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Ashleigh Morton, third-grade teacher at Lemira Elementary School, unpacks donated supplies.

A little bit of hand sanitizer goes a long way

Hospital employees donate \$10K in school supplies to Lemira Elementary teachers

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A passerby may think upon hearing the cheers and seeing the smiles that it was Christmas in August at Lemira Elementary School on Friday. Just swap out a sack of presents under a tree with boxes of school supplies on a truck.

Employees from Palmetto Health Tuomey volunteered to bring more than 100 cases and \$10,000 worth of classroom supplies and cleanliness products to the Fulton Street school after departments throughout the hospital collected items teachers specifically asked for at the end of last school year. Hospital departments also wrote notes of appreciation for the teachers.

"We wanted to take a few moments to give back to the teachers that give so much to the students," said Ty Collier, the hospital's manager of rehab services and chairman of the Diversity and Inclusion Council. "We all know all teachers dip into their own pockets."

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School renovations, bond resolution on district's agenda

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After Sumter School Board members who serve on its advisory Finance Committee received a preliminary June 30, 2018, financial report on Thursday, the full board will consider other matters at its next scheduled meeting Monday.

A district spokeswoman distributed the meeting agenda late last week.

The interim superintendent's regular district update report, a standard bond

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MANNING CITY COUNCIL

Outside agency seeks info

'Former or current' employee subject of request by outside law enforcement agency

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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MANNING — Manning City Council's attorneys Boykin and Davis will be turning over information they gathered on a "former or current" employee to an outside law enforcement agency.

In a special called council meeting at 4 p.m. Friday, Manning City

Council voted unanimously to "waive attorney client privilege" in granting the request from the outside agency. Council did not name the outside agency.

Council's vote on the motion came after a 30-minute executive session that included Mayor Julia A. Nelson, Mayor Pro-tem Sherry A. Welle, Councilman Ervin Davis Sr., Councilman Julius Dukes Jr.,

Councilwoman Diane Georgia, Councilman Clayton Pack, Councilman Johnny Gordon and attorney Charles J. Boykin.

In reading council's motion granting the waiver, Nelson said Boykin and Davis would be able to share the information they gathered "during their investigation" with that outside agency; however, the motion also stated that council "does reserve its privilege as to all written documents to include all notes, reports and other materials."

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Sumter's Parnell takes steps forward in District 5 race



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Archie Parnell, South Carolina's 5th Congressional district Democratic nominee, talks Thursday at Sumter Cut Rate on South Main Street in downtown Sumter.

Democratic nominee for U.S. House wants Norman to commit to debates

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The November general election for South Carolina's 5th Congressional district is now less than 90 days away, and Archie Parnell says he's regrouped and wants to face his challenger in a series of good old-fashioned debates on key issues.

Parnell sat down Thursday with *The Sumter Item* to discuss what he's done since he was able to pull off the Democratic Party primary win on June 12 and where he still wants to go before the Nov. 6 election against incumbent Republican Ralph Norman.

In May, Parnell's campaign seemed in jeopardy after *The Post and Courier* of Charleston obtained divorce records from 1973 in which Parnell's ex-wife accused him of

beating her during his first marriage.

A Sumter resident, Parnell admitted the revelations from 45 years ago were true but also said he wouldn't drop out of the June primary. Two of his four staff members at the time did leave his campaign though after the report.

The 67-year-old Parnell was the overwhelming favorite to win the primary before the past domestic violence news broke and still captured 60 percent of primary votes in a race against three political newcomers, who were largely unknown in the district.

In the last two months, Parnell has added a new campaign manager and a new deputy campaign manager and each week has traveled across the 11-county district to various events to meet and greet people in what he calls "a true

grassroots campaign."

Later on Thursday, he kicked off his district "People First Tour" of fish fries and event rallies in Bishopville. He said he plans to have a fish fry every Thursday in one of the district's cities or towns up until the election.

He really enjoys talking and listening to people face to face across the district on the key issues, he said, and wants to do the same with Norman in a series of debates/candidate forums across the district. But, to this point, Norman hasn't responded to at least four invitations by various groups that have offered to host them, according to Parnell and his campaign team.

He said the public deserves to see the candidates answer questions

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Sumter sends Clemson freshmen off with an orange bang

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The Swan Lake Heath Pavilion was flooded with orange and purple and tiger paws Thursday evening as the Sumter Clemson Club held a send-off party for incoming Tiger Town freshmen from Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties.

About 80 students were accepted to the university this year from the tri-country region, according to Ben Griffith, a Clemson alumnus and organizer of the event. A handful of high-ranking administration members from the university attended to tell the school's newest students about opportunities for involvement.

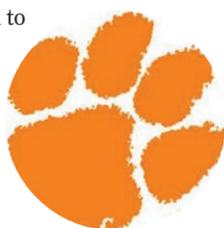
"It's been a long time since I've seen this much orange in one place, certainly in Sumter," he said.

The event was also an opportunity to get alumni and area residents who are Clemson fans together and excited for the upcoming football season.

Sumter used to have a Clemson Club for alumni, as schools throughout the nation do, but Griffith said there hasn't been one in a while.

"It's been a long time since we've done anything like this," he said.

Attendees were offered home-cooked barbecue and burgers before they got to eat Clemson cake and ice cream.



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The Clemson Tiger mascot was among the crowd at the Sumter Clemson Club send-off party for area incoming freshmen on Thursday.

Sumter woman succumbs to injuries sustained in Monday crash

BY SHARRON HALEY
Special to The Sumter Item

CLARENDON COUNTY — A 73-year-old Sumter woman died Thursday in a Florence hospital after being involved in a head-on collision Monday afternoon in Clarendon County.

"Linda Smith, 73, of Sumter died at McLeod Health Florence on Thursday morning from injuries she sustained in the motor vehicle crash that occurred on Aug. 6," said Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock.

Mock said that Smith was the driver of the vehicle that crossed the centerline, striking another vehicle on Black River Road near the Clarendon-Williamsburg county line shortly after 4 p.m. Monday. A passenger in the vehicle that Smith was driving, William Franks, died at the scene from blunt-force trauma, Mock added.

According to Cpl. Sonny Collins with South Carolina Highway Patrol, a 2013 Nissan was traveling south on U.S. 527, Black River Road, when the vehicle crossed the centerline, striking a 2018 Ford Explorer that was traveling north on U.S. 527. Collins said it was unknown at the time of the wreck if Franks had been wearing a seat belt. Collins added that the drivers of both vehicles were wearing seat belts.

Collins said Monday afternoon that the wreck was under investigation by the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

Faith-based communities can be key to health care education

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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In a county that lost its hospital years ago and lacks access to health education and care, some of its members are finding out how to reach those in need.

Ruby Williams is a lay health adviser and the health coordinator for Green Bay Missionary Baptist Church, and she is working with the South Carolina Cancer Alliance to both teach people in Lee County about preventative screenings and to help get them access to those life-saving checkups.

Colorectal cancer, which develops from polyps that form on the inner wall of the colon or rectum, is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in both men and women, one of the leading causes of cancer deaths and also one of the most preventable, according to data from the cancer alliance.

"There's not a family I don't know that hasn't been touched by cancer," Williams said.

Lee, Clarendon and Sumter counties have some of the highest incidence rates of colorectal cancer in a state where about 2,000 people will be diagnosed with and about 800 people will die from it each year.

Getting a screening for polyps is suggested starting at age 45 for blacks — they are more likely to develop the cancer — and at age 50 for everyone else. A colonoscopy is the easiest and most predictable way to find polyps and get rid of them to prevent them from turning into cancer.

In rural communities without many options for health care near home, Williams said, people just don't get screened as much as they should.

"You can't get faith into people that are sick," she said.



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Ruby Williams is a lay health adviser and health coordinator for Green Bay Missionary Baptist Church.

LEARN MORE

This is the last in a three-part series in partnership with the South Carolina Cancer Alliance about colorectal cancer in the three-county region of Sumter, Lee and Clarendon and how to spread awareness and prevent it through screenings.

Williams goes to Bible studies and around Bishopville, spreading the word about the need for screenings, how to get one and where to go. She even goes with some people and their family to see the doctor.

"The highest death rates are in communities without a hospital," she said. "They all have that in common." One of the ways Williams helps her

community get screened is by being a lay health adviser, which are citizens who are not doctors or nurses but who get training to help spread the word about necessary health care.

Williams uses her faith community as a starting point.

"Faith-based communities know the history of everyone. They know who may need it," she said.

Families and friends who have been attending church together know when someone lost their job and, therefore, health benefits. They know if someone's parents or grandparents fought cancer.

And they may be able to reach out to someone who is embarrassed to get a colonoscopy or to admit they don't have health insurance.

"We are our brothers' keeper," Williams said. "Is this not what He meant? What would you have us do?"

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S.C. deputy's widow sues after he drowns during training

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — A deputy killed during training on a South Carolina lake last summer was tangled by the boat propeller after going overboard and drowned inches under the surface while pleading for his life, according to a lawsuit filed by the officer's widow.

Anderson County deputy Devin Hodges, a second officer, and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers instructor driving the boat were all thrown into Lake Hartwell during a dangerous maneuver called an emergency stop.

Instructor Jess Fleming wasn't using a safety device that would have killed the boat's motor when the driver was no longer at the wheel, according to the lawsuit.

The unmanned vessel turned in a "circle of death," and its propeller struck Hodges as he desperately tried to swim away, the lawsuit said.

"As the boat beat the life out of him, Deputy Hodges' life vest became entangled in the propeller," lawyers wrote in the suit. "While Deputy Hodges was being held under water, within inches of the surface, he slowly drowned."

Fleming and the other officer on the boat were not hurt.

The Corps of Engineers didn't return a message seeking comment.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources charged Fleming with reckless homicide by boat, but prosecutors dropped the case two months later after determining the law doesn't allow a federal law enforcement officer to be

charged with state infractions.

Fleming first did the emergency stop at half speed and then did it closer to full speed, according to the lawsuit filed Tuesday by Hodges' widow, which simply names the United States of America as the defendant.

Fleming spent the day before discussing with the deputies the importance of using the "kill switch," which is a lanyard that stops the boat motor when the driver is no longer at the wheel. But the day of Hodges' death, Fleming didn't wear the lanyard, and the kill switch was shut off, the lawsuit said.

Fleming "knew he was exposing his passengers to a potential circle of death, and yet he still attempted this improper, deadly maneuver. The consequence of his actions were foreseeable and resulted in one of the exact outcomes kill switches are intended to prevent," according to the lawsuit.

Hodges' widow filed the suit after federal officials did not act on the official form she filed claiming wrongful death for more than six months.

Hodges, 30, was a father of four and had been working for the Anderson County Sheriff's Office for less than a year. New Sheriff Chad McBride had just assigned him to the marine patrol.

McBride personally pressed the uniform Hodges was buried in, saying it was the least he could do for an officer who showed such promise and dedication.

Club digest



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From left, Sumter's Home Chapter Regent Katherine Barrett and the chapter's literacy chairwoman Maggie Gurtcheff are shown with 12 new Sumter School District teachers. The NSDAR chapter annually shows support for new teachers by presenting them with gift certificates and a book with historic themes.

Sumter's Home Chapter, NSDAR

On Aug. 8, at the first-year teachers' orientation for the Sumter School District, Sumter's Home Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution presented each of 12 teachers two \$25 gift certificates and a historical novel written and autographed by NSDAR member Shelia Ingle. Ingle is a South Carolina author whose novels help educate young people about the many contributions made by women during the American Revolution.

NSDAR is a national women's service organization established 126 years ago and dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism and to honor the patriots of the Revolutionary War. By supporting local teachers, Sumter's Home Chapter demonstrates our love and support for classroom teachers, who are often the first to instill knowledge and love of country in students.

Teacher incentives have become an annual project of Sumter's Home Chapter and are intended to emphasize the importance of literacy in the teaching of history.

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According to a news release from the S.C. Department of Transportation, the following I-95 off-ramps will be closed to complete diamond grinding for pavement smoothness:

- Tuesday, Aug. 14, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. — Traffic will be completely shut down on I-95, exit 160B southbound off-ramp to I-20 eastbound.

- Wednesday, Aug. 15, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. — Crews will completely shut down traffic on I-95, exit 160B northbound off-ramp to I-20 westbound.

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Donkey Park visitor Evan Oster leads a miniature donkey through an obstacle course as volunteer Patti Lundgren looks on at Donkey Park in Ulster Park, New York.

Donkeys help people from all walks of life de-stress

ULSTER PARK, N.Y. (AP) — In most of the world, donkeys are beasts of burden, but the only job of the long-eared denizens of Donkey Park is to nuzzle, bray and beguile the diverse group of people who find comfort in their company.

Donkey Park is the creation of Steve Stiert, who sought a new direction after his job as a software engineer for IBM was eliminated six years ago. He first heard about donkeys from his daughter in veterinary school and fell in love with them. Now he's devoting his life to providing an opportunity for people to interact with donkeys and experience their calming presence.

"Donkeys resonate with who I am," says the 59-year-old Stiert, whose equine epiphany came after 26 years glued to a computer screen. "They brought out this caring, sensitive person I had pushed to the background while trying to be successful."

Stiert has 11 donkeys, a mule and a donkey-zebra hybrid that live in a neat, 1.5-acre mini ranch at his home in Ulster Park, 80 miles north of New York City. He takes them to schools, nursing homes and events for children with disabilities. He also teaches donkey husbandry and has an 800-member Meet-up group that features hikes with donkeys.

"They're great stress sponges," Stiert says. "A lot of people come up from the city, travel long distances. When they come out here you can just see the stress melting away from them."

Employing donkeys for animal-assisted therapy is gaining popularity among groups dedicated to protecting them from mistreatment. The Donkey Sanctuary, based in Devon, England, offers donkey-assisted therapy programs for children recovering from cancer, victims of human trafficking and other vulnerable people.

"We're not providing therapy for the trauma but for developing life skills," says Caron Whaley, therapy director at the sanctuary.

Unlike how donkeys are portrayed in popular culture as gloomy or ill-tempered, they're actually mild-mannered, intelligent and affectionate, donkey advocates say.

"Some people come with the preconceived notion that they kick, they bite, they're stubborn, they're ornery," Stiert says. "None of those things are true at all."

Every week, The Arc of Ulster-Greene, an organization serving people with intellectual disabilities, takes a group of adult clients to Donkey Park to brush the donkeys, lead them through an obstacle course and feed them hay. The donkeys, nine of them only waist-high, readily approach visitors and linger to have their long ears stroked or their rumps scratched.

"If I'm in a bad mood I come out here, and they help me relax," says Tom Cossab-

oom, an Arc client. "They're friendly and calm."

Stiert bought his first six donkeys from breeders but then started taking in rescues. While he's registered as a nonprofit, he relies mostly on his own savings to care for the donkeys. He doesn't do birthday parties, nativity scenes or other money-making events.

"All our services are free," Stiert says. "We don't hire donkeys out."

Patti Lundgren says she looked for Meetup groups when she moved to the area and was intrigued by the donkey hikes. Now she regularly drives 45 minutes to volunteer at Donkey Park.

"There's such a gentle energy about them," Lundgren says. "I always leave here feeling really good. The dirtier I am, the better I feel. Ah, donkey therapy, donkey love."

Bronze Archie statue honors artist for hometown anniversary

MEREDITH, N.H. (AP) — A life-size bronze statue of a red-haired, freckle-faced Archie is now greeting visitors at a New Hampshire town in honor of a local man who drew the comic book character and his group of wholesome teenage friends.

Bob Montana illustrated Archie, Betty, Veronica and Jughead from 1942 until his death in 1975 at age 54. He lived for 35 years in Meredith, a town of about 6,000

residents in the heart of the state's Lakes Region.

The statue of Archie sitting on a park bench was commemorated Thursday in Meredith's Community Park to coincide with the town's 250th anniversary.

Montana brought the Archie Andrews character to life when he drew the first "Archie" comic strip while renting a cottage on Lake Waukewan in 1942.

Historic wooden church in northwest Russia destroyed by fire

MOSCOW (AP) — An 18th-century church widely seen as a marvel of Russia's wooden architecture has been destroyed by a fire.

The blaze at the Dormition church in Kondopoga in Russia's northwestern region of Karelia erupted Friday after a group of tourists visited the building. Local officials suspected some of them could have violated fire safety rules but would not rule out arson.

The fire quickly engulfed the church built exclusively from wood, and fire teams that arrived within minutes



The Dormition Church, widely seen as one of the most remarkable examples of Northern Russia's wooden architecture, was destroyed by a fire on Friday.

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were unable to save it.

The church, built in 1774 on the shores of Lake Onega, was broadly admired as one of the most

remarkable examples of Northern Russia's wooden architecture.

Local authorities have promised to build a replica.

Vermont city employs grazing goats to get rid of poison ivy

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Vermont's capital city is trying a natural way to get rid of poison ivy — grazing goats.

On Wednesday, three goats munched on the plants along the small city's bike path behind the high school and near a river.

The goats graze on the poison ivy, causing stress to the plants so that they retreat, said the goat's owner Mary Beth Herbert, of Moretown. It's expected to take several years of cyclical grazing to eradicate the poison ivy, she said.

The goats named Ruth, Bader and Ginsburg got their start. Herbert brought the 6-month-old Kiko goats in her Subaru and enclosed them in fencing where they

grazed while an occasional bicyclist passed by. The poison ivy doesn't harm the goats, she said.

The city had tried to eradicate the poison ivy but has been unable to do it using organic treatments, said assistant city manager Susan Allen.

The poison ivy has been so bad this year that the city posted signs warning bikers and walkers about it.

"The city did not want to ramp up to chemical treatments for many reasons, including the fact that the path runs next to the river, and young children and dogs might get over into the undergrowth," she said.



Left to right: Judy Fry, CNM, Thomas Chappell, CNM, Monica Ploetzke, MD and Steven B. Tollison, MD

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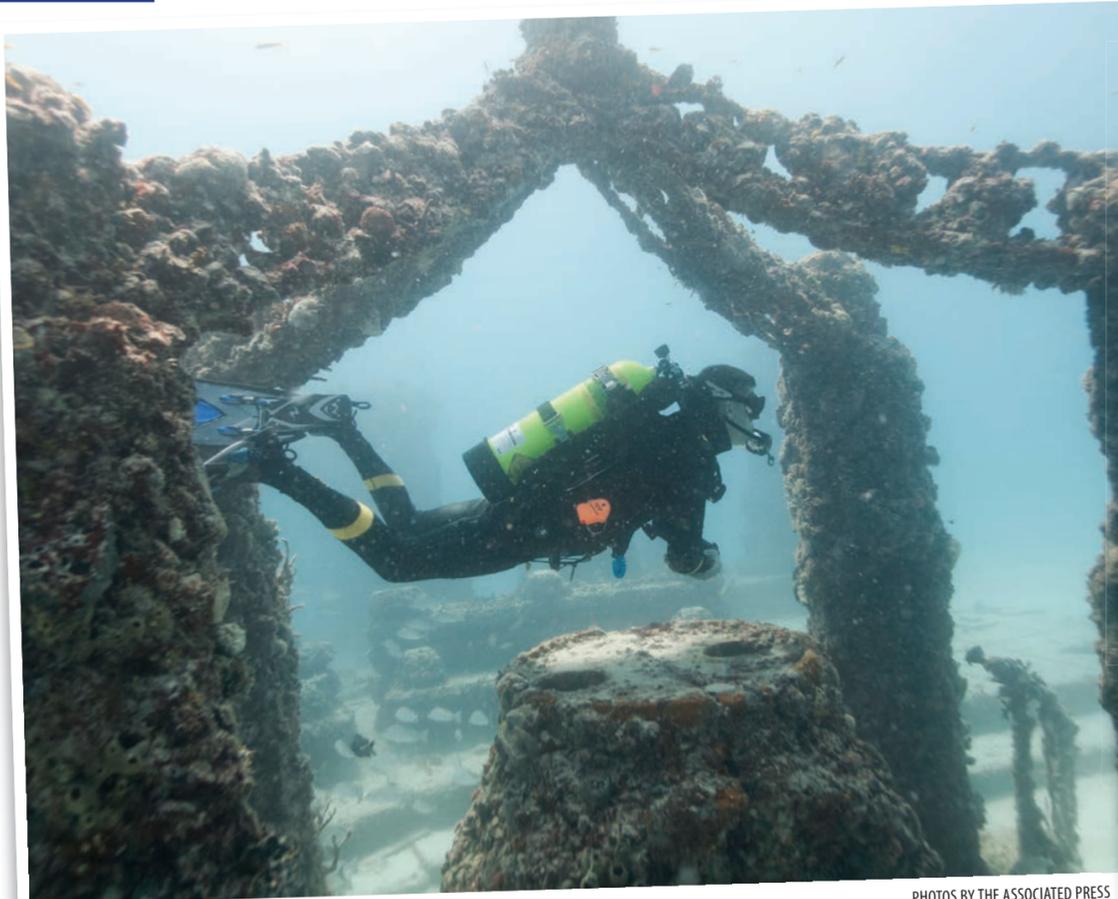
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Ray Lowenstein with Neptune Memorial Reef gives a tour of the site near Miami Beach, Florida. The Neptune Memorial Reef, an underwater cemetery modeled after the lost city of Atlantis, is undergoing a massive expansion. The concrete structures provide a base for coral to get a head start and offer a high pH level, enabling sea creatures to flourish.



Jim Hutslar, operations director for Neptune Memorial Reef, prepares to install a memorial plaque for Buel and Linda Payne, affixed to a cement baluster mixed with their ashes, at the Neptune Memorial Reef near Miami Beach. The cemetery is already home to the cremated remains of about 1,500 people and is welcoming thousands more seeking life in the afterlife.



A large gray angelfish swims near a stairway at the reef.

Reef cemetery

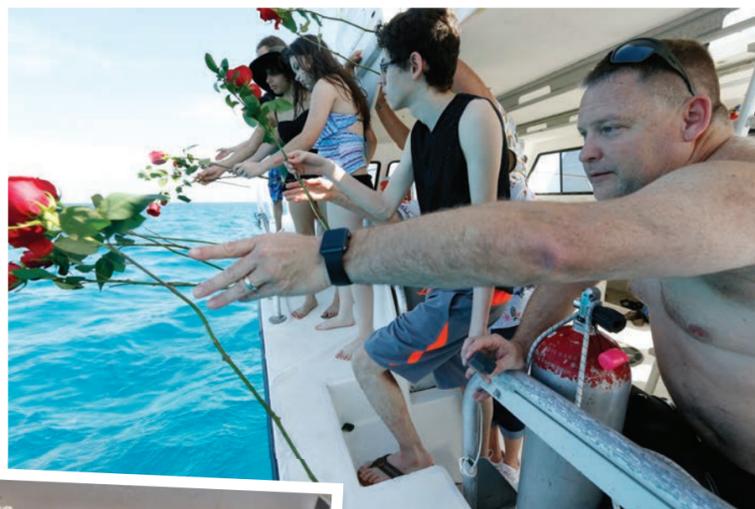
is now home to **new LIFE**

BY KELLI KENNEDY
The Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — A year after Will and Daniel Payne lost their mom, and nearly two decades since their father's death, it was time to follow their wishes for the afterlife.

As they board a boat with three generations of family, the brothers slip into flippers and de-fog their masks. Will, who became a certified scuba diver just days earlier, checks his oxygen tank and jumps into the azure waters to secure a concrete marker mixed with their ashes at a memorial reef about three miles out to sea. This unusual resting place is exactly what the Paynes say their parents wanted. Buel Payne, a former Coast Guard member, and Linda Payne, who grew up on the water and loved boating, will spend their afterlife in a memorial modeled after the lost city of Atlantis, among impressive lion statues and ornate gates and pillars encrusted with sea life.

