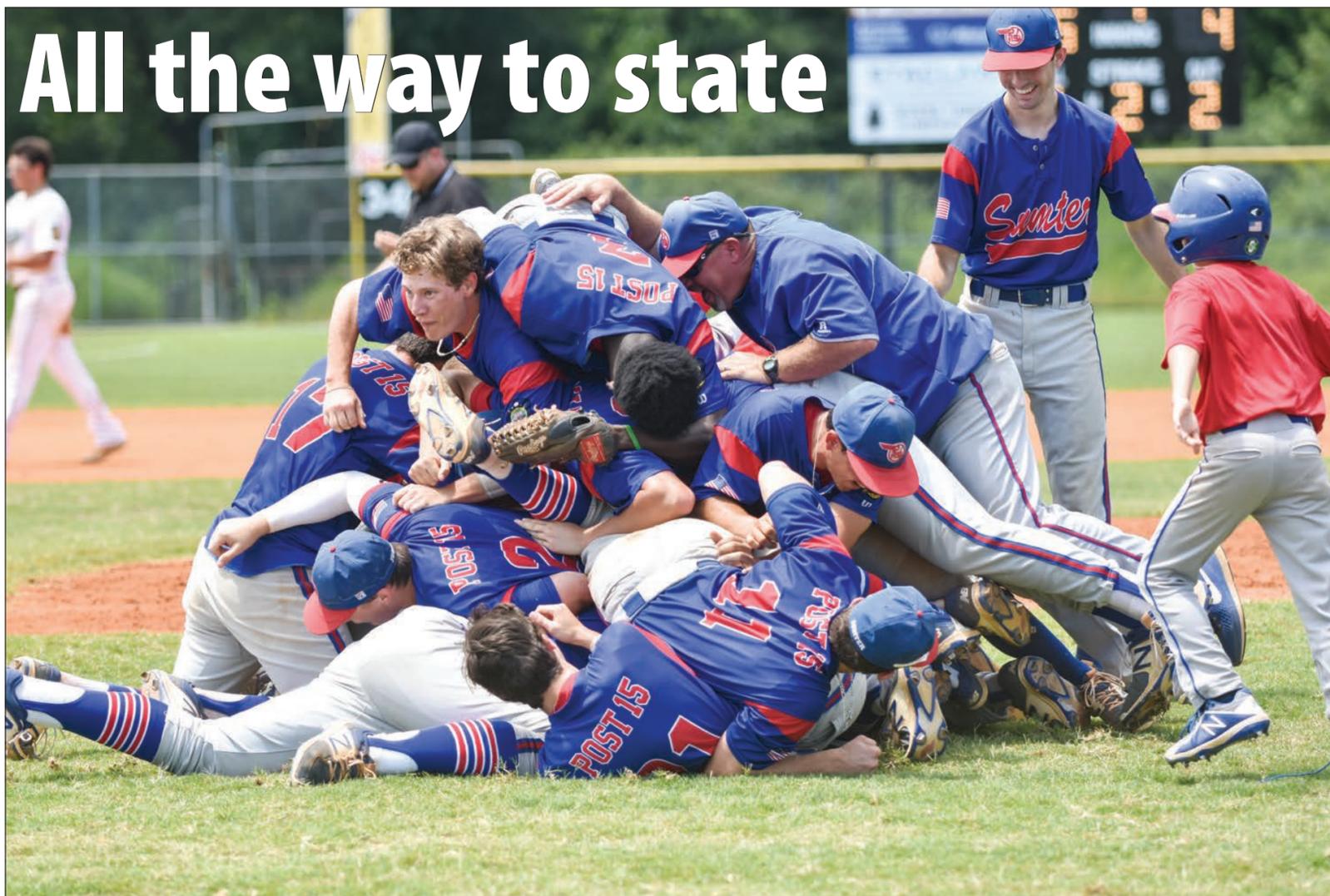
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## AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



DENNIS BRUNSON / THE SUMTER ITEM

The Sumter P-15's dog pile in the infield after their improbable 6-4 victory over Camden on Saturday at Legion Field in Camden. With the win, Sumter advances to the state tournament, where it will face Florence in the opening game of the 4-team tournament on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in Florence.

## P-15's pull off miraculous rally to beat Camden 6-4, win second-round series

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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CAMDEN — There's the improbable, then there's what the Sumter P-15's did on Saturday.

Down to their last strike one time -- no, wait a minute --

actually using their final strike -- the P-15's managed to score two runs in the top of the seventh inning and held off Camden in the bottom of the inning to win 6-4 at Legion Field and claim the best-of-5 second-round state playoff series 3-2 and a spot in the state

tournament.

Sumter, which improved to 21-11 on the season, will travel to Florence on Monday to face defending state champion Florence Post 1 at Legion Field in the first game of the state tournament beginning at 7:30 p.m.. The 4-team, double

elimination tournament will move to Spirit Communications Park in Columbia on Wednesday.

"I'm just as proud as I can be of this team," said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson, who is in his first year in his second stint with Sumter.

"This is what this team has done all year. They battle, they fight, they don't quit."

Post 17, which finished year with a 22-8 record, had scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth to take a 4-3 lead. It

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## BRITISH OPEN

# Spieth part of 3-way tie for lead, Woods lurks

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Jordan Spieth has a share of the lead in the British Open and a big edge in experience. Still only 24, he already has won three majors and his name is the last one etched on the base of the silver claret jug.

One name in the mix makes it all feel so new.

"I've always wanted to battle it out in a major with Tiger. Who hasn't?" Spieth said after seizing upon a calm Carnoustie for a 6-under 65 to tie for the lead with Kevin Kisner and Xander Schauffele. "It's kind of a dream come true just to have the opportunity."

Woods feels the same way.

Never in the mix at the Masters, gone by the weekend at the U.S. Open, the 14-time major champion surged into contention Saturday with a 66, his lowest round on weekend at a major in eight years.

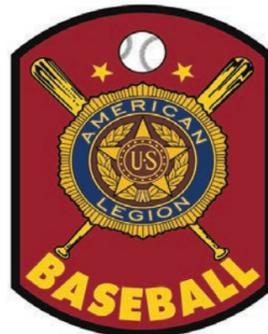
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Tiger Woods lines up a putt on the 13th green during the third round of the British Open on Saturday in Carnoustie, Scotland. Woods trails leaders Jordan Spieth, Kevin Kisner and Xander Schauffele by four strokes.

## AREA ROUNDUP



# Junior P-15's open state with 4-2 win over York

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

GEORGETOWN — The Sumter Junior P-15's opened the Junior American Legion baseball state tournament with a 4-2 victory over York on Saturday at Michael Johnson Park in Georgetown.

Sumter, which improved to 20-3-1 on the season, will take on the winner of Saturday's final game between Georgetown and Spartanburg at 7 p.m. today.

York took a 1-0 lead with a run in the second. The Junior P-15's tied the game in the third and scored two more times in the fourth to go up 3-1. They pushed the lead to 4-1 with a run in the top of the fifth. York scored its other run in the bottom of the fifth.

Austin Trapp picked up the win for Sumter, pitching 2 1/3 innings of relief. Wylie Coker came on to get the save.

The Junior P-15's had 10 hits with Victor Brown, Coker and Bryce Lyons each picking up two.

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## PRO FOOTBALL

# Dolphins owner says he was keeping options open on anthem

BY ROB MAADDI  
The Associated Press

Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross said he hadn't decided whether to actually discipline players who protest during the national anthem when he formally told the team that the demonstrations could be punishable.

"We were asked to submit a form to the NFL on our overall discipline policy prior to the start of the rookie report date," Ross said in a statement Friday, explaining why a one-sentence reference to "Proper Anthem Conduct" was included in the team's official discipline policy. "The one line sentence

related to the national anthem was a placeholder as we haven't made a decision on what we would do, if anything, at that point."

President Donald Trump, a frequent critic of protesting players, said Friday that players should be suspended for a game for kneeling once, then suspended for the season with no pay if they kneel a second time.

"Isn't it in contract that players must stand at attention, hand on heart? The \$40,000,000 Commissioner must now make a stand," Trump tweeted, referring to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

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AP FILE PHOTO

Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross said he is keeping his options open on how to handle the NFL National Anthem controversy.

AUTO RACING

# NASCAR stars push for 'new' to improve state of racing

BY DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

LOUDON, N.H. — NASCAR has been reluctant to make more than modest tweaks to its schedule. That hasn't stopped its drivers this summer from wondering about possibilities in hopes of luring more fans:

- a Cup race on Eldora dirt.
- more races at short tracks.
- no more multiple races at the same track.
- try Iowa; go back to Rockingham.

The idea of blowing up a schedule that has largely remained unchanged for most of the last decade is hardly a novel idea, and drivers have long lobbied NASCAR to try something new and mix things up over the staid summer months.

Denny Hamlin, a 31-time Cup winner, mulled over a few potential schedule shake-ups until he splashed cold water on the campaigning.

"None of this is ever going to happen," Hamlin said. "Not until these tracks and NASCAR get together and are willing to make changes."

That seems unlikely in the immediate future for a variety of reasons — from sanctioning agreements with tracks that run through 2020 to safety upgrades and even the threat of litigation should a track lose a race.

The sport has resisted even such fan-friendly schedule changes, like running weeknight races or rotating the site of All-Star weekend.

"It's going to have to take someone way high up saying, 'We're making changes and this is what we're going to do,' for it to happen," Hamlin said. "But it definitely won't happen in the next few years until that contract's over with."

One of the few fun additions over the last decade came when NASCAR added a Truck Series race on the half-mile Eldora Speedway dirt track in Ohio. The series made its annual stop on the dirt this week for the only time this season. Retired NASCAR champion Tony Stewart owns the track and used his forum to push for the sport to at least bring the second-tier Xfinity Series to the dirt.

Like most issues facing NASCAR, few agree on any topic. Kyle Larson, a noted sprint car racer, said NASCAR should stay above the muck.



Erik Jones gets a high five from Jake Manalio, 4, of Middletown, New York, as Jones walks to his car at the start of practice for the Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 on Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon, New Hampshire.

"I wouldn't like to see Cup on dirt," he said. "Cup belongs on pavement and real road course tracks. If we went to Eldora, yeah, I mean I would be excited because I would be really fast and I feel like I would definitely have the best shot to win. But at the same time, I think we are fine not going there."

The race winner at Eldora is awarded a Golden Shovel, which seems fitting because these days everyone is piling on NASCAR.

How low can they go? The ratings reports could win a limbo contest with the regular bottoming out of all-time lows or decade-worst for most races. Kentucky had 2.3 million viewers Saturday on NBC Sports Network and Sportsmediawatch.com reported it was the 15th of 17 Cup races this season that had its ratings decline double-digits to multiyear lows.

It's no longer jarring to see empty swaths of grandstands at the track and longtime corporate giants such as Lowe's and 5-hour Energy that have helped fund championship drivers are set to sever its ties with NASCAR at the end of the season.

Kentucky was once NASCAR's shiny new toy when the Cup series moved there in 2011. The first race was a sell-out, though it was marred by traffic jams that turned thousands away from the track. Last week, plenty of good seats were still available for a hum race. The luster had worn off just as it has at Indianapolis Motor Speedway — which had its date moved this season from July to early September and the final "regular season" race.

The competition has been reduced to three dominant drivers: Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch have combined to win 14 of 19 races. Clint Bowyer is the only other driver to win a non-restrictor plate race this season.

No surprise, Truex, Harvick and Busch went 1-2-3 on the leaderboard in the final Cup practice Saturday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

The real fun in NASCAR comes in 280-character bursts on social media instead of 200 mph speeds on an oval.

Dale Earnhardt Jr., the 15-time most popular driver-turned NBC analyst, posed this question to consider, and it

## FOXWOODS RESORT CASINO 301 LINEUP

- After Friday qualifying; race Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway Loudon, N.H.  
Lap length: 1.06 miles  
(Car number in parentheses)
- (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 133.591 mph.
  - (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 133.502.
  - (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 133.431.
  - (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 133.361.
  - (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 132.720.
  - (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 132.715.
  - (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 132.674.
  - (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 132.618.
  - (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 132.581.
  - (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 132.462.
  - (19) William Byron, Chevrolet, 132.383.
  - (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 132.190.
  - (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 132.586.
  - (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 132.554.
  - (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 132.402.
  - (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 132.379.
  - (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 132.259.
  - (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 132.200.
  - (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 132.094.
  - (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 132.039.
  - (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 131.925.
  - (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 131.738.
  - (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 131.447.
  - (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 131.238.
  - (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 131.247.
  - (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 130.954.
  - (43) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 130.860.
  - (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 130.783.
  - (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 130.568.
  - (38) David Ragan, Ford, 130.532.
  - (6) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 130.483.
  - (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 129.213.
  - (72) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 129.151.
  - (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 129.134.
  - (99) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 127.577.
  - (51) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 127.555.
  - (23) Blake Jones, Toyota, 124.556.

had nothing to do with who can beat the Big Three at New Hampshire:

"Can a driver wear his own throwback gear? I always get weird wearing stuff with my own image or name on it. But it gets murky when it's a 20 year old throwback. Opinions please?" he tweeted.

More than 1,500 replies later — including a few from active NASCAR drivers — Earnhardt still wasn't sure if he should throw on his own throwback.

With little buzz at the track, the tremor on a mobile device of a tweet notification from a driver might be the best part of a race weekend for fans.

Tracks are trying anything to replicate that instant gratification. New Hampshire — which lost its fall race to Las Vegas — launched a "College Corner" this weekend "where the racing is loud and the party is lit!"

Cool. But don't expect those 20-somethings to easily vote in any Twitter fashion polls — the track doesn't have WiFi.

It's up to NASCAR to repair its lost connection with a fading fan base.

## SCOREBOARD

### TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**6 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: ATP Bastad Singles Championship Match and Doubles Championship Match (TENNIS).  
**7 a.m.** — PGA Golf: British Open Final Round from Angus, Scotland (WIS 10).  
**7:30 a.m.** — International Cycling: Tour de France Stage 15 from Carcassonne, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:05 a.m.** — Formula One Racing: German Grand Prix from Hockenheim, Germany (ESPN2).  
**10:30 a.m.** — Amateur Tennis: USTA National Clay Court Championships from Delray Beach, Fla. — Girls 18s Final Match (TENNIS).  
**11 a.m.** — PGA Golf: British Open Final Round from Angus, Scotland (WIS 10).  
**Noon** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament Midwest Regional Second-Round Game from Columbus, Ohio (ESPN).  
**1:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Washington (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**2 p.m.** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament Midwest Regional Second-Round Game from Columbus, Ohio (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 from Loudon, N.H. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**2 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Chicago Cubs (TBS).  
**3 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Seattle at Atlanta (NBA TV).  
**2:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: ICC Futures Tournament Championship Match from Orlando, Fla. (ESPN2).  
**4 p.m.** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament Midwest Regional Second-Round Game from Columbus, Ohio (ESPN2).  
**4 p.m.** — Horse Racing: Coaching Club American Oaks from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**4 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Barbasol Championship Final Round from Nicholasville, Ky. (GOLF).  
**4:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: International Champions Cup Match from Charlotte — Liverpool vs. Borussia Dortmund (ESPN).  
**6 p.m.** — Exhibition Basketball: The Basketball Tournament Midwest Regional Second-Round Game from Columbus, Ohio (ESPN2).  
**6 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles at Chicago (NBA TV).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at New York Yankees (ESPN).  
**8 p.m.** — High School Baseball: All-American Game from Chicago (MLB NETWORK).  
**MONDAY**  
**4 p.m.** — Horse Racing: Caress Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**6 p.m.** — Track and Field: IAAF Diamond League Meet from London — Muller Anniversary Games (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — American Legion Baseball: State Tournament Game — Sumter at Florence (WWHM-FM 92.3, WWHM-FM 93.3, WWHM-AM 1290).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Arizona at Chicago Cubs (ESPN).  
**11 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels (Joined In Progress) (MLB NETWORK).

### MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	69	30	.697	—
New York	63	34	.649	—
Tampa Bay	49	48	.505	19
Toronto	45	52	.464	23
Baltimore	28	71	.283	41
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	53	43	.552	—
Minnesota	44	51	.463	8½
Detroit	41	58	.414	13½
Chicago	33	63	.344	20
Kansas City	28	68	.292	25
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	65	35	.650	—
Seattle	59	39	.602	5
Oakland	55	43	.561	9
Los Angeles	49	49	.500	15
Texas	41	57	.418	23

**FRIDAY**  
 N.Y. Mets 7, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Toronto 8, Baltimore 7, 10 innings  
 Boston 1, Detroit 0  
 Miami 6, Tampa Bay 5

Cleveland 9, Texas 8, 11 innings  
 Kansas City 6, Minnesota 5  
 San Francisco 5, Oakland 1  
 Houston 3, L.A. Angels 1  
 Seattle 3, Chicago White Sox 1

**SATURDAY**  
 N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 6  
 Toronto 4, Baltimore 1  
 Boston at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.  
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.  
 Houston at L.A. Angels, 7:15 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.  
 Cleveland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

**TODAY**  
 Baltimore (Cashner 2-9) at Toronto (Estrada 4-7), 1:07 p.m.  
 Boston (Sale 10-4) at Detroit (Hardy 3-2), 1:10 p.m.  
 Miami (Richards 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-4), 1:10 p.m.  
 Minnesota (Odorizzi 4-6) at Kansas City (Keller 2-4), 2:15 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Clevinger 7-5) at Texas (Gallardo 3-1), 3:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Cueto 3-1) at Oakland (Manaea 9-6), 4:05 p.m.  
 Houston (McCullers 10-4) at L.A. Angels (Heaney 5-6), 4:07 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Lopez 4-7) at Seattle (Gonzales 10-5), 4:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2), 8:05 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
 Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
 Detroit at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	54	42	.563	—
Atlanta	53	42	.558	½
Washington	48	49	.495	6½
Miami	42	57	.424	13½
New York	40	56	.417	14
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	57	39	.594	—
Milwaukee	55	44	.556	3½
St. Louis	49	48	.505	8½
Pittsburgh	49	49	.500	9
Cincinnati	43	54	.443	14½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	54	43	.557	—
Arizona	53	45	.541	1½
Colorado	52	45	.536	2
San Francisco	51	48	.515	4
San Diego	40	60	.400	15½

**FRIDAY**  
 St. Louis 18, Chicago Cubs 5  
 Atlanta 8, Washington 5  
 N.Y. Mets 7, N.Y. Yankees 5  
 Philadelphia 11, San Diego 5  
 Miami 6, Tampa Bay 5  
 Pittsburgh 12, Cincinnati 1  
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Milwaukee 4  
 San Francisco 5, Oakland 1  
 Colorado 11, Arizona 10

**SATURDAY**  
 Atlanta at Washington, p.p.d.  
 San Diego at Philadelphia, p.p.d.  
 Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 2, 1st game  
 N.Y. Yankees 7, N.Y. Mets 6  
 Miami at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7:15 p.m., 2nd game  
 Colorado at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

**SUNDAY**  
 San Diego (Perdomo 1-4) at Philadelphia (Velasquez 5-8), 12:05 p.m., 1st game  
 Miami (Richards 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-4), 1:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Nova 5-6) at Cincinnati (Harvey 5-5), 1:10 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Foltynewicz 7-5) at Washington (Scherzer 12-5), 1:35 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Wood 5-5) at Milwaukee (Suter 8-6), 2:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Mikolas 10-3) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 8-6), 2:20 p.m.  
 San Francisco (Cueto 3-1) at Oakland (Manaea 9-6), 4:05 p.m.  
 Colorado (Senzatela 3-2) at Arizona (Greinke 10-5), 4:10 p.m.  
 San Diego (TBD) at Philadelphia (TBD), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game  
 N.Y. Mets (deGrom 5-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-2), 8:05 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
 L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
 San Diego at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.  
 St. Louis at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
 Arizona at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.  
 Washington at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.

## TOUR DE FRANCE



Geraint Thomas wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, and Chris Froome, second from left, are part of Team Sky and are in first and second, respectively, after the 14th stage of the Tour de France on Saturday.

# With Thomas and Froome 1-2, Sky controls the Tour de France

BY ANDREW DAMPF  
The Associated Press

MENDE, France — With Geraint Thomas and Chris Froome sitting 1-2 in the overall standings, Team Sky has complete control over the Tour de France.

The two British riders took advantage of their powers in the hilly 14th stage in the Massif Central, allowing a large group of breakaway riders to build a lead of nearly 20 minutes then fending off the few attacks thrown their way on the short but steep finishing climb.

"We can really just ride off each other," Froome said. "I imagine for our rivals it's making their lives quite difficult, having two guys to watch like that."

While the Welshman Thomas is attempting to win the Tour for the first time, the Kenyan-born Froome is aiming for a record-tying fifth victory in cycling's biggest race.

Fourth-placed Primoz Roglic was the only overall contender to gain time, finishing eight seconds ahead of Thomas, Froome, and third-placed Tom Dumoulin — with all four riders finishing more than 18

minutes behind stage winner Omar Fraile, who remained far back in the standings.

Thomas leads Froome by 1 minute, 39 seconds. Dumoulin, the time trial world champion and last year's Giro d'Italia winner, is third, 1:50 behind, and Roglic is fourth, 2:38 back.

When Dumoulin attacked with two kilometers remaining, Thomas chased him down with Froome tasing along.

"(Dumoulin) can really pace himself," Thomas said. "You don't know if he is really suffering or just pacing himself. Hats off to him. It takes (courage) to do that with no teammate around."

Fraile escaped from a large group of breakaway riders on the finishing climb, a short but steep three-kilometer ascent that was followed by a quick descent and flat finish on an air strip.

"When I saw that the breakaway was so big, I knew it was going to be a tough stage, but I picked my moment well and pulled it off," Fraile said. "I knew that I still had another gear. ... I have raced here before and I knew the course to perfection."



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ABOVE: Sumter's Jacob Holladay delivers a pitch in the sixth inning of the P-15's 6-4 back-from-the-dead 6-4 victory over Camden in the deciding game of the second-round state playoff series on Saturday at Legion Field in Camden. RIGHT: Sumter's Bobby Crisp celebrates with Sumter first base coach Robbie Mooneyham after Crisp's 2-run single that gave Sumter the lead in the seventh inning in its victory.



**P-15'S** FROM PAGE B1

looked as if the 17ers would punch their ticket to the state tournament as relief pitcher Jay Lynch struck out Trey Yates to start the Sumter seventh and then got Jacob Holladay to pop up.

Then the improbable -- or whatever you want to call it -- began to happen.

Lynch had two strikes on Ryan Moore before Moore took one back up the middle, just eluding the glove of shortstop Todd Mattox to keep the season alive.

"I was just trying to do something to put it on the next guy," Moore said of his approach with two strikes.

The next guy was Daulton Dabbs, who drew a walk, bringing Rylan Williamson to the plate. Williamson actually struck out, swinging at a pitch in the dirt. However, the ball got away from Camden catcher Chase Galloway and Williamson barely beat the throw to first to load the bases.

"I knew I had swung at the pitch, but I knew it was in the dirt, so I took off running," Williamson said. "I kept waiting on him to make the throw, and I was just hoping I'd beat it. I stepped on the bag and then heard the ball hit the glove."

That brought Bobby Crisp to the plate, and he sent a single into left field that easily scored both Moore and pinch runner Jackson Hoshour to give the P-15's a 5-4 lead. Joey Pereira followed with an RBI single that

scored Williamson, making it 6-4.

"I just went up there thinking, 'I'm going to get these runs in,'" said Crisp, who went 2-for-4. "I put a good swing on the pitch, and we got those runs in."

Another improbable moment came for Sumter in the bottom of the inning. Jacob Holladay, who came on in the sixth to record a strikeout with the bases loaded to leave the score at 4-3, hit Josh Boone with a pitch to start the inning. That brought leadoff hitter Bradwin Salmond to the plate.

Salmond, the fastest player on Camden who just missed a home run earlier in the game, hit a grounder to Williamson at first base. Williamson threw to shortstop Moore to force Boone, and Moore then came back to first to Holladay to turn a 3-6-1 double play.

Salmond, who pitched the first six innings for Post 17, was hindered in his running by a sore back.

Holladay walked Mattox before getting Jake Laffin to fly out to end the game and set off a wild celebration by the P-15's.

"We finally have had some breaks go our way," Johnson said. "We hadn't had many breaks all year, but these guys have kept working, doing the right things, and we've finally had some things break our way."

Sumter used three pitchers against Post 17. Left-hander David Frey started and pitched 2-plus innings before running into some trouble in the third

inning. Trent Frye came on and worked 3 2/3 innings before being replaced by Holladay.

"I'm proud of the way all three of them pitched," Johnson said. "We wanted David to give us one inning, and he came in and said he could go another. Trent came in and did a good job and Jacob did a great job."

Camden had just six hits, but Sumter walked eight batters, hit another and committed five errors. However, Post 17 left 13 runners on base, including leaving the bases loaded in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

"This is just great," Crisp said. "We're enjoying playing with each other, and we have each others back. This is a special group of guys."

Sumter finished with 11 hits with Holladay and Lathan Todd also picking up two hits.

The P-15's took a 1-0 lead in the first as Holladay started the game with a single and scored on a Dabbs base hit.

Sumter went up 2-0 in the second. With two out and no one on, Yates singled and came home on a Holladay double.

The 17ers made it 2-1 in the bottom of the inning. William Cobb reached on an error and scored on a Zach Branham hit. The P-15's made it 3-1 in the fourth when Todd singled and scored on a Chandler Hunter triple.

When Camden left the bases loaded in the fourth, left fielder Yates ran down a deep fly ball for the final out. In the fifth, Post 17 scored a run but could have had more. Frye, who walked seven batters, walked Cobb and Galloway before Branham singled Cobb home to make it 3-2. Frye walked Jaiden Garner to load the bases with two outs, and Boone hit a sinking liner to left. Yates laid out and made a diving catch to preserve the lead.

Mattox had an RBI double and Galloway had a sacrifice fly in the sixth to give Camden the 4-3 lead.

**ROUNDUP** FROM PAGE B1

Brown, Dustin Kennedy and Trapp each drove in a run.

**SUMTER "O"ZONE SPLITS**

MONCK'S CORNER — The Sumter 11-12 year-old "O"Zone baseball team split its two games with Hartsville National in the championship series of the state tournament on Saturday at Monck's Corner Regional Recreation Complex.

Sumter won the opening game 6-3 before losing the second game 10-0. The deciding game in the best-of-3 series will be played today beginning

at 10 a.m.

In the opening contest, Clark Kinney struck out 16 batters in the 6-inning contest, breaking the previous state record of 14 set by Sumter's Trent Frye. Kinney allowed three hits.

Ben Reynolds led the Sumter offense, picking up two hits and driving in two runs. Kinney had an RBI single and Ian Harris and BJ Balls each had an RBI.

In the second contest, Sumter had just two hits, those coming from Reynolds and Landon Gilley.

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## BRITISH OPEN



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Tiger Woods plays off the third tee during the third round of the British Open on Saturday in Carnoustie, Scotland. Woods shot a 66 and is just four strokes off the lead entering today's final round.

## Woods' 66 creates buzz at Carnoustie

BY STEVE DOUGLAS

The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — For 20 minutes on a warm Saturday afternoon at the British Open, Tiger Woods' name was back atop a leaderboard at a major championship and Carnoustie was buzzing.

Not much in golf compares with Woods on a charge. So when he rolled in a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 9, stiffed an approach inside two feet for birdie at No. 10, and nearly drove onto the green to set up a tap-in birdie at No. 11, there was a feeling something special was happening.

Then three holes later, Woods two-putted for birdie at No. 14 and there he was, right at the top of the giant yellow leaderboards dotted all around Carnoustie, tied for the lead with five players at 6 under.

"It would be ... better on Sunday," Woods said after his 5-under 66 to get back into the mix. "But I'm right there."

A bogey at the par-3 16th stalled the momentum, and Woods had to scramble for a par at the last after landing his drive on the bank of the Barry Burn and into the

deep rough.

His 66 wasn't even the best of the day — Justin Rose shot 64, Jordan Spieth and Francesco Molinari 65s — but it likely was what fans were talking about when they left the course. It left Woods tied for sixth place on 5-under overall, four shots off the lead and in contention for his first major in 10 years.

"It's been a few years since I've felt like this," Woods said.

The sun was peeking out of the clouds and Woods was walking up the first fairway when one spectator, a beer in his hand, shouted: "Go on Tiger, we got your back."

It certainly felt that way when the deep gallery surrounding the first green roared their approval at Woods holing a 10-foot putt for par, after he sent his approach left of the green.

It was one of the few times Woods was out of position all afternoon in a round where he hit driver six times, compared with three times in the second round and once on Thursday.

"You're the man, Tiger, everyone knows it," shouted another spectator flanking the fairway on the sixth hole. And Woods' playing partner sensed

an aura around the 14-time major champion.

Woods was "back at the top of his game," said Shaun Morris, who got Woods to sign four new gloves after the round and planned to give them to his friends back home in South Africa.

The last time Woods led or held a share of the lead at the end of a round at a major was in 2012, at the U.S. PGA Championship. On Saturday, it happened during a round, and only briefly.

Ian Poulter, who missed the cut, tweeted a screen-grab of the leaderboard with Woods' name on top, and wrote: "I can't say I've ever been so excited for Tiger Woods before.. If he can pull this off, it would be 'stuff dreams are made of.'"

Woods will be in the third-to-last pairing, with Francesco Molinari.

"It certainly is possible," Woods said. "I've shown that I've been there, close enough, with a chance to win this year. Given what happened the last few years, I didn't know if that would ever happen again, but here I am with a chance coming Sunday in a major championship. It's going to be fun."

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He didn't have the best score. He was four shots behind.

But he's Tiger Woods, and it felt like that again to thousands of fans who crammed along the fairways and behind the greens as Woods ran off three straight birdies around the turn and then two-putted for birdie on the par-5 14th to work his way into a tie for the lead, even if that lasted for only 20 minutes.

"I've shown that I've been there close enough with a chance to win this year," Woods said. "Given what happened the last few years, I didn't know if that would ever happen again. But here I am with a chance coming Sunday in a major championship. It's going to be fun."

It was every bit of that on Saturday, a rare day when Carnoustie had little defense.

Justin Rose, who made the cut on the number with a birdie on his final hole, matched the Carnoustie record for the Open with a 64. Spieth set the tone in the afternoon when he decided on the way to the first tee to hit driver on the 396-yard hole. He sent it bouncing and rolling along the firm turf, down a hill and onto the green to about 10 feet away for an eagle.

Moments later, Woods began his charge to get into contention at a major for the first time in five years.

It never stopped. Seven players had a share of the lead at one point. Kisner, who started the third round tied for the lead, was never far away but had to work hard to stay there. He made a tough par save on the 17th, and then got up-and-down from behind the 18th green for a 68.

