

Judge: Candidate can't be coroner

Primary winner Samuels-Cooper can be on ballot but is unqualified to hold office

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A ruling has been made in the lawsuit surrounding the election for Clarendon County coroner and whether the Democratic nominee can remain on the ballot based on her qualifications to be a coroner. Third Judicial Circuit Court Judge R. Ferrell Cothran Jr. said in his ruling,

ing, which was electronically filed on Aug. 3 at 2:40 p.m., that LaNette Samuels-Cooper, who beat the plaintiff, Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock, in the June 12 primary to be the uncontested Democratic nominee for coroner in the Nov. 6 general election, is not qualified to be a coroner but that,



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because Mock did not protest the primary results, her name can be on the ballot in November.

"I'm happy with the ruling," Mock said.



SAMUELS-COOPER

While it seems impossible after the ruling that Samuels-Cooper will be sworn in as coroner in Clarendon County because of her lack of experience as a death investigator, Cothran explained that, by law, she is a valid candidate — which has nothing to do with her being qualified for the posi-

tion — because Mock did not exhaust all administration remedies to get her off the ballot.

"Defendant LaNette Samuels-Cooper's Motion to Dismiss under Rule 12(b)(6) is granted in part; and Plaintiff is barred from contesting her qualifications as a candidate on the election ballot for the office of Coroner for Clarendon County," Cothran wrote in his conclusion for the Common Pleas court case. "Additionally, this court finds that Ms. Samuels-Cooper is currently not qualified for the

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Records show deputy chief's suspensions, positive marks

Holston's file obtained by *Item* in request after arrest

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The personnel file of Sumter Police Department's deputy chief Alvin Holston, who was arrested in May, shows a record of celebrated work and a few disciplinary reports.

The *Sumter Item* obtained Holston's personnel file from the City of Sumter Human Resources Department through a Freedom of Information Act request after he was charged with unlawful communication for contacting a person multiple times despite warnings to.



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Though Holston's personnel file mostly includes positive remarks on his performance evaluations and letters from superiors complimenting his work, it also contains multiple disciplinary forms. Not all incidents involved violations of department policy and, therefore, did not result in disciplinary action.

1993 — On Nov. 11, 1993, Holston received a written reprimand for using profanity when speaking with a juvenile while investigating a shoplifting incident at the former Jessamine Mall. The reprimand states Holston did not violate any department policy but was advised not to use profanity in the presence of a juvenile.

February 2002 — Holston was administratively suspended with pay on Feb. 4, 2002, for improper use of a city vehicle. A disciplinary action form states Holston used the city vehicle to travel to Orangeburg without authorization after receiving a call from a family member. While there, he had an altercation with an acquaintance of his ex-wife, and law enforcement was called. Holston returned to work for regular duty on Feb. 14, 2002.

July 2002 — Holston was again suspended with pay on July 12, 2002, pending the outcome of an investigation, though a disciplinary action form and details of the incident were not included

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'We will never forget'



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Lt. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, USARCENT commanding general, talks during the wreath-laying ceremony on Friday.



ARCENT has artifacts and uniforms on display at headquarters along with information about some of the 30,000 soldiers killed since World War II.



Third Army honors 30K fallen soldiers with wreath-laying ceremony

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Tens of thousands of American men and women have given the ultimate sacrifice to ensure their nation remains free, and on Friday, every one of them was honored.

U.S. Army Central/Third Army, which is headquartered at Shaw Air Force Base, held a wreath laying ceremony to honor the 30,000 soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty in and since World War I, when the Third Army was established.

"Unfortunately, war is a constant. Fortunately, the dedica-

tion of American soldiers is also a constant," said Lt. Gen. Michael X. Garrett, USARCENT commanding general.

Established on Nov. 7, 1918 in France, the Third Army has been involved in every major military campaign since World War I, from Europe to the Cold War to the Global War on Terror to Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria.

Garrett stood next to a wreath with red, white and blue flowers circling the words "fallen soldiers" as he recounted the story of Paul Ray Smith, a soldier from El

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Seats still available for leadership summit

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Looking to improve your leadership skills?

Seating is still available for this week's renowned, world-class leadership training event that will be available at one local church.

Mark Partin, administrative pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church, 1305 Loring Mill Road, talked last week about the church serving as a satellite location for the two-day simulcast event held annually at one of America's largest churches near Chicago.

On Thursday and Friday, Alice Drive Baptist will be a local host site for The Global Leadership Summit, which will be broadcast live in HD from the campus of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Illinois.

This year's theme for the leadership summit is "Everyone Has Influence," according to the summit's website.

The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

Keynote speakers include presenters Craig Groeschel, co-founder and senior pastor of Life.Church, which is also one of the country's largest churches with multiple locations in nine states, and John Maxwell, a Christian leadership guru. Other keynotes include best-selling author Simon Sinek, Pastor T.D. Jakes and restaurateur and hospitality industry TV host Danny Meyer.

More than a dozen speakers are on the event lineup from various sectors including church, business, nonprofits, academia and government. The conference is Christian-based, but lessons can be learned by people from all walks of life, event organizers say.

The leader of the summit this year will be Tom De Vries, who is in his first year as president of Willow Creek Association.

If interested, Partin said the best way for people to register for the two-day event is through Alice Drive's summit event website, www.sumterleaders.com. Registration will be available until Thursday morning, he said.

The individual registration rate is \$209. If a person is a member of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, a discounted rate of \$139 applies. Discounts also apply based on the size of the group registering, Partin said.

For military, educators and high school/college students, the rate is \$89, he said.

Each attendee will receive a conference packet, which includes biographies on all the speakers, highlighted notes from the individual talks and space available to take your own notes from the sessions, Partin said.

Lunch each day is on your own, Partin said, but coffee, water, tea and snacks will be provided each day in the morning and afternoon.



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Family Fun Days give youth a positive outlet 2 more sessions to be held

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Sumter's youth are learning to play softball and tennis at South Sumter Park on Thursdays during Sumter Family Fun Days, a summer community event.

The event, open to the public, introduces children to the fundamentals of sports.

Children are coached by local community members including Sumter City Councilman Calvin Hastie and law enforcement officers.

Family Fun Days begin with a warm up before some children begin a short game of softball and

others learn to play tennis.

Hastie said the event is great exposure for some of the children who have never played softball or tennis before.

Family Fun Day also gives youth a positive outlet to interact with each other and stay out of trouble, he said.

Parents are encouraged to come out and watch a game of softball or participate.

Only two more sessions of Sumter Family Fun Days will be held — from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Aug. 9 and Aug. 16 at South Sumter Park, 630 S. Sumter St. — before school starts this month.



Goal: 1 million life-saving meals in 5 years

Volunteers hope to surpass milestone in charity event

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Through a partnership with the charity Feed My Starving Children, hundreds of Sumter volunteers will prepare 400,000 life-saving meals at a MobilePack event that will take place on Aug. 7 and Aug. 8 at Sumter County Civic Center.

"Our MobilePack in Sumter is a two-day event with 2,000 volunteers packing 400,000 meals that will feed malnourished children around the world," said Sarah Bradham, chairwoman of the local event. "During our fifth-annual pack, Sumter will reach and surpass the one million meal mark since we began this event in 2014."

Feed My Starving Children is a non profit organization committed to feeding God's hungry children in body and spirit, states a release from the event organizers.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

For two days, children and adults will hand-pack meals — made of specially formulated vitamins, veggies, soy and rice — for malnourished children, and FMSC ships those meals to embedded missionaries in nearly 70 countries around the world.

In just two hours, one shift of 240 volunteers can pack more than 50,000 meals — enough to feed 136 children, one meal a day, for an entire year, according to the release.

"The cost per meal is 22 cents, and we need to raise \$88,000 to pay for the actual ingredients that we will be packing," Bradham said. "We are so excited to have many new sponsors of our event including churches, businesses, schools and organizations. It truly is a community effort."

The volunteer shifts are currently full, but those interested in packing can check the event website until Aug. 5 to register for any shifts that may become available.

For more information about how you or your organization can become involved, please contact Chris Pendry at sfmscmobilepack@gmail.com or go to www.fmssc.org/mobile-pack/events. Once on the website, scroll to the map and click on the marker over Sumter for more information about the local event.

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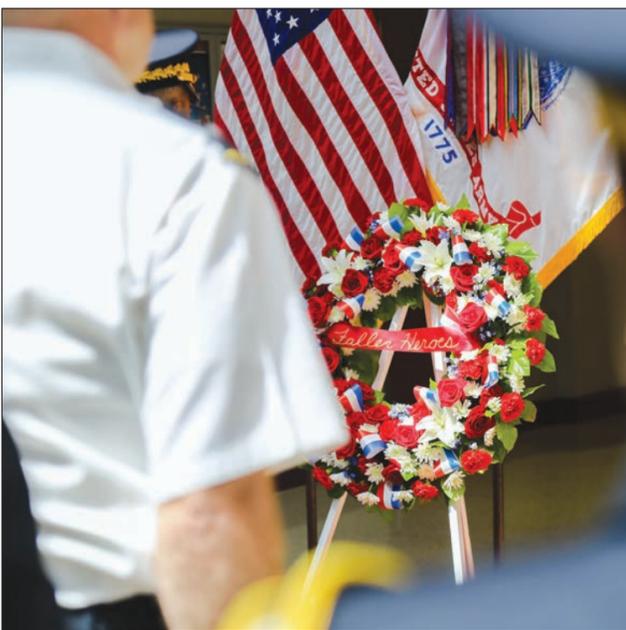
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A wreath is laid at a Third Army ceremony honoring some 30,000 fallen soldiers on Friday at Shaw Air Force Base.

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Paso, Texas. At 20 years old, he became a combat engineer, serving in Operation Desert Storm, Bosnia and Kosovo. As a 34-year-old platoon sergeant, his "leadership was personal."

On April 4, 2003, Smith was in Bagdad helping to set up a POW area. His group was attacked, and he organized a "hasty defense," Garrett said, allowing for the evacuation of three wounded soldiers. As Smith engaged 40-50 enemies, he held them off to allow his soldiers to regroup.

But he was mortally wounded. There are tens of thousands of stories like Smith's. Stories of sacrifice and dedication, stories of love for this country and love for fellow soldiers.

Laying a wreath is a ritual understood across all cultures, Garrett said.

Brig. Gen. Jeff Van, assistant chief of staff, G3, ARCENT, said remembering fall-

en soldiers "is personal for us." It is important and necessary to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

"You can't have a 100-year celebration and not honor the sacrifice of those who have fallen," said Kevin A. Shwedo, executive director of the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle, a retired colonel and the state's Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

Garrett said it can be easy to lose sight of how important the Army has been in the last century. His charge to his soldiers, he said, is to remember those 30,000 soldiers and to serve their fellow soldiers with dedication, loyalty and strength.

"We don't forget them. The 27,000 who fell before probably every single one of us in here was born," Garrett said. "And the 3,000 in the most recent wars. We will never forget."

HOLSTON

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in the FOIA reply. Holston returned to work on July 26, 2002 at the conclusion of the investigation.

2011 — A letter from then-Chief Patty Patterson states Holston was counseled on June 16, 2011, regarding a "complaint of inappropriate language" used during an investigative inquiry on June 14, 2011. In her letter, Patterson said she did not find the words Holston used to be discriminatory, racial or threatening and could not deem the words as violent, fighting words or harassment.

2018 — Holston was placed on administrative leave for his arrest in Aiken County. A personnel action form does not specify if he is receiving pay during his absence.

For his alleged crime in May, SLED charged Holston with unlawful communication for attempting to contact the

victim via phone calls, text messages, Facebook messages and a phone spoofing application approximately 15 times between Sept. 7 and Sept. 17, 2017.

According to a warrant issued by SLED, Holston was advised by an Aiken Department of Public Safety officer on Sept. 7, 2017 not to have further contact with the individual.

Holston was arrested in Aiken County and released from Aiken County Detention Center on a personal recognizance bond of \$1,087.50, according to Aiken County Second Judicial Circuit Public Index.

Holston was placed on administrative leave when Sumter Police Department and city of Sumter officials learned of his arrest on May 3.

Aiken Department of Public Safety requested that SLED investigate the case.

Calls to SLED to determine the status of the case were not returned by press time.

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Dispute over 3D-printed guns raises legal issues

BY LISA MARIE PANE
Associated Press

A little-known dispute over 3D-printed guns has morphed into a national legal debate in the last week, drawing attention to a technology that seems a bit of sci-fi fantasy and — to gun-control advocates — a dangerous way for criminals to get their hands on firearms that are easy to conceal and tough to detect.

The gun industry calls the outcry an overreaction that preys on unwarranted fears about a firearm that can barely shoot a round or two without disintegrating.

It also raises a host of constitutional questions involving First Amendment protections for free speech and Second Amendment rights to own guns.

Here are some questions and answers about the debate:

WHAT IS BEHIND THE DISPUTE?

Cody Wilson, the founder of Texas-based Defense Distributed, first posted downloadable blueprints for a handgun called the Liberator that could be made using a 3D printer in 2013. Within days it had been downloaded about 100,000 times until the State Department ordered him to cease, contending it violated federal export laws since some of the blueprints were saved by people outside the United States.

The dispute between Wilson and the federal government went on for years until this past June when they reached a settlement that paved the way for Wilson to resume posting the designs.

The State Department decision came amid an obscure administrative change — begun under the Obama administration — in how the weapons are regulated and administered. Military-grade weapons remain under the purview of the State Department, while commercially available firearms fall under the Commerce Department. The settlement with Wilson determined that 3D-printed firearms are akin to more traditional firearms that aren't subject to State Department regulations.

Wilson resumed sharing his blueprints for the gun the day the settlement went into effect last week.

WHY DOES WILSON WANT THE AUTHORITY TO POST THE DESIGNS ON HIS WEBSITE?

Wilson calls it a First Amendment issue. He thinks the First Amendment gives him a constitutional right to disseminate the code to make a gun with a 3D printer.

"This is a very, very, very easy First Amendment question that I think people might be hesitant to accept because it involves guns, and people don't like guns," said his lawyer, Josh Blackman.

And Wilson has a strong

legal claim that distribution of the information is different than actually making an all-plastic firearm.

While it is a violation of the federal Undetectable Firearms Act to make, sell or possess a firearm that can't be detected by magnetometers or metal detectors, what Wilson is doing is simply providing the information on how to make such a firearm.

"What Defense Distributed was doing was not making and then shipping the weapons overseas," said Chuck James, a former federal prosecutor who is now a private lawyer with the Washington, D.C.-area firm of Williams Mullen. "They were making the data available

on the Web where it would be available to someone overseas."

ARE 3D-PRINTED GUNS LEGAL?

In 1988, the U.S. enacted the Undetectable Firearms Act, making it illegal to manufacture, sell, or possess a firearm that couldn't be detected by a metal detector. That law has been renewed several times by Congress and remains in effect.

If 3D-printed guns contain enough metal to be flagged by a metal detector, they are considered legal under U.S. law.

Gun-control advocates argue that the risks are too great to allow 3D-printed guns because even if they're

designed to include metal, it's too easy for someone to not include those pieces or to remove them to skirt detection.

"It's an absurdity. You can take the piece of metal out and put it back in at your own whims, and you can take it out and walk through a metal detector undetected," Jonas Oransky, legal director for Everytown for Gun Safety, said.

HOW WELL DO 3D-PRINTED GUNS WORK?

Gun experts and enthusiasts recoil at the suggestion that a 3D-printed gun is a true threat, calling the firearms mere novelties.

Unlike traditional firearms

that can fire thousands of rounds in their lifetime, 3D-printed guns are notorious for usually lasting only a few rounds before they fall apart. They don't have magazines that allow the usual nine or 15 rounds to be carried; instead, they usually hold a bullet or two and then must be manually loaded afterward. And they're not usually very accurate either.

A video posted of a test by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in 2013 showed one of the guns produced from Wilson's design — the Liberator — disintegrating into pieces after a single round was fired.

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Sea-life sculptures are made from ocean's plastic trash

BY JANET MCCONNAUGHEY
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Huge sculptures of sea life are dotted about New Orleans' aquarium and zoo, all of them made from plastic trash that washed ashore. There's a great white shark made partly of bottle caps and beach toys and a jellyfish made mostly of cut-up water bottles.

The artwork, part of a project called Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea, is the creation of Angela Haseltine Pozzi, who started making the pieces after seeing plastic heaped by the waves onto Oregon's southern coast. Pozzi was in the town of Bandon, where her grandparents had lived, mourning her first husband's death.

"I'd known its beaches all my life,"

she said. "I went to the ocean to heal and found that the ocean needed healing."

She wants the scale of her creations to make people realize just how much plastic gets into the ocean — and to act on that knowledge. Signs next to each piece suggest simple ways to reduce the problem, such as not using plastic straws, re-using water bottles and picking up other people's litter.

"Every piece of trash picked up and properly disposed of is a piece that will not cause harm to local environments and animals," states the sign for "Greta the Great White Shark."

Pozzi's aim is art that is "beautiful, and a little horrifying."

An army of volunteers in Oregon — about 10,000 since Pozzi started in 2010 — help her collect, prepare and as-

semble the beach trash into art. One of their wash-basins for plastic is a bathtub also found on the beach.

She now has more than 70 pieces in three exhibitions currently traveling the U.S. and has requests from overseas. Her work has been displayed at zoos, aquariums and botanical gardens, and she has permanent exhibits at the Smithsonian Museum of Natural History and a gallery in Bandon.

The Audubon Aquarium of the Americas is currently showing six sculptures, while one of a puffin is on display at the Audubon Zoo; more pieces will be added to both locations in October.

In addition to the shark and two jellyfish sculptures, there's a walk-through whale ribcage made with bucket lids, bottles, buoys and bait traps; a marlin with a beak made of

fishing rods; and percussive "Musical Seaweed." That statue's long leaves include metal and plastic bottle caps strung on wires so they rattle when a leaf is hit lightly.

Robert and Lauryn Geosits of Mandeville, Louisiana, were visiting with their three children.

"This is such a great idea for people to visualize just how much trash is in the ocean," said Lauryn Geosits.

Her husband read from a sign while their baby slept in a stroller and Chelsea, 7, and Preston, 8, searched the shark for the items he named: "There's a toy car bumper, bottle caps, beach toys, a lighter ..."

Asked about the strangest piece she's used, Pozzi said: "When you've pro-

cessed more than 21 tons of debris into more than 70 pieces of art you've seen pretty much everything."

"One of the most shocking are bleach bottles that have bite marks from fish," Pozzi said.

A fish made entirely of fish-bitten plastic is among the pieces to be added in October.

Most of the pieces coming to New Orleans this fall are on display at Shedd Aquarium in Chicago, including a river otter, a seahorse and a clownfish in an anemone.

"We are very sad to see them go, because they've been very successful," Tynnetta Qaiyim, vice president for planning and design at Shedd, said.

She said the response has been far beyond what she expected, both in the number of pictures patrons have posted on social media and in increased conservation awareness.

Qaiyim had thought the exhibit might be more interesting to coastal residents but said it also connects Midwesterners to the Great Lakes.

"People are talking about plastics and the Great Lakes and the waterways in a way that we were hoping for but not really sure it would happen," she said.

In New Orleans, the sculptures are in a variety of places and will stay up through April.

"Look! A jellyfish! A jellyfish!" Elliot Harold of Chalmette shouted as he approached a stairway below one of Pozzi's creations.

"It's the only thing he's liked all day," said his grandmother, Gera Mendel.



Fishing rods that washed ashore on the Oregon coast make up the bill of "Flash the Marlin" at the Audubon Aquarium.



ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

The front third of "Greta the Great White Shark," one of six huge sea-life sculptures from a project called Washed Ashore: Art to Save the Sea, is viewed at the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans.

WEDDING

Trammell-Reach

CHARLESTON — Lauren Elizabeth Trammell of Mount Pleasant and William Daniel "Dan" Reach of Greenville were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018, at St. Luke's Chapel on the grounds of MUSC. Pastor Geoff Reppard of Seacoast Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Jerry B. and Mrs. Eleanor S. Trammell of Sumter and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bailey A. Trammell of Anderson, Mrs. Betty Horton Martin of Anderson and the late Mr. Redus R. Martin of Anderson, and the late Mr. Carroll P. Scruggs of Valdosta and Helen, Georgia. She attended Charleston Southern University and prior to the wedding was employed by MUSC.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. Beth Brennan Reach and the late Mr. Russell Paul Reach of Greenville and the grandson of Mrs. Marjorie Barrow Reach and the late Dr. Roy Wheeler Reach of Waycross and Blairsville, Georgia, and the late Mr.

William Daniel Brennan and Mrs. Patricia Konerman Brennan of Cincinnati, Ohio. He graduated from Bob Jones University and is a software developer with Razorleaf.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride carried a bouquet of Palmetto roses made from locally grown sweetgrass wrapped in her Scottish ancestor's tartan of the McDavids. The bridegroom had the tartan of his Scottish ancestors, Clan Farquharson, as a handkerchief in the breast pocket of his tuxedo.

Maid of honor was Ashlina Chin. Honorary bridesmaids were Mrs. Elyse Trammell O'Neal, Mrs. Emily White, Mrs. Rebekah Bezold, Mrs. Sarah Prindle and Abbey Reach.

A special reading was given by Mrs. Emily White, sister of the bridegroom.

Music was provided by Mr. Bill Nuttall, bagpiper.

The bridegroom's brother, Philip Reach, served as best man. Elliott Rice, Joe McCormick, Na-



MRS. DAN REACH

than Asire, Jason Gray and Joe Vaughn served as groomsmen.

The rehearsal dinner was given by the bridegroom's mother at Tommy Condon's Irish Pub and Seafood Restaurant in downtown Charleston, which celebrated the Irish side of Dan's family.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at Harborside East in Mount Pleasant.

The couple resides in Greenville.

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UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

TUSCALOOSA, Alabama — The following Sumter students were awarded degrees during spring 2018 commencement at the University of Alabama May 4-6: **Allison Estep**, Bachelor of Science, and **Shania Sankey**, Bachelor of Social Work.

