

# Attorney: Hamm, Kuomus immune

## Man representing school district in suit by former employee gives response

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The attorney representing Sumter School District, Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm and Chief Human Resources Officer John Kuomus in a lawsuit by a former district employee says Hamm and Kuomus should be dismissed from the case, and he denies

numerous allegations made by the plaintiff against the district. Allen Smith, an attorney with Halligan, Mahoney and Williams of Columbia, filed two documents Thursday in response to a summons and complaint from late June by the attorney for Vivian "Libby" DuBose, the district's former director of early childhood education.

Anonymous letters that circulated throughout the Sumter community and an independent audit last year from the state Department of Education claim DuBose misused \$177,000 in programmatic funds in recent years. DuBose left the position and district on July 31, 2017. In her suit, DuBose claims all the allegations made against her are false.

DuBose's suit has claims brought against multiple defendants for different reasons. The district, Hamm and Kuomus are all named in the suit for conduct (defamation) after her separation from employment in 2017. Smith's motion requests Sumter County Third Judicial Circuit Court

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# Drive, heart & instinct

## Sumter County Sheriff's Office adds new member to K-9 Unit

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There's a new deputy sheriff in town. His name is Spike, and he's two years old.

Though he may still have quite a bit of puppy in his system, the Belgian Malinois is marking his territory as a member of Sumter County Sheriff's Office's K-9 Unit. Spike joined the sheriff's office's five-team K-9 Unit in August 2017 when he began training with his handler, Cpl. Larry Wix.

He is very high energy and shows a lot of drive to want to work, Wix said about his new partner, though he still has a lot of pup in him.

Spike will turn three in November.

But don't let the cute face and wagging tail fool you.

Spike is certified in narcotics scent detection, human scent tracking, officer protection and apprehension.

So far, Wix said Spike has been successful on his deployments, or operations where he is required to use his nose for the good of the community.

A few months ago, Spike successfully tracked a person who had left a residence with a weapon and threatened to commit suicide. Wix said

K-9 Spike, Sumter County Sheriff's Office's newest member of the K-9 Unit, undergoes constant training to serve and protect the community.

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# No deaths, 100-plus tickets on Labor Day weekend

## Police department arrests 15-year-old driver after chase

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Marking the end of the "100 Deadly Days of Summer," Labor Day weekend in Sumter County wrapped up with no traffic fatalities but more than 100 citations and tickets.

This period during the summer is said to be the most deadly time for travel on South Carolina roads as thousands of people take to the highways from Memorial Day to Labor Day for holiday travel, according to data and law

enforcement agencies.

While the South Carolina Department of Public Safety reported nine fatalities during Labor Day weekend, local authorities did not report any.

A fatality was reported on Sept. 4 when a pedestrian walking in the roadway was struck by a vehicle at 9:20 p.m. in Rembert. The driver was not expected to be charged, as the man was walking in the roadway, the South Carolina Highway Patrol said at the time.

Though no deaths were re-

ported during the holiday weekend, local authorities did issue dozens of tickets and citations in an attempt to correct driving behavior that could lead to fatal wrecks.

Between Aug. 31 and Sept. 3, Sumter Police Department issued 61 warning citations and tickets, according to Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the department.

Of that number, 33 warning citations and 28 tickets were issued including four driving under suspension violations

and two open container violations.

McGirt said one incident resulted in a 15-year-old being transported to a South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice facility and the arrest of two others following a chase.

An officer attempted to stop the teen driver for traveling without headlights on Lafayette Drive after 1 a.m. on Sunday, she said. The driver failed to stop and led the officer on a chase that ended on Atlantic Street when the driver and other occupants jumped from the moving vehicle as it slowed down before striking a parked patrol car.

McGirt said the teen faces charges of violation of a driver's permit, failure to stop for blue lights and resisting arrest.

The two passengers — Da'Shawn Holland, 19, of South Washington Street, and Unique Brunson, 17, of Delaware Drive — are charged with interfering with an arrest. Brunson is also charged with simple possession of marijuana.

Of the tickets that were submitted electronically by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office during Labor Day

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## THIS MONTH IN S.C. HISTORY

### Sen. Strom Thurmond switched parties in '64

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Strom Thurmond was elected governor of South Carolina on the Democratic ticket in 1946. He was also elected to the Senate as a Democrat in 1954 and 1960. Known for his support of military power and his opposition to civil rights legislation, Thurmond represented a growing conservatism in Southern politics. In 1964, he switched parties and gave his support to Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater.

Born in Edgefield, James Strom Thurmond graduated from Clemson College (now Clemson University) in 1923. He was admitted to the bar in 1930, elected to the South Carolina State Senate in 1933 and was a circuit court judge from 1938 to 1941. After a successful military career in World War II, he was elected governor. As governor, Thurmond oversaw several progressive reforms. He expanded funding for the state's educational system and supported women's involvement in government. But as the 1948 presidential election approached, civil rights emerged as a national issue, and Thurmond was outspoken in his support for the right of each state to regulate social issues within its borders.

When delegates from Alabama and Mississippi walked out of the 1948 Democratic Convention in Philadelphia, Thurmond and the South Carolina delegates did not join them. But he did meet with them in Birmingham as they organized the States' Rights Democratic Party, or Dixiecrats. The group nominated Thurmond as their presidential candidate. Thurmond won 39 electoral votes. Two years later, he attempted to unseat U.S. Sen. Olin D. Johnson but was unsuccessful. Then, in 1954, South Carolina Sen. Burnet Maybank died unexpectedly, and Thurmond was a popular write-in candidate. He won over 63 percent of the vote. Once in the Senate, he became an outspoken segregationist.

In 1956, Thurmond sup-



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A young Strom Thurmond is shown.

ported the "Southern Manifesto," which called for resistance to the Supreme Court's Brown v. Board of Education decision. His record-setting filibuster occurred in 1957 when he spoke against a civil rights bill. Thurmond continued to be a voice of opposition to civil rights legislation through the Kennedy and Johnson administrations. Once he sided with the Republicans, he was instrumental in Richard Nixon's "Southern Strategy" to obtain the support of white voters.

As a Republican senator, Thurmond served consecutive terms from 1964 through 2003. During this long service, he gradually altered his segregationist views. In 1971, he was the first member of the Southern congressional delegation to hire a black legislative assistant. He began to pay attention to South Carolina's black politicians and their constituents. In 1980, Thurmond became chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and eventually supported renewal of the Voting Rights Act. He also voted to establish a holiday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

In 1994, at age 92, Thurmond became chairman of the Armed Services Committee and president pro tempore of the Senate. When he turned 100 years old in 2002, he was the oldest person ever to serve as a senator. In January 2003, he resigned his seat. He died in Edgefield the following June.

The Fireproof Building, built in 1826 in Charleston, has been renovated and will reopen as the new South Carolina Historical Society Museum on Sept. 22. See more details on page A5.



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## WHAT YOUR GOVERNMENT IS DOING: SUMTER CITY COUNCIL

### City preps for wastewater connection in Mayesville

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Sumter City Council approved agenda items that will benefit multiple residents in the future and approved a rezoning request for the development of a North Main Street salon during its meeting on Tuesday.

#### MAYESVILLE RESIDENTS TO BE COMPENSATED FOR TEMPORARY EASEMENTS

The resolution approves the temporary acquisition of portions of four properties in Mayesville for construction easements to connect the town of Mayesville Wastewater Treatment System to the city of Sumter's sewer system.

Al Harris, assistant manager of the city of Sumter, said a resolution for the easements is required because the city will use \$1 million of federal funds from its Community Development Block Grant, allotted to the city by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the project.

The city has come up with just compensation for each property owner and each of the

properties will be returned to the residents once the project is finished, he said.

The resolution, which only requires one vote, was approved unanimously. Councilman Thomas Lowery made a motion for approval, and councilman David Merchant seconded.

#### NEW SALON TO POSSIBLY COME TO NORTH MAIN

The applicant said he purchased the .30 acres at 702 N. Main St. so his daughter could realize her dream of operating a salon. But before construction could start, the applicant requested the parcel be rezoned from residential-6 to neighborhood commercial.

Council first considered a vote regarding the North Main Street property in July when the applicant requested that the property be rezoned to general commercial, but it denied the request because it would be difficult to meet required distance setbacks between the structure, sidewalk and property line.

Council approved second and final reading of the neighborhood commercial rezoning request unanimously. Lowery

made the motion for approval, and councilman Robert Galiano seconded.

#### AMENDMENT TO FLOOD ORDINANCE GETS FINAL READING

The amendment will include clarifications and corrections to the city's flood damage prevention ordinance such as the adoption of the Wateree Watershed Maps and Flood Insurance Study revisions that will go into effect on Sept. 28.

Helen Roodman, Sumter City-County Zoning Administrator and senior staff planner for Sumter Planning Department, said adding the revisions could lead to savings for Sumter's residents with flood insurance premiums.

Sumter participates in Federal Emergency Management Agency's Community Rating System program which affords citizens a discounts on flood insurance if certain criteria are met, she said during previous meetings.

Final reading of the amendment was approved unanimously. Galiano made the motion for approval, and councilman Calvin Hastie seconded.



### A good start to the morning

Alice Drive Elementary School students started the school day Friday with a welcome from members of the Sumter High School football team.

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## Test scores before Sumter School Board

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Sumter School District's Board of Trustees will hear a review of student achievement results from last spring's state standardized testing and an update on happenings across the district Monday at its regular monthly board meeting.

A district spokeswoman distributed an agenda for the meeting late last week.

In her interim superintendent's report, Debbie Hamm will discuss recently released school and district-wide test

scores from the South Carolina College and Career-Ready Assessments (SC READY) and the SC Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS). The SC READY test is given to third-through eighth-grade students in English language arts and math. The SCPASS measures student achievement in science and social studies.

According to the agenda, board members will also provide committee reports and announcements.

After executive session behind closed doors, the trustees are to take action on a district

personnel report. At the board's last meeting on Aug. 27, trustees unanimously approved a personnel report that approved Hamm's recommendation to name Deanna McElveen an assistant administrator at Millwood Elementary School. McElveen was previously a professional development coach at the school.

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

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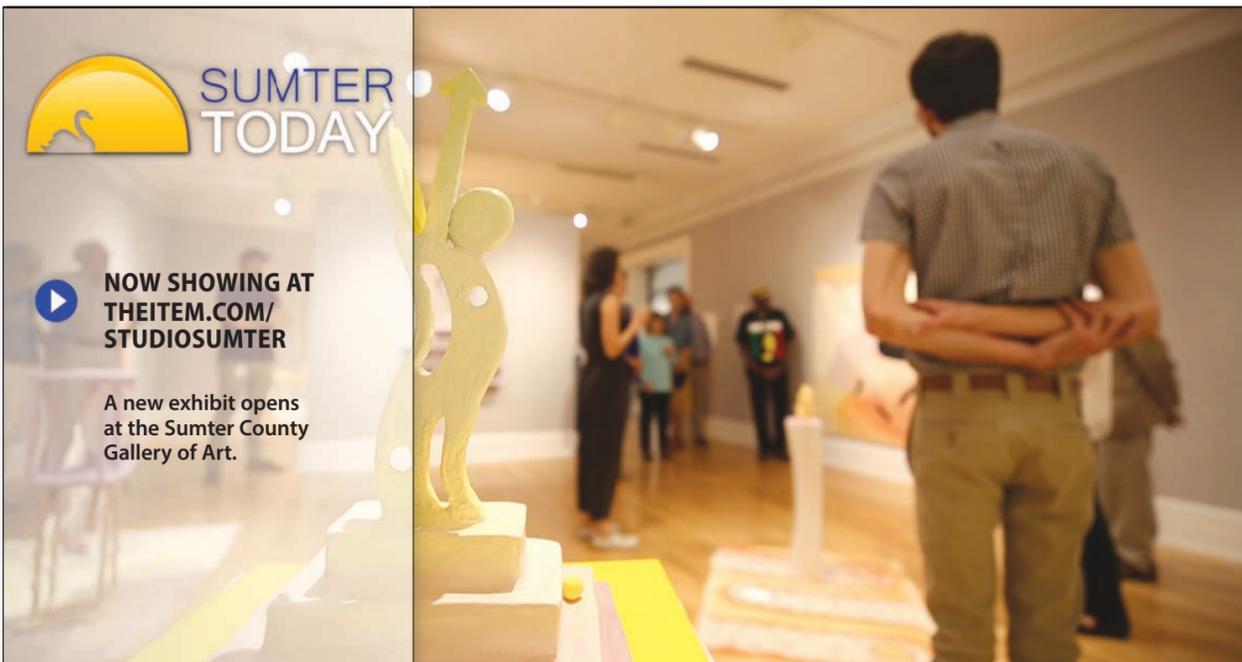
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# National Anthem Project is now in its 14th year

Do you know the words? Hear them Thursday night

BY IVY MOORE  
Special to The Sumter Item

Jets from Shaw Air Force Base fly over Furman Middle School almost every afternoon. Music teacher Linda Beck often tells her students the roar of the planes is the sound of freedom.

In 2005 when she learned that barely a third of Americans knew the words to “Star-Spangled Banner,” she signed on to the National Music Educators Association’s project to teach the national anthem to her students and colleagues at Furman.

And she didn’t stop there. Beck organized a program for Sumter’s community at large. From a short program at Sumter County Courthouse, it has expanded during the past 13 years to Patriot Hall, attracting an audience in the hundreds and the participation of students, military and civilian citizens and fellow teachers.

“We really are a community of ‘Uncommon Patriotism,’” Sumter’s official motto, she said.

At 7 p.m. Thursday, the eve of National Anthem Day, Sumter School District, the city and county will again present the National Anthem Project at Patriot Hall. Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics on Sept. 14 during the battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. It was a hard-fought victory for U.S. troops, during which Key witnessed the “bombs bursting in air” and saw the tattered U.S. flag still flying after the British siege on the fort.

In 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution that made the “Star-Spangled Banner” the country’s official anthem.

Beck has organized a one-hour program that brings together performers and speakers who share the patriotism and love for flag and country, she said. The public is invited to attend at no charge.

“Deborah Horton will direct the combined chorus made up of middle and high school students from around the coun-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Members of Sumter School District’s Chorus and Band programs perform a medley of armed forces songs for the crowd attending a past National Anthem Project at Patriot Hall. Hear this year’s program at Patriot Hall at 7 p.m. Thursday. Admission is free to the public.

ty,” Beck said, adding that Sumter Mayor Joseph T. McElveen and a representative from Sumter County Council will proclaim National Anthem Day in the city and county.

Debbie Hamm, Sumter School District interim superintendent, will welcome guests, and speakers will also include representatives from the 20th Fighter Wing, the Air Force’s largest combat F-16 wing, the 9th Air Force Headquarters, U.S. Air Forces Central Command and

U.S. Army Central, all located at Shaw Air Force Base.

“The kids will sing ‘Salute to the Armed Forces,’ ‘Let Freedom Ring’ and the national anthem,” Beck said.

“They’ll also back Anne Galloway, who will have the solo on ‘Sumter is My Sweet Home,’” written by her brother Hank Martin, a singer and composer.

Elijah Bradford will sing the Ray Charles arrangement of “America the Beautiful,” and retired Air Force Master Sgt. John F. Kennedy will speak and sing “God Bless America.”

Crestwood High School senior Kaitlynn Horton will offer a prayer, and performers

from Miss Libby’s School of Dance will present a special tribute to those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Honored guests will include Beck’s mother, Bonnie Beck, who has come from North Carolina for all of the National Anthem Projects since they began in 2005.

Linda Beck recalled that the late Major Gen. Tom Olsen had remarked at the 2011 program that seven years makes

the project “officially a tradition.” She will read some of the comments he wrote on that occasion.

Thursday’s program will end with Sumter School District’s ROTC honor guard’s presentation of the colors, followed by the student chorus’ singing of “Star-Spangled Banner.”

*O say can you see, by the dawn’s early light,  
What so proudly we hail’d  
at the twilight’s last gleaming,*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight*

*O’er the ramparts we watch’d were so gallantly streaming?*

*And the rocket’s red glare, the bomb bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there,*

*O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave*

*O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

**EVENT DETAILS**

**What:** National Anthem Project  
**Where:** Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St.  
**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday  
**Admission:** Free

**LOCAL BRIEF**

FROM STAFF REPORTS

**Sumter’s Democratic HQ opens Sept. 14**

The grand opening of the Sumter Democratic Party Headquarters will be held from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, at 540 Bultman Drive, Suite 3.

Several candidates will be stopping by to meet and greet attendees and answer a few questions.

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# Tri-county schools, galleries, studios receive funding

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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From schools to art galleries to dance studios, organizations in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties were among those selected to receive a portion of nearly \$4 million in grants from the South Carolina Arts Commission.

Throughout 40 counties, 332 grants were awarded to communities, artists, arts organizations and schools for the 2019 fiscal year, which began Sept. 1, according to the arts commission.

"Funds appropriated by the legislature help local arts providers offer more than six million arts experiences to citizens and visitors every year," S.C. Arts Commission Executive Director Ken May said. "These grants affect wide-ranging organizations and diverse people statewide, from Town Theatre in Columbia, starting its centennial season next week, to Wits End Poetry, holding a poetry slam event in Greenville later in the month."

In Sumter County, the nine recipients are Caroline Mack Center for the Arts, Cherryvale Elementary School, Crestwood High School, Kingsbury Elementary School, Sumter Civic Dance Company, Sumter County School District, Sumter County Cultural Commission (which received two) and Sumter County Gallery of Art.

Clarendon County School District 1 and Lee County Arts Council also received funding.

Six new Arts in Basic Curriculum (ABC) project sites are being awarded grants to strategically plan and implement arts education as part of the school day, bringing the total to 84 and giving almost 171,000 South Carolina students access to educational benefits gained from the arts, according to a news release. Other grants statewide range from operating grants to project support for organizations to seed money and fellowships for individual artists, "ensuring an assortment of relevant arts experiences across South Carolina."

"Ongoing work to create opportunities in rural counties as well as more populated areas is attracting additional grant applications for our operating support funds," May said.

Operating support grants make up 49 percent of the FY19 total, and arts education grants make up 46 percent.

Additional grants will still be awarded throughout the year. Last year, which finished June 30, the arts commission awarded \$4,060,290 and expects to exceed that total by the end of this year, May said.

In this round, \$1,822,446 was put toward arts in education statewide, which helps fund curriculum planning and implementation, artist residencies, performances, professional development for teachers and summer and after school arts programs. Operating support grants totaled \$1,942,580, which help strengthen arts organizations that bring ongoing arts experiences and services to individuals, other organizations and communities throughout the state, according to the arts commission. Folklife and traditional arts grants totaled \$101,033, which supports programs that promote a "greater understanding and visi-

## TRI-COUNTY GRANT RECIPIENTS

### SUMTER COUNTY

**Caroline Mack Center for the Arts:** \$3,367 in general operating support

**Cherryvale Elementary School:** \$9,382 for Arts in Education, ABC advancement

**Crestwood High School:** \$11,739 for Arts in Education, ABC advancement

**Kingsbury Elementary School:** \$9,382 for Arts in Education, ABC advancement

**Sumter Civic Dance Company:** \$2,500 for operating support for small organizations

**Sumter County School District:** \$15,636 for Arts in Education, ABC advancement

**Sumter County Cultural Commission:** \$2,664 for general operating support

**Sumter County Cultural Commission:** \$9,491 for subgranting

**Sumter County Gallery of Art:** \$9,429 for general operating support

### CLARENDON COUNTY

**Clarendon County School District 1:** \$85,000, Education Pilot Projects, Summer STEAM Camp

### LEE COUNTY

**Lee County Arts Council:** \$1,903, General Operating Support, General Operating Support Group 3

bility of South Carolina's many cultures through documentation and presentation of traditional art forms, their practitioners and their communities," while the commission awarded \$66,437 in subgranting, which included seven awards to local arts councils that distribute quarterly grants to organizations and artists in their regions.

Other categories included an artists ventures initiative (\$15,000), individual artist fellowships (\$20,000) and quarterly project support (\$5,200).

# Mother fights stage 4 breast cancer and grieves over death of husband

GREENVILLE (AP) — Brooke Turner and husband Justin Turner had been married for 13 years and had three children.

On the night of Aug. 23, they prayed with their young son. Brooke Turner, who is battling stage 4 breast cancer, took a photo of the three of them and posted it on Facebook.

Two days after that prayer, Justin Turner was struck by a car while on a bicycle and died.

"I had no idea how much the photo would mean," Turner said in that Facebook post above the photo. "It's the hope of Christ that we have clung to as a family and we will continue to cling to."

People across South Carolina and beyond are looking for ways they can help save Brooke Turner's life. Many have reached out with donations on a GoFundMe page created for the Turner family.

The page was created Aug. 26 with a goal of \$200,000 to help Brooke Turner, of Columbia, care for the couple's three children and to support her treatment for cancer. By Sunday, roughly \$170,000 had been raised.

Family friend Courtney Holland Tipping, a native of Fountain Inn, created the page.

"It's been shocking to see people from all over the world give," Tipping said. "It's such a tangible thing for me to see the Lord really taking care of them."

A celebration of life service was held Wednesday to honor Justin Turner, who grew up in Gaffney.

It's been difficult, Tipping said, to witness a "double tragedy" unfold in the life of her friend Brooke Turner.

"No one expected her husband to die tragically and then (her) health to just to be so questionable," she said. "The least we can do is come around her and the kids and do whatever it takes to take care of them."

Brooke Turner is the director of Women's Ministries at Northeast Presbyterian Church. She and Tipping got to know each other during Bible study sessions several years ago.

"Our kids are pretty close in age," Tipping said. "Seasons of life brought us together as far as a growing friendship."

Tipping and her husband, Allen, began to do more as a couple with the Turners over

the last year and a half. Allen Tipping and Justin Turner were both avid cyclists, and it became a common conversation between the two men, she said.

When Tipping's daughter, who turns 8 this month, was diagnosed with cancer four years ago, Brooke Turner "walked alongside me," she said.

The following year, Turner was diagnosed with cancer. Since then, the two have supported each other.

In late 2017, Turner's cancer relapsed, Tipping said. Most of her treatment has been done in Columbia but her main oncologist is a doctor in Houston, Texas, she said.

When the cancer relapsed, a "different road of treatment" was started, and the cancer was no longer talked about in "curative manner," Tipping said. Turner began treatment in January with a chemo pill. Scans done in July showed spots were continuing to grow on her sternum and lung, Tipping said.

She returns to Houston in October for more scans.

"She's definitely still very much kind of in a limbo in between scans and what even treatment is able to do, but she's gone through most every type of medicine that they can really do for her," Tipping said. "That's why they've called this stage 4 cancer."

A graduate of the University of South Carolina, Justin Turner had worked at PepsiCo for 18 years when he died.

He was dedicated to his job,

but his dedication first and foremost was to the Lord and then his family, Tipping said. He took care of his wife when she was too weak to care for herself.

"That's one of the things we've heard Brooke say over and over again these last few days, just how much he sacrificed," Tipping said.

Justin Turner loved to bike, but if he was training for something, he would get up at 4 a.m. to get it done before the children were up and his wife needed him, Tipping said.

He almost always went into work with the intention of leaving right away if Brooke needed him, Tipping said. She could text him and tell him she's not feeling well and his response would be, "I'm on my way."

He was "a rock for her in every way and very hands-on with the kids," Tipping said.

He'd take his two daughters and son in the backyard to play soccer at times or take them bike riding with him.

He was biking alone on Aug. 25.

He was traveling on Hardscrabble Road in Richland County at 11:38 a.m. when a driver failed to yield the right of way, a spokesman for the state Highway Patrol said. A driver of a BMW, swerving to get out of the other car's way, struck Turner, the trooper said.