Schauffele, the PGA Tour rookie of the year last season, holed a 30-foot putt from behind the 18th green for a 67.

They were at 9-under 204.

"We've got pretty much a new tournament tomorrow," Spieth said.

A dozen players were separated by four shots, which is nothing considering that the last two British Open champions at Carnoustie rallied from 10 shots (Paul Lawrie) and six shots (Padraig Harrington) on the final day.

The wind is expected to be the strongest it has been all week. And then there's the presence of Woods, playing in the third-to-last group.

Woods started quietly enough with a few birdies through eight holes. He started his move with a 40-foot birdie putt on No. 9, followed with short birdie putts on the next two holes and with a two-putt birdie on the par-5 14th, he put his name atop the leaderboard.

It was there for only 20 minutes. But it was there.

A bogey on the 16th and a par save from short of the Barry Burn on the 18th gave him a 66. He figured it would at least keep him in

range. He wound up as close to the lead as he has been in a major since he was two behind at Muirfield in the 2013 British Open.

"I'm right there," he said. "I've got a chance at this, which is great."

And he has company.

Kevin Chappell, who spent most of his round watching Spieth put on a show, birdied the 18th for a 67 and was two shots behind.

Francesco Molinari had a 66 and will play in the third-to-last group with Woods. They were last together three weeks ago when Woods presented him the trophy at the Quicken Loans National after Molinari shot 62 for an eight-shot victory.

Twelve players were separated by four shots, a group that includes Rory McIlroy, Tommy Fleetwood and Zach Johnson. They all dropped shots on a day when there was no time to be going backward. McIlroy was within two shots of the lead until bogeys on two of his last three holes for a 70 left him four behind.

Johnson, staying in the same house as Kisner, Spieth and four other Americans, hooked his approach on No. 12 and three-putted for a double bogey. He shot 72 and was in the group four behind. Joining them was Tommy Fleetwood, who dropped three shots in two holes on the back nine on his way to a 71.

Of the five players separated by three shots, only Spieth has experience winning a major. He will try to become the first player since Padraig Harrington in 2008 to win golf's oldest championship in consecutive years.

His move started with a sudden decision.

The opening hole is 396 yards on the card, with the fairway getting narrow between two bunkers. Spieth, who spent Saturday morning watching the Open on television, asked caddie Michael Greller on the practice range, "Do we like driver?"

Greller told him no. Play short and it's a wedge to a front pin, easy birdie chance.

Spieth walked to the tee with coach Cameron McCormick and asked him, "How about I just send it on No. 1?"

"I felt good about the range session. And he's like, 'I put my chips behind anything you decide, always.' And that kind of gave me that little extra boost," Spieth said.

He stuffed his approach to 2 feet on No. 4 and made two short birdie putts until he came to the par-3 16th, when his 5-iron settled 12 feet away for his longest putt of the day.

This is the 16th time he has been in at least a share of the lead in the majors in the five years he has been playing them on a regular basis. And it's the first time he has had to look over his shoulder at Woods.

## BRITISH OPEN

## Schauffele moves into spotlight at British Open

BY STEVE DOUGLAS

The Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Xander Schauffele has enjoyed going under the radar as the least-heralded member of American golf's high-school class of 2011.

That might not last much longer.

Come Sunday evening, Schauffele might be leaving Carnoustie with the claret jug.

The chilled-out 24-year-old golfer with the hard-to-pronounce name — and a convoluted family history — wound up in the last pairing on the final day of the British Open after upstaging playing partner Rory McIlroy in shooting a 4-under 67 on Saturday.

He'll play on Sunday with Jordan Spieth, the most famous graduate from '11 and a guy looking to go back-to-back at the world's oldest major championship.

All the attention will be on Spieth.

Then again, Schauffele is used to that.

"All the guys I've talked to said, 'Live it up while you can, fly under the radar,'" Schauffele said of his status. "Like, just today, I played in front of what you call Rory's crowd, I guess, and guys were just yelling all the time, even while he's trying to putt, and he had to step off a few times.

"No one was yelling at me while I was putting. I kind of enjoy just hanging back and relaxing, sort of the San Diego, Southern California vibe, whatever you want to call it. It's cool with me."

Thing is, Schauffele's results in his two seasons on the tour should command attention.

He won twice last year in his rookie season on the U.S. PGA Tour, including the season-ending Tour Championship when he beat Justin Thomas — another from the gilded '11 class — for the title.

He has finished tied for fifth and tied for sixth at his two U.S. Opens, and was 20th in his first British Open at Royal Birkdale last year.

Daniel Berger is the third well-known member of the '11 class — he had a strong college resume and went back-to-back at the PGA Tour's St. Jude Classic in '16 and '17 — but is No. 40 in the world rankings, 16 places lower than Schauffele.

To the casual golf fan outside the United States, Schauffele might best be known as the player with the strange-looking name.

"Typically, Europeans have an easier time



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Xander Schauffele plays off the 18th tee during the third round of the British Open on Saturday in Carnoustie, Scotland.

handling it versus Americans," Schauffele said, and his background might suggest why.

His father, Stefan, is half-French and half-German. He was an elite soccer player and decathlete, whose track-and-field career was cut short by a car accident on his way to training that cost him his sight in his left eye.

Stefan moved to America, discovered golf, became a PGA Tour professional and taught his son how to play the game.

Soccer is the Schauffele family's favorite sport — his great-grandfathers also played at a high level in Europe — so the World Cup was a big deal for Xander this month, especially since he is a quarter French. France won the cup on Sunday, by which time Schauffele was already in British Open mode.

After shooting rounds of 71 and 66, he birdied Nos. 5, 6 and 7 to make up for a bogey on the first hole on a warm Saturday afternoon at Carnoustie. He had successive birdies on the 14th and 15th before rolling in a long putt on No. 18 for a birdie that put him in the final group.

## BRITISH OPEN PAR SCORES

Saturday At Royal & Ancient Golf Club Carnoustie, Scotland Purse: \$10.5 million Yardage: 7,402; Par: 71	
<b>Third Round</b>	
<b>a-amateur</b>	
Jordan Spieth 72-67-65—204 -9	Patrick Reed 75-70-68—213 E
Xander Schauffele 71-66-67—204 -9	Ross Fisher 75-70-68—213 E
Kevin Kisner 66-70-68—204 -9	Jason Dufner 75-70-68—213 E
Kevin Chappell 70-69-67—206 -7	Tom Lewis 75-70-68—213 E
Francesco Molinari 70-72-65—207 -6	Marc Leishman 72-72-69—213 E
Tiger Woods 71-71-66—208 -5	Lee Westwood 72-72-69—213 E
Webb Simpson 70-71-67—208 -5	Julian Suri 74-69-70—213 E
Alex Noren 70-71-67—208 -5	Thomas Pieters 70-73-70—213 E
Matt Kuchar 70-68-70—208 -5	Stewart Cink 72-70-71—213 E
Rory McIlroy 69-69-70—208 -5	Sung Kang 69-72-72—213 E
Tommy Fleetwood 72-65-71—208 -5	Brandon Stone 68-72-73—213 E
Zach Johnson 69-67-72—208 -5	Adam Hadwin 73-70-71—214 +1
Justin Rose 72-73-64—209 -4	Yuta Ikeda 70-73-71—214 +1
Austin Cook 72-70-67—209 -4	Marcus Kimhult 74-69-71—214 +1
Adam Scott 71-70-68—209 -4	Jason Day 71-71-72—214 +1
Charley Hoffman 71-70-68—209 -4	Matthew Southgate 69-72-73—214 +1
Tony Finau 67-71-71—209 -4	Rhys Enoch 74-71-70—215 +2
Zander Lombard 67-71-71—209 -4	a-Sam Locke 72-73-70—215 +2
Erik van Rooyen 67-71-71—209 -4	Masahiro Kawamura 77-67-71—215 +2
Yusaku Miyazato 71-74-65—210 -3	Shubhankar Sharma 73-71-71—215 +2
Chris Wood 70-74-66—210 -3	Gary Woodland 71-72-72—215 +2
Byeong Hun An 73-71-66—210 -3	Gavin Green 72-73-71—216 +3
Haotong Li 71-72-67—210 -3	Ryan Fox 74-71-71—216 +3
Kyle Stanley 72-69-69—210 -3	Henrik Stenson 70-75-71—216 +3
Ryan Moore 68-73-69—210 -3	Paul Casey 73-71-72—216 +3
Danny Willett 69-71-70—210 -3	Brett Rumford 74-70-72—216 +3
Thorbjorn Olesen 70-70-70—210 -3	Kevin Na 70-73-73—216 +3
Satoshi Kodaira 72-71-68—211 -2	Cameron Davis 71-72-73—216 +3
Sean Crocker 71-71-69—211 -2	Brooks Koepka 72-69-75—216 +3
Louis Oosthuizen 72-70-69—211 -2	Tyrrrel Hattton 74-71-72—217 +4
Shaun Norris 74-68-69—211 -2	Paul Dunne 71-73-73—217 +4
Lucas Herbert 73-69-69—211 -2	Cameron Smith 73-71-73—217 +4
Michael Kim 73-69-69—211 -2	Brendan Steele 68-76-73—217 +4
Patrick Cantlay 70-71-70—211 -2	Luke List 70-70-77—217 +4
Eddie Pepperell 71-70-70—211 -2	Keegan Bradley 74-71-73—218 +5
Pat Perez 69-68-74—211 -2	Bryson DeChambeau 75-70-73—218 +5
Bernhard Langer 73-71-68—212 -1	Si Woo Kim 71-72-75—218 +5
Phil Mickelson 73-69-70—212 -1	Kiradech Aphibarnrat 74-71-74—219 +6
Rickie Fowler 70-69-73—212 -1	Rafa Cabrera Bello 74-70-76—220 +7
	Beau Hossler 73-70-77—220 +7

## PRO FOOTBALL

## Analysis: Few good options for NFL owners on player protests

BY JIMMY GOLEN

The Associated Press

The controversy over NFL players protesting during the national anthem isn't going away, despite — or perhaps because of — team owners' efforts to stop players from using the forum to speak out on political causes.

The league's attempt to turn responsibility for disciplining protesters over to individual teams backfired Thursday when the Miami Dolphins tried to categorize raising a fist or kneeling during the anthem as "conduct detrimental to the club." That gave them the right to punish a player with a fine or up to a four-game suspension — one game more than Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston got when he was accused of groping an Uber driver.

Hours after The Associated Press reported on Miami's rules, the NFL and the players union issued a joint statement saying they were putting any anthem conduct policy on hold to see if they could come up with a compromise. But the owners aren't left with many good ways to defuse the controversy — especially with President Donald Trump fanning the flames by subtweeting Commissioner Roger Goodell on Friday: "The \$40,000,000 Commissioner must now make a stand."

Here's a look at some of the options:

## LEAVE IT TO THE TEAMS

The Plan: The league's solution, which the NFL Players Association challenged, was



Miami Dolphins wide receiver Kenny Stills (10), free safety Michael Thomas (31) and defensive back Chris Culliver (29) kneel during the National Anthem before the first half of a 2016 game against the Buffalo Bills in Miami Gardens, Florida.

to allow each team to determine whether to punish its own players for protesting during the anthem. The policy adopted in May subjected clubs to fines and required players to stand if they are on the field during "The Star-Spangled Banner," though players could choose to stay in the locker room.

This would have given hard-line owners in conservative regions a chance to clamp down while allowing teams in more liberal areas to let their players speak more freely. (Trump called for a season-long suspension for a second violation, a penalty that would violate the collective

bargaining agreement.)

But the league quickly backed off after the Dolphins' rules leaked.

The Winners: None. With players punished in some cities and protesting freely in others, there would always be plenty to complain about for those inclined to do so. And everyone seems inclined to do so these days.

The Losers: NFL owners. Any punishment would be destined to divide the locker room and the fandom; should a team actually suspend a significant contributor, it would only be hurting itself. And the guarantee of unequal treatment between and within

teams would surely keep the issue in the news for yet another season.

## GO BACK TO THE OLD WAY

The Plan: Ask players to stand at attention during the national anthem, and hope they do.

The Winners: Players, who would retain the ability to call attention to causes they believe in, namely racial inequality and police brutality. And Trump, who gets applause any time he attacks the protesting players as he stumps for Republicans in the November midterm elections.

The Losers: NFL owners, or at least those like Houston's Bob McNair who have chafed at the notion of the "inmates running the prison." They would lose control and remain a subject of Trump's ridicule.

## KEEP PLAYERS IN THE LOCKER ROOM DURING THE ANTHEM

The Plan: Players can't protest during the anthem if they aren't on the field during the anthem. Or so the theory goes. But the demonstrations were never about the anthem itself. They started as a way for 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick to protest racial inequality and expanded into a leaguewide us-vs.-them after Trump hollered at one rally: "Get that son of a bitch off the field."

The Winners: Fans who were triggered by the sight of players kneeling during the song. And players, who could surely find another forum for their protests.

The Losers: NFL owners. The president has already

said this isn't patriotic enough for him, so there's little hope of him easing up on his criticism. And it would cost them the connection to the flag and country they have worked hard to cultivate.

## COMPROMISE

The Plan: Other sports worked with their players so that they didn't have to protest to be heard. Maybe the owners make a donation to the players' pet projects, play a video on the scoreboard, or otherwise give them a forum for their concerns.

The Winners: Players. It's not about the protest, it's about the cause.

The Losers: NFL owners. Even if they could stomach the loss of control, the political intrusion on the sport is bound to alienate some fans.

## STOP PLAYING THE ANTHEM BEFORE GAMES

The Plan: Join almost every other country in the world and skip the forced display of patriotism that demands players stand at attention while fans check their phones, finish their hot dogs or visit the bathroom. If teams want to honor the military or local first-responders, let them do so — free from marketing deals.

The Winners: Fans who don't consider the anthem an integral part of the sports experience, giving them another 90 seconds to spend in game-day traffic without missing anything.

The Losers: NFL owners. Concessionaires. And a whole generation of American Idol also-rans.

## ANTHEM FROM PAGE B1

Miami's policy was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press and listed anthem conduct under behavior that could be found "detrimental to the club." It was the final bullet point on Miami's list.

The list contains a wide range of potential violations, including criminal acts, breaking curfew, using or possessing drugs, riding a motorcycle, visiting public places declared off-limits by the club and inappropriate use of tablets and mobile devices. It also says players can be punished for criticizing teammates, officials or NFL executives.

All of the violations carry potential penalties of suspension with or without pay, or fines. The maximum penal-

ty — rarely given by clubs themselves — is a four-game suspension and a fine of another week of pay.

A person familiar with league protocol told The Associated Press on Friday that NFL teams were not required to create any anthem policies when they submitted their annual discipline notices to the league and players. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details of anthem discussions between the league and players union are private.

The NFL and NFL Players Association said in a joint statement Thursday night that they planned to pause enforcement on league anthem rules while working out a resolution acceptable to players, team owners and the league.

Officials for the league and union de-

clined comment on Friday on how they would chart a path forward with the first preseason game less than two weeks away.

Discord over how players should protest social injustice has put the sport at a difficult crossroads, revealing deep divisions in football itself much like those throughout the United States.

In 2016, then-49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick began protesting police brutality, social injustice and racial inequality by kneeling during "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the demonstration spread to other players and teams. It became one of the most controversial and sensitive issues in sports.

Trump has led the critics, calling players unpatriotic and even saying NFL owners should fire any player

who refused to stand during the anthem. Some players countered that their actions were being misconstrued and that they are seeking social change rather than protesting the anthem itself, the flag or the military.