SPACE CAMP

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama — **Zackary Fishburne** of Sumter recently attended Space Camp at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, home of Space Camp, Space Camp Robotics, Aviation Challenge and NASA Marshall Space Flight Center's Official Visitor Center.

The weeklong educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math, while training students and with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and problem solving.

This program is specifically designed for trainees who have a particular interest in space exploration. Fishburne spent the week training with a team that flew a simulated space mission to the International Space Station. Once aboard the ISS, the crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity, or spacewalk. Fishburne and crew returned to Earth in time to graduate with honors.

Space Camp operates year-round in Huntsville and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Students sleep in quarters designed to resemble the ISS and train in simulators like those used by NASA.

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

GREENVILLE, North Carolina — The following Sumter students received degrees during May 4 commencement at East Carolina University in Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium: **Nelle Dave**, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance, and **Brianna Witherspoon**, Bachelor of Science in Public Health Studies.

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The following local residents received a degree from Western Governors University: **Shaw AFB — Randy Reiterman**, Master of Science in Cybersecurity and Information Assurance; **Shelby Salinas**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **Stephani Pena Gra-**

cia, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and

• Sumter — **Tracie Snider**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; **Kristen Caples**, Bachelor of Science in Nursing; and **Anamaria Sandor**, Master of Science in Educational Leadership degree.

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

CONWAY — Twenty Coastal Carolina University students including **Taylor Dinkins**, an art studio major from Sumter, spent nearly a month on a study abroad program in Nicosia, Cyprus and Athens, Greece, to study culture, history and security in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Students in the intensive program explored security issues through direct immersion in the history and contemporary geopolitics of one of the world's most significant regions. From May 6 to June 4, students studied in Greece and Cyprus, which feature a developed tourist industry that dates back to the 17th century. From there they examined the complex security framework of the wider region that includes Syria, Lebanon, Israel/Palestine, Egypt, Libya and the Balkans.

In addition to taking two 300-level courses totaling six credits, students attended lectures by internationally renowned security experts, policy-makers and diplomats. They also visited some of the landmark sites of Western civilization, including the Parthenon and Acropolis, and interacted with communities on both sides of the Greek-Turkish divide on the island of Cyprus.

UMASS LOWELL

LOWELL, Massachusetts — **Ryan Arnette** of Sumter is among the largest graduating class in UMass Lowell's history. Arnette received a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology.

WOFFORD COLLEGE

SPARTANBURG — Dr. Michael J. Sosulski, provost of Wofford College, has announced Dean's List students for the spring 2018 semester. Sumter students named to the list: **Anna Christian Lyles**, **Drake Harrison McCormick**, **Edward Brode McMillan** and **Margaret Wells Osteen**.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and attain a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or higher.

SHERMAN COLLEGE OF CHIROPRACTIC

SPARTANBURG — **Letitia Smith** of Sumter has been named to Sherman College of Chiropractic's President's List for the spring 2018 academic quarter. President's List students have achieved a grade-point average of 4.0 for the quarter.

USC AIKEN

AIKEN — The University of South Carolina Aiken was well represented on the 2017-18 PBC Presidential Honor Roll, which was released late June. The Presidential Honor Roll honors all student-athletes at the 12 PBC member institutions who had a GPA of 3.0 or higher for the academic year.

The honor roll has been divided into four groups: Presidential Scholars, Bronze Scholars, Silver Scholars and Gold Scholars. All student-athletes with a GPA from 3.0 to 3.24 are Presidential Scholars while Bronze Scholars are 3.25 to 3.49; Silver 3.50 to 3.74; and Gold Scholars are those with a 3.75 to 4.00.

Ryan Missildine from Sumter, whose major is Sociology, made the Silver Scholars list.

William Ard from Lynchburg, whose major is Business Administration, made the Presidential Scholars list.

THE CITADEL

CHARLESTON — The Citadel was represented by 163 cadet-athletes on the 2017-18 Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll. Area cadet-athletes named to the list are:

- Sumter — **William Kinney** of Sumter (baseball) and **Lauren Pringle** (rifle);
- Shaw — **Devin Singleton** (men's track and field);
- Manning — **Charles Walker** (men's track and field); and
- Bishopville — **Tierra Price** (rifle).

The Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll consists of student-athletes at member institutions who achieve at least a 3.0 grade-point average for the academic year while being a member of the final squad list during their sport's traditional season. Recipients must have been eligible to compete throughout the en-

tire academic year.

USC UPSTATE

SPARTANBURG — To be eligible for the Dean's List at USC Upstate, freshmen students must earn a 3.25 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours and upperclassmen must earn a 3.5 or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 course hours. The following local students were named to the list:

- Sumter — **Kelly Barfield**, **Martha Barnes**, **Noah Bittinger**, **Erin Bradford**, **Charity Harvin**, **Tatyana Hodge**, **Donte Johnson**, **Melena McCoy**, **Wilson McDaniel**, **Rachel Oakley**, **Briana Pierson**, **Chelsea Roland**, **Amori Taylor**, **NeTaysia Zeigler**, **Jared Dukes**, **Allison Harrison**, **Bethany Jones**, **Alysa Lennard**, **Katlyn Loschke**, **Melinda Menser**, **Augusta Payeur**, **Shelby Reynolds**, **Teressa Russell** and **Hope Tindale**;
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Remains handed over from N. Korea 'consistent with being Americans'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The remains handed over by North Korea last week in 55 boxes are "consistent with being Americans," based on an initial examination, although none has been positively identified, a U.S. scientist who has seen the remains said Thursday.

Although President Donald Trump has publicly thanked North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for fulfilling the promise he made at their June 12 Singapore summit to return American war remains, U.S. officials had cautioned that little was known about the remains and that they could not be quickly identified.

John E. Byrd, director of the Defense Department laboratory in Hawaii where the 55 cases arrived on Wednesday, cited several reasons for saying that at least some of the remains appear to be those of Americans missing from the Korean War.

Byrd was present when North Korean officials turned over the 55 boxes at Wonsan airport in North Korea last Friday, and he was among the U.S. government specialists who made a further preliminary examination of the contents after the boxes were flown to Osan air base in South Korea the same day.

A cursory examination at Wonsan confirmed that the remains were human, he said, and a closer look at Osan gave reason to think that they likely are Americans.

"What we saw were remains that were consistent with what we have found from the Korean War recoveries that we've done over the years, and we found remains that were consistent with being Americans," Byrd said, speaking by video teleconference from Hawaii.

"We have remains that look to have been in a state of preservation consistent with coming from the Korean War era," he said, and materials provided with the remains included U.S.-issued military equipment such as canteens and buttons. He said the remains are "good candidates to be missing Americans from the Korean War," where thousands died on battlefields and in prisoner-of-war camps during the 1950-53 conflict and remain officially unaccounted for.

Byrd said he would not venture a guess at how many individuals are represented by the bones contained in the 55 boxes.

The U.S. and North Korean militaries conducted joint excavations of war remains in the North between 1996 and 2005, yielding more than 200 sets of remains, not all of which have been positively identified. Separately, North Korea had handed over 208 boxes of remains between 1990 and 1994, some of which have yet to be identified.

When the North Koreans turned over the 55 boxes to Byrd and other U.S. officials at Wonsan on July 27 they said the cases contained remains of an undetermined number of Americans, but the only identification item provided was a single military dog tag, Byrd said. Two members of that person's family have been notified, Kelly McKeague, the director of the Defense POW-MIA Accounting Agency, told reporters.

McKeague declined to reveal the name on the dog tag.

Byrd said the North Koreans at Wonsan provided what he described as a "short bit, a little paragraph of information" with each of the 55 boxes. The most significant bit of information in each case was the name of the village where the remains were recovered, he said. One of the villages was Sin Hung-ri, which he said is on the east side of the Chosin Reservoir where U.S. Army soldiers fought a fierce battle in the fall of 1950 after Chinese forces entered the war.

North Korea had told American officials more than once

in recent years that it had about 200 sets of U.S. war remains in storage. McKeague said Thursday that the North Koreans who provided the 55 boxes last week did not say whether they have others. He said the U.S. is prepared to discuss arrangements for future U.S.-North Korean excavations but that this process is not yet underway.

Byrd said his laboratory in Hawaii already has begun working on the remains. The first step, he said, is sampling the bones for DNA that potentially could be matched with DNA samples that have been provided over the years by relatives of Korean War MIAs. If matches are achieved, identification can be done relatively quickly, he said, but in other cases the identification work will take years.

The forensics work in some cases is aided by records of chest X-rays that U.S. soldiers commonly were given upon entering the military, as well as dental records.

In an illustration of how long it can take to identify Korean War remains, McKeague's agency announced Thursday that the remains of a soldier found more than a decade ago, Army Sgt. William A. Larkins, of Pittsburgh, are being returned to his family for burial. He was identified from remains recovered by a joint U.S.-North Korean team in April and May 2005.



Vice President Mike Pence, left, Commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Adm. Phil Davidson, center, and Rear Adm. Jon Kreitz, deputy director of the POW/MIA Accounting Agency, attend a ceremony marking the arrival of the remains thought to be of American service members who fell in the Korean War at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, on Wednesday.

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office of coroner, and based on the testimony and evidence in the record, will be unable to become qualified for the office within the one-year time period specified by statute."

Mock was appointed as coroner by South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster on Feb. 21 to fill the unexpired term of Hayes Samuels Jr., who died on Jan. 17. Mock had previously served as deputy coroner in Clarendon County for 21 years.

Samuels-Cooper, the sister of the late coroner, worked as an administrative assistant in the coroner's office for 13 years but was not employed by Clarendon County, according to testimony from July 27, the second day Cothran heard from witnesses. She was hired as a full-time county employee in the coroner's office on Jan. 24 and worked there until Mock terminated her on March 9.

Samuels-Cooper won the two-person June 12 primary by earning 57 percent of the 3,720 votes. No Republican ran in the primary, so the Democratic nominee will run unopposed in November.

Mock asked the judge through the lawsuit to declare Samuels-Cooper is not qualified to be the coroner of Clarendon County, her affidavit outlining her qualifications is deficient, she was improperly certified as having met the requirements to be a coroner and she was improperly certified as a qualified candidate. He also sought an injunctive relief barring her name from the ballot.

On the first day of testimony on June 20, Samuels-Cooper's attorneys, Ronnie Sabb and Kimberly Barr, filed a motion to dismiss the entire case against her under a rule claiming Mock needed to exhaust all administrative remedies by formally contesting the primary election within a certain time-frame, which he did not.

"Plaintiff never filed a protest to the June 12, 2018 Clarendon County Democratic primary, opting instead to file suit in this Court on June 14, 2018," Cothran wrote in his first judgement.

Cothran granted Samuels-Cooper's motion in part. He agreed Mock did not exhaust all administrative remedies, making claims Mock's lawyer, Robert E. Tyson Jr., made on the basis of Samuels-Cooper's filing affidavit being deficient irrelevant. This part of the ruling allowed the case to continue only based on whether Samuels-Cooper was qualified to be a coroner in South Carolina.

"... he may not challenge Ms. Samuels-Cooper's qualifications to be a candidate for coroner," Cothran ruled. "... Because the office of coroner has statutorily defined requirements, similarly to the office of sheriff, this court is not being asked to judge the outcome of a contested election. Instead, it is being asked to interpret the statute setting forth the qualifications for coroner, and to determine if Ms. Samuels-Cooper meets those qualifications, and it has the jurisdiction to do so."

Two days of testimony from Mock; Samuels-Cooper; South Carolina Coroner's Association President, York County Coroner Sabrina Gast; and Clarendon County Democratic Party Chairwoman Patricia Pringle led to Cothran's ruling that Samuels-Cooper "does not meet the statutory qualifications to be coroner."

"Ms. Samuels-Cooper testified that she believed she had fulfilled the one year of experience in death investigation because of her 13 years of employment as an administrative assistant ...," he wrote in his ruling.

To be qualified to be a coroner in the state, candidates must meet one of a list of job experiences and mark at least one on a filing affidavit. Samuels-Cooper marked she had one year's experience in death investigation.

"She testified that she took phone calls reporting deaths, contacted and dispatched the coroner and/or deputy coroners to death scenes, scheduled autopsies, spoke with families of the deceased and helped to fill out death certificates. She also testified that

she had attended one or two autopsies and was present at one death scene," Cothran wrote. "Ms. Samuels-Cooper undoubtedly has many hours over the past 13 years assisting the coroner and deputy coroners in the performance of their duties. However, our law states that the duties appertaining to death investigations, such as responding to death scenes, determining the cause and manner of death, and ordering autopsies to be performed, may be performed by coroners and deputy coroners (in addition to medical examiners and solicitors in certain circumstances), but not by administrative assistants.

"To say an administrative assistant in a coroner's office has sufficient death investigation experience to qualify to be a coroner would be similar to saying that a judge's administrative assistant is competent to take the bench because

of his experience in the judge's chambers."

Cothran said there is also "no possibility" for her to become qualified because the only other way to become qualified is to "have completed a recognized forensic science degree or certification program or be enrolled in a recognized forensic science degree or certification program to be completed within one year of being elected." To even sign up to complete the program, which is a course and test, a person must have 640 hours of death investigation experience and be employed at a coroner's or medical examiner's office.

What comes next may still not be clear.

Samuels-Cooper can remove herself from the election and ballot. If she does, another election may have to be held to find a nominee.

If she does not drop out of

the race willingly, the governor may not let her be sworn in because she is not qualified for the job. In that case, he would have to appoint someone to be coroner.

Mock said according to law, the election commission and state Democratic party must decide by Tuesday whether to take her off the ballot. If her name is removed, filing will open for another election for the position two weeks after. Filing would be open for one week, and an election would be held two weeks after filing closes.

"I will file. I will definitely file," Mock said. "If someone files against me, we'll have to have another election. If nobody files against me, then, basically, I'll be put on the ballot."

Messages left with the state and county Democratic parties were not returned as of press time.

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COMMENTARY

Would war with Iran doom Trump?

A war with Iran would define, consume and potentially destroy the Trump presidency but exhilarate the neocon never-Trumpers who most despise the man.

Why, then, is President Donald Trump toying with such an idea?

Looking back at Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria and Yemen, wars we began or plunged into, what was gained to justify the cost in American blood and treasure, and the death and destruction we visited upon that region? How has our great rival China suffered by not getting involved?

Oil is the vital strategic Western interest in the Persian Gulf. Yet a war with Iran would imperil, not secure, that interest.

Mass migration from the Islamic world, seeded with terrorist cells, is the greatest threat to Europe from the Middle East. But would not a U.S. war with Iran increase rather than diminish that threat?

Would the millions of Iranians who oppose the mullahs' rule welcome U.S. air and naval attacks on their country? Or would they rally behind the regime and the armed forces dying to defend their country?

"Mr. Trump, don't play with the lion's tail," warned President Hassan Rouhani in July. "War with Iran is the mother of all wars."

But he added, "Peace with Iran is the mother of all peace."

Rouhani left wide open the possibility of peaceful settlement.

Trump's all-caps retort virtually invoked Hiroshima: "Never, ever threaten the United States again or you will suffer consequences the like of which few throughout history have suffered before."

When Trump shifted and blurted out that he was open to talks — "No preconditions. They want to meet? I'll meet." — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo contradicted him: Before any meeting, Iran must change the way they treat their people and "reduce their malign behavior."

We thus appear to be steering into a head-on collision.

For now that Trump has trashed the nuclear deal and is reimposing sanctions, Iran's economy has taken a marked turn for the worse.

Its currency has lost half its value. Inflation is surging toward Venezuelan levels. New U.S. sanctions will be imposed this week and again in November. Major foreign investments are being canceled.

U.S. allies are looking at secondary sanctions if they do not join the strangulation of Iran.

Tehran's oil exports are plummeting along with national revenue.

Demonstrations and riots are increasingly common.

Rouhani and his allies who bet their futures on a deal to forego nuclear weapons in return for an opening to the West look like fools to their

people. And the Revolutionary Guard Corps that warned against trusting the Americans appears vindicated.

Iran's leaders have now threatened that when their oil is no longer flowing freely and abundantly, Arab oil may be blocked from passing through the Strait of Hormuz out to Asia and the West.

Any such action would ignite an explosion in oil prices worldwide and force a U.S. naval response to reopen the strait. A war would be on.

Yet the correlation of political forces is heavily weighted in favor of driving Tehran to the wall. In the U.S., Iran has countless adversaries and almost no advocates. In the Middle East, Israelis, Saudis and the UAE would relish having us smash Iran.

Among the four who will decide on war, Trump, Pompeo and John Bolton have spoken of regime change, while Defense Secretary James Mattis has lately renounced any such strategic goal.

With Israel launching attacks against Iranian-backed militia in Syria, U.S. ships and Iranian speedboats constantly at close quarters in the Gulf and Houthi rebels in Yemen firing at Saudi tankers in the Bab el-Mandeb entrance to the Red Sea, a military clash seems inevitable.

While America no longer has the ground forces to invade and occupy an Iran four times the size of Iraq, in any such war, the U.S., with its vastly superior air, naval and missile forces, would swiftly prevail.

But if Iran called into play Hezbollah, the Shiite militias in Syria and Iraq, and sectarian allies inside the Arab states, U.S. casualties would mount, and the Middle East could descend into the kind of civil-secular war we have seen in Syria these last six years.

Any shooting war in the Persian Gulf could see insurance rates for tankers soar, a restriction of oil exports and surging prices, plunging us into a worldwide recession for which one man would be held responsible: Donald Trump.

How good would that be for the GOP or President Trump in 2020?

And when the shooting stopped, would there be installed in Iran a liberal democracy, or would it be as it was in Hosni Mubarak's Egypt, with first the religious zealots taking power, and then the men with guns.

If we start a war with Iran, on top of the five in which we are engaged still, then the party that offers to extricate us will be listened to, as Trump was listened to, when he promised to extricate us from the forever wars of the Middle East.

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COMMENTARY

Clinton campaign sought dirt on Trump from Russian officials. Where's outrage?

WASHINGTON — All of Washington is waiting with bated breath to find out whether the Mueller investigation will provide evidence proving that the Trump campaign colluded with Russia. So far, "Exhibit A" against President Trump is the meeting Donald Trump



Marc Thiessen

Jr., Jared Kushner and Paul Manafort had with a group of Russians claiming to have dirt on Hillary Clinton. That meeting should never have happened. When you get an email offering to provide "very high level and sensitive information" from the "Crown prosecutor of Russia" that could "incriminate Hillary" Clinton and is part of "Russia and its government's support for Mr. Trump" you don't reply by saying "I love it." You call the FBI.

The president claims he did not know about the meeting. His former lawyer, Michael Cohen, says he did. Whether he knew is beside the point. Senior officials of his campaign were willing to accept help from Vladimir Putin; they were saved only because the meeting was a bust. The Russians didn't end up providing any dirt.

But as bad as the Trump Tower meeting was, it took place at the request of the Russians. They were the ones who approached the Trump campaign, not the other way around.

By contrast, the Clinton campaign proactively sought dirt on Trump from Russian government sources. They did it through cut-outs. In April 2016, Clinton campaign lawyer Marc Elias retained opposition research firm Fusion GPS to compile incriminating information on Trump. Fusion GPS in turn hired

Christopher Steele, a former British MI6 operative with sources among Russian government officials. The result was the salacious dossier, whose sources included "a senior Russian Foreign Ministry figure" and "a former top-level intelligence officer still active in the Kremlin." Steele's work was paid for by Clinton's presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee. That means a paid agent of the Clinton campaign approached Russian officials for damaging material on Trump.

Clinton claims she did not know about Steele's work. It doesn't matter. Imagine if Michael Cohen, or another lawyer paid by the Trump campaign and Republican National Committee, had hired a former British spy with campaign money to collect dirt on Clinton from Russian intelligence and foreign ministry officials. Do you think that everyone in Washington would be saying: "There's no evidence Trump knew, so no big deal — nothing to see here?" Of course not.

Moreover, Clinton officials have defended Steele's actions. Brian Fallon, Clinton's campaign spokesman, has said he "would have volunteered to go to Europe and try to help" Steele and would happily have spread dirt obtained from the Russians. "Opposition research happens on every campaign," he told *The Post*. He also said: "I am damn glad [Elias] pursued this on behalf of our campaign and only regret more of this material was not verified in time for the voters to learn it before the election."

In other words, "I love it."

We also know that the Democrats covered up their involvement. The dossier was published by BuzzFeed in January, but it was not until Oct. 24, 2017 — more than nine

months later — that Americans learned it was the DNC and the Clinton campaign that paid for it. If it did nothing wrong, why did Team Clinton leave Americans in the dark about its involvement for so long?

Let's be clear: None of this excuses the Trump campaign's reprehensible behavior in accepting a meeting with Russians claiming to be government agents offering dirt on Clinton. Mueller's investigation is not a witch hunt. If Mueller finds that anyone on the Trump campaign entered into a criminal conspiracy with Russia, they should go to jail.

Furthermore, none of this calls into question the intelligence community's assessment that the Russians wanted Trump to win — something Putin publicly confirmed in his Helsinki news conference with Trump. But the intelligence community assessment also found that the Kremlin expected Clinton to win. The Russians are not stupid. They were preparing for the prospect of a Clinton presidency, and they played both sides. That's why millions of dollars in Russian cash were sloshing around Clinton World — including \$500,000 Bill Clinton received for a Moscow speech from a Russian investment bank with links to the Kremlin.

Russia continues to pose a threat. Their goal, according to our intelligence community, was not just to help Trump, but also to "undermine public faith in the U.S. democratic process." They are playing a long game. If we are to counter the Russian threat, we need to understand its complexities — and that means we have to look beyond Trump.

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Health Tuomey Hospice volunteer coordinator, at (803) 773-4663.

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Monday, noon, Central Carolina Technical College Advance Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St.