It took nearly four years for multiple government agencies to sign off on this underwater mausoleum, which is designed to encourage a healthy ecosystem. Roughly a decade later, the Neptune Memorial Reef is home to the cremated remains of 1,500 people, and any snorkeler or scuba diver can visit. The Paynes are the first to be memorialized in the reef's expansion,



Will Payne, right, and three generations of his family throw flowers into the sea July 19 after a memorial plaque for Payne's parents, Buel and Linda Payne, was installed at the memorial reef.



A memorial plaque for Buel and Linda Payne, affixed to a cement baluster mixed with their ashes, is displayed near Miami Beach.

which opened this summer and will make room for an additional 4,000 memorials over 16 acres, about 40 feet deep. Placements start around \$1,500 and can go up to \$8,000, with the priciest placements for specialized shapes like sea turtles and stingrays or for prominent spots throughout the city like the lions.

With reefs struggling worldwide against coral bleaching and other threats, the memorial's builders are providing coral a head start. The concrete structures offer a high pH level, enabling sea creatures to flourish.

ger be distinguishable, and "family members will just know their loved ones are part of it."

"We're creating life after life," he said.

While Hutslar, Will and another diver descended to the ocean floor, Daniel and his wife and three children snorkeled on the surface, gazing down through the strong clear currents. They spotted a parrot fish, barracuda and a monster snook. Abundant schools of small, colorful fish darted in and out of the sculptures.

They had picked out a small bronze headstone reading "Together at Last" to mark the ashes, adding their thumbprints on a decorative concrete sea shell. The divers picked a spot amid the underwater city's striking columns and statues.

"It's just amazing. It's so peaceful," Will, 48, of Sachse, Texas, said after surfacing. "If there is a heaven, that would be it for them."

Back on the boat, the family snacked on cookies and oranges and enjoyed a day at sea, laughing, hugging and crying at times. The men's aunt and uncle also brought red roses that each member of the family tossed overboard.

Daniel, 41, of Princeton, Texas, said he plans to get scuba-certified so he can see it up close and return every year.

"I really didn't get it when (my mom) was telling me about it, and the more and more I think about it, it's really a nice, peaceful spot for your last resting place," he said.

Hutslar and his partners were solely focused on supporting marine life at first, figuring the cemetery would help pay for the reef. But he's helped hundreds of families say goodbye to their loved ones through the years, giving him a calling he's come to cherish.

"This has actually become my favorite part — being with the families," Hutslar said.

"We're seeing animals here that we haven't seen before. Ones that have been missing for a long time," said Jim Hutslar, the reef's operations director and one of the founders. "We actually found a long spine sea urchin that was considered extinct in the Caribbean Sea."

Sara Thanner, an environmental supervisor for the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources, says an April survey showed the reef supports more than 65 different fish, shrimp and lobster and 75 other species including sponges, soft corals and hard corals.

For people making end-of-life plans, the reef means being part of something living. Hutslar is hoping that decades from now, the memorial will have grown into a massive coral reef where individual markers will no lon-

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Russian prime minister strongly warns U.S.

BY VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's prime minister sternly warned the United States on Friday against ramping up sanctions, saying that Moscow will retaliate with economic, political and unspecified "other" means.

The tough message from Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev marked what the Kremlin sees as a red line, reflecting a growing dismay with the new U.S. sanctions that already have sent the Russian ruble plummeting to its lowest level in two years.

The U.S. State Department said Wednesday that Washington made the determination this week that Moscow had used the Novichok nerve agent to poison ex-Russian spy Sergei Skripal

and his daughter in the British city of Salisbury in March, and that sanctions would follow later this month. Russia has strongly denied involvement in the Salisbury poisonings.

According to the State Department, those sanctions will include the presumed denial of export licenses for Russia to purchase many items with national security implications.

New sanctions proposals in the U.S. Congress include legislation targeting Russia's state-controlled banks and freezing their operations in dollars — a move that would deal a heavy blow to the Russian economy.

Medvedev warned the U.S. that such a move would cross a red line.

"If something like a ban on bank operations or currency use follows, it will amount to a declaration of economic

war," he said. "And it will warrant a response with economic means, political means and, if necessary, other means. Our American friends should understand that."

Medvedev's tough tone was in stark contrast with past statements by President Vladimir Putin and his lieutenants, who have taken a nonchalant posture while talking about U.S. and other Western sanctions, seeking to downplay their impact on the Russian economy.

The announcement of new U.S. sanctions has rattled the Russian currency and stock markets. The ruble plummeted to its lowest level since August 2016 in early trading Friday.

Russia-U.S. ties have sunk to their lowest level since the Cold War times amid tensions over Ukraine, the war in Syria and the allegations of Russian

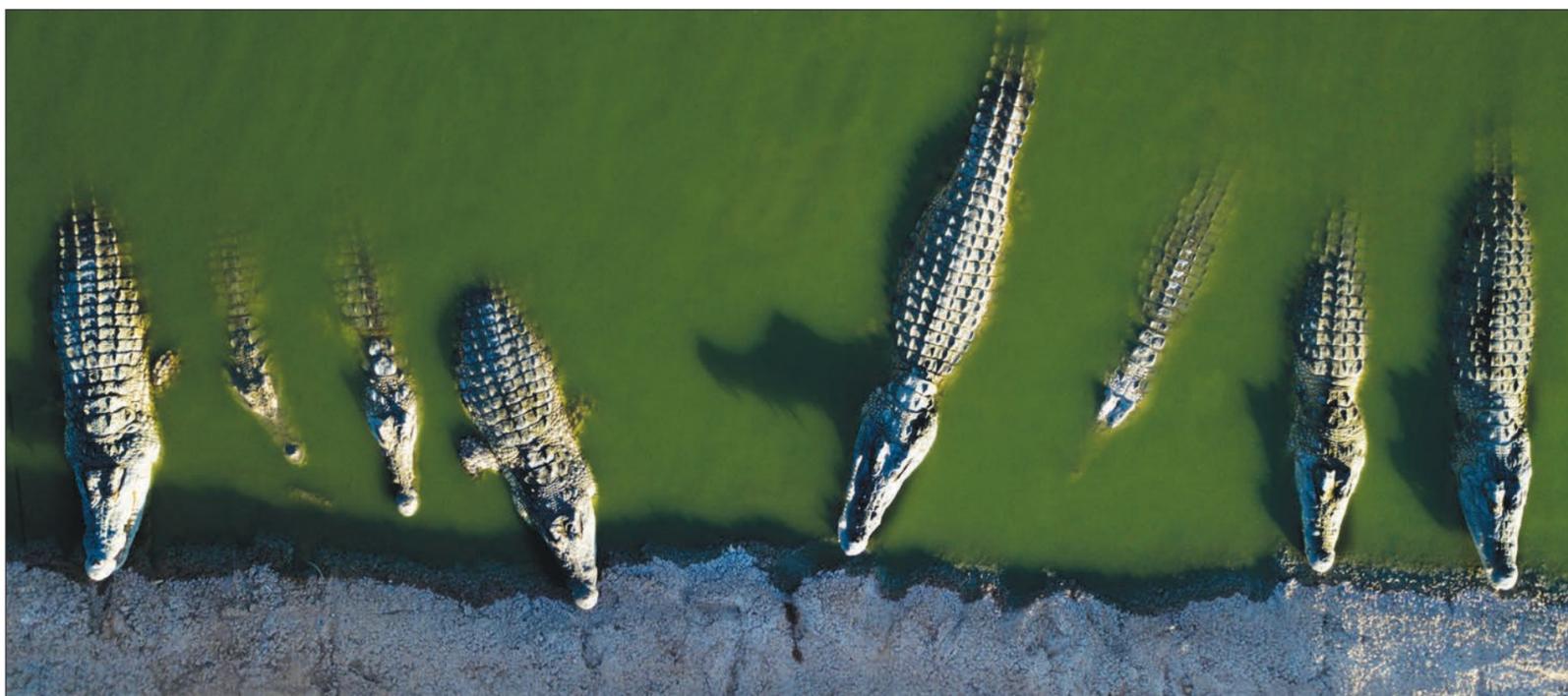
meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

Russia's hopes for better ties with the U.S. under President Donald Trump have withered as his administration has introduced several waves of sanctions against Russia.

Medvedev said while the U.S. says the restrictions are intended to punish Russia's "bad" behavior, their real goal is to sideline a rival.

"It's intended to remove Russia as a strong competitor on the international arena," he said.

Medvedev pointed at U.S. efforts to block the planned construction of a new Russian natural gas pipeline to Germany in order to encourage the sales of American liquefied natural gas to Europe as an example of "unfair competition."



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Crocodiles rest at a farm in the Jordan Valley, West Bank. Hundreds of crocodiles are stuck at the farm where they were brought in the mid-'90s to serve as a tourist attraction.

Israel faces crocodile conundrum with stranded reptiles

BY ISAAC SCHARF
AND ALON BERNSTEIN
Associated Press

PETZAEEL, West Bank — An Israeli businessman appears to have bitten off more than he can chew with plans for a crocodile farm in a West Bank settlement.

Hundreds of crocodiles have been stranded at the farm in a remote spot in the Jordan Valley — left behind by a pair of failed business ventures.

The crocodiles were brought to the settlement of Petzael in the mid-1990s as a tourist attraction. Ensuing Israeli-Palestinian violence kept visitors

away, prompting the crocodiles' purchase by entrepreneur Gadi Biton, who hoped to sell them for their skin.

But his venture flopped after Israel passed a law in 2012 defining the crocodile as a protected animal and banning raising the animals for sale as meat or merchandise. Multiple attempts to sell them abroad have failed.

"We found ourselves with hundreds of crocodiles in this farm that no one knows what to do with," said David Elhayani, head of the Jordan Valley Regional Council. A lone worker feeds the animals dead chickens once every eight days.

Dozens of the crocodiles lazed recently on the sun-baked shores of a lagoon on the property, their jaws ajar, revealing menacing teeth.

The animals have become a pain for the owner, the region and Israel. Dozens of crocodiles have escaped on two occasions, including once when 70 flew the coop only to be found after a three-day croc hunt. The reptiles, which can live well into their 70s, are also reproducing. Their numbers are expected to grow to the thousands in the coming years.

"I don't want to think of what will happen if a crocodile manages to escape and reaches the Jordan River,

and then we'll have an international incident," Elhayani said. "Maybe then someone will wake up and find a quick solution to this problem."

Biton, who declined to speak to The Associated Press, has attempted to resettle the crocodiles in Cyprus, but numerous attempts to do so have failed because of opposition by residents there.

COGAT, the Israeli defense body that administers civilian affairs in the West Bank, said it is working to find a "practical solution" to the crocodile conundrum. It accused the farm owner of a "lack of cooperation," without elaborating.



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SUPPORT

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Collier said from administration to marketing and communication to rehab to nursing to radiation, the supply drive and delivery effort “captures the spirit of the organization and the culture we have of giving to our community.”

Tuomey has worked with Lemira for the past two school years as a community partner and is starting this school year’s partnership off before classes even begin. Sumter School District encourages businesses to adopt a school by providing it with specific needs while also building a foundation with students who may be future employees.

Hospital employees participate in a mentoring program with Lemira students, and they come out to eat lunch and go to recess with them, but Collier said Friday was a time for them to thank the teachers.

“It was a bit of work with logistics and dealing with 65-



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Christopher Brown helps a teacher move supplies into a classroom.

plus departments,” he said, “but today made it all worth it ... That meant more than any other bit of sweat or work or anything that we did on our end, and certainly it’s a joy and a pleasure to bring a smile to the teachers.”

The community partnership between Tuomey and Lemira teaches the students there are jobs other than doctors and nurses in a hospital that are just as vital.

“It’s very important that we come into the school systems and make sure the children are aware of those things,”

said Darion Canty, a Sumterton native and the hospital’s patient liaison coordinator who also serves on the For Goodness Sake Council.

While it is a goal of the community partnerships to educate students in school and life — Canty said those who volunteer from Tuomey become big brothers and sisters to the kids — taking care of their teachers is just as important.

“It’s beyond words that I can describe. For me to sit out here today and to hear them say it’s like Christmas what we do in

the community, it basically fills our hearts up with love,” Canty said, “and that’s what we’re supposed to do. We didn’t come here today to give the teachers random supplies. We came out here to provide them with specific needs for themselves to carry them throughout the year.”

When third-grade teacher Ashleigh Morton opened her box of supplies and started pulling each item out, her excitement for each continued to grow. The products were not extravagant. Tissues, hand sanitizer, crayons, dry erase board markers, construction paper, air fresheners.

“A lot of those are extras that we don’t put on our school supply list (through the district). Those are things that we get when we run to Walmart to get throughout the year, so those will really come in handy,” said Morton, a fifth-year teacher and Sumter native who has spent her career at Lemira. “Some parents do send us tissues and hand sanitizer, but it goes pretty quickly when you’re serving

25-30 kids in a class.”

Morton is Lemira’s 2018-19 Teacher of the Year, and she said the community support from Tuomey does not go unnoticed.

“I think you guys know that we are just in a time when teacher retention and recruitment is just such a crisis right now ... and part of that is the pay, which of course nobody goes into teaching for what they make for money, but that is part of retaining good teachers,” she said. “I think knowing our big businesses like Tuomey appreciate us and support us, I think that’s going to make a positive impact in recruiting and retaining quality teachers in Sumter.”

Morton, like any good teacher, seems to be in the business for the right reasons.

“Compassion (is the key). Showing kids that you care about them. Building true relationships with them, just getting to know them. You can’t teach a child that you don’t know,” she said. “You get to love them at the end of the year. I cry every year at the end of the year.”

BOARD

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resolution to pay for upcoming capital projects, and public participation highlight the agenda.

It’s expected in her report that Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm will provide an update on construction renovations being made at the former R.E. Davis Elementary School, which is being transformed from a K-5th-grade school into a K-8th-grade magnet school.

With the closure of nearby Mayewood Middle School at

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WHAT: Sumter School Board Meeting
WHEN: Monday, 6 p.m.
WHERE: District office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road

the end of last school year, those 6th- to 8th-grade students are moving over to R.E. Davis with the start of the new year. The school has been renamed R.E. Davis College Preparatory Academy for the time being.

F.J. DeLaine Elementary School in Wedgefield also closed in early June, and those students are moving to

nearby Cherryvale Elementary School. Because of the small number of students moving from F.J. DeLaine to Cherryvale, no construction renovations were needed at the school, according to district officials.

The preliminary fiscal 2018 financial report from Thursday’s committee meeting shows the district with a net income — or surplus — of about \$7.8 million for the previous 12-month period.

Monday’s meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. Like all board-related meetings, the public is invited to attend.

COUNCIL

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Before voting to approve the motion, Councilman Julius Dukes Jr. asked Nelson when the investigation began to which Nelson responded, “2015.

Council members did not name the person or department involved in the investigation, information concerning a recent investigation into the city’s police department was mentioned during

an Aug. 2 grievance hearing.

When former Manning Police Chief Blair Shafer appeared before the city’s Grievance Committee asking for his old job back, he referenced a recent investigation into his former department by the city’s attorneys. He told the members of the committee that while his department had been investigated by the attorneys that he did not know their findings even though he had requested the results of their investigation.

PARNELL

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face to face before them.

“We’re talking about issues that are really important to folks, such as jobs, how much tax they pay, national defense, and I think people deserve to see how people answer those questions face to face,” Parnell said.

Norman’s avoidance is representative of the lack of civility in the political realm today, he said. And that’s one of the key areas where our country is headed down the “wrong path” right now, Parnell said.

“In Washington today, we’re shouting at each other, and we don’t talk with each other,” Parnell said. “Right now, people talk in sound bites for political reasons, and they simply try to score points rather than

try to solve problems. I think that’s something needs to change.”

The top question he hears when talking with the public is the growing cost of prescription drugs, and Parnell said he thinks that’s another area where change is needed. He said the U.S. should negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for lower costs on prescription drugs, like many smaller countries do.

Another area where the federal government needs to take action is with student debt from college.

Parnell’s ties to Sumter started with the U.S. Air Force. He spent five years of his youth in Sumter when his dad was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. The family later was transferred back to Shaw, and Parnell graduated from Edmunds High School.

After graduating from law

school at University of South Carolina, Parnell moved to Washington and worked in the tax division at the U.S. Justice Department. Later, he was a staff member of the Ways and Means Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Then, he worked as a tax analyst for two corporations and lived in New York and later overseas. After the military, his father and mother retired in Sumter. In his parents’ later years, Parnell, his wife, Sarah, and their family visited Sumter often, he said. Parnell initially bought a house in Sumter in 2006. He moved back permanently in 2016.

He said as time moves on, fewer and fewer people ask about what happened in his first marriage. Parnell said he’s faced his past and owns it, and he wants voters to look him in the eye and measure him for who he is today.



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COMMENTARY

Still not clear which party will lose House

We're heading into the home stretch in America's unusually lengthy (six months and nine days) primary election season. Some three-quarters of Americans have had a chance to vote for Democratic and Republican



Michael Barone

candidates for Congress, and state and local offices.

Their choices tell us something about the results in November. But not everything, including which

party will win the apparently close battle for a majority in the House of Representatives.

The consensus of those who follow these elections most closely is that the Democrats will win. The most recent evidence comes from the ultra-narrow victory of Republican State Sen. Troy Balderson in the special election for Ohio's

12th Congressional District.

Balderson beat Democrat Danny O'Connor 50 to 49 percent, only a 1 percent margin, in a district that gave President Donald Trump an 11 percent margin in 2016 and Mitt Romney a 10 percent margin in 2012.

Ohio 12 is one of those hybrid districts, about half suburban and half urban, about half rural and half small-town. Romney carried both suburbs and small counties by modest margins. Trump got whacked in the affluent suburbs but won the small counties by overwhelming margins.

On Tuesday, and even more in early voting, Democrat O'Connor carried upscale suburban precincts by robust 2-1 margins. Republican Balderson ran well but not as far ahead as Trump, amid lower turnout in the small counties.

Another way to put it: Republicans get the worst showings of both of their last two nominees, losing even further ground among white college graduates while failing to du-

plicate Trump's gains among white non-college graduates.

That pattern was discernible in earlier special elections and makes it easy to see how Democrats could win a House majority.

The voter shifts from Romney 2012 to Trump 2016 were actually small by historic standards, and the steadiness of Republican and Democratic percentages in the two-plus decades since 1994 have been historically small, with a steady increase in straight-ticket voting till 2016.

What we've also seen in congressional elections since the middle 1990s is a resistance to one-party control. With close presidential elections, only a few voters need defect in the off year to produce this result, and except for the contests just after 9/11, they have.

Former President Bill Clinton faced Republican Houses and Senates for six of his eight years in office. Then-President George W. Bush's Republicans gained seats in 2002, but he faced a Democratic House for

two years and a Democratic Senate for three and a half.

Former President Barack Obama faced a Republican House for six of eight years and a Republican Senate for two.

You can ascribe the losses of each president's party as the predictable result of some combination of extremist overreach, legislative fecklessness, personal scandals and suspicion of insiders. But for one reason or another, they keep happening and could again this year.

But there's reason to be cautious about predictions. Republicans' big gains weren't visible at this point in the 1994 cycle (I wrote the first article predicting they might win a majority, in July), nor were Democrats' big gains in 2006 or Republicans' sweep of Senate seats in 2014.

Nor are area polls this far out always a reliable guide to November. Except in early June, Democrats have had a 6 to 8 percent lead all year in the RealClearPolitics generic congressional vote poll average.

But it's suddenly down to the lower end of that range, numbers that could produce a Republican majority in the House.

Does that signal a genuine shift in sentiment, or is it just statistical noise? No one knows for sure. Corporate America seems to be joining with affluent Trump haters to give Democrats a significant money edge in many key races. But then, the smart money was overwhelming on the side of Hillary Clinton two years ago.

In that race, like the House races this year, Democrats started off ahead in turnout, but Republicans managed to squeak out just enough votes in the right places to win — as they did in Ohio 12 this week, and may or may not in November.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

LOVED ONES' LIVES HANG IN THE BALANCE WITH CORONERS, SHERIFFS

I have been pondering several things that have surfaced during the recent postings and utterances surrounding the coroner's race in Clarendon County.

First of all, some of the comments were downright embarrassing. I think the reason, not verified, that Manning Live closed its comments section following several articles was because of the "spewed ludicrous" comments offered by aliases. Just my opinion; everyone has an opinion.

All of the misrepresentations of facts that have swirled over the last couple of weeks have been hurtful; hence the hearings before the Third Judicial Circuit Court.

On June 11, 2012, the governor of South Carolina affixed his signature to a bill passed by the 119th South Carolina General Assembly 2011-2012, making SC Code of Laws 17-5-130 the law governing coroners' qualifications in the state of South Carolina. This law has been tested two times in the S.C. judicial system since its passage — Georgetown and Sumter counties.

The defendants in both cases did not meet the qualifications to serve as a coroner in South Carolina, based on SC Code of Law 17-5-130. Is it a perfect law? No law is perfect, especially when it affects my quest.

Assumptions are very dangerous in this world, especially when it comes to leading and governing. I learned that tradition is just as perilous as assumptions. Such was the case that led our electorate to making their decision.

We, as the electorate, generally do not investigate laws before making decisions. Most of us are familiar with the traffic laws because we see the large speed limit signs daily when driving.

Several of the SC Code of Laws are applicable to the coroners' election and qualifications. In Clarendon County's situation, SC Code of Law 17-5-130 is tantamount to serving as coroner in South Carolina, in which our county is number 14 of 46 counties in the state.

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It is important to understand how the legal and educational systems work with so many wraparounds to obtain qualifications for highly skilled jobs (including coroners and sheriffs in South Carolina.) Neither of these positions can afford to have walk-backs. Why? People and loved ones' lives are hanging in a balance during their encounters with either of these elected positions.

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COMMENTARY

Democrats have foreign espionage problem

WASHINGTON — Imagine if it emerged that the Republican chairman of the House or Senate intelligence committee had a Russian spy working on their senate staff. Think it would cause a political firestorm? Well, this week we learned that Sen. Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., had a Chinese spy on her staff who worked for her for 20 years, who was listed as an "office director" on payroll records and served as her driver when she was in San Francisco, all while reporting to China's Ministry of State Security through China's San Francisco Consulate. The reaction of the mainstream media? Barely a peep.



Marc Thiessen

Feinstein acknowledged the infiltration but downplayed its significance. "Five years ago the FBI informed me it had concerns that an administrative member of my California staff was potentially being sought out by the Chinese government to provide information," Feinstein said in a statement — which means the breach took place while Feinstein was heading the intelligence committee. But, Feinstein insisted, "he never had access to classified or sensitive information or legislative matters" and was immediately fired. In other words: junior staffer, no policy role, no access to secrets, quickly fired — no big deal.

But it is a big deal. I asked several former senior intelligence and law enforcement officials how serious

this breach might have been. "It's plenty serious," one former top Justice Department official told me. "Focusing on his driver function alone, in Mafia families, the boss' driver was among the most trusted men in the crew, because among other things he heard everything that was discussed in the car."

A former top CIA clandestine officer explained to me what the agency would do if they had recruited the driver of a senior official like Feinstein. "We would have the driver record on his phone all conversations that Feinstein would have with passengers and phone calls in her car. If she left her phone, iPad or laptop in the car while she went to meetings, social events, dinners, etc., we would have the driver download all her devices. If the driver drove for her for 20 years he would probably have had access to her office and homes. We would have had the source put down an audio device in her office or homes if the opportunity presented itself. Depending on the take from all of what the source reported, we would use the info to target others that were close to her and exhibited some type of vulnerability."