Trump's criticism led more than 200 players to protest during one weekend, and some kept it up throughout the season.

The NFL rule that was passed in May forbids players from sitting or taking a knee if they are on the field or sidelines during the national anthem, but allowed them to stay in the locker room if they wish. The league left it up to teams on how to punish players. The new league rules were challenged this month in a grievance by the players union.

## OBITUARIES

## VERNAL COUSAR

Mr. Vernal Cousar, husband of Ada Benjamin Cousar, made his transition on Thursday morning, July 19, 2018.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Ada, of the home; two sons, Dwayne E. Cousar of North Charleston and

Vernal (Audrey) Cousar Jr. of Georgia; one daughter, Carrielle (Mykell) McNair of Clayton, North Carolina; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters: Flossie D. Cousar, Eliza Bethea, both of Lynchburg, Sallie (Leon) Taylor of Hackensack, New Jersey, and Willie Mae Quattlebaum of Bronx, New York; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends whose lives he touched.

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

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

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Mt. Sinai AME Church, 5985 Mt. Sinai Church Road, Lynchburg, with the Rev. Alvin Webb Officiating and the Rev. Marie D. Webb, Pastor, Eulogist.

Interment will follow in Edwards Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at the home, 7500 Loblolly Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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

rangements.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at: [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](mailto:jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us on the web at: [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

## LORETTA B. TURNER

Loretta B. Turner, 60, of Summerton, died on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

She was born on Nov. 23, 1957, in Clarendon County, to the late Ollie and Isabell Brown.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by King-Fields Mortuary of Summerton.

The family is receiving friends at 1230 A Washington St., Summerton, SC 29148.

## STACY DIANE L. HALL

Stacy Diane Logan Hall, 44, died Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at her residence.

Born Dec. 9, 1973, in Sumter, she was a daughter of James Hoyt Logan Jr. and Evelyn Rebecca Sims Logan. She loved to draw and paint. She was creative and artistic. She will be remembered for her smile and her will to care for others the best she could. She loved deeply and felt strongly.

Survivors include her parents of Sumter; a son, Austin Wayne Logan of Sumter; a daughter, Ariel Logan Dieleman (Zachary) of Sumter; two grandsons, Rowan Wade Dieleman and Carter James Dieleman; her maternal grandmother Elizabeth G. Taylor of Sumter; a sister, Paige Logan Jones (Randy) of Sumter; two nephews, Cody James Logan

and Wyatt Jackson Jones, both of Sumter; her canine son, Demon; and her close family and friends.

She was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, Guy-mon W. Sims, and paternal grandmother, Clara N. Phelps.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. today in the chapel of Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service today at the funeral home.

The family requests that memorials be made to the SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150; or to any mental health or women's domestic violence programs.

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

## NAOMI W. BAXTER

CHARLOTTE — Naomi Walters Baxter, 59, wife of Floyd Baxter, died Friday, July 20, 2018, at Carolina Medical Center, Charlotte. She was born Aug. 27, 1958, in Manning, a daughter of the late Robert Walters and Bessie Thames Walters.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Inez and Evane Stinnie, 1097 Chumley Lane, Summerton; and at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Evone Walters, 1123 Chumley Lane, Summerton.

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

## MORGAN E. HODGE

Morgan Edwin Hodge, 84, husband of the late Betty Atkinson Hodge, passed away on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at

Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born May 12, 1934, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Arthur Liston Hodge and the late Rebecca Amarinta Bagnal Hodge. He was a member of Calvary Nazarene church and a member of the Claremont Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years. He was retired from CSX Railroad.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; a son, Gerald Hardin; a grandson, Trey Finley; brothers, Arthur Hodge, Leon Hodge, Norman Hodge, Oscar Hodge, Norwood Hodge and Pete Hodge; sisters, Bessie Mims, Irene Montgomery and Elizabeth Spencer.

Together, Betty and Morgan established a blended family that consisted of a son, Roger Hardin of Texas; a daughter, Sheila Matthews of Sumter; a brother and best friend, Arthur "Red" Atkinson; three granddaughters, Shonda Miller (Joel) and Alicia Legg (Nathaniel), both of Sumter, and Crystal Hatfield of Camden; other grandchildren, Shane, John, Jessie, Jamie, Sherease, Jerry, Trey and Lyn; 25 great grandchildren; nieces, Nancy Spencer, Beth Mims, Becky Montgomery, Barbara Sandler, Brenda Depp; nephew John Mims; and lots of other nieces and nephews.

A funeral service with Masonic Rites will be held 2 p.m. on Monday in the chapel of Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Nat Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sumter Cemetery.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Monday at the funeral home and at other times in the home of Joel and Shonda Miller, 60 Ellen Drive, Sumter.

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

## RYAN W. BURDETTE

Ryan Wallace Burdette, died Thursday, July 19, 2018, in Sumter.

Born Feb. 20, 1968, in Charleston, he was a son of the late Rene Burdette Sr. and the late Annette Burdette.

Survivors include the "Love of his life," Bonnie Hudson of Sumter; stepmother, Diane Boley Burdette of Biloxi, Mississippi; stepsister, DeDe Sneed of Crestview, Florida; half-brother, Sean Burdette of Biloxi; half-sister, Rhonda Emmerson of Biloxi; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today at Green Acres Assembly of God with the Rev. Kenny Griffin officiating. Burial will be private. A visitation will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. today at Green Acres prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 200 Center Point Circle, Suite 100, Columbia, SC 29210.

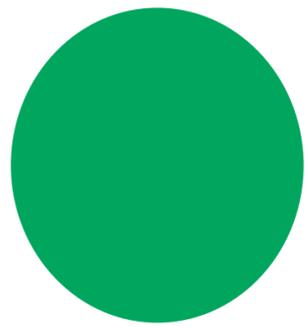
Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

## CLAYTON WILLIAMS

LINCOLNVILLE — Mr. Clayton Williams, 74, entered into eternal rest on Saturday, July 21, 2018, at NHC-Healthcare, Charleston.

Born in Charleston County, he was a son of the late Christopher and the Rev. Anna Williams.

Professional services entrusted to Dyson's Home for Funerals, 237 Main St., Summerton, S.C. 803-485-4280.



# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE



## BEST STATE TO RETIRE?

South Dakota is the best state in which to retire, according to a new Bankrate.com report, followed by Utah, Idaho, New Hampshire and Florida. The study examined seven categories: cost of living, taxes, health care quality, weather, crime, cultural vitality and well-being. The worst state for retirees? New York, the study found.

### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

#### ALPHABET

**Alphabet** Google received a record \$5 billion antitrust fine from the EU and was ordered to change the way it puts search apps onto Android mobile devices.



#### AMAZON

**amazon** Shoppers spent \$4.2 billion during the e-commerce giant's annual Prime Day despite technical glitches. Consumer purchased more than 100 million products.



#### COMCAST

The telecommunications company dropped out of a bidding war with Walt Disney for 21st Century Fox's entertainment assets to focus on U.K.'s Sky.



#### WALT DISNEY

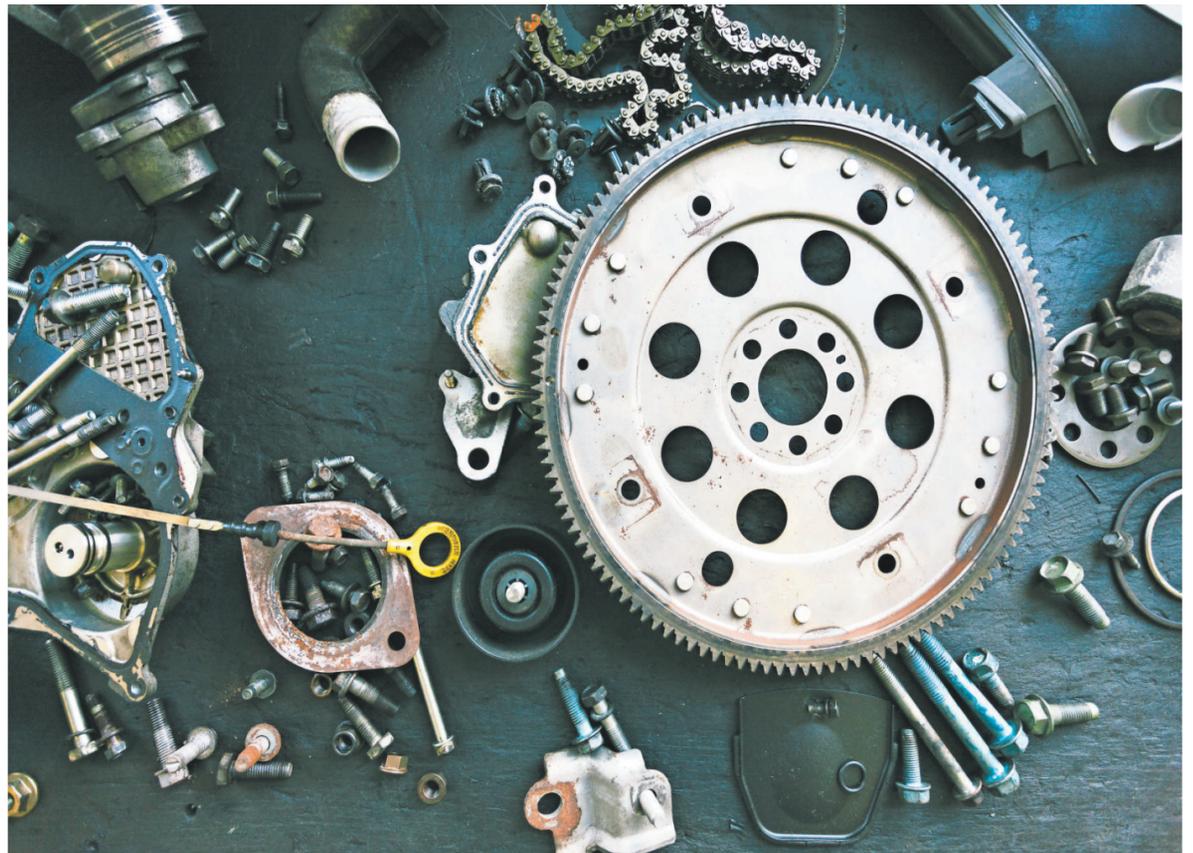
The media/entertainment company is back on top, replacing Netflix as the most valuable media company after Netflix reported disappointing earnings.



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This looks intimidating, but the fixes below aren't. GETTY IMAGES

## 5 no-sweat solutions to save money on car fixes

### Study and shop online to pay less for touch-ups, replacement parts

**Philip Reed**  
NerdWallet

Car owners often overpay, sometimes by hundreds of dollars, to solve problems they could fix themselves.

We're not talking about under-the-hood projects that'll get your hands black with grease. The following fixes – things like replacing lost keys or repairing scratches and dents – involve a savvy combination of newly available markets and resources.

Here are five no-brainers to save money while keeping your car running and looking sharp.

■ **Buy replacement key fobs online:** Remote-control car key fobs are

handy, until you lose one. Dealerships charge exorbitant prices for replacement fobs – \$234 for a 2016 Mazda3 remote start key, for example – and programming it costs extra. If you buy a fob on eBay Motors instead, you could pay as little as \$20, depending on the key, and it might cost about \$100 for a mobile locksmith to program it.

■ **Find a mobile paintless dent remover:** You backed into the garbage can, leaving an ugly dent in your car. A body shop would easily charge \$700 for the fix. But if the paint isn't broken, a mobile paintless dent repair technician can massage it back into shape for about \$150. Find a highly rated technician on Yelp, and text pictures of the dent to see whether it's doable.

■ **Touch up, don't repaint, scratches:** A body shop will want to repaint an entire car panel that's been scratched to make sure the color matches. But with a steady hand, an artist's brush and some patience, you can do the job yourself, touching up scrapes, scratches and pitting. Kopf says you can buy a kit that

matches your car's paint and provides everything you need to make many blemishes disappear. Prices range from \$10 for paint pens to more than \$50 for premium touch-up kits. Find your car's paint color code on a sticker in the glove box or on the driver's-side door.

■ **Buy parts online.** After years of working as a dealership service adviser, Kopf knows markups on parts are "drastic." You can buy auto parts for a fraction of the price via eBay or another online retailer and have a mechanic install them. But "make sure you're buying a reputable brand," Kopf says.

■ **Clear foggy headlights yourself.** YouTube videos show foggy headlights rubbed clear with toothpaste as a buffing compound – a quick \$2 fix. "I've never tried it myself," says Kopf, who suggests buying a headlight-clearing kit. Find these online for about \$20.

Next time trouble strikes, check out online tutorials and resources first. Maybe you can save some money and tackle the job yourself – or at least you'll be better informed.

## Retirement truths for young'uns

**Maurie Backman**  
The Motley Fool

When you're in your 20s or 30s, you're probably not thinking too much about retirement. Chances are, you're concentrating on more immediate financial goals. Here are a few truths about retirement that you're better off learning sooner rather than later.

■ **Retirement often isn't a choice:** Some people plan to never retire or to work well into their 70s or even 80s. But 60 percent of workers wind up having to retire sooner than planned, and the reasons run the gamut from job loss to health issues. The sooner you understand that retirement may not be a choice but rather a card you're dealt, the sooner you'll be motivated to

start planning for it.

■ **Retirement isn't a bargain:** Many people don't save because they assume their living costs will be low enough for Social Security to cover. However, your expenses probably won't drop too drastically once you stop working. You'll still need transportation, housing, health care, food, clothing, utilities and entertainment – expenses that are likely to stay the same or go up in retirement (especially health care). Social Security is designed to replace about 40 percent of the average worker's preretirement earnings. Most seniors need roughly double that amount to live comfortably.

■ **The longer you wait to start saving, the worse financial shape you'll be in:** Countless younger workers out there are mostly unaware of the value of com-

If you start saving \$400 a month at age:	Here's what you'll have by age 70
25	\$1.37 million
30	\$958,000
35	\$663,000
40	\$453,000
45	\$303,000
50	\$197,000

NOTE: Table assumes a 7 percent average annual return.

pounding: the concept of earning interest on top of interest. When you give yourself decades to save money, the gains you generate early on can be reinvested over that window so that you're left with a much larger sum at the end. In the chart above, watch what happens when your savings window shrinks. Suddenly, your gains become less impressive, at which point you start kicking yourself for giving up all of that money. So don't let that happen.

### USA SNAPSHOTS®



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### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲0.2% week ▲1.6% month   ▲2.4% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> unch. week ▲1.2% month   ▲4.9% 3 months
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<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▼0.1% week ▲0.5% month   ▲9.4% 3 months
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<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲0.1% week ▲1.0% month   ▲5.4% 3 months
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<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▼0.9% week ▼3.3% month   ▼8.0% 3 months
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<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▼1.0% week ▲6.2% month   ▲2.8% 3 months
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<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▲0.0049 week ▲0.0139 month   ▼0.0557 3 months
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<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼0.78 week ▲1.12 month   ▲3.92 3 months
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# Soon-to-be retiree tying up loose ends

Spending sensibly as his income rose has aided business owner's portfolio



**Pete the Planner**  
Peter Dunn  
USA TODAY

My friend William is retiring in October after 44 years as a small-business owner. Like many Americans, he dreamed of retirement but never thought it would come.

But it's nearly here, and it's a surreal experience for him. All he has left to do is dot the i's and cross the t's of a retirement plan. Let's take a behind-the-scenes look at the last steps in a process that's been in the works for decades.