The motorist who caused the accident fled the scene. The Highway Patrol is still seeking that motorist. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call 1-800-768-150.



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The new South Carolina Historical Society Museum is opening Saturday, Sept. 22, in downtown Charleston. The museum is housed in the historic Fireproof Building at 100 Meeting St.

## Newly restored Fireproof Building is only the container for treasures found inside

Museum will showcase S.C. artifacts never seen publicly

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

According to Architectural Digest, the new South Carolina Historical Society Museum is one of The 15 Most Noteworthy Museums Opening This Year, and it is opening Saturday, Sept. 22, in downtown Charleston.

The museum is housed in the historic Fireproof Building at 100 Meeting St. near Charleston's famed "South of Broad" area downtown. The building, which just completed a \$6.8 million renovation, was originally constructed in 1826 by Robert Mills, considered America's first architect and creator of The Washington Monument.

Despite the beauty of the building itself, the collection inside is worth the short drive to Charleston. Drawing from the S.C. Historical Society's vast collection — much of which has never been displayed publicly — the museum will showcase more than 300 years of South Carolina history through the artifacts, personal treasures and hand-written accounts.

According to a news release from the S.C. Historical Society Museum, the following is an overview of each gallery:



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY S.C. HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Rev. Archibald Stobo's Bible from 1658 can be viewed in A Haven with Prospects — Exploration and Settlement.

**• Gallery One: A Haven with Prospects — Exploration and Settlement**

Showcasing the early settlement years of S.C., this gallery features interactive kiosks exploring the plight of several key figures including Rene Ravenel, Priscilla Ball, the Cassique of Kiawah and Eliza Lucas Pinckney. Guests can examine other items from this period, including a block puzzle made of Mark Catesby drawings, the Rev. Archibald Stobo's Bible from 1658 and a promotional tract



Photos and mineral sands from the earthquake of Aug. 31, 1886, are displayed in Picking Up the Pieces — Charleston Recovers.

from 1710 encouraging immigration.

**• Gallery Two: Building a State and a Nation — New Horizons**

Visitors to this gallery learn about the American Revolution and antebellum life throughout the state including the rise of slavery, urban and rural economies and migration to the upcountry. This gallery includes an interactive digital map table, allowing visitors a hands-on opportunity to explore S.C. in the late 1700s. There are also personal items from prominent figures including Francis Marion's powder horn, a letter from George Washington to Gov. William Moultrie, and a reproduction of Charleston's slave auction flag.

**• Gallery Three: Our Land, Our Battles — War and Reconstruction**

Transitioning to the 19th century, this gallery focuses on secession, the Civil War and Reconstruction in S.C. Drawing from first-person records in the Historical Society's collections, this gallery features interactive portraits of South Carolinians who come alive to tell stories about life during this time. Hand-drawn maps, photographs and scrapbooks are also on display.

**• Gallery Four: Picking up the Pieces — Charleston Recovers**

Examining life after the earthquake of 1886, this gallery features original items describing the natural disasters that plagued the Lowcountry after the Civil War, as well as the area's artistic renaissance that followed. Visitors will enjoy a brief film featuring historians and cura-



tors discussing the emergence of art, culture and preservation in Charleston.

**• Gallery Five: Celebrating Diversity — Art, Literature and Culture**

From arts to cuisine to Gullah culture, this gallery focuses on the rise of cultural diversity throughout the state. An interactive touchscreen allows visitors to learn about various influential figures and their artistic impact, alongside original works by icons like Loutrel Briggs — the renowned landscape architect. There are also "discovery drawers" that feature original typescripts, books, photographs and musical recordings.

**• Gallery Six: This Abundant Land**

The only rotating exhibit in the new museum, this gallery focuses on agriculture, foodways and the conservation of natural resources throughout the state. Original items on display include an 1851 edition of The Carolina Housewife featuring popular recipes and household solutions, a 1941 map of the Santee National Wildlife Refuge and the 1785 Rules of the St. Thomas Hunt Club in Berkeley County.

For more information, visit <https://schistory.org>.

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MISS ORTMANN, MR. HART

## Ortmann-Hart

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chandler Ortmann of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Ortmann, to James Michael Hart of Columbia, son of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Wayne Hart of Tyrone, Georgia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred William Ortmann Jr. of Sumter and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Singleton Jackson of Gable. She graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Arts in History and from the University of South Carolina School of Law with a Juris Doctor. She is employed by the South Carolina Judicial Department.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Norman Hart of Peachtree City, Georgia, and Mr. Joseph Wilson Holmes and the late Cheryl Culklin Holmes of Plano, Texas. He graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Economics and Business. He is employed by Corteva Agriculture.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 20, 2018, in Sumter.

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# Past goose-steppers proud; some feel abused

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Even two decades after he fled North Korea, even with an abiding hatred of the ruling dictatorship, Sim Ju-il sometimes still relives the days when he goose-stepped past the nation's revered founder, Kim Il Sung, as a young man. Alone on a Seoul street, he'll pretend his umbrella is a rifle and present arms as he lifts his now aged legs in a rigid, still springy march and remembers the long-ago, exalted feeling.

"I was proud of myself because not too many people got to take part in these marches, and I still have that pride," said Sim, 67, who participated in military parades in 1972 and 1985 — first as a goose-stepper and later riding on a military vehicle — before later defecting to South Korea. "I think North Korean military parades are the best in the world."

Ahead of a massive military parade today to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of North Korea's socialist government, there are mixed feelings among ex-North Korean soldiers who goose-stepped in previous years' parades. Pride, for some like Sim, but bitterness among others who say they were beaten, battered and malnourished during intense training sessions that never seemed to end. There's also acknowledgement that the privilege of marching in one of the North's premier events guaranteed speedy promotion and higher social standing.

Another former North Korean goose-stepper, Kim Jungah, was once proud of her marching but now feels she was physically abused. Still, she, too, sometimes dusts off her goose-stepping skills for South Koreans curious about the harsh training she experienced ahead of a 1997 military parade in North Korea.

The sight of thousands of goose-stepping soldiers can be a breathtaking spectacle: Columns of young soldiers, some with bayonet-tipped rifles, kick their unbending legs high in perfect unison as they parade through Pyongyang's main Kim Il Sung square. Metal tips and heel plates on their boots ring out in unison, and the troops often look more like they're bouncing than marching as they spring forward. When they reach an elevated reviewing stand where North Korea's young ruler, Kim Jong Un, smiles and waves his hands, they all instantly whip their heads at a 45-degree angle at the command, "Eyes right!" The current batch of North Korean goose-steppers appears to swing their feet much higher than their predecessors.

Goose-stepping was once favored by despots like Hitler, Mussolini, Mao and Stalin, but



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soldiers march across Kim Il Sung Square on April 15, 2017, during a military parade in Pyongyang, North Korea, to celebrate the 105th birth anniversary of Kim Il Sung, the country's late founder and grandfather of current ruler Kim Jong Un. North Korea is holding a big military parade today.

North Korea is now one of the few nations whose military still does a full-fledged version. Experts say the spectacle allows Kim to display to the world highly disciplined, devoted and powerful troops as he maneuvers in a decades-long nuclear standoff with the United States and South Korea.

The goose-steppers are mostly from military academies or elite army units, selected because of their loyalty to the Kim government, family background and height.

Sim was a member of Kim Il Sung University of Politics, a prestigious army academy, in 1972, when he marched. His school only selected those who were between 5 feet 4 inches and 5 feet 7 inches tall. Kim Jungah, who eventually dropped out of the parade because of injuries, said her academy only selected female cadets who were 5 feet 2 inches to 5 feet 3 inches.

"When you are in a parade, you're in the presence of Kim Jong Un, so there are elaborate background checks that must be done before you can attend such events," said analyst Seo Yu-Seok at the Seoul-based Institute of North Korean Studies. "Being in a parade is the same thing as the top leader bestowing on you his pomp and splendor, so it helps your future."

Seo said goose-stepping soldiers likely began appearing in parades between the late 1950s and early 1960s when Kim Il Sung, North Korea's founder

and the grandfather of Kim Jong Un, was solidifying his grip on power. After his death in 1994, his son Kim Jong Il held a larger number of military parades under his "military-first policy" until he died in 2011. Kim Jong Un has had six big parades during his nearly seven years of rule.

Goose-steppers train at their respective military academies or on army bases before gathering in Pyongyang, in places like Mirim airport, a military airport on the outskirts of the city, for joint practices. Sim trained for six months; Kim said her colleagues in the 1997 parade practiced for one year; another ex-North Korean soldier said in an interview that he trained for two months before a 1998 parade.

The defectors said they trained about 6-10 hours per day and six days a week. Many of their colleagues fainted or were injured during practice and had to be replaced.

Kim said that when parade instructors weren't satisfied they often hit her and her colleagues with tree branches and flimsy metal rods used to clean rifles. Kim said she and her colleagues were beaten on their feet, calves, arms, jaw, hips and even breasts.

"We were hit a lot ... and they always carried those switches," she said. "I didn't know whether it was a human rights violation at the time. I saw (my parade training) as a source of pride, even after I came to South Korea" in 2009, she said.

Kim's training happened during a North Korean famine that was estimated to have killed hundreds of thousands. Malnourished, she said she passed out during a practice in July 1996 because her training unit didn't have enough food, often eating only rice and salt for each meal. Sim and another ex-North Korean soldier, who requested anonymity because of worries about the safety of his relatives in the North, said their teams were fed well.

Several weeks after quitting her training because of health problems, Kim said she suffered sciatic neuralgia that left her paralyzed below the waist for weeks. Kim said her North Korean doctor told her that her injury was likely caused by the goose-stepping. Other goose-steppers had slipped disks and blood in the urine, she said.

The third ex-North Korean soldier said he had a backache for one and a half months after the 1998 parade. Sim said his training was tough but he wasn't injured.

Soldiers riding on tanks and armored vehicles during the parades had less severe training than the goose-steppers. Sim, who was an army captain on a trackless trolley car towing an anti-aircraft gun in 1985, said his training then was pri-

marily focused on maintaining his vehicle to prevent it from accidentally stopping during the parade.

After the parades, participants are usually awarded commemorative medals, gift boxes with food and beverages and special holidays. They are also allowed to keep the military uniforms they wear during the parades.

Kim was commissioned as a second lieutenant, and she got a coveted ruling party membership and was promoted faster than her colleagues, in part, she thinks, because of her participation in parade training.

Sim, who was a lieutenant colonel at Pyongyang's defense command when he fled North Korea in 1998, now works as a pastor who promotes Christianity in North Korea. He hates the North Korean dictatorship but still highly values its military parades.

On the day of his parade in 1972, Sim said his heart was pounding as he smoothly passed by Kim Il Sung, whom North Koreans worshipped as a god-like figure. A female officer collapsed after her appendix burst following her march, and she was praised by military leaders for having concealed her pains while training, Sim said.

## France: Russia satellite spied in 'Star Wars' hostility

PARIS (AP) — A Russian satellite "with big ears" cozied up to a French one last year in an apparent effort to eavesdrop on secure military communications, France's defense minister alleged Friday.

In what she said amounted to a "Star Wars" above the Earth, Floreny Parly named the Russian satellite as Louch-Olymp. She said it approached the Athena-Fidus, a French-Italian satellite launched in 2014 and used for secure military communications and the planning of operations.

"Trying to listen to one's neighbor is not only unfriendly. It's called an act of espionage,"

Parly said in a speech in the southern city of Toulouse.

"It got close. A bit too close. So close that one really could believe that it was trying to capture our communications."

She added that "this little Star Wars didn't happen a long time ago in a galaxy far away. It happened a year ago, 36,000 kilometers above our heads."

She said the Russian satellite has "big ears" and is "well-known but a bit indiscreet."

Without giving details, she said France had taken "the necessary measures" and is still watching the satellite attentively.

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# U.S. adds a strong 201K jobs; unemployment remains at 3.9 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hiring in the United States picked up in August as employers added a strong 201,000 jobs, a sign of confidence that consumers and businesses will keep spending despite the Trump administration's ongoing conflicts with its trading partners.

The unemployment rate remained at 3.9 percent, near an 18-year low.

Friday's August jobs report from the government also showed that paychecks are growing faster. Average hourly wages are now 2.9 percent above where they were a year earlier, the fastest year-over-year gain in eight years. Still, after adjusting for inflation, pay has been flat for the past year.

Taken as a whole, the data point to a job market that remains resilient even after nearly a decade of economic expansion and even with the threat of tariffs and counter-tariffs on imports and exports looming over many U.S. employers that rely on global trade.

The economy is expanding steadily, fueled by tax cuts, confident consumers, greater business investment in equipment and more government spending. Growth reached 4.2 percent at an annual rate in the April-June quarter, the fastest pace in four years.

Even while reporting a robust job gain for August on Friday, the Labor Department revised sharply down its estimate of hiring in June and July. The government now says employers added 50,000 fewer jobs in those two

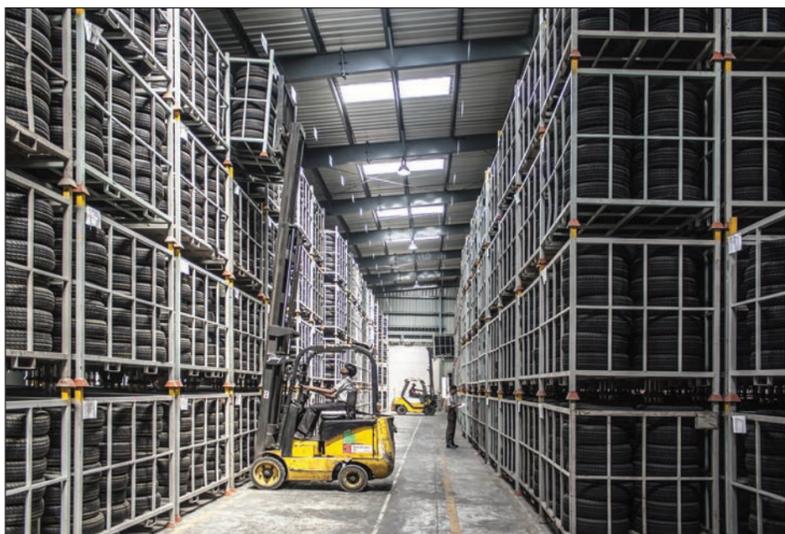
months combined than it had previously estimated.

But the solid 201,000 job gain for August was nearly equal to the average gain of 196,000 over the prior 12 months, evidence of how steady job growth remains.

The Trump administration has imposed tariffs on imported steel and aluminum as well as on \$50 billion of goods from China. U.S. companies across a range of industries have expressed alarm about those import taxes and about counter-tariffs that other nations have imposed on U.S. exports. The White House has also threatened to hit China with higher taxes on \$200 billion more of Chinese goods.

Yet so far, those concerns don't appear to have depressed overall hiring. Businesses are increasingly reluctant to even lay off workers, in part because it would be difficult to replace them at a time when qualified job applicants have become harder to find. On Thursday, the government said the number of people seeking unemployment benefits — a proxy for layoffs — amounted to just 203,000 last week, the fewest total in 49 years.

Friday's jobs report showed that professional and business services, a category that includes both higher-paying fields such as engineering and accounting and lower-paying temp jobs, led August's job growth with 53,000



Friday's jobs report showed health care providers added 33,000 and transportation and warehousing companies 20,200, the most in nearly a year.

added positions. Health care providers added 33,000 and transportation and warehousing companies 20,200, the most in nearly a year.

Manufacturing shed 3,000 jobs in August, its worst showing in more than a year. Retailers cut 6,000 positions, a surprising drop given reports of strong sales by such leading retailers as Target, Walmart and Best Buy.

Most analysts have forecast that the economy will expand at an annual pace of at least 3 percent in the current July-September quarter. For the full year, the economy is on track to grow 3 percent for the first time since 2005.

Consumer confidence rose in August to its highest level in nearly 18 years. Most Americans feel that jobs are widely available and expect the economy to remain healthy in the coming months, according to the Conference Board's consumer confidence survey.

The buoyant mood is lifting spending on everything from cars to restaurant meals to clothes. Consumers' enthusiasm is even boosting such brick-and-mortar store chains as Target, Walmart and Best Buy, which have posted strong sales gains despite intensifying competition from online retailers.

In August, factories expanded at their quickest pace in 14 years, according to a survey of purchasing managers. A manufacturing index compiled by a trade group reached its highest point since 2004. Measures of new orders and production surged, and factories added jobs at a faster pace than in July.

Not all the economic news has been positive. Higher mortgage rates and years of rapid price increases are slowing the housing market. Sales of existing homes dropped in July for a fourth straight month.

## Word detectives: Science may help finger opinion columnist

BY SETH BORENSTEIN  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — Language detectives say the key clues to who wrote the anonymous *New York Times* opinion piece slamming President Donald Trump may not be the odd and glimmering "lodestar," but the itty-bitty words that people usually read right over: "I," "of" and "but."

And lodestar? That could be a red herring meant to throw sleuths off track, some experts say.

Experts use a combination of language use, statistics and computer science to help figure out who wrote documents that are anonymous or possibly plagiarized. They've even solved crimes and historical mysteries that way. Some call the field forensic linguistics, others call it stylometry or simply doing "author attribution."

The field is suddenly at center stage after an unidentified "senior administration official" wrote in the *Times* that he or she was part of a "resistance" movement working from within the administration to curb Trump's most dangerous impulses.

"My phone has been ringing off the hook with requests to do that analysis, and I just don't have the time," says Duquesne University computer and language scientist Patrick Juola.

Robert Leonard, a Hofstra University linguistics professor who has helped solve murders by examining language, says if experts could get the right number of writing samples from officials whose identities

are known, "an analysis could certainly be done."

One political scientist figures there are about 50 people in the Trump administration who fit the *Times*' description as a senior administration official and could be the author. The key would be to look at how they write, the words they use, what words they put next to each other, spelling, punctuation and even tenses, experts say.

"Language is a set of choices. What to say, how to say and when to say it," Juola says. "And there's a lot of different options."

One of the favorite techniques of Juola and other experts is to look at what's called "function words." These are words people use all the time but that are hard to define because they more provide function than meaning. Some examples are "of," "with," "the," "a," "over" and "and."

"We all use them but we don't use them in the same way," Juola says. "We don't use them in the same frequency." Same goes with apostrophes and other punctuation.

For example, do you say "different from" or "different than?" asks computer science and data expert Shlomo Argamon of the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Women tend to use first- and second-person pronouns more — "I," "me" and "you" — and more present tense, Argamon says.

Men use "the," "of," "this" and "that" more often, he says.

"You look for clues and you try to assess the usefulness of those clues," Argamon says.

But he is less optimistic that the Trump opinion piece case will be cracked for various reasons, including the *New York Times*' editing for style and possible efforts to fool language detectives with words that someone else likes to use such as "lodestar." Mostly, he's pessimistic because to do a proper comparison, samples from all suspects have to be gathered and have to be similar, such as all opinion columns as opposed to novels, speeches or magazine stories.

Rachel Greenstadt at Drexel University studies when people try to throw off investigators with words they don't normally use or purposeful bad spellings. She says her first instinct is that the word "lodestar" — one Vice President Mike Pence has used several times — is "a red herring." It seems too deliberate. "Most people are still looking for sound bite-sized features like lodestar instead of trying to get a handle on the whole picture," says Hofstra's Leonard.

Greenstadt says language analysis "could kind of contribute to the picture" of who wrote the *Times*' opinion

pieces, but she adds "by itself, I'd be concerned to use it."

Still, with the right conditions words matter.

Juola testified in about 15 trials and handled even more cases that never made it to court. His biggest case was in 2013, when a British newspaper got a tip that the book "The Cuckoo's Calling" by Robert Galbraith was really written by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling. In about an hour, Juola fed two Rowling books, "The Cuckoo's Calling" and six other novels into his computer, analyzed the language patterns with four different systems and concluded that Rowling did it.

A couple of days later, Rowling confessed.

It was far from the first time that language use fingered the real culprit. The Unabomber's brother identified him because of his distinctive writing style. Field pioneers helped find a kidnapper who used the unique term "devil strip" for the grassy area between the sidewalk and road. The phrase is only used in parts of Ohio.

Even in politics, words are poker tells. In 1996, the novel

"Primary Colors" about a Clintonesque presidential candidate set Washington abuzz trying to figure out who was the anonymous author. An analysis by a Vassar professor and other work pointed to *Newsweek*'s Joe Klein and he finally admitted it.

But the literary sleuthing goes back to the founding of the republic. Historians had a hard time figuring out which specific Federalist Papers were written by Alexander Hamilton and which were by James Madison. A 1963 statistical analysis figured it out: One of the many clues came down to usage of the words "while" and "whilst." Madison used "whilst"; Hamilton preferred "while."

Juola says experts in the field can generally tell introverts from extroverts, men from women, education level, age, location, almost everything but astrological sign.

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Each vest worn by Sumter County Sheriff's Office K-9s is embroidered with the name and the Bible verse, Proverbs 28:1, The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.

**K-9** FROM PAGE 1A

finding that person may not have been possible without Spike.

And while Spike was chosen for a career in law enforcement based on his instincts, Wix chose the career for himself for that same reason.

"It's always been a childhood dream," he said about being part of the K-9 Unit.

Wix said he always looked up to law enforcement, and getting selected to be part of the K-9 Unit is a childhood dream come true.

Now with seven years of experience under his belt, Wix is training Spike, his second K-9.

Previously, Wix worked with K-9 Mike for five years before the seasoned K-9 deputy retired in August of last year.

Mike is now Wix's personal dog.

Years of experience and constant training are only part of the job for a law enforcement officer. Methods of

protection are also important in day-to-day operations, especially during the summer because just like humans, dogs are susceptible to excessive heat.

To protect its K-9s from the dangers of rising temperatures, the sheriff's office installed each of the K-9 Unit vehicles with an Ace K-9 Hot-N-Pop Pro System that monitors the heat inside the vehicle where working dogs can spend 15 to 20 minutes depending on the call.

If the temperature inside the vehicle rises past a certain degree, the car's lights will



K-9s and their handlers must build trust as they work together on sometimes dangerous calls.



This device, worn on a K-9 Unit deputy's vest, allows the officer to open the car door in an emergency.

flash and a pager worn on the deputy's vest will alert him or her.

The system will also turn on a fan and roll down the windows, and each K-9 Unit vehicle has a water bowl, Wix said.

K-9 Unit deputies also wear a device that allows them to open a rear vehicle door if the pager goes off.

Another way the sheriff's office protects its four-legged deputies is with custom-made Kevlar vests provided by Keeping K-9s in Kevlar, an organization that raises money to purchase vests for law-enforcement agency dogs, and manufactured by K-9 Storm Inc.

So, though he's just getting his paws wet, Spike is proving to be a rambunctious asset to the sheriff's office.

"The potential is there," Wix said, "for him to be a great police K-9."



K-9 Spike's vest contains the same Kevlar material as Cpl. Larry Wix's vest.

**LABOR DAY** FROM PAGE A1

weekend, 28 were for speeding.

Ken Bell, public information officer for the sheriff's office, said the electronic tickets made up the majority of tickets issued during the holiday weekend.

There were 21 issued on Saturday, Sept. 1; 20 tickets were issued on Friday, Aug. 31; four were issued on Sunday, Sept. 2; and eight were issued on Monday, Sept. 3.

Statewide, the state public safety department reported nine deaths during the Labor Day travel period — 6 p.m. on Aug. 31 to 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 3. Only two of the decedents were wearing seat belts.

Six fatalities were reported in the state during the 2017 Labor Day weekend.