"In short," this officer says, "we would have had a field day."

It seems improbable that Feinstein never once discussed anything sensitive in her car over a period of years. But let's assume that Feinstein was extraordinarily careful and never discussed any classified information in front of her driver or on any devices to which he had access. Even so, one former top intelligence official told me, "someone in that position could give an adver-

sary a whole bunch on atmospherics and trends and attitudes which are from time to time far more important than the things we call secrets." He added, "It's like [having access to her] unclassified emails." (And we all know no one ever exposes classified information on unclassified emails).

Washington is understandably focused on the threat from Russia. But according to FBI director Chris Wray, "China from a counterintelligence perspective represents the broadest, most pervasive, most threatening challenge we face as a country." It was China, after all, which hacked the Office of Personnel Management in 2015, stealing the SF-86 security clearance forms of many thousands of executive branch employees in the most devastating cyberattack in the history of our country. Beijing has successfully recruited FBI agents and State Department employees as spies and has used information from U.S. informants to kill dozens of CIA sources inside the regime. And now, we know they recruited a high-value Senate staffer who worked in immediate proximity to the head of the senate intelligence committee.

Feinstein owes the country a detailed explanation of how she let a Chinese spy into her inner sanctum. And the media should give this security breach the same attention they would if it involved Russia and the Republicans.

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- LYNCHBURG TOWN COUNCIL Tuesday, 6 p.m., Teen Center on Magnolia Street, Lynchburg
SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

Get a mental picture of what you want to accomplish and be ready to put in the extra time and effort to stand out and make a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't leave anything to chance. Know what you're up against and who is opposing you before you share information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel like traveling or moving about, but you'll be better off staying put and inviting friends or relatives to visit you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change of heart will help you move forward. What appears to be a setback will turn in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Get rid of old debt. Sell off what you don't need, and free your mind of stress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Share your emotions with someone you love, and you'll come up with a plan that will bring you closer together as well as nearer to your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Pampering will help eliminate stress. Put yourself first and engage in pastimes that will help you look and feel your best.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Relaxing with friends or family in the comfort of your own space will help you ward off frustration from having to be around people who are difficult to deal with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your story straight. If you exaggerate or send the wrong signal to someone, you will cause confusion and uncertainty that can result in an awkward situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend less time on physical improvements and more time on the emotional kind.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen to what others have to offer but don't buy into something you don't want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An emotional matter will surface regarding feelings and commitment. Don't hesitate to express what your intentions are as well as your expectations.

WEATHER

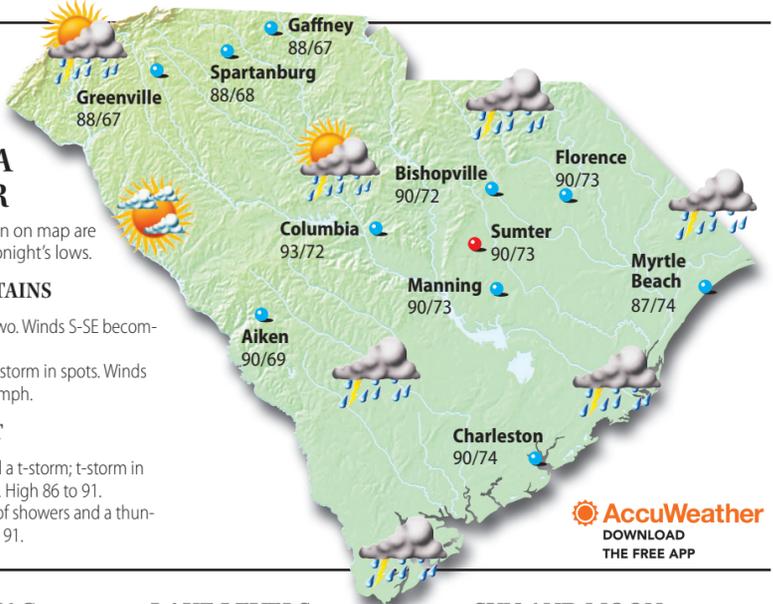
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperature forecasts, and wind speeds.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: A storm or two. Winds S-SE becoming W-SW 4-8 mph. Monday: A thunderstorm in spots. Winds west-northwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Showers and a t-storm; t-storm in spots southern parts. High 86 to 91. Monday: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm. High 86 to 91.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High, Low, Normal high, Normal low, Record high, Record low) and Precipitation (24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest., Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Last year to date, Normal year to date).

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for Aug. 18, Aug. 26, Sep. 2, Sep. 9.

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists rivers like Black River, Congaree River, Lynchies River, Saluda River, Up. Santee River, Wateree River.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, and corresponding times for AT MYRTLE BEACH on Today and Mon.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, Wash., DC.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, Beaufort, Cape Hatteras, Charleston, Charlotte, Clemson, Columbia, Darlington, Elizabeth City, Elizabethtown, Fayetteville, Florence, Gainesville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Goose Creek, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Hilton Head, Jacksonville, FL, La Grange, Macon, Marietta.

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

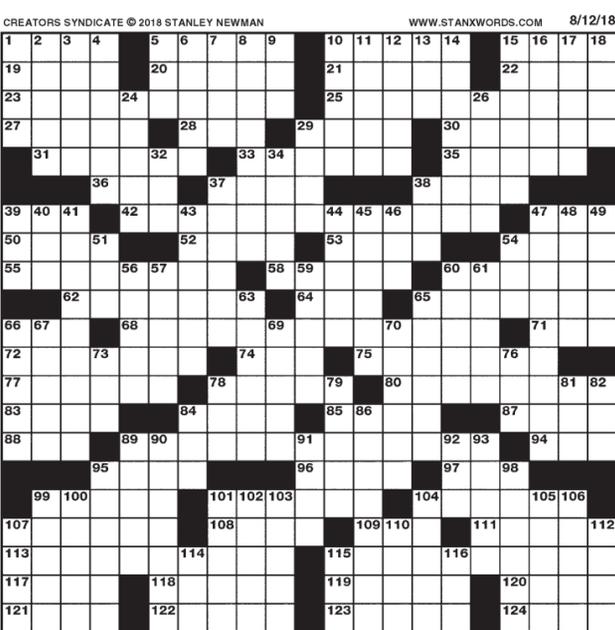
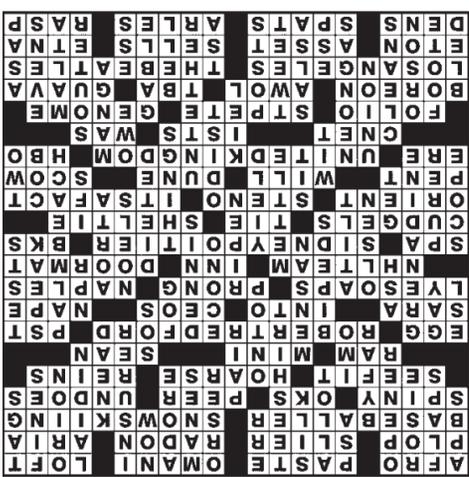
Advertisement for 'We have a NOSE for NEWS' featuring a cartoon dog detective and contact information for The Sumter Item.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

SUNDAY PUZZLE: With nine appropriate clues By Gail Grabowski

- ACROSS: 1 Bushy hairdo, 5 Wallpaper adhesive, 10 Person from Muscat, 15 Home for some artists, 19 Coin-in-fountain sound, 20 More devious, 21 Home inspector's concern, 22 Diva's solo, 23 Athlete often eating SUN-flower seeds, 25 Activity at SUN Valley, Idaho, 27 Filled with quills, 28 Gives the go-ahead, 29 Look closely (at), 30 Repeals, 31 Believe proper, 33 Frog-throated, 35 Curbs, with "in", 36 Zodiac beast, 37 Short skirt, 38 Actor Penn, 39 Frittata ingredient, 42 SUNdance Channel founder, 47 Seattle hrs., 50 Poet Teasdale, 52 Avid about, 53 Corporate VIPs, 54 Back of the neck, 55 Old-school hand cleaners, 58 Pitchfork part, 60 City near Pompeii, 62 Maple Leafs or Bruins, 64 Quaint quarters, 65 "Welcome" purchase, 66 Mud bath venue, 68 A Raisin in the SUN star, 71 Auditor's examinations: Abbr., 72 Clubs used as weapons, 74 No-win situation "in", 75 Scottish

- 111 Exotic jelly fruit, 113 SUNset Boulevard city, 115 "Here Comes the SUN" group, 117 Ian Fleming prep school, 118 Thing of value, 119 Deals in, 120 Sicilian hot spot, 121 Rooms to relax in, 122 Minor squabbles, 123 Setting for Van Gogh works, 124 33 Across sound, DOWN: 1 PD alerts, 2 Mudguards, essentially, 3 O'Donnell of TV, 4 First game of a series, 5 Noncommercial TV spot, 6 Divvy up, 7 Traditional ki-mono fabric, 8 Collarless top, 9 Miscalculate, 10 Brian of figure skating, 11 Long tresses, 12 Be very fond of, 13 Right this minute, 14 Policy purveyor, 15 Stored away, 16 Giant hunter of myth, 17 Court collections, 18 Places for prices, 24 With no close competitor, 26 Manipulate, as dough, 29 Couple, 32 "If you ask me," to a texter, 34 Leading, 37 High IQ society member, 38 Nine-symbol signal, 39 Adult ed. course



- 40 What the 1890s were called, 41 Tequila SUN-rise ingredient, 43 Two-footed animals, 44 Thrifty, in brand names, 45 Menace of comics, 46 Cause of flight delays, 47 SUNshine State town or county, 48 Get to have one's say, 49 Dry runs, 51 Hardwood tree, 54 All Things Considered aircaster, 56 Mary-Kate or Ashley, 57 At an angle, 59 Approach peak flavor, 60 Carolers' offerings, 61 Cardiology, 63 Fortitude, 65 Reduced one's intake, 66 Breadth, 67 More noble, 69 Triangular sign, 70 Stuff, 73 Pick up on, 76 "No __, ands, or butts", 78 Pull up a chair, 79 Lyric poet, 81 Frosty's pipe, 82 A couple of, 84 Clever one, 86 Release from a leash, 89 Amalgamation, 90 Store sign filler, 91 German canal city, 92 Carry a balance, 93 Japanese graphic novel, 95 Vacuums or mops, 98 Justice succeeded by Sotomayor, 99 Historian Shelby, 100 Name on Citizens Kane posters, 101 Dip with taco chips, 102 Short cybermessage, 103 Blog entries, 104 Part of a pitched roof, 105 Island south of Sicily, 106 Smooths (out), 107 Wasn't colorfast, 110 Stock exchange signal notation, 112 High-priority notation, 114 Uncommon sense, 115 Screeners org., 116 What Cyprus concludes with, Sun Valley, Idaho (25 Across) has been a celebrity resort since the 1930s, when it was first brought to public attention by Ernest Hemingway. A native of the Bahamas, SIDNEY POITIER (68 Across) served as Bahamian Ambassador to Japan from 1997 to 2007. SHELTYE (75 Across) is short for the point of origin of the Shetland Sheepdog.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD



SUDOKU

8x8 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

JUMBLE

DRANK IMPEL MUTINY GALLEY The largest New England state has 3,478 miles of coastline bordering the "MAINE-LAND"

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

P-15's fall to Florida in Southeast Regional

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ASHEBORO, N.C. — The Sumter P-15's saw their season come to an end on Friday with a 10-2 loss to Florida state champion Tallahassee Post 13 in an elimination game in the American Legion baseball Southeast Region Tournament at McCrary Park.

Sumter, which advanced to the regional as the South Carolina runner-up in the state tournament after Georgia did not have a representative, finished the year with a 24-15 record.

The P-15's were playing without injured Joey Pereira and Daniel Twitty as well as Lathan Todd, who left to begin his freshman season at The Citadel after tossing a 5-0 shutout on Thursday against Chapin/Newberry Posts 193/24.

Sumter got off to a good start on Friday as the visitor, scoring two runs in the top of the first inning. However, the P-15's could have done so much more.

Trey Yates reached on a

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USC FOOTBALL

Lakewood star Tyreek Johnson to miss another year with injury

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Former Lakewood High School football defensive lineman standout Tyreek Johnson is having his football career at the University of South Carolina interrupted again by injury.

Johnson, who was preparing for his first season after going through a greyshirt season, tore an anterior cruciate ligament in a knee last week, according to a practice report released by USC's sports information department on Saturday.

Johnson's injury was reported by Tony Morrell of TheBigSpur earlier in the week, but it wasn't officially confirmed by USC until Saturday. The report said the injury occurred in a non-contact drill. He is expected to miss all of the 2018 season.

Johnson graduated from Lakewood in 2017 and was originally supposed to be part of that recruiting class. However, it was discovered he had injured his labrum in a shoulder toward the end of his senior football season and would have surgery. In order to keep his eligibility from kicking in, it was determined he would greyshirt and sign with the '18 recruiting class.

He officially signed with Carolina in December of last year.

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PREP FOOTBALL

A good start



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Paul Gottshall (33) eyes the goal line in front of Manning's Demont Dennis enroute to scoring a touchdown in the Gamecocks' 21-7 victory over Manning in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree on Friday at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

Sumter knocks off Manning 21-7 in 37th Sumter Sertoma Jamboree

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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For those in attendance at the scrimmage between the Sumter and Manning high school football teams in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree on Friday, if it appeared the Gamecocks

stuck with their frontline players far longer than teams normally do in such a setting, you weren't imagining things.

"We played our starters a lot more than we normally would, but we needed to," SHS head coach Mark Barnes said. "We needed to play our offensive line for two quarters after we didn't

get to scrimmage against Fort D(orchester) on Tuesday (due to a wet field from all of the rain in the Low-country)."

Sumter rushed for 111 yards and passed for 131 more in the 2-quarter scrimmage as it defeated the Monarchs 21-7 in the final scrimmage on Sumter Memorial Stadium's Fred-

die Solomon Field.

The scrimmage ended around 11:30 p.m. after the start of the jamboree was delayed due to the new wet bulb protocol. The jamboree was scheduled to start at 6:30, but didn't start until almost 7:30 because it was too hot.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Gators spread the wealth in 26-8 win over Lee Central

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

Lakewood High School came out looking strong and explosive in its scrimmage against Lee Central on Friday in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field. The Gators put up four scores in a 26-8 triumph over the Stallions.

"The score looks nice, but that really doesn't matter in a jamboree," said Lakewood head coach Larry Cornelius. "I think what I was impressed with was our effort. But, yeah, we're going to watch the film. We found plenty of mistakes live and we're going to find more mistakes when we go through the film.

"One thing we've got to work on is penalties. Too many yellow flags were coming out. We had some equipment issues with knee pads. We've got a lot of tall kids out here and it's tough sometimes, but I love the effort.

"We came out flat in our last jamboree, on Tuesday, and that was our main focus the last two days in practice. It wasn't necessarily x's and o's but it was about mentality, and I felt like our



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lakewood quarterback Malik Richardson (1) powers across the goal line for the Gators' first touchdown in their 26-8 win over Lee Central on Friday in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

mentality was much better. But this is one snapshot of the beginning of the year, and we've been focused on Week 1

against Colleton County."

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PREP FOOTBALL

C.E. Murray holds on to beat Crestwood 28-27

BY DANNY KELLY
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The second scrimmage in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field resulted in a 28-27 win for C.E. Murray High School over the Crestwood Knights and a very unhappy Roosevelt Nelson.

"We had a poor performance," the Crestwood head coach said following the game. "We have a long way to go in a short time. We have another game next Friday (in the season opener against West Florence)."

Crestwood opened up the scoring in the first of the

two 12-minute halves with a 59-yard bomb from quarterback Anthony Bradley to wide receiver Joshua Simon to take an early 7-0 lead.

"Bradley had a good game," Nelson said. "Simon had two critical drops, but we're going to fix that."

The Eagles answered later in the quarter with a touchdown of their own, a 17-yard strike from quarterback Antonio McKnight to running back Jamall Gibson. However, a missed 2-point conversion attempt left the Eagles trailing 7-6.

"We have to do a better job of finishing plays," Nelson said of his secondary. "We had three dropped interceptions and we blatantly held three guys. We had too many mental breakdowns in the



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood quarterback Anthony Bradley looks downfield during the Knights' 28-27 loss to C.E. Murray in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree on Friday at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

secondary."

The Knights extended their lead with a 13-yard touchdown from Bradley to wide receiver Darryl Stuckey to make the score 14-6.

However, C.E. Murray answered with a touchdown of its own, a 61-yard heave from McKnight to Gibson, their second connection for

six of the night. However, another botched 2-point conversion by the Eagles would leave the score at 14-12.

In the second half, Bradley connected with wide receiver De'Ontay Singleton for a 6-yard strike to extend the

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CLEMSON FOOTBALL

Quarterback question: Veteran Bryant or newcomer Lawrence?

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — For those expecting clarity on Clemson's quarterback question after the Tigers' first scrimmage, forget it. Incumbent Kelly Bryant and newcomer Trevor Lawrence both played strongly Saturday in a big showing for Clemson's offense.

"I tell everybody, I'd hate to be (quarterback coach) Brandon Streeter," tight end Milan Richard said. "We got guys who can play."

Just who should play most for the Tigers, expected to romp through the Atlantic Coast Conference and into the College Football Playoff, is a continuing debate.

Bryant is a senior who stepped in for national championship passer Deshaun Watson a year ago and led the Tigers to a 12-2 mark and their third ACC title and CFP trip. Lawrence is a tall, strong-armed freshman who broke Watson's Georgia state high school marks for passing yards and touchdowns.

It's a question everyone's got an opinion on — except, for now, Clemson coach Dabo Swinney.

Both played well in the



AP FILE PHOTO

Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) led the Tigers to the College Football Playoff last season, but the question is being raised about whether he'll be replaced by freshman Trevor Lawrence.

scrimmage. Bryant started things off with a 70-yard scoring drive while Lawrence followed with another scoring series.

"The offense had a great day," Swinney said. "It's good to see us throw and catch like we did today. Kelly set the tempo with the opening drive, big plays. Then Trevor came in and took it and went with it, big plays."

Despite the team's success last season, there were plenty of critics of Clemson's offense

and Bryant's run-first style, which contrasted greatly with how Watson threw the ball all over the field the previous three years. The shouts were loudest after Clemson was stuffed by Alabama's defense in a 24-6 loss at the Sugar Bowl that knocked the Tigers from title contention.

Bryant has proven durable and essential. Clemson's lone loss last year came when Bryant was knocked out with a concussion in the second quarter at Syracuse. The Ti-

gers had the following week off and Bryant returned to play the rest of the season.

But Lawrence, with his long, blond hair and 6-foot-5 frame, electrified fans at the spring game last April in completing a 50-yard TD pass to Tee Higgins on his second snap.

The competition has continued daily at practice the past week. Bryant's experience certainly has kept him out front. Bryant has performed strongly, Swinney said, while Lawrence is learning that the throws he made consistently in high school don't always work in college.

"We've got a long way to go," Swinney said.

Swinney may have to weigh recent history when he makes his final decision on a starter. Watson was a highly regarded freshman in 2014 recovering from a cracked collarbone the previous spring when summer camp rolled around, while Cole Stoudt was a senior who had waited the previous three years behind record-setting starter Tajh Boyd. Stoudt's experience won out and he got the call in Clemson's first three games. The Tigers, though, went 1-2 with losses at Georgia and Florida State. Watson took over in Week 4 in

a season when he was injured twice more and needed off-season surgery.

Watson went 28-2 the next two seasons, including a dramatic win in the 2016 national title game against Alabama.

Bryant said he can't worry about the big picture, only his play on the field. He's worked every day to stay locked in and not get caught between Clemson's success past in Watson or bright future in Lawrence. "I want to improve on a year ago, but I also need to focus on myself and if I do that then everything else will take care of itself," he said.

Lawrence can't speak to the media until he sees action, per Swinney's guidelines for new players. Clemson's players and coaches have seen plenty already to know that when Lawrence does play regularly, it could be something special.

Tigers receiver Hunter Renfrow said the players aren't caught up in any competition. They're just happy both teammates play for Clemson.

"They are both incredible," Renfrow said. "We were with them both during the spring and we were with both of them during the summer, so not much has changed. They both can sling it."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7:20 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group B Match from Concarneau, France — Brazil vs. North Korea (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group A Match from Saint-Melo, France — Netherlands vs. France (FOX SPORTS 1).
8:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — West Ham vs. Liverpool (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10:20 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group A Match from Saint-Melo, France — Netherlands vs. France (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. — PGA Golf: PGA Championship Final Round from St. Louis (TNT).
1:30 p.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Singles Championship Match from Montreal (ESPN2).
1:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
1:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Doubles Championship Match from Toronto and Western & Southern Open Early-Round Matches from Cincinnati (TENNIS).
2 p.m. — PGA Golf: PGA Championship Final Round from St. Louis (WLTX 19).
2 p.m. — Women's Amateur Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Championship Match from Kingston Springs, Tenn. (FOX SPORTS 1).
2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle at Houston (TBS).
2:20 p.m. — International Soccer: German Super Cup Match from Frankfurt, Germany — Bayern Munich vs. Eintracht Frankfurt (FOX SPORTS 2).
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Consumers Energy 400 from Brooklyn, Mich. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).
3 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Dallas at Washington (NBA TV).
3:30 p.m. — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Girls Under-14 U.S.-International Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).
3:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Supercopa de Espana Match from Tanager, Morocco — FC Barcelona vs. Sevilla (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — International Swimming: Pan Pacific Championships Day 4 from Tokyo (WIS 10).
4 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New York City at Toronto (ESPN).
4 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Men's Singles Championship Match from Toronto (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — College Exhibition Basketball: Kentucky vs. Team Toronto from Nassau, Bahamas (SEC NETWORK).
4:30 p.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: USTA National Championships Girls 18's Championship Match from Orlando, Fla. (TENNIS).
4:45 p.m. — Youth Basketball: Jr. NBA World Championships Boys Under-14 U.S.-International Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. (WACH 57).
7 p.m. — WNBA Basketball: Los Angeles at Phoenix (ESPN2).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Early-Round Matches from Mason, Ohio (TENNIS).
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at Chicago Cubs (ESPN).
8 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Orlando at D.C. (FOX SPORTS 1).
8 p.m. — High School Baseball: Perfect Game All-American Classic from San Diego (MLB NETWORK).
10 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Dallas at Seattle (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:30 a.m. — Women's International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group A Match from Concarneau, France — Ghana vs. New Zealand (FOX SPORTS 1).
MONDAY
7:20 a.m. — International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group C Match from Dinan/Lehon, France — Spain vs. United States (FOX SPORTS 2).
10:20 a.m. — International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group D Match from Vannes, France — Germany vs. Haiti (FOX SPORTS 2).
11 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Mason, Ohio (TENNIS).
12:30 p.m. — International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group C Match from Vannes, France — Japan vs. Paraguay (FOX SPORTS 2).
1 p.m. — Youth Softball: Little League Softball World Series Elimination Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).
1:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Miami at Atlanta Doubleheader Game 1 (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, MLB NETWORK, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
4 p.m. — Youth Softball: Little League Softball World Series Elimination Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — Horse Racing: Saratoga Dew Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
5 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Western & Southern Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Mason, Ohio (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — International Soccer: Women's Under-20 World Cup Group D Match from Dinan/Lehon, France — China vs. Nigeria (FOX SPORTS 2).