Not knowing where to start your actual retirement isn't unique. Even when you've planned meticulously over years for your assets and passive income streams, the final preparations can be daunting. William had a ton of moving pieces, but his finalization plan consisted of four elements: core income sources, a retirement budget, meetings with trusted advisers and how he should structure the sale of his business to put the icing on his retirement cake.

At age 67, William's core household income sources include Social Security payouts for himself and his wife and income from annuities he purchased years ago. After taxes, he will have roughly \$4,600 a month to work with. In the event of his or his wife's death, the household income amount would dip only by the amount of his wife's current Social Security benefit.

That's because if he passes away first, she's allowed to receive his monthly Social Security benefit instead of hers. This a vitally important feature of Social Security that protects widows and widowers. William also made sure his annuity income would be paid to his spouse if he died.

That last bit is important. When buy-



If you plan and make some sacrifices now, you'll have less to worry about after you retire. GETTY IMAGES

ing an annuity, make sure it benefits your household if you die. If you don't, the insurance company keeps the money, and your spouse's financial life is potentially ruined.

As for a retirement budget, William had made that task tremendously easier years ago when he and his wife stopped increasing their lifestyle expenses, even as their income continued to rise. Instead of needing an ever-increasing amount of monthly income now to satisfy spending habits, William and his wife pared back to a reasonable amount, relative to his current work income.

Although William's mortgage wouldn't be paid off when he retired, the payment was built comfortably into his retirement budget, so much so that he is paying an extra \$1,000 per month on it as a working person. The couple's plan is pretty simple: Stop paying \$1,000 extra on their mortgage once they retire.

William did not want an unforeseen mistake to force him back to work. He met with at least three financial experts and asked them to poke holes in his

**The couple's plan is pretty simple: Stop paying \$1,000 extra on their mortgage.**

plans. They couldn't.

Nearly every business owner dreams of selling their business someday. However, it's rarely a clean process. And even if it is clean, there's no guarantee the sale will result in millions of dollars of proceeds. William, listening to his advisers, decided to take a cash and multi-year payment deal. He'll invest the cash and use the multiyear payout as a runway to grow the cash.

Business sale proceeds are something most Americans don't have in their back pocket. But then again, the average American doesn't necessarily take on the risk of owning a business, either. It's a classic risk/reward bet, and his risks led to commensurate rewards.

William needs roughly \$5,700 per

month in retirement to live the life he wants. His core sources of income will account for 80 percent of that. The income generated from the sale of his business will easily cover the gap, and he'll still have hundreds of thousands of dollars in the bank, just in case.

You may not have the same numbers as William, but you will have the same opportunity to make the final pieces fit together. Start with your core sources of income, move quickly to examining your budget, consult multiple advisers, and see how your other assets can create supplemental income.

The only task William has left over the next few months is figuring out what he's going to do with 168 hours per week of free time for the rest of his life. That might just be the hardest part.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

# Shop around to alleviate cord-cutting price hikes

Streaming costs rise as content budgets increase

**Rob Pegoraro**  
Special to USA TODAY

For the growing ranks of cord-cutters who fled cable- and satellite-TV services for cheaper streaming options, recent weeks have brought an unsettling run: rate increases that look too much like the price hikes that plagued traditional pay TV for years.

First, the Dish Network-owned Sling TV announced at the end of June that its entry-level Sling Orange service would increase by \$5 to \$25. Days later, \$5 monthly increases were announced for the three tiers of service for AT&T-owned DirecTV Now and Sony PlayStation Vue. The cheapest rate for both is now \$40. Google's YouTube TV went up to \$40 in March.

It's true that online streaming operations face the same inflation from studios and networks as cable and satellite.

"Costs for content producers and networks continue to rise faster than the general inflation rate," said Brett Sappington, senior director of research at Parks Associates. "As long as that happens, they will face pressure to increase the amounts that they need from their distributors to cover those costs."

He noted that online services, often called "over-the-top" services because of how they arrive on another company's broadband connection, themselves contribute to some of this inflation with motion picture-level budgets for some exclusive series.

"Netflix and other OTT video services are spending big on original series," he said. "As a result, the bar has been raised for broadcasters and networks in spending and quality."

But subscribers to online services remain better positioned to resist this rate creep than those with cable- or satellite-TV bills.

First of all, they have more options to replace almost all of a traditional pay-

TV bundle: DirecTV Now, PlayStation Vue, YouTube TV, Sling TV, fuboTV and Hulu's live-TV option.

They might now all charge about \$40 a month – if you factor in Sling's combination of the Orange bundle and the Blue bundle that adds some regional sports networks and other channels. But that still leaves you with multiple options if any one decides to push through another hike.

If you stick with cable and can't get satellite, you probably have no other choices. And you're probably also stuck in a contract that will punish you for switching service early. With online video, you can switch at will, so you should make a habit of seeing which service offers the best deal.

(Please ignore commentary suggesting your true cost of online viewing involves paying for more than one of these core services. If you really watch that much TV, you should stick with cable or satellite.)

Second, you can consider cheaper online services that omit some of the most expensive sports channels that have long ranked among the top drivers of pay-TV rates. Philo, for instance, starts at just \$16 a month if you can live without ESPN. FuboTV offers more than 105 channels, including many non-ESPN sports channels, for \$44.99.

Third, if you have good over-the-air reception of local stations, you can buy an antenna and drop online options for broadcast TV. That could let you stick with Sling's \$25 Orange plan instead of upgrading to its \$40 Orange + Blue bundle, for instance. It might also eliminate the need to pay for single-network online feeds such as CBS' \$5.99-with-ads All Access.

Finally, the online services don't make you pay \$5, \$10 or more a month to rent a box. That's money you'll keep saving every month.

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## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



Consumers likely made Q2 growth strong. PATRICK OEHLER/POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL

# Did US economy bust out in Q2? GDP report to offer clues

**Paul Davidson**  
USA TODAY

After lackluster economic growth early this year, the government is expected to report this week that the nation's gross domestic product increased at the fastest pace in three years in the second quarter.

The news isn't expected to be nearly as upbeat for home sales, which have been hampered by low supplies and rising costs. But business investment likely surged despite jitters over widening U.S. trade battles.

Despite steady job and income growth, existing home sales have been curtailed by rising mortgage rates and skimpy supplies that have pushed up prices. Sales dipped in both April and May. And pending sales, which track accepted offers but not signed contracts, were weak in those two months as well, suggesting sales last month may have been tepid as well, Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says. Economists expect the National Association of Realtors to report **Monday** that existing home sales rose a modest 0.9 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.48 million.

New home sales have faced supply constraints as well — there aren't enough construction workers and available lots to satisfy demand. After

sales climbed 6.7 percent in May, economists expect the Commerce Department on **Tuesday** to announce a 2.8 percent decline for June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 670,000.

On **Thursday**, Commerce releases its estimate of orders for long-lasting goods such as computers and factory equipment. Most closely watched is a measure that excludes aircraft and defense-related items and serves as a proxy for business investment. After that reading dipped 0.2 percent in May, economists estimate Commerce will report a healthy 0.7 percent rise for June.

Consumers hunkered down early in the year after a holiday spending binge drained their pocketbooks and 2017 tax refunds were delayed. But by the second quarter, those tax refunds had arrived, and federal tax cuts for this year were leaving more money in their paychecks. As a result, consumer spending likely fueled strong economic growth in the April-June period. There was also a surge in soybean exports as overseas businesses loaded up on supplies before their countries' retaliatory tariffs against the U.S. kicked in. That likely means lower sales in the months ahead. All told, economists estimate Commerce will announce **Friday** the economy grew at a 4 percent annual rate in the second quarter. That would be the fastest pace since 2014's third quarter.

# REFLECTIONS



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

The old Sumter train station was located east of Harvin Street and was torn down circa 1972. Many Sumterites used to venture near and far by rail.

## A nostalgic view of Sumter's past

Reflections returns to the community of Sumter and takes a nostalgic look at the city and how time has wrought many changes to its streets and buildings. Nostalgia is defined by Webster's as "a longing to go back to one's home, home town, or homeland; homesickness." The numerous photos utilized in this article present a view of Sumter that may prove both interesting and informative. The author made use of *The Sumter Item* archives and numerous photos provided by the public to prepare this report and due to the length of the report, the article will be presented in two parts.



Sammy Way  
REFLECTIONS



Sumter Fire Department was located on Harvin Street before it was torn down circa 1970.



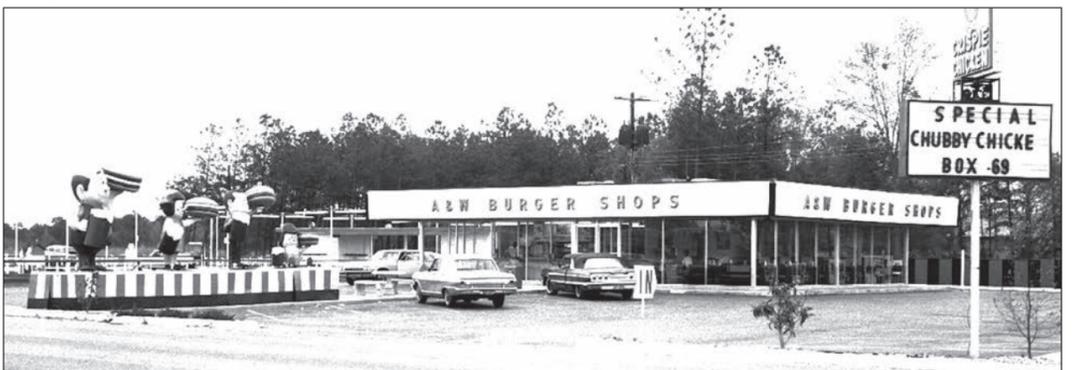
The Tuomey Nurse's School on Sumter Street.



The Lyric Theater was on Liberty Street.



The Claremont Hotel at Bartlette and South Main streets.



The A & W Burger Shop was on Wesmark next to Putt-Putt Mini-Golf facility.



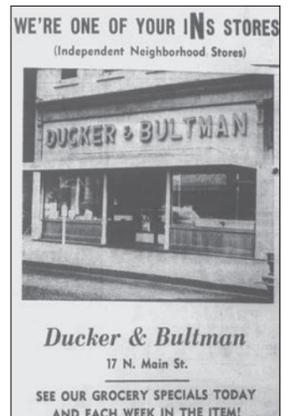
Cole's Restaurant



The Lighthouse Restaurant was a favorite dining destination on Broad Street near the present Gamecock Lanes bowling alley.



The Shrimp Boat restaurant was popular for its shrimp and chicken dinners.



Ducker & Bultman was an early grocery store next to the Opera House on Main Street.

## Speedway drivers put on show; Lee landfill to open

75 YEARS AGO — 1944  
Feb. 12 — Feb. 18

• Shaw Field's Aviation Cadet Class 44-D were honor guests at the traditional graduation banquet and dance held at the basic flying school. Aviaides, cadet wives and special guests attended. A delicious buffet supper was served prior to the informal dance. Sgt. Charles Marino and a 10-piece orchestra furnished the music. During the banquet, awards were presented to leading members of class 44-D, with trophies signifying their achievements at Shaw.

• Eighteen members of the Tuomey Hospital of Nursing's class of 1946 were capped and inducted into the United States Cadet Nurse Corps in impressive ceremonies at Grace Baptist Church. John W. Rankin, superintendent of Tuomey Hospital, presided and introduced the Honorable Alfred Scarborough, who made an inspiring and interesting address. The presentation of the caps and the traditional "candle lighting" service were directed by Miss Ada I. Snyder, director of nurses, assisted by Miss Margaret Petus, instructor. Miss Snyder also inducted the class into the Cadet Nurse Corps.

• Post-war highway construction will prevent the possibility of depression and will be a source of employment for millions, declares Charles M. Upham, engineer-director of the American Road Builders' Association. Mr. Upham's organization has just completed a plan for the rehabilitation of the nation's roads and streets which will provide work for 20,000,000 returned soldiers and former war workers. The plan provides for the participation of federal, state, country and city governments in raising annually the \$3,000,000,000 estimated required. The projected program must be based on a coordinated plan to meet the demands of traffic in all areas, it was said.

• Approximately one million slash pine seedlings are available at the State Forest Nursery at Sumter, according to County Ranger E. T. Byrd. These trees may be secured by making application through the county agent or through the county ranger at \$1.50 per thousand at the nursery, or \$2 per thousand delivered.

• Men from Sumter who have gone off to war are extremely interested in the functions of the Home Guard here, an officer of that organization said today. Many servicemen, home on furlough, whether former members of the guard or not, attend drills and press members for information about the group. Shaw Field men, too, often are spectators at the drills and appear interested in the work of the guard. "I really think it means more to the servicemen than to the local people," this spokesman said. "To know that there is an organization trained for the protection of the people at home."

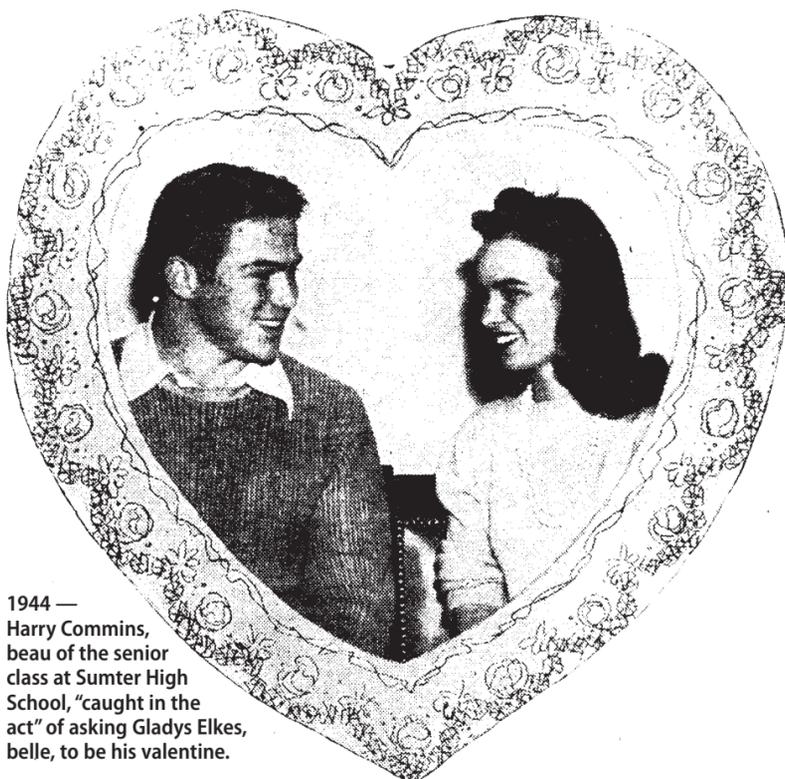
• Columbia brought four boxers to Shaw Field for a match — and went back with three losers and the holder of a draw decision which the fans continued to argue about this morning. In addition to the four inter-post fights, three other bouts and two wrestling matches were offered. Paul Godfrey, last year's winner in the Charlotte Golden Gloves tournament, won the final bout of the evening by smashing a clean-cut decision over Russell Summers, 148, C.A.B., in the welterweight division.

• Sumter High's Gamecocks squeaked through to a 22-21 victory over a stubborn Olympia basketball squad in a contest played in the Capital City. A flurry of goals in the last half enabled the Birds to overcome an early lead of their opponents. The recent revamped lineup was used again last night. Hughes played at center, and Bryan and Vaughn started as guards. Booth, a guard, was injured in the Camden game and will be out probably another week. The Gamecocks will play Charleston next Friday night.