A preliminary number of 262 traffic deaths were reported during the 2018 100 Deadly Days of Summer com-

**CITATIONS, TICKETS ISSUED BY SUMTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FROM AUG. 31-SEPT. 3**

- 4 driving under suspension violations
- 28 speeding tickets
- 2 failures to maintain proof of insurance
- 1 expired vehicle license
- 1 breach of peace in a non-aggravated nature
- 5 marijuana possessions
- 2 public disorderly conducts
- 1 assault and battery
- 1 litter violation
- 2 driving without a license violations
- 1 child restraint violation
- 1 turning violation
- 1 violation of endangering emergency services personnel
- 1 open container violation
- 1 violation of permitting an unauthorized person to drive

pared to 237 during the same time period in 2017.

Of the 463 motor vehicle occupants who have died so far in 2018, 235 were not wearing

seat belts, according to the release.

SCDPS also reported 97 pedestrian, 70 motorcyclist and 12 bicyclist deaths as of Sept. 3.

**LAWSUIT** FROM PAGE A1

to dismiss Hamm and Kuomos from DuBose's employment case as individual defendants under a state law that grants immunity to governmental employees who act in the scope of their job duties.

The motion says they are immune from the suit based on the South Carolina Tort Claims Act. Under that statute, someone can sue the entity, but not the employees, unless the employee(s) acts outside the scope of their work, Smith said.

"There are no allegations of any facts that Dr. Kuomos or Dr. Hamm acted outside of the scope of their employment with the district," Smith said Friday.

In her complaint allegations, DuBose said earlier this year one of her supervisors with her new employer contacted Kuomas regarding her new job, and he made false and defaming comments about her under the advisement of Hamm.

The complaint allegations also say DuBose is in jeopardy of losing the position she now holds as a result of the widespread and continuing publicity relating to the events involved in the case.

Smith denies all those allegations in the school district's answer, but said he couldn't go into detail on specific allegations since the case is still pending.

The district's response also includes 33 defenses raised against the plaintiff's claims and nine counter-claims based mostly on the state Department of Education's audit report findings from last year.

Those counter-claims allege DuBose engaged in inappropriate and unauthorized use of programmatic funds, Smith said. In the counter-claims, the district is also seeking for the plaintiff to pay it back the full amount of \$176,922.79 that the district was required to reimburse the Department of Education for the misuse of funds.

DuBose's lawsuit also involves two other defendants — Kellie Gainey and Patty Wilson — and their conduct before her separation from district employment. Attorneys for both also filed their answers recently in the case.

The State Law Enforcement Division has not made any formal charges in the case since taking it over in June 2017.

Smith said the written discovery stage and depositions will now follow and that could take several months. The earliest the case can be called to trial is one year after DuBose filed her complaint — June 2019 — he said.

DuBose is asking for up to \$5 million in damages from a jury trial to offset special harm including decreased earning capacity, loss of good will, reputational loss, pain and suffering and reasonable attorney fees.

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## COMMENTARY

## S.C. schools need tougher reading, writing standards

BY AMBER M. NORTHERN and MICHAEL J. PETRILLI

In 2015, South Carolina adopted new standards in English language arts (ELA) after making the decision to “un-adopt” the Common Core. In doing so, the state was well within its rights. But South Carolina also has a responsibility to make sure its reading and writing standards are strong, clear and rigorous. And on that count it fell short.

Academic standards are the foundation upon which much of public education rests. They dictate the knowledge and skills that students are expected to master, grade by grade, and communicate those expectations to educators, parents, curriculum writers and other stakeholders. That’s why we at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute have been reviewing state standards for over 20 years: These benchmarks shape much of what students do and learn during the school year now underway.

In our most recent review, which we published last month, our team of subject-matter experts conferred a score of 6 out of 10 on South Carolina’s English language arts standards, earning them an overall rating of “weak.” That means that, in our view, the standards should be significantly revised, and the sooner the better.

It was encouraging to hear the reaction to our findings from chairman of the S.C. Education Oversight Committee Neil C. Robinson Jr., who said that the agency would review the standards because of the Fordham report. He said, “I have asked for a review of the ELA standards, based on the results of this report. If there are foundational issues with the standards and the supporting documents provided to teachers, we have to act sooner rather than later. Stronger standards are better for our students.”

One of the main problems with South Carolina’s benchmarks is that they fail to require that students be familiar with or knowledgeable about any specific works of literature, authors or historical documents (such as “1984,” Shakespeare or the Declaration of Independence). That means that what students are required to read is left to an individual teacher’s discretion.

In 2015, Sen. Larry Grooms, R-Charleston, a vocal opponent of Common Core, said that having recommended texts was the “most offensive” part of the Common Core since that discouraged American exceptionalism — hence their removal in the new standards. As fellow conservatives, we beg to differ. In fact, leaving text selections completely up to teachers fails to ensure that all students are exposed to equally rigorous and engaging material across classrooms. And more broadly, it ignores the importance of shared knowledge in a democracy.

A related problem is the absence of clear guidance in several grade levels regarding the types of texts that students should be reading. Without such guidance, questions around equity and access inevitably arise, as what is considered “grade-level appropriate” in one school or district may be vastly different from what is read and discussed in another. As a result, graduates in South Carolina will struggle to comprehend college-level and workforce-relevant reading material that is far more complex than what many of them are currently reading in high school.

Finally, the standards are repetitive. The best standards differentiate expectations across each grade level so that teachers understand the incremental growth of knowledge and skills that are expected.

However, in certain areas (like some of the literacy standards in grades 3-5), South Carolina’s standards are repeated verbatim for multiple grade levels.

Fortunately, these shortcomings are fixable, and policymakers should act now: Designate specific texts at all grade levels with which students should be familiar (or at minimum, provide “exemplar” texts for teacher consideration). Provide teachers guidance within the standards about how to choose materials that are appropriate for a particular grade level. Revise standards that are repeated verbatim for multiple grade levels.

“I like that it is written by South Carolinians for South Carolinians to be used in the public schools of South Carolina,” Kathy Maness, executive director of the Palmetto State Teachers Association, remarked when South Carolina enacted its current reading standards. “We think the new standards are more rigorous than what our students have right now.”

That first part is true, but the second part isn’t. The standards that South Carolina had before were better than what they have now. Here’s hoping that policymakers in South Carolina fix that.

Amber M. Northern and Michael J. Petrilli are senior vice president and president, respectively, at the Thomas B. Fordham Institute.



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## LET'S KEEP OUR LOWER TAX RATES

Prior to an election, many politicians talk about helping the “working middle class,” but for decades these good citizens have seen no improvement in their finances, until now with the new tax rates. However, it is not the lower tax rates they will enjoy that is their biggest benefit, but rather the fast-growing economy that creates more jobs and lower unemployment.

This will have employers competing for qualified employees, thereby increasing wages and/or benefits and give many the opportunity to get off the entitlement programs (formerly called welfare) and save tax dollars.

This is a logic that escapes many Democrats including Archie Parnell who expressed his opposition to the tax cuts in *The Sumter Item* on Nov. 5, 2017.

So the choice is clear. If you want to go back to higher taxes, a slower economy, with higher unemployment and more tax dollars going to entitlements, then Archie is your man. However, if you think you have a better future with the lower taxes and improved economy, you would be wise to vote for Ralph Norman and hope we can elect enough Republicans to keep the lower taxes that the Democrats have vowed to repeal.

ROBERT W. WILDER  
Sumter

## COMMENTARY

## To op-ed writer: If you can't serve honorably, don't serve

WASHINGTON — The “deep state” exists after all. But it turns out that deep state is not made up of the permanent bureaucracy, shadow intelligence officials or even Obama administration holdovers; rather it is made up of President Trump’s own senior appointees.

In a *New York Times* op-ed, an unidentified “senior official in the Trump administration” admits that he and others “in and around the White House” are “working diligently from within to frustrate parts of his agenda”



Marc Thiessen

and thwart “Mr. Trump’s more misguided impulses until he is out of office.” The author declares that he and his co-conspirators are being “unsung heroes” fighting on the inside to “preserve our democratic institutions.” In fact, they are doing precisely the opposite.

President Trump asked on Twitter whether the writer had committed “TREASON?” No, he (or she) has not. But the writer and the other members of this “quiet resistance within the administration” have betrayed the solemn oath they took when they raised their right hands and pledged to “bear true faith and allegiance” to the U.S. Constitution. The Constitution vests executive power in the president, not “senior officials.” Any authority these appointees have comes from the president, at whose pleasure they serve.

For an unelected appointee to hide documents or refuse to carry out the lawful orders of the elected president is not noble. It is not patriotic. It is

an assault on democracy.

If you are a presidential appointee who strongly disagrees with something the president is about to do, you have a moral obligation to try to convince the president that he is wrong. If you can’t do so, and the matter is sufficiently serious, then you have an obligation to resign — and explain to the American people why you did so. But there is no constitutional option of staying on the job and pretending to be a loyal adviser, while secretly undermining the president by failing to carry out his decisions — no matter how bad you think those decisions are.

Yet, according to the author, that is precisely what he (or she) and many senior officials are doing. And the conduct the author describes matches named senior administration officials’ actions described in Bob Woodward’s new book, “Fear.” According to Woodward, then-economic adviser Gary Cohn “stole a letter off Trump’s desk” to avoid formally withdrawing from a U.S.-South Korea trade agreement — and later bragged to a colleague that the president never even realized it was missing. Woodward further reports that Cohn did the same with a document to withdraw from the North American Free Trade Agreement, telling then-staff secretary Rob Porter, “I can stop this. I’ll just take the paper off his desk.”

It would be a horrible decision to withdraw from those trade agreements. And it would be perfectly legitimate to campaign internally to dissuade the president from doing so. But for the head of the National Economic Council to conspire with the White House staff secretary to hide documents from the president is rank insubordination. No one elected the economic ad-

viser or the staff secretary. They elected Donald Trump.

It is important that good people serve in the administration and try their best to persuade the president to make good decisions and dissuade him from bad ones. But when you go from advising to subverting the president, you cross a moral and constitutional line. You are no longer defending democracy; you are subverting it. And to boast about your duplicitous behavior in the media is shameful.

In our system of checks and balances, there are a number of options at the disposal of officials concerned about the president’s fitness for office. If the president is as unstable as the writer suggests, and if many within the administration share that view, then a mass resignation would be appropriate. That could certainly have an impact on the midterm elections and flip control of the House and Senate to the Democrats, providing a check on the president’s power. If Trump is truly incompetent, then members of the Cabinet can agree to notify Congress that they do not believe the president can carry out his duties under the 25th Amendment. If he has committed high crimes and misdemeanors, Congress can impeach him. But seeking to thwart the president from within by extra-constitutional means is un-American.

There is no shame in not serving a president you don’t respect. Many conservatives have made that decision. But if you feel you can’t serve the president honorably, then there is only one honorable thing to do: Don’t serve at all.

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it through their college. The Center covers South Carolina and Sumter Jewish history, the Holocaust and Sumter's ties to the Holocaust. Docents must be friendly and comfortable engaging with both children and adults. Contact Diana Roof at (803) 468-8630 or at temple@sumtercountymuseum.org or Annie Rivers at (803) 775-0908 or at arivers@sumtercountymuseum.org.

PUBLIC AGENDA

- CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Monday, 6 p.m., Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning
- SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Monday, 6 p.m., 1345 Wilson Hall Road
- LEE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 9 a.m., council chambers
- SUMTER HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**  
Tuesday, noon, Sunset Country Club
- LYNCHBURG TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Teen Center on Magnolia Street, Lynchburg

- SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers
- SUMMERTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6 p.m., town hall
- PINEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., town hall
- TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., town hall
- MAYESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 7 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Don't act in haste. Look at what's being said and offered before you make a snap decision that could leave you at a loss. Bide your time, ask questions and consider every angle before you say yea or nay.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take a stance and follow through. Trust in your ability to know what's best for yourself. Relationships will take a favorable turn if you share your concerns and intentions, as well as a romantic gesture.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Check every detail and verify what you've been told. It's better to be safe than sorry when dealing with settlements, joint finances or feelings. Don't neglect responsibilities or your loved ones.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Spend time with friends and family. Discuss your plans and see who is interested in tagging along. Don't feel you have to pay for others. You can't buy love. Offer kindness and understanding; you'll win respect and affection.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Look at what you can do to make personal and physical improvements at home. Whether it's doing something nice for someone you love or moving things around to clear a space for one of your pursuits, it will be time well spent.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Look for any opportunity to make a move. Changing things up a bit will inspire you to be more adventuresome and to share your feelings, intentions and plans with someone special. Make romance and physical improvements

priorities. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Think twice before making a move. Listen carefully to what's being said or offered. If someone shows anger or tends to be pushy, keep your distance. Don't take part in gossip or share private information about someone else.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take part in a social event or lend a helping hand. What you do for others and how you interact will open up a window of opportunity. Traveling, sharing creative ideas and collaborating with unusual individuals will spark your imagination.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll come up against someone with ulterior motives. Don't be gullible or too eager to please. A false sense of security will result if you allow someone to manipulate you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Buying and selling, a joint venture or making a move that will boost your assets or lower overhead should be considered. An important relationship should be highlighted and changes should be implemented that will bring you closer together.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't get all worked up over something you have no control over. Use common sense to come up with a solution that will help you deal with anyone or anything that's troubling you. Be good to yourself.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll have all sorts of options to consider. It's time to bring about change and to focus on getting ahead financially. A physical change to your appearance will give you the confidence you need to forge ahead with your plans.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	A thunderstorm around early	Thundershower	A shower and t-storm around	Some sun with a thunderstorm	A chance for showers
92°	71°	91° / 71°	90° / 72°	91° / 73°	91° / 73°
Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 65%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 35%
SSE 4-8 mph	S 3-6 mph	S 4-8 mph	SSE 3-6 mph	NE 4-8 mph	NNE 8-16 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

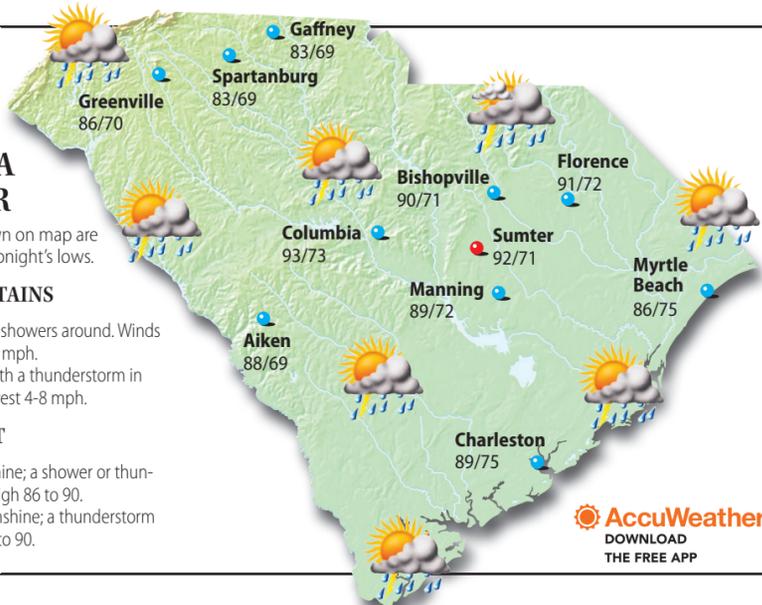
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Humid with showers around. Winds south-southeast 4-8 mph.  
**Monday:** Humid with a thunderstorm in spots. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** Partial sunshine; a shower or thunderstorm in spots. High 86 to 90.  
**Monday:** Partial sunshine; a thunderstorm in the area. High 86 to 90.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
92°	92°	70°	86°	65°	97° in 1954	53° in 1965

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
0.00"	0.00"	1.06"	26.76"	28.01"	34.45"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.82	-0.06
Marion	76.8	75.38	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.24	none
Wateree	100	97.36	-0.13

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	2.53	-0.09
Congaree River	19	3.07	none
Lynches River	14	1.26	-0.01
Saluda River	14	2.14	-0.36
Up. Santee River	80	76.40	+0.03
Wateree River	24	9.54	-0.06

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:01 a.m.	Sunset	7:37 p.m.
Moonrise	6:41 a.m.	Moonset	7:55 p.m.



TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	9:20 a.m.	3.5	3:52 a.m.	-0.2
	9:44 p.m.	3.8	4:07 p.m.	-0.5
Mon.	10:14 a.m.	3.6	4:41 a.m.	-0.3
	10:34 p.m.	3.8	5:00 p.m.	-0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	89/73/pc	87/71/t
Chicago	69/58/c	74/55/pc
Dallas	80/64/c	82/67/pc
Detroit	64/59/r	67/56/sh
Houston	85/72/t	80/70/t
Los Angeles	91/67/s	86/65/pc
New Orleans	88/75/t	87/75/t
New York	64/59/r	71/70/r
Orlando	88/73/t	89/75/t
Philadelphia	64/60/r	80/70/t
Phoenix	106/83/s	105/84/s
San Francisco	70/54/pc	71/54/pc
Wash., DC	69/65/r	84/71/c

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	82/66/c	82/64/c	Florence	91/72/pc	92/72/pc
Athens	91/69/t	89/68/c	Gainesville	89/73/t	89/73/t
Augusta	93/71/t	93/70/t	Gastonia	85/70/c	87/68/c
Beaufort	90/75/pc	90/75/pc	Goldsboro	89/71/c	90/72/pc
Cape Hatteras	88/77/pc	89/78/t	Goose Creek	88/73/pc	89/74/pc
Charleston	89/75/pc	90/75/pc	Greensboro	81/69/t	84/70/pc
Charlotte	87/70/c	90/69/c	Greenville	86/70/c	87/69/t
Clemson	86/71/t	86/70/c	Hickory	80/68/c	84/68/pc
Columbia	93/73/pc	92/74/pc	Hilton Head	87/75/pc	88/75/pc
Darlington	91/71/pc	91/72/pc	Jacksonville, FL	90/72/pc	90/72/pc
Elizabeth City	89/72/pc	90/72/t	La Grange	88/72/pc	87/70/t
Elizabethtown	89/72/pc	90/73/t	Macon	92/69/t	92/69/t
Fayetteville	92/72/c	92/73/c	Marietta	87/71/pc	85/69/c

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

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TOP TEN: At the highest levels By Fred Piscop

ACROSS

- 1 City north of Lauderdale
- 5 Stores away
- 10 Retail establishments
- 15 \_\_\_ noire (bane)
- 19 Enthusiastic
- 20 O'Brien of TV talk
- 21 Become slippery, perhaps
- 22 Reversed one
- 23 Person in charge
- 25 Senior administrator
- 27 Flower-shaped design
- 28 Actor Sacha Baron \_\_\_
- 30 Sectors
- 31 Sgt. or cpl.
- 32 Bar mitzvah dances
- 33 Pyramid's peak
- 35 "This being the case . . ."
- 39 British coins
- 40 Heat-resistant container
- 44 Stir from slumber
- 45 Utopian pair
- 47 Measure of geologic time
- 48 Blondie tyke
- 49 Certain deer
- 51 Writer Wiesler
- 52 "Winning everything"
- 53 '60s war zone
- 54 Pitcher's unimprovable outing
- 58 Organic compound
- 59 NL West team
- 60 Virtuoso
- 61 Paperless exams
- 62 Steeple section
- 63 Overused
- 65 Zoo trenches
- 66 Utensil for apples
- 67 Glossy fabrics
- 69 Troop group
- 70 Prefix for cycle
- 71 AOL for one
- 74 Accumulate

75 Most serious, as a

crime

78 Frat letter

79 Bit of cunning

80 Keeps out

81 Race-car stops

82 Surprise obstacle

83 Press coverage, so to speak

84 Project manager, e.g.

88 Employee ID

89 Facial features

91 Shakespearean sprite

92 Barbershop voices

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94 Is first-billed

95 Corn container

96 Title role for Caine and Law

99 Jazz singer Krall

100 Common family excursion

104 High point in

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112 \$1000, slangily

113 Trait transmitter

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117 MasterCard alternative

DOWN

1 Scroogean expletive

2 Up above

3 Sicilian "See ya"

4 Makes sense, with "up"

5 From Inverness

6 Western sidekick

7 In years past

8 Cry from a crib

9 Lcy confection

10 Hoops great Jordan

11 Sore spots

12 Apt rhyme for "restrain"

13 Mardi Gras day: Abbr.

14 Sunscreen letters

15 Mississippi port

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17 Lacerated

18 Fraternal group

24 From now on

26 Language related to Polish

29 Seal predator

32 Botanical fence

33 The Sopranos restaurateur

34 Purplish-brown

35 Concert venue

36 Word before panel or power

37 High-level meetings

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- 38 Supporter of GIs
- 39 Oscar role for Cotillard
- 40 Becomes less angry
- 41 Inseparable pair
- 42 Inverted type
- 43 Blog posting
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- 52 Castaway's home
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- 55 Colorado brewer
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- 57 How many fences are made
- 58 Haunting

- 62 Pirate flag depiction
- 64 Gain in status
- 65 Portraitist/inventor
- 66 Rudely terse
- 67 Greeted and seated
- 68 \_\_\_ acids (protein components)
- 69 Lawyers' employers
- 72 Playhouse part
- 73 Contents of books
- 75 Needs repair
- 76 Pentathlon weapons
- 77 Brownie, for one
- 80 Fedora feature
- 82 Airline to Oslo
- 84 Was snoopy
- 85 Cape user
- 86 Port city in Casablanca

- 87 How memes spread
- 88 Swahili's language group
- 90 Tots' wheels
- 92 Canal boats
- 94 Burn a bit
- 95 Be a moocher
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- 98 Elongated tooth
- 99 Bering, by birth
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- 101 Baltic State capital
- 102 News story
- 103 Window glass
- 105 EMT destinations
- 106 Cambridge sch.
- 108 \_\_\_ de Co-

- logne
- 109 Toy Story dinosaur
- BÊTE noire (15 Across) literally means "black beast" in French. In 2003, DIANA Krall (99 Across) married British musician Elvis Costello at Elton John's estate near London. Marion Cotillard's Academy Award for her 2007 portrayal of Edith Piaf (39 Down) was the first given for a performance in French.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

B	A	T	R	O	P	E	S	A	I	D	A	H
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1	5	3	6	7	8	9		

## USC FOOTBALL



# Crushed

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Georgia's D'Andre Swift runs as the Carolina defense pursues during the Bulldogs' 41-17 victory over the Gamecocks on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

## No. 3 Georgia runs over No. 24 Gamecocks 41-17 in early SEC East showdown

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COLUMBIA — The South Carolina Gamecocks had a glimmer of hope entering the second half of their football

game against No. 3 Georgia on Saturday.

No. 24 USC trailed 20-10, but Georgia kicked a field goal on the last play of the first half and scored a touchdown off an interception. The Carolina

defense had held the Bulldogs to a respectable 183 yards in the first half.

However, when play began in the second half, the UGA offense imposed its will on South Carolina.

Georgia had two 75-yard scoring drives and an 86-yard TD drive in the third quarter to blow the game open and go on to a 41-17 triumph at Williams-Brice Stadium.

"We go whooped on the line

of scrimmage," said South Carolina head coach Will Muschamp. "At the end of the day, we discussed that the line of scrimmage would be a key

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## PREP FOOTBALL



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Sumter wide receiver KeShawn Kroskey (84) pulls in a tipped pass between Lakewood's Amari Martin (7) and Justin Anderson (24) on the way to a 70-yard reception in the Gamecocks' 49-7 win on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

# Sumter cruises past Lakewood Gamecocks 4-0 after 49-7 win

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Sumter High School rolled to a 49-7 varsity football victory over Sumter School District rival Lakewood on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium. However, Gamecock head coach Mark Barnes wasn't particularly pleased with his team's performance.