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

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

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING
Monday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Sheriff's Office conference room

The last word in astrology

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Personal changes can be put into play.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sign up for something that will challenge you mentally and physically.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Change can be good, but it needs to be planned carefully. Making hasty decisions will leave you scrambling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Simplicity and moderation will be the keys to your success. Overdoing it will lead to loss.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get involved in events you are familiar with. Taking on a new venture will turn out to be more involved and costly than you expect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): No one will benefit if you make a poor decision. Refuse to let someone else speak for you or lead you astray.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change of plans may be upsetting at first, but in the end, you will benefit from what transpires.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put emotional situations in perspective. It won't help if you or someone else overreacts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Proceed with caution. Now is not the time to overspend or let indulgent behavior take over.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your feelings. Whether you are dealing with a friend, relative, child or lover, opening up about what you would like to see unfold will spark ideas and the desire for those around you to pitch in and help.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A day trip will do you good. Getting out with friends or visiting someone who can offer you information will help you make a personal decision regarding a change you want to

WEATHER

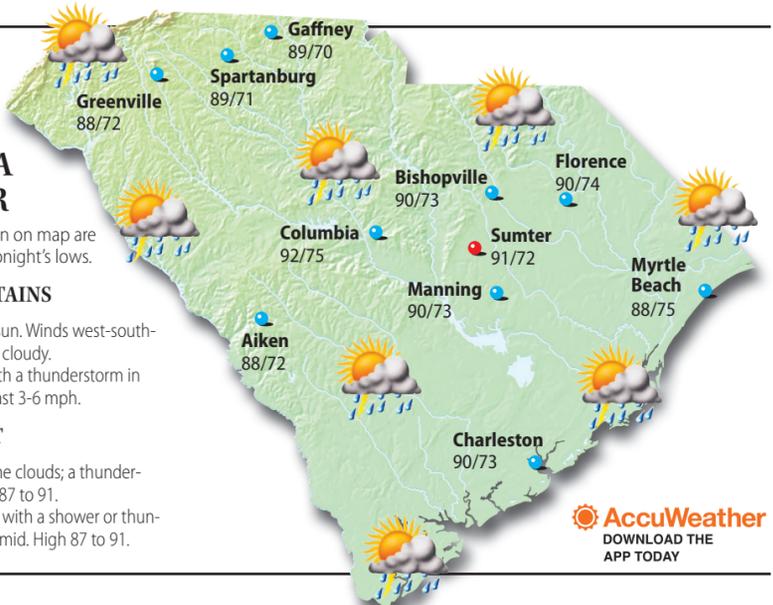
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

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

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Clouds and sun. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph. Partly cloudy.
Monday: Humid with a thunderstorm in spots. Winds southeast 3-6 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Sun and some clouds; a thunderstorm in spots. High 87 to 91.
Monday: Some sun with a shower or thunderstorm around; humid. High 87 to 91.

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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

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LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for New, First, Full, and Last.

RIVER STAGES

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

TIDES

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NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and New York.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, and Charleston.

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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121 Fuss
123 Backspace over, say
126 Vouch for
127 Theme of the puzzle
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133 First all-vegetable-oil shortening
134 River known for its banks
135 Camera type, for short
136 "Sure!"
137 Needing some body work
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18 Raced down slopes
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36 Without peer
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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-138.

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44 Colorful aquarium swimmer
45 Sport with clay pigeons
48 Ensnare
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52 Mambo king
55 Toys with tails
58 Improv performer
60 Drag (away)
61 Best possible
62 By... of (owing to)
63 Online commerce
66 Peter Pan dog
67 Salon sounds
72 Long-legged bird
74 Hood salutation
76 Disneyland shuttle
77 Middle of the fourth century
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85 Junction points
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95 About 12,000 insect species
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99 Smeltery refuse
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108 Novelist Pasternak
111 Couric of TV news
112 Presses, as dresses
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119 About six trillion mi.
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129 Saturn or Jupiter
130 Place for filming
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SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Grid of crossword answers.

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9x9 Sudoku grid.

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WEIGH DUNCE ENROLL RING
It took many workers to man the offshore rig. Together, they drilled for -- "CREWED" OIL

MEDIA DAY



5 things we learned

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New Scott's Branch head coach Brian Smith speaks while Eagle players Amonte Brown, Treyshawn Moore and Christian Oliver, left to right, listen during The Sumter Item Media Day on Wednesday at Sumter High School. Smith revealed Scott's Branch will be the homecoming opponent for C.E. Murray, a school he coached at two years ago.

First Sumter Item Media Day opens door to thoughts of coaches, players

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The first The Sumter Item Media Day was held on Wednesday, and it was a smashing success. Both the coaches and the players from the 12 schools in Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties that play high school football were

engaging. They tried their best to afford some insight to the questions presented to them.

And, as one might expect, there were some answers provided that were interesting and engaging, that we may have never found out in another forum.

Following are five things

we learned during what I hope was the first of many media days.

TIMELY HITTING

When Mark Barnes came to Sumter High School as head coach four seasons ago, he brought a reputation of having hard-nosed football teams. He doesn't believe

that has changed during his time in charge of the Gamecocks.

"I think people would characterize us as being an extremely physical football team, and our defense is more physical than our offense," said Barnes, who led SHS to a 9-3 record and the second round of the 5A state playoffs

last season. "That's what we hang our hat on."

However, Barnes pointed out that earning that reputation doesn't necessarily mean a team has to have knock-down, drag-out hitting in practice to achieve that physicality.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Former Gamecock, No. 1 pick Hurst finds home with Ravens

BY DAVID GINSBURG
The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Hayden Hurst has finally found a sport, position and team that are best suited for his athletic ability: football, tight end, Baltimore Ravens.

After being selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round of the 2012 draft, Hurst pitched in the Gulf Coast League in 2013. He tried first base the following year before calling it a career.

"It wasn't exactly the easiest three years of my life. But I learned a lot about myself," Hurst said.

He then played football at South Carolina, lining up as a wide receiver in 2015 before moving to tight end. In 38 games with the Gamecocks, Hurst scored four touchdowns — one of them on a 2-yard run.

Still, Hurst was impressive enough to be picked 25th overall by the Ravens in the 2018 NFL draft. Just 39 minutes into his first game last Thursday night, the 6-foot-4, 245-pound rookie caught a touchdown pass to help Baltimore beat Chicago 17-16 in the Hall of Fame Game.

"It's pretty exciting," Hurst said after Saturday's practice. "I'm a big body guy, and I like to be utilized in the red zone. I'm a threat there. At South Carolina, I wasn't used a whole lot in the red zone. Now here I think they're going to take advantage of it. So it should be a fun career."

Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco has long relied on his tight end for big plays and touchdowns. From Todd Heap to Dennis Pitta to Benjamin Watson, the man in the middle of the field has been a vital component of the Balti-



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baltimore Ravens tight end Hayden Hurst (81) scores a touchdown against the Chicago Bears in the second half of the Pro Football Hall of Fame preseason game Thursday in Canton, Ohio. The Ravens won 17-16.

more offense.

Hurst could very well be the newest addition to that impressive list.

"Joe throws to the tight ends a lot. He has a lot of faith in that position," Hurst noted. "When things kind of break down, he tries to find us. It puts more emphasis on my position."

Flacco didn't take a snap in Baltimore's preseason opener, yet both Baltimore touch-

downs were scored by tight ends. Hurst's 8-yard TD came on a pass from Lamar Jackson, a former Heisman Trophy winner who was after Hurst (32nd overall) but has received far more publicity and acclaim.

"The quarterback gets all the attention. That's how this league works," Hurst said. "It doesn't matter to me."

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Loaded Clemson opens camp with experience, great expectations

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Most seasons, Clemson coach Dabo Swinney feels excited about his Tigers' chances. He's got more reasons than ever with his latest group.

Clemson opened practice Friday with 57 juniors or seniors, the most Swinney has ever had. They include four potential first-round NFL draft picks on the defensive line in tackles Christian Wilkins and Dexter Lawrence and ends Clelin Ferrell and Austin Bryant.

Quarterback Kelly Bryant, a senior, is back after leading Clemson to its third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship last year and another spot in the College Football Playoff. There are seniors starting at linebacker and three juniors leading the secondary. All five offensive linemen are upper-

classmen.

In all, 17 of the 22 starters on the depth chart heading into fall camp are juniors or older.

"A very veteran group," Swinney said. "They're focused. This is not a nonchalant, casual group. This is a very locked-in group that I really believe knows exactly what they want."

Their mission seems clear, particularly after the disappointing conclusion to last year — a 24-6 loss to eventual champion Alabama in the national semifinals. The goal to improve on that showing has motivated the Tigers throughout the offseason and into fall camp.

"That's where we're at," linebacker Kendall Joseph said. "ACC (title), bowl game and national championship. That's the goal. Nothing short of that."

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AP FILE PHOTO

Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney, center, congratulates his players during the second half of the Tigers' victory over Miami in the 2017 Atlantic Coast Conference championship game in Charlotte. The Tigers are pursuing their fourth straight ACC championship and have lost two league games in three seasons.

MORE PHOTOS FROM MEDIA DAY



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM
LEFT: Clarendon Hall's Bobby Ashba, left, and Kade Elliott listen to questions. ABOVE: Thomas Sumter's Mason Warren answers a question.



ABOVE: Laurence Manning head coach Robbie Briggs listens to Brad Goodson answer a question.



LEFT: Robert E. Lee's Hunter McGee, right, responds to a question. ABOVE: East Clarendon's Garrick Powell, right, answers a question, while teammates Ashton Mixon, left, and Taquan McElveen, center, listen.



ABOVE: Manning's Jamir Stukes, left and Darias Williams listen as a question is posed. TOP RIGHT: Wilson Hall's Mitchell Matthews, foreground, and Landon VanPatten listen as head coach Adam Jarecki speaks. Laurence Manning's Robbie Briggs, Jake Jordan and Brewer Brunson, left to right, share a laugh. BELOW: Crestwood's Joshua Simon (10) and Jamar Holliday share a laugh.



ABOVE: Lee Central head coach Justin Danner speaks while Stallion players Draye Moses and Derek Joye listen.

5 THINGS FROM PAGE B1

"What people would find funny with football under attack with the CTEs, concussions and all that stuff, our players will tell you we do very little hitting in practice. It's a mindset to us; it's an expectation on our (coaches) part, it's an expectation on their (players) part. "We're not a big contact team in practice. We do it in spurts of 10 minutes, and make sure they know what to do. A dog will bite; they don't have to keep biting you to prove it to you. Once you learn to be physical, you don't have to keep practicing it. It's a mindset."

HOMECOMING HOMECOMING

Before coming to Scott's Branch after one season at Blythewood, Brian Smith was the head coach at C.E. Murray in Greeleyville. In 2015, he led CEM to a 12-2 record and a runner-up finish in the 1A Division II state playoffs.

As the new Scott's Branch head coach, Smith will get a chance to coach against his old school. Scott's Branch and C.E. Murray -- both bearing the nickname of Eagles -- play in Region V-1A.

Smith will have a homecoming of sorts on Oct. 26 when Scott's Branch travels to Greeleyville for the regular-season finale. It will be homecoming for CEM, and Smith isn't quite sure what to make of that.

"As far as playing C.E. Murray, I've thought about it a little bit," Smith said. "They made us their homecoming team, and these guys (his players) don't appreciate it that. If I were them I'd probably change that date, but it will be interesting for sure. "We'll be ready for region play and C.E. Murray too."

WEEK MINUS 1?

Laurence Manning Academy won't be opening its season on Week Zero on Aug. 17.

The Swampcats also won't be opening their season on Week 1 either, which is Aug. 24.

What gives? LMA will be traveling to Montgomery, Alabama, on Friday, Aug. 10 -- yes, this Friday -- to play Lamar Academy, the Mississippi independent school 4A state champion.

Laurence Manning head coach Robbie Briggs said he was approached by South Carolina Independent School Association athletic director Mike Fanning and new executive director Spencer Jordan, the former headmaster at LMA, to play the game.

"Yeah, we'll play anybody, anywhere," Briggs said. Lamar is very similar in terms of resume to Hammond (which has won nine of the last 12 SCISA 3A state titles). We said, 'Certainly, we'd love to.' "

Briggs said the team will leave for Montgomery early on Thursday morning and will have a couple of walk-through practices before playing the game at 4 p.m. on Fri-

day. Briggs admits there is a bit of concern about his team playing an afternoon game.

"A lot of guys don't understand what it takes to play a 1 o'clock, 12 o'clock or 3 o'clock game. We work pretty hard though, so we made some concessions for that. We're excited about the opportunity."

NOT NECESSARILY IN THE NUMBERS

Randy Stogner will be in his first season as the head coach at Thomas Sumter Academy. After over three decades as an assistant coach at Crestwood and Manning high schools, both of which consistently have high number of players, he will be making an adjustment at TSA

"We've got a numbers game we're playing. We've got 20 players," Stogner said when asked the reason he had players listed at multiple positions. "For Mason (Warren) and Tyler (Millwood) to both be quarterbacks, it's a necessity because we're going to have to have players play multiple positions. We just can't

go back to the bench and grab another wingback. We're teaching them more than one position."

Stogner isn't letting the numbers deter his enthusiasm.

"Back when David played Goliath, I bet the bookies lost a lot of money that day," he said.

THE BEST ROUTE

Joshua Simon is the major passing target for the Crestwood Knights. Last season, he caught 39 passes for 825 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Simon said the reason for his success is he likes to mix things up with his route running.

"All depends on what route we have," Simon said. "I like to learn how to do different routes, learn how to run a route more than one way."

"t all depends on the alignment. I like to make adjustments sometimes. If I'm over on your (the opposing) sideline, I can hear what the coach is telling you to do."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7 a.m. — LPGA Golf: Women's British Open Final Round from Lancashire, England (GOLF).
7:30 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group B Match from Dinan-Lehon, France — Mexico vs. Brazil (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:30 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group B Match from Dinan-Lehon, France — North Korea vs. England (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:30 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group A Match from Vannes, France — France vs. Ghana (FOX SPORTS 2).
11:30 a.m. — LPGA Golf: Women's British Open Final Round from Lancashire, England (WIS 10).
Noon — PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational Final Round from Akron, Ohio (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at New York Mets (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WUPB-FM 102.7).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Cleveland (TBS).
1:30 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group A Match from Vannes, France — New Zealand vs. Netherlands (FOX SPORTS 2).
2 p.m. — PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational Final Round from Akron, Ohio (WLTN 19).
2 p.m. — Youth Softball: Senior League World Series Championship Game from Lower Sussex, Del. (ESPN).
2 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Fiji International Final Round from Natadola, Fiji (GOLF).
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series GoBowling at The Glen from Watkins Glen, N.Y. (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — Professional Tennis: World TeamTennis Championship Match from Philadelphia (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: Alydar Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
4 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions 3M Championship Final Round from Blaine, Minn. (GOLF).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Houston at Los Angeles Dodgers or Detroit at Oakland (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Washington at Dallas (NBA TV).
5 p.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: Silicon Valley Classic Championship Match from San Jose, Calif. (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New York at Los Angeles (FOX SPORTS 1).
6 p.m. — PGA Golf: Barracuda Championship Final Round from Reno Nev. (GOLF).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Phoenix at Los Angeles (NBA TV).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Boston (ESPN).
9 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Intermediate Championship Game from Livermore, Calif. (ESPN2).
MONDAY
7:20 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group D Match from Saint-Malo, France — Nigeria vs. Germany (FOX SPORTS 2).
10:20 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group C Match from Concarneau, France — Paraguay vs. Spain (FOX SPORTS 2).
11 a.m. — WNBA Basketball: Seattle at New York (NBA TV).
1:20 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group C Match from Concarneau, France — United States vs. Japan (FOX SPORTS 2).
5:30 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA Under-20 World Cup Group D Match from Saint-Malo, France — Haiti vs. China (FOX SPORTS 2).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Southeast Regional Semifinal Game from Warner Robins, Ga. (ESPN2).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at

Chicago White Sox (ESPN).
9 p.m. — Youth Baseball: Little League World Series Southwest Regional Semifinal Game from Waco, Texas (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Houston at San Francisco or Detroit at Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
Aug. 8-12
at McCrory Park in Asheboro, North Carolina
Wednesday, Aug. 8
 Game 1 -- Lyon County, Kentucky, vs. West Virginia, 9:30 a.m.
 Game 2 -- Troy, Alabama, vs. Sumter (doubleheader)
 Game 3 -- Tallahassee, Florida, vs. Wilmington, North Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 4 -- Chapin/Newberry vs. Randolph County, North Carolina, (doubleheader)
Thursday, Aug. 9
 Game 5 -- Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 3, 9:30 a.m.
 Game 6 -- Loser Game 2 vs. Loser Game 4 (doubleheader)
 Game 7 -- Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 3, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 8 -- Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 4 (doubleheader)
Friday, Aug. 10
 Game 9 -- Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 7, 12:30 p.m.
 Game 10 -- Winner Game 5 vs. Loser Game 8, 4:30 p.m.
 Game 11 -- Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (doubleheader)
Saturday, Aug. 11
 Game 12 -- Winner Game 9 vs. Loser Game 11, 4:30 p.m.*
 Game 13 -- Winner Game 10 vs. Winner Game 11, 7:30 p.m.*
Sunday, Aug. 12
 Game 14 -- Winner Game 12 vs. Winner Game 13, 1:30 p.m.**
 Game 15 -- If Necessary
 *Pairings for games 12 and 13 will not match previous opponents against each other unless absolutely necessary
 **If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the bye for Game 14

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	78	34	.696	—
New York	68	41	.624	8½
Tampa Bay	56	54	.509	21
Toronto	50	59	.459	26½
Baltimore	33	77	.300	44

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	59	49	.546	—
Minnesota	50	58	.463	9
Detroit	47	63	.427	13
Chicago	39	70	.358	20½
Kansas City	34	75	.312	25½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	70	41	.631	—
Oakland	65	46	.586	5
Seattle	63	47	.573	6½
Los Angeles	55	56	.495	15
Texas	48	63	.432	22

FRIDAY
 Boston 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Chicago White Sox 3, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
 L.A. Angels 7, Cleveland 4
 Texas 11, Baltimore 3
 Minnesota 6, Kansas City 4
 Oakland 1, Detroit 0, 13 innings
 Houston 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
 Toronto 7, Seattle 2

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

TODAY
 Chicago White Sox (Shields 4-13) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Skaggs 8-7) at Cleveland (Bieber 5-2), 1:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Duffy 7-9) at Minnesota (Santana 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Ramirez 1-4) at Texas (Perez 2-4), 3:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Boyd 6-9) at Oakland (Cahill 3-2), 4:05 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 10-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 4-4), 4:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Gaviglio 2-4) at Seattle (Leake 8-7), 4:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-2) at Boston (Price 11-6), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY
 Minnesota at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
 Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	61	48	.560	—
Atlanta	59	47	.557	½
Washington	55	54	.505	6
Miami	46	65	.414	16
New York	44	63	.411	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	64	46	.582	—
Milwaukee	64	49	.566	1½
Pittsburgh	57	53	.518	7
St. Louis	56	54	.509	8
Cincinnati	49	61	.445	15

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	61	50	.550	—
Los Angeles	61	50	.550	—
Colorado	58	51	.532	2
San Francisco	56	55	.505	5
San Diego	43	70	.381	19

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

SATURDAY
 Cincinnati 7, Washington 1, 1st game
 Chicago Cubs 5, San Diego 4
 Cincinnati at Washington, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game

Miami at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 Colorado at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
 Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY
 Atlanta (Teheran 8-7) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 5-9), 1:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Castillo 6-8) at Washington (Roark 5-12), 1:35 p.m.
 Miami (Straily 4-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 12-3), 1:35 p.m.
 St. Louis (Flaherty 4-6) at Pittsburgh (Musgrove 4-5), 1:35 p.m.
 Colorado (Gray 9-7) at Milwaukee (Miley 2-1), 2:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Lucchesi 5-6) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 12-4), 2:20 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 10-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 4-4), 4:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Holland 5-8) at Arizona (Ray 3-2), 4:10 p.m.

MONDAY
 Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

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Third Round

Justin Thomas	65-64-67=196
Rory McIlroy	65-67-67=199
Ian Poulter	62-67-70=199
Jason Day	65-66-69=200
Marc Leishman	65-69-67=201
Kyle Stanley	63-68-70=201
Rickie Fowler	63-74-65=202
Jon Rahm	68-66-69=203
Louis Oosthuizen	66-63-74=203
Tommy Fleetwood	64-72-68=204
Patrick Cantlay	66-70-68=204
Brooks Koepka	68-67-69=204
Rafa Cabrera Bello	65-70-69=204
Anirban Lahiri	65-68-71=204
Luke List	64-68-72=204
Si Woo Kim	67-71-67=205
Aaron Wise	68-70-67=205
Matt Kuchar	69-65-71=205
Webb Simpson	68-66-71=205
Tony Finau	66-67-72=205
HaoTong Li	69-71-66=206
Dustin Johnson	70-69-67=206
Sergio Garcia	69-70-67=206
Zach Johnson	71-67-68=206
Thorbjørn Olesen	66-70-70=206
Patrick Reed	67-68-71=206
Ross Fisher	71-69-67=207
Bubba Watson	67-71-69=207
Gary Woodland	65-72-70=207
Kevin Na	66-69-72=207
Phil Mickelson	68-67-72=207
Tyrrell Hatton	66-68-73=207
Tiger Woods	69-71-68=208
Wade Ormsby	70-69-69=208
Henrik Stenson	70-73-66=209
Alex Noren	70-70-69=209
Cameron Smith	70-70-69=209
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	67-72-70=209
Hideki Matsuyama	67-71-71=209
Daniel Berger	66-70-73=209
Matthew Fitzpatrick	66-70-73=209

CAMP FROM PAGE B1

Swinney is grateful for his team's experience, yet says even his oldest players must prepare to work each day at practice if they expect success when the season begins. "We've got to go out and

earn it on the field every day," he said. Clemson's done a strong job of that throughout the past few seasons. The Tigers went 40-4 the previous three years, which included going 14-1 and topping

the Crimson Tide for the national title after the 2016 season. Clemson figured to have several more question marks heading into the season since much of its starting defensive line had NFL decisions to make last January. In Swinney's first win of the season, all three starters (Wilkins,

Ferrell and Bryant) who could have left returned for another go-round in college. It was a spirited group that hit the field for workouts Friday evening, with much of the attention focused on the quarterbacks. Bryant led the way for the offense with five-star freshman Trevor Lawrence

right behind at No. 2 on the depth chart. Lawrence, a 6-foot-5 passer whose flowing blond hair poked through his helmet, was the country's top quarterback prospect after breaking the Georgia state passing marks with 13,908 yards and 161 TDs — re-

HURST FROM PAGE B1

Baltimore lists six tight ends on the roster, so the 24-year-old Hurst is going to have to earn playing time. Though he admits he needs to know the playbook better, Hurst has already made a positive impression. "It was good to see Hayden play

well in the first game. That's the first test," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "The next test is to come back and have a good week of practice and take it into the next game." Toward that end, Hurst made a sensational grab between three defenders Saturday, drawing a collective cheer from the fans in attendance.