World Series Elimination Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Los Angeles Dodgers or Arizona at Texas (MLB NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	83	35	.703	—
New York	73	43	.629	9
Tampa Bay	59	57	.509	23
Toronto	52	63	.452	29½
Baltimore	35	82	.299	47½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	64	51	.557	—
Minnesota	53	62	.461	11
Detroit	48	68	.414	16½
Chicago	42	73	.365	22
Kansas City	35	80	.304	29

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	44	.624	—
Oakland	68	48	.586	4½
Seattle	67	50	.573	6
Los Angeles	59	58	.504	14
Texas	52	67	.437	22

FRIDAY
 Boston 19, Baltimore 12
 Texas 12, N.Y. Yankees 7
 Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 0
 Detroit 5, Minnesota 3
 Chicago White Sox 1, Cleveland 0
 Seattle 5, Houston 2
 St. Louis 7, Kansas City 0
 L.A. Angels 4, Oakland 3

SATURDAY
 Boston 5, Baltimore 0, 1st game
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Texas 3
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m., 2nd game
 Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

TODAY
 Boston (Sale 11-4) at Baltimore (Cobb 3-14), 1:05 p.m.
 Texas (Perez 2-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 6-4), 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Glasnow 1-2) at Toronto (Stroman 4-8), 1:07 p.m.
 Minnesota (Stewart 0-0) at Detroit (Boyd -10), 1:10 p.m.
 Cleveland (Carrasco 13-6) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 4-8), 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle (TBD) at Houston (Keuchel 9-9), 2:10 p.m.
 St. Louis (Weaver 6-10) at Kansas City (Junis 6-11), 2:15 p.m.
 Oakland (Cahill 4-2) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 4:07 p.m.

MONDAY
 N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Arizona at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
 Seattle at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	63	50	.558	—
Philadelphia	64	51	.557	—
Washington	60	57	.513	5
New York	48	65	.425	15
Miami	47	70	.402	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	67	49	.578	—
Milwaukee	66	53	.555	2½
St. Louis	61	55	.526	6
Pittsburgh	60	57	.513	7½
Cincinnati	51	65	.440	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	64	53	.547	—
Los Angeles	64	53	.547	—
Colorado	61	55	.526	2½
San Francisco	58	59	.496	6
San Diego	47	71	.398	17½

FRIDAY
 Chicago Cubs 3, Washington 2
 Cincinnati 3, Arizona 0
 N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 2
 Atlanta 10, Milwaukee 1
 St. Louis 7, Kansas City 0
 Colorado 5, L.A. Dodgers 4
 San Diego 2, Philadelphia 0
 San Francisco 13, Pittsburgh 10

SATURDAY
 Washington 9, Chicago Cubs 4
 Arizona at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 St. Louis at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 9:05 p.m.

TODAY

Arizona (Godley 12-6) at Cincinnati (Castillo 6-9), 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 7-2) at Miami (Chen 4-8), 1:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Anderson 7-7) at Atlanta (Newcomb 10-5), 1:35 p.m.
 St. Louis (Weaver 6-10) at Kansas City (Junis 6-11), 2:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Hill 5-4) at Colorado (Bettis 5-2), 3:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Arrieta 9-6) at San Diego (Lucchesi 5-6), 3:40 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Musgrove 4-6) at San Francisco (Rodriguez 5-1), 4:05 p.m.
 Washington (Scherzer 15-5) at Chicago Cubs (Hamels 7-9), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY
 Miami at Atlanta, 1:35 p.m., 1st game
 N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
 Arizona at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	26	17
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	17	0
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	26
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	23	28

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Indianapolis	1	0	0	1.000	19	17
Jacksonville	0	1	0	.000	20	24
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	17	31

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	31	14
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	50	23
Cleveland	1	0	0	1.000	20	10
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	30	27

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	16	10
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	10	17
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	21	24
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	10	20
Washington	0	1	0	.000	17	26
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	14	31

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	28	23
New Orleans	1	0	0	1.000	24	20
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1.000	26	24
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	0	17

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	31	17
Detroit	0	1	0	.000	10	16
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	43	47
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	24	21
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	17	19
L.A. Rams	0	1	0	.000	7	33
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0

THURSDAY
 New Orleans 24, Jacksonville 20
 Pittsburgh 31, Philadelphia 14
 Carolina 28, Buffalo 23
 Cleveland 20, N.Y. Giants 10
 Tampa Bay 26, Miami 24
 Cincinnati 30, Chicago 27
 New England 26, Washington 17
 Baltimore 33, L.A. Rams 7
 Green Bay 31, Tennessee 17
 Houston 17, Kansas City 10
 Indianapolis 19, Seattle 17
 San Francisco 24, Dallas 21

FRIDAY
 N.Y. Jets 17, Atlanta 0
 Oakland 16, Detroit 10

SATURDAY
 Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at Arizona, 10 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 16
 Philadelphia at New England, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Washington, 8 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 17
 N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Kansas City at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
 Arizona at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 18
 Jacksonville at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Oakland at L.A. Rams, 4 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 8 p.m.
 San Francisco at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Chicago at Denver, 9:05 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 10 p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 20
 Baltimore at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

AUTO RACING

Big 3 running strong entering Michigan race

BY LARRY LAGE
The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — NASCAR's Big 3 has essentially lapped the competition. Kyle Busch, Kevin Harvick and Martin Truex Jr. have combined to win 16 of 22 races and haven't allowed the field to win consecutive races with points at stake this year. Of the other 56 drivers who have started a race, only Clint Bowyer has won twice.

That could potentially change Sunday in the Consumers Energy 400 because Chase Elliott won last week at Watkins Glen.

Chances are, though, one of the series' top three drivers will finish first.

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Woodland keeps his record and the lead

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Gary Woodland kept his 36-hole record at the PGA Championship and got some company in the record book.

Tony Finau capped one of the craziest rounds of his career and matched the PGA Championship record with 10 birdies, which at least allowed him to make the cut on the number. For everyone else who resumed the rain-delayed second round Saturday morning, it was all about staying close to the leader.

Woodland had a 4-under 66 on Friday morning to reach 130 for 36 holes, breaking the PGA record by one shot, tying the 36-hole record for all majors and giving him a one-shot lead over Kevin Kisner.

Rickie Fowler was the only player who made a run at him on the sponge-like fairways of Bellerive. Fowler resumed his second round by making birdie on the reachable par-4 11th hole, but he stalled from there and wound up with a 67.

He was at 8-under 132, along with two-time U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka. Dustin Johnson led the group at 133 and was joined by Shane Lowry, who completed a 64 after the delay.

Defending champion Justin Thomas stayed in the game, and so did Tiger Woods.

Thomas, trying to join Woods as the only back-to-back winners of the PGA Championship since it changed to stroke play in 1958, ran off four birdies on the back nine for a 65 that left him in the group at 6-under 134.

"I'm in a lot better position than I was when I came out here this morning, which is great," Thomas said. "There's a lot of golf left on a very gettable golf course. But at the same time, it can show its teeth if you're not driving it well."

Woods got up-and-down from 69 yards for birdie on the par-5 eighth when he resumed, but his momentum was slowed at the start of the back nine when he twice missed par putts from about 5 feet, sandwiched around a birdie.

"That stemmed the momentum a little bit," Woods said.

He picked up one last birdie when he reached the green in two on the 597-



Rickie Fowler hits out of a bunker to the 18th green during the completion of the second round of the PGA Championship on Saturday at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis. Fowler is two strokes behind leader Gary Woodland entering today's final round.

yard 17th hole and two-putted, sending him to a 66. It was his fourth round of 66 or better this year, including his third round at the British Open.

Still, he was six shots behind in a tie for 19th with plenty of power players in front of him.

"Guys are making birdie from everywhere," Woods said. "Everyone is bunched. On top of that, if you hit the ball well enough, you'll leave yourself in the right sections. There's not a single putt out here that you're afraid of."

Koepka and Charl Schwartzel tied the PGA Championship record — previously set 14 times — of 63. One more record was set Saturday morning when the cut was at 140, breaking by one shot the lowest score to make the cut. It was 141 at Atlanta Athletic Club in 2001.

Woods was at the bottom end of the 24 players separated by six shots going into the final two rounds. The third round featured threesomes off both tees, meaning close to five-hour rounds on a course that feels even longer to walk because of the soggy conditions.

"I feel like I just played 27 holes, and I only played 11," Thomas said.

Phil Mickelson played nine holes, and he won't be playing any more. Lefty missed the cut for the first time this year, the second time in a row at the PGA Championship, and that

means he won't qualify for the Ryder Cup team for the first time since 1993, his first full year on the PGA Tour.

Mickelson had a 71 and missed the cut by four shots.

Jim Furyk will get four captain's picks on Sept. 4, and Mickelson stands a good chance of being one of them. It might not bode as well for the others. Bryson DeChambeau three-putted his final hole, missing a 4-foot par putt on No. 9, to miss the cut by one shot. He was at No. 9 in the Ryder Cup standings. Matt Kuchar (No. 12) and Kyle Stanley (No. 14) also missed the cut.

Finau is No. 13 in the standings and gets two more rounds, though he certainly left an impression on Furyk, who played alongside him. Finau opened with five straight birdies, only to hit into the water and make triple bogey on No. 6. He bounced back with two more birdies, bogeyed the ninth and didn't make a par until the 10th hole, and even then he had to make a 12-foot putt.

He had three more birdies on the back nine, finished with a bogey and it added to a 66.

"It was still an emotional roller coaster in the second round," Finau said. "A lot happened, but to post 10 birdies in a major championship is pretty special."

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
PAR SCORES

By The Associated Press
Saturday
At Bellerive CC
St. Louis
Purse: \$11 million
Yardage: 7,316; Par: 70

Second Round

Gary Woodland	64-66-130	-10
Kevin Kisner	67-64-131	-9
Brooks Koepka	69-63-132	-8
Rickie Fowler	65-67-132	-8
Dustin Johnson	67-66-133	-7
Charl Schwartzel	70-63-133	-7
Thomas Pieters	67-66-133	-7
Shane Lowry	69-64-133	-7
Brandon Stone	66-68-134	-6
Pat Perez	67-67-134	-6
Justin Thomas	69-65-134	-6
Adam Scott	70-65-135	-5
Francesco Molinari	68-67-135	-5
Patrick Cantlay	68-67-135	-5
Jon Rahm	68-67-135	-5
Jason Kokrak	68-67-135	-5
Jason Day	67-68-135	-5
Julian Suri	69-66-135	-5
Emiliano Grillo	69-67-136	-4
Justin Rose	67-69-136	-4
Zach Johnson	66-70-136	-4
Tiger Woods	70-66-136	-4
Webb Simpson	68-68-136	-4
Stewart Cink	67-69-136	-4
Matt Wallace	71-66-137	-3
Jordan Spieth	71-66-137	-3
Andrew Putnam	68-69-137	-3
Xander Schauffele	70-67-137	-3
Billy Horschel	68-69-137	-3
Hideki Matsuyama	68-69-137	-3
Ian Poulter	67-70-137	-3
Yuta Ikeda	68-69-137	-3
Keegan Bradley	69-68-137	-3
Rory McIlroy	70-67-137	-3
Ross Fisher	68-69-137	-3
J.J. Spaun	69-68-137	-3
Tyrrell Hatton	71-67-138	-2
Thorbjorn Olesen	70-68-138	-2
Daniel Berger	73-65-138	-2
Mike Lorenzo-Vera	73-65-138	-2
Andrew Landry	73-65-138	-2
Chris Kirk	68-70-138	-2
Eddie Pepperell	72-66-138	-2
Ryan Fox	68-70-138	-2
Rafa Cabrera Bello	70-68-138	-2
Branden Grace	68-70-138	-2
Ollie Schniederjans	67-71-138	-2
Sungjae Im	71-67-138	-2
Russell Henley	74-65-139	-1
Tommy Fleetwood	69-70-139	-1
Satoshi Kodaira	71-68-139	-1
Marc Leishman	68-71-139	-1
Brice Garnett	71-68-139	-1
Kevin Na	70-69-139	-1
Chez Reavie	71-68-139	-1
Russell Knox	71-68-139	-1
Joaquin Niemann	68-71-139	-1
Chris Stroud	69-70-139	-1
Austin Cook	67-72-139	-1
Brandt Snedeker	72-67-139	-1
Jimmy Walker	69-70-139	-1
Ryan Moore	69-70-139	-1
Kevin Chappell	69-71-140	E
Nick Watney	75-65-140	E
Ted Potter, Jr.	74-66-140	E
Adrian Otaegui	73-67-140	E
Seungsu Han	74-66-140	E
Ben Kern	71-69-140	E
Scott Brown	72-68-140	E
Jim Furyk	69-71-140	E
Tony Finau	74-66-140	E
Martin Kaymer	71-69-140	E
Byeong Hun An	70-70-140	E
Brian Harman	72-68-140	E
Vijay Singh	71-69-140	E
Cameron Smith	74-66-140	E
Dylan Frittelli	73-67-140	E
Jhonattan Vegas	70-70-140	E
Charles Howell III	74-66-140	E
Brian Gay	67-73-140	E

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Finau ties PGA Championship record with 10 birdies

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Tony Finau tried not to look at the opening two rounds of the PGA Championship as a Ryder Cup audition as he played alongside U.S. captain Jim Furyk.

He sure didn't damage his chances.

Not by matching a PGA Championship record with 10 birdies in the second round.

Not by bouncing back from a 74 to make the cut on the number.

"He was just shaking his head," Finau said after finishing the rain-delayed round Saturday morning with a 4-under 66, a round that featured just four pars. "For sure, it was the craziest round I think he's ever seen. So the good news is 10 birdies in a major is pretty good."

Finau began this wild ride Friday afternoon with five straight birdies, four of them from between 20 and 25 feet, the shortest one at 12 feet. And

then his round was derailed — but only temporarily — when he came up a foot short of the green on the par-3 sixth hole, went into the water and made triple bogey.

That's what impressed Furyk the most — not so much the five birdies, but Finau's response to the triple bogey.

He birdied the next two holes.

"So in eight holes, he had seven birdies," Furyk said. "I was giving him crap because he let us down on the back nine with only three birdies. That's the mark of good players. They fight."

Finau was among five players who accompanied Furyk to France this summer for a scouting trip at Le Golf National, the host course of the Sept. 28-30 Ryder Cup matches. Finau is No. 13 in the standings and this is the last week to earn one of the eight automatic spots. Furyk then has four captain's picks to make on Sept. 4.

"He's got a great head on his

shoulders," Furyk said. "He showed a lot of poise."

Those birdies after his big blunder stood out to Finau, one of only 11 players to make the cut in all four majors this year. With a front pin on the seventh hole, he went some 25 feet beyond the flag and holed the putt, and then got up-and-down from a bunker on par-5 eighth.

Even his first par was an adventure — Finau had to make a 12-footer.

Best of all was making the cut on the number at even-par 140, the lowest score to make a cut in the 60 years of stroke play at the PGA Championship.

"Honestly, I haven't hit it great, up to my standards, these first couple days," Finau said. "So I'll be looking to clean that up. And if the putter feels good and stays hot on the weekend, just try and make some kind of a run. Major championship golf is funny. You never know what can happen on the weekend."



Tony Finau made a record-tying 10 birdies in the second round of the PGA Championship at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis.

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Milwaukee first baseman Eric Thames, right, tags out Atlanta's Johan Camargo (17) to complete a double play in the first inning of the Braves' 10-1 victory on Friday in Atlanta.

Braves rough up Brewers 10-1

ATLANTA (AP) — Kevin Gausman pitched eight strong innings to win his SunTrust Park debut, Ender Inciarte drove in four runs and the Atlanta Braves beat the Milwaukee Brewers 10-1 on Friday night.

Nick Markakis added three RBIs and Johan Camargo had two, helping the Braves win for the ninth time in 12 games. Atlanta began the night a game back in the NL East.

Milwaukee, which has dropped four of five to fall three games back in the NL Central, had a runner in scoring position in the first and second against Gausman (6-9).

After the threat in the second, he retired the next 12 batters before Mike Moustakas doubled in the sixth and scored on a single.

Gausman, making his first home appearance since getting acquired in a trade with Baltimore, allowed six hits and no walks, striking out eight and throwing 71 of 94 pitches for strikes.

The Braves led 3-0 in the first on doubles by Markakis and Camargo and Inciarte's single. They went up 5-0 in the

third when Markakis walked and reached third as right fielder Eric Thames appeared to misjudge Camargo's double near the wall. Inciarte's single drove in both runners.

The lead swelled to 7-0 in the fourth on Freddie Freeman's RBI single, which chased Brewers starter Freddy Peralta (5-3), and Markakis' sacrifice fly.

Peralta allowed seven hits and seven runs with five walks and three strikeouts in three-plus innings.

Inciarte drove in four runs in a game for the first time since a March 31 home win over Philadelphia.

Freeman and Houston's Yuli Gurriel are the only players in the majors this year with three double-digit hitting streaks. Freeman had streaks of 16 and 10 games before his current 12-game run began July 29.

Two weeks after he was enshrined in the Hall of Fame, Chipper Jones spoke briefly to the crowd before the game and implored the fans to keep showing up in big numbers. The Braves showed video tributes throughout the night with Hall of Famers Bobby Cox, Tom Glavine and John

Smoltz joining former Braves stars Andruw Jones, Dale Murphy and others congratulating Jones.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Brewers: RHP Joakim Soria was placed on the 10-day disabled list with a right groin strain. He was injured while giving up a grand slam to Hunter Renfroe in the ninth inning of Thursday's 8-4 home loss to San Diego, leaving the game after facing two batters.

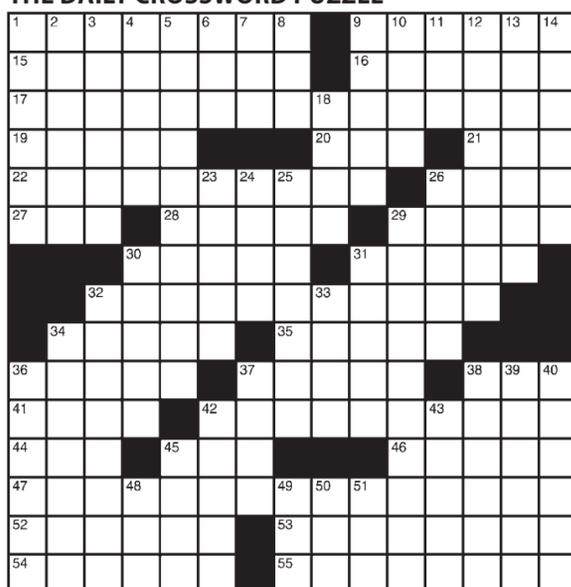
Soria has a 1.59 ERA in seven games since Milwaukee acquired him in a trade two weeks ago with the Chicago White Sox. In 40 games overall, he is 0-3 with a 2.44 ERA and 16 saves in 20 chances.

Braves: RHP Anibal Sanchez is hobbled by a bruised left calf from Thursday's no-decision at Washington and might not make his next start in Monday's doubleheader against Miami.

If Sanchez can't pitch, Touki Toussaint could come up from Triple-A Gwinnett and make his major league debut. Toussaint is 6-6 with a 2.68 ERA in 21 combined starts for Gwinnett and Double-A Mississippi. The Braves are

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Samuel A. Donaldson 8/11/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Lower one's credit rating?
 - 9 Complain. All. The. Time.
 - 15 Accessory seen in a loge
 - 16 Scour, say
 - 17 Soft drinks with lime juice
 - 19 Cash bar?
 - 20 Investment option
 - 21 Short way?
 - 22 "Likewise no"
 - 26 "The Da Vinci Code" priory
 - 27 Miracle-__
 - 28 Feel pity
 - 29 Water conduit
 - 30 Water holders
 - 31 Great guy?
 - 32 "I'll have the last laugh!"
 - 34 Prairie home
 - 35 Internet annoyance
 - 36 Just passed
 - 37 Longest river in France
 - 38 What's worn when you're out?
 - 41 One often thrown from a horse
 - 42 Exorcist's concern
 - 44 "WWE Raw" airer
 - 45 Four
 - 46 Solemn song
 - 47 Many UFO videos
 - 52 Small racer
 - 53 What "instant" may mean
 - 54 Happens next
 - 55 Cocky walks, maybe
 - 9 Arizona people
 - 10 Touch
 - 11 ER test
 - 12 Omni alternative
 - 13 Bleep
 - 14 Feel offended by
 - 18 Player for a 39-Down
 - 23 Type type
 - 24 Fall back (on)
 - 25 FireDome and Firelite
 - 26 Give away, in a way
 - 29 Pares proportionately
 - 30 Cocoon occupants
 - 31 Cursed
 - 32 Astronaut transports
 - 33 Leon on many spines
 - 34 "Am I early?"
 - 36 Unhealthy thing to hold
 - 37 Stud site
 - 38 PNC Park player
 - 39 One on the run
 - 40 Scornful looks
 - 42 Dealer's supply
 - 43 Occupy, as a bar
 - 45 "Look out!"
 - 48 Fraternity character
 - 49 Courtroom VIPs
 - 50 OTC drug
 - 51 Norfolk sch.
- DOWN**
- 1 Member of TLC
 - 2 Contributor of two cents
 - 3 Artist Aragonés of Mad
 - 4 Grain bane
 - 5 Like some private school curricula
 - 6 Philip __, first Asian-American film actor with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star
 - 7 Two-timer
 - 8 American posting, for short

Previous Puzzle Solved

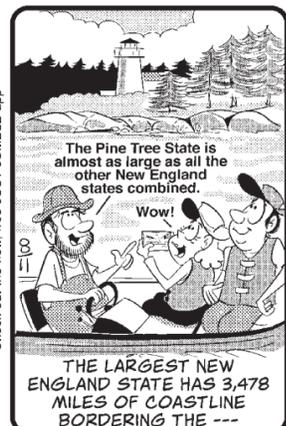


JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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 Answer: Prices at the auction were going up and up. This would go on until the — "BIDDER" END

MLB ROUNDUP

Chapman, Yankees hold off Rangers 5-3

NEW YORK — Rain pouring off his hat, Aroldis Chapman struck out Jurickson Profar with the bases loaded in a steady storm to end the game, preserving the New York Yankees' 5-3 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday.

Rookie Miguel Andujar hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the seventh inning and Yankees newcomer Lance Lynn turned in another strong start. New York has won five of six.

RED SOX 5
ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE — David Price struck out 10 over six sparkling innings, Jackie Bradley Jr. hit two solo homers and the Boston Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-0 Saturday in the opener of a split doubleheader.

Eduardo Nunez also went deep for Boston and Xander Bogaerts had three hits and scored twice.

The Red Sox have won eight of their last nine games and 12 of 14 to improve their major league-best record to 83-35.

NATIONALS 9
CUBS 4

CHICAGO — Ryan Zimmerman hit two home runs off a shaky Jon Lester and tied a career high with six RBIs, sending the Washington Nationals over the Chicago Cubs 9-4 on Saturday.

RAYS 3
BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO — Willy

Adames had two hits and drove in the decisive run, and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-1 on Saturday, their seventh win in eight meetings with Toronto this season.

Aledmys Diaz homered for the Blue Jays, who have lost five of six.

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

SHS FROM PAGE B1

The Gamecocks and MHS didn't start playing until after 10, with SHS getting the ball first. On the first play, quarterback Ontra Harvin went deep to wide receiver Tylee Craft for a 47-yard gain to the Manning 19-yard line. Two plays later, Harvin completed a 7-yard touchdown pass to H back Paul Gotshall. Dyson Roberts added the extra point to make it 7-0 with 9:56 remaining in the opening quarter.