"I really think this may have been our worst performance of the year," said Barnes, whose team improved to 4-0 on the season. "We didn't do a good job controlling the line of scrimmage. We also had too many turnovers (three) and too many penalties (nine for 77 yards, including seven for 65 in the first half).

"We've been lucky; we've had three turnovers in each of the last two games and we won (34-10 over Conway last week) both of them. We've got to clean that up. We can't keep doing that or we will lose."

Sumter still dominated the Gators, who fell to 3-1. The Gamecocks had 409 yards of total offense and limited Lakewood to 101. Sumter had 328 yards at halftime, including 232 passing with 14 first downs. The Gators had just 20 yards and one first down.

Lakewood played the game without starting quarterback and East Carolina commitment Malik Richardson. The Gators' leading rusher, Richardson suffered a leg injury in last week's 27-26 victory over Manning.

"His legs are everything to his game, and if he's hurt we're not going to play him," said Lakewood head coach Larry Cornelius. "Plus, it's a non-region game, and our goal is to be ready for region play. I know this (Sumter) game is big to a lot of people, but it is just one game. It is what is."

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## PREP FOOTBALL

# Crestwood still winless after 14-7 loss to Manning

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

DALZELL — In a game that saw almost as many punts as points, Manning High School's offense finally broke through with a big play late in the fourth quarter to secure a 14-7 win over Crestwood on Friday at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium.

The game-winning play came at the 3:04 mark of the final quarter as Monarch quarterback Jack Owens connected with Aaron Smith on a 66-yard touchdown pass, with Smith running for 50 yards after catching the pass on what MHS head coach Keith West called a 15-yard out route.

"Aaron made a great play at the end," said West, whose team evened its record at 2-2. "He caught a comeback on the sideline, they missed a tackle, he came back across the grain and took it to the house."

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TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning wide receiver Aaron Smith (11) gets away from Crestwood cornerback Montrell White on his way to the end zone for the winning touchdown in the fourth quarter of the Monarchs' 14-7 victory over the Knights at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell.

## CLEMSON FOOTBALL

### TIGERS VS. AGGIES



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Clemson wide receiver Tee Higgins (5) dives for a touchdown as Texas A&M defensive back Charles Oliver (21) defends during the first half of their game on Saturday in College Station, Texas. Clemson led 14-3 at halftime. Check out [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com) for the full game story.

U.S. OPEN

# Williams argues with chair umpire; Osaka wins U.S. Open

NEW YORK — Serena Williams was penalized a game for calling the chair umpire a thief during an extended argument as the U.S. Open women's final descended into chaos, with fans booing and play delayed before Naomi Osaka wrapped up a 6-2, 6-4 victory for her first Grand Slam title.

The biggest issue for Williams on the scoreboard Saturday was that she was outplayed by a younger version of herself in Osaka, a 20-year-old who is the first player from Japan to win a major singles tennis title and idolizes the 36-year-old American.

During the trophy ceremony in Arthur Ashe Stadium, thousands of fans jeered repeatedly, and both Osaka — the champion — and Williams — the runner-up in her bid for a record-equaling 24th Grand Slam trophy — cried.

Williams put an arm around Osaka's shoulder and told the crowd: "I know you guys were here rooting, and I was rooting, too, but let's make this the best moment we can. ... We're going to get through this and let's be positive. So congratulations, Naomi. No more booing."

Added Williams, with a laugh: "I really hope to continue to go and play here again. We'll see."

This was the third high-profile conflict with an official for Williams at Flushing Meadows, following her infamous tirade after a foot fault in the



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Serena Williams slams her racket on the court during the women's final of the U.S. Open against Naomi Osaka on Saturday in New York. Osaka won 6-2, 6-4.

2009 semifinals against Kim Clijsters, and a dispute over a hindrance call in the 2011 final against Sam Stosur.

What the 2018 final will forever be remembered for is the way Williams clashed with chair umpire Carlos Ramos, demanding an apology after he initially issued a warning for a code violation in the second set's second game for receiving coaching, which is not

allowed during Grand Slam matches.

Williams objected right away, saying she would never cheat. After the match ended, in an interview with ESPN, Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou, acknowledged he had tried to signal Williams, but said he didn't think she had seen him — and added that he thinks every player gets coaching

during matches.

Briefly, Williams appeared to be working her way back into the match, breaking Osaka for the only time to go up 3-1 in the second set. But Williams played a poor game right after that to get broken immediately, and she smashed her racket on the court, destroying it. That drew a second code violation — and, automatically, cost

Williams a point. When she realized that the next game had started with Osaka ahead 15-love, Williams told Ramos he should have retracted the initial warning for coaching.

"I have never cheated in my life!" Williams said. "You owe me an apology."

She resumed arguing with Ramos later, saying, "You stole a point from me. You're a thief, too."

He responded by issuing a third code violation, which results in a lost game. That made it 5-3 for Osaka.

Ramos called both players over to explain his ruling, and Williams began laughing, saying: "Are you kidding me?" Then she asked to speak to tournament referee Brian Earley, who walked onto the court along with a Grand Slam supervisor. Williams told them the whole episode "is not fair," and said: "This has happened to me too many times."

"To lose a game for saying that is not fair," Williams said. "There's a lot of men out here that have said a lot of things and because they are men that doesn't happen."

Soon thereafter, the match was over.

It was the second Grand Slam final defeat in a row for Williams, after Wimbledon in July, as she seeks an initial major title since returning to the tour after having a baby in 2017. She missed the U.S. Open last year, because her daughter, Olympia, was born during the tournament.

## SCOREBOARD

### TV, RADIO

#### TODAY

**6 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour European Masters Final Round from Crans Montana, Switzerland (GOLF).

**11:50 a.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Nations League Match from Sofia, Bulgaria — Norway vs. Bulgaria (ESPN2).

**Noon** — PGA Golf: BMW Championship Final Round from Newtown Square, Pa. (GOLF).

**Noon** — Professional Tennis: Oracle Challenger Series Men's and Women's Championship Matches from Newport Beach, Calif. (TENNIS).

**1 p.m.** — NFL Football: Pittsburgh Cleveland (WLTX 19).  
**1 p.m.** — NFL Football: Tampa Bay at New Orleans (WACH 57).

**1 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Women's Doubles Championship Match from New York (ESPN2).

**1:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Washington (TBS).

**2 p.m.** — PGA Golf: BMW Championship Final Round from Newtown Square, Pa. (WIS 10).

**2 p.m.** — Women's College Soccer: California at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

**2 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Big Machine Vodka 400 at The Brickyard from Indianapolis (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).

**2:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Nations League Match from Nicosia, Cyprus — Slovenia vs. Cyprus (ESPN2).

**3:30 p.m.** — WNBA Basketball: WNBA Finals Game 2 — Washington at Seattle (WOL 25).

**4 p.m.** — NFL Football: Dallas at Carolina (WACH 57, WPUB-FM 102.7).

**4 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: U.S. Open Men's Singles Championship Match from New York (ESPN).

**4 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Arizona (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

**4:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Texas at Oakland or Atlanta at Arizona (MLB NETWORK).

**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Houston at Boston (ESPN).

**8:20 p.m.** — NFL Football: Chicago at Green Bay (WIS 10).

**1 a.m.** — Track and Field: IAAF Continental Cup from Ostrava, Czech Republic (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**MONDAY**  
**2:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: UEFA Nations League Match from Solna, Sweden — Turkey vs. Sweden (ESPN2).

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

**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Washington at Philadelphia or New York Yankees at Minnesota (MLB NETWORK).

**7 p.m.** — Women's International Basketball: United States vs. Japan from Washington (NBA TV).

**7:10 p.m.** — NFL Football: New York Jets at Detroit (ESPN, ESPN2).

**10 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at San Francisco or Texas at Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).

**10:15 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Rams at Oakland (ESPN, ESPN2).

### MLB STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

##### East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	97	45	.683	—
New York	88	53	.624	8½
Tampa Bay	76	64	.543	20
Toronto	64	77	.454	32½
Baltimore	41	100	.291	55½

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	80	61	.567	—
Minnesota	64	76	.457	15½
Detroit	58	83	.411	22
Chicago	56	85	.397	24
Kansas City	46	94	.329	33½

##### West Division

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Houston	88	53	.624	—
Oakland	85	57	.599	3½
Seattle	78	63	.553	10
Los Angeles	69	72	.489	19
Texas	61	80	.433	27

#### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Toronto 3, Cleveland 2, 11 innings  
Tampa Bay 14, Baltimore 2  
Detroit 5, St. Louis 3  
Houston 6, Boston 3  
Minnesota 10, Kansas City 6  
L.A. Angels 5, Chicago White Sox 2  
Oakland 8, Texas 4  
N.Y. Yankees 4, Seattle 0

#### SATURDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Boston, 4:05 p.m.  
Texas at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
Cleveland at Toronto, 4:07 p.m.  
Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.

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#### SUNDAY'S GAMES

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### NFL STANDINGS

#### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

##### East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0

##### South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0

##### North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0

#### West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0

#### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

##### East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	18	12
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0

##### South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	18
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0

##### North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0

#### West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

#### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 18, Atlanta 12

#### SUNDAY'S GAMES

San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Houston at New England, 1 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
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Dallas at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.  
Seattle at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
Washington at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.  
Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

#### MONDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at Oakland, 10:20 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

Baltimore at Cincinnati, 8:20 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.  
Houston at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Washington, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
Carolina at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Chargers at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
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Detroit at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
New England at Jacksonville, 4:25 p.m.  
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 17

Seattle at Chicago, 8:15 p.m.

### WNBA PLAYOFFS

#### FIRST ROUND

**Tuesday, Aug. 21**  
Phoenix 101, Dallas 83  
Los Angeles 75, Minnesota 68

#### SECOND ROUND

**Thursday, Aug. 23**  
Washington 96, Los Angeles 64  
Phoenix 96, Connecticut 86

#### SEMIFINALS



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South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley looks for an open receiver during the Gamecocks' 41-17 loss to Georgia on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium in Columbia.

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part of the game and we did not perform well.

"We could not stop the run defensively as we allowed them to score 21 points on their first three drives of the second half. Again, we have to continue to move forward and get better."

The Bulldogs, who played for the national title last season, received the second-half kickoff. They needed just six plays and 2 minutes, 5 seconds, to get in the end zone. Quarterback Jake Fromm connected with Mecole Hardman for a 34-yard touchdown pass. Rodrigo Blankenship kicked the extra point to make it 27-10.

The Gamecocks, who fell to 1-1 on the season, went three downs and out on their first possession of the second half. UGA got the ball back at its 25 and again needed just six plays to reach the end zone. Fromm connected with Hardman for a 42-yard gain to the USC 5-yard line. Running back Elijah Holyfield scored on the next play to make it 34-10 with 9:12 still remaining in the third quarter.

Carolina again went 3-and-out and the Bulldogs again reached the end zone. They ran nine plays, eight of them on the ground with none shorter than four yards. Seventy-eight of the drive's 86 yards came via the run with Brian Herrien going the final 15 yards to push the lead to 41-10.

UGA had 226 yards of total offense in the third quarter alone. It finished with 473 yards of total offense.

"They're very good on the line of scrimmage," Muschamp said of Georgia.

"They're massive in their offensive line. We've got to be able to play better up front, play blocks better up front, disengage up front, make better tackles in space.

"We got the ball on the perimeter too many times today. Overall, we need to continue to improve and we will."

The Gamecocks found themselves in a quick 14-0 hole but battled back to 17-10 on a 26-yard field goal by Parker White with 5:57 remaining in the first half. They then forced Georgia to punt and took over at their 12 with 1:59 remaining.

USC moved the ball out to its 49 before the drive stalled. With the normally reliable Joseph Charlton punting, Carolina looked to pin Georgia deep in its territory. Instead, Charlton shanked a punt and it went only 18 yards, setting the Bulldogs up at their 33. They managed to move to the South Carolina 27 to set Blankenship up for a 44-yard field goal as time expired to make it 20-10.

"We made a critical error on the shanked punt to end the first half, which allowed them to get three points to end the half and take the momentum going into the second half," Muschamp said. "That was a critical error on our part. We have to be able to flip the field there on the punt."

USC got the ball to start the game and its receivers had trouble holding on to the football. One of those let cornerback Deandre Baker intercept a pass from quarterback Jake Bentley at the Georgia 44. He went down the sideline and would have had a 56-yard TD return, but he dropped the ball at 1. However, UGA's Juwan Taylor picked it up and went in the end zone to make it 7-0 just 47 seconds into the game.

"It is frustrating getting a tipped ball intercepted and returned for a touchdown," Muschamp said. "It was a big momentum builder for them to start the game like that."

Carolina went 3-and-out on its next possession and Georgia went 76 yards in just

four plays. Hardman had a 30-yard run and a personal foul at the end of the play set the Bulldogs, who improved to 2-0, up at the USC 17. Running back D'Andre Swift scored on the next play and it was 14-0 with 11:50 still remaining.

Carolina responded with its best drive of the game, marching 76 yards in 11 plays. It ended with wide receiver Deebo Samuel taking a handoff in motion from Bentley. When Georgia's secondary stepped up to take away the run from Samuel, fellow wide receiver Bryan Edwards released into the end zone and Samuel connected with him for a 13-yard TD pass. White added the extra point to make it 14-7 with 7:18 to go in the first quarter.

Carolina cornerback Rashad Fenton came up with an interception on Georgia's ensuing possession. He returned it 16 yards to set up the South Carolina offense at the Georgia 34. USC could manage only one yard though and turned it over on downs.

Georgia was able to drive to the Gamecock 28 and got a 45-yard field goal from Blankenship with 30 seconds left in the first quarter to make it 17-7.

South Carolina put together another impressive drive, going 71 yards in 14 plays. However, it stalled at the Georgia 9 and White came on to kick the field goal that made it 17-10.

Former Crestwood High School standout running back Ty'Son Williams had 27 yards on the drive. He had three carries for 21 yards and caught a 6-yard pass from Bentley.

USC only had 54 yards rushing with Williams getting 26 of them on six carries. He had two catches for 11 yards.

"We kept fighting and got it back to a 17-10 ball game," Muschamp said. "Give our kids credit; they fought their butts off and got themselves back in that position."

Bentley completed 30 of 47 passes for 269 yards and one TD against two interceptions. Edwards had seven catches for 111 yards and two scores.

(3) GEORGIA 41, (24) SOUTH CAROLINA 17					
Georgia	17	3	21	0	-41
South Carolina	7	3	0	7	-17

**FIRST QUARTER**  
UGA\_Taylor 1 fumble recovery (Blankenship kick), 14:13  
UGA\_Swift 17 run (Blankenship kick), 11:50  
SC\_Edwards 13 pass from Samuel (P.White kick), 7:18  
UGA\_FG Blankenship 45, :30

**SECOND QUARTER**  
SC\_FG P.White 26, 5:57  
UGA\_FG Blankenship 44, :00

**THIRD QUARTER**  
UGA\_Hardman 34 pass from Fromm (Blankenship kick), 12:55  
UGA\_Holyfield 5 run (Blankenship kick), 9:12  
UGA\_Herrien 15 run (Blankenship kick), 3:00

**FOURTH QUARTER**  
SC\_Edwards 44 pass from Bentley (P.White kick), 9:59  
A\_83, 14.0.

	UGA	SC
First downs	30	19
Rushes-yards	52-271	20-54
Passing	202	282
Comp-Att-Int	16-19-1	31-48-2
Return Yards	9	0
Punts-Avg.	3-34.66	5-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-47	3-40
Time of Possession	35:43	24:17

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**RUSHING** Georgia, Holyfield 9-76, Swift 12-64, Herrien 7-45, James.Cook 11-38, Hardman 1-30, Hudson 5-19, Simmons 1-5, Fields 1-3, (Team) 1-(minus 4), Fromm 4-(minus 5). South Carolina, T.Williams 6-26, Dowdle 7-18, Bentley 4-10, Turner 1-3, Samuel 1-(minus 1), (Team) 1-(minus 2).  
**PASSING** Georgia, Fields 1-1-0-8, Fromm 15-18-1-194, South Carolina, Samuel 1-1-0-13, Bentley 30-47-2-269.  
**RECEIVING** Georgia, Hardman 6-103, Ridley 4-37, Holloman 1-15, Simmons 1-12, Godwin 1-12, Nauta 1-10, Blount 1-8, Swift 1-5, South Carolina, Edwards 7-111, Samuel 6-33, Dowdle 4-36, Vann 2-29, Crosby 2-25, O.Smith 2-14, T.Williams 2-11, S.Smith 2-11, Markway 1-7, Pollard 1-5, Turner 1-4, R.Davis 1-(minus 4).  
**MISSED FIELD GOALS** None.

## USC FOOTBALL

# Carolina finds a few things to cheer about in lopsided loss

BY DANNY KELLY  
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COLUMBIA — There were few bright spots for the South Carolina football team in a 41-17 blowout at the hands of the Georgia Bulldogs on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium, but one of them came with 7:38 to go in the first quarter in the form of a 13-yard touchdown pass from senior wide receiver Deebo Samuel to junior wide receiver Bryan Edwards.

Junior quarterback Jake Bentley handed the ball off to an in-motion Samuel, who then found a wide open Edwards in the end zone after Edwards' defender stepped up to defend the run from Samuel.

The trick play worked well and Samuel is used to them. It was Samuel's second career touchdown pass, his first coming against Clemson back in 2016.

Edwards caught another touchdown in the fourth quarter, this one for 44 yards from Bentley with 9:59 to go in the game. Two touchdowns is a new career high for Edwards in a single game.

"We're going to continue to get him (Edwards) the ball more and create some one-on-ones," South Carolina head coach Will Muschamp said of Edwards. "He's a good football player and a competitive young man, and we've got to continue to find ways to get him the ball."

Edwards moved up the career receiving charts with his performance on Saturday. He caught seven passes for 111 yards.

He passed Cory Boyd for 10th on the career receptions

list with 119 and also passed Brian Scott to move into 14th on the all-time receiving yards list with 1,547 yards. Edwards also broke a personal record with his 44-yard touchdown.

### MOVING ON UP TOO

Samuel moved up on the career receptions list as well, passing Ace Sanders for 18th in school history with 99 catches. He also moved into 21st on the all-time receiving yards list with 1,283, passing Hayden Hurst.

Samuel finished with six receptions for 33 yards on the day to go along with his 13-yard touchdown pass.

### WILLIAMS' DAY

South Carolina wasn't very effective running the football, picking up only 54 yards. However, former Crestwood High School standout Ty'Son Williams had a respectable day contributing to the Gamecocks offense.

The junior carried the ball six times for 26 yards with a long of nine yards and an average of 4.3 per carry. He also added 11 yards through the air on two catches.

### YES, THAT'S HIS SON

The name sounds familiar; Holyfield — Georgia junior running back Elijah Holyfield to be exact — and yes he is the son of former world heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield.

While he had a famous father, Elijah had a nice day for the Bulldogs on Saturday. He finished with 76 yards on nine carries for an average of 8.4 yards per carry and a touchdown. His longest carry on the day was for 26 yards.



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Georgia's Mecole Hardman goes over the top of USC defender J.T. Ibe during the Bulldogs' 41-17 victory over the Gamecocks on Saturday in Columbia.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

### STATE

(2) Clemson at Texas A&M (late)  
(3) Georgia 41, (24) South Carolina 17  
South Carolina State at (19) Central Florida (late)  
Chattanooga at Citadel (late)  
VMI at Wofford (late)  
Furman at Elon (late)  
Alabama-Birmingham at Coastal Carolina (late)  
Presbyterian at Austin Peay (late)  
Florida Tech 17, Newberry 10  
Lenoir-Rhyne at North Greenville (late)  
West Georgia 42, Limestone 14  
Benedict at Johnson C. Smith (late)

### ACC

Saturday  
(12) Virginia Tech 62, William & Mary 17  
(13) Penn State at Pittsburgh (late)  
Savannah State at (22) Miami (late)  
South Florida 49, Georgia Tech 38  
North Carolina State 41, Georgia State 7  
Duke 21, Northwestern 7  
East Carolina 41, North Carolina 19  
Indiana State at Louisville (late)  
Samford at Florida State (late)  
Wake Forest 51, Towson 20  
Boston College 62, Holy Cross 14  
Syracuse 62, Wagner 10  
Virginia at Indiana (late)

### SEC

Saturday  
(1) Alabama 57, Arkansas State 7  
Alabama State at (7) Auburn (late)  
SE Louisiana at (11) LSU (late)  
(18) Mississippi State 31, Kansas State 10  
Kentucky at (25) Florida (late)  
Vanderbilt 41, Nevada 10  
Mississippi 76, Southern Illinois 41  
Tennessee 59, East Tennessee State 30  
Wyoming at Missouri (late)  
Arkansas at Colorado State (late)

### TOP 25

Friday  
(16) TCU 42, SMU 12  
Saturday  
(4) Ohio State 52, Rutgers 3  
(5) Wisconsin 45, New Mexico 14  
(6) Oklahoma 24, UCLA 21  
(8) Notre Dame 24, Ball State 16  
(9) Washington 45, North Dakota 3  
(17) Southern Cal at (10) Stanford (late)  
Youngstown State at (14) West Virginia (late)  
(15) Michigan State at Arizona State (late)  
Connecticut at (20) Boise State (late)  
(21) Michigan 49, Western Michigan 3  
(23) Oregon 62, Portland State 14

SPORTS ITEMS



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tiger Woods shot a 66 in the third round of the BMW Championship on Saturday at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. Woods trails leader Justin Rose by five strokes.

# Rose leads BMW by one shot, has clear shot at No. 1 in world

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Justin Rose did his part on another day of low scoring Saturday in the BMW Championship, running off four straight birdies early for a 6-under 64 and a one-shot lead over Rory McIlroy and Xander Schauffele.

At stake for Rose is moving to No. 1 in the world for the first time in his career.

Still ahead is a final round at soggy Aronimink Golf Club that could take more than one day to complete because of rain in the forecast, along with a 13 player within five shots of the lead. The list includes Tiger Woods, who shot 66 and made up no ground on the lead.

"If you shoot 65, you were losing ground," McIlroy said with only slight exaggeration.

Rose made four straight birdies early on the front nine to quickly erase a two-shot deficit to Schauffele, and he finished the front nine birdie-birdie for a 29.

Schauffele, hopeful that a victory will give U.S. captain Jim Furyk reason to pick him for the Ryder Cup, stayed with Rose the whole way until he three-putted from the tight collar on the 18th hole for a bogey and a 67.

McIlroy picked himself up quickly from a double bogey on the par-3 eighth hole with a 3-wood onto a green so soft on the par-5 ninth that it barely bounced forward and caught a slope down toward the pin, leaving him a short eagle putt.

Three birdies over the last six holes gave him a 63 and a spot in the final group.

The top 30 in the FedEx Cup after the final round advance to East Lake in Atlanta for the Tour Championship. Bryson DeChambeau already has clinched the No. 1 seed with victories in the opening two playoff events.

The more interesting race is at the bottom.

Jordan Spieth salvaged his round late again for a 66, but he still was just outside the top 30. He has never missed the Tour Championship, and he likely would face some form of penalty from not having added a new tournament

to his schedule without competing in at least 25 events. He needs to be at East Lake to reach 25.

Keegan Bradley made two tough pars for a 66 and narrowly edged past Spieth for the 30th spot. For someone like Bradley, getting to the Tour Championship would get him into all four majors next year.

Scoring was the lowest it has been all week at 67.17. Only six players from the 69-man field were over par, and there was a 62 for the third straight round. Tommy Fleetwood has two of them, Friday and Saturday. After opening with a 71, Fleetwood goes into the final round just two shots behind.