Not bad for a former baseball player. "I'm glad I experienced it," Hurst says of his abbreviated baseball career. "It kind of hardened me, made me the football player that I am today. That's why I play fast and physical, because I don't want anything to be taken away from me like I kind of had with baseball."

In other news, the Ravens activated six-time Pro Bowl guard Marshal Yanda from the physically unable to perform list Saturday. Yanda had off-season shoulder surgery and will slowly be worked back into a practice routine. "Very encouraging," Harbaugh said. "This was the target date, so he's right now schedule."



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MLB ROUNDUP

Red Sox beat Yankees 4-1, lead East by 8½

BOSTON — Nathan Eovaldi pitched eight dominant innings and closer Craig Kimbrel held on during a shaky ninth to help the Boston Red Sox beat the second-place Yankees for the third game in a row and expand their lead in the AL East to season-high 8½ games with a 4-1 victory on Saturday.

One night after Rick Porcello threw an 86-pitch, one-hit complete game, Eovaldi shut out the Yankees on three hits in sending them to their season-high fourth straight loss.

Down to their last strike, the Yankees rallied against Kimbrel on back-to-back doubles by Giancarlo Stanton and Didi Gregorius. A pair of walks loaded the bases before Greg Bird hit a routine flyball for the final out.

J.D. Martinez hit his big league-leading 33rd home run and Mitch Moreland also connected against Chance Adams, who made his debut in the majors.

The Red Sox, with the best record in baseball, go for a four-game sweep Sunday night with David Price scheduled to face Masahiro Tanaka.

Eovaldi (5-4) struck out four and walked one. He has pitched 15 shutout innings since he was acquired from Tampa Bay last month for a minor league pitcher.

Kimbrel was one strike away from a perfect inning before the Yankees rallied. Walked to Aaron Hicks and Gleyber Tor-



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New York Yankee Brett Gardner (11) is forced out at second base as Boston's Xander Bogaerts sets up to turn a double play in the Red Sox's 4-1 victory on Saturday in Boston.

res brought up Bird.

REDS 7 NATIONALS 1

WASHINGTON — Phillip Ervin hit a three-run homer, Brandon Dixon had a solo shot and the Cincinnati Reds snapped a three-game losing streak with a 7-1 win over the Washington Nationals on Saturday in the first game of a day-night double-header.

Anthony DeSclafani (5-3) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings.

Cincinnati had six runs — five earned — and 10 hits against Washington starter Gio Gonzalez (6-8), who lasted only 3½ innings. Dixon added an RBI groundout and Ervin tacked on Cincinnati's final run with a sacrifice fly in the sixth. Jose Peraza had three hits.

Ryan Zimmerman drove in

Washington's run. The Nationals had won three in a row.

BRAVES 3 METS 1

NEW YORK — Ozzie Albies hit a tiebreaking double off Jacob deGrom, Anibal Sanchez pitched six effective innings and the Atlanta Braves beat the New York Mets 2-1 Friday night for their fifth straight win.

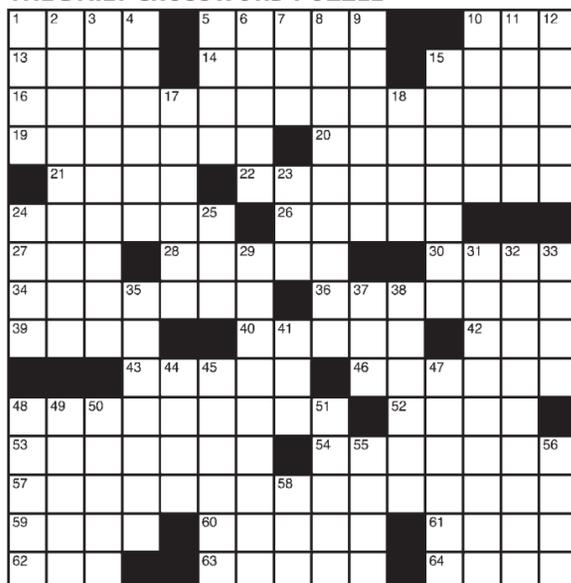
Albies gave the Braves a 2-1 lead in the fifth when he doubled to left field corner as Ronald Acuna Jr. easily scored from second after getting a two-out double.

Johan Camargo hit his 13th homer off the facing of the second deck in right field to put Atlanta up 1-0 in the second, a day after hitting a two-run double Thursday off Jason Vargas.

From wire reports

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



C.C. Burnikel

8/4/18

ACROSS

- 1 Biting
- 5 Hooded African menace
- 10 One may be strapless
- 13 Put on board
- 14 Girl Sebastian is referring to in the song "Kiss the Girl"
- 15 Poke
- 16 Walks caused by walks, perhaps?
- 19 Snatches
- 20 Always there
- 21 Aware of
- 22 "Battle of the Sexes" co-star
- 24 Dealer's order
- 26 Small grove
- 27 Close one
- 28 Fowl pole
- 30 Graham who co-founded The Hollies
- 34 11th-century navigator
- 36 Occasion to spiff up
- 39 Mother of the Titans
- 40 App with pics, familiarly
- 42 Light color
- 43 Cozumel coins
- 46 Impatient
- 48 Rests
- 52 Oct. 2017 Dodgers-Cubs matchup
- 53 Mine carriers
- 54 "Did it start already?"
- 57 Lose it
- 59 Imitated
- 60 King, e.g.
- 61 "Hamilton" Tony winner
- 62 Cantina condiment
- 63 Convenient app for some drivers
- 64 Scandinavian capital
- 11 Journalist
- 12 Puzzle
- 15 Presage
- 17 Rubs clean
- 18 Private meal?
- 23 Mic holders
- 24 Take down
- 25 Shih-___: mixed breed
- 29 Introductory French course
- 31 Holdings for many seniors
- 32 Aid in changing a light bulb
- 33 Lamarr of "Boom Town"
- 35 One side of New England's Bourne Bridge
- 37 Some NBA periods
- 38 Red wine substance
- 41 Govt. code crackers
- 44 Hairy Genesis son
- 45 "Being and Nothingness" author
- 47 Overly
- 48 Forum wardrobe
- 49 South American cornmeal cake
- 50 ___ One: vodka brand
- 51 Harness race horse
- 55 1981 TV groom
- 56 Ticklish doll
- 58 Grapefruit League locale: Abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Baja's opposite
- 2 Creamy pasta dish
- 3 "That was a fact!"
- 4 Appoint as a posse member, say
- 5 Drudge online
- 6 Cropped up
- 7 Sch. in the 2008 film "21"
- 8 Monstrous creatures
- 9 Microbrewery fixture
- 10 Mars in music

Previous Puzzle Solved



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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IT TOOK MANY WORKERS TO MAN THE OFFSHORE RIG. TOGETHER, THEY DRILLED FOR ---

Answer here: "○○○○○○○○" ○○○○
(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's | Jumbles: SKIMP LEAVE INTENT FORGET
Answer: Everyone watched him pull in the fish — IN "REEL" TIME

SUDOKU

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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3	7				9			1	
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1			7					6	2
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AUTO RACING

Truex chasing title as current king of the road

WATKINS GLEN — Martin Truex Jr. has a chance to join former NASCAR greats Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart as kings of the roads.

Truex is seeking his third consecutive victory on a road course in NASCAR's stop Sunday at Watkins Glen. The 11-turn, 3.4-mile circuit joins Sonoma (California) Raceway as the only two true road courses on the Cup schedule.

Gordon, with nine career road course victories, won six straight races from 1997-2000. His streak included three wins each at Watkins Glen and Sonoma. Stewart, with eight career road course wins, won three straight from 2004-05.

Truex won at Watkins Glen last summer, in California in June, and now is chasing Stewart and Gordon for the mark of three straight. The reigning Cup champion figures he's successful on road courses because he enjoys the challenge of the rare right-hand turns.

"It's a unique set of circumstances. It's an extra-special feeling to win on tracks that are completely different like this," Truex said Saturday, insisting he could be going for four straight if not for an engine failure at Sonoma last year. His Furniture Row Racing No. 78 Toyota led 25 laps in that race before the engine blew.

"I think we should have three in a row already with the trouble we had at Sonoma last year, but that's kind of the way it goes in racing," he added.

Truex is part of the "Big 3" in NASCAR that is dominating the season. Truex, Kevin Harvick and Kyle Busch have combined to win 16 of the 21 Cup races. Truex has four victories, but three of those wins have come in the last eight outings. The Sonoma win was by a margin of over 10 sec-



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Kurt Busch (41) makes his way around the course during practice for today's Monster Energy Cup Series road race in Watkins Glen, New York.

onds and was aided by crew chief Cole Pearn's gamble to pit off-sequence from the rest of the leaders.

Pearn was pivotal last year at The Glen when the No. 78 won a strategic fuel mileage race. Truex held off Matt Kenseth on the final lap after Brad Keselowski and Ryan Blaney were forced to pit for gas as the race wound toward the checkered flag.

"You do what you can do," said Keselowski, a three-time runner-up at The Glen, "if it takes strategy to win, you play strategy. If you can win on speed, you try to win on speed."

Opportunities to win have been rare this season because of the Big 3 and Joey Logano doesn't expect those drivers to give an inch Sunday on the high-speed road course. Busch, Harvick and Truex are the only active drivers in the Cup Series with previous wins at both Sonoma and Watkins Glen.

"I still expect the same cars to be fast," Logano said. "It wouldn't be surprising to see those three cars being three of the fastest."

The trio was as dominant as always last week at Pocono when Busch and Harvick had to start at the back of the field after their cars failed post-

qualifying inspection. They responded by quickly working their way to the front and Busch captured his sixth victory of the season in his No. 18 Toyota, holding off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Daniel Suarez on a restart in overtime.

Catching up has been an uphill battle, even for drivers under the same roof.

"I truly believe that to be fast at the racetrack, you need to have a fast car out of the hauler," Suarez said. "That's the key. It's impossible ... when you get the car out of the hauler to make that 20th-place car a winning race car by the end of second practice. That doesn't happen because everybody is improving and you cannot improve that much."

Sunday will be a marathon for NASCAR and the teams because inspection this week was moved to prior to the race. At Pocono, a two-day "enhanced weekend" like Watkins Glen, the inspections were performed after Saturday qualifying and it took hours with several cars failing.

"You adjust your game plan accordingly if something does happen to go awry," Busch said. "It's going to be a quick turnaround for people to figure out their game plan."

SPORTS ITEMS

Clemson, Carolina to play at Spirit Communications

CLEMSON — Clemson and South Carolina will play part of their annual three-game baseball series at minor league parks in Greenville and Columbia over the next four seasons.

The schools announced the neutral sites Friday. The middle games of the series in 2019 and 2021 between the Tigers and Gamecocks will be at Greenville's Fluor Field. The second games in 2020 and 2022 will be at Columbia's Spirit Communications Park.

Fluor Field is home of the Boston Red Sox minor-league affiliate in the Class A South Atlantic League.

Spirit Communications Park is home to the New York Mets' South Atlantic League team.

Each campus will get to host one game each year in one of the state's most eagerly contested sports rivalries.

7 NEW HALL MEMBERS IN CANTON, 1 DOING OWN THING

CANTON, Ohio — Seven members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame's class of 2018 will be on hand Saturday night in Canton, Ohio, for the induction festivities, along with more than 20,000 fans.

About 600 miles away in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the eighth new Hall of Famer, Terrell Owens, will be doing his own thing. Again.

Ray Lewis, Randy Moss, Brian Dawkins, Brian Urlacher, Jerry Kramer, Robert Brazile and Bobby Beathard will be at Tom Benson Stadium for the festivities. Expect some rousing speeches, plenty of

hugging and lots of tears — Dawkins, for one, has guaranteed the crying. He and Brazile had wet eyes Friday night when they got their gold jackets at a dinner.

PORNANONG SINGING TO KEEP LEAD OF WOMEN'S BRITISH OPEN

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, England — Pornanong Phatlum made the Royal Lytham course sing for her again as she held on to her overnight one-shot lead of the Women's British Open after the third round on Saturday.

Pornanong has been singing Thai songs in her head to calm herself on a links course she admits to struggling on. Though any struggling hasn't been apparent, yet.

THOMAS TAKES OVER AT FIRESTONE AS WOODS FADES AWAY

AKRON, Ohio — Justin Thomas pulled away from the crowd with five birdies in the middle of his round for a 3-under 67 and a three-shot lead going into the final round of the Bridgestone Invitational.

No one could keep pace with Thomas, least of all Tiger Woods.

Starting the third round Saturday five shots behind, Woods managed only one birdie and shot 73 to end his streak of 10 consecutive rounds at par or better during his comeback season. He was 11 shots behind.

Thomas, who defends his title next week in the PGA Championship, goes after his third victory of the season, but first in five months.

From wire reports

OBITUARIES

LEROY COLEMAN

Leroy Coleman, 74, died on Friday, July 27, 2018.

He was born on Oct. 17, 1943, in Marion, a son of the late Richard and Lucy Jones Coleman.

Funeral services for Mr. Coleman will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with the Rev. Samuel Sparks, eulogist. Burial will follow at Manning Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mozell and James E. Mooneyham, 5812 Broad St., Sumter.

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

PAUL D. MASISAK

WARNER ROBINS, Ga. — Paul Douglas Masisak, 68, passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018.

Born on Feb. 10, 1950, in Pittsburgh, Paul was a son of the late Charles G. Masisak Sr. and Irene Angeletti Masisak. He was a proud Vietnam veteran who served his country with honor and valor for 10 years in the United States Air Force. During his Air Force career, he was stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base, Dobbins Air Force Base, Shaw Air Force Base and finally Robins Air Force Base, where he retired. Subsequent to his military retirement, Paul went on to work in Civil Service for 25 years, where he worked on C-130 and F-15's. In his free time, he enjoyed going to the beach and hunting, especially with friends at the Taylor County Hunting Club.

His memory will forever be treasured by his loving children, Melissa M. Bullington (Chris) of Panama City, Florida, Cara J. Masisak of Macon and Joseph P. Masisak of Bainbridge; granddaughter,

Madylen B. Masisak; sister, Patricia "Pat" Masisak of Sumter; brother, Charles G. Masisak of Lafayette, Georgia; nieces, Jennifer Jolly (Mitch), Katie M. Parnell (Shawn) and Meredith Masisak (Chicken); three great-nephews; one great-niece; and his beloved granddog, "Spanky R. Bullington aka The Rat."

A graveside service with military honors will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Flowers will be accepted or memorial contributions may be given in memory of Paul to Encompass Hospice, 1760 Bass Road, Suite 202, Macon, GA 31210.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



JAMES W. KITTRELL

James Wesley Kittrell, husband of Bulah Kittrell, was born on Jan. 11, 1936, in Lenoir County, North Carolina, a son of the late Finette and Charlie Jr. Kittrell.

He departed this life on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, in Lexington.

He leaves to cherish his memories: eight children, two brothers, one sister, a host of other relatives and church family and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Joshua Baptist Church with Pastor Eugene G. Dennis officiating. Interment will follow at Joshua Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 5550 Tally Yates Road, Rembert, SC 29128.

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

Online memorials may be

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

BARBARA S. BRUNSON

Barbara Simmons Brunson, 82, died on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018 at her home in Alcolu as a result of cancer. She was

born to Pauline Jones and Henry Belton Simmons of Sumter on July 28, 1936. She was a member of Lewis Chapel United Methodist Church. She and

her husband, Doug, owned Brunson Nursery for over 50 years. Barbara's talents touched literally hundreds of lives as she designed landscapes and gave valuable advice to all who came to the nursery. She was recognized throughout our region as an icon in the nursery business. Her creative talents reached beyond landscape design to poetry and everything she touched.

People came to the nursery not just as loyal customers, but because of the friendship and happiness along with the fun she gave them. Barbara had a wonderful life doing what she enjoyed through the nursery, her children, grandchildren and all of her travels with Doug.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Ray Simmons of Sumter, and her faithful dog, Max.

Surviving is her husband, Doug; her children, Paula Brunson Bishop (Ben), Jon Douglas Brunson and Kathryn Mathis Easton; grandsons, Capers and Douglas Stoudenmire, Brandon Brunson, Kent and Joel Easton; granddaughter, Ashley Brunson; and one great granddaughter, Kelsey Hinson.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Chapel of the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with Rev. Steve McCormick and Champ Squires officiating.

Burial will follow in the Brunson Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Monday at the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Barbara's grandsons; nephew, Brett Simmons; great nephew Leighton Squires; and friend, Danny Burnette.

The family would like to extend great appreciation and love to her caregivers, Diana Hilliard, Beth Evans, Mary Caswell and Jeanette Harrison. They have become part of our family and we will be forever grateful as they went over and beyond with seemingly untiring devotion and genuine dedication day and night.

Many thanks also to Dr. Robert Eagerton and his McLeod Hospice staff. Professional and empathetic, along with a high level of medical expertise, compassion and caring describes what McLeod Hospice is all about.

Memorials can be sent to the Brunson Cemetery maintenance fund: C/O Patsy Watt, 200 McInnis Store Road Sumter, SC 29153.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



ELOISE W. WITHERSPOON

Eloise W. Witherspoon, 64, died on Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist hospital in Columbia.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Lucius Webster Sr. and Annie Mae Williams.

The family will receive friends at 10 Annapolis Way, Sumter, SC 29154.

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



WAYNE L. TAYLOR

Retired Chaplain Col. Wayne Luther Taylor, widower of Barbara Ann McElveen Taylor, died on Wednesday, July 25, 2018. He was 91 years old.

Born in Parrish, Alabama, he was a son of the late James and Maude Baker Taylor. Mr. Taylor was a longtime member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Air Force chaplain and, in his retirement, served as a science teacher at East Clarendon High School and Central Carolina Technical College. He supported United Methodist churches in South Carolina.

Surviving are one son, Wayne L. Taylor Jr. of Rock Hill; one daughter, Geni Taylor Brame and husband, Bobby, of Columbia; and three grandchildren, Jamie, Charlie and Anna Brame.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Nell Taylor and Patricia Downer.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in the sanctuary at Main Street United Methodist Church, 1830 Main St., Columbia, SC 29201. The interment will be held at 1 p.m. at Fort Jackson National Cemetery with full military honors. The Rev. Tiffany Knowlin of Wesley United Methodist Church will officiate at both services.

The family will receive friends immediately after the memorial service at Main Street United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to the capital building fund at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1725 Gervais St., Columbia, SC 29201.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



BLANCHE Z. HASTY

Blanche Zeigler Hasty was born on Nov. 2, 1944, in the Paxville community of Clarendon County, a daughter of the late Doshia J. and Melva Woods Zeigler. She was married to the late Deacon Willie Hasty Jr. To this union they were blessed with two children. Mrs. Hasty was educated in the public schools in Clarendon County. After graduation, she was employed at Crescent Tools, Clarendon County School District 2 and Regional Transportation Agency (RTA), until retirement. At an early age, she joined Zion Hill Baptist Church, Paxville, where she faithfully served. Later, she joined New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, where she served as a deaconess, a member of the usher board and the missionary ministry.

On Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, Mrs. Hasty heard her Master's call at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two sons, Alphonzo B. Hasty of Sumter and Michael C. Hasty of Manning; five grandchildren; six sisters, Essie Z. (Harry) LeSane, Nealia Z. Fasuyi and Theodosia Z. Odibo, all of Sumter, Mable Z. (Alvee) Fulwood and Pamela Z. Davis, both of Paxville, and Evangelist Carolyn Z. (Elder Jerome) Pendergrass of Manning; four sisters-in-law; four brothers-in-law; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Homegoing services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, U.S. 15, Sumter, with the Rev. Willie A. Wright Jr., pastor. Burial will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

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

The family will receive visitors at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mable and Alvee Fulwood, 1460 Fairfield Road, Manning, SC 29102.

Services have been entrusted to Sumter Funeral Service.

HAYWOOD GAINES JR.

With great sadness, the family of Haywood Gaines Jr., 49, announces his passing on Friday, July 27, 2018, in Sumter.

He was born on April 7, 1969, in Newark, New Jersey, a son of Haywood Gaines Sr. and Gladys Linton Gaines. "Boobie," as he was fondly known, spent his childhood in New Jersey. He graduated from Irvington High School. He also spent many years with his family in Maryland and South Carolina. He will always be remembered for his passion for music, love for movies and appreciation for family and friends. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial services were held at noon on Saturday at the John Wesley Williams Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. The Rev. Irene Anthony, pastor of Golden Gate Church, served as eulogist.

The funeral procession left at 11:30 a.m. from the home, 1057 Dibert St., Sumter.

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

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

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

JAMES GRANT

BISHOPVILLE — James Grant entered eternal rest on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, at his residence, 528 S. Calhoun St., Bishopville.

The family is receiving friends from 2 to 7 p.m. daily at the residence.

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

MYKEEL ALBERT

Mykeel Albert, 23, of 122 St. Charles Road, Bishopville, died on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018.

He was born on Oct. 12, 1994, in Brooklyn, New York, a son of Michael Williams and Lilliane Albert.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

DORETIA T. PORTER

In the peace and quietness of the early morning of Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, God summoned Doretia Tucker Porter to come home. In a twinkle of an eye, she transitioned away from this earthly life. God has taken her to a wonderful place, where she'll eternally reside with much peace, joy and contentment.