• An estimated 10,000 persons visited the new Arlington County Hospital, Arlington, Virginia, on opening day, Sunday, according to the Washington, D. C., *Evening Star*. Director of the new hospital is Charles H. Dabbs, former administrator of the Tuomey Hospital here. An iron lung, donated by the Arlington Rotary Club, was demonstrated at the opening by Director Dabbs.

• The choral and orchestral group which presented "The Messiah" will appear again, on Easter evening, in a production of "The Redemption," Grunod's sacred trilogy. Chief Warrant Officer Robert H. Simpson will be the conductor. The first rehearsal will be held at 8 o'clock at Edmunds High School, and all musicians, as well as

### Will You Be My Valentine?



1944 — Harry Commins, beau of the senior class at Sumter High School, "caught in the act" of asking Gladys Elkes, belle, to be his valentine.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

the "Messiah" singers, are urged to attend so that organization of the group can be completed, and practice can get underway.

• The Auxiliary of American Legion Post 15 will receive a citation for obtaining its quota of members from National President Mrs. H. Smith, on Feb. 29 at the Legion and Auxiliary spring rally in Columbia. The local auxiliary's quota was set at 131 members. Mrs. R. A. Lecoq is membership chairwoman. A group from the auxiliary is planning to attend the rally at which the national commander, as well as the national auxiliary president, will be present.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968  
Oct. 14 — 18

• A journalistic fighter who is using all his literary efforts and talents to prevent America's further moral decay, Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Tulsa, the editor and president of the *Tribune*, will address members of the Executive Club. Jones comes from a "challenging" family. His grandfather was a Unitarian clergyman who helped organize Henry Ford's World War I peace ship. And his middle name "Lloyd" is honestly attached, for the Tulsa editor is a nephew of the famous Frank Lloyd Wright, who himself challenged a good many of his compatriots with his unique and sometimes "shocking" designs which depart from the standards of his architectural profession.

• A Letter of Commendation honoring him for his performance on the 1968 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test has been awarded to one student at Hillcrest High School, Principal Charles D. Kyzer has announced. The commended student is Thomas Charles Dewland. He is among 39,000 students in the United States who scored in the upper two percent of those who will graduate from high school in 1969. The commended students rank just below the 15,000 semifinalists announced in September by the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

• Former President Dwight D. Eisenhower turned 78, celebrating along with a nation that will honor him throughout the week. The five-star general, still a patient at the Army's Walter Reed General Hospital, has been rated as having made a "miraculous" comeback so far from a mid-August heart attack — perhaps the worst of seven he's suffered since 1955. The word "miraculous" was used recently by Lt. Gen. Leonard D. Heaton, the army surgeon general, to describe Eisenhower's recovery.

• S. Henry Edmunds, prominent Charleston attorney, Sumter native and namesake of one of Sumter's most noted educators, died Sunday in Charleston after a long illness. He was 67. Funeral services will be held in St. Andrews' Parish Episcopal Churchyard. Mr. Edmunds was born in Sumter Oct. 1, 1901, the son of the late Samuel Henry Edmunds, former superintendent of Sumter schools and for whom Edmunds High School is named, and Eliza Champion Davis.

• A total of 71 drivers were on hand at Sumter Speedway and put on a show that fans will long remember as Billy Baker, Gerald Braddock and Bobby Wilson took the wins in their respective divisions. Baker was a tri-

ple winner as he set a new qualifying record of 18.4 seconds and won the Late Model Sportsman track championship after picking up his 11th victory of the season. The old track record of 18.8 was tied by H.C. Pritchard and Mike Altman before Baker made his record-breaking run. J.B. Hall grabbed the Limited Modified track championship with his fifth-place finish, and Albert Lee took the Jalopy championship when he placed second in the main event.

• The Sumter Artists Guild meets in the conference room of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association. Newly elected officers for the coming year are Mrs. Mildred White, president; Mrs. Rex Deaton, vice president; Miss Thelma Gaston, secretary; and Miss Myrtle Deschamps, re-elected treasurer. Plans for the coming year were formulated. Membership will be under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ken Halsted and Mrs. Lois B. Blose, who are getting the 1968-69 Membership Drive underway.

• Hugh T. Stoddard Jr. of Sumter is enrolled as a first-year medical student at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh T. Stoddard. Mr. Stoddard is superintendent of schools in District 2. A graduate of Furman University, Stoddard is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity, Phi Beta Chi Fraternity and also of Phi Epsilon Iota Fraternity. He is one of 61 members of the first-year medical class.

• A crowd of 300 or more United Fund supporters from Sumter and Shaw Air Force Base were on hand at the American Legion Home to kick off Sumter County's \$203,000 United Fund Campaign for 1968 with a luncheon meeting sponsored by a local civic organization. Keynote speaker for the occasion was Lt. Gen. (retired) J.P. Berkeley, USMC, who addressed the luncheon meeting on the subject of "Seapower 1968."

• Sunday, Oct. 13, historic Brewington Presbyterian Church held its annual homecoming celebration. According to old church records, this church has stood near Brewington Lake in Clarendon County for nearly 150 years. A company of 10 Scotch-Irish families settled at Kingstree in Williamsburg County in 1732 and immediately started building a church and manse. From this original church, settlements spread into the surrounding areas, and in 1811 and 1812, Brewington Church was organized, with only five charter members. The Rev. John Cousar was the first pastor and served 26 years.

• After some early awkward moments, McLaurin Junior High Bantams crushed Hartsville here at Memorial Stadium, 33-0. Hartsville took the opening kickoff to McLaurin's 10-yard line before being stopped and also held the home team scoreless in the initial period. But McLaurin stormed back with 26 points in the second and third periods to put the visitors on the ropes. Halfback Roderick Harris scored his 11th and 12th touchdowns of the season in sparking the Bantams to their fifth-straight win with three games left.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993  
July 16 — 22

• Clarendon School District 2 trust-

ees were told they'll have to make additional cuts to the district's budget because of a lack of funding from Clarendon County Council. Bob Clark, the district's finance director, told trustees that county council cut the district's proposed local funding by \$45,000 when it approved District 2's budget for fiscal 1993-94. Trustees did not decide where they would make additional cuts, a process they said will be difficult because the budget is already so tight.

• An area education consortium has been awarded a \$204,000 federal grant to continue technical programs in area secondary schools. The grant was awarded to the Academic and Career Achievement Partnership Consortium, which is comprised of Central Carolina Technical College; the University of South Carolina Sumter; Morris College; and public school districts and career centers in Sumter, Lee, Clarendon and Kershaw counties. The money will be used to continue tech prep programs in area middle and high schools. The programs are geared toward providing some students with the skills necessary for the workplace and the foundation for acquiring advanced occupational skills.

• Kim Neal is a busybody. The Sumter High track runner who helped the Gamecocks to a third-place finish at the state 4A track championship meet this season isn't taking the summer off like most students. Instead, the sophomore sprinter is active in two sports — basketball and track. Neal spends her mornings in the Sumter High School gym preparing for a basketball camp and will be competing in the AAU National Track and Field Championships which will be held in Knoxville, Tennessee. Also competing in the AAU meet will be Nicole Gamble, a teammate of Neal. Gamble, who won the long jump and triple jump at the state meet, has had a busy summer as well. She recently competed in the National High School Track and Field meet held at UCLA where she finished fourth in the triple jump.

• The legally protected names of certain products — Jell-O, Kleenex, Band-Aid, Frisbee — become synonyms of the entire class of their generic and even brand-name competitors. In the minds of most consumers, those brand names long ago took the place of the little-used nouns that are the products' other names: Jell-O for gelatin; Kleenex for facial tissue; Band-Aid for adhesive bandages; and Frisbee for, well, according to Webster, "a disc-shaped plastic toy that players throw and catch." When brand names supplant the noun, it is usually because the brand name product was the first, the best and the most memorable name — or even for reasons more accidental than superlative. The merging of "Crescent wrench" and any adjustable wrench was no accident. The Crescent wrench, invented in the years before WWII by Swedish immigrant Karl Peterson of Jamestown, New York, has been manufactured exclusively at the Crescent/Xcelite plant in the Sumter County Industrial Complex since 1974.

• South Carolina's ever-expanding drought is being felt everywhere from the fields to the farmer's markets. Ted Yandle operates a produce business at the State Farmers Market in Columbia and can feel the effect the sweltering heat and lack of rainfall is having on his crops. "It's the hottest and the longest without moisture I've ever seen," he said. Yandle opens a bean pod, so dry it's crisp. "There should be a water pocket in here. These beans haven't seen water for 30 days." The dryness is funneling money away from wholesalers, consumers, farm workers and even taxpayers in the center of the cities. The drought is making people, including migrant workers, look elsewhere for work besides South Carolina's Lowcountry.

• With less than three months before opening day at the Lee County Regional Recycling and Disposal Facility, five South Carolina counties have already signed up to use the regional landfill. According to General Manager Fred Counts, Darlington, Chesterfield, Marlboro, Marion and Dillon counties have signed contracts to use the 200-acre, solid-waste landfill, which is located on a 1,250-acre tract just outside Bishopville near U.S. 15 and Interstate 20. Counts said those counties combined will bring to the landfill 1,200 tons of trash a day, which translates into \$525,000 of monthly revenue for the landfill — and \$28,000 of monthly revenue for Lee County.

# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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The fish pond at the mountain is seen.

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## Return to the mountain

“I am in,” my friend John answered enthusiastically, then followed with another text that read “that’s awesome that we got it!” My answer was “yes, we got the lease, and now we have to pay for it.”

I’ve sent him pictures of “the mountain” and described the place, but he hasn’t seen it yet. I know that he will not be disappointed.

Of course, the land has been here

for ages. Native Americans would have hunted and lived on the land. There are terraces that the early settlers built into the slopes to manage runoff and farm some of the land. It is mostly heavily wooded now.

Others have leased the land. An acquaintance once described a place to me that seemed too good to be true. It was a “mount” in the High Hills that had good roads around the base. Beautiful hardwoods and pine timber covered the slopes. Deer and turkeys were plentiful. But bickering among the club members caused them to lose the property. I think it was our mountain.

There are other established hunting clubs around, and I’ve looked at a few. Some are in the Water-

ee Swamp, but those properties tend to flood throughout the year. Some club properties are timber company land with industrial monoculture forest that are intensely managed for timber production.

I’ve managed a small hunting club with land in Clarendon and Sumter counties for several years, but the hunting opportunities have been limited to still hunting for deer. I own some private land in Clarendon County that we flood in the late winter and manage for wood ducks. We limit the deer hunting there in the fall to family members. Turkeys nest there during the summer but are usually absent in the spring.

More than 20 years ago, I started looking for property or clubs in the Lowcountry where I could hunt turkeys. The Lowcountry opened turkey season March 15, and the rest of the state opened April 1. I didn’t want to sit home watching cartoons when I could be turkey hunting somewhere.

I’ve been a member of a club in Colleton County for several years. We have land on the Edisto River. Some of the land is timber company property that has changed hands three times since I’ve been a member there. Each time the new owner cuts some timber to help pay for the land purchase. It was all big timber when I joined. Now it’s all cut-over. The private property

leased by the club has not been cut and still holds a few turkeys. But the turkey season has changed. Now it opens March 20 statewide. There is no particular advantage to be in a Lowcountry club now, and the long drive is beginning to wear on me. I will keep my membership there for the river access, the dog drives and the friends that I have made. And yes, even for the limited turkey hunting.

The mountain will be a new adventure, and it is close to my home. There is much work to be done. The roads need some work, and the clubhouse needs to be cleaned up. The big dove field will need to be plowed and planted. There are food plot areas scattered throughout the property and along the big powerline. They will need to be plowed and planted. Stands will need placing. The pond will need to be fished.

I’ve hunted the swamps and piney woods all my life. Now I will need to learn how to hunt the hills and ridges of this new place. There will be new people to hunt with, new friends to be made. I’m looking forward to it.

This land has the potential to make a great hunting club. It is late in the year to start a club, but it can be done. It will be done.

A new day will return to the mountain.

Reach Dan Geddings at [cdgeddings@gmail.com](mailto:cdgeddings@gmail.com).

## Trimming and tidying: Perennials need some care

BY LEE REICH

The Associated Press

The great attraction in growing perennial flowers is that you never have to replant them, at least in theory. This doesn’t make all perennials care free, though. Few of them let you just sit back to enjoy them year after year once they’re planted.

Take coreopsis, for example, a wonderful perennial that ends its first flush of bright yellow blossoms around midsummer. Like a number of other perennial flowers, coreopsis can be overly exuberant in some gardens — mine, for instance.

### SOME PERENNIALS WANDER

Coreopsis spreads very effectively by self-sown seeds and by roots that travel underground and then send up shoots (“suckers”) some distance from the mother plant. Both seedlings and root suckers are beginning to elbow out dianthus and other more sedate neighbors.

Agastache (sometimes known as anise hyssop), also in that bed, is one plant that can stand up to coreopsis. As a matter of fact, agastache is so aggressive that I might call it a weed, tempting me to remove it altogether once and for all. Like coreopsis, it spreads by seeds and suckering roots. As I pull on those licorice-minty stems, though, their aroma beckons me to leave in at least a few plants. I give in.

Fortunately, keeping agastache, coreopsis and similarly exuberant perennials in line is satisfyingly easy. A quick tug on a stem or two will wrench a wayward plant from the ground, roots and all, causing little disturbance to nearby plant roots.

### SOME PERENNIALS NEED TIDYING UP

Oriental poppy is another perennial needing some attention in summer. Excess plants may need to be weeded out, but — more important — this plant needs tidying up. Oriental poppy dies back in sum-



LEE REICH VIA AP

This undated photo shows delphinium flower stalks being cut back in New Paltz, New York.

mer, so I cut back the sad-looking, dying flower stalks and leaves and cart them over to the compost pile.

I mentioned that dianthus is well-behaved, yet even this plant needs some attention. Shearing back the stems now that the first flush of bloom is past helps coax another flush of bloom this season or, at least, better bloom next year.

Shearing stimulates growth of new, flower-bearing stems and diverts energy that otherwise would go into ripening seeds to new growth and blossoms. Thwarting seed production also prevents at least one means of spread — by seedlings — of some perennials.

Shearing is useful for creeping stems, but cutting back individual flower stalks is the treatment for clump-forming plants. Other plants slated for shearing or cutting back include snow-in-summer, delphinium and columbine.

### SOME PERENNIALS NEED NOTHING FROM YOU

A few perennials do live up to gardeners’ hopes of a plant you set in the ground and then do nothing more than enjoy. Some that come to mind are peony, daylily, hellebore and hosta, all with dense enough foliage to even shade out most weeds. Baby’s-breath and butterfly weed are perennials that also rarely need attention but don’t have dense foliage to shade out weeds. Keep them weeded.

## Algae, seaweed discolor Florida waters, beaches

STUART, Fla. (AP) — Tourism, fishing and public health are being threatened by contaminants discoloring stretches of beaches at the southern end of the Florida peninsula.

Blue-green algae that covers much of Lake Okeechobee has been growing and flowing through canals connecting the freshwater lake to sensitive estuaries on the east and west coasts of the state. Residents and business owners fear the thick, toxic slime could strand their boats in marinas during peak tourism months.

Meanwhile, red tide in the Gulf of Mexico has been killing fish and causing respiratory irritation in southwest Florida, and thick mats of smelly, brown seaweed have coated beaches along the

state’s Atlantic coast.

“One day it will be fine, then something will trigger the algae, and it will get completely green,” Stuart resident Leslie Stempel said in a WFOR-TV report. “We’re so early in the summer, it’s just going to get worse and worse.”