So does Rickie Fowler, despite a bogey on the final hole for a 65. Fowler played in the final group at Aronimink in 2011 when it held the AT&T National, though he faded to a tie for 13th. He is trying to win for the first this year.

For Woods, it was another lost opportunity, even though he remains in the mix.

He opened with two straight birdies and the crowd was on his side, loud as ever. He followed with 11 straight pars, even though he had chances from 15 feet and closer.

How low is the scoring?

It was the 17th time Woods had a 54-hole score of 198 or lower. The previous 16 times he was either leading or tied for second. At Aronimink, he was tied for 11th.

"I hit the ball well enough to shoot a low score and I got off to a quick start," Woods said. "I was looking up on the board and everyone seemed like they were 3 under through eight, 5 under through 9. I was only 2-under par. I wasn't doing much."

**REDS 7 PADRES 2**

CINCINNATI — Joey Votto ended his two-month homer drought with Cincinnati's 11th grand slam — one shy of the NL record — and the Reds beat the San Diego Padres 7-2 on Saturday in a game called because of rain in the top of the seventh inning.

The game started an hour early because of a foreboding forecast and was played in a steady rain that intensified with one out in the top of the seventh.

**PIRATES 5 MARLINS 1**

PITTSBURGH — Josh Bell homered for the second game in a row, Ivan Nova got his first victory in a month and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Miami Marlins 5-1 Saturday for their fifth consecutive win.

In a game played in a steady drizzle, Bell connected off Brett Graves leading off the sixth for his 10th home run, down from 26 last year. Before his home run Friday, Bell had not driven in a run since Aug. 11.

Nova (8-9) gave up three hits in six innings, struck out nine and walked three. He had lost three straight starts since beating San Francisco on Aug. 9 and had missed his previous turn for an undisclosed reason.

**DIAMONDBACKS 5 BRAVES 3**

PHOENIX — The way things have been going for the Arizona Diamondbacks, being 1 1/2 games out of first place in the NL West seems almost unimaginable.

Yet that's where Arizona stands after a 5-3 win over the Atlanta Braves on Friday night. Star slugger Paul Goldschmidt hit his 33rd home run and the Diamondbacks held off the NL East leaders in a matchup of slumping playoff contenders.

The Braves lost for the fourth time in five games and had their edge over Philadelphia cut to 2 1/2 games.

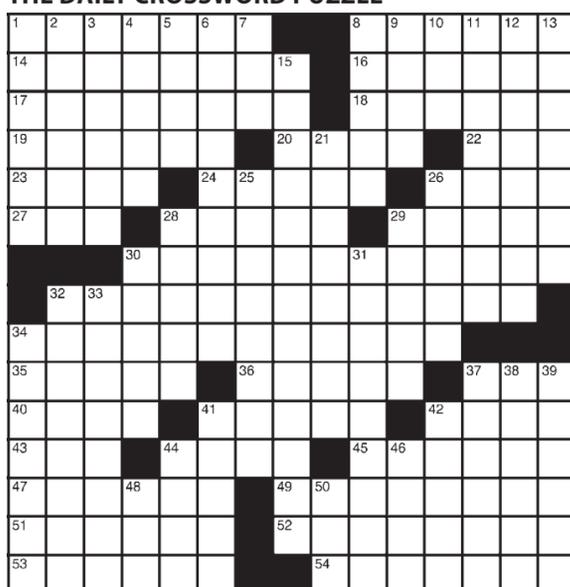
The Diamondbacks, who had lost five of six, moved within 1 1/2 games of Colorado atop the NL West.

"We've lost a lot of tough games like these, and it's just nice to see us come out on the other side of it," Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo said. "Nice to see these guys smile, nice to see these guys have some fun, nice to have that good feeling after playing a game."

From wire reports

## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Ryan McCarty

9/8/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Way to get up in Gotham
  - 8 Obeyed a laryngologist
  - 14 Ones on the left
  - 16 In a showy way
  - 17 Aply named barbell brand
  - 18 Furniture wood named for its color
  - 19 "Hah!"
  - 20 Activewear shoe brand
  - 22 Fig. targeted in some hacks
  - 23 Humble abodes
  - 24 Knight clubs
  - 26 "Oye Como Va" songwriter
  - 27 Superman and Supergirl
  - 28 Crony of Captain Bildad, in "Moby-Dick"
  - 29 Jaguar spot?
  - 30 2014 title role for Mia Wasikowska
  - 32 Works that are up and down?
  - 34 Where some get sloshed at sea?
  - 35 Onetime members of the Winnebago Nation
  - 36 Put to rest
  - 37 Put up
  - 40 Pickup line?
  - 41 River critter
  - 42 Pair of British puzzles?
  - 43 Minolta Maxxum, e.g.
  - 44 "Dragonwyck" novelist
  - 45 Film with Manny the Mammoth
  - 47 Escape
  - 49 "Yeah, right"
  - 51 Offers?
  - 52 They're free of charge
  - 53 Disc golf starting point
  - 54 WikiLeaks editor
  - 8 One-piece garments
  - 9 Bailiwick
  - 10 "\_\_\_ better be good!"
  - 11 Second section of Verdi's "Requiem"
  - 12 League's best attraction
  - 13 Sacred song collection
  - 15 Tomorrowland attraction
  - 21 Australian food spread
  - 25 Eagerness
  - 26 Smiley formerly of PBS
  - 28 House helpers
  - 29 One with app-titude?
  - 30 Confusing tourist attractions
  - 31 "Don't kid around!"
  - 32 Real whopper posting
  - 34 Soup often served with sour cream
  - 37 Pummel
  - 38 Bed border
  - 39 Sub-Saharan menace
  - 41 Without stopping
  - 42 Eyeball-bending critter
  - 44 Between ports
  - 46 Stops shooting
  - 48 Masked worker, perhaps
  - 50 Org. featured in TV's "Weeds"

**DOWN**

- 1 Buoyant
- 2 Ventilate
- 3 Hardware with crosspieces
- 4 Rips
- 5 Frenzied revelry
- 6 Accident scene arrival
- 7 Drug company founder

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

M	A	M	A	I	D	I	O	C	O	H	O		
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### JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

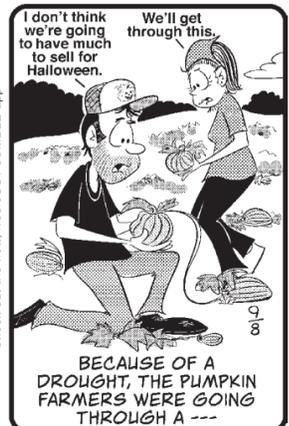
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

**GELUN**

**EGIRT**

**CONPOH**

**HACCEN**



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

**Answer here:**

(Answers Monday)  
 Yesterday's | Jumbles: DOILY FEWER SHROUD TOMATO  
 Answer: Everyone who saw the moon landing on TV thought it was — OUT OF THIS WORLD

### SUDOKU

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

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

# Swampcats keep rolling with 48-25 victory over Heathwood Hall

COLUMBIA — Brewer Brunson ran for 217 yards and scored three touchdowns on 14 carries to lead Laurence Manning Academy to a 48-25 varsity football win over Heathwood Hall on Friday at the Heathwood field.

The Swampcats, who improved to 3-1 on the season, had 545 yards of total offense. They had 439 yards on the ground.

Wyatt Rowland rushed for 73 yards and a score on nine carries.

**ROBERT E. LEE 36**  
**THE KING'S ACADEMY 0**

FLORENCE — Robert E. Lee Academy improved to 4-0 with a 36-0 victory over The King's Academy on Friday at the TKA field.

Jett Smith ran for a touchdown and threw a touchdown pass. Drew Nix and Dustin Kennedy also ran for scores.

**TSA WINS BY FORFEIT**

Thomas Sumter Academy won its game against Christian Academy scheduled for Friday in Dalzell by forfeit.

Christian Academy did not have enough players.

The Generals improved to 2-1.

**AYNOR 38**  
**EAST CLARENDON 30**

TURBEVILLE — Aynor scored a touchdown with four seconds remaining in the game and added the 2-point conversion to beat East Clarendon 38-30 on Friday at Shad Hall Field.

The Wolverines, who fell to 0-3, tied the game at 30-30 with a touchdown with 27 seconds left.

**CAROLINA CHRISTIAN 20**  
**LEE CENTRAL 19**

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School lost to Carolina Christian 20-19 on Friday at Stallion Stadium.

Jaqueze Myers threw two touch-

## AREA ROUNDUP

down passes for Lee Central, both to Daveon Thomas. Naquan Peoples ran for a 2-yard TD.

Quenavious Davis led the defense with an interception.

**EDISTO 26**  
**SCOTT'S BRANCH 7**

CORDOVA — Scott's Branch High School lost to Edisto 26-7 on Friday at the Edisto field.

The Eagles fell to 1-3.

**CLARENDON HALL 60**  
**PATRICK HENRY 0**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall defeated Patrick Henry Academy 60-0 on Friday at Lonnie Robinson Field.

The Saints improved to 3-0.

## VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

**CAMDEN 4**  
**SUMTER 2**

Sumter High School lost to Camden 4-2 on Thursday at the SHS courts.

### SINGLES

- 1 — Whitney Crawford (S) defeated Imani Wyatt 6-0, 6-4.
- 2 — Anne Margaret Hutto (C) defeated Jordan Shuping 6-1, 6-1.
- 3 — Burgess Dubose (S) defeated Lexi Setzer 6-3, 6-4.
- 4 — Emily Guy (C) defeated Windsor Pittman 6-4, 6-1.
- 5 — Eliza Reames (C) defeated Carmen Carrigan 6-3, 6-4.

### DOUBLES

- 1 — Did not play.
- 2 — Mary Dawson/Madison Montgomery (C) defeated Andrea Clarke/Madelyn Jordan 6-3, 6-0.

## VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

**HEATHWOOD HALL 253**  
**WILSON HALL 266**

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall lost to Heathwood Hall by 13 strokes in a match on Thursday at Oak Hills golf course.

Claire Kirkley led the Lady Barons, who shot 266 to Heathwood's 253, with a 57. Isabelle Weston followed with a 68, Amanda Kimbrell had a 70 and

Brea Plemons a 71.

**SPRING VALLEY 200**  
**SUMTER 254**

Sumter High School lost to Spring Valley by 54 strokes on Thursday at Beech Creek Golf Club.

Audrey Shuping led the Lady Gamecocks with a 9-hole score of 60. Kathryn Parker shot a 63.

**WILSON HALL 3**  
**AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN 0**

Wilson Hall defeated Augusta Christian 3-0 on Thursday at Nash Student Center.

Sydney Jarecki led the 4-12-1 Lady Barons with 10 kills. Cameron Duffy, Gracyn Coker and Madison Sliwonik each had four kills. Camryn Bateman had 15 assists and six aces.

## JV FOOTBALL

**LAURENCE MANNING 22**  
**HEATHWOOD HALL 6**

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy opened its season with a 22-6 victory over Heathwood Hall on Thursday at Joey Chitwood Field.

Brandon King returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown to lead the Swampcats. Connor Smith ran for a touchdown, and King threw a TD pass to Mikey Jordan. Josh Sharpe kicked two extra points.

Smith, Gray Barrineau and Reid Jordan led the defense. Gabe Todd and Connor Smith recovered fumbles on defense, and King made a tackle for a safety. James Olden had a quarterback sack.

## B TEAM FOOTBALL

**WILSON HALL 36**  
**PORTER-GAUD 14**

CHARLESTON — Wilson Hall im-

proved to 2-0 with a 36-14 victory over Porter-Gaud on Thursday at the P-G field.

Miles VanPatten had a 38-yard scoring run for the Barons, while Connor Hanson had a 50-yard TD run. Blake VanPatten had an 18-yard scoring run and also caught a pass from Clark Kinney for a 2-point conversion.

Kinney scored on a 37-yard run and threw a 45-yard scoring pass to Dylan Jones. Chandler Richardson also scored on a 2-point conversion.

Hayden Mims, Carson Wilsey and Owen Meyers each had four tackles to lead the defense. Tucker Burnette had an interception.

**LAURENCE MANNING 48**  
**HEATHWOOD HALL 0**

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy opened its season with a 48-0 victory over Heathwood Hall on Thursday at Joey Chitwood Field.

Jackson Brunson rushed for 142 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Swampcats. Jake Erickson had 80 yards and three TDs. Ian Harris had a 65-yard scoring run, and quarterback Tyler June rushed for 66 yards and passed for 31 yards and a touchdown. Noah Tanner had two catches for 23 yards and the score.

Harris led the defense with five tackles, while Nate Hawthorne and Erickson both had four tackles.

**CALHOUN 34**  
**THOMAS SUMTER 0**

ST. MATTHEWS — Thomas Sumter Academy fell to 1-2 as I lost to Calhoun Academy 34-0 on Thursday at the CA field.

Russell Burnside rushed for 87 yards and had six solo tackles to lead the Generals.

*From staff reports*



PHOTOS BY MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lakewood running back Travius Epps (6) is hit by Sumter linebacker Antonio Roach in the Gamecocks' 49-7 victory on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

## SHS FROM PAGE B1

"I wish he (Richardson) would have played tonight because I think we would have stopped him too," Barnes said. "But he's a good young man, and a great student athlete. I hope he gets better quickly."

Sumter scored on its first possession. Quarterback Ontra' Harvin connected with wide receiver Tylee Craft for a 27-yard touchdown pass with 7:51 left in the first quarter. Dyson Roberts added the extra point to make it 7-0.

When the Gamecocks got the ball back, Harvin completed a 14-yard pass to Tony Dinkins-McCall for a first down at the Gator 30-yard line. However, he fumbled on the next play and Lakewood recovered. Harvin didn't play the remainder of the half.

"I've told him about running with the ball loose, and if he's going to continue doing that he's going to be spending a lot of time with me on the sideline," Barnes said. "Ontra' has played well for us, but he's got to do a better job protecting the ball."

Sophomore Hayden Vasquez came on and had a strong remainder of the half. He completed nine of 10 passes for 185 yards and a touchdown and also had a 41-yard scoring run. That came at the end of his first drive of the game to make it 14-0 with 2:05 left in the first quarter.

A big chunk of his passing yardage did come on one play that could have ended up as a big play for the Gators.

Throwing from his 18-yard line, Vasquez had a pass batted up in the air and it appeared two Lakewood defenders had a shot at intercepting the ball. Instead, Sumter's 6-foot-3-



Sumter quarterback Ryan Vasquez (15) heads down the field on a 41-yard touchdown run in the Gamecocks' 49-7 win over Lakewood on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

inch wide receiver KeShawn Croskey grabbed it and went 70 yards before being pulled down at the Lakewood 12. Running back Jonathan Henry scored on the next play to make it 21-0 with 8:31 left in the first half.

"That was a huge play," Cornelius said. "It looked we were going to get it for a pick six (returning it for a touchdown). It was still a tight game at that point. We get that and it may change things. Football is a game of momentum, and Sumter had the momentum all night."

Henry scored on a 2-yard run and Vasquez threw a 30-yard touchdown pass to Dinkins-McCall to give Sumter a 34-0 lead at halftime.

Sumter made it 40-0 on a 2-yard run by Henry. The Gamecocks took a 42-0 lead when the snap on a punt went out of the back of the end zone

in the fourth quarter. On the free kick, Antonio Roach grabbed the football at midfield and returned it for a touchdown.

Lakewood got 80 yards of its offense on its final possession. Cody Windham, who started at quarterback, completed a 32-yard pass to wide receiver Quentin Hodge. That set up a 26-yard scoring pass to Hodge with three seconds left. Frankie Gonzalez added the extra point.

Windham finished 7-for-22 for 75 yards and the touchdown pass against an interception.

"Cody (Windham) was out there throwing it around," Cornelius said. "We didn't execute the way we wanted to, but he wasn't afraid out there."

Sumter travels to Rock Hill on Friday to take on Northwestern. Lakewood will be playing its homecoming game against Hemingway.

## PREP FOOTBALL SCORES

Abbeville 43, Southside Christian 28  
Andrew Jackson 47, Great Falls 2  
Andrew Jackson Academy 38, Jefferson Davis 22  
Andrews 40, Georgetown 0  
Anson County, N.C. 49, Chesterfield 33  
Aynor 38, East Clarendon 30  
Bamberg-Ehrhardt 56, Lake Marion 0  
Baptist Hill 72, Academic Magnet 0  
Barnwell 48, Burke 0  
Batesburg-Leesville 37, Mid-Carolina 11  
Beaufort Academy 68, Richard Winn Academy 28  
Bishop England 32, Philip Simmons 16  
Bluffton 16, Hanahan 14  
Blythewood 15, North Augusta 12  
Branchville 52, Charleston Charter 21  
Calhoun Academy 18, Holly Hill Academy 16  
Camden 28, Fort Mill 16  
Camden Military 22, Hickory Grove Christian, N.C. 8  
Cane Bay 28, Ashley Ridge 21  
Cardinal Newman 40, Augusta Christian, Ga. 18  
Carolina Christian Cavaliers 20, Lee Central 19  
Carolina Forest 42, Wilmington Hoggard, N.C. 35  
Carolina Pride, N.C. 58, Lewisville 41  
Carvers Bay 42, Hemingway 6  
Central 33, Cheraw 13  
Chapin 37, Newberry 22  
Chapman 42, Blue Ridge 0  
Chester 26, Columbia, Ga. 16  
Christ Church 32, Carolina High and Academy 12  
Clarendon Hall Academy 60, Patrick Henry Academy 0  
Clinton 47, Powdersville 0  
Clover 30, Belmont South Point, N.C. 21  
Clover 30, Belmont South Point, N.C. 21  
Colleton County 26, Orangeburg-Wilkinson 8  
D.W. Daniel 36, Westside 14  
Dillon 41, Lake View 0  
Dixie 41, West Oak 22  
Dorchester Academy 34, Northside Christian 24  
Dorman 35, York Comprehensive 0  
Dutch Fork 63, Boiling Springs 7  
Edisto 26, Scott's Branch 7  
Fairfield Central 46, Calhoun County 26  
First Baptist 45, Ben Lippen 7  
Florence Christian 19, Orangeburg Prep 17  
Fort Dorchester 17, Wando 3  
Fox Creek 42, McCormick 6  
F.H. Wardlaw Academy 62, Cathedral Academy 0  
Gaffney 56, Charlotte Harding, N.C. 7  
Gilbert 27, Airport 19  
Goose Creek 28, West Ashley 7  
Green Sea Floyds 32, Loris 28  
Greenville 48, J.L. Mann 19  
Greenwood Christian 46, Ware Shoals 28  
Greer 40, Mauldin 3  
Hammond 41, Pinewood Prep 9  
Hannah-Pamplico 36, McBee 9  
Hartsville 35, Conway 0  
Hillcrest 42, Laurens 24  
Hilton Head Christian 33, Bethesda Academy, Ga. 14  
Irmo 28, Brookland-Cayce 14  
James Island 21, R.B. Stall 6  
Jefferson, Ga. 31, Southside 7  
John Paul II 35, Carolina Academy 20  
Lamar 33, North Central 7  
Lancaster 24, Nation Ford 13  
Landrum 35, Spartanburg Christian 7  
Latta 42, Creek Bridge 6  
Laurence Manning Academy 48, Heathwood Hall 25  
Liberty 32, St. Joseph 16  
Manning 14, Crestwood 7  
May River 55, Hilton Head Island 11  
Monroe Parkwood, N.C. 27, Buford 14  
Mullins 42, C.E. Murray 8  
Myrtle Beach 63, Socastee 20  
North Myrtle Beach 20, St. James 6  
Oakbrook Prep 33, Williamsburg Academy 25  
Oceanside Collegiate Academy 34, Gray Collegiate 33  
Palmetto 35, Crescent 16  
Pee Dee Academy 38, Colleton Prep 8  
Pendleton 50, Berea 0  
Porter-Gaud 44, Wilson Hall 7  
River Bluff 28, Lugoff-Elgin 18  
Robert E. Lee Academy 36, King's Academy 0  
Rock Hill 34, Indian Land 7  
Saluda 31, Pelion 14  
Silver Bluff 48, Denmark-Olar 0  
South Aiken 16, Lexington 7  
Spring Valley 43, Richland Northeast 0  
St. John's 45, North Charleston 14  
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Summerville 56, Stratford 17  
Summerville Faith Christian 42, Tri-Academy 8  
Sumter 49, Lakewood 7  
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Thomas Heyward Academy 62, Hilton Head Prep 6  
Timmonsville 29, Marion 6  
Travelers Rest 20, Pickens 19  
Trinity Byrnes School 49, Dillon Christian 14  
Union County 46, Broome 14  
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Walhalla 58, Chesnee 14  
Wayne County, Ga. 35, Beaufort 7  
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White Knoll 48, Aiken 38  
Whitmire 42, North 6  
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Woodland 58, Battery Creek 7  
Woodruff 48, Seneca 7  
Wren 48, Easley 7

## PREP FOOTBALL

## Wilson Hall still searching after 44-7 loss to Porter-Gaud

BY DANNY KELLY  
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Sometimes you're just simply outmatched, and that was the case for the Wilson Hall football team on Friday at Spencer Field.

The Barons fell to the Porter-Gaud Cyclones 44-7.

"We just have to keep working and get better," said Barons head coach Adam Jarecki, whose team was coming off a 70-3 loss to First Baptist last week. "This is the tough part of our schedule. Once we get to the second half of our schedule, it'll get better."

The Barons fell to 0-3, both overall and in SCISA 3A. Porter-Gaud improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in 3A play.

Turnovers would prove costly for the Barons; they had three on the night, all of which were fumbles.

The Cyclones opened up the scoring with 11:55 to go in the second quarter with a one-yard touchdown run from senior running back Caleb Pierce. An extra point from senior kicker Jonathan Weitz made the score 7-0.

On the ensuing Barons possession, a fumble on a run from sophomore quarterback Wise Segars that was recovered by junior Cyclones defender J.D. Key set Porter-Gaud up at the Wilson Hall



Wilson Hall's Mills Herlong puts the hit on Porter-Gaud running back Caleb Pierce (21) during the Cyclones'

42-yard-line.

"We started out good, but we had a fumble after a long run," Jarecki said.

The Cyclones capitalized on the turnover with another touchdown run from Pierce, this one from four yards out. An extra point from Weitz put the Barons in a 14-0 hole.

It would just get worse from there.

Another touchdown run from Pierce – this one for six yards – with 2:01 to go before the half added to the Cy-

clones' lead. Weitz's extra point put Porter-Gaud up 21-0. However, the Cyclones weren't done.

Senior quarterback Gunnar Nistad threw a 17-yard strike to senior wide receiver Jack Trouche for six more with 49 seconds to go in the half. However, junior kicker Charles Truluck missed the point-after try to leave the score at 27-0.

On the first play on Wilson Hall's ensuing drive, Segars misjudged a pitch to junior running back Graham Van

Patten and the ball was recovered yet again by Key, and this time he ran it back for a touchdown with 36 seconds to go before the half. Truluck would make the extra point this time to put the Cyclones up 34-0.

In the third quarter, Weitz missed a 47-yard field goal, but would redeem himself by making a 20-yard field goal with 1:40 left to go in the quarter to extend Porter-Gaud's lead to 37-0.

Another Wilson Hall fumble – this one recovered by Cy-

clones junior defender Max Sasnett – would set Porter-Gaud up at the Barons' 8-yard-line just before the end of the third quarter.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, Cyclones sophomore quarterback Matt Kelly threw a two-yard touchdown pass to senior wide receiver Kevin Marshall with 11:53 to go in the game. Truluck's extra point made the score 44-0, Cyclones.

Later in the quarter, Barons sophomore running back Nathan Harris broke a 57-yard run to set Wilson Hall up at the Cyclones' 3-yard-line.