Doretia T. Porter was born on April 22, 1927, in Sumter, to the late Essie Tucker. She received her education in the public schools of Sumter County. At an early age, Doretia accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior and joined Mt. Olive AME Church in Woodrow. She was a faithful member and wore many hats at Mt. Olive. She served as the pastors' aide president, advisor of junior usher, advisor of inspirational choir, steward, class leader number six, a member of the missionary, and played in many plays, until a decline in her health. She walked in the ways of the Lord, designed her life through Christ, and she was the epitome of the virtuous woman described in Proverbs 31. She was a devoted and loving mother to her family as well as the community. She was full of wisdom and loved to fellowship with family and friends.

Doretia T. Porter was married to the late John Porter Sr. for 45 years and through this union they had 12 children.

Her memories will be cherished and carried on through her five daughters, Mabel Oaks, Dorothy (Moses) Singleton, Helen Woods, Annette Pitts and Nevetta (Anthony) McKnight; four sons, John (Mary) Porter, Willie (Keisha) Porter, Donald Porter and Steve (Gwen) Porter, all of Sumter; one foster son, David Taylor Jr. of Sumter; two sisters, Mabel (JP) Abrams of Sumter and Fannie (Hall) Mickens of Irvington, New Jersey; one sister-in-law, Nancy Porter of Sumter; 46 grandchildren; 75 great-grandchildren; and 25 great-great-grandchildren; and a host of nephews and nieces.

She preceded in death by three sisters, Earlese Tucker Holmes, Frances Abrams and Lillie Mae Tucker-Rogers; one brother, John Henry Tucker; three sons, Arthur Porter Sr., Solomon Porter and Bobby Porter; three brothers-in-law; and two sons-in-law.

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

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

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Mt. Olive AME Church, Woodrow, with the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Friendly Gadson, eulogist, and Pastor Dorothy Maple officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive AME Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 8 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Helen Woods, 3565 U.S. 15 North, Sumter, SC 29153 and 3381 Ebenezer Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

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

LILLIE MAE CANTEY

Lillie Mae Cantey, affectionately known as "Katie Mae," was called home to rest in the arms of our precious Lord and Savior on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, at her residence in Sumter.

She was a beloved mother, sister, daughter, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was born on April 26, 1948. She attended the public schools of Sumter. Lillie accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at an early age and was a member of the Church of God by Faith. She was employed by the Carolina Pigeon Plant for 12 years and later became a self-employed infant caregiver. Lillie's business gave her the opportunity to care for hundreds of children throughout several different states. She loved and cared for the children of the families she worked for as if they were her own. Lillie traveled and took care of these families,

until her health began to fail. She shared a special love for her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and family. She will be remembered for her smile, jokes, laughter, and her willingness to care for children.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories: father, L.T. Rudd of Sumter; two daughters, Michelle Rudd and Juanita Rudd of Sumter; two adopted daughters, Kemona Hill and Leann Hoskins; one son, Anthony Cantey of Sumter; 12 grandchildren, Shaina Rudd, Jerelle Rudd, Delshin Rudd, Akeina Francis, Marek Francis, Brittany Idlette, Alexander Rudd, Nzairie Rudd, Zykerra Rudd, Keith Walker and Tamyra Nero; a host of great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; one sister, Margaret (Leon) McMillian; four brothers, Montsho K. Oluwa (Evelyn Kershaw), Pete (Doris) Frierson, James Blanding Sr. and Robert Cantey of Georgia; three godchildren, Betty Dennis, Zion Hill-Weston and Diane Pringle; a special companion, Herbert June of Sumter; one son-in-law, Sheldon Watter; one sister-in-law, Maisie Blanding; and a host of other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Lula G. Rudd; three children, Kathleen R. Watters, Alexander Rudd and Larry Smith; one brother, Willie Bobby Blanding; and two sisters, Luran Blanding and Deloris Felder.

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

The body will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. on Monday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Church of God by Faith with Pastor Elder Mack Wilson and Minister Ronald Johnson officiating and Pastor Wayne Brunson, eulogist. Interment will follow at Walker Cemetery.

The family will be receiving friends at home, 613 N. Magnolia St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

LAKEISHA RENEE DAVIS

Miss Lakeisha Renee Davis, affectionately known as "Missy", was born in Sumter on Aug. 21, 1981 to Mr. Buddie Davis and the late Mrs. Addie Mae Cooper Davis. She departed this life on Tuesday, July 31, 2018.

In 1999 Lakeisha accepted Christ as her savior at her home church, The Church of Christ in Lamar, SC.

She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Crestwood High School in 1999. Shortly after graduation, she gained employment with Textilease (Peace Textile America, Inc.) until she became disabled in 2003.

In spite of her struggles, Lakeisha decided to further her education by enrolling at Central Carolina Technical College in Sumter seeking a degree in Criminal Justice.

She was a happy, carefree person who enjoyed family and friends. In her latter months she surrounded herself with family gatherings and traveling.

In loving memory, she leaves her father, Buddie Davis; one sister, Felisha (James) Dukes; three brothers, Cleveland Davis, Buddie Davis Jr. and Phillip Davis; nieces and nephews, Kaniya Davis, Isaiah Davis, Jazmine Holley, Jacobi Davis, Gabrielle Dukes, Amar'e Davis, Ivey Davis, Phillip Davis Jr., Jayden Davis, Mattisyn Dukes and Cleveland A. Davis; aunts, Earnestine (Eddie) Shields, Dorothy (Lee) Elder, Elaine McFadden, Marcia Williams, Gwendolyn Williams, Emma Redden, Deloris (Gene) Boyd, Diana Hilliard, Sandra (Levern) Bowman; uncles, James (Sophia) Cooper, Ronnie Davis, Robert Williams, Kenneth Williams, Russell (Christine) Williams, Paul Wheeler, Silas Wheeler, Johnny (Brenda) Davis, Marion Davis, Michael Williams, and Craig Williams; one special cousin, Evelyn (Janus) Fral-

ey; one half-brother Shawn Harvin; great aunts, Sue Mae Wells, Sarah Frances Peterson; great uncle, Ervin Rouse; great-great aunts, Essie Plowden, Bernice (Fred) Penny, Marie Small, Julia Wells; great-great grand aunt, Bernethea Linton Wilson; and a host of cousins other relatives and friends.

Lakiesha was preceded in death by her mother, Addie Mae Davis, two sisters, Latoya Sharie Davis, Judy Ann Davis and one brother, Lamont Davis. Maternal grandparents, Harry Lee and Dorthy Rouse Cooper. Paternal grandparents, Edward Williams, Ethel Williams and Niney Coakley.

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

Ms. Davis will be placed in the church on Tuesday at 9 a.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 10 a.m. at Church of Christ Cypress, Lamar, SC with Brother Sylvester McCray, officiating.

Family will be receiving friends at the home of her sister, 445 Innisbrook Court, Sumter, SC (Lakewood Links).

Interment will follow in Church of Christ Cypress Cemetery.

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

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

HARRIETT R. HODGE

SUMTER — Harriett R. "Granny Poo" Hodge, 82, widow of Mendel Ray "Boy" Hodge, died Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, at Lexington Medical Center.

Born Jan. 6, 1936, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Henry A. Rogers and the late Eliza Rebecca Rogers. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church and retired from Campbell Soup Company. She loved her family and put them first and foremost in her life.

Survivors include her children, Theresa Brunson (Tommy) of Lancaster, and Eileen Winn (Arthur), Lonnie Hodge (Shelean), Shirley Hires (Ricky), and J.B. Hodge (Sellarhea) all of Sumter; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Odell Hinson (Kristi); a sister, Catherine Hodge; and two brothers, Benjamin Rogers and Horace "Cricket" Rogers.

A funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Providence Baptist Church with Pastor Wayne McElveen officiating. Burial will be in the Providence Baptist Church cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Providence Baptist Church and other times at the home.

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

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

BERTHA DORCAS MILES

Mrs. Bertha Dorcas Miles, widow of Mr. Walter Miles, entered eternal rest on Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence. The family is receiving friends at 457 Coves Pointe Drive, Florence, SC. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main Street, Bishopville, SC.

WILLIE SHANNON, JR.

Elder Willie "Bobby" Shannon, Jr. died Aug. 1, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital. He was the husband of Hattie Howard Shannon of 55 years. He was born Oct. 17, 1942. Elder Shannon was the eldest child of 13 siblings born to the late Willie "Clinton" Shannon and Ruth Quick "Mother" Shannon of Bishopville.

Elder Shannon was baptized in The Church of Christ and fulfilled his calling as a servant of God.

His employment history included 23 years at Campbell

Soup Company, Tuomey Medical Center where he retired after 46 years of dedicated service. He also continued to maintain the family business of Shannon and Son's Lawn Service.

Elder Shannon leaves to cherish his legacy his wife, Mother Hattie Shannon; six children, Barbara Shannon Gass, Willie J. Shannon, Helen A. Shannon, Stanley Shannon, Earnest Shannon, Larry L. Shannon; and two grandchildren reared in the home, Tory (Kassandra) Shannon and Alicia Nathaniel; eleven siblings, Ruby (Samuel) James, Sr., Robert (Rachel) Shannon, Jr., Charles (Elizabeth) Shannon, Stella Haynesworth-Perrear (Marvin), Ruth Ann Bullock (Wyley), Vermell Shannon, Frances Shannon, Nancy Shannon-Brown (Roosevelt) and Karolyn (Edward) Alston all of Sumter. One uncle, Nathaniel Shannon of New Jersey; eight grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, four sisters-in-law; and a host of beloved relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. at the Trinity Missionary Church 155 Wall Street; Rev. Larry C. Weston, pastor. Minister Brother Sylvester McCray, officiating, Church of Christ, Sumter and Cypress, SC. Interment will follow at the Hillside Memorial Park, Sumter.

The funeral procession will leave from the home at 1 p.m.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7 p.m. Monday evening at Williams Funeral Home.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 13 Byrd Street, Sumter.

These services have been entrusted to the Management and Staff of Williams Funeral Home, Inc., 821 North Main Street, Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

STEVEN MILLS

Steven "Steve" Mills died Monday, July 30, 2018 in Atlanta, Georgia. He was born in Sumter, Oct. 12. He was the third son of his parents, the late Herbert Mills, Sr. and Queen Isabel Mitchell Mills.

At an early age he joined the St. Luke A.M.E. Church where he served as usher, choir member and many other church auxiliaries. After relocating to Georgia, he joined St. Phillips A.M.E. Church to continue his Christian work that his parents had taught him as a child.

He was a 1973 graduate of Hillcrest High School and enlisted into the United States Army. He later earned an Associate's Degree in accounting from Georgia Perimeter College. Steven was a licensed realtor and entrepreneur and owner of his own company, Nations Realty.

Left to cherish his fond memories are: his wife, Ladonna Brown Mills; his sons, Kevin, Steven, Rasharde and Jeffrey; his siblings, Marion Ricky (Love), Shirley (Heyward) and Helena (Irving); three grandchildren; one daughter-in-law; a former wife, Valerie Lewis Mills; and a host of devoted relatives and friends.

Condolences may be sent to Williams Funeral Home. Funeral services are incomplete.

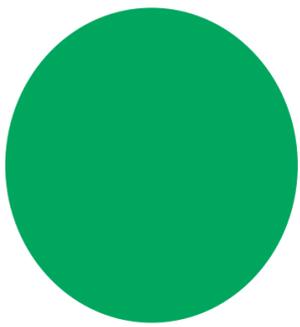
The Management and Staff of Williams Funeral Home, Inc., 821 North Main Street, Sumter. Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

HATTIE MAE SHAW DUNCAN

Mrs. Hattie Mae Shaw Duncan, 68, of Rembert, South Carolina, died Saturday, August 4, 2018. She was born Apr. 6, 1950 in Woodrow, SC. She was the wife of Rev. Hammie Duncan.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home, Inc.

Williams Funeral Home, Inc., 821 North Main Street, Sumter. Online Memorial Messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.



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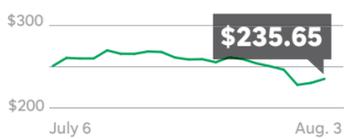
CREDIT SCORES MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A recent LendingTree study compared credit scores generally considered “fair” to scores generally considered “very good” to measure the cost difference in the life of various loans. It found that raising a credit score from “fair” to “very good” saves \$45,283 on a common array of debts. Mortgage costs account for 63 percent of the savings (\$29,106).

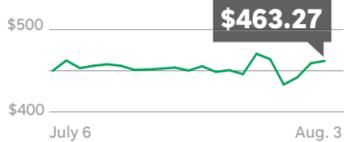
ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

BAIDU
The Chinese technology company's stock turned negative Wednesday after it was reported Google is pursuing a censored search engine for the China market.



CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL
Still recovering from a food safety crisis, the fast-food chain's shares took another hit after several customers fell ill at a restaurant in Powell, Ohio.



FACEBOOK
The social media network spent \$7.3 million last year protecting CEO Mark Zuckerberg and will provide an additional \$10 million a year on personal security.



APPLE
The iPhone maker became the first U.S.-based company with a market value of \$1 trillion, four decades after the company was co-founded by Steve Jobs.



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1 in 10
couples in 2017 incorporated charity gifting into their wedding registry in 2017, up 233 percent from the previous year.

SOURCE The Knot Wedding Registry Study of 6,667 engaged or recently married couples
JAE YANG, PAUL TRAP/USA TODAY



This bull has been stampeding since March 2009. GETTY IMAGES

Don't get gored: Change portfolio

Embrace cash, bonds if you're jittery

Anna-Louise Jackson
NerdWallet

There's a saying on Wall Street: "Bull markets don't die of old age." But with the clock ticking on this bull market in U.S. stocks – the second-longest period of persistently rising stock prices since 1928 – some investors worry the end will come sooner than later. And what good times they've been: Since March 2009, the S&P 500 has more than quadrupled. It's anyone's guess when the good times will end – or what the culprit will be – though the latest concerns include trade spats. If you're worried, you're not alone. Don't give up. Instead, consider these investing tips.

Don't try to time the market

Successfully timing the market – selling near its peak and buying again near its trough – is incredibly difficult to do, even for professionals. Succumbing to the temptation to try could cost you, both in taxes on sales and lost gains while you sit out. While it's painful to ride out hard times or invest when stock prices are near record-high levels, take heart knowing that the stock market's long-term average return is 10 percent annually for buy-and-hold investors. If you want to do something, consider tweaks to your investment strategy – buying alternative assets, foreign stocks or different kinds of assets within the U.S. market. If you think stocks are overpriced or worry the bull market is about to end, you may be tempted to stop investing. "You don't want to be out of the market entirely, but if you don't like the pricing of stocks right now, there's nothing wrong with holding cash until you do," says Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Fi-

ancial Network. "Cash buys you some sleep at night. ... But don't go and bury it in the backyard."

Open a money market account that pays an attractive rate (several banks offer 1.75% APY or higher) and invest in the market over time, McMillan says. This strategy, known as dollar-cost averaging, helps smooth out your purchase price so you don't invest all of your money at the market's peak.

Diversify, diversify, diversify

A well-diversified portfolio should include a mix of assets (including stocks and bonds). Diversification can be especially comforting when the markets are on shaky ground. If stock prices drop and stay down, expect slower economic growth, lower earnings and the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates – all that runs counter to what's happening currently. Central bankers are expected to raise rates two more times this year. Even if you don't see a full-fledged bear market on the horizon, McMillan says to consider these three strategies:

- **Add more bonds.** Bonds can help balance potential losses from stock investments. For example, in the past 10 years, two of BlackRock's biggest exchange-traded funds – one tracking the S&P 500 and the other tracking the total U.S. bond market – have been negatively correlated, meaning they've moved in opposite directions.
- **Buy dividend-paying stocks.** When stock prices aren't skyrocketing anymore, then dividends will generate more of your total return. Utility companies and real estate investment trusts historically pay high dividends.
- **Buy non-cyclical companies.** Similarly, the consumer-staples sector – companies that make food or household products, for example – offers a more reliable source of revenue.

Halt Social Security fraud with fast action

If you're 62 but haven't filed, set up an account

Maurie Backman
The Motley Fool

Social Security fraud has been a glaring problem for a long time, but last year's Equifax breach did a fine job of taking things up a notch. In 2017, an estimated 143 million Americans had their data compromised, including their Social Security numbers, which means that the likelihood of falling victim to fraud is all the more great. If you have reason to believe your Social Security benefits have been stolen, you'll need to take action right away. Otherwise, you risk losing out on money that's rightfully yours. Back in the day, it was easier to know if your Social Security payments were stolen because benefits were sent by check. These days, those payments are generally made by direct deposit, so unless you're paying attention, you may not know whether yours have gone missing.

The best way to ensure that you're not missing benefits is to figure out your payment schedule and check your bank account each time you expect that money to hit it. If your birthday is in the first 10 days of the month, you can expect your payment on the second Wednesday of the month. If it's in the next 10, you'll get paid on the third Wednesday. If it's on or after the 21st, your money will come in on the fourth Wednesday of the month.



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But what if you've yet to file a benefits claim? Someone could, conceivably, file for Social Security in your name, divert your payments to an account he or she can control, and then collect those payments while you're none the wiser. So if you're at an age when you're eligible for benefits (meaning 62 or above) but haven't yet filed, create a Social Security account online and monitor it for activity. If you see activity you didn't initiate, contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) at once by calling (800) 772-1213. Hang on to all documentation you receive from the SSA. Unfortunately, if someone *does* try to steal your identity – and your benefits – it'll be on you to prove that you're the rightful owner, so the more official paperwork you have, the stronger a case you'll build. The moment you find that a Social Security payment of yours is missing, or that there's activity on your account that didn't come from you, take action right away. The longer you wait, the longer you risk going without money you could end up coming to miss.

MARKET ROUNDUP

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Trucker's financial outlook: strong

Dear Pete: I read your article every week, and I get discouraged. A couple of weeks ago you wrote about a 75-year-old guy who had \$2 million, \$400,000 per year in income and was struggling. What am I saving for, if I'm guaranteed to die broke? I'm 38, and I drive a tractor trailer. I earn \$87,000 annually. I have \$35,000 in my savings, which I add \$125 to every Friday. I just started contributing to my 401(k) about six months ago, and my company match is 6 percent. My current living expenses are about \$2,500/month, which includes being nine years into a 30-year mortgage that is \$1,100/month. What am I supposed to do? – Ross



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Pete the Planner
Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

Ross: We shall begin with a brief opportunity for you to exhale. You're in a better position than the guy with \$2 million. No, really. You are. I'm not necessarily trying to make you feel better. I'm primarily interested in telling you the truth.

When I evaluate a person for financial strength and stability, I determine whether they possess those attributes in the near future, not-to-distant future and long-term future. Beyond that, I assess their relationship with income independence, and whether they have any blind spots (trucker joke).

Let's take a look at how you stack up. Your financial life over the next couple of years looks pretty darn stable, based on the information you provided me. You have 14 months of expenses saved, which is phenomenal. In fact, it's so good, you should consider a slightly different strategy with your \$125 every Friday. More on that in a moment.

Midterm outlook: At 38, it's important to understand what area of your life is considered the midterm as it relates to your financial life. For you, it's your early 50s. By then, your entire financial life will have come into view. Your mortgage payoff will be in sight, you'll have roughly a decade or so left of work (hopefully),

and you'll have a better understanding of your physical health as you age. Those items will determine how stable your financial life is 15 years from now.

If everything goes the way it should, you'll be close to paying off your mortgage, you'll have continued to utilize your income appropriately, and you'll have maintained your health to enjoy your retirement.

Short-term outlook: Your short-term stability makes your midterm stability easier, because your \$35,000 in savings should prevent you from going into debt when life happens. Your long-term financial stability is OK, but appears to be gaining speed. Would I have preferred you to have started your 401(k) years ago? Of course, but that's in the rearview mirror. At your current contribution level, you'll have well over \$1 million at age 67, assuming you are contributing 6 percent of your income to your 401k, your employer is also contributing 6 percent, and you're invested in an age-appropriate portfolio.

Long-term outlook: Based on the information you provided, you should easily be able to increase your 401(k) contributions right now. At the very least, stop saving that \$125 every Friday, and start contributing it to your 401(k) to create more long-term stability.

Your financial life will be comfortable as long as your monthly income requirement is as low a percentage of your

Unless you blow the remaining discretionary income on lottery tickets and cigarettes, you should be good to go.

gross income as it currently is. Your monthly need (\$2,500/month) is only 34 percent of your gross monthly wage (\$7,250). That's incredible. Unless you blow the remaining discretionary income on lottery tickets and cigarettes, you should be good to go.

The gentleman you referenced in your email will have to significantly cut back on his lifestyle in order to establish a sustainable lifestyle for the rest of his life. While that sounds easy, it's not, especially for a person in his 70s. At 38, you've already set up a sustainable way of life. We all start adulthood that way (as long as you aren't crushed with student loan debt). Then, for some reason,

we create instability throughout our careers, and then try to find peace again in our twilight. That's all crazy, if you ask me. Just stay stable. You are the perfect example for others to follow.

Will you have \$2 million some day? Maybe, but who cares? The bigger point is that you likely won't need \$2 million, based on your established financial lifestyle. Now, keep the shiny side up!

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

3 online marketplaces better than Craigslist

Newcomers offer ways to protect buyers, sellers

Kim Komando
Special to USA TODAY

Once upon a time, Craigslist was a great idea. Post classified ads for free! Meet cool singles! Craigslist was stripped-down and straightforward. You could throw up text and photos, then take them down whenever you wanted. You didn't even have to post your email address.

Thirty years later, Craigslist is a ghost of its former self. Some sections are so saturated in misleading ads and near-pornography, it's hard to tell what's real.

New marketplaces keep opening up, and I've been pleased with many of these alternatives. You still have to be careful when exchanging money and commodities with strangers; you have to be doubly cautious when meeting such people face to face. But if you're looking to make a quick buck – or procure that hard-to-find possession – try these helpful sites.

Poshmark: Selling clothes, shoes and accessories on Poshmark is easy. You snap a photo of your item in the Poshmark app (or set it up via your account on the website), set a price and wait for someone to buy it. Once the item is purchased, Poshmark provides a prepaid, preaddressed label to place on the box you mail the item in, and all you have to do is get the item to the post office or have USPS pick up the package.