A reprieve continued Tuesday for the St. Lucie River and the Caloosahatchee River from the flushing of hundreds of billions of gallons of water out of Lake Okeechobee to relieve pressure on its aging dike. The St. Lucie flows into the Atlantic and the Caloosahatchee into the Gulf.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has said those discharges likely would resume this week to reduce the flood risk that rising lake levels pose to nearby communities.

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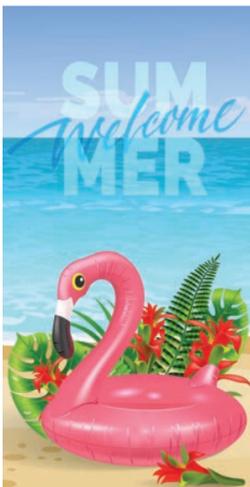
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**In Memory**



**Wilson Green**  
**July 23, 1962-Dec. 24, 2017**  
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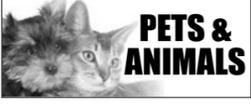
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**Summons & Notice**

**SUMMONS**

**IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO.: 2018-DR-43-756**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**Candice Tipton,** Plaintiff,  
 v.  
**William Tipton,** Defendant.

**TO: DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the Plaintiff, or the attorneys, McDougall, Self, Currence, McLeod at their offices, 21 E. Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**McDOUGALL SELF CURRENCE MCLEOD**  
**RYAN A. MCLEOD**  
 Attorneys for the Plaintiff  
 21 E. Calhoun Street  
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**SUMMONS**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT 2018-CP-43-00562**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**The Estate of Maggie Ellison,** Plaintiff,  
 v.  
**"John Doe"** as a Class designating any and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the Complaint, or any claim adverse to Plaintiff's ownership or any cloud on title thereto and "Richard Roe" as Class designating any infant, defendants or person under disability.

**Defendants.**  
 TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANT'S AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint on the subscribed, 35 South Sumter Street, Post Office Box 370, Sumter, South Carolina 29151, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the date of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY ACTION (Lis Pendens)**

**TO: ALL PERSONS, INCLUDING THE DEFENDANTS AND PERSONS IN WHOSE SERVICE THEY SHALL**

**Summons & Notice**

**BE EMPLOYED AND/OR PERSON(S) WITH WHOM THEY RESIDE, IF ANY THERE BE), TAKE NOTICE:**

An action has been commenced and is pending in this Court on the Plaintiff's Complaint against the Defendants seeking to confirm the Plaintiff's fee simple title to the following described properties:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with the improvement thereon, if any situate, lying and being in the Township of Sumter, County, State of South Carolina, being shown on that certain plat prepared for Clarence McGhaney, by Julian B. Allen, RLS, dated July 29, 1992, and recorded in the Office of the Registered of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 92 at Page 1723, and having such metes and bounds as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina.

This is the property known as **820 Bay Springs Drive, Sumter, South Carolina.** Tax Map Number: 207-01-06-005.

This being the same property conveyed fee simple to Maggie M. Ellison by Deed from Clarence McGhaney, Clarence McGhaney, Jr., Parrish McGhaney, Thais McGhaney, Bertha McGhaney, Brenda Smitherman, and Devorah Anderson dated May 27, 1998 and recorded on May 27, 1998 at 2:08pm in the Registers of Deeds Office for Sumter County in Volume 706 at Page 1376

**ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI**

This matter is before me upon application of J. David Weeks, attorney for the Plaintiff. He has requested the appointment of Calvin Hastie, Esquire, as Guardian ad Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants, nonresident and resident, if any there be who may be minors or under other legal disability.

It appears that the names and addresses of such Defendants or other persons under legal disability, if any there be, whether resident or nonresident, are unknown and cannot, with reasonable diligence, be ascertained. I am familiar with Mr. Hastie and am satisfied that he is a suitable and competent person to be appointed to represent and protect the interests of the minor Defendants and such others of them as may be under legal disability, if any there be, who has no interest in this proceeding adverse to those of such Defendants and is not connected in business with Plaintiff or his counsel.

**WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

That Calvin Hastie, Esquire, be and he is hereby, designated and appointed Guardian Ad

Litem Nisi for the unknown Defendants.

That Mr. Hastie's Nisi appointment shall be confirmed and made absolute in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or in the event that no application for a substitute appointment is made by, or on behalf of, such Defendants within thirty (30) days after notice of the Nisi appointment is served on them.

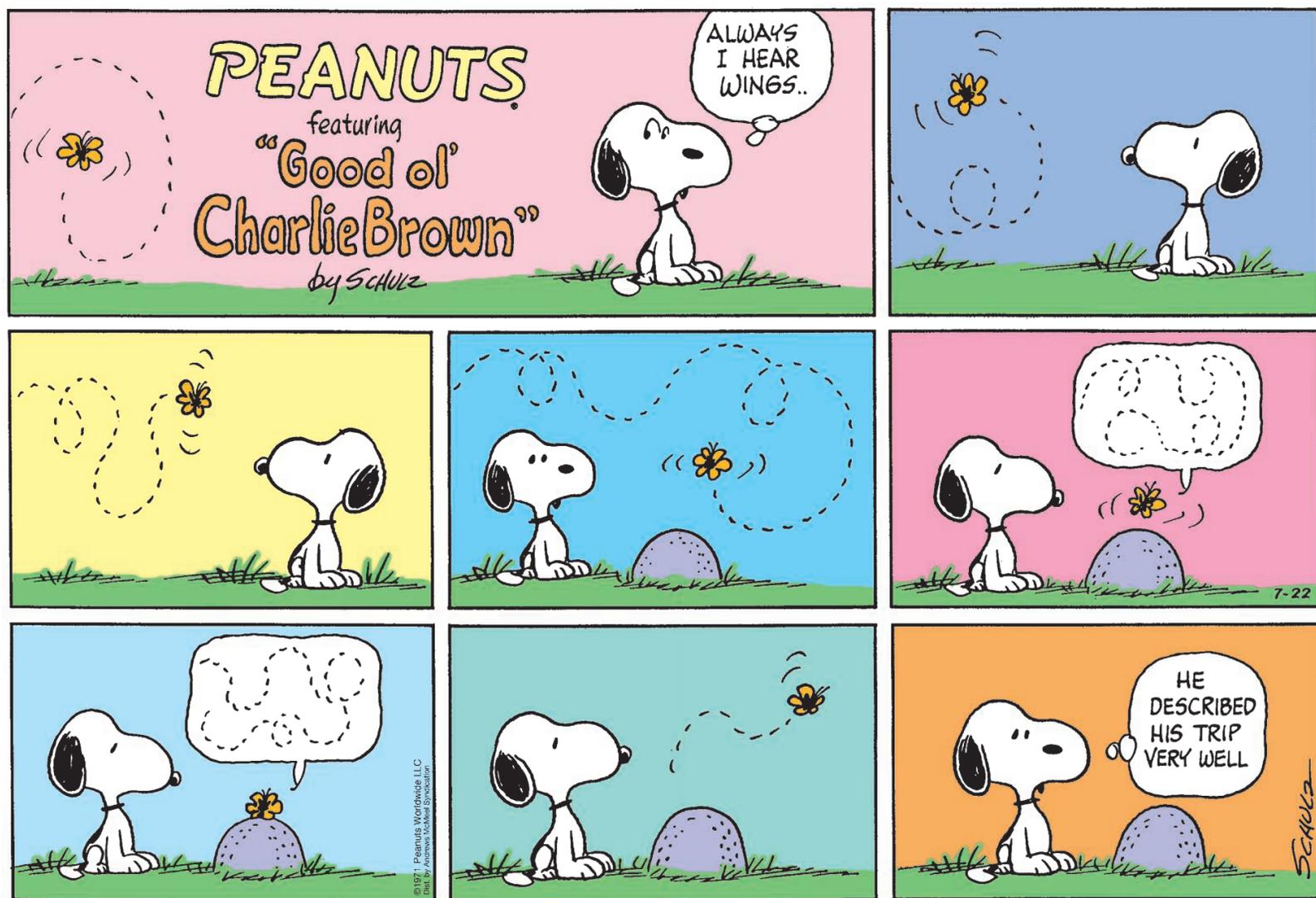
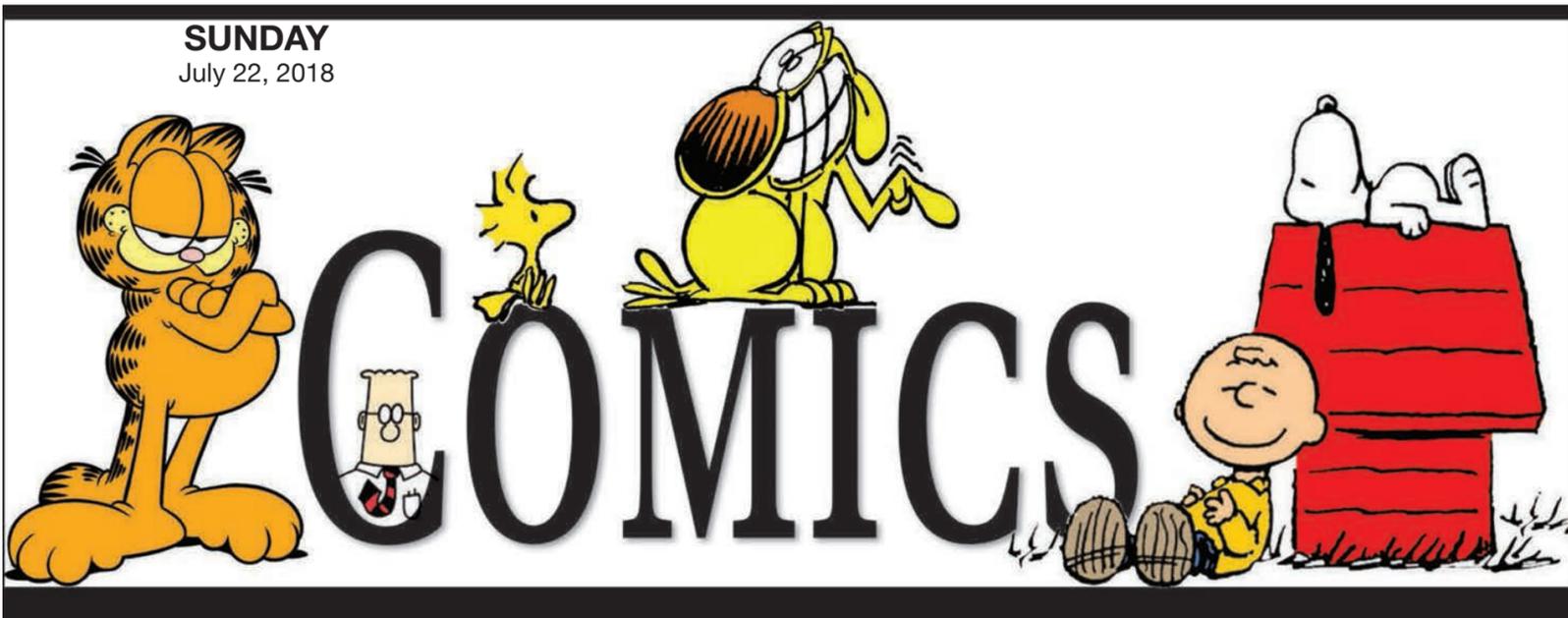
In effecting service of the nisi appointment, the Plaintiff shall publish with the Summons, a notice reporting Mr. Hastie's appointment as the Guardian Ad Litem Nisi, the date when his appointment becomes absolute, and the office in which this order is filed. Publication of such notices shall be made in "The Item", a newspaper of general circulation which is most likely to give notice to the unknown Defendants, if any there be. The notice shall be published once a week for three (3) successive weeks.