Two plays later, after a couple of illegal procedure penalties called against the Barons and a 6-yard run from senior running back Mitchell Matthews, Segars took it in himself for a 7-yard score to put the Barons on the board. An extra point from senior placekicker Mills Herlong would make it 44-7, which ended up being the final score.

"We have to get ourselves right and healthy, and keep playing hard," Jarecki said. "I'm proud of them (the team) for keeping going."

The Barons will head to Columbia on Friday to take on SCISA 3A juggernaut Hammond High School. The Skyhawks have won nine of the last 12 3A state titles.

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The win served as sweet redemption for Owens, who cost his team a win last week against Lakewood by running into his own end zone for a safety on the final play of a 27-26 loss. Before the winning connection with Smith, Owens had taken five unsuccessful shots at the end zone, including three on the last possession of the first half, and had a touchdown get away when Smith fumbled the ball out of the end zone trying to stretch for a score earlier in the final quarter. The Smith fumble resulted in a touchback and change of possession.

"They were playing one high safety, one deep safety, so you can't really run a post to the middle of the field," West said of the missed scoring opportunities. "That just kind of limits you because they're one-on-one down the sideline. We should have caught one, caught another one where we were barely out of bounds, had one go through our hands and fumbled at the 1, so we were close. If we catch just one of those earlier, that gives us a little breathing room. We could have put some more points on the board tonight."

MHS took over at the Crestwood 29 with 1:44 to go and kept it on the ground, with four Daris Williams' runs taking it to the 1. When the time came, Owens took the knee and closed out the win.

"It was a little bit easier this time because we were at the 1," West said. They were out of time outs and we had just got the first down. We could have scored there, but we didn't want to risk running a play, fumbling and giving it back so we said let's just



Crestwood running back Chris Haynesworth (42) delivers a stiff-arm to Manning defender Anthony Gibbs (22) during the third quarter of the Knights' 14-7 loss on Friday at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell.

kneel on it and get the game over. I think he's (Owens) ready to go. He threw the ball all over the field tonight, out nit dead on the money all night long. Every long pass he threw was right there where it could have been caught, could have been a jump ball, could have been a touchdown. He is a great kid, great leader, does everything the right way and that (safety play against Lakewood) was just a total fluke."

Before Smith's late score, the teams had combined for 12 punts while battling to a 7-7 stalemate. Crestwood fumbled the ball away on the opening kickoff, but the Knights defense held after a sack for a 10-yard loss on third down and Owens throwing incomplete on fourth. The game remained scoreless through one quarter, but the home team found the end zone on the first play of the second quarter. Quarterback Clayton Feagin flipped a shut-

tle pass to Christopher Haynesworth on a 13-yard play that capped a 5-play, 27-yard drive after the Knights' defense had held the Monarchs on downs.

The Monarchs' first score came after another CHS fumble, with MHS taking over at the Knights' 10 after a bad exchange on a handoff. Williams would take it in two plays later, tying the score at 7-7 with 7:23 to go in the opening half.

"It just came down to one play, a missed tackle there, but it was a great game," said CHS head coach Roosevelt Nelson, whose team fell to a hard-luck 0-4. "Manning made one more play than us down the stretch. We've got to suck it up and take this one. I think defensively we played well enough to win the game. We've just got to keep working on it. I want my team to have success and we've got to keep working for it."

West also praised the play of his defense, which he said has been the one constant through the Monarchs' first four games.

"Our defense has played great every game this year," West said. "Hats off to them. They're playing their hearts out every game. We put them in bad position last week and I think we put them in bad position one time tonight. We just couldn't get anything going offensively. Hats off to them (Crestwood). We could not run the ball. We struggled running. Our quarterback had some rushing yards, but we're not getting anything out of our running backs now. We've got to try to fix that. Our passing game was okay tonight, not bad. That kind of carried us."

Crestwood hosts Darlington on Friday while Manning travels to Lake City as both schools close out non-region play.

## OBITUARIES

## MINNIE DELORIS R. HILLARD

On Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, Minnie Deloris Richburg Hillard, widow of the Rev. Richard Hillard, heard her master's call at NHC Healthcare of Sumter.

Born on July 23, 1942, in Summerton, she was a daughter of the late Willie

George "Son" and Josie Elizabeth Brailsford Richburg.

She was also preceded in death by her brother, Joseph Henry "Bay" Richburg.

Service of remembrance will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at Friendship AME Church, 6156 Furse Road, Pinewood, where the presiding elder of the Manning District, the Rev. Eddie Gaston, will preside. The Rev. Albert Thompson, pastor of Friendship AME Church, will bring words of hope. The burial will follow at the family plot located at the Friendship AME Church Cemetery.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from noon to 8

p.m. at the residence of her sister, Margaret "Wee Wee" Loretta Richburg, 1821 Willie G. Richburg Road, Summerton.

Her memories will be cherished by her daughter, Zanita; granddaughter, Carmen Maria-Elizabeth Hillard; Wanda, Virgil and Anthony; three sisters, Margaret Loretta Richburg, Bessie Joyce Askew and Mattie Louise Richburg; three brothers, Willie Edward (Annie Mae) Richburg, Percy Martin Richburg and Leon (Virginia) Richburg; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Parson Richburg, Lou Queen Hilliard and Shirley Hillard Nelson; brothers-in-law, Louis Hillard, John Hilliard and Sen. John W. Matthews; a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel of Manning is in charge of these services.

Online condolences for the family may be sent to [www.flemingdelaine.com](http://www.flemingdelaine.com) or [flemingdelaine@aol.com](mailto:flemingdelaine@aol.com).

## RENA FLEMING HUNTER

RALEIGH, N.C. — Rena Fleming Hunter, 96, widow of

Samuel Hunter, died on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018.

She was born on Nov. 29, 1921, in Manning, a daughter of the late Charlie and Rosa Evans Fleming.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hunter will be held at 2 p.m. today at Biggers AME Church, 6208 Kingtree Highway, Manning, with the Rev. Frankie White, pastor. Burial will follow at the Sammie Lee Fleming Memorial Cemetery.

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

## MELBA DEAN BEVERLY HARPER

DULUTH, Ga. — Melba Dean Beverly Harper, 94, died on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, after an extended illness.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Richardson Funeral Home in Marion. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Cemetery in Marion.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Harper, a daughter of the late Harvey Norton Beverly and Jessie Maude Timmons Beverly, was born in Conway.

She is also preceded in death by her husband, Charles Stedman Harper Sr.; and sisters, Floreid B. Merchant and Nelda B. Glaze (Gordon).

Mrs. Harper was a retired civil servant, having worked for Shaw Air Force Base as chief of base publications and forms management. She was a charter member of Aldersgate Methodist Church in Sumter. Mrs. Harper was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and Professional Women's Club.

Surviving are her son, Charles S. Harper Jr. (Frances) of Duluth; daughter, Beverly H. Snyder of Seattle, Washington; six grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four step-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 41 Perimeter Center East Suite 550, Atlanta, GA 30346.

An online register is available at [RichardsonFH.net](http://RichardsonFH.net).

## LESLIE R. LUCKEY HODGE

Mrs. Leslie Renee Luckey Hodge, wife of Mr. Thomas Hodge, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018, at

Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

The family is receiving friends and relatives at the residence, 3695 Manville-St. Charles Road in Mayesville.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Lee Central High School auditorium, 1800 Wisacky Highway in Bishopville, with minister Kimberly King as eulogist.

Interment will follow in St. Paul Memorial Garden in Elliott.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

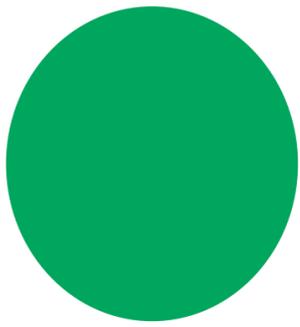
## ROBERT JAMES

SUMMERTON — On Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, Robert "Rabbit" James, departed this life at his residence.

Born on March 23, 1958, in Summerton, he was a son of Mazie James and the late Robert Lee Butler Jr.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 2 to 10 p.m. at the residence of his mother Mazie James, 1244 Jim Ross Road, Summerton.

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



# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

## FINANCIAL PRIORITIES

Nearly 28 million people think getting the new iPhone is worth going into debt for, according to a survey from website WalletHub. It also found that 19 percent of those surveyed would rather have unlimited phone data than an excellent credit score.



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### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

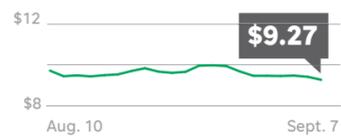
#### AMAZON

The retailer briefly became the second U.S. publicly traded trillion-dollar company, after Apple. It has added \$434 billion to its market cap this year.



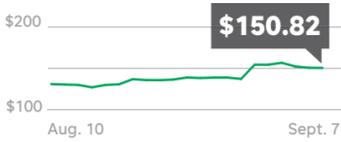
#### FORD MOTOR

The automaker posted a surprise sales gain in light vehicles in August, a 4.1 percent increase. The Mustang's sales went up more than 35 percent.



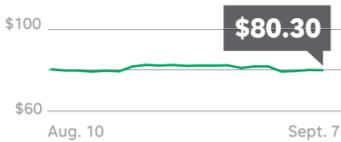
#### LULULEMON ATHLETICA

The yoga-wear maker's founder now ranks among the 500 richest people on the planet after its blowout second-quarter results and stock surge.



#### NIKE

Colin Kaepernick, who sparked controversy for kneeling during the national anthem, tweeted he's starring in the athletic apparel maker's ad. Shares fell.



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of online consumers accessed payment information on file at retailers as their primary method for conducting digital purchases in 2017, up from 17% in 2015.

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JAE YANG, PAUL TRAP/USA TODAY

# Know if property tax assessment is fair

## Even reappraisal can be wrong, but appealing takes work

**Hal Bundrick**  
NerdWallet

As property values rise, a creeping tax looms. Left unchecked, property tax bills can swell over time. To prevent this annual pain in the pocketbook from getting out of control, know when to appeal your tax assessment.

### How property tax is calculated

Your home's value might be determined for tax purposes with the most recent purchase price, or by a blanket assessment of a neighborhood's estimated property values. That value is then multiplied by a percentage, often called a millage, to calculate your taxes owed. Depending on the state, property values may be revisited every year, or much less frequently.

"In some states, in theory, they haven't revalued since 1967. They take that value and somehow extrapolate it forward for inflation or this, that and the other," says John A. Cocklereece Jr., an attorney for Bell Davis & Pitt in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

When tax assessments aren't adjusted frequently, "values can get way out of hand a lot quicker and stay that way a lot longer," he adds. Admittedly, that can work for you – or against you.

It may take a trip to your tax assessor's office to compare your home's assessed tax value to nearly identical properties nearby to see if your home is valued fairly.

### When your assessment is wrong

Even jurisdictions that reappraise values often can get it wrong.

"That absolutely can happen," says Debra Bawcom, senior property tax consultant at Texas Protax in Austin, Texas. Your property might be incorrectly valued if a jurisdiction has documented the wrong number of bedrooms, bathrooms or square footage in your house, she adds.

If you think there's an error in your assessment, the first step is to call your local tax assessor and explain your concerns. If this conversation convinces you that an appeal is worthwhile, ask what the process is.

Many jurisdictions limit the hearing of appeals to a period following the issuance of new tax notices.

Information you may need to gather in your effort to win an appeal can include:

- An independent appraisal of your home and property.
- Original construction plans.
- Comparable recent sale prices on nearby homes similar to yours.

### Freezes and automatic increases

In some states, senior homeowners or residents with low-to-moderate incomes may be eligible for property tax freezes, capping the property tax or future rate increases. And most tax authorities grant a "homestead exemption" – a tax discount if the property is your primary residence.

If home values are increasing where you live, property tax rates should be falling, Bawcom says. If not, you're being hit with an automatic tax bill increase. An individual appeal may help, but you'll need to rally community support for a millage-rate decrease.

### Q&A: INVESTMENTS

# Don't stop investing – hedge bets

**Matthew Frankel**  
The Motley Fool

**Question:** The current bull market recently became the longest in history, and the S&P 500 and Nasdaq are at all-time highs. Should I stop putting new money into the stock market?

**Answer:** It's true the present bull market is the longest in history. Furthermore, by several indicators, the market is expensive in a historical context. For example, the so-called "Buffett indicator," which is an expression of total stock market capitalization as a percentage of GDP, has never been higher.

Even so, this doesn't mean you should stop investing. For one thing, it's impossible to time the top of the market. Just because this bull market is the longest in history doesn't mean it



It might be a good time to consider some defensive investments to shield you from the worst effects of a downturn. GETTY IMAGES

won't keep climbing. It's entirely possible that the S&P 500 could rise by another 10 percent, 20 percent or even more before a correction comes.

Having said that, now may be a good

time to make some defensive investments. For example, stocks with strong track records of dividend growth tend to do better than their non-dividend-paying counterparts during downturns. Real estate investment trusts (REITs), utility stocks and consumer staples are also generally defensive types of investments.

With stocks like these, you'll be taking steps to limit your downside risk if the market takes a turn for the worse, but you'll also be putting your money to work and setting yourself up for income and profit if the market continues to make new highs.

As a final thought, it's never a bad time to invest from a long-term perspective. Even if you had invested in the S&P 500 at its 2007 peak before the financial crisis hit, you'd be sitting on a 140 percent total return right now.

### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▼0.2% week ▲1.3% month   ▲2.4% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▼1.0% week ▲0.5% month   ▲3.3% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▼2.6% week ▲0.2% month   ▲3.4% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▼1.2% week ▲0.5% month   ▲3.2% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▼0.7% week ▼1.6% month   ▼8.1% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▼2.9% week ▲1.2% month   ▲3.1% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▼0.0031 week ▼0.0053% month   ▼0.0203 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▲0.05 week ▲0.10 month   ▲1.59 3 months
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# College cost a troubling economic trend

Stagnant wages threaten lifetime of debt for grads



**Pete the Planner**  
Peter Dunn  
USA TODAY

The roots of the retirement crisis can be traced to the 1980s, when employers began to abandon defined-benefit plans (like pensions) in lieu of defined-contribution plans like 401(k) plans.

You can certainly argue the crisis was caused by the transition itself, which I'd struggle to disprove. But I believe the real issue was the lack of reaction to the changes by the people affected.

Yes, I'm suggesting that when the rules changed – the onus shifting from employers to employees – the employees didn't react appropriately. Whether they could or couldn't, employees didn't regularly contribute an amount of money to the newfangled defined-contribution plans, which would ensure retirement success.

Prior to the 1980s, a person could successfully retire without having saved a dime because most people had a pension and Social Security. When that changed, people's habits didn't. Our current collective reality is the result.

Basically, economic trends shifted, and we didn't. And it's happening again. Right now.

This time, it's not our retirement income streams that have shifted. Now, the problem is we're paying for increasingly expensive college degrees, and the wages we hope to attain with those degrees are disturbingly stagnant. In other words, the cost of college is growing faster than first-year wages for degree-holders. The result is larger-than-ever loan balances, which continue to swell with interest as borrowers seek adequate income for repayment.

Americans hold roughly \$1.5 trillion worth of student loan debt.

In a perfect world, first-year wage growth outpaces the college inflation rate. Perfect world. Ha.

The cost of college is a basic calculation. Tuition and fees are X and the



Students at Washington University in St. Louis pull a mock "ball & chain" representing outstanding student debt. The figure recently hit \$1.5 billion. PAUL J. RICHARDS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

amount in student loans needed to pay for that education is Y. Upon graduating, your starting salary is Z. Ideally, you use a portion of Z to get rid of Y as soon as possible. This basic calculation generally worked up until X started getting too large, too fast, thus increasing Y, all while Z stayed relatively flat.

Now for some real-world numbers. According to the National Association of College and Employers, the average first-year salary for new college graduates in 1998 was \$34,471, which adjusted for inflation through 2017 is \$51,048 in today's dollars. But the class of 2017's average starting salary is \$50,516. So average wages have decreased about 1 percent over 20 years. That's not good.

As for college costs, in 1998, the College Board pegged one year of tuition at a public university at \$4,740 (inflation adjusted). In 2017, the cost of one year of public university was \$9,970. That's a 110 percent increase.

The takeaway? In the last 20 years,

**Every student and parent should be talking about these numbers. They need to stop crossing their fingers, hoping they are the exception to the rule.**

first-year wages went down 1 percent and the cost of the education to earn those first-year salaries went up 110 percent. Even if wage growth is flat or growing at a slow pace, it can't chase down college cost inflation.

The trend has been accelerating for a generation with little sign of improvement. So, what can you do about it?

Buying the average-priced education seems like a horrible idea, based on the data I just shared, especially if you're fi-

nancing your education with student loans. It's an especially bad idea if you blindly borrow amounts and your chosen profession could never conceivably guarantee high enough average wages to ever pay back what you borrowed.

Every student and parent should be talking about these numbers. They need to stop crossing their fingers, hoping they are the exception to the rule. Choosing an affordable education and a career field with proper job prospects must become a primary strategy. Each student has to purposefully choose to get off this unsustainable debt path and find viable alternatives. Don't let this troubling economic trend sweep you away into financial irrelevance.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

# Cutting cord creates better TV experience

Many viewers drop cable even if savings are small

**Jefferson Graham**  
USA TODAY

Millions of people every year are ditching their cable boxes to save hundreds of dollars on channels many of us never watch.

It's great, but here's the dirty little secret: You won't save real money on ditching cable. But you will get a way better viewing experience.

Some 33 million people are expected to cut the cord this year, up from 27.1 million in 2017, according to researcher eMarketer.

But save money? Come on. The average cost for cable and satellite TV is between \$85 to \$100. The average price for internet is \$60. Add the cost of Netflix (\$10.99 to \$13.99 for HD and 4K), Hulu (\$11.99 without ads), Amazon Prime (\$9.92 monthly) and even without TV service you're at nearly \$100 monthly. And that's without adding the cost of an antenna for reception or a DVR for recording shows.

To cut the cable, all you need is an internet signal and a streaming player, which you can get for as little as \$20, or an internet-enabled smart TV, and you've got entertainment for weeks.

If you're willing to spend around \$40, you can subscribe to so-called cable alternatives – from YouTubeTV, Hulu, PlayStation TV or Sling TV – and you'll get all the broadcast channels and most of the cable services you might want to see. So, 50 channels instead of 500. This is where cutting the cord really shines.

Unlike cable providers, which rent you a DVR with limited storage space on a monthly basis, YouTube and PlayStation, for instance, have cloud DVRs with unlimited storage. And they're easier to operate. You want to see a show, you find it in the menu on the TV or within the app, click a button, and now you're recording the entire series – without any worries about running out of room.

You have access to the shows anywhere you are – you can catch them on your phone, in an Uber or on the bus, at the office during your lunch break, in the park, wherever, and then pick the show back up in the same place you left off at home. (Some cable and satellite services offer these app features as well, but not all.)

With the cable alternatives, you get viewing screen menus that, unlike cable, are personalized to your tastes. YouTube knows you like to watch "This Is Us," "Better Call Saul" and "The Walking Dead," and as Netflix and Amazon do, pushes those shows to the top of the menu. And you get recommendations based on similar titles.



Watch "Better Call Saul" on TV and the PlayStation VUE app at the same time. ROBERT HANASHIRO/USA TODAY

And the program guide is dynamic, with pictures and live video, unlike the static, plain text of a cable menu.

If you don't care about broadcast and cable TV (which gets you access to sports) and only want to see Netflix, Amazon and other programming from apps, you'll save a monthly \$40. But you'll still have that hefty cable internet bill to pay.

The companies jack up the rates when you don't add TV and/or phone service to your monthly nut.

Still, clearly so many have found that cutting the cord was a worthwhile step for them and aren't looking back.

## FINANCING HIGHER ED

# Most parents' college funds far short of what they need

**David Carrig**  
USA TODAY

The majority of parents who are currently saving for their child's education have saved less than \$10,000, according to a recent survey.

That would barely cover the tuition and fees for one year at a four-year public college for in-state students.

The average tuition and fees for a four-year public college for in-state students was \$9,970 a year and for out-of-state students was \$25,620 for 2017-18, according to the College Board. A private nonprofit college would cost \$34,740 a year.

And that doesn't include room and board, books, transportation and personal expenses. The non-profit organization's Trends in College Pricing Report estimates that a full-time on-campus undergraduate budget for the 2017-18 school year averaged \$25,290 for public in-state, \$40,940 for public out-of-state and \$50,900 for private nonprofit.

The survey of 1,035 Americans currently saving for college found that:

- 57 percent have saved \$0-\$10,000.
- 22 percent have saved \$10,001-\$20,000.
- 9 percent have saved \$20,001-\$30,000.
- 5 percent have saved \$30,001-\$40,000.
- 3 percent have saved \$40,001-\$50,000.
- 4 percent have saved \$50,001 or more.

The survey was conducted using SurveyMonkey on Jan. 23 and 24 by Student Loan Hero, a company that offers student loan management and repayment tools.

"The price tag of tuition is rising, and so too are parents' savings goals," Andrew Pentis, the Student Loan Hero survey's lead author, said in a statement. "That makes it all the more important for parents to choose the right vehicle to grow their college savings. If they wait for their teenager to navigate

the college financial aid process, they're late to the game."

Other worrisome survey findings:  
 ■ 44 percent of parents feel guilty they haven't saved more for their kids.  
 ■ 37 percent said they have considered using their retirement savings to pay for college costs.

■ Only 26 percent of parents are saving in a 529 college savings plan, and 24 percent are saving in cash.

■ 16 percent plan to use credit cards to help pay for college.

So what is a parent to do when faced with helping to put several children through school? Here are some options:

■ **Scholarships and grants:** The first place to look is scholarships and grants, since these are types of financial aid you don't have to pay back.

They are the No. 1 source of funding and cover about 35 percent of college costs for the typical family, according to Sallie Mae's 2017 college study. Scholarships are generally merit-based and awarded for academic achievement.

Most grants are financial need-based and require you to fill out financial aid forms, like the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

■ **529 college savings plan:** One of the best options to pay for your child's education is a 529 plan.

These are tax-advantaged education savings plans sponsored by states and educational institutions that allow you to stash money in an investment account that won't be taxed if it's used to pay for college expenses.

Many employers allow you to contribute to a 529 plan through automatic payroll deductions.

■ **Student loans:** Since the cost of college can be prohibitively expensive, many are forced to turn to student loans to help pay the costs. Education is an investment, but borrowing money should be a last resort. You should take steps to minimize your debt burden.

There are generally two options: government loans and private student loans. Start with government loans since they usually offer lower interest rates and have better protections.

# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## Mister Bill's tower stand

We walked slowly along the embankment in the dark. The pond to our right was smooth and silky in the soft moonlight. The air was cool and clean. At the cotton field, we stopped. There was no detectable wind. We spoke softly then moved on.

The stand was about 50 yards to the left, along the woodline. Clayton went ahead and the stand turned around and handed me his rifle. He climbed the wooden ladder and crawled through the camouflage flap on the side opening. I reached up, handed him his rifle and mine — then climbed up the ladder and into the stand.

The orange moon hung just over the tree line to the west. It wasn't quite full and looked somewhat lopsided. We could sense that the sky was lighter now and that daylight was coming soon. There were two comfortable chairs to sit in. Someone had left a can of wasp spray on the floor. I hoped those little devils weren't still around.

The stand overlooks an agricultural field that is planted in cotton. A large section that was too wet to plant, in front of the stand, stretches the length of the field to the far woodline. I had put a corn pile out in this open area the week before.