To make it more fun, Poshmark hosts events called "Posh Parties" within the app that allow you to list your items along with a theme or brand. This helps potential buyers find your listing.

Poshmark guarantees refunds to buyers if an item has undisclosed damage, doesn't match the description, isn't authentic, or is incorrect or missing from the package. Finally, there's the free "Posh Authenticate," which authenticates items and offers shipping on purchases of \$500 or more. This allows

buyers to confirm they are getting what they purchased.

Letgo for the locals: Part of Craigslist's appeal is local shopping. A close approximation is Letgo, which has the same geographic specificity but lists items only (not services).

As a seller, Letgo examines an original photograph of your item and builds your listing automatically. If you're selling a laptop, the app will identify the item and categorize it, maximizing exposure to potential buyers.

When buyers come along, Letgo sets up a chat, allowing the buyer and seller to communicate without sharing emails or phone numbers. They can haggle for a price in a forum that records their negotiation. In the end, buyers and sellers meet in person and verify the quality of the items. Payment is generally by cash or check.

Several fail-safes are unknown to Craigslist: Letgo sellers can be rated and reviewed, giving buyers the chance to warn one another about misleading buyers or lousy products. Also, Letgo accounts can be verified, meaning a person confirmed their identity by linking their profile with their Facebook or email accounts.

Facebook Marketplace: Facebook Marketplace is geared toward buying and selling in a local area, and the page automatically lists items from your location to up to 100 miles away.

Marketplace works only when you're logged into Facebook, which helps user accountability. You can view buyer and seller profiles at any time, although many may be private.

The disadvantage is that the quality of items isn't guaranteed. However, Marketplace also features Groups, where users can buy, sell and trade within a Facebook group. Admins there can ban bad or distrustful sellers and help buyers who've had trouble.

"Swip Swap" is a feature that groups buyers and sellers together, usually by location or theme. The administrator vets potential new members, making it safer than other sites.

SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

SEP IRA might be good idea for workers who moonlight

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Side hustles are increasingly popular these days, so much so that an estimated 44 million Americans are doing additional work on top of their regular jobs. Of course, one major benefit of taking on a side gig is having extra money to meet what financial goals are most important to you – and that includes saving for the future. In fact, 14 percent of Americans with side hustles say they do that extra work for the express purpose of funding a retirement plan.

Most salaried employees who want to save for retirement have only a handful of choices: They can participate in their companies' 401(k)s, assuming that's an option, or they can open a traditional or Roth IRA. But having a side job makes you self-employed, which means you get the option to save in yet another type of retirement plan, the SEP IRA.

How SEP IRAs work

Short for Simplified Employee Pension, a SEP IRA is a retirement plan designed for independent workers and small-business owners. SEP IRAs work just like traditional IRAs in that contributions are tax-deductible the year you make them. In other words, if you put money into a traditional or SEP IRA this year, you'll save money on your 2018 taxes.

SEP IRAs, however, come with much higher annual contribution limits than traditional IRAs and Roth IRAs. Currently, you can contribute up to 25 percent of your salary, or 25 percent of your net business earnings – meaning, your earnings minus your business expenses, SEP contribution and half of your self-employment taxes – for an annual maximum of \$55,000.

When to use a SEP IRA

If you don't have a 401(k) plan

through work, SEP IRAs allow you to contribute far more on an annual basis than traditional and Roth IRAs. With a traditional or Roth IRA, your yearly contributions are limited to \$5,500 if you're under age 50 or \$6,500 if you're 50 or over.

If you earn enough from your side hustle that your net self-employment earnings total \$24,000 and you're 30 years old, a SEP would allow you to contribute \$6,000 this year, \$500 more than what a traditional or Roth IRA would allow for.



SEP IRAs are for independent workers and small businesses. GETTY IMAGES

Some people who work side hustles do very well for themselves, in which case having that higher threshold can open the door to more savings. But unless you really rack up some sizable earnings on the side, you may not need a SEP IRA.

Furthermore, if you have a side gig but are also offered a 401(k) plan through work, you may be better off taking your extra earnings and using them to fund your employer's plan, especially if doing so entitles you to a larger match on your company's part. On the other hand, if you're not happy with your 401(k) plan, don't get a great match from your employer and want a wider range of investment choices, putting your side-hustle earnings into an IRA might be the better choice – but you don't necessarily need to go the SEP IRA route. Rather, a traditional or Roth IRA might serve your savings needs just as well.

7 ways to help grandkids pay for college

Flexible, tax-free 529 plans are most popular



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If you're older than 65, odds are you have grandchildren and probably want to help them with college tuition.

While your generosity may be boundless, paying for a higher education is no small expense. The average in-state, all-in cost (tuition, fees, room and board) for a four-year public school was \$20,770 in 2017-18 and \$46,950 for a four-year private school, according to the College Board.

And in 18 years, at the current rate of inflation, the all-in cost could reach \$355,000 for a four-year private school and \$157,000 for a four-year public school for an in-state student.

So how can grandparents help? Here's what experts had to say:

■ **Choosing to contribute:** "The biggest thing for a grandparent to decide is if they are going to put aside money to save for a college education or are they helping when the time comes with some cash flow," says Spencer Betts, a certified financial planner with Bickling Financial Services.

And grandparents need to make sure they have enough money for their own retirement before tapping into a retirement account, Betts says.

■ **A Coverdell ESA:** A Coverdell education savings account (ESA) is a trust or custodial account for paying qualified education expenses for the designated beneficiary, according to the IRS. It's a flexible way to save for education. The earnings are not taxed if used for educational costs, including tuition, books, supplies, equipment, room and board, and even payments to a qualified tuition program, including K-12.

But they have several disadvantages, according to Jeanne Fisher, a senior financial adviser at ARG Financial Group. Contributions, which must be made in cash, are limited to \$2,000 a year per beneficiary, and they're not deductible. And your ability to contribute to a Coverdell is phased out based on your modified adjusted gross income. Grandparents can't contribute to a Coverdell after the beneficiary turns 18, and the money must be used by age 30.

■ **Section 529 plans:** These plans, which are operated by a state or educational institution, are by far the most popular way to save for college today, Betts says.

Among the benefits: Earnings are not subject to federal tax and generally not subject to state tax when used for qualified education expenses at an eligible education institution and tuition at ele-



Grandparents can create an account when children are young or help with cash flow later. BEBETO MATTHEWS/AP

mentary or secondary schools. Plus, there's no phase-out for contributions.

A grandparent can put in up to \$15,000 in a single year without filing a gift tax return, and a couple could put in \$30,000 to each grandchild. Plus, grandparents can also "superfund" a 529 account, Fisher says. The plans permit what's called a five-year gift lump sum of \$150,000 (if a married couple) per grandchild.

The money within a 529 plan can be transferred between siblings easily and also to cousins without penalty, Betts says. Plus, there is no time limit when the money has to be used, he says.

Drawbacks: Grandparents will not get a tax deduction for their contribution, Fisher says. Plus, the investment options in a 529 plan are limited, similar to those in a 401(k) plan.

Betts notes that most states offer a 529 plan and that you can choose any state's plan.

■ **IRAs:** Grandparents can also use money they've salted away in their traditional and/or Roth IRA accounts to pay for a grandchild's college education.

Traditional IRA owners age 59½ and older can withdraw money to pay for their grandchild's college without having to pay a 10 percent penalty on their distributions. Traditional IRA owners will, however, pay federal income tax on the amount withdrawn.

If you're under 59½, taking a Roth IRA distribution makes more sense, Fisher says. There's no 10 percent penalty on

Grandparents need to make sure they have enough for their own retirement.

distributions used for qualified education expenses, provided the account has existed for five years. "You will only be able to access contributions, not earnings, and the account owner must have actual earned income in order to contribute to the Roth IRA," she says.

And that makes such accounts more attractive than Coverdell ESAs: The contribution limits are higher and the age of the student doesn't matter.

■ **Savings bonds:** Grandparents who use Series EE and I bonds to pay for qualified higher education expenses don't have to pay any federal income tax on the interest income from those bonds. "But with interest rates so low these bonds are not as attractive as they used to be," Betts says. "The big advantage used to be the tax-free nature of these investments. But Coverdell and 529 plans both allow for tax-free growth and distributions."

■ **Using your cash:** Grandparents might also have the option of using earned and unearned income, including Social Security, dividends, interest income and realized capital gains. But grandparents are limited to the maximum gift amount of \$14,000 a year per

child, or \$28,000 for a couple, without having to file a gift tax return.

■ **Other kinds of accounts:** Uniform Transfer to Minors Act accounts allow parents and grandparents to put cash and securities into a custodial account. These accounts can be funded with highly appreciated stock, which is something that can't be done with Coverdells and 529 plans. "If you held some stocks with a low-cost basis and didn't plan to sell and pay the capital gains taxes, a grandparent could give the stock to the grandchild using the UTMA/UGMA," Betts says. "Then the grandchild would be responsible for paying the capital gains taxes on the stock."

These accounts are not limited to education and are removed from the grandparent's estate, Fisher says. "Because the minor actually owns the account there are some limited tax benefits. The first \$1,050 in investment income is tax free, the second \$1,050 of investment income is taxed at the child's rate," she says.

According to Betts, the big disadvantage is the lack of control over the money once a child is legally an adult.

Fisher says financial planners tend not to use UTMA/UGMA "because most grandparents like to retain control."

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Back-to-school sales aren't just for students

Buy bedding, electronics, clothes while prices low

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You haven't been in the market for a protractor for years. And the last time you needed glue sticks, you also needed permission for a field trip.

Shop back-to-school sales anyway, because stores discount more than just the items on school supply lists.

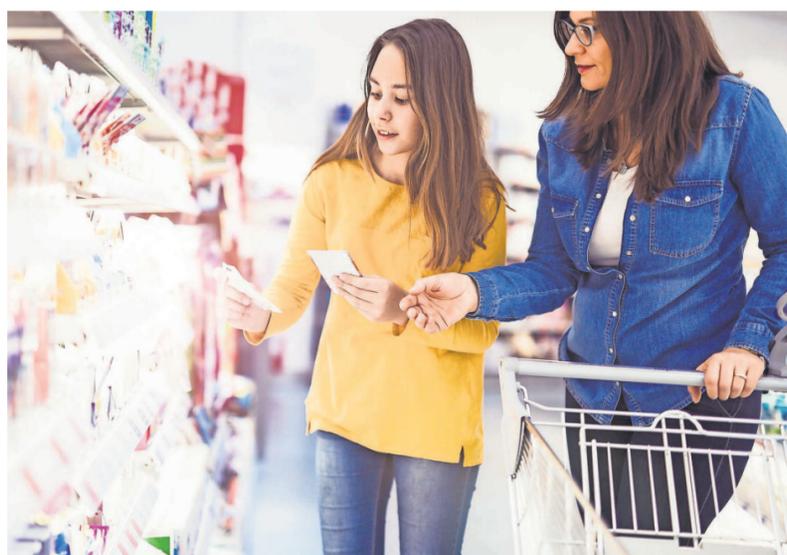
Even if you're not a student, you can take advantage of deals on home goods, clothes, shoes, electronics and, yes, school supplies. (Although you've graduated to the term "office supplies.")

Your first homework assignment? Study up on some of these bargains.

Home goods

This time of year, "there are a lot of sales for college kids and for parents outfitting dorms," says Annette Economides, who with her husband, Steve, operates MoneySmartFamily.com. And you can scoop up those deals on dorm furnishings without having to arm wrestle for your preferred bunk bed.

■ **Bedding and towels:** If you need new bedding and don't want to wait until Black Friday sales, this is the time to buy it, Economides says. For example, comforters, sheets and duvet covers are on clearance at Bed Bath & Beyond. And it's also a good opportunity to replace your towels cheaply. Kohl's, for example, is selling some bath towels, hand towels and beach towels for under \$10.



August means back-to-school sales on clothes as well as clearance sales on summer merchandise. GETTY IMAGES

■ **Storage and organization supplies:** At Target, Kohl's and other retailers, look for sales on closet helpers, such as shoe organizers, hangers and laundry hampers. At The Container Store, you'll find discount storage boxes that double as seats (\$29.99) or benches (\$59.99) until Aug. 12.

Clothes and accessories

You can find "great deals and promotions" on clothes this time of year, says Katherine Cullen, director of industry and consumer insights for the National Retail Federation. Those back-to-school

"This could be a good time to see if you need anything for your home office."

Annette Economides
MoneySmartFamily.com

sales usually include adult sizes, and, as Cullen points out, items like jeans have become more office-appropriate.

■ **Shoes and clothes:** You can find sales on jean brands such as Levi's at J.C. Penney Aug. 9 to Aug. 12. During the same dates, look for shoe sales at J.C. Penney and Macy's. At many stores,

you'll come across summer clothing on clearance, too, Economides says.

■ **Backpacks and lunch bags:** If you're still lugging around the same backpack that held textbooks, it may be time for an upgrade. Look for discounts on backpacks, as well as insulated lunch bags, at Office Depot, Macy's, Kohl's and other retailers.

Office supplies and electronics

Whether you want a new computer or to refill that cup of No. 2 pencils, you can find discounts on both high- and low-tech office gear.

■ **Electronics:** Check out Walmart and Office Depot for deals on computers, laptops and tablets that are available to everyone. Compare costs for the specific item you're eyeing, and take advantage of these stores' price-matching policies. You'll likely find deals on smaller electronics and accessories, too, such as earbuds and earphones, flash drives, portable speakers and more.

■ **Office supplies:** Look for sales on notebooks, folders, binders, pens, pencils, highlighters and just about any other office supply at Office Depot, Target and Staples. "This could be a good time to see if you need anything for your home office," Economides says, because "all the school supplies are on sale for rock-bottom prices."

Take advantage of these prices, but don't let them lure you into buying fistfuls of pens you don't need. Before you go shopping, whether it's for notebooks or jeans, "always take stock of what you have at home first," Economides says.

Then make your own list.

REFLECTIONS



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Lawyers and concerned residents gathered hoping to preserve the historic law office. The building was being prepared to be moved to its current location on Law Range.

Sumter lawyers hope to preserve relic for posterity

Reflections recalls one of the more interesting variances occurring in Sumter's past. The principal characters were Sumter barristers, Chris Chokas, C.G. Rowland and the oldest building in Sumter's historic district. The building, which was to be torn down and replaced by a modern restaurant, was more than a hundred years old and was once occupied by a number of distinguished lawyers. Information and photos used in preparing this article were obtained from *The Sumter Item* archives and the writings of Cassie Nicholes from Historical Sketches of Sumter County Vol. 1.

Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

"Dr. James Haynsworth, born Oct. 31, 1784, was one of the earliest settlers in the town of Sumterville. His home was said to have been where the courthouse now stands. Law Range and the jail were on a part of his lot, and in a corner of his yard was his office (on the corner of Law Range and Main Street). After his death, the office was sold to lawyer William Haynsworth and Judge Fraser. The building was thought to be nearly 200 years old and regardless of it being made of wood and because of its historic importance the city allowed it to be located within the 'fire limits.' It was believed to have been constructed circa

1820-21 and was known by the Sumter citizenry as the 'old Haynsworth law office.'"
This structure served as the city's public library in 1909. Also, the building was occupied by a number of distinguished lawyers before being purchased by C.G. Rowland. The building was scheduled to be torn down to make way for what was to become the Manhattan Restaurant owned by Chris Chokas. "A movement was undertaken by the lawyers of Sumter to save this historic building and move it to the rear of the courthouse square. The cooperation of Mr. Rowland, owner of the building, was sought in this undertaking."



In February of 1936, a solution to the conundrum was reached. The building was purchased by George D. Shore and F. A. McLeod and then moved to a lot adjoining the jail property on Law Range which was purchased from Shepard K. Nash. Mr. Rowland was in agreement and stated that as soon as the building was moved to its new location, he would begin construction of the building which would eventually house the Manhattan Restaurant. The Haynsworth building still remains on Law Range; the building holds the distinction of being the oldest building in the historic downtown section of Sumter.

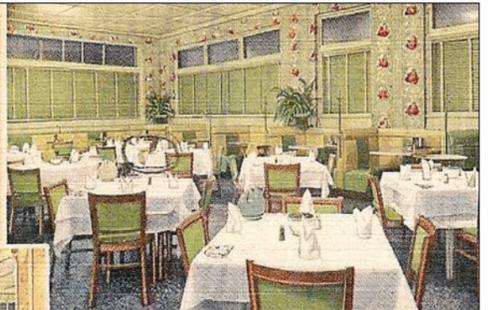


With the exception of Col. J.D. Blanding, who was out of town, this is a picture of the entire Sumter County Bar of 1876, taken by J.D. Wilder. Standing from left are R.L. Cooper, Joseph H. Earle, R.D. Lee, J.G. Richardson, S. Mayrant, G.E. Haynsworth, J.D. Dargan, and Marion Moise. Sitting are J.J. Fleming, E.W. Moise, E.M. Seabrook, W.F.B. Haynsworth, Judge Shaw, J.A.G. Richardson (taking a quick nap), T.B. Fraser and John S. Richardson.



Louise Epperson, Gussie Hood, Holly Brown and Gertrude Knight ride a horse about 1903 in Sumter. The Haynsworth-Fraser Law Office is seen in the background at the southeast corner of Main Street at Law Range.

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This postcard advertises the Manhattan Restaurant in the 1940s, which went up at the corner of Main Street and Law Range where the former Haynsworth-Fraser Law Office, downtown Sumter's oldest building, stood before it was moved to its present location closer to Harvin Street on Law Range.



Law Range hasn't changed much since this photo was taken.

Commander dies in plane crash; chickens die in heat wave

75 YEARS AGO — 1944

Feb. 26 — March 3

- Lt. Alvin Grumbles' parents have received a letter from him postmarked "England." The Sumter flyer was previously reported missing in action over enemy territory. Lt. Grumbles' letter stated he was well, and he had recently seen Capt. Leon Blanding, also of Sumter.

- Two Shaw Field basketball teams captured both ends of a doubleheader with Sumter High last night, the 77th Squadron outfit trimming the Gamecocks 27 to 19 and 913th taking the Varsity B team into camp 26-14. Both high school teams had early leads, but the taller and faster Shaw outfits wore the local boys down and won going away. Tommie Hughes, usually the spark-plug of the Gamecocks, was kept well-guarded by his taller opponents and he was able to get but two foul shots for the night.

- One of the signs of the times is a huge "check" on the Liberty street side of McLellan's made out to the American Red Cross. The "check" in the amount of \$31,000, the Red Cross quota for Sumter in the coming campaign, is signed, "The Appreciative Citizens of Sumter." Painted by Irwin and Son Sign Co., the huge sign was put up by the fire department and several policemen, under the direction of J. Cliff Brown.

- First Lt. George R. Wilder, 28 Shaw Field Training Squadron commander, suffered fatal injuries when his plane crashed during a short routine flight from an auxiliary field to the main field of the base. Details surrounding the accident are being investigated by a competent board of appointed officers. Lt. Wilder of Chardon, Ohio, had been in the Air Corps for 23 months. His wife of Magnolia street, Sumter, was notified this morning of the accident.

- Vesper services were conducted at the Negro Community Center on Sunday evening by the Rev. Jennings with selected music by the Shaw Field singers under the direction of Sgt. Vaughn. The service was enjoyed by citizens and servicemen. Each Sunday at 5 p.m. in the assembly, vesper services will be given. The public is invited to attend. The Rev. Mingo of the A.M.E. church will conduct the services.

- Lt. Marion Vance Dawkins is one of the Navy's heroes, but you'd never know it from talking to the modest flier. He still wears the same size hat he wore when he won his wings of gold in Jacksonville, Florida, in April of 1942. When you consider that he sank a German U-boat when piloting a Liberator bomber, and that he figured in the sinking of another when a co-pilot, not to mention the "probables" credited by the Navy, it would appear that Lt. Dawkins is entitled to any size hat he wants. Nevertheless, this holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster and 107th Squadron citation is the same Vance Dawkins who finished Sumter High with your son, met the gang in Lawson's and attended college right here in the Carolinas, the University of South Carolina and Wake Forest, to be specific.

- Sumter Lodge 855, B.P.O. Elks, has agreed to purchase the Cadet Club for the amount of \$15,000, Exalted Ruler H.J. Harby announced today. The lodge will allow the cadets to renew their lease, however, if they wish to do so. The property, part of the Wilson estate, is located at 220 Broad St. and is rented by Shaw Field aviation cadets for use as a clubhouse. The club is leased to them on one-year terms. The Elks Club at present is located at 3 W. Liberty St.

- Sumter will be host to a South Carolina Class A Invitational basketball tournament on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, Superintendent William Henry Shaw of the city schools and Coach Johnnie McMillan announced today. Seven cities — Charleston, Greenville, Camden, Rock Hill, North Charleston, Dreher High of Columbia and Sumter — will have teams in the tourney. It had been hoped to make the affair an eight-way battle, but Columbia, which had planned to enter, informed Coach McMillan that the Capitals would not be represented.

- First Lt. W.H. ("Sonny") Bowman Jr. has been awarded the Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster, it was learned. He is stationed in England. Lt. Bowman, a native of Sumter, is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. W.H. Bowman of Clover and a grandson of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Dick of this city.

- Ten girls entered training at the Tuomey Hospital School of Nursing, Mrs. Ada I. Snyder, director of nurses, has announced. The girls are all members of the United States Cadet Nurse Corps. Those entering from Sumter



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1993 — Gilbert Barkley checks the temperature in one of his chicken coops. During the first week of July, he lost 3,000 chickens when temperatures averaged 100 degrees every day. Barkley sells chickens to Carolina Golden Products.

were Misses Betty Beaty, Virginia Brogdon, Norma Jean Barwick, Margaret Ulmer and Betty Windham.

- The first Red Cross worker killed in action in this war, it has been revealed, was Esther Richards, 46, of San Francisco. The tent located on Anzio Beach, where she worked, was bombed by German aircraft, wounding her fatally.