SHS threw the ball 13 times, while running it 21 times. Harvin completing 4 of 10 for the 131 yards and two touchdowns. The second one was a 65-yard catch-and-run by wide receiver Jalen Ragin. It came with 57 seconds remaining in the scrimmage after the Monarchs had scored to make it 14-7. Ragin caught a pass along the Sumter sideline around midfield, made a spin move to escape one tackler and got past another before jetting down the sideline.

"We need to do it more," Barnes replied when asked if he would be putting the ball in the air with the same regularity throughout the season. "It will depend on who we're playing and what matchups we have, but we've got a great group of wide receivers."

The Gamecocks also have an outstanding running back returning in Jonathan Henry, and he had a nice game as well. Henry rushed for 108 yards on 13 carries.

"We know what we've got in him," Barnes said of Henry. "He did a good job."

Tony Dinkins-McCall scored SHS' other touchdown on a 5-yard run with 11:09 left in the second quarter that made it 14-0.

MHS had just one first down through its first five possessions before going on an 8-play, 89-yard scoring drive on its sixth possession. Quarterback Jack Owens connected with wide receiver Corey Graham on two big plays. The first was a 34-yarder to get Manning out of the hole, and the second one was a 39-yarder for the score with 1:18 to go.

Monarch head coach Keith West thought the scrimmage was good for his team.

"Sumter is big and physical, and we were holding on for dear life," said West, who quarterbacked Sumter to the 1987 4A Division I state title. "But this made us better. I think everyone on our team will say that we're a bet-



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Antonio Roach (21) picks up a fumble during the Gamecocks' 21-7 victory over Manning on Friday in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

ter team now than we were when we came in.

"This was the best performance we've had in the preseason. One of our scrimmages we did alright, and the other we really didn't play that well."

Owens completed 8 of 14 passes for 109 yards and the TD.

"He did a good job tonight," West said Owens, his returning starter at quarterback. "He threw the ball well, and we started getting him better protection. We were kind of beat up on the (offensive) line, and we were without a couple of people. We had about seven or eight who didn't play for vari-

ous reasons."

Sumter and Manning both open their seasons on Friday. The Gamecocks will play host to Rock Hill, while the Monarchs will travel to Summerton to face Clarendon County rival Scott's Branch.

GATORS FROM PAGE B1

Running back Travius Epps gave an indication of things to come for the Gators, exploding off right end for 56 yards on the scrimmage's first play. Epps' run put the ball at the LC 5, with quarterback Malik Richardson taking it in from there on the next play. Frankie Gonzalez came on for the PAT kick, giving Lakewood a 7-0 lead with less than a minute off the 12-minute quarter clock.

The Stallions went 3-downs-and-out on their first possession, punting it away and giving the Gators the ball at their own 45. It took six plays, including three of at least 10 yards, for Lakewood to find the end zone again. Facing third-and 5 at the LC 35, Epps broke off a 16-yard first-down run to the 19. Epps took it the rest of the way on the next play, making it 13-0 at the 6:40 mark of the opening quarter.

LC managed three first downs on its next possession before a fumble that was scooped up by Lakewood's Klyliek Baxter and returned 46 yards to the Stallion 6. Penalties, two on Lakewood and one on LC, stretched the drive into six plays before Cody Windham connected with Juwan Perdue for a nice over-

the-shoulder catch on a 13-yard scoring play, with Gonzalez's PAT pushing the lead to 20-0 just before the end of the opening period.

The Stallions put up another first down on their next drive, then pinned the Gators at their 5 on the ensuing punt. Once again, explosive was the word for the Lakewood offense, beginning with a 50-yard Richardson run to the LC 45. Three plays later, Windham hooked up with Perdue for 47 yards and a score as Lakewood led 26-0.

"I loved our disbursement on offense," Cornelius said. "We had Malik and our other quarterback, Cody Windham, both throw touchdowns, we got many of our wide receivers involved, with Juwan Perdue catching two balls. Quentin Hodge was open multiple times, getting some of our sophomores (involved) as well. I just loved how we were able to get the ball around. Of course, Travius Epps at running back. I mean, that kid is just a monster! He's one that, if we stay healthy, he's fun to watch."

LC saved its best drive of the night for the end, beginning from its own 20. It took 12 plays, with Naquan Peoples



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lakewood's Travius Epps (6) looks for yardage during the Gators' 26-8 victory over Lee Central on Friday in the 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

racing the final 18 yards for the Stallions' score. Rasheed Hill added the 2-point conversion run to cap a drive that included an 11-yard Peoples run and a 13-yard Deondraye Moses run. Two Lakewood penalties totaling 20 yards kept the drive alive for LC as both whistles resulted in Stallion first downs.

"I think, for us, we wanted

to get out here and try to execute our offense and defense and hopefully show what we've done over the course of our fall camp," said LC head coach Justin Danner. "We had spots where we did some good things and we had spots where we did some bad things. What we constantly remind the kids is that it's a dress-up scrimmage. Don't get

caught up in whether you play really well or don't get lost if you don't play as well. What we've got to remember is that our first game is next week, and all things are still working towards that. So we still have everything that we want to work at ahead. We'll use tonight as just another opportunity to get better and go to work."



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood wide receiver Joshua Simon (6) heads up the field after making a catch during the Knights' 28-27 loss to C.E. Murray on Friday in the 37th Annual Sumter County Football Jamboree.

KNIGHTS FROM PAGE B1

Knights' lead to 21-12.

The Eagles came right back with a 21-yard touchdown pass from McKnight to running back Carlton Robinson Jr. The Eagles then converted a 2-point conversion, a run from McKnight, to close the gap to 21-20.

The Eagles later added another touchdown, a 29-yard pass from McKnight to Henry Benbow. A successful 2-point conversion made the score 28-21.

The Knights answered with a 10-yard touchdown from Bradley to wide receiver Montrell White. The Knights converted a 2-point conversion with a pass from

Bradley to Singleton, but it wasn't allowed due to a holding penalty. The Knights tried for two again, but this time Bradley's throw was dropped by Singleton, leaving the Knights trailing 28-27.

An unsuccessful inside kick attempt by the Knights sealed the Eagles' victory.

"We had a lot of mental errors," Nelson said.

However, there were some positive aspects of the game that the Knights can build on moving forward.

"White had a good game and Damontae Furman did a good job running the ball," Nelson said.

P-15'S FROM PAGE B1

throwing error by shortstop JD Tease before being forced out on a fielder's choice by Ryan Moore. Ryan Williamson singled off of Tallahassee starting pitcher Hunter Greene before Daulton Dabbs reached on an infield single Both Moore and Williamson scored when Tease threw the ball away on Dabbs' hit.

Greene then hit Bobby Crisp and Jackson Hoshour to load the bases. Greene got out of the jam without further damage by getting Andrew Twitty to ground out.

Right-hander Charlton Commander started on the mound for Sumter and had a scoreless first inning. He wasn't as lucky in the second.

Sammy Loveday drew a leadoff walk and Peyton Bennett followed with a base hit. Commander struck out Zack Treadway before Brady Blackburn singled to score Loveday and send Bennett to third.

It looked as if the P-15's would get out of it with just one run scoring when Caleb Carter hit a grounder to Moore at shortstop. Blackburn was forced at second, but the P-15's couldn't turn the double play and Bennett scored to tie the game at 2-2.

Joe Ruth followed with a single to send Carter to third. Ruth then took off for second, beat the throw and Carter came home from third to make it 3-2.



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter's Lathan Todd walks off the field during a rained out game in the American Legion state playoffs. The P-15's saw their season come to an end with a 10-2 loss to Tallahassee, Florida, in the American Legion Southeast Regional in Asheboro, N.C. on Friday.

"We didn't turn a double play, and we didn't make some other plays when we had a chance," said Sumter head coach Curtis Johnson. "You can't do those kind of things and expect to beat a good team like that."

After the rocky first, Greene allowed only three hits the rest of the way. He went the distance, allowing five hits while striking out four and walking one.

The P-15's did get runners on the

corner in the third, but Greene got out of it with a double play.

Lefty Josh Bryant came on in the third for Sumter, and Post 13 touched him for two runs to make it 5-2. Tallahassee broke the game open in the fourth, scoring four runs to go up 9-2. Post 13 finished with 13 hits.

Despite seeing the season come to an end, Johnson had much praise for his players.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL

Wednesday-Sunday at McCrary Park in Asheboro, North Carolina
Wednesday
Game 1 — Lyon County, Kentucky, 11, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 1
Game 2 — Troy, Alabama, 7, Sumter 4
Game 3 — Tallahassee, Florida, 2, Wilmington, North Carolina, 1
Game 4 — Chapin/Newberry vs. Randolph County, North Carolina, ppd. rain
Thursday
Game 4 — Randolph County, North Carolina, 8, Chapin/Newberry 2
Game 5 — Parkersburg, West Virginia, 3, Wilmington, North Carolina, 2, Wilmington eliminated
Game 6 — Sumter 5, Chapin/Newberry 0, Chapin/Newberry eliminated
Game 7 — Lyon County, Kentucky, 5, Tallahassee, Florida, 3
Game 8 — Randolph County, North Carolina, 6, Troy, Alabama, 5
Friday
Game 9 — Tallahassee, Florida, 10, Sumter 2, Sumter eliminated
Game 10 — Troy, Alabama, 6, Parkersburg, West Virginia, 2, Parkersburg eliminated
Game 11 — Randolph County, North Carolina, 8, Lyon County, Kentucky, 3
Saturday
Game 12 — Troy, Alabama, 7, Lyon County, Kentucky, 0, Lyon County eliminated
Game 13 — Randolph County, North Carolina (27-17) vs. Tallahassee, Florida (18-10-2) (late)
Today
Game 14 — Troy, Alabama (33-7) vs. Winner Game 13, 1:30 p.m.**
Game 15 — If Necessary
****If three teams remain after Game 13, the winner of Game 11 automatically draws the bye for Game 14**

"I'm proud of these guys," Johnson said. "They worked hard, and they did that every day from May 1 to August 10. They competed, they battled and they did a lot of good things."

"And it was a good thing we were the last South Carolina team here."

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Johnson was listed at 6-foot-4-inches and 270 pounds. He was projected as a

defensive end or outside linebacker, but Johnson had been moved to defensive tackle and was trying to work his way into the rotation for this season, which begins on Sept. 1 against Coast-

al Carolina.

Johnson was a big play performer in his final two seasons with Lakewood. As a senior, he had 91 tackles, 43 of them solo and 23 for a loss. He had six

quarterback sacks and also blocked six kicks.

Johnson finished with 87 tackles, 21 for a loss, as a junior. He had seven sacks and three forced fumbles.

OBITUARIES

GLORIA H. BRAUER

Gloria Carol Hutchinson Brauer, age 74, beloved wife of the late Larry Brauer, died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Brookdale of Sumter.



BRAUER

Born in Florence, she was a daughter of the late Harold De Royal Hutchinson and Bernice Corinne Langston Hutchinson.

Carol was an avid bowler for many years. She enjoyed politics and was a lifelong Republican. She loved giraffes and her family, especially her grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are two daughters, Ronda Wright and her husband, Joseph, of Alvaton, Kentucky, and Leby Brown of Sumter; one stepdaughter, Angela Brauer of Buffalo, New York; one brother, Terrell Hutchinson and his wife, Mary, of Tampa, Florida; and four grandchildren, Tyler Wright, Joshua Wright, Dean Fisher and Nathan Brown.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, David Hutchinson.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. today at Brookdale Assisted Living with the Rev. Tommy McDonald officiating.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



CORY N. SERVANCE

MANNING — Cory N. Servance, 44, died ON Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, a son of Joyce Ann Servance Briggs and the late Randolph Servance.



SERVANCE

Funeral services for Mr. Servance will be held 2:30 p.m. today at Manning Jr. High School in Manning.

The Rev. George P. Windley Sr. will officiate; the Rev. Darrell A. James will preside; and the Rev. Henry McCray, the Rev. Emma Mellerson and the Rev. Al Smiling will assisting. Burial will follow in the Manning Cemetery in Manning.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his mother and stepfather, 235 Dyson St. in Manning. These services have been

entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

ELIZABETH G. OXENDINE

Elizabeth Green Oxendine, 84, widow of Harold T. Oxendine, departed this life on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on June 29, 1934, in Sumter County, a daughter of the late Marion Green Sr. and Precida Scott Green Washington.

The family will receive friends at the home, 730 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

LOUISE D. KENNEDY

Louise DuRant Kennedy, 91, widow of Robert Henry Kennedy, departed this life on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

She was born on Aug. 5, 1927, in Lee County, a daughter of the late Eddie DuRant Sr. and Christina Anderson DuRant.

The family will receive friends at the home, 351 N. Darlington Highway (Elliott), Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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

ELEANORA L. WILLIAMS

Eleanora Ladson Williams, 68, wife of Charles Frank Williams, departed this life on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

She was born on Nov. 19, 1949, in Sumter, a daughter of the late Alex Ladson Sr. and Beulah Mae Bradley Ladson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1101 Pulpit St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

EVA MAE HOLLIDAY

MANNING — Eva Mae Holliday, 64, wife of Willie Holliday, died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on March 9, 1954, a daughter of Ruthleen Brown White and the late Stephen White Sr.

Funeral services for Mrs. Holliday will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday at Deliverance Outreach Ministries, 9223 Paxville Highway S.C. 261, Manning, with Bishop Allen Conyers, pastor, officiating.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 623 Skyes St., Manning.

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

CORA T. SMITH

PINEWOOD — Cora Isa-

belle Taylor Smith, 97, widow of William Smith, died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at her residence, 12323 Church Road, Pinewood.

She was born on Feb. 26, 1921, in North Plainville, New Jersey, a daughter of Virginia Scruggs Taylor.

Funeral services for Mrs. Smith will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, S.C. 261, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at her residence.

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

Final arrangements have been entrusted to Judkins Colonial Funeral Home, 428 W. 4th St., Plainfield, NJ 07060, (800) 253-4429.

SYLVESTER E. JONES

MAYESVILLE — Elder Sylvester Edward "Buck" Jones, 77, husband of Ada Lyn Miller Jones, died on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, at his residence, 5345 Shari Lane, Mayesville.

He was born on May 6, 1941, in Bowman, a son of the late Jeremiah Jones Sr. and Edna Flowers Jones Buckley.

Funeral services for Mr. Jones will be held on Tuesday at Goodwill Presbyterian Church (USA), 295 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, with the Rev. Richard F. Dozier, pastor, officiating.

The family is receiving friends at the residence.

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

ELEASE DANIELS

Elease Daniels, 95, died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at Brian Center, Columbia.

Born on Dec. 24, 1922, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of John and Lillian Witherspoon Stepany.

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

MINNIE MAYRANT

Minnie Mayrant, 87, widow of Allen Mayrant, died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland Hospital in Columbia.

Born on March 15, 1931, in Sumter County, she was the daughter of Cleveland and Helen Young Miller.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 6110 Catawba Lane in Rembert.

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

CELESTINE D. BROOKS

Celestine Deloris Croom Brooks, 60, slipped away peacefully into eternal rest on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at her residence.

Born on April 7, 1958, in

Sumter, she was the daughter of the late Edward and Rove-na Mack Croom.

She attended the public schools of Sumter County. She joined Wayman Chapel A. M. E. Church at an early age and was a member of Class #19.

Celestine's memories will be cherished by her two sons, Brent L. (Pamela Kellogg) Brooks, Brian L. (Denitra) Brooks of Sumter; two daughters, Shikina T. Brooks of Wedgefield and Tammie T. Brooks of Sumter; two sisters, Emmaline C. Alston of Sumter and Deborah Perkins of Bellevue, Nebraska; two brothers, Franklin (Vanessa) Croom and Edward (Inetha) Mack of Wedgefield; a special son, Derrick (Rose) Rhame of Sumter; a special sister, Hattie Doughty of Sumter; a special grandchild, Quentin Brooks, whom she raised as her own; 11 other grandchildren; one aunt, Geneva Montgomery of Union, New Jersey; 11 nieces; four nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4910 Cain Savannah Road in Wedgefield. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Wayman Chapel A. M. E. Church, 160 N. Kings Highway in Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Broughton Jr. as pastor and eulogist. The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. The funeral procession will leave the home at 10:20 a.m. Services are directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter. Online messages may be sent to the family at www.williamsfuneralhome.com. Visit us on the Web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4910 Cain Savannah Road in Wedgefield.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Wayman Chapel A. M. E. Church, 160 N. Kings Highway in Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Broughton Jr. as pastor and eulogist.

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

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LINDA S. SMITH

Linda Sue Franks Smith, 73, died on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center of the Pee Dee in Florence.

Born on June 14, 1945, in Waynesboro, Tennessee, she was a daughter of the late J.C. Franks and the late Alta Mae Brown Moore.

Ms. Smith retired from MSA Hospice where she worked as a social worker.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Sue Vermeer (Brad) of Texas, Laura Gumban (Ernie) of California, and Amy Myers (Greg) of Sumter; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Elizabeth "Liz" Prescott (Jimmy) of Sumter; two brothers, Troy Moore (Janice) of Sumter, and John Moore (Linda) of Mayesville; and a number of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Tommy Franks.

A memorial service will be

held at 2 p.m. today in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Eddie Fleming officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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

MARY B. MCCOY

Mary Belle Rogers McCoy, 87, wife of the late Lewis E. McCoy, died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at NHC in Sumter.

Services will be announced by Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St. in Sumter, (803) 775-9386.



Elmore Hill McCreight FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY

JOHN J. ROGERS

John Jerry Rogers, age 82, beloved husband of Fuji Fujioka Rogers passed away on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, at National Healthcare of Sumter.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



DOROTHY M. GRAHAM

LYNCHBURG — Dorothy Mae Nelson Graham, 75, wife of Joe Nathan Graham Sr., died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

She was born on Dec. 24, 1942, in Washington, D.C., a daughter of the late John Nelson and Thelma Rush White.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Minnie Ann White, 2690 Old St. John Church Road in Lynchburg.

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

ALMETTA D. MOORE

PINEWOOD — Almetta Dow Moore, 74, died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

She was born on July 19, 1943, in Pinewood, a daughter of the late Joseph and Inez Dow.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 7190 Panola Road in Pinewood.

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

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ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

FACEBOOK

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The music streaming service has been named Samsung Electronics' new music service provider and will be integrated into Samsung's Bixby speakers.



TESLA

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Take back the wheel

Don't let car payments get out of control

Sean Pyles
NerdWallet

Maybe you lost your job, bought too much car or got into a loan you just can't afford anymore.

No matter why your car payments have become unaffordable, it's important to know what to do. Moving fast can help you avoid missing payments or having your car repossessed.

Here's what you can do to retake control of your car payment.

1. Talk to your lender

If you're on the verge of missing a payment, contact your lender right away. They may be willing to cut you some slack, said Jeff Huang, sales supervisor at Westlake Financial Services, a national auto financing company based in Los Angeles.

"Communication is really critical. Talk to your lender, and they'll likely want to work with you, especially if you're a loyal customer," Huang said. "They don't want to take the car back."

Explaining what's preventing you from making payments might make your lender more sympathetic, Huang said. The lender may allow "forbearance," a period of time in which you can skip or make reduced payments.

2. Check your numbers

Other possible solutions depend on your situation, so pull a few numbers:

■ **Your car's value:** You can find out

how much your car is worth with an online pricing guide.

■ **How much you owe:** Your lender can tell you your payoff amount.

■ **Your interest rate and loan term:** Check your loan statement, or ask your lender for the interest rate and how many months you have left to repay. If you owe less than the value of your car, you have positive equity, and you'll have more options, like downsizing or refinancing.

3. Make your plan

Work to find a long-term solution, and be realistic about how much you can afford.

If you have positive equity, you can:

■ **Refinance:** Shop for the lowest interest rate by contacting credit unions, banks or online lenders. Use an auto refinance calculator to see how much you could save.

■ **Downsize:** You could trade in your car or sell it to a dealer to get out from under high car payments. Use the equity in your current car as a down payment on a more affordable vehicle.

If you have negative equity, you can:

■ **Catch up and downsize:** Use cash or take out a loan to pay the difference between the car's value and what you owe. You can then sell your car or trade it in for a more affordable ride.

■ **Find savings elsewhere:** Consider shopping for cheaper auto insurance. This won't lower your car payment, but you could apply the savings toward your loan.

Working at home isn't for everyone

Here are 5 signs it might not be best idea for you

Maurie Backman
The Motley Fool

Working from home certainly comes with benefits. Not only does it allow you to avoid what might be a terrible commute, but it also saves money on travel costs and other expenses associated with working in an office. Still, working from home isn't for everyone. Here are a few signs it might not be a good arrangement for you.

■ **You crave company:** Some people don't mind locking themselves in a room and plugging away. But if you're big on social interaction, working from home might prove unpleasantly isolating. Sure, there are instant messaging tools, email and videoconferencing. But those can't take the place of an office environment in which you're constantly surrounded by people.

■ **You get distracted easily:** In any workplace, you're apt to face distractions, whether it's a chatty co-worker or your perpetually dinging smartphone. But when you work from home, you're likely to give in to distractions



Sure, he seems to be having a good time, but you might not. GETTY IMAGES

more easily, since you won't have a boss hovering about to call you out on slacking off. If you tend to get distracted, working from home might tempt you to blow off your responsibilities in favor of other household tasks. And that could not only hurt your productivity but also compromise your job.

■ **You're not motivated:** Even if you don't love your job, when you work in an office, seeing everyone else making an effort can prompt you to do the same. But if you couldn't care less about your job and are doing it just for the paycheck, working from home could put you in a position where you try even less and risk getting fired.

■ **You're a workaholic:** Many folks struggle with work-life balance, but if you tend to have a hard time pulling yourself away from the computer, working from home might only make things worse. Once you come to associate being home with working, you're likely to start putting in even more time, and it could end up hurting your mental and physical health.

■ **You don't have a dedicated work space:** If you don't have a reasonable amount of space in your home to use solely for work, you might get frustrated. Imagine sticking your laptop on the corner of your dining room table and typing away while piles of mail and packages surround you. That's hardly conducive to success.

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▼0.6% week ▲2.5% month ▲1.9% 3 months	S&P 500 ▼0.2% week ▲2.1% month ▲3.9% 3 months
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Nasdaq composite index ▲0.3% week ▲1.6% month ▲5.9% 3 months
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Wilshire 5000 unch. week ▲2.0% month ▲4.3% 3 months
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Gold Ounce, Comex ▼0.3% week ▼2.7% month ▼8.3% 3 months

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Is peer pressure making you overspend?

If family vacations are critical, save responsibly



Pete the Planner
Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

The first time I remember peer pressure affecting my life, I capitulated and began wearing a small bottle filled with bubble solution as a token on a necklace. The late eighties weren't a great time to be a middle school boy. From that moment on, peer pressure (and my wavering resistance of it) has been a ubiquitous part of my life.

Peer pressure has affected my relationships, my health, my faith and my finances. And to this day, peer pressure still strikes me as one of the most powerful secret assassins of financial stability and behavior.

You already know the obvious application of peer pressure: keeping up with the Joneses. But let's set that aside and instead consider a sneakier version of peer pressure: family vacations.

"My entire extended family goes on vacation together every year," a good buddy told me recently. Thinking about that situation, I'm curious how many people involved in it are making significant financial decisions based on attending it. How many feel there's only one option: to go on the group vacation?