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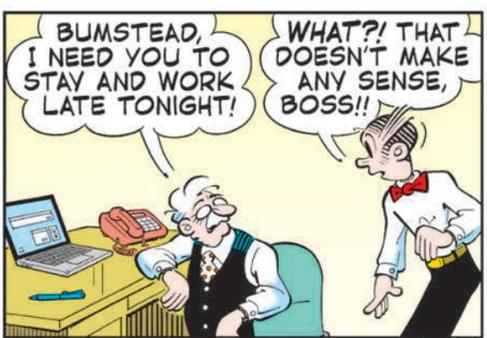
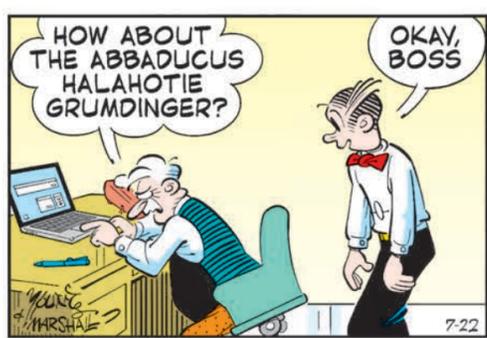
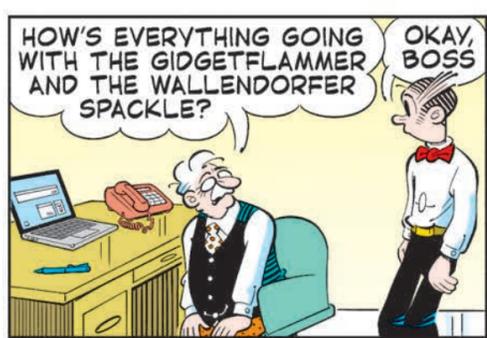
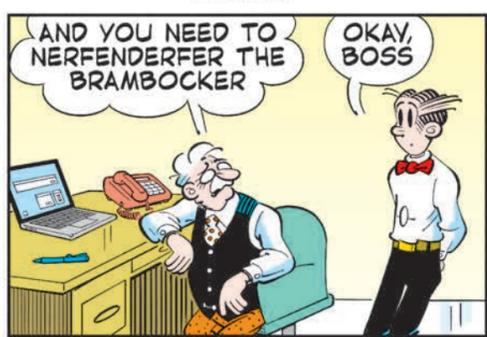
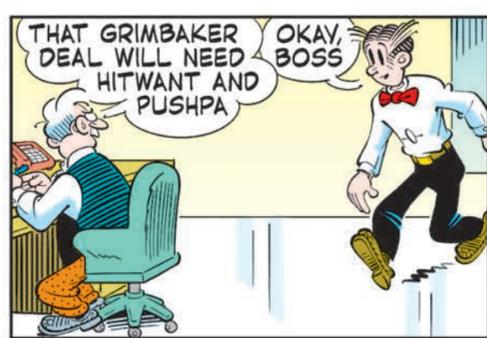
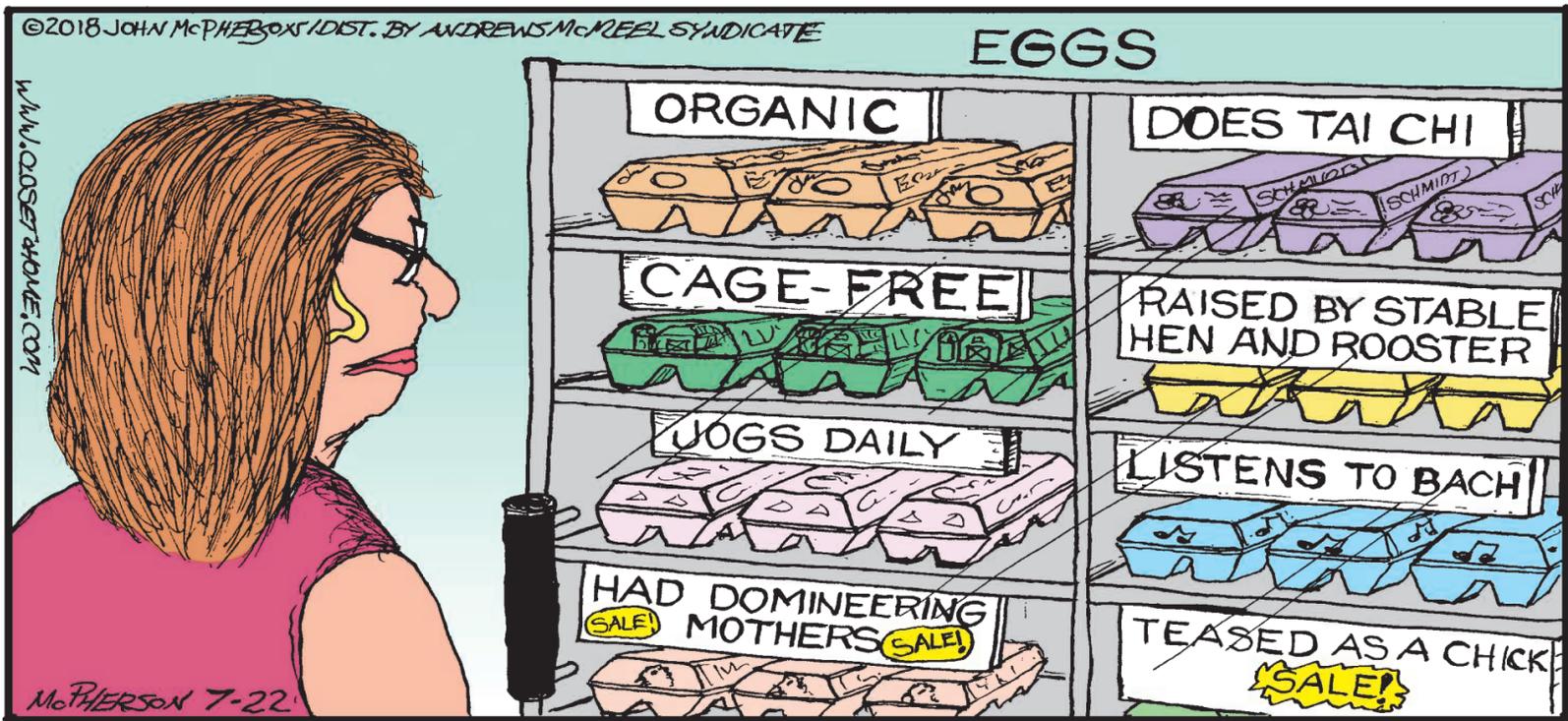
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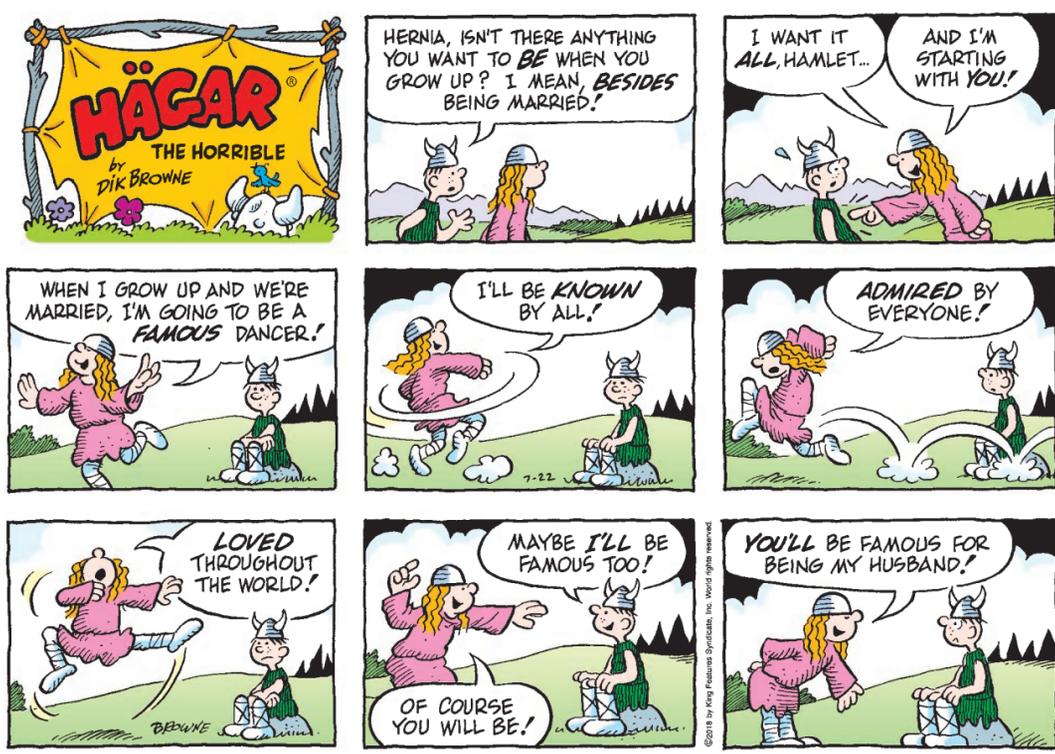
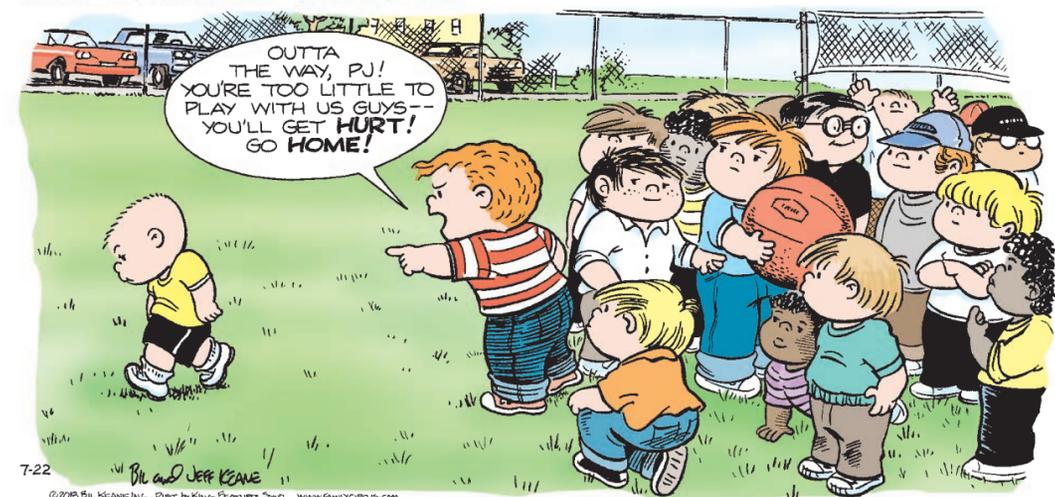
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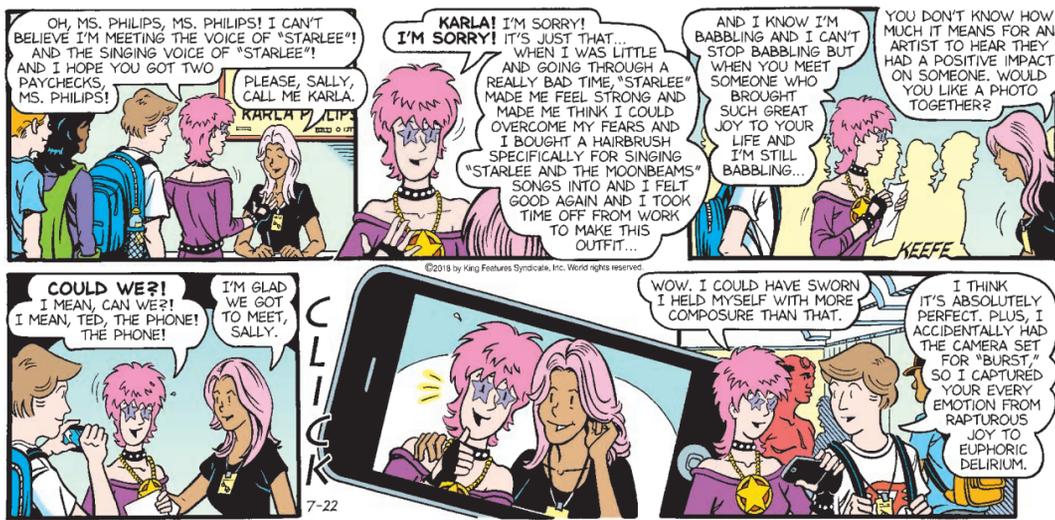
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1 \_\_\_\_\_  
2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 \_\_\_\_\_ more?

LOOK HOW FAST THIS GUY CAN GO! WHOEVER SAID THAT TURTLES ARE SLOW?

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GOURMET CHICKENS MAKE DINNER FROM SCRATCH.

**Draw!!**

DRAW A TURTLE!

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Q. WHAT IS IT CALLED WHEN IT RAINS CHICKENS AND DUCKS?  
A. FOUL WEATHER.  
Steven Bright, Norfolk, VA

Q. WHAT DO PENGUINS WEAR FOR HATS?  
A. ICE CAPS.  
Nina Proctor, Sioux Falls, SD

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Jacket sleeve is longer. 2. Hair is longer. 3. The missing. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Nose is different. 6. Book cover is different.

**FRANK AND ERNEST**

**SPORTS AGENCY**

IN MY WORK AS A SPORTS AGENT, I TOLD THIS ATHLETE SHE NEEDS TO IMPROVE IF SHE WANTS TO BE WELL-KNOWN.

IRONICALLY, IN DIVING YOU BECOME FAMOUS BY NOT MAKING A BIG SPLASH!

I GOT THIS MARATHON COMPETITOR A SPONSORSHIP SO HE CAN FOCUS ON TRAINING.

HE'S GOING TO TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN!

THIS SPRINTER WILL EARN A BONUS IF HE SETS A RECORD.

OH, GOING AFTER SOME FAST MONEY!

AND I MADE THIS GUY AGREE TO GIVE ME AN EXTRA SLICE OF HIS PAY IF I NEGOTIATED A GREAT CONTRACT FOR HIM, WHICH I DID!

AH, YOU'RE GETTING A KICKBACK!

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**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art & Chip Sansom

WHAT'S SWAG, POP?

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM** BY MIKE PETERS

GRIMM, I THINK I MADE YOUR LEASH TOO LONG.

WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST CLUE?

SWAG IS UNEXPECTED GIFTS THAT ARE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO ATTEND CERTAIN SPECIAL EVENTS, SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS AND CONCERTS,

FOR EXAMPLE, AT THE ACADEMY AWARDS, THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THE EVENT WANT TO MAKE IT EXTRA SPECIAL FOR THE ATTENDEES...

SO THEY LEAVE A PACKAGE OF SURPRISE PRESENTS UNDER EVERY SEAT FOR THE GUESTS TO KEEP! DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT?

I THINK SO... IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU GO TO THE MOVIES...

IF YOU LOOK UNDER YOUR SEAT YOU'LL FIND OLD CHEWING GUM AND OTHER SWAG PEOPLE LEFT THERE!

**WIZARD OF ID**  
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

...FELL ASLEEP AT MY POST AGAIN?  
WE HAVE A WINNER.

**GET FUZZY** BY DARBY CONLEY

CAN I BORROW TWO DOLLARS?  
FOR WHAT?  
I'M HUNGRY.I DON'T DO LOANS, SORRY.YOU BORROW MONEY FROM ME ALL THE TIME! FIVE DOLLARS YESTERDAY!  
TECHNICALLY, IT'S NOT A LOAN IF I NEVER PAY YOU BACK.  
RIGHT, AND I... WAIT, HUH?

AND MY HALIBITS SAY VERY CLEARLY: FOR CATS.

ANYWAY I'M CURRENTLY BANKRUPT.

WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

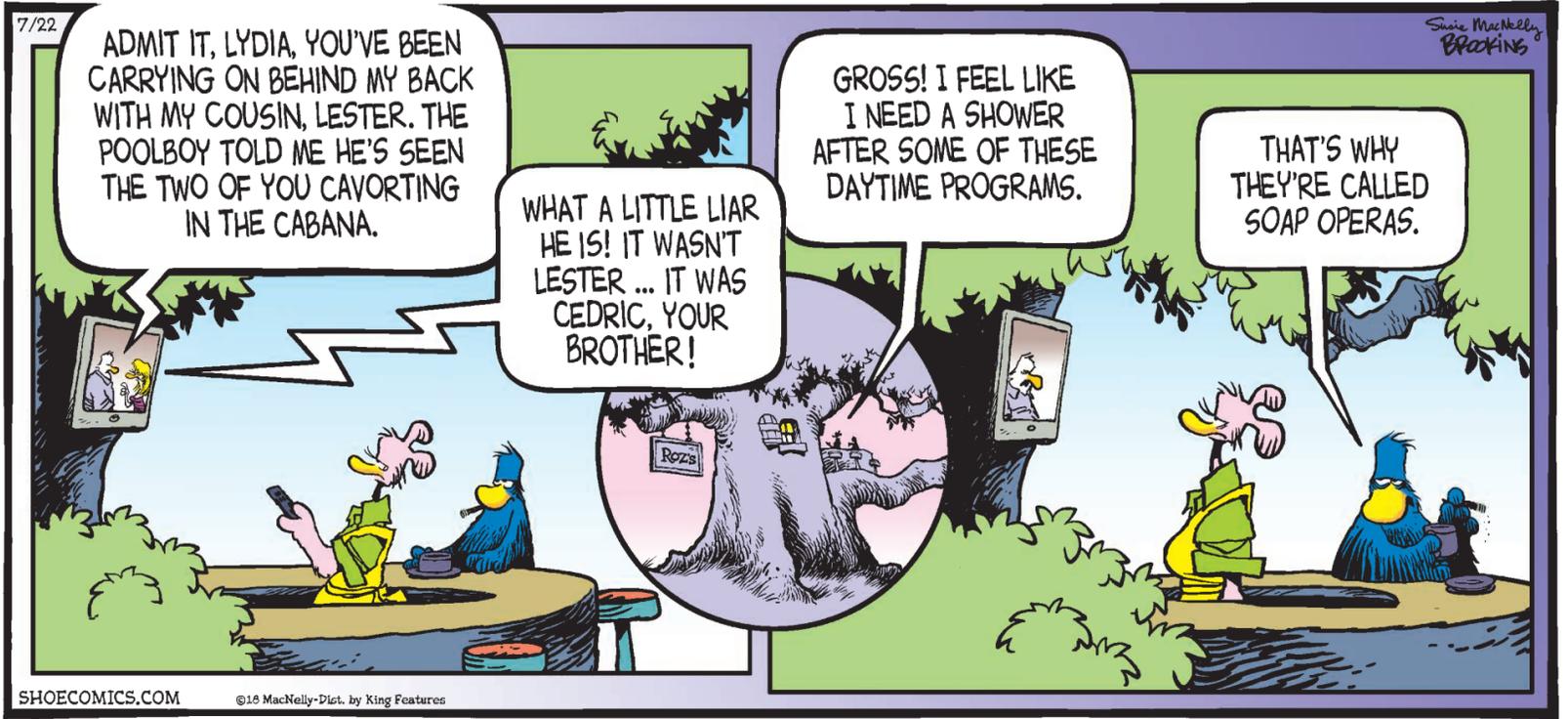
MY BANK IS EMPTY. NO MONEY IN IT, RUPT.

I'M BELLURPT.

Crunch

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