- The last-minute entrance by Columbia will throw the Capitals against Sumter High at 4 o'clock in the opening contest of the South Carolina High School Class A basketball tournament. The game will be played in the Edmunds High gym. Other opening round games will be played as previously announced. Columbia was allowed to enter after Coach H.B. Rhame had asked to do so. He had previously reported that he didn't think the Caps would be able to come to the tourney. But Coach John McMillan said this morning that since Sumter had drawn a bye in the opening round he would send his team against the Columbians. Plans were nearly complete for the tourney, and large crowds were expected.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

Oct. 27 — Nov. 2

- Robert Lee Scarborough, a Richland County general farmer, was named District IV "Man of the Year" by the South Carolina Farmers' Cooperative Council. Scarborough will compete with Men of the Year winners from four other districts for the top state honor at the council's annual meeting in the spring of 1969. District IV includes Fairfield, Kershaw, Richland, Sumter, Calhoun, Clarendon and Lee counties.

- Commuter airline service for Sumter began today with the first flights of Nationwide Airlines Southeast Inc. Ceremonies were held at the Sumter municipal airport to inaugurate the service, attended by officials of the airline and of the city, county and Chamber of Commerce. A large crowd turned out for the event. Sightseeing flights were also provided by the airline.

- The parents of prospective monsters who will be roaming the streets in and around Sumter on Halloween night can rest easy since a contingent of local Jaycees will be keeping an eye on the youngsters as part of their new "Halloween Safety Patrol" project. Approximately 15 local Jaycees will be patrolling in specially marked cars from 7:30 p.m. until sometime past the witching hour on Halloween night to keep a watchful eye on the youngsters, who will be out for their annual "Trick or Treat" campaign.

- Kenneth Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Brown of Sumter, has been appointed a district sales manager for Menley & James Laboratories. Brown is responsible for the company's Brooklyn, New York, sales district. Brown is a 1962 graduate of Lincoln High School. In 1967, he received a Bachelor of Science degree from North Carolina College.

- The Sumter Credit Women International held their annual Bosses Night at the Sunset Country Club with 48 members and guests present. The highlight of the night came when the "Boss of the Year" was announced by club member Louise Henry of the Credit Bureau. Members of the club vote for the boss and/or sponsor whom they think has contributed the most to the club. The honor this year went to William H. (Bill) Dendy, manager of the Credit Bureau, who was presented a plaque by Mrs. Henry.

- The Sumter Downtown Merchants' Association will sponsor a harvest festival of values promotion. Over \$1,000 in valuable prizes will be given by participating stores. There will also be a Halloween costume contest with judging to begin at the old C&S Bank building, Main and Liberty streets. Prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be awarded to three winners.

- In a special meeting in City Hall, city council approved the low bid of \$249,486 made by Avery Lumber Co. of Sumter for construction of the new Sumter fire department. Bids were made by eight construction companies, and running fairly close behind the lowest bid was a \$254,000 bid from C.B. Askins and Co. of Lake City with the second-lowest bid.

- The Officers' Wives Club Silver Show was a success again this year. Carl Gilbert of the G & W Brokerage Co., Norfolk, Virginia, showed his complete line of silver at wholesale prices. The silver ranged from modern and traditional to Oriental. A display of gold boudoir sets were also available.

- Hundreds attended the "Master Farm Family" award ceremonies on the H.C. Edens Jr. farm in the Dalzell community. The event, honoring the Edens family for outstanding farming achievements, was sponsored by The Progressive Farmer, a farm trade journal, and Clemson University Extension Service.

- The Rev. Knox Lambert has accepted a call to the Immanuel Baptist Church of Paducah, Kentucky. The Rev. Lambert accepted the call in February of 1954 of Grace Baptist Church here in Sumter. He was born in Petersburg, Tennessee. He graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, in 1941 and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he received the degree of Bachelor of Divinity in 1944.

- Kathy Eleanor Michalowski of Sumter is a member of the fourth generation of her family to choose Limestone College as her school. Kathy's mother, Mrs. Eleanor Virginia Barwick Michalowski, is an alumna of the class of 1944. Sallie Gregory (Smith) of Chester County was the first of the four generations to come to Limestone. She attended from 1850 to 1863, when the college was closed for a time because of the War Between the States. Sallie's daughter Annie Lou Smith (Barwick) graduated from Limestone in 1903. After her marriage to John Oliver Barwick, she made her home in Sumter.

- A speechless Coach Buddy Sharpe just shook his head in disbelief after his Edmunds Jayvees had won their 18th-consecutive game over a three-year period, stopping Lower Richland, 19-0. "I just can't describe the play of our boys. This was a good football team we played, yet we mowed them down," a happy Sharpe said. All the jayvees did was allow Lower Richland only two yards total offense and eight first downs. Meanwhile, the Sumter offense ripped the Lower Richland defense for 227 total yards.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

July 30 — Aug. 5

- Sumter reliever Eddie Mathis enters the game with his team trailing. Déjà vu? Almost. Mathis, the P-15's leader in saves this season, replaced starter Lee Hatfield after 1 2/3 innings with Sumter losing 5-2. The right-hander gave up two hits in the second inning and then went on to retire 17 straight batters to lead Sumter to an 8-6 victory over Florence. The victory

wrapped up the lower state championship for Sumter, 24-3. The P-15's will meet the winner of the Inman-Irmo game in a best-of-seven series for the state title.

- By the end of September, it should be smooth sailing on South Guignard Drive. South Guignard will be resurfaced from Liberty Street to U.S. 15 South. The project, including the resurfacing of Broad Street, is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 30. The contract for work on both roads is for \$1 million. Local transportation department officials say the "washboard" road on South Guignard created by loose gravel underneath the asphalt will be removed and replaced. The bumpy road has brought a barrage of complaints from motorists.

- Flying activity will increase substantially around Shaw Air Force Base from Monday to Thursday as the base practices deploying its planes, personnel and equipment in a training exercise. Base officials said residents should not be alarmed about the increased activity. The "Sea Lion Exercise," a periodic event at the base, is designed to test the ability of Shaw's 363rd Fighter Wing to mobilize.

- If you're standing in your kitchen, wondering what to cook for dinner, and the slogan "Beef: It's what's for dinner" pops into your mind, thank Ralph "Buck" Bell of Bell-View farms. Bell, 67, is a member of the national Beef Industry Council, the national organization that supports the multimillion-dollar beef industry and developed that advertising campaign. On Aug. 14, Bell will take over as chairman of the Beef Industry Council. The Beef Industry Council is funded through a check-off donation that raised \$56 million last year on the sale of cattle.

- Sumter Police Chief Harold Johnson thinks his department is one of the best in the state. Now, he's looking to prove it. The department is trying to become one of only a handful of law enforcement agencies accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, based in Fairfax, Virginia. The commission, which consists of 21 law enforcement officials from across the nation, sets the standards and examines all applications for accreditation.

- From Aug. 12 through Aug. 14, thousands of anglers throughout the United States will be casting lures in search of that elusive lunker bass. Manning's Bobby Wilson, though, will be one of only 41 fishermen who will have to haul their day's catch to a large arena and plop the fish on a set of scales as 20,000 wildly cheering fans look on. It's no wonder that Wilson has been besieged by a stream of sometimes bizarre dreams as he prepares to compete for the first time in the BASS Masters Classic, which will be held next month near Birmingham, Alabama. "This is the Super Bowl of bass fishing. It's the most prestigious tournament an angler can qualify for."

- It was the week that chickens were fried before they were plucked. During the first week of South Carolina's record heat wave in July, Sumter County's 40 to 50 chicken farmers lost more than 90,000 birds, estimated Don Mabe, plant manager for Carolina Golden Products. Carolina Golden processes more than 950,000 chickens a week, and the loss of chickens to the heat did not go unnoticed. "That hurts both Carolina Golden and farmers," he said. "This is bad, but it's expected when temperatures reach above 100 degrees."

A fun day in the outdoors

“Come on,” I told my grandson Chase, “we’ll have a fun day.” It was an early Saturday morning, and we were headed to the Low-country.

I was pulling a trailer loaded with a sign-in structure, or hunting stand kiosk. I had a step ladder strapped on the back of the truck, two bags of ready-mix concrete, hole diggers and a cooler full of water and soft drinks.

On the way, Clayton and I talked about our plans for the day, and Chase managed to get in a little snooze time, in the back seat.



Dan Geddings

The gate was open on the Clubhouse Road, and the sandy surface was marked with more than a few tire tracks. So we drove on in to see who was around. We hadn’t been to the club in a few weeks and were startled to see the road in such good condition.

The timber company had cut a large area around the clubhouse between the deer season and the turkey season. They had left the roads in terrible shape. But somebody had fixed this road, and it was in excellent condition.

At the clubhouse, I recognized Robert Long and his family gathered around one of the nearby campers. I got out to look at the slough behind the clubhouse, and Chase and his Uncle Clayton



Dan Geddings’ grandson Chase Sidwell sits on the back of his truck at the hunt club.

walked over to look at the river. Robert came over and greeted me. They had come for the day to have a picnic and to celebrate his son’s birthday.

After a few minutes, we piled back in the truck and headed back to the main gate to install the sign-in kiosk. Someone had built one on the club a while back, but it was an eyesore. It sagged and leaned and had a mailbox to hold our sign-in book. The one that I had was built for a property that we no

longer hunted and had sat unused in my back yard for a while. When someone at a club meeting complained about the unsightly sign-in box, I volunteered to replace it with the one that I had.

Clayton and I pulled up the old structure and laid it to one side, then he and Chase walked the road looking for arrowheads and pottery while I dug post holes for the 4x4 post that support the new kiosk. I took a little break until they got back to the truck, then Clayton and I

took the structure frame from the trailer, with some help from Chase, and stood it in the new post holes. We got the bags of concrete and poured the dry mix around the post and packed it with the shovel handle. I put the level on the post and the front shelf, and we adjusted the structure until it was plumb and level. We then finished filling the holes in with some of the dirt from the post holes. The structure was now level and rock solid.

I had removed the exterior plywood from the shelf and face of the structure for easier handling and transport. Clayton and I fitted the plywood in place and nailed it down. Chase wanted to nail some, so I let him hammer in some of the nails that he could reach on the shelf. Next came the roof, which required use of the step ladder. After the new plywood roof was installed, it was time for another break.

We sat on the tailgate and drank ice-cold sodas and had some snacks. The morning was still cool and the spot was shady, and we lingered for a time, admiring our work.

The last thing to install was the box to hold our sign-in book. Clayton held the wooden box in place while I used a portable drill to secure the box to the face of the structure with screws. Chase wanted to operate the drill, so I let him run in the last two screws. He wanted to do the things that we were doing. It looked like fun.

We put the ladder on the now empty trailer and loaded up all the tools. Our work

was done, and it was time to go check on the chufa patches. Chase wanted to ride on the back of the truck, so Clayton climbed on the back with him, and they took a seat on the metal toolbox. I turned the truck around, and we headed back into the club.

I turned onto Parler Road, and we stopped at the chufa patch toward the end.

Chufa looks like common nutgrass, and I didn’t want anyone to plow it up, so I had put out some signs to alert other club members that something was indeed planted there. They had served their purpose, and we picked up the signs and headed to the next patch on Jerry Road. On the way, Clayton and I talked about the chufa. It was a word that Chase had not heard before, and he repeated it over and over and laughed out loud at himself.

At Jerry, we picked up the signs, then spent some time looking for pottery shards and arrowheads. There is so much pottery at this site that Clayton and I usually ignore it and focus on the arrowheads and scrapers that can be found there. Chase was delighted to find some pottery, and we celebrated the finds with him.

We drove some more club roads and crossed a rocked-in stream. Water came up high on the sides of the truck. We were having fun. We didn’t go hunting or fishing that day, but we had fun in the outdoors.

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Shaw honored for his forestry work

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CHARLOTTE — American Forest Management, the nation’s largest land management and land sales company, exemplifies leadership in the forestry industry with recent awards presented to founder Bartow S. “Bo” Shaw Jr. of Sumter and biometrician Clara Clark.

American Forest Management Founder Bo Shaw was named the 2018 Distinguished Forester by the Association of Consulting Foresters at this year’s National Conference in Asheville, North Carolina, on June 11. According to ACF, the award is presented to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the industry and the association, including to the application of forestry on private lands, the advancement of the profession and to private ownership of forest lands. A member of the association since 1974, Shaw was initially nominated for the award by his fellow South Carolina chapter members before being approved by more than 99 percent of the national voting membership.

“I am incredibly humbled to win the Distinguished Forester Award,” Shaw said. “It’s a great honor to have been nominated by my peers and fellow chapter members, many of whom I’ve worked with throughout my career.”

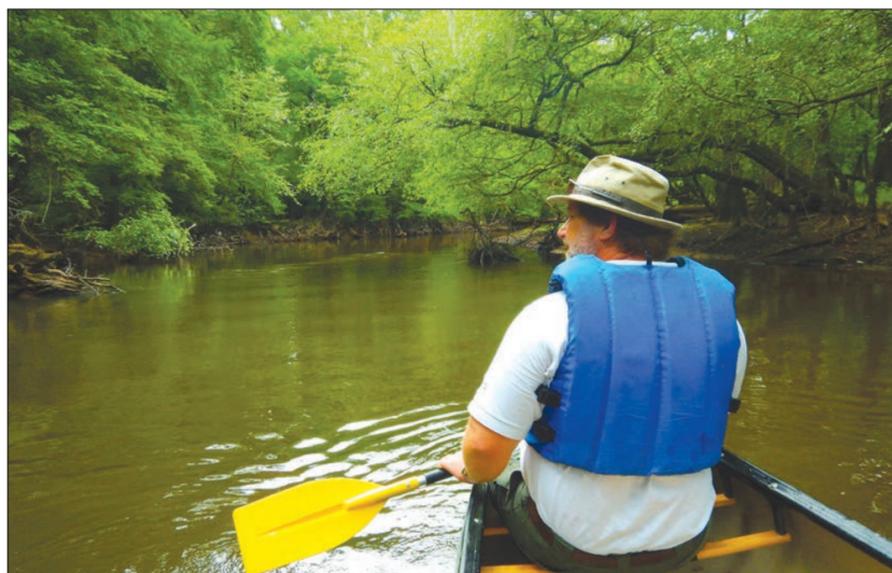
Former ACF president Billy Humphries presented Shaw with his award and remarked,

“Bo has provided great service to his profession, his community, friends, family, church. He has served as a supporter and encourager to employees and many noble and worthy organizations with his time, leadership skills, trustworthiness and professionalism.”

ACF is a national association established to promote the professionalism, ethics and interests of consulting foresters. A member of the association since 1974, Shaw has proven to be a leader in issues that affect the industry and private forest landowners. Throughout his career, he has served numerous leadership positions for local, state and national service and forestry organizations, including the Sumter Economic Development Board, the Carolina Forestry Association and the American Forest and Paper Associations. Shaw has degrees from Clemson University and Duke University and has been named a Distinguished Alumni at both schools.

In addition, Clara Clark, a biometrician at American Forest Management, was recently bestowed the prestigious Young Forester Leadership Award by the North Carolina Society of American Foresters. The annual award is made to a member under the age of 40 who exhibits the potential for exemplary leadership and distinguished service.

“This award means so much to me, as it is a reflection of my passion for the industry,” Clark said. “I’m excited to continue to learn and grow within the field.”



Park Ranger Julian Robinson paddles on the Lynch River.

SOUTH CAROLINA DNR

Park is perfect for a day trip

BY SCDNR

Lynch River County Park sits almost exactly in the middle of the 111-mile section of the Lynch River that is designated a “State Scenic River,” beginning where it crosses Highway 15 in Lee County and ending all the way down at its confluence with the Great Pee Dee. Along the way, the narrow Lynch River twists and winds through the heart of the Pee Dee Country tourism region, an area of the state rife with both history and opportunities for outdoor adventures. Travelers to this region should put checking out the Pee Dee Tourism Commission website at the top of their trip-planning to-do list.

With four state-designated Scenic Rivers within its borders (the Great Pee Dee River, the Little Pee Dee River, the Little Pee Dee River in Dillon County and Lynch River), there’s no question that this region is a great place for paddlers, hikers and hunters.

SCDNR’s State Scenic Rivers program protects “unique or outstanding scenic, recreational, geologic, botanical, fish, wildlife, historic or cultural values” by engaging river users and landowners along the corridors of these waterways to work collaboratively on conservation goals. Outdoorsmen and women can also take advantage of numerous outdoor recreation opportunities on other SCDNR-managed properties in the region such as the Great Pee Dee Heritage Preserve and Wildlife

Management Area, Marsh WMA, Segars-McKinnon Heritage Preserve, Pee Dee Station WMA, Lynchburg Savanna HP/WMA and Longleaf Pine HP/WMA, as well as numerous local public parks and privately owned campgrounds.

If you’re looking for a day-trip destination that offers some great short hikes through a classic coastal plain floodplain forest, scenic river views and even paddling/river access, one of the region’s best options is the aforementioned 676-acre Lynch River County Park, located near Turbeville, in Florence County.

Paddlers are welcome to bring their own canoes and kayaks to the park (admission and parking are free), to take advantage of the fantastic tiered put in and explore the river downstream, but for visitors who might be visiting the Pee Dee Region without their own boats in tow, the park has another option. For a modest fee of just \$30 for a kayak or \$35 for a canoe (plus a \$100 deposit), park staff will rent you a boat that you can use to traverse the river. Boats, paddles, life jackets and other equipment must be returned by the end of the day.

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8012 - June, Janae; F008 - Searson, Donald; F012 - Edwards, Devin; G005 - Rubin, Tyesha; G012 - Meduffe, Rannie; G016 - Wright, Shwanda; H005 - Webb, Mary; I007 - Baptist, Debra; K005 - miller, Leteaka; K009 - Kennedy, James

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25924, 1143 N Guignard Dr, Sumter, SC 29150. (803) 282-9623 Time: 02:00 PM

227 - Short, Cornelius; 228 - Moore, Ashley; 239 - Simmons, Willie; 401 - Bickley, Jessica; 440 - Jackson, Fabian; 703A - Epps, Latoya; 706 - Brown, Thomas

PUBLIC STORAGE # 25925, 3785 Broad St, Sumter, SC 29154. (803) 282-9826 Time: 02:00 PM

0127 - Cribb, Robert; 0148 - Ogle, William; 0203 - Rodriguez, Precious; 0421 - Akers, Christopher; 0422 - Hilton, Omar; 0448 - Kind, Raymond; 0711 - Alston, Joyce; 0735 - Merchant, Elasia; 0737 - Charles, Demond; 0835 - Williams, Aaron.

Public sale terms, rules, and regulations will be made available prior to the sale. All sales are

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subject to cancellation. We reserve the right to refuse any bid. Payment must be in cash or credit card-no checks. Buyers must secure the units with their own personal locks. To claim tax-exempt status, original RESALE certificates for each space purchased is required. By PS Orangeco, Inc., 701 Western Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. (818) 244-8080.

Bid Notices

Project Name: Heavy Duty Runway Lift
Project Number: SWRTA 18/19-02
Project Location: Sumter, SC
Description of Project: Acquire a heavy duty runway lift with 4 posts with an 18,000lbs capacity
Delivered Location: Attn: Larry Jennings, 121 Holmes Gardner Road, Sumter, SC 29153
Submit Quote by: August 13, 2018 @ 2:00PM

Agency/Owner: Santee Wateree Regional Transportation Authority
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Name & Title of Agency Coordinator: Patricia Drakeford
Address: 129 South Harvin Street, P.O. Box 2462, Sumter, SC 29151
Telephone: (803) 934-0396
Fax: (803) 938-9867
E-Mail: pdrakeford@swrta.com
Hand Deliver/Fed Ex/UPS Quote to: Compliance Officer, SWRTA, 129 South Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, Solicitation: SWRTA 18/19-02

Mail Quote to: Compliance Officer, SWRTA, P.O. Box 2462, Sumter, SC 29151, Solicitation: SWRTA 18/19-02

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Sumter Zoning Ordinance on **Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 N. Main St.). The following requests are scheduled for consideration:

RZ-18-08, 702 N. Main St. (City)
Request to rezone a +/- 0.30 acre parcel from Residential-6 (R-6) to Neighborhood Commercial (NC). The property is located at 702 N. Main St. and represented by Tax Map # 229-13-01-036.

Public Hearing

0A-18-04, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (City)

Amend relevant portions of the City of Sumter Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to adopt the Wateree Watershed Maps and Flood Insurance Study (FIS) revisions that become effective September 28, 2018; and, to update the Ordinance to make corrections and clarifications noted in the 2017 South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Community Assistance Visit (CAV) and the Community Rating System (CRS) Cycle Visit.