From what I know about American families, it's a good bet that there is at least one family within the larger extended family that cannot afford to participate in this group vacation. Yet they go anyway.

You might think the financially stressed family comes from the younger members. But, from what I've seen, it's more often the matriarch and patriarch of the family who are doing damage to their financial stability by footing the bill for offspring who couldn't otherwise afford to attend.

When objectively poor decisions are masked with "this is a tradition," your traditions need to change. Are they fun? Sure. Will they eventually come back to bite you? Yes, they will.



Standing annual appointments for family vacations can be life-affirming but financially draining. GETTY IMAGES

My proposed solution isn't to tell your family to send you a postcard or to end your tradition because some angry newspaper columnist said so. I want you to do what you've always done, but let the peer pressure influence you to take the leap *responsibly*.

Our budgets (or spending habits) have a way of robbing us from affording the moments we truly value. If you love your family vacation more than you love random meals out and other impulse purchases, pre-fund your vacation throughout the year. This will let you avoid the regret of realizing you valued casual dining more than your annual family pilgrimage.

Peer pressure can be used for good. Think about the pressure you feel to make poor financial decisions out of a sense of obligation or emotional manipulation, then use that pressure to motivate you to clear out the less valuable expenditures in your life. Periodically re-evaluate your spending, and I'm guessing you'll find you are paying for things you no longer value but never took the time to remove from your life.

We're not a culture that naturally rebalances spending to fit new priorities. In fact, we tend to *add* the spending on new priorities to our current spending. This practice reduces savings and creates debt. And when emotions and fam-

ily ties get involved, we can be further blinded from financial reality and unwilling to make tough, pragmatic choices.

Stop letting peer pressure influence you to ignore financial realities. Instead, harness it to help you reprioritize spending and wholly enjoy that family vacation experience.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Hang on, Apple: Phone payments still need work

Retailers, customers slow to embrace safer tech

Rob Pegoraro
Special to USA TODAY

Apple Pay and compatible smartphone payment systems are finally conquering CVS and 7-Eleven, but the rest of retail remains a tougher sell. So do customer habits.

The news revealed during Apple's third-quarter earnings announcement will end one of tech's sillier holdouts. The drugstore and convenience chains, along with a few other big retailers, had backed a doomed mobile-payment scheme, CurrentC, that required scanning barcodes on phone screens.

Apple Pay, Google Pay and similar apps on the Apple Watch and competing smartwatches use NFC, short for "near field communication." (Samsung Pay also employs NFC but adds a separate system to emulate a credit card's magnetic stripe.) This wireless technology works at least as fast as swiping a card and does so far more securely.

But most phone users ignore it, even after all the buzz over Apple Pay since its 2014 launch.

"Twenty-nine percent of iPhone users reported using Apple Pay 'recently' (i.e., within three months) at the point of sale," said James Wester, research director for global payments at the market-intelligence firm IDC. "But 19 percent reported their last use of NFC was more than three months ago, and 52 percent said they have never used it."

IDC research showed even worse adoption for Google Pay, the latest name for Google's phone-payment system.

He said continued weak retail support – Target and Walmart still don't accept NFC – stops people from making phone payment a daily habit.

But if you can pay with your phone, you should. NFC payments – even if a place only mentions Apple Pay, any NFC app should work – protect your credit-card account by "tokenizing" it into a



Many customers ignore Apple's NFC technology. SHUTTERSTOCK.COM

virtual card for each transaction.

"I am unaware of any tokenized transaction that has been compromised," said Jason Blackhurst, a senior vice president for innovation and strategic partnerships at Visa. The only cases of NFC fraud he recalled had thieves using stolen account information to add somebody else's cards to their phones.

(The common scenario of a stolen credit card, incidentally, isn't covered by "EMV" chip-card security.)

Blackhurst noted that this tokenization and encryption adds small overhead costs that phone-payment users don't pay. "We think it's worth it, and we're just eating that cost," he said.

Beyond slow retailer adoption – Blackhurst said some chains worry that accepting NFC payments will let third parties snoop on their customers, even though Visa's contracts prohibit that – phone payments also suffer from thin international support.

The biggest boost to smartphone payments is coming down the track – literally. Transit systems have slowly begun to support them, freeing occasional riders from having to buy yet another proprietary transit smart card or install yet another app to avoid higher cash-only fares.

TAKE CONTROL

38% of American workers are not feeling financially well

Maurie Backman
The Motley Fool

What does it mean to be financially well?

For some, it's having a certain amount of money in the bank. For others, it's knowing they can cover their bills without worry. But while it's difficult to pinpoint what it takes to be in a good place financially, in many ways, it's easier to know when you're not there. And according to the 2018 Bank of America Merrill Lynch Workplace Benefits Report, 38 percent of workers don't consider themselves financially well. In the context of this study, that means these workers are struggling to manage their current finances while preparing for the future and feel they don't have the capacity to meet their near- and long-term financial goals.

If you're not content with your financial picture, it's time to change it rather than sit back and accept it. Here are a few things you can do to improve your outlook.

1. Follow a budget

It's hard to feel like you're in your control of your finances when you have no idea where your money is going. So if you're not following a budget already, carve out an hour of time this weekend and create one. If you find that you're maxing out your paychecks – or, worse, spending more than what your paychecks allow for – you'll need to cut corners. Immediately.

2. Build an emergency fund

To feel secure in your ability to manage your near-term expenses, you'll need a safety net for when unexpected bills pop up. And that's where your emergency fund comes in. That fund should, ideally, contain enough money to cover three to six months' worth of living expenses, and its purpose is to provide access to cash when unanticipated expenses arise that your paychecks can't handle. Having a healthy

chunk of money in the bank will help ensure that you're not forced to resort to debt the minute an unplanned bill lands in your lap.

3. Establish good savings habits

Many workers worry that they won't manage to save enough to enjoy a comfortable retirement. But if you get into the habit of consistently funding an IRA or 401(k), you'll be in a pretty good position to enjoy your golden years. As a general rule, you should aim to set aside 15 percent or more of each paycheck for the future, but if you can't manage that at present, start slowly and work your way up. Even if you never reach that 15 percent threshold, saving some amount of money every month will go a long way.



If thinking about finances is stressful, tackling them head-on and creating a budget may be the answer. GETTY IMAGES

4. Keep your debt in check

Carrying debt isn't only bad for your finances; it's bad for your mind. For countless Americans, the idea of being saddled with debt is enough to make them feel like failures. Having too much debt can also derail your long-term savings efforts, as those monthly payments could monopolize your income to the point where funding a retirement plan is virtually impossible. The solution? Work on getting out of debt as quickly as you can, and stay away from further debt, especially the credit-card variety, which is the worst type to have.

Q&A: BRIAN PORTNOY

How money figures in a joyful life

“Our true benchmark is not the market but our own life goals.”

Brian Portnoy

Accumulating money without a clear sense of purpose or mission is a hollow experience, author Brian Portnoy says. GETTY IMAGES

In his newest book, “The Geometry of Wealth,” Brian Portnoy tackles the challenge of not only making better investment decisions but also how money figures into a joyful life. Portnoy, the director of investment education at Virtus Investment Partners, spoke with USA TODAY about his book.



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Question: In “Geometry of Wealth,” you suggest the plan for anyone who wants to grow and remain wealthy should follow three steps. What are those steps, and what’s involved in those steps?

Brian Portnoy: The path toward true wealth moves from defining a purpose to setting priorities to making decisions. With defining a purpose, we need to discover and articulate what brings us deeper contentment. That could be a connection with others, control of our own destiny or a passion for a meaningful vocation. We set money priorities to underwrite our purpose, starting with managing risk but extending to maintaining a healthy family balance sheet. Here, savvy financial planning matters. Specific investment decisions are the

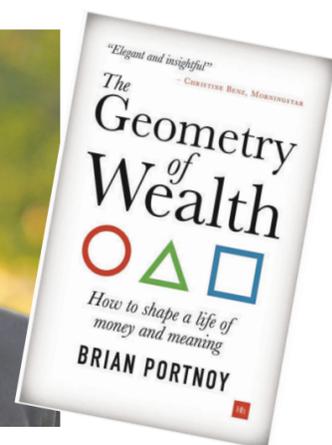
last step, where simplicity should be emphasized.

Q: In your book, you make a distinction between rich and wealthy. What is the distinction?

Portnoy: Rich is having more money or the material things that money buys. Psychological research convincingly demonstrates this quest for more produces at best short-lived pleasure. We quickly become accustomed to things we believed would bring us joy. Wealth, on the other hand, is the ability to underwrite a meaningful life, however one chooses to define that. True wealth means directing our money lives – not just investing, but also earning, saving and spending – to support our aspirations.

Q: In your book, you say retirement is about achieving “funded contentment.” What is that?

Portnoy: This is shorthand for true



Brian Portnoy is also the author of “The Investor’s Paradox: The Power of Simplicity in a World of Overwhelming Choice.”

wealth. It is insufficient to just think through the “big picture.” That’s very important, but without a plan to fund it, we’ll fall short. Likewise, accumulating money without a clear sense of purpose or mission is a hollow experience. Clear minds and dirty hands must work together.

Q: What advice might you have for retirees and those on retirement’s doorstep who have yet to achieve funded contentment?

Portnoy: We have more control over our money lives than we might think. Our true benchmark is not the market

but our own life goals. And funded contentment is not a “number” – it’s a constructive state of mind combined with a thoughtful plan of action. True wealth is achievable for many, but only in the context of a life in which purpose and practice are thoughtfully calibrated.

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5 times to stash your cash and pay with plastic

Credit cards will protect you in some situations

Bev O’Shea
NerdWallet

Choosing the best way to pay for something – credit or cash – can make a real dollar difference for you. So knowing when to do which is key.

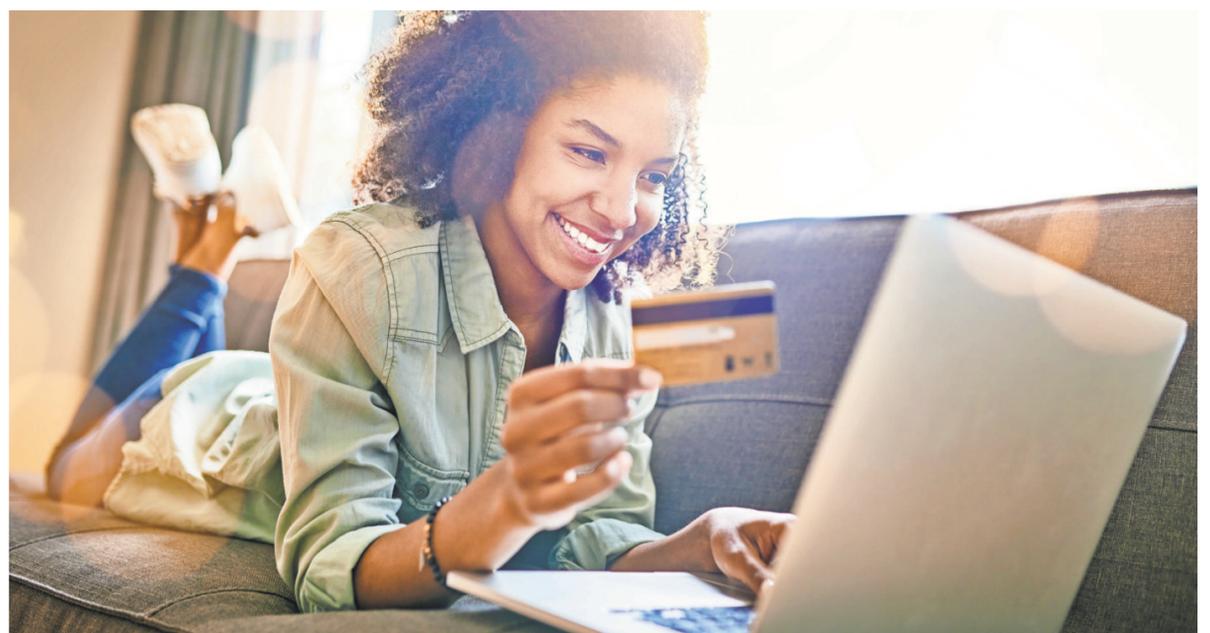
Personal finance experts say it’s especially smart to avoid using cash for these five types of purchases:

■ **Digital services:** This includes e-books, games on Facebook, ring tones – anything delivered digitally. If you pay with cash, or more likely with a debit card, the money is gone from your account immediately. Credit cards offer protections if you didn’t get what you paid for.

■ **Electronics and other products with warranties:** Using a credit card often extends the warranty by up to a year.

■ **Products and services that have not yet been received:** If the flowers aren’t delivered, the furniture is damaged or the movers didn’t do everything the contract said, you’re not immediately out of the money if you used a credit card.

■ **Travel:** You may need a card to reserve your hotel room, and if you use a debit card, there can be a “hold” on your card for at least the expected total. If you use a debit card for gasoline, the hold it puts on your money may be for more money than you actually used. In contrast, putting air travel on an airline credit card can often give you perks like free baggage. And many credit cards offer free car rental insurance and trip interruption insurance.



One reason **not** to use a credit card is if you don’t pay your balance in full. GETTY IMAGES

■ **Event tickets:** Counterfeits abound. And if you paid cash for tickets that won’t get you in the gate, it’s gone.

Dan Andrews, a certified financial planner in Fort Collins, Colorado, warns that cash and, more recently, prepaid cards are the preferred currency of scam artists. And once you hand over cash or funds from a prepaid card to a scammer, that money is likely lost forever.

Another advantage of using plastic: Your credit card company will help you if you don’t get what you paid for, said Morris Armstrong of Armstrong Financial Strategies in Cheshire, Connecticut. “The beauty of credit is you always

have recourse,” he said.

If you pay with cash, your best shot at recovering your money when there’s a disagreement is in small claims court, Armstrong said.

Armstrong and Andrews said that keeping your tax-deductible expenses on a credit card can be a big help at tax time, too.

Of course, cash is often the only option when you’re buying something from a garage sale or on Craigslist. So the price of a vacuum cleaner found at a moving sale may well be worth the risk of paying cash.

Cash also can be an easy way to stick

to a budget, if you give yourself a set allowance each week. But if you pay off your credit bills each month, using a credit card could help you earn rewards and protect your purchases.

Usually, the choice is fairly straightforward, said Megan McCoy, a financial therapist. “Use a credit card if you can pay off your balance. Don’t do it if you can’t.”

The potential rewards for using a card won’t outweigh what you’ll pay in interest if you carry a balance. And if you normally carry a balance, McCoy said, you might want to look at building a more realistic budget.

the Sumter ITEM REFLECTIONS



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY KARL LEONHIRTH

A member of Karl Leonhirth's photography class adjusts his camera.

Photographer Leonhirth captured local landmarks

"I have been one acquainted with the night."

ROBERT FROST

Reflections focuses on the talents of Karl Leonhirth, a self-taught photographic artist. Mr. Leonhirth, the son of German immigrants, was born in Sumter and attended city schools. Upon graduation he enrolled in Clevenger College, attaining a degree in accounting. He found employment in the offices of the McElveen Pontiac Auto dealership, working there for 15 years. He developed an interest in the history of Sumter while working for "Bubba" McElveen, one of Sumter's foremost historians. The photos and material used to prepare this article were provided by Mr. Leonhirth.

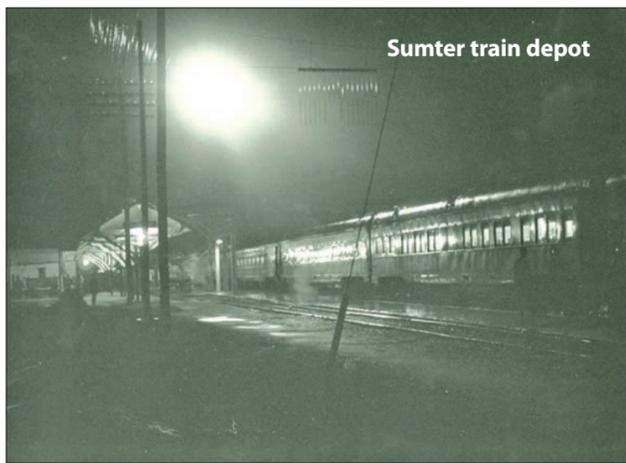
Karl Leonhirth's love of cinema led to him to accept a job with Carmike Theaters, where he served as a projectionist for 27 years. During his tenure at Carmike, he was elevated to the position of theater manager. His abiding interest in photography was because of the influence of Wayne Howell, a local minister, who taught him several of the nuances of this avocation which led to a life-long obsession with photographing various aspects of the Sumter community. He purchased a 35mm camera and began taking photos of numerous subjects, focusing on night photography. Mr. Leonhirth purchased film and assorted equipment leading to his learning how to develop his own photographs.



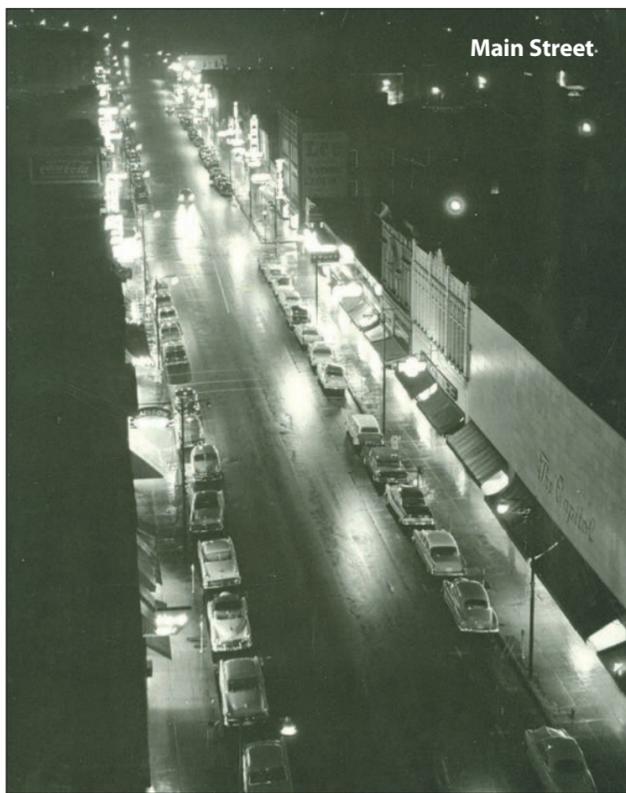
Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

Leonhirth developed a profound interest in night photography and became fascinated with the added activity and shadows of photos taken at night. He noticed that most photographers have a tendency to make their photographs too cluttered and often lost focus of the primary subject matter. Leonhirth pointed out that in the course of time he had developed an affinity for photos involving mist, clouds and natural scenes which often gave photographers an enhanced perspective of the subject.

Karl Leonhirth did not enter the field of photography for financial gain or as a new career but mainly "for personal enjoyment." He managed to preserve many images of Sumter's landmarks through the numerous photographs he took. His willingness to share his negatives with the general public has made this article possible and has added significantly to the preservation of Sumter's photographic history.



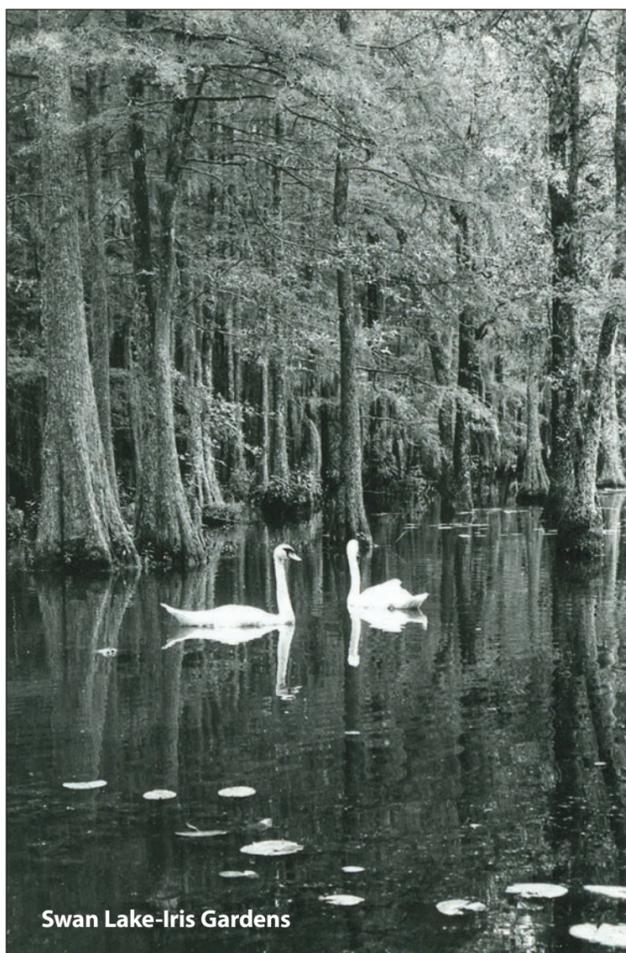
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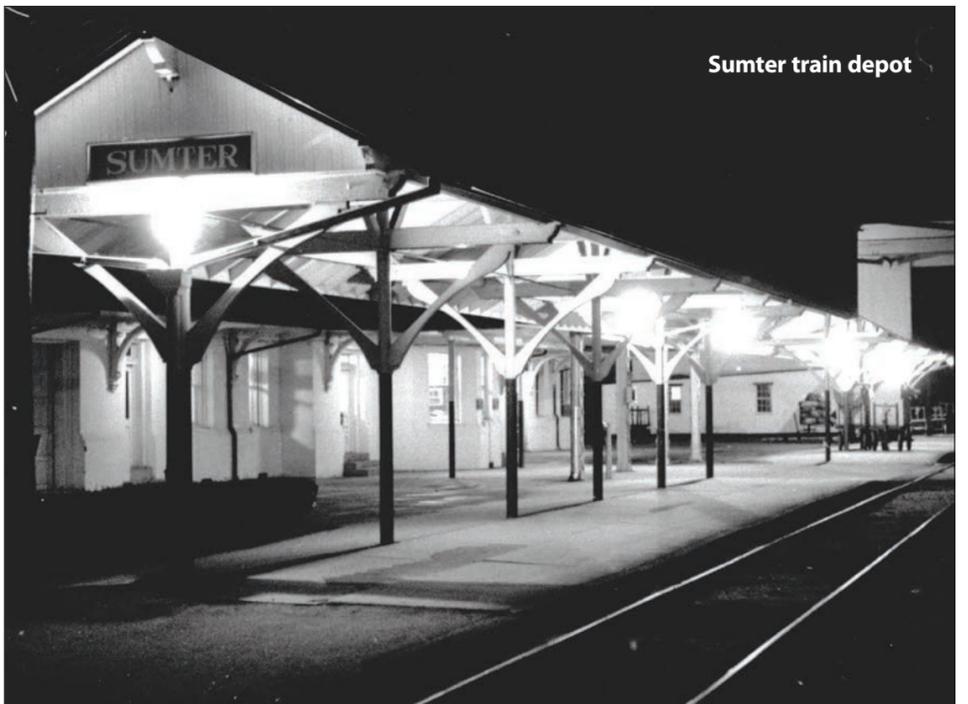
Main Street



Leonhirth enjoyed taking nighttime photos of his city.



Swan Lake-Iris Gardens



Sumter train depot



A sign for the Sumter County Fair is captured in darkness in one of Leonhirth's photos.