I knew that the timber company was cutting the adjoining tract to the south, but I didn't expect to hear anything out of them until later in the morning. I was wrong. We heard a vehicle bumping along the access road just as the light was beginning to reveal our surroundings. Then, a few minutes later, a logging truck roared down the road. I was even more surprised to hear the cutter start dropping trees. It wasn't even broad daylight yet, but I know the deer get used to those sounds, so I wasn't too worried.

There was a slight breeze now, and it was out of the north, blowing across the field toward the timbering operation. Those sounds diminished, and I told Clayton about some of my experiences regarding how the wind and weather can affect our ability to hear. It seems odd to me that the wind can move sounds so efficiently.

We sat and talked for a while, and eventually I noticed a small metal name plate on the inside wall to my front. It was about the size of an ordinary index card. I leaned closer and read "This stand built by William and Bill Hall, August 2014."

Mister Bill had called me that fall and after a few minutes of chit-chat told me that he had put a tower stand on the Rhodes property near the pond. He wanted me to hunt the stand whenever I could. It was a club stand, and anyone could hunt it on a first-come, first-serve basis. But he wanted to be sure that I knew it was there.

Bill Hall is one of a kind. He is of an older generation that is fading away. He is quiet, kind and considerate. A true Southern gentleman. I got to know him as a fellow turkey hunter. Now, I know him as a friend. I've hunted the stand when I could.

The stand is a handbuilt wooden tower stand. The floor is about 10 feet from the ground. It's closed in with a narrow opening around three sides. A sturdy ladder gives access to an open side that is covered with a camouflage cloth flap. It has a roll of camouflage material across the front that can be lowered for concealment or rolled up for better viewing.

Mister Bill's son William had helped him with the stand. I met William at our club meeting back in early March, and he and his son Will came to hunt turkeys this past spring. Will and William are good people, too.

By now, Clayton and I had been sitting for about two hours. We had started out whispering softly but had gotten louder and louder without realizing it, as the morning wore on. Then a sound caught my full attention. Clayton heard it at the same time. It was the unmistakable sound of a deer walking in the woods, crunching the dried leaves, directly behind the stand. It stopped, and we sat in silence.

Clayton leaned over, rummaged around in his bag and pulled out a grunt call. "Easy," I cautioned. The deer was close. He made two soft grunts, paused, then one more. The deer turned and walked directly toward the stand. I looked over my shoulder at the wall of green vegetation behind us. I could feel a soft breeze on the back of my neck, and I knew the deer couldn't catch our scent.

We looked at each other with expectation, but nothing else happened for several long minutes. I expected the deer to walk out into the field, but it had no intention of doing that. It had heard what it thought was another deer but couldn't see one from the security of the thicket.

We sat silently for another 30 minutes. There was no other sound in the woods. The deer had either hunkered down in place or slipped away silently. We climbed down and walked back to the truck. We will try that stand again — soon.

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SCDNR PHOTO BY JOEY FRAZIER

The efforts of private landowners to install wood duck boxes has helped produce thousands of wood ducks annually in South Carolina. Apply now for free wood duck boxes at [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov).

## Landowners can apply now for wood duck boxes from SCDNR

BY SCDNR

A limited number of free wood duck boxes will again be available to private landowners and other qualified applicants this fall through a partnership between the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources and the State Chapter of Ducks Unlimited. Interested individuals can apply for the available boxes via the SCDNR website, [www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov).

Up to five boxes per applicant will be available for distribution throughout the state.

The application deadline is Nov. 1.

All applicants will be notified as to the status of their application by January.

Approved applicants will be supplied with a wood duck box and predator shield. Each box also requires 4-inch-by-4-inch-by-10-foot post along with the hardware for mounting the box and predator shield. Posts and hardware may be purchased at local lumber yards and home improvement stores.

The wood duck is the most important species to South

Carolina waterfowl enthusiasts and is the only duck for which we can effectively manage production habitat throughout all geographic regions of the state. The SCDNR's Wood Duck project supplements natural production in cavities of forested wetlands by providing artificial nesting sites. Fewer natural cavities are available today because of human activity and development. Through this project, private landowners are able to assist SCDNR to produce thousands of wood ducks annually.

## When to plant bulbs in the fall? Science, nature offer some clues

BY DEAN FOSDICK

The Associated Press

To ensure that bulbs planted in the fall will bloom in early spring, timing is important.

Plant too soon, and the bulbs might rot in rain-saturated ground. Plant too late, and they won't have time to build enough energy for flowering.

A soil thermometer is a more accurate tool than a calendar. The best time to plant bulbs varies according to where you live and what the weather has been like approaching autumn.

Fall seasonal benchmarks are being questioned, however, with winters seemingly becoming shorter, said Debby Horwitz, a horticulturist with American Gardens, a landscape, architecture and construction firm in Elmhurst, Illinois.

"It used to snow in the Chicago area in November when I was a kid," Horwitz said. "That hasn't happened here in a long time. If you get ahold of any bulbs in December, go ahead and plant them."

Bulbs perform best when planted in soils that have cooled to 55 degrees or lower. Horticulturists recommend that you plant them in holes three times the height of the bulbs deep.

"Sometimes the (planting) rules don't matter," said Mark Konlock, director of horticulture for the Green Bay (Wisconsin) Botanical Garden. "You can dig a big hole and simply chuck them in there. You don't even have to put them right side up. Gardening with bulbs is easier than you might think."

The most popular bulbs for fall planting include daffodils, crocus, snowdrop, hyacinth, tulips, scilla, fritillaria, allium, irises and gladiolus.

"It's always best to do it at the appropriate time," said Tim Schipper, founder and owner of Colorblends, a wholesale bulb company in Bridgeport, Connecticut. "The more chilling they get, the better the quality of the bloom and the longer their



stem length."

Refrigerate bulbs for a time before planting if you live in the South, he said. "Everywhere else, it's plant whenever you feel winter coming on."

By that, he means taking your fall planting cues from nature. Here are some natural markers gathered from Colorblends customers who contend it's time to place bulbs in the ground when:

- Fall leaf colors have moved just past peak.
- Squirrels are digging in acorns as fast as they can.
- Birds are flocking up for their southward migration.
- You begin smelling wood smoke from neighborhood stoves and fireplaces.
- You start turning on the heater in your car.
- Your kids start asking for gloves, or you wake in the middle of the night suddenly needing a blanket.

"One of the benchmarks that works best for me is when I see frost on the windshield," Schipper said. "I also pay attention to the fall foliage, to the hostas when they lay down, and I follow the crickets. It's time to plant when they become quiet and they can barely get their violins going."

Whatever the timing, bulbs are capable of taking a great amount of abuse, Horwitz said.

"We've planted daffodils in ground frozen solid," she said. "One of our guys cut through the earth with a pick axe while I placed the poor little things in the ground and covered them the best I could with clumps of frozen dirt."

"It was December. They came up great the next spring."

### Did you kill a big buck? Kill your first deer? Catch a big fish? Catch your first fish?

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Savage-Glover School was the site of one of four parks opened by the recreational association in 1940.

# Savage-Glover School was a favorite spot for recreation

*This is the second in a two-part series that focuses on summer activities that youth enjoyed in Sumter. This part features those attending Savage-Glover to participate in its "Splash Parties." Part one, published Sept. 2, highlighted the wading pool at Memorial Park.*

Another of the favorite summer playgrounds was at Savage-Glover School "which was the black division and one of the four parks that were opened by the newly formed recreational association in 1940."

"The Savage-Glover grounds proved to be one of the most successful of the four grounds, according to Director Bill Clark. He noted that the school grounds were always filled with children from the time they opened at 9 a.m. until they closed at 6 p.m. in the afternoon." One of the activities favored by the children was "splash parties" made possible by the city firemen in cooperation with the playgrounds.

The park director made these affairs possible by borrowing fire hoses from the department.

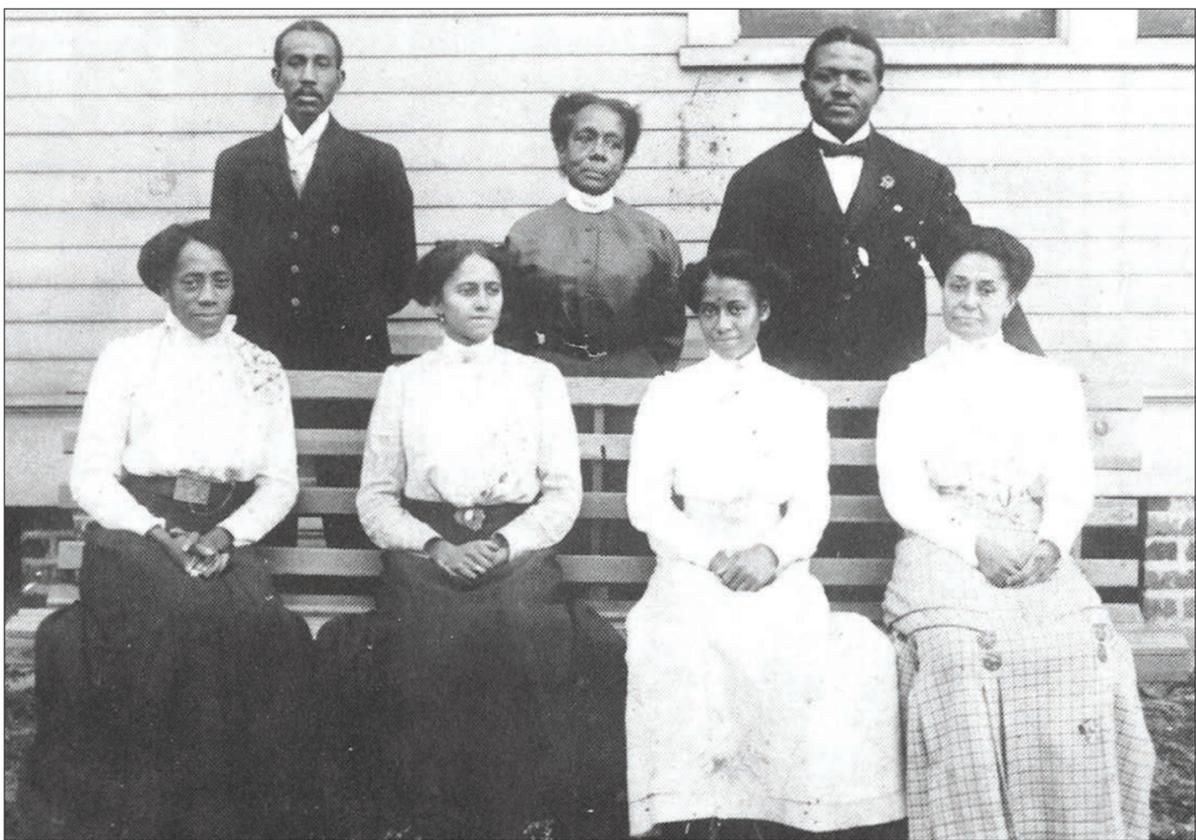
"The parents of the children knew that when they sent their children to the school that they were doing something worthwhile and constructive, and they also knew that they were

being kept off the streets, as noted by supervisor Lila Shelton. The parents expressed their appreciation to supervisor Conyers time and again and expressed hope that the parks would open every summer."

Having years of experience, Lila Shelton and Ulysses Conyers, who supervised the children at play, were college graduates and were well equipped to direct the children. Both were connected with the WPA, and this relationship made it possible to keep the grounds open until school started whereas the other three grounds in the system could only run the scheduled eight weeks.



Sammy Way REFLECTIONS



The faculty at the Lincoln Graded School, circa 1911, are seen in this photo. Seated left to right are Anna Davis, Edna Lowery, Prudence Lewis and Mamie Glover. Standing are, from left, J.C. Prioleau, assistant principal; Martha Savage; and C.A. Lawson, principal. Savage and Glover are the teachers for whom Savage-Glover School was named.



ABOVE: Betty Jean Butler displays her dancing ability during a talent show at Savage-Glover playground in 1955.



LEFT: Thelma Anderson, playground director at Savage-Glover school, begins instruction in arts and crafts for young people taking advantage of the summer program sponsored by the City Recreation Department in 1954.

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## Crowson gives record blood donations; aviator has no plane to fly in the Air Force

75 YEARS AGO — 1944  
April 1 — April 7

• A total of \$37,342.21 has been raised in Sumter County's Red Cross War Fund drive, K. E. Ward, director, announced. The campaign closed officially yesterday, and Mr. Ward said that the campaign headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce building would be closed and that beginning Monday an office would be located in the offices of F. E. Gibson and Son. Mrs. Van Newman will be at that location, Mr. Ward said, to handle the rest of the campaign's business. The phone number there is 751. Mr. Ward joined other officials of the campaign in thanking all who made the drive a success. Without each individual's support, he said, the drive could not have been successfully concluded.

• W. R. Wells Jr., of Sumter County, has assumed his duties as Clarendon County farm agent. Mr. Wells is filling the vacancy made by the death of F. M. Rast, who served as agent there for 22 years. Mr. Wells graduated from Clemson College in 1922 and taught two years at Dalzell, after which he worked for Sumter Packing Co. In 1926, he went to Marion County as farm agent, where he remained until May 1943, when he became associated with the Lance Williams Co. Mr. Wells will move his family to Manning after June 1. Mrs. Wells was formerly Miss Jessie Cope, of Orangeburg, and they have two daughters.

• A total of \$1,198.22 was contributed to the Sumter County Red Cross War Fund drive through the Sumter, Rex and Carolina theaters during Red Cross Week in the theaters, K. E. Ward, manager of the three Sumter show places, said today. This amount was turned over to the Red Cross War Fund last Friday. Mr. Ward today thanked all Red Cross workers who collected the contributions in the theaters and the patrons for their fine response. "Red Cross Week in our theaters was a great success," he concluded.

• Eleven persons were apprehended in the city for gambling, according to police reports. Nine of the offenders were caught at one time. The two persons at whose homes the gamblers were playing were arrested on a charge of running gambling establishments. Other arrests were for disorderly conduct (five), drunkenness (three), insufficient brakes (two), one for defrauding a taxi and one for assault and battery. The latter case was turned over to county authorities.

• Mr. and Mrs. Riley A. Bradham received a War Department telegram this morning notifying them that their son, Pvt. Riley A. Bradham, Jr., was seriously wounded March 4 on the Italian front. They had previously learned from a letter that Pvt. Bradham had been wounded, and from other letters received that he was convalescing in an army hospital. His parents have received the Purple Heart which he was awarded. Pvt. Bradham has been in Italy since early last autumn and has been in almost constant combat. He was on the Anzio beachhead at the time he was wounded.

• Inter-post baseball was back in the limelight at Shaw Field, following a sudden reversal of policy on the part of the flying training command in rescinding the directive which banned travel of more than 25 miles one way to scenes of athletic contests. Capt. Stanley R. Gabrielson, post director of physical training, said that Shaw Field post headquarters has given his department a "green light" as far as authorization for a baseball team is

concerned and that plans already have been launched for the formation of a team.

• Women are usually not mentioned when it comes to talk of serving overseas, but the service women of Shaw Field have proved that they, too, can serve with soldiers in foreign lands. Cpl. Ruby M. Mitcham of the Shaw WAC Detachment is the second member of the unit at this base to get her call for service abroad. The first WAC to go was Pvt. Lilliam M. Buika, former WAC orderly room clerk.

• Secretary of State W. P. Blackwell issued a charter today to Black River Farms Inc. of Sumter. The firm listed its capital stock at 20 shares without par value. Officers named were E. H. Moses, president and treasurer; H. H. Shelor, vice president; and M. B. Bultman, secretary.

• Ice was seen by our dawn patrol this morning. The early risers claim there was ice in bird baths about the town and a coating of it on many other things. But it's a chill wind that blows no good, so brace up. Judge Horace Harby tells us there's always a cold snap just in time for the Easter parade.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968  
Dec. 2 — 7

• Airman John A. Frapwell Jr. has been named "Airman of the Month" in the Sumter Merchants Association Recognition Project for the month of November. Airman Frapwell, son of Mrs. Evelyn F. Frapwell of the Bronx, New York, has been in the Air Force since July 1968. He is a traffic maintenance specialist for the 363rd Transportation Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base.

• With the best height in several years, Edmunds High School's Gamecocks start their 1968-69 cage season here against Camden. Coach Charlie Hodgins is optimistic about his team's chances of improving on the 11-10 record of a year ago — but cites speed and inexperience as big problems. "We don't have a lot of speed, and with our inexperience it's hard to tell how well we will do. We do have the best height ever — and that's in our favor," he said.

• Postmaster W. Loring Lee Jr. today urged Sumter residents to start their Christmas shopping and mailing now. "After Dec. 1, the post office will be hard pressed to handle the tremendous volume of Christmas mail expected," he said. He noted that selections are better early in the season, shopping is more enjoyable, and one can be assured that his mail will be delivered before Christmas.

• Led by strong performances of Joseph Canty and William Blyther, the Lincoln High Bulldogs topped Jackson High School here in their cage opener, 65-53. Between the two, Canty and Blyther tallied 54 out of the 65 points managed by the Bulldogs. Canty was the leading scorer with 30 points, hitting 14 field goals and two free throws. Blyther had 24 points on 12 field goals.

• Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mahoney are the proud owners of a true rarity for this part of the country — a tangerine tree that thrives and bears luscious orange-gold fruit every year until Christmas time. According to the Mahoneys, the 15-foot tree was started from a tangerine seed planted in a flower pot over 13 years ago.

• City Manager Wade S. Kolb announced the appointment of John Randolph "Randy" Peebles to the position of city building official, which recently became vacant with the death of J.H. Delk. Peebles, a native of Estill, has been a resident of Sumter for 23 years.

• Nov. 25, the date originally

set by the staff of the 1968 Sumter County United Fund Drive for its victory luncheon, has come and gone, and the \$203,000 goal is still incomplete. According to Richard P. Moses, campaign chairman for the current drive, approximately 98 percent of the whopping goal has been obtained, but the outstanding two percent, which represents about \$4,000, is slow coming in. Team members are still working to bring in the last crucial two percent, which will mean the difference between the drive reaching a tremendous goal or going down in defeat.

• Heyward Crowson, *Sumter Daily Item* photographer, gave his 80th pint of blood at yesterday's bloodmobile operation, becoming the first 10-gallon donor to the Sumter program, now almost 18 years old. Blood Program Chairman Riley Bradham hailed Crowson's record as an outstanding example to the community. Mrs. Helen Malone, Red Cross staffer who engineered a photo of Crowson much against his wishes, terms him "one in a million."

• Crepe paper, chicken wire, contact paper, Christmas trees, grass, presents and everything else that goes on a float to make it attractive is being added in readiness for the big Christmas Parade. The parade of floats and bands will travel down Main Street from Calhoun Street to Bartlette Street. The parade is sponsored by the Sumter Jaycees and is an annual appearance for the "man of the season" — Santa Claus.

• The Edmunds High School Jayvees overcame a three-point deficit at halftime to stop Darlington, 37-26. Edmunds trailed at the half, 13-10, but proceeded to tally 24 points to only 13 for the home team to take the win. Art Beasley, only 5-3, scored 21 points to spark the Baby Birds to victory.

• The Morris College cagers' loss to the Benedict Tigers 111 to 87 in beginning their 1968-69 season. Nat Dukes scored 30 points for the Tigers, in leading them to victory. Benedict had five men in the double column. James Robinson led the Hornets, scoring with 22 points, followed by Ulysses Holmes with 18 points.

• Two former Sumter children, whose entire school experience had been at the Hillcrest School, are the only American children in their respective classes at a public school in Nairobi, Kenya. Edward Heyse, 9, and his sister, Alice, 8, enrolled this fall at the Westlands Primary School in the modern capital of this East African country. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. Heyse who are studying the Swahili language for three months. The Heyses are getting ready for a four-year assignment with the Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Heyse will teach at the II-boru Lutheran Secondary School in Arusha.

• Master Sgt. Benjamin F. Rogers, of the 4417th Combat Crew Training Squadron, received an electronic warfare maintenance award while attending the annual convention of the Association of Old Crows at San Antonio, Texas. The Association of Old Crows is a professional organization formed to further the national effort in the field of electronic warfare. The association has approximately 5,000 members.

• The Homebuilders Association of Sumter-Clarendon installed new officers and board of directors at its meeting. New officers include: Harry Commins, president; B.M. Morris, first vice president; C.P. Hodge, second vice president and outgoing president; and Robert I. Ard, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Catherine Ford was appointed



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

1968 — Mary Willa Rawlinson, right, newly elected May Queen at Christian Academy, is seen with her Maid of Honor, Beth Brunson.

executive officer of the Homebuilders Association.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993  
Sept. 4 — 10

• No one knows how many people in Sumter County are homeless. Most agree that Sumter's homeless tend to be male. The Rev. A. Clark Jenkins of Emmanuel United Methodist Church estimates that he sees about six to eight homeless people among the roughly 50 served each day at Emmanuel Soup Kitchen. The homeless include transients who pass from town to town and the working poor, knocked down by a bad break, fighting to get back on their feet. Sumter is home to a number of community service agencies, but many have narrow missions. Some think that these groups are enough to help the homeless in a community of Sumter's size. Some think that the community needs to do more. Some of the people who need this help the most are unaware that it exists or how to get it.

• Sumter High head coach Tom Lewis wasn't happy about the 10 penalties and two fumbles committed by his team, but he had no complaints with the final scoreboard tally, which read Gamecocks 17, Berkeley 8. "It was another win, and we're glad for it, but it was not pretty," said Lewis, whose team improved to 2-0 with the win at Sumter Memorial Stadium. "We made a lot of mistakes tonight. We played Bryan Richardson at tackle instead of center, where he's been a regular, and we moved Tyrone Washington over to guard from tackle. With a new center and with us playing two quarterbacks (Franklin White and Chad Hoshour), we had some problems with the snaps."

• Furman senior wide receiver Willie McConico spent most of his summer vacation working on his game. He ran sprints, caught footballs and lifted weights — all in an attempt to make himself a better football player. And when the Indians stopped Scott's Branch 28-6 in their season opener last week, it was McConico who came up with the big plays. He caught six passes for 110 yards and a touchdown and had three returns for 131 yards in the game. That performance convinced McConico that all of the hard work was finally paying off.

• Nikky Finney used to spend childhood days basking in the sunlight that crept through a ground-level window of the Carnegie Library wondering why a black woman couldn't do for a living what so many white women could: write. She had written, since the age of 10, while watching her parents fight the war for civil rights. At 13, she was treated to a performance of "To Be Young, Gifted and Black," by Lorraine Hansberry, a black woman. "It changed my life," she said of that performance at Sumter's Morris College. "I never knew there was a black woman who won the kinds of awards she did and had the kind of attention (paid) to her work that she

did." That experience gave Nikky the courage — or as she says, the "pluck" — to pursue a writing career.

• The silver wings that 1st Lt. Blake Waller wears on his chest symbolize a year of rigorous training designed to put him in the ranks of America's elite aviators. That Waller has no plane to fly dramatizes the changes the end of the Cold War has wrought in the Air Force. Waller, a 1990 graduate of the Air Force Academy, works in the 309th Fighter Squadron at Shaw Air Force Base but doesn't fly regularly — at least not in military planes — despite his successful graduation from European/NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training. The end of the Cold War has put him — and 919 other trained pilots who have completed Undergraduate Pilot Training — into a pool of aviators whose silver wings are pinned down to earth for as long as two years and 10 months.

• Local banker Howard Elkins has been named Independent Banker of the Year by the Independent Banks of South Carolina. Elkins, president and chief executive officer of The Bank of Clarendon in Manning, was selected by representatives of the 71 banks that are members of the IBSC. The honor is awarded annually on the basis of outstanding service to the independent banking industry and to the local community.