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

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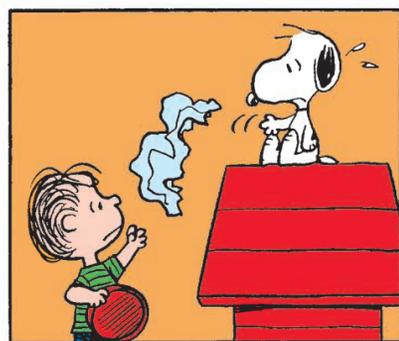
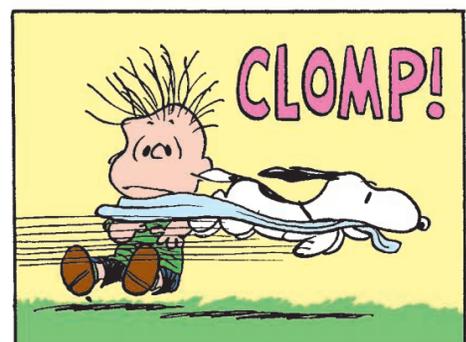
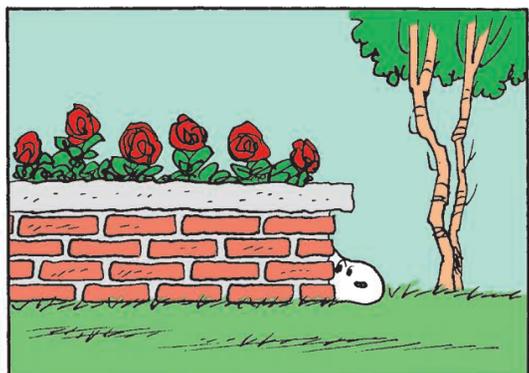
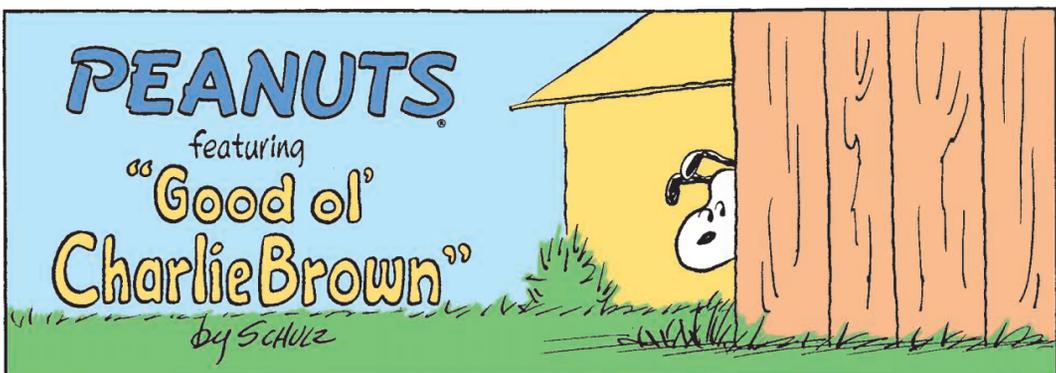
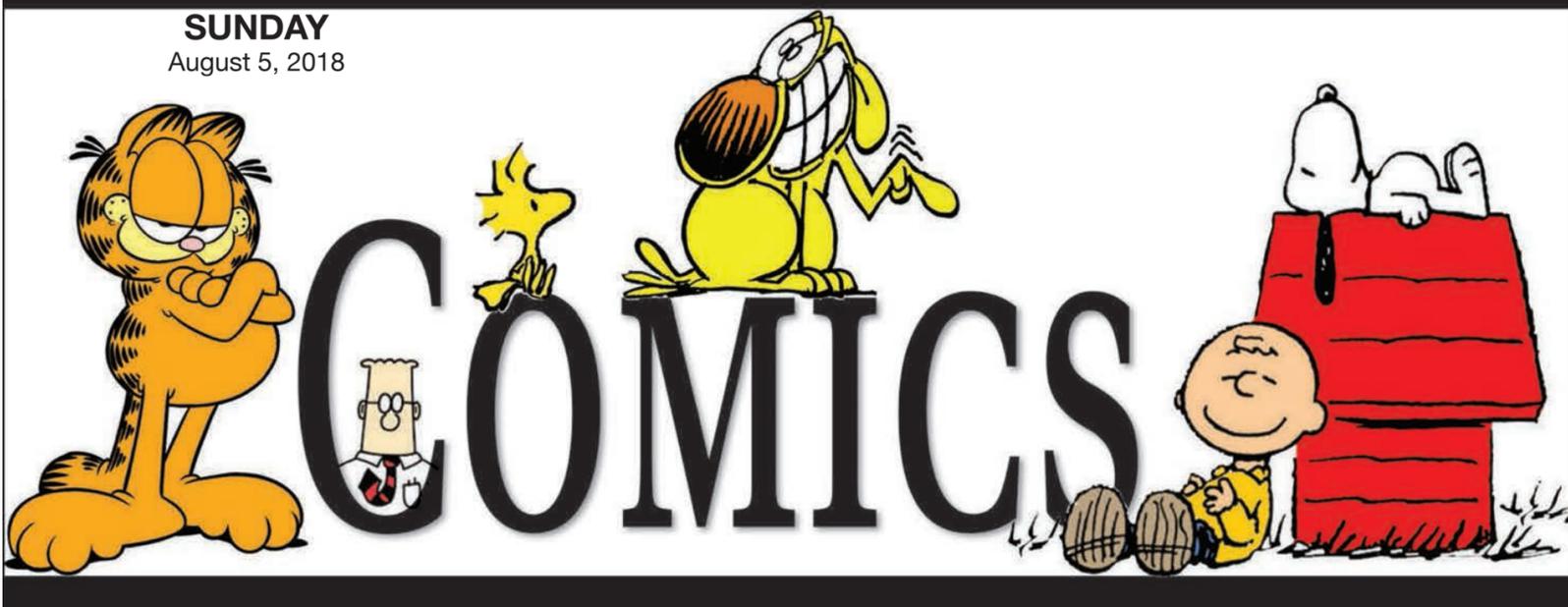
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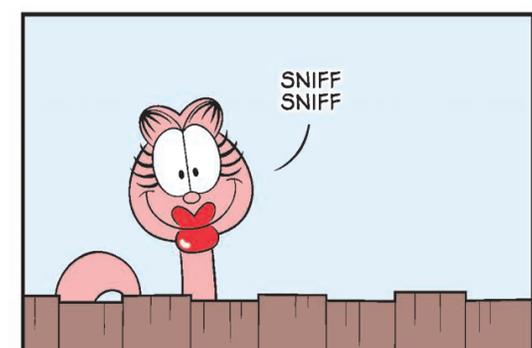
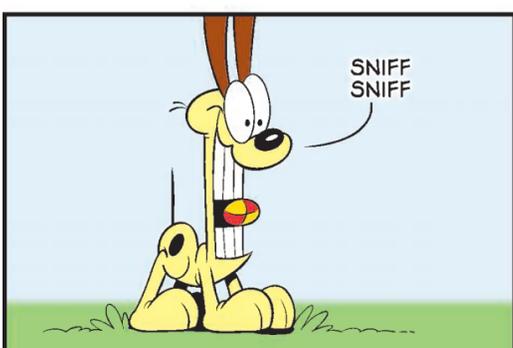
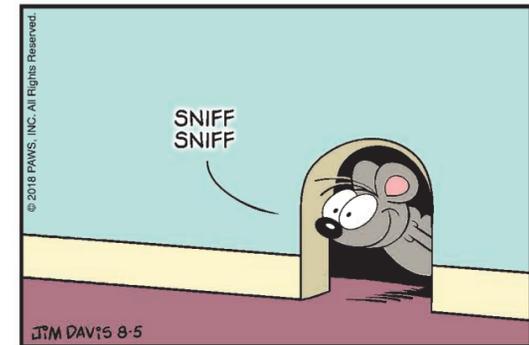
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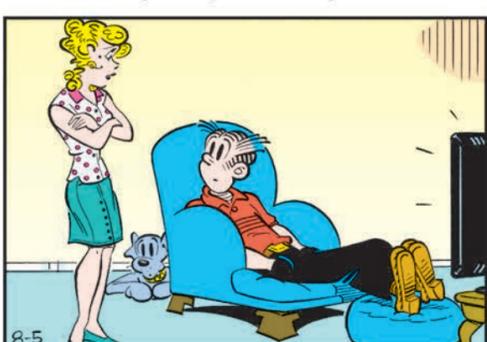
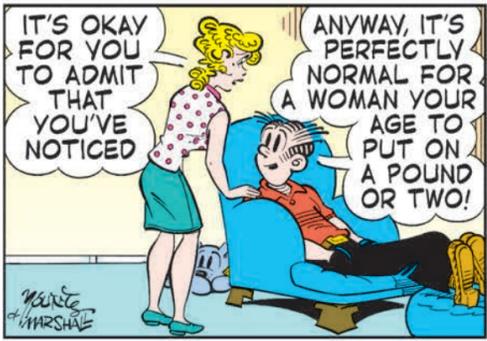
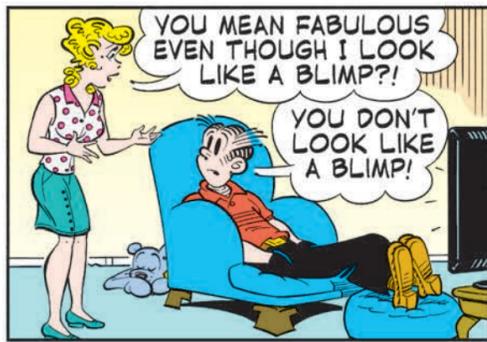
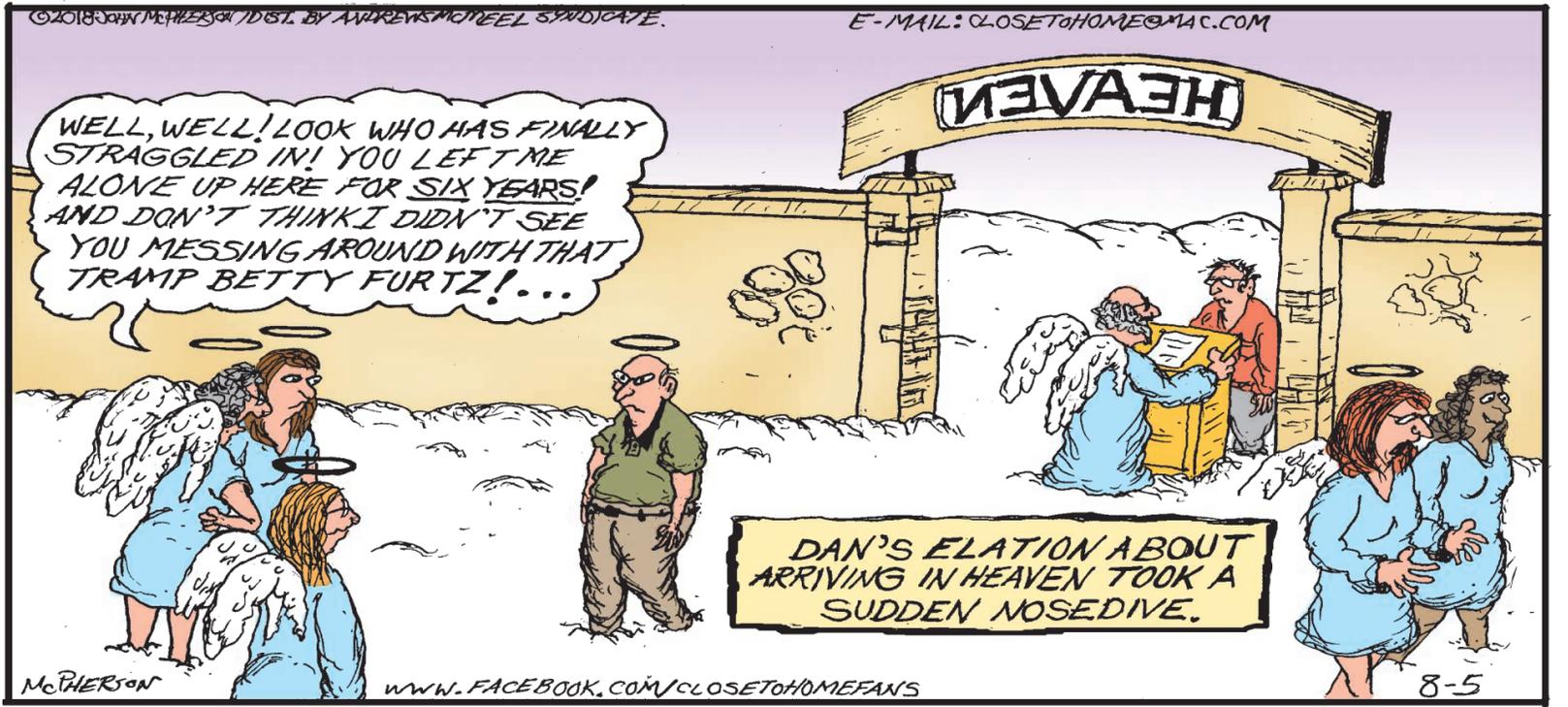
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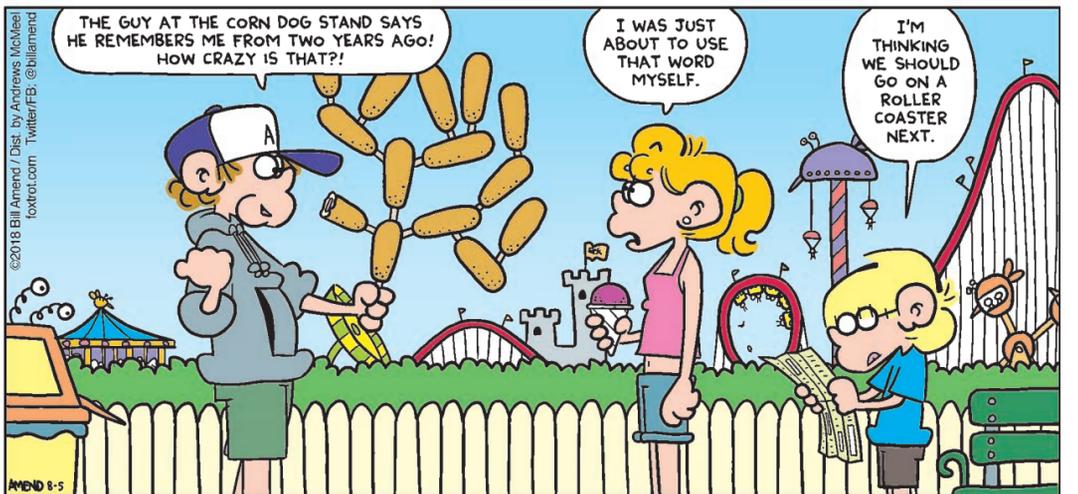
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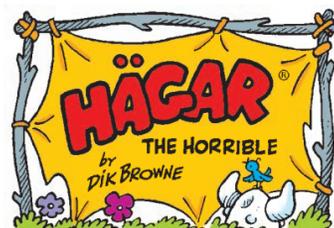
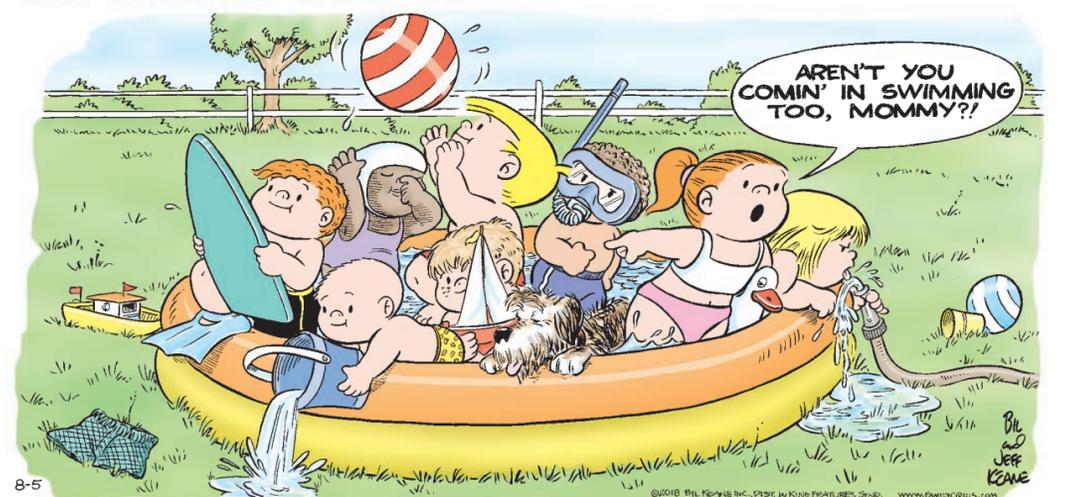
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Q. WHAT KIND OF CLOUD IS SO LAZY IT NEVER GETS UP?
A. A FOG.
Lisa Osterberg, Ely, MN

Q. WHEN DO YOU GO AT RED AND STOP AT GREEN?
A. WHEN YOU'RE EATING A WATERMELON.
Charles Remy, Palm Springs, CA

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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SLEEP CLINIC

WE CAN TELL A LOT ABOUT SOMEBODY'S SLEEP BY THE SOUNDS THEY MAKE. THIS SUBJECT IS EXPERIENCING NORMAL, RESTFUL SLEEP.

HE'S HAVING FITFUL SLEEP BECAUSE HIS GIRLFRIEND DUMPED HIM.

IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S HAVING A DREAM ABOUT EATING A DELICIOUS MEAL.

THIS GARDENER IS HAVING A NIGHTMARE ABOUT DISTURBING A HIVE.

AND WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE? I THINK HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO "TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!"

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

I HAVEN'T GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO WHAT I'D LIKE FOR MY BIRTHDAY,

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM BY MIKE PETERS

I THINK SOMEONE SOLD YOU A CAT GPS

HOW ABOUT A NEW DRIVER FOR YOUR SET OF GOLF CLUBS?

GOSH, NOTHING WOULD MAKE ME HAPPIER THAN A NEW DRIVER!

WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

WIZARD ON DUTY TODAY

YOU SEE THE LINE OUT THERE? HERE WE GO...

GOT A NASTY WART ON MY BACK. HERE, TAKE THIS

HOW ABOUT ATHLETE'S FOOT? HERE, TAKE THIS

ANYTHING FOR HALITOSIS? HERE, TAKE THIS

THE PASSION IS GONE FROM OUR MARRIAGE. ALLOW ME TO ELABORATE

YEP. THAT'S A RASH...

MY TEETH SEEM TO BE FALLING OUT. HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A TOOTHBRUSH?

WHAT... YOU THINK THIS JOB IS ALL MIGHT AND MAGIC?

WELL, IN THAT CASE, YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOUR WISH!

SO YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE DAD A NEW DRIVER FOR HIS BIRTHDAY?

GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY

HEY, HEY, HEY! WHAT UP, SATCH ALBERT?

YOU JUST ATE THE WEEK OLD FOOD IN THE KITCHEN... 100%.

YOU SPIT UP THE OLD FOOD... THEN WALKED RIGHT THROUGH IT... I REFUSE TO LET VOMIT DICTATE WHERE I CAN AND CAN'T WALK.

AND NOW YOU'RE STANDING ON MY BLANKET. A LITTLE VINEGAR 'LL CLEAN IT UP.

THAT'S A MYTH. WHAT IS?

VINEGAR CLEANING VOMIT. PFF. WHAT LAME CULTURE TELLS THAT AS A STORY?

MOMMY, TELL ME THE MYTH ABOUT ZEUS WASHING BABY APOLLO'S CRIB WITH VINEGAR AGAIN!

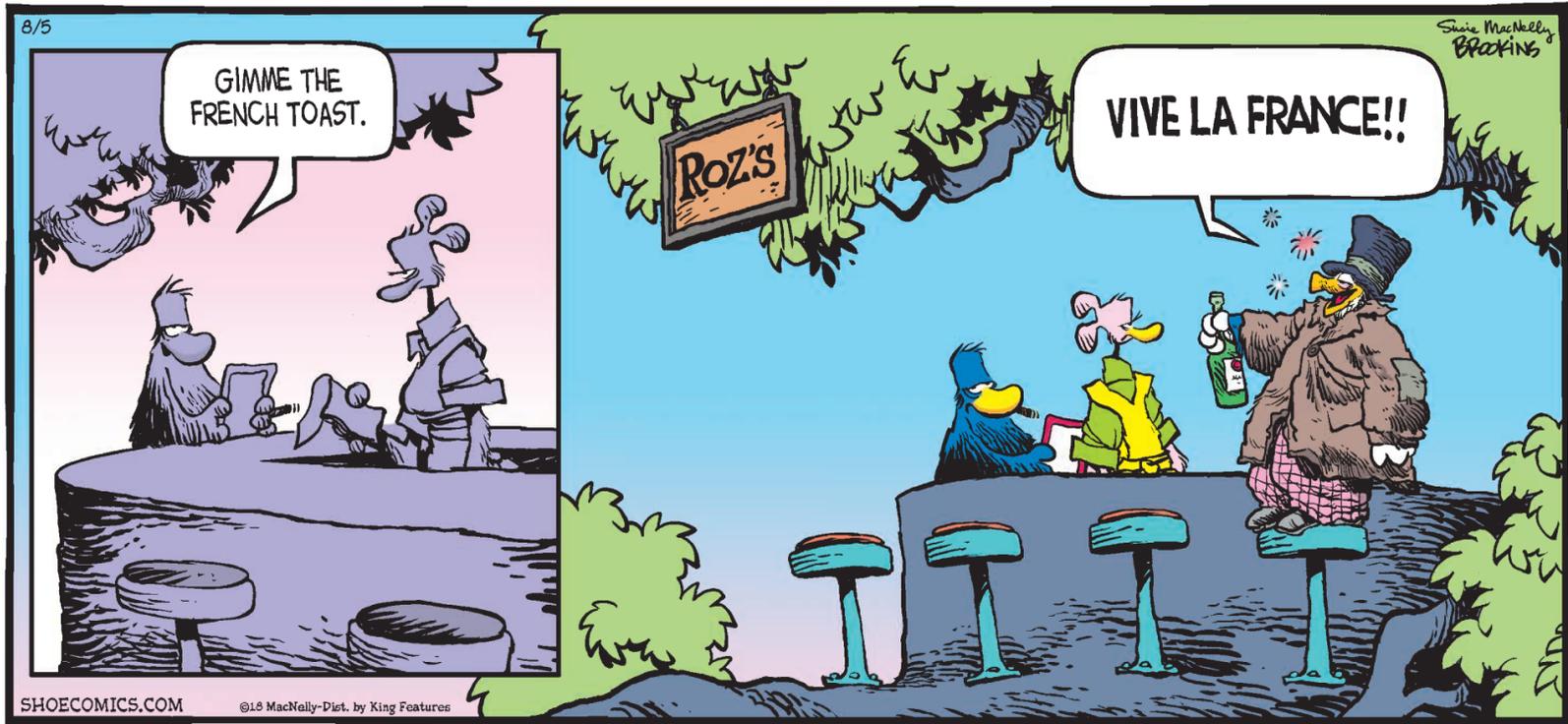
NO, BILLY, TONIGHT WE'RE LEARNING HOW THOR CLEANED TROLL BLOOD OFF HIS HAMMER WITH CLUB SODA.

YOU OWE ME A NEW BLANKET. DEAD PEOPLE OWE ME BETTER STORIES.

NO, I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM NOTHING, SINCE HE SAID THAT WOULD MAKE HIM HAPPIER THAN A NEW DRIVER!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