'Compact Farm' a success; Sumter Airport terminal dedicated

75 YEARS AGO — 1944

March 4 — March 10

• It will be Sumter against Charleston in the finals of the South Carolina state basketball tournament. The game will get underway in the Edmunds High School gym and will bring to a close the first state cage tourney to be played in Sumter. Earning the right to go into the finals, Charleston polished off Greenville's Red Raiders in the first game of the semi-finals 28 to 17, and Sumter turned back a ferocious bunch of Camden Bulldogs, 34 to 32.

• From crowned to crown in two weeks is the latest chapter in the fight story of Philadelphia's and Sumter County's Bob Montgomery. The new champion was born and raised in Sumter County, near Gable. He was knocked out in the first round by Al "Bummy" Davis on Feb. 18 but bounced back to win a split 15-round upset decision over favored (8½ to 5) Beau Jack and regained the New York version of the lightweight title. It was their third title bout. Montgomery won the title last May and lost it to Beau in November.

• In a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene King, parents of Cpl. Hubert King, 1st Lt. Dale E. Young, Cpl. King's commanding officer, praised the Sumter soldier for exceptionally good work. Excerpts from the letter read: "I have found Cpl. King to be conscientious, willing and interested in his work. It is a pleasure to have him in my platoon. Some time ago he was awarded the Good Conduct ribbon. This award is given only to those who in the opinion of the company and regimental commanders have demonstrated fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce the desired results and behavior deserving emulation."

• Jack Chandler was selected the best all-round player in the YMCA Midget Basketball League this year by YMCA officials. Jack led his Gremlin team to the league championship and played all-round good basketball. "Little" Bobby Elmore was chosen best sport for his good playing and ability to take a loss. The runner-up for the best player was "Speedy" Kirby Jackson, who was outstanding player on the Phantom team. Laddie Owens, captain of the Spitfires, came in second as the best sport. All these boys showed that they could really play basketball, by defeating all competitors in the Midget basketball tournament for the Carolinas Championship, at Kannapolis, North Carolina.

• After completing almost a year of intensive training in various schools of the Army Air Forces Training Command, another class of aerial navigators has graduated from the advanced navigation school at Ellington Field, Texas, with their distinctive silver wings and commission as second lieutenants. These officers now face a brief period of training and will then be ready for assignments in combat areas on the world battlefronts. Among the members of the graduating class was Lt. Henry F. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis of Sumter.

• Charleston won the first South Carolina High School Class A Invitational basketball tournament here by turning back a scrappy band of Sumter Gamecocks, 26 to 21. The contest brought the tourney to a successful close, and indications were that the tournament has a chance to become an annual affair. Visiting coaches and players were unanimous in praising local officials for the way they handled the affair, and many expressed their desire to return next year. Two Sumter players were named to the First Team All-Star team: Forwards Hollis, Co-



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1993 — Sumter Mayor Steve Creech speaks during the dedication of the new Sumter Airport terminal in the background. The terminal was dedicated to Billy Lynam.

lumbia and Baker, Charleston; center Hughes, Sumter; guards, Boyd, Greenville and Booth, Sumter.

• Seeding is now underway at the State Forest Nursery for a production of slightly less than seven million tree seedlings. These will be available for reforestation purposes in December 1944. Enough seeds are being planted to produce approximately three million loblolly, three million slash and a half million long-leaf pines. In addition, smaller amounts of black locust, red cedar and cork oak will be grown.

• At a regular meeting, county commissioners discussed expenditures in connection with the removal of the chain gang to its new plant on North Main Street, which will necessitate a special authorization for funds from the county delegation; plans for the treatment of chain gang prisoners having communicable diseases; the cancelling of war damage insurance on county property; and heard various reports from officials.

• With Sumter and Shaw Field playing host to the best of the 1944 all-soldier shows, a sell-out of the 1,500 seats in Edmunds High School auditorium was predicted by J. Cliff Brown, chairman of the ticket sales committee for the production "Four Star Revue," which gives a one-show performance here Saturday night under the auspices of the Sumter Red Cross War Fund Committee.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

Nov. 4 — 8

• Today's craze for compactness has produced some unusual things, but J. A. Revill's "Compact Farm" stands out as one of the most unique in the opinion of many who have seen it. Starting out as a backyard experiment in scientific agriculture, Revill's hobby has developed into a locally recognized source of fresh vegetables, fruits and plants of outstanding quality.

• One of the last of Sumter County's "old country stores" will soon be but a memory. With the closing of H.H. Sander's General Merchandise Store at Borden will also come the moving to other quarters of the post office which has been located in the store for 41 years. "I was appointed postmaster of Borden in 1923," Sanders said, "and have served continuously ever since." At the age of 70, Sanders is retiring from his postmastership and disposing of his store. The post office which occupies one corner in the front portion of his store served some 50 families in the area. Mail service to the office is by star route carrier on the Sumter-Camden run.

• With a satisfying 13-6 victory over the Allen University Yellow Jackets behind them, Morris College's Hornets are looking forward to their next game at Savannah State. Savannah is coached by former Morris head man Leo Richardson, who has had rough sledding with the Jack-ets so far this year. This is to

be Homecoming, so Richardson is especially hopeful of winning it.

• Near the dark and placid waters of Black River, some eight miles east of Manning in Clarendon County, stands one of South Carolina's oldest houses of worship. Brewington Presbyterian Church was organized in 1811 and started off with only five members — Jane Nelson, Mary Nelson, James Nelson, Isabella Nelson and Samuel Pendergrass. Situated in a thriving agricultural area, peopled largely by conservative and faithful Presbyterians, largely of Scotch or Scotch-Irish extraction, the church prospered and grew until the War Between the States.

• Curtis C. Kimbrell Jr. has been chosen president of the Sumter Merchants Association. He succeeds C.B. James. In the same election, conducted by the 1965 board of directors, Barnes Boyle was picked as vice president and Mrs. Ruth Sanders as treasurer. Kimbrell, his officers and the new board of directors will be installed at the annual dinner meeting of the association.

• The RF-4C is the new tactical jet that flies at supersonic speeds in all weather, day or night. It can handle day and night photos and radar reconnaissance. Congressman L. Mendal Rivers of South Carolina was accorded full honors as he attended the acceptance ceremonies of the new RF-4C to Shaw Air Force Base.

• Because of a stellar stable of athletes in *The Daily Item* circulation area, for the second straight week two players are "Co-Athletes of The Week." Both deserve the honor. Edward Neal of Hillcrest High School and Ricky Shivers of Edmunds High School get the coveted honor for last week's performances. Neal, a junior fullback, only hits the scales at 150 pounds but proved to be the difference for the Wildcats against Lamar. Shivers, a senior line-backer, can be excused from Edmunds losing 7-6. He did his job well enough for the Gamecocks to win.

• The grand opening and dedication of the new Base Exchange and Cafeteria will be held at noon Nov. 12 with many dignitaries taking part. Many opening day specials are planned, and visitors will have ample opportunity to take advantage of them as the retail store will remain open from noon until 8 p.m. The exchange is very modern and features the latest in equipment and decor. The displays in the retail store will be much larger, and the store will have wall-to-wall carpeting. The cafeteria will have the latest in food service equipment and an enlarged seating capacity.

• The Edmunds High School Jayvees recorded their 19th-straight triumph over a three-year period, stopping Columbia's Caps 14-7. At the half, the two teams were deadlocked at 7-7, but a dazzling run by half-back C.A. Wilson set up what

proved to be the winning tally.

• McLaurin Junior High's Bantams drenched their coaching staff in the showers last night. Why? The Bantams capped an undefeated season with a 26-0 thrashing of Moore Junior High School at the fairgrounds. The victory has to be called a combination of offense and defense. The Bantams held Moore to only 53 total yards — 22 of those rushing. On offense, they rolled up 398 yards — rushing and passing. Quarterback Robert Hawkins became age in the contest.

• The Sumter Optimist Club, which was chartered on Nov. 3, 1948, with William H. Moore Jr. as its first president, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its founding with a party tonight at Burnt Gin. Honored guests at the occasion will be five of the original charter members of the Sumter Optimist Club: Charles P. Osteen Jr., Alton O. Smith, Morris D. Mazur-sky, Robert B. Moise and Mike Karvelas.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

Aug. 6 — 12

• John Teer and Christine MacEwen, both of Sumter, spent a month working in John Spratt's Washington office, where they assisted Spratt and his staff with legislative issues and correspondence and attended committee hearings and seminars. Teer is a student at Furman University, and MacEwen attends Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Virginia.

• Leadoff batter Randy Goodroe raced around the bases for three runs, setting a state record in the process, and ace relief pitcher Eddie Mathis turned in another extraordinary performance as Sumter rallied for a 7-5 win over Irmo at Riley Park. The win, which was interrupted by a 91-minute rain delay, gives Sumter a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven American Legion state championship series.

• It took four tries, but Sumter shortstop Randy Goodroe finally stole his 43rd base of the season — a new state record. "I was worried there at first," Goodroe said after helping Sumter to a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven state championship series against Irmo. "But I finally got it." He did it in the bottom of the seventh inning with Sumter losing 5-4. Carl Baker, who reached first and second base on an error by Irmo third baseman, advanced to third on a groundout by Eddie Mathis. Goodroe singled in Baker for the tying run and gave himself another chance at the record.

• USC Sumter's Professor John Logue went to the West Coast recently to take a marine science course and experience firsthand much of what he had previously only read about in books. Sponsored by the National Science Foundation, the three-week short course was attended by 39 instructors from the United States, Canada and Mexico, all of whom teach at the undergraduate level. Partici-

pants were invited to take part in the course only after the directors of the annual NSF program were convinced of the applicants' merits, based on information provided to them in detailed application forms.

• Furman High School students will have the opportunity this fall to join the Air Force; an ROTC unit is being activated at the school. The unit is part of a nationwide expansion of Air Force, Army, Marine Corps and Navy Junior ROTC. Col. William A. "Ike" Jenkins and Chief Master Sgt. Michael A. Welch are the program's instructors. They will be full-time instructors at Furman. The unit will be among 107 Air Force programs opening at schools this fall.

• Sumter's P-15's had hoped to finish off a sweep of Irmo in the fourth game of the American Legion baseball state championship series, but the very large heart of Jim Jordan got in the way. Jordan, despite a painful right elbow, hurled a five-hit shutout to spark Post 174 to a 4-0 win, cutting Sumter's lead to 3-1 in the best-of-seven series.

• In a small, unobtrusive metal building on Bethel Church Road lies Sumter's only mattress manufacturing company. Dwain Gambrell opened Longevity Mattress Co. in Sumter almost a year ago after spending more than 15 years selling mattresses in South Carolina and North Carolina. "I've been selling mattresses since before I could even drive," he said. "Then, two or three years ago, I thought gosh, there aren't that many manufacturers." In September 1992, Gambrell began operations in the 3,000-square-foot warehouse that he leases.

• Three decisions could fundamentally change the way a Sumter County hazardous-waste landfill is operated and regulated, and potential consequences range from heavy fines to closing the landfill. Since 1977, when hazardous waste was first dumped into the landfill near Lake Marion and the town of Pinewood, the facility's various owners have withstood public hostility and broadsides from the government.

• Threes were wild at Riley Park. For the first time in three games, Sumter won the third inning against Irmo as the P-15's claimed a 5-2 win to clinch their third consecutive American Legion baseball state championship. After watching Irmo score five times in the third during a 7-5 Sumter win and four times in the third during a 4-0 Irmo win, the P-15's broke loose for four runs in the third inning of the contest, and that was plenty of cushion for pitchers Lee Hatfield and Eddie Mathis.

• Glenna Bagby Robertson was the featured artist at the art exhibit at CCTC library for August. Robertson was born and educated in Kentucky and moved to Sumter with her late husband, who was stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. She studied under a number of teachers and received many awards. Oil was her favorite medium. Her "Man's Best Friend" was accepted to travel in the NBSC-sponsored show. She has won second place in overall show at Fall Fiesta in recent years.

• Underscoring that one of its main designs is to be attractive to corporate executives, the new terminal at Sumter Airport has hanging on its walls a dozen color, aerial photographs of some of the largest industrial plants in Sumter County. "This is a very, very integral part of helping us recruit industry into the Sumter community," said Sumter County Council Chairman Joe Davis, who dedicated the modern, 3,650-square-foot terminal to Sumter aviation pioneer Billy Lynam.

A new critter on the landscape

I saw one on a deer drive in the Lowcountry a few years ago. I was surprised because they are nocturnal and seldom venture out in the daylight hours. I've seen them south of Lake Marion for a few years — as roadkill. Lately, I've seen some killed on local roads.

One scampered across Middleton Road in front of me, in broad daylight, just a week



Dan Geddings

ago. It had to go up a high clay bank, and I thought I could get out and take a picture, but I was surprised at its speed and agility. That little creature was up and

over the bank before I could get a photo, and it swiftly disappeared into the shady woods.

Some of you might say “aw shucks, I've seen 'em around for a while now,” and maybe you have, but they weren't very plentiful or widespread

— until now. If you've looked at the picture that accompanies this story you know by now that I'm talking about armadillos. They are relatively new to this part of the world.

My first encounter with armadillos was in Louisiana back in 1975. I had thought of them as western animals, from cowboy country, and I was surprised to see them in the piney woods of Fort Polk, where I went for basic and advanced infantry training.

At the time, I figured they had moved naturally from Texas into northwestern Louisiana, but it never occurred to me they would keep moving east, all the way to South Carolina.

After my time in the military, I pretty much forgot about armadillos. I worked for the highway department for a decade in Clarendon, Orangeburg, Calhoun and parts of Dorchester and Colleton counties. I never saw any roadkill armadillos. After the highway department, I worked for a private contrac-



Dan Geddings took this picture this past Tuesday of a roadkill armadillo on Pinewood Road just outside the city limits of Sumter.

tor for many years. I finally saw my first armadillo as a roadkill in the Lowcountry, on Interstate 95, 20 years after encountering them in the swamps of Louisiana.

Recently, a friend sent me an email suggesting that I should write an article about the problems with armadillos. Later, when I saw him at a local event, I told him that I would write that story, but I was waiting until I could get a good picture of one — dead or alive.

I realized that I didn't know much about the little animals, so I've done some online research. Armadillos originated

in South America, and the nine-banded species migrated into North America with a range that extends from Texas to South Carolina. They have also moved as far north as Missouri and southern Indiana.

They are in the same family as anteaters and sloths. The word armadillo means “little armored one” in Spanish. The leathery shell protects them from most natural predators. They have a furry underside and heavy front claws that are used for digging deep burrows and foraging for food. Burrows can extend to 15 feet deep and 25 feet long and can

damage root systems of trees and shrubs.

Armadillos are solitary animals and spend their time foraging alone for grubs, insects and small invertebrates. They dig small holes and root around in the forest leaf litter and porous soils for food.

They have an unusually low body temperature and are susceptible to the leprosy bacterium. Humans can acquire a leprosy infection by handling them or consuming armadillo meat.

They are not regulated game animals in South Carolina, and there is no closed season on private land statewide, during daylight hours. They may be taken at night on registered properties, on which a person has the right to hunt. They can not be hunted at night on WMA lands. Consult SCDNR regulations for more detailed information.

I really don't know what their impact might be on our landscape. I would suppose that they compete with other native species for food and habitat. They have been established in the Lowcountry for many years now, but I'm unaware of any serious problems with them there. I'm sure we'll learn more about them in the years to come.

Reach Dan Geddings at cdgeddings@gmail.com.



AP FILE PHOTO

Several stands of foxglove or digitalis grow wild on a parcel of roadside property near Langley, Washington, in 2017. Although it produces beautiful blooms, foxglove can trigger irregular heart rates, seizures and breathing irregularity in dogs, cats, horses and a variety of other animals when eaten in quantity. All parts of the plant are considered toxic. Poisonous plants can harm your pets or your livestock. Learn to recognize toxic weeds and their symptoms.

Plants can be poisonous to pets, livestock

BY DEAN FOSDICK
The Associated Press

Not all plants are wholesome for foraging animals.

Certain species of milkweed, for example, that are highly valued as host plants for the dwindling monarch butterfly population are extremely poisonous to pets and to range animals like sheep, cattle and goats. Even free-ranging chickens aren't immune. Among potentially toxic poultry pickings are castor beans and certain mushrooms, although chickens don't eat them as readily as do animals.

Plant toxicity is directly related to dosage. How many were eaten, how healthy was the animal, how long do the toxins persist, and what can be done?

Some plants, like water hemlock, “can kill a cow in 15 minutes, while others, like buttercups, just leave a burning sensation in their mouths or tongues,” said Donna Foulk, an Extension educator with Penn State University.

Ornamental plants either in or outside the home are frequently toxic, she said.

Animal poisoning can be tough to diagnose, but symptoms range from difficulty breathing to refusing food, blistering and skin lesions to dizziness and diarrhea. Call a vet immediately if such conditions arise.

Many weed varieties aren't toxic unless environmental conditions make them so. “If plants pick up a lot of nitrogens from rain and rapid growth, and animals eat a lot of them, they can die,” said Mark Renz, a University of Wisconsin Cooperative Extension weed scientist.

The problem becomes even more acute during dry weather when pasture grasses go dormant and troublesome but persistent weeds become

more enticing as fodder.

Most of those weeds are unpalatable to animal taste buds but often are eaten when dried and mixed with other materials, like in a hay bale.

“I know of a case where a llama died from eating baled hay that had milkweed in it,” Renz said.

Pet owners may know that daffodil, tulip and hyacinth bulbs can be potentially poisonous to weed-grazing dogs, while Asiatic lilies can cause kidney failure in plant-eating cats.

But people new to small scale or urban farming may not be aware that the roots and seeds of cabbage and broccoli can trigger digestive problems in pigs; foxglove or digitalis can produce irregular heart rates and rhythms in horses; rhubarb and tomato leaves can cause neurological damage to rabbits; iris rootstocks can result in breathing problems and scours in cattle; and as few as three medium to large oleander leaves can be lethal to llamas.

What can be done to limit plant poison risks? “Try to know what's out there — what's toxic, and their symptoms,” Renz said.

Additional suggestions from a Penn State University fact sheet:

- Keep animals healthy by maintaining good nutrition.
- Eliminate or fence around any poisonous plants or trees in and adjacent to pastures.
- Mow pastures to reduce weeds.
- Do not throw garden or lawn clippings into pastures, and do not plant trees, ornamental shrubs or plants near barns or pastures.

It can be risky to let dogs and cats wander around lawns or gardens after herbicides and pesticides have been applied. “But in most urban settings, most of the chemicals have been tested and are fairly innocuous,” Renz said.

Deer, elk harvested out of state must meet guidelines

BY SOUTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES

South Carolinians planning out-of-state trips to hunt big game this fall should be aware of restrictions on importing deer and elk parts into the Palmetto State.

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources would like to remind hunters traveling out of state not to import into South Carolina certain carcass parts from deer and elk harvested in areas where confirmed cases of chronic wasting disease have occurred. U.S. states where CWD has been diagnosed include: Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming. CWD has also been found in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

CWD belongs to the family of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and is similar to mad cow disease. CWD attacks the central nervous system of deer or elk and presents symptoms that include extreme weight loss, excessive salivation, odd behavior and poor coordination. The disease is infectious, communicable and always fatal. A large stumbling block for wildlife professionals attempting to understand how the disease is transmitted is that CWD has a prolonged incubation period of up to two years, and no approved test exists to detect the disease in live animals; diagnosis requires examination of the brain.

Although wildlife health officials are conducting considerable research, the overall biological and epidemiological understanding of CWD remains poor. SCDNR continues to maintain regulations restricting the importation of certain carcass parts from deer and elk har-

vested in the U.S. states and Canadian provinces where CWD has been documented.

To comply with state regulations, hunters traveling to states with confirmed cases of CWD may only bring the following carcass parts into S.C.:

- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached;
- Meat that has been boned out;
- Hides with no heads attached;
- Clean skulls (no meat or tissue attached) or clean skull plates with antlers attached;
- Antlers (detached from the skull plate);
- Clean upper canine teeth of elk, also called “buglers,” “whistlers” or “ivories;” and
- Finished taxidermy heads.

Hunters may not import whole carcasses or parts of deer or elk that contain nervous system tissue such as the brain or spinal column.

Hunters traveling out of state should also check with the wildlife agency in their destination state to determine its CWD status and follow any restrictions that state may have on the movement of carcasses.

Good evidence exists that the CWD agent can remain viable in the environment, in the soil for example, for long periods of time. This has been demonstrated at research facilities where the disease was present in deer or elk. The diseased animals were removed, the facilities underwent complete disinfecting, and no animals were present for an extended period of time. Once animals were returned to the facility, they became infected with CWD. This is precisely the reason that the SCDNR is asking hunters not to bring certain parts of carcasses to South Carolina when they hunt in states where CWD has been diagnosed. If hunters dispose of these carcass parts in South Carolina, the disease agent could infect deer in that local area.

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Public Hearing

NOTICE OF COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter County Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Sumter Zoning Ordinance and Map on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** in the County Council Chambers located on the Third Floor of the Sumter County Administration Building (13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina). The following requests are scheduled for consideration:

Public Hearing

0A-18-05, Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (County)

Amend relevant portions of the Sumter County 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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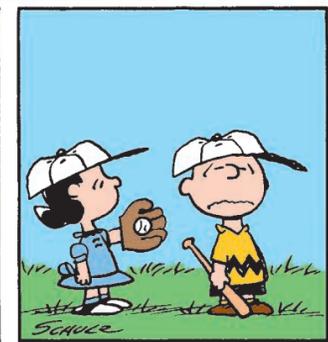
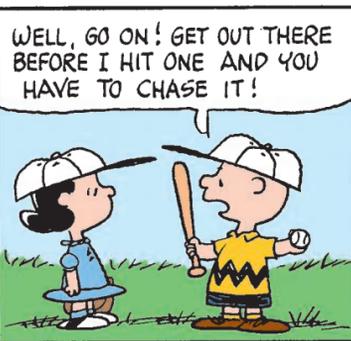
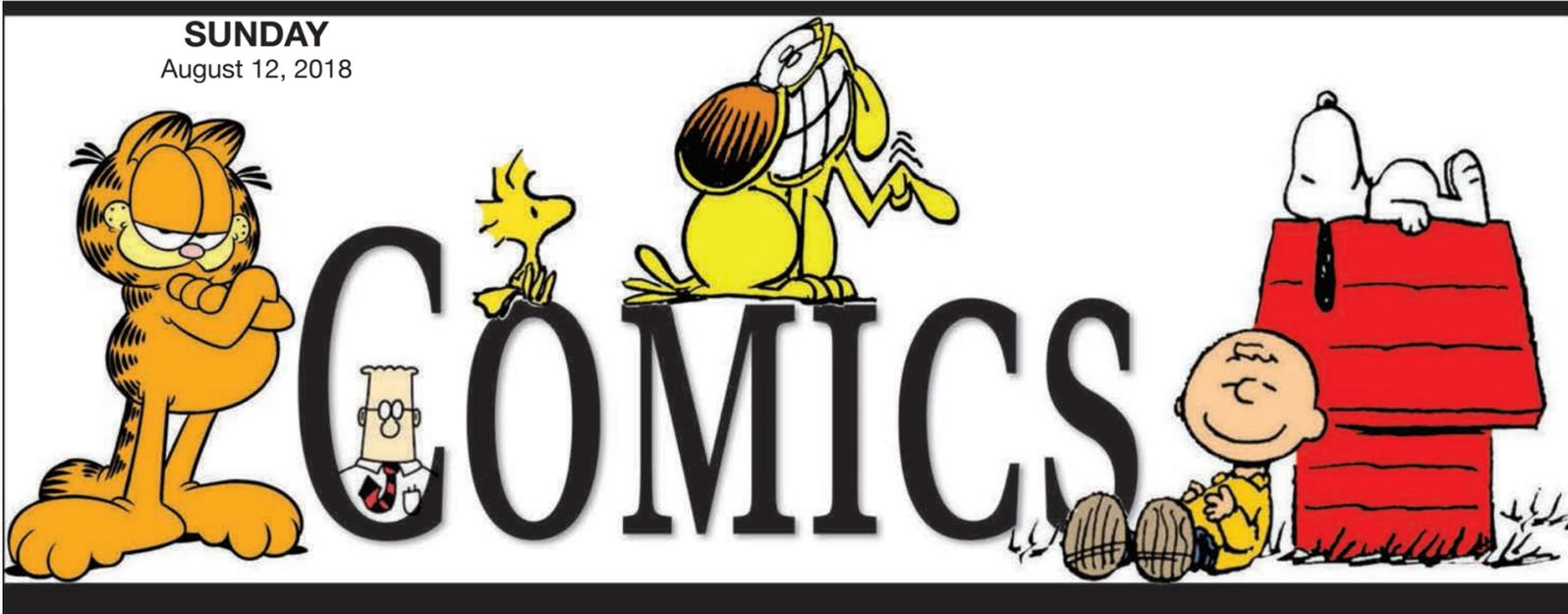
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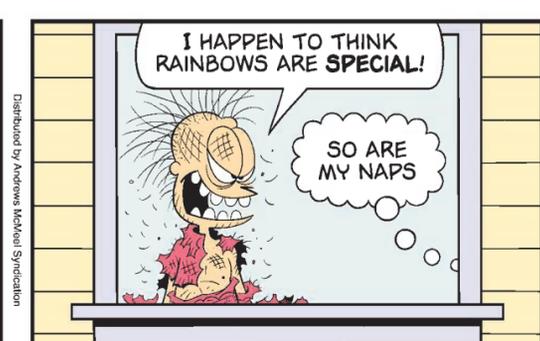
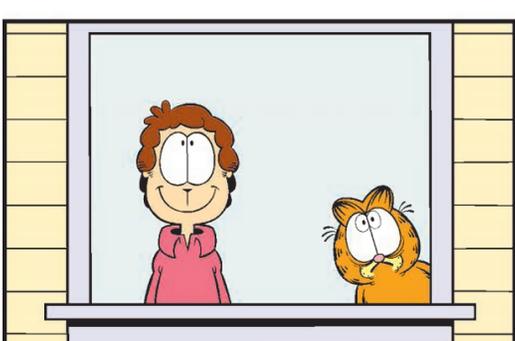
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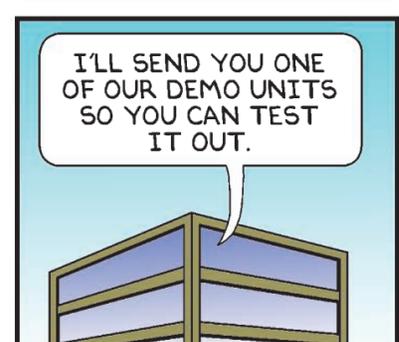
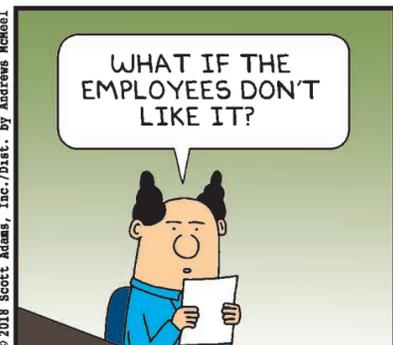
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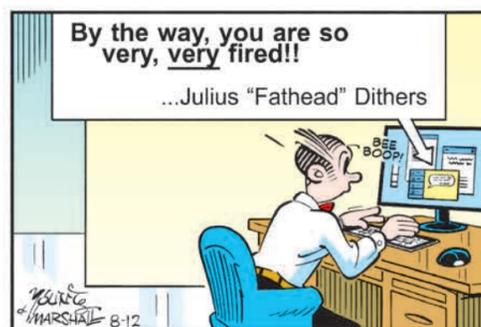
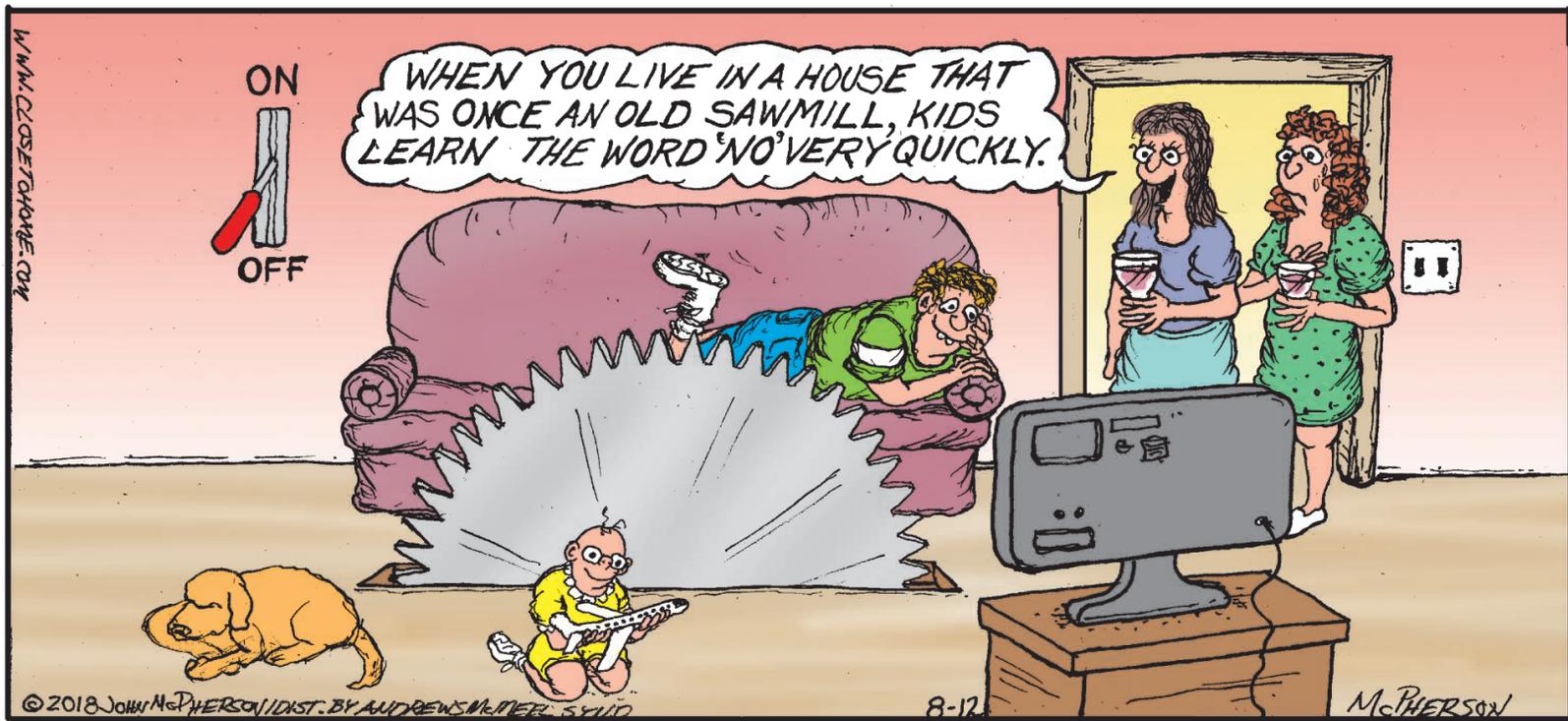
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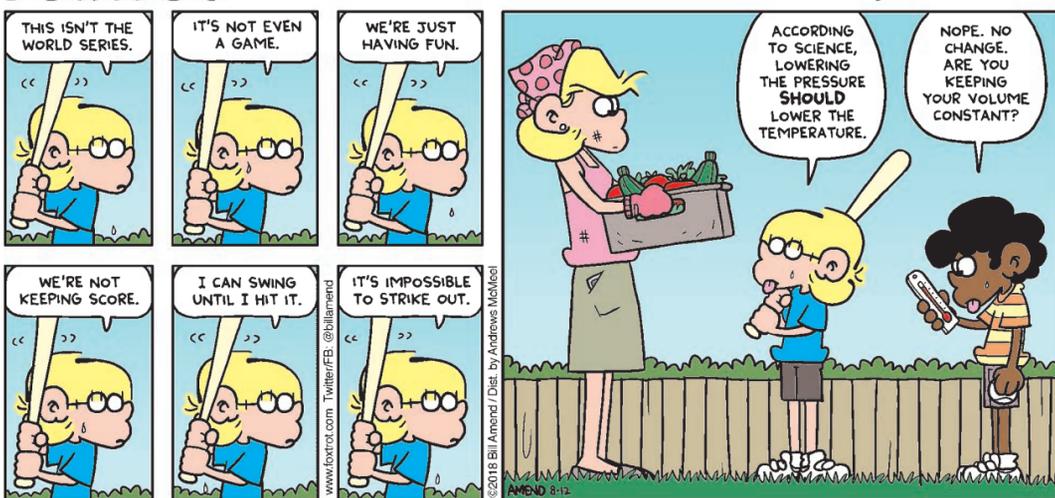
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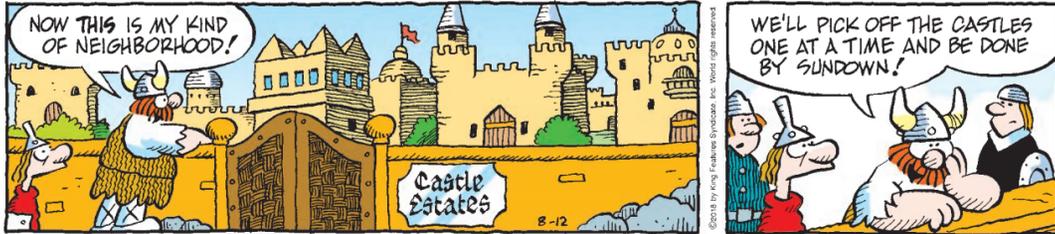
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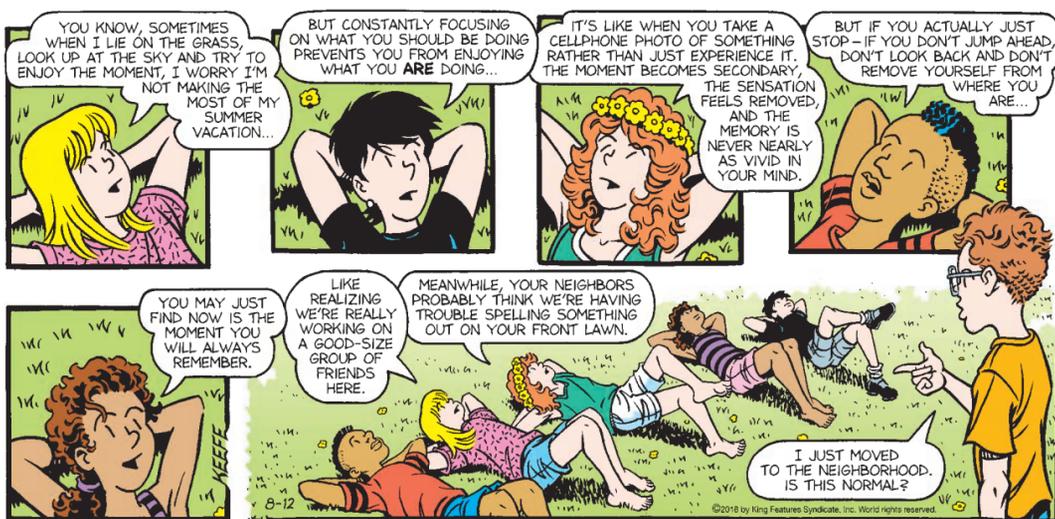
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES

By FOOTERBACKS

I HOPE THIS DOESN'T SOUND CRUEL OR MEAN, BUT THAT IS THE WEIRDEST CRITTER I'VE EVER SEEN!

FIND THESE ANIMAL PARTS!
 BEAVER
 DUCK
 CAMEL
 SNAKE
 RHINO
 GIRAFFE
 FROG

Send your riddles and puns to: Doodles, P.O. Box 105, Excelsior, MN 55331

DOODLE ZOO

MATH TEACHERS ARE GOOD DANCERS... BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALGORITHM.

DRAW!!

DRAW A CAMEL!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT'S RED AND GOES UP AND DOWN?
 A. A TOMATO IN AN ELEVATOR.
 Ryan Keizer, Norman, OK

Q. WHAT KINDS OF EXERCISES DO LAZY PEOPLE DO?
 A. DIDDLY SQUATS.
 Jennifer Richards, Alexandria, VA

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Dog is larger. 2. Shirt is different. 3. Window is smaller. 4. Chimney is wider. 5. Tree trunk is different. 6. Bush is smaller.

FRANK AND ERNEST

HE'S BEEN WORKING OUT AND EATING RIGHT.

HIS WAISTLINE IS TRIM AND HE'S STRENGTHENED HIS CORE.

HE HAS A RIGHT TO BE PROUD OF HIMSELF... BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DO WHAT HE WANTS...

...AND START CALLING HIM THE "ABDOMINAL" SNOWMAN.

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

WATCH THIS!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

WELL... AT LEAST HE LOOKS NATURAL

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

RODNEY!

RIGHT HERE, SIRE

OH, SORRY. THIS PLACE IS HUGE

WOULD IT BE BETTER TO LIVE IN THE SLUMS WITH A WONDERFUL VIEW OF A CASTLE, ...

OR LIVE IN WEALTH WITH A VIEW OF THE SLUMS?

GOOD QUESTION

I GUESS I'D TAKE WHICHEVER ONE HAS A GOLDEN BIDET

YEP

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

BUCKY! BUCKY! BUCKY!

WHAT? ...WHAT?!

HERE YOU ARE. WHY WERE YOU CALLING ME?

I FORGOT AS SOON AS I CALLED! HA HA! OH WELL!

BUT I DID DECIDE TO HAVE A SNACK, SO... EVERY CLOUD, EH?

HEY, ISN'T THAT MY SOFT PRETZEL?

UHHH, OH! THAT'S WHAT I HAD TO TELL YOU, IT'S DONE COOKING... NO PUN INTENDED.

NO PUN... IMPLEMENTED.

WELL, YOU CAN LEAD A DOG TO WATER, EH? HA HA!

HUH?

PLEASE LEAD ME TO WATER ... I'M SO THIRSTY...

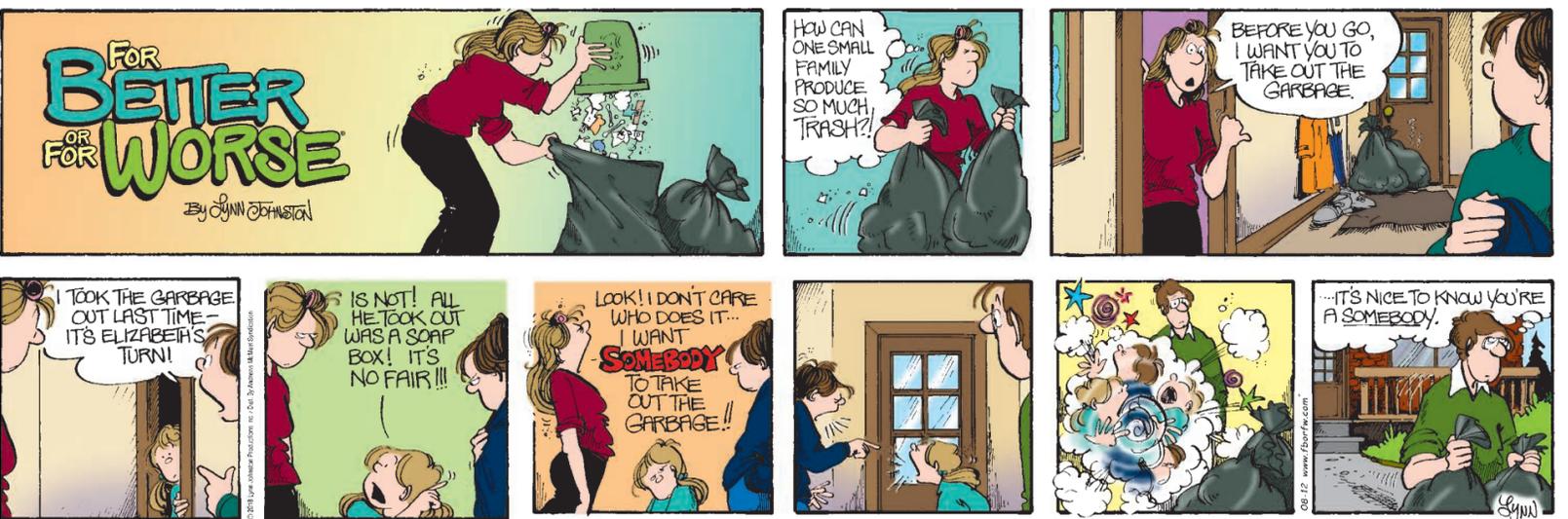
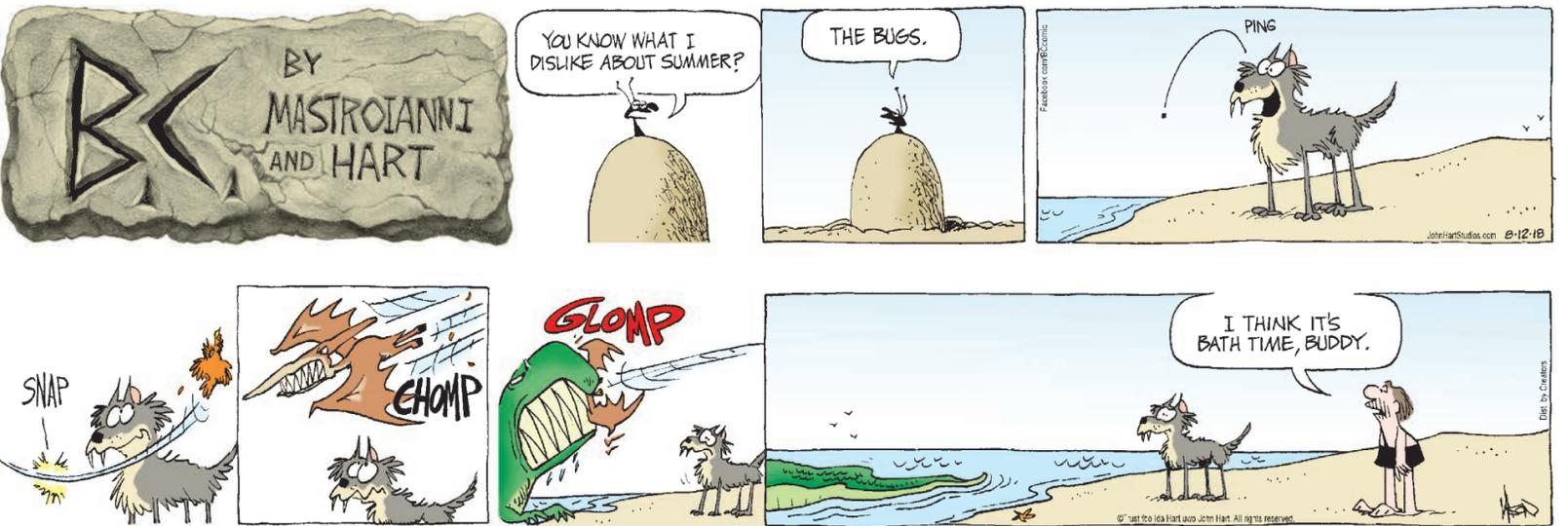
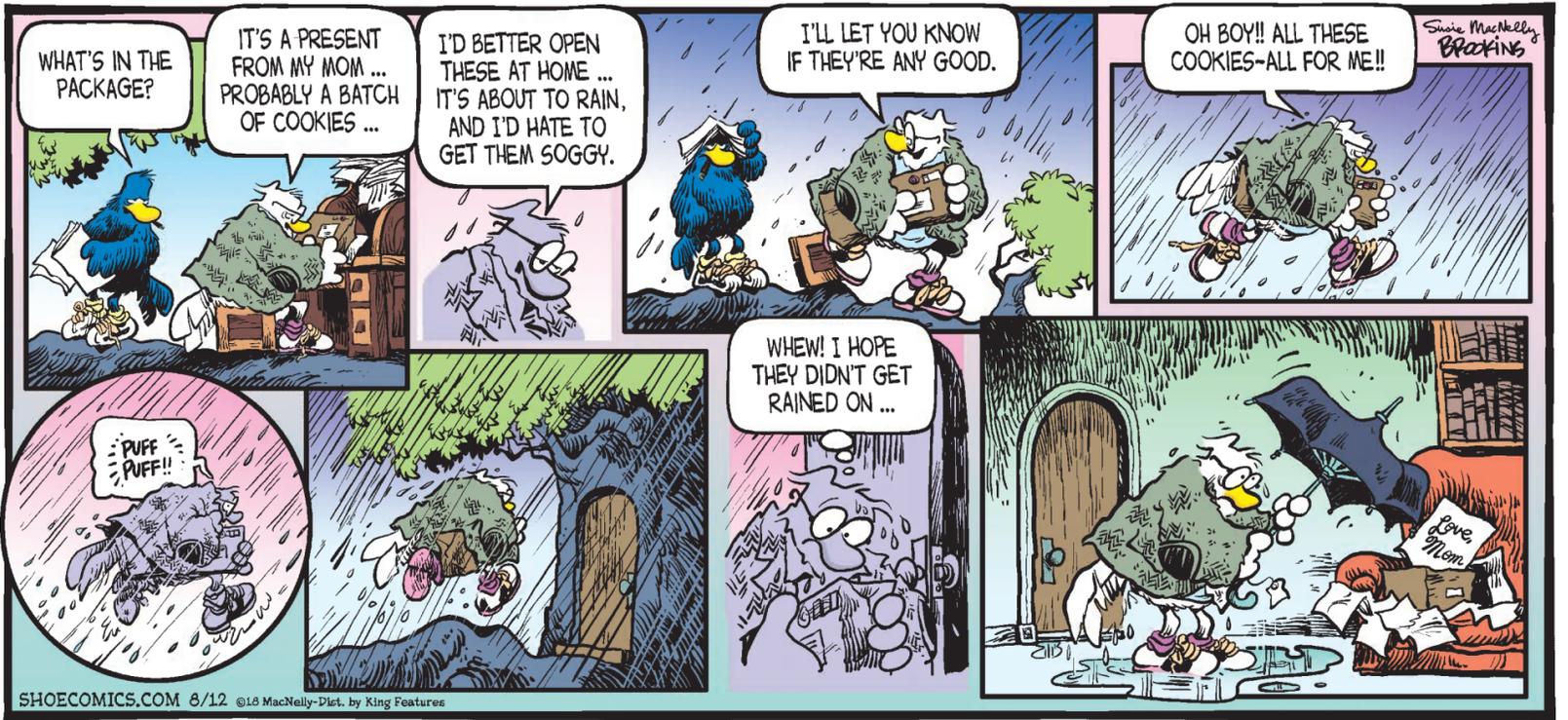
WELL—DID YOU NOTICE?

NOTICE WHAT?

HOW MUCH FASTER I RUN WITH MY NEW SNEAKERS! WANNA SEE IT AGAIN?

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