• Four members of USC Sumter's full-time faculty have been promoted and three have been granted tenure. Dr. C. Leslie Carpenter, dean of the university, has announced. Tenured faculty promoted from associate professor to professor include Dr. Charles K. Cook (mathematics), Dr. Carolyn A. West (biology), and Dr. Laura M. Zaidman (English).

• Dr. Nancy E. Macdonald (psychology) was granted tenure and promoted from assistant to associate professor. • Dr. Luns C. Richardson recently announced new faculty and staff members. Serving in the Division of General Studies are Dr. Leroy Stagers, Dr. George G. Richardson, Huline Goodman, Victoria Duncan and Harold Oberg. Stagers is serving as an associate professor of English, Richardson is serving as an assistant professor of English, Goodman is serving as an assistant professor of mathematics, Duncan is serving as an assistant professor of reading and Oberg is serving as an assistant professor of biology.

• The grave of Revolutionary War Gen. Thomas Sumter is about to receive a lot of attention. Georganne Kirven, an agent with the Sumter County Clemson Extension Service and executive director of the Sumter County Keep America Beautiful program, is encouraging everyone to bring their muscle and public spirit to a cleanup day for the Thomas Sumter Memorial in Stateburg. The cleanup is part of the national Take Pride in Public Lands Day sponsored by Keep America Beautiful.

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Earthlink High Speed Internet. As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-877-649-9469

For Sale: 6 commercial sewing machines, drapery fabric, thread, drapery rods, and other items. Call between 9&4 803-983-8702

OXYGEN - Anytime. Anywhere. No tanks to refill. No deliveries. Only 4.8 pounds and FAA approved for air travel! May be covered by medicare. Call for FREE info kit: 844-597-6582

DISH TV \$59.99 For 190 Channels \$14.95 High Speed Internet. Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-877-542-0759

4 Cemetery Plots in Evergreen Cemetery Fountain #1 lot 16. \$3000 for all 4 OBO Call 803-775-4045

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

2 PT or 1 FT CDL driver, with clean driving record to switch trailers in yard or move freight within Sumter, Mon-Fri. 7-5 Call 803-938-2708 lv. msg.

FT Floral Designer. Must have shop exp. & be avail. on Sats. Apply in person to The Daisy Shop (inside Piggly Wiggly on 15 S.) NO PHONE CALLS

Lee County 4H Extension Agent Clemson University has an immediate opening for a 4H Extension Agent - Lee County Extension, Bishopville, SC./Details available at: http://www.clemson.edu/employment/prospective/findjobs.html Job ID No. 103435 For more information call: (803) 484-5416 Clemson University is an AA/EEO employer.

Berenyi, Inc. is seeking to hire a Full-Time Structural P.E., experience preferred for their Sumter, SC office. Candidate must be self-motivated, reliable, a team player that understands the importance of providing a high level of quality service, and able to communicate effectively with clients. Some travel required. Salary and benefits package provided. Compensation will be based on experience. Resumes to be submitted via email to shorton@berenyi.com

Full Time or Part Time Sales position available. Some experience preferred but will train. No calls. Apply at Wally's Hardware 1291 Broad St.

Help Wanted Part-Time

PT MAINTENANCE personnel needed at local apt. complex. Must have drivers license & own tools. HVAC exp. a plus. Apply in person at 625 S. Mill St. Manning or call 803-435-2751.

Morris College, a private four year Liberal Arts College in Sumter, South Carolina, is seeking to fill the following position(s): RESIDENCE HALL ASSISTANT (Part-Time/Weekends): To supervise and monitor a residence hall, assist residents with all aspects of the housing program, and make periodic checks of student's rooms and general areas. Effective Immediately. RESIDENCE HALL ASSISTANT (On-Call): To supervise and monitor a residence hall, assist residents with all aspects of the housing program, and make periodic checks of student's rooms and general areas. Effective Immediately. Submit letter of application, personal resumé and three letters of recommendation to: Director of Human Resources, Morris College, 100 W. College St., Sumter, SC 29150-3599. Morris College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

Trucking Opportunities

Drivers, CDL-A: Home EVERY Weekend!! Dedicated Southeast! Walk Away Lease, No Money Down. Drivers average \$1500/wk 888-519-4085, x143

Work Wanted

Dependable caretaker who provides sensitive and loving care. Many years of local experience with verifiable references. Flexible to work all hours and care for patients with various needs. Call 803-840-9831

Statewide Employment

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UP TO .64CPM - COMPANY DRIVERS - Competitive Pay and Benefits. Regional and OTR Positions. Call Today 864-761-0992 or apply online drive4jgr.com

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RENTALS

Unfurnished Apartments

Spacious downstairs, 1Br, 1Ba Apt. Appl. inc. W/D hookup. \$325 mo + sec. dep. 803-472-0120 after 5pm.

HUNTINGTON PLACE APARTMENTS RENTS FROM \$650 PER MO.

LEASING OFFICE LOCATED AT ASHTON MILL APARTMENT HOMES 595 ASHTON MILL DRIVE 803-773-3600 OFFICE HOURS: MON-FRI 9-5

Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income)

Shiloh-Randolph Manor 125 W. Bartlette, 775-0575 Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available EHO

Unfurnished Homes

Near Shaw AFB 2BR 1BA Duplex \$500 Mo.+1 Mo. Dep Call 803-458-8333

Mobile Home Rentals

3BR 2BA 1002 Driftwood Ct, Sumter C/H/A Fireplace, fridge, stove, washer & dryer, storage bldg \$700 mo +\$700 Dep. Call 864-872-4269

Vacation Rentals

ADVERTISE YOUR VACATION PROPERTY FOR RENT OR SALE to more than 2.1 million S.C. newspaper readers. Your 25-word classified ad will appear in 101 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Call Alanna Ritchie at the South Carolina Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

REAL ESTATE

Homes for Sale

For Sale or Rent: 3BR/2BA Brick home, move in ready, newly renovated. Call 803-983-0113

Land & Lots for Sale

FSBO: 3.8 acres on Nazarene Church Rd. 1/2 mile on the right. Call 803-607-3812 or 803-968-7354.

Commercial - Industrial

Income Producing Investment Property for sale Contact Bobby Sisson 803-464-2730

TRANSPORTATION

Autos For Sale

2011 Chevrolet Impala LT, excellent condition, \$7495. Call 803-499-4207

LEGAL NOTICES

Beer & Wine License

Notice Of Application Notice is hereby given that Dolgencorp, LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and OFF premises consumption of Beer & Wine at Dollar General Store #19563, located at 1370 Myrtle Beach Hwy. Sumter, SC 29153 To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than September 11, 2018. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

Abandon Vehicle / Boat

Abandoned Vehicle Notice: The following vehicle was abandoned at 2125 Bethel Church Rd. Lot 26A, Sumter, SC 29154. Described as a 1974 Nashua mobile home, VIN # MN360123K20917. Total Due for storage is \$1,800.00 as of August 28, 2018, plus \$25.00 per day thereafter. Owner is asked to call 803-983-0192. If not claimed in 30 days, it will be turned over to the Magistrate's Office for public sale.

Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2018-CP-43-01017 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

PNC Bank, National Association, PLAINTIFF,

vs. Michael J. Thomson and Phronise B. Gardner and if Michael J. Thomson and Phronise B. Gardner be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estates of Michael J. Thomson and Phronise B. Gardner, distributees and devisees at law to the Estates of Michael J. Thomson and Phronise B. Gardner, and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Linear Mortgage LLC; Mell B. Thames; Carl F. Brabham; Moya Brabham; Bobby Brabham; James Brabham DEFENDANT(S)

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

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide

that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June 1, 1999.

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

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

WE WILL BUY YOUR CAR OUTRIGHT! Regardless of year, make or model, we will pay you good money for your current vehicle. We can give you a fair price appraisal in 15 minutes. Call Dealer For An Appointment 855.223.5023

Summons & Notice

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

NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, was filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina, on June 1, 2018.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

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

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

You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date of this Notice. IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY/AGENT MAY PROCEED WITH A FORECLOSURE ACTION. If you have already pursued loss mitigation with the Plaintiff, this Notice does not guarantee the availability of loss mitigation options or further review of your qualifications.

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

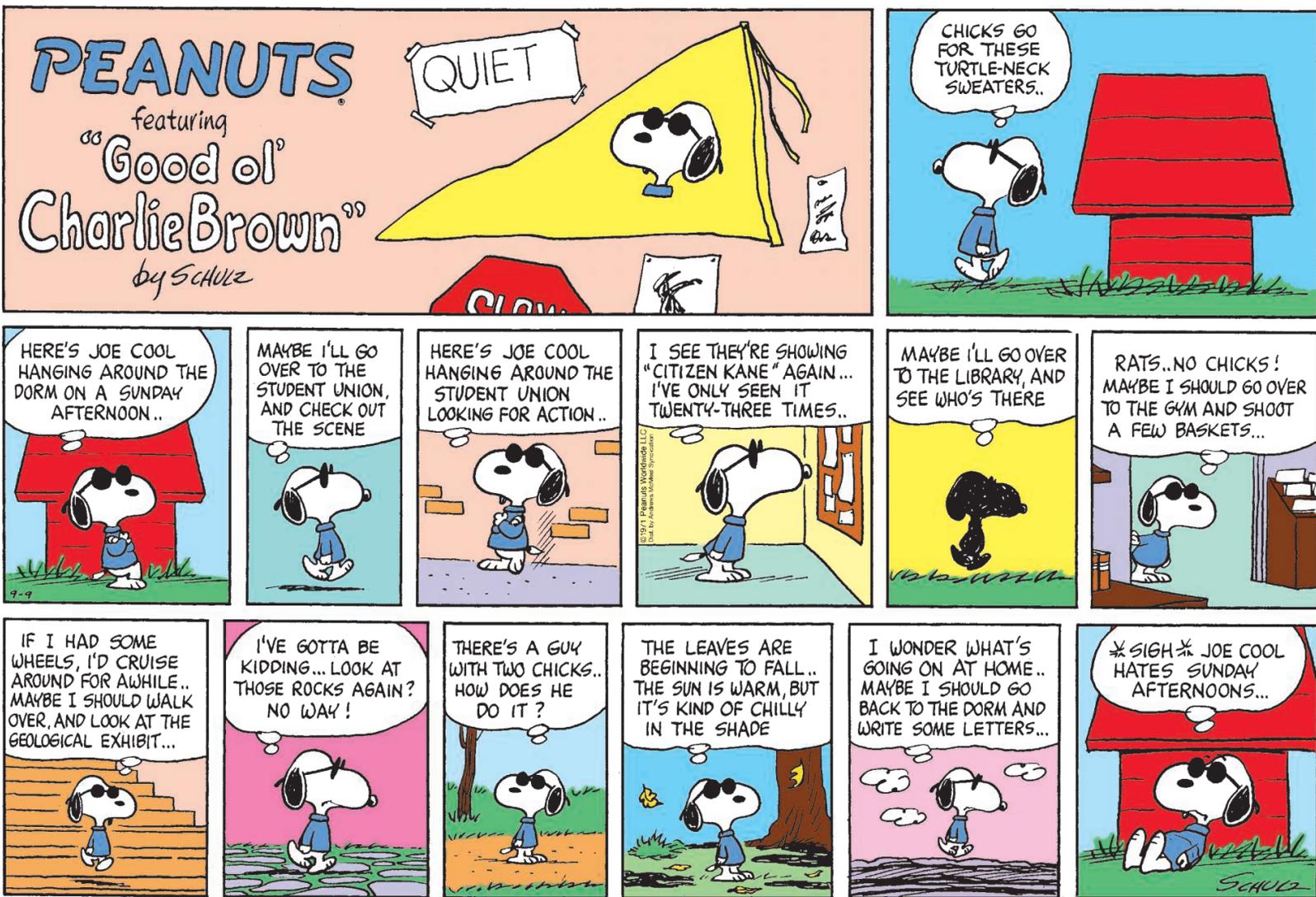
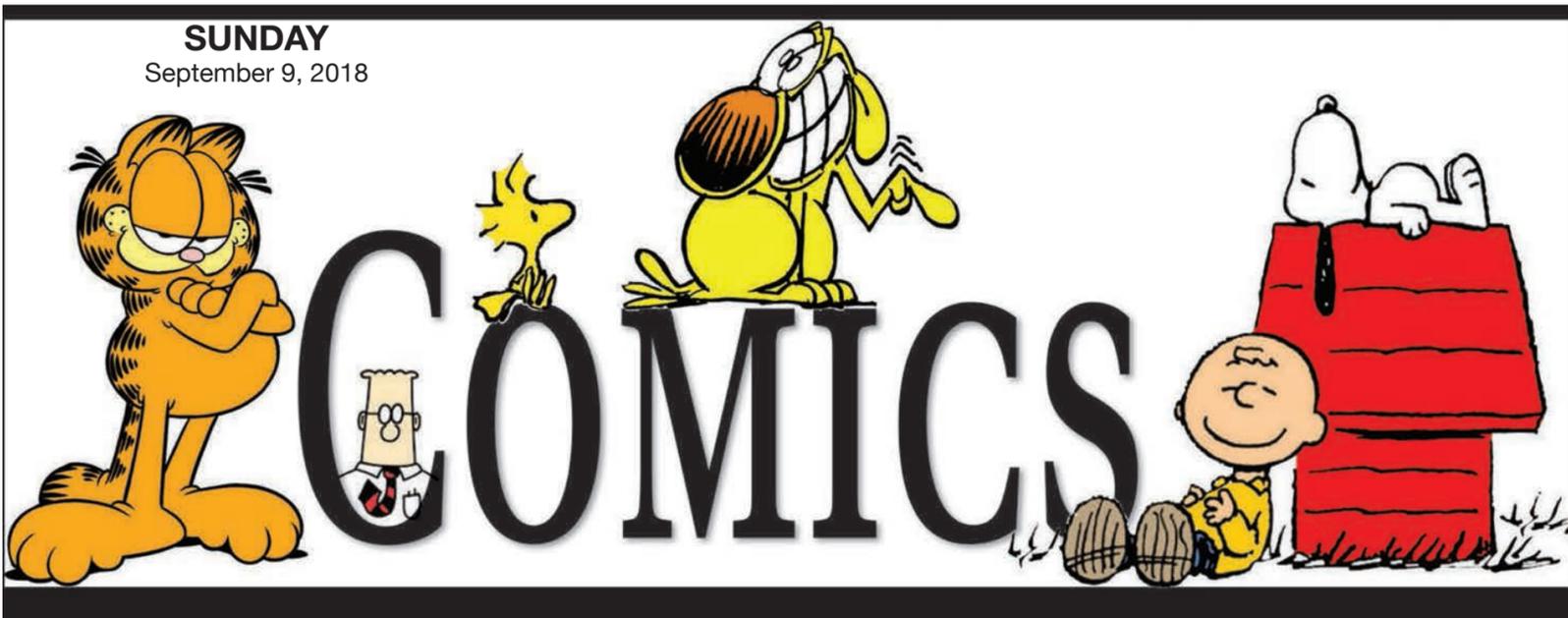
IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR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

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

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED

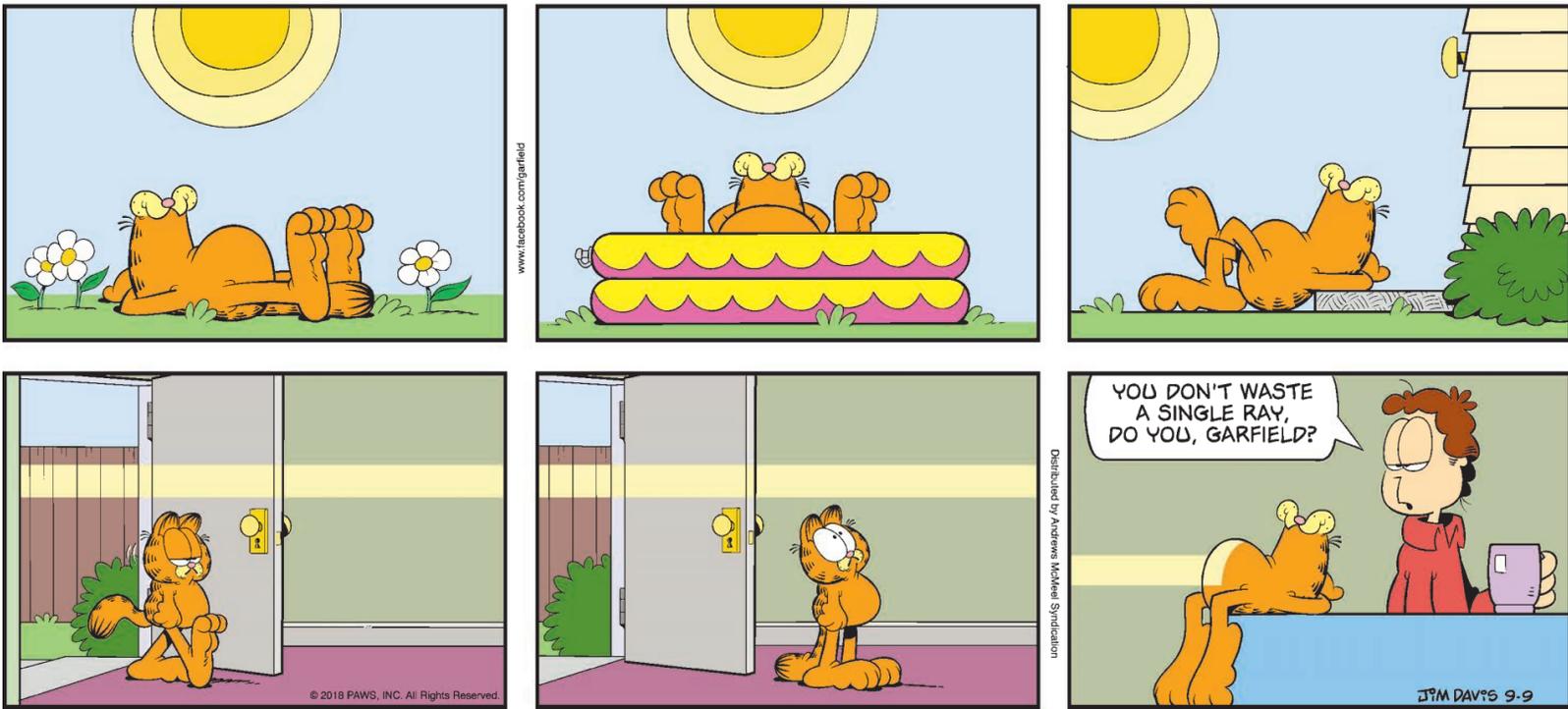
Park it in the CLASSIFIEDS and watch it go fast!

Advertisement for 'the Sumter ITEM' featuring a cartoon illustration of a woman on a phone and a ladybug. Text includes: 'I've never seen so many cars and people! What do you think is going on over there?' 'Well, I was told she's having one of those 'Garage Sales.' Can you imagine?' 'Do you think we should have one and place an ad? It sure would help with Spring Cleaning!' 'the Sumter ITEM 36 W. Liberty Street • Sumter, SC • 803-774-1200'



**GARFIELD**

BY JIM DAVIS



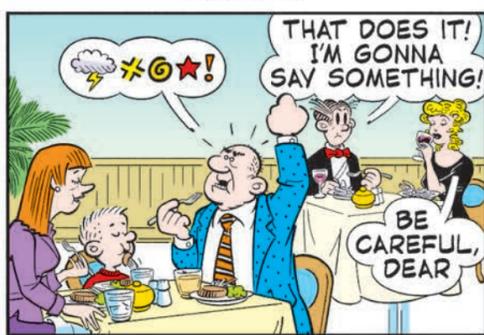
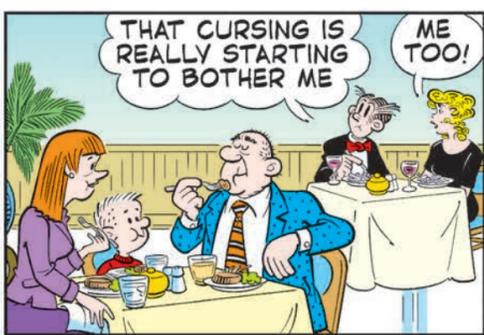
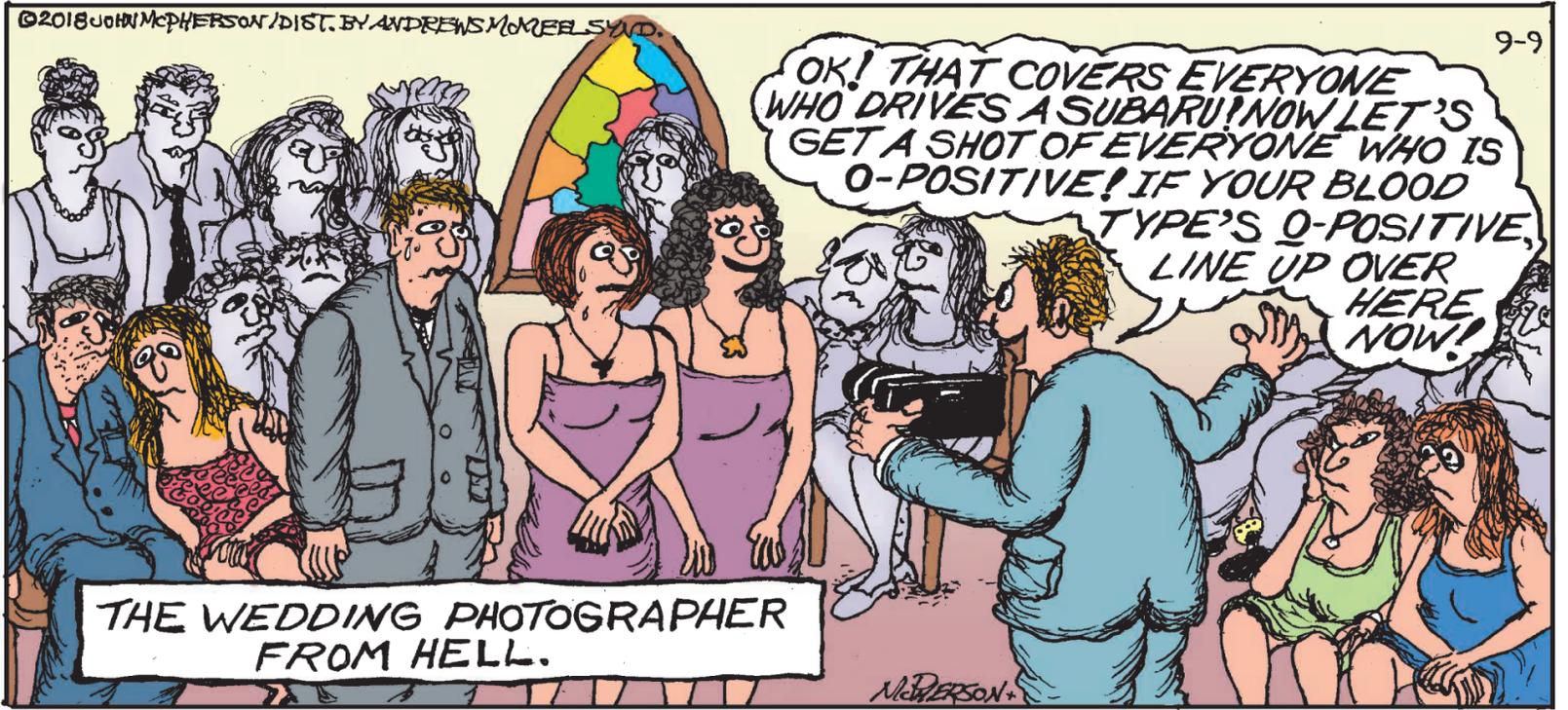
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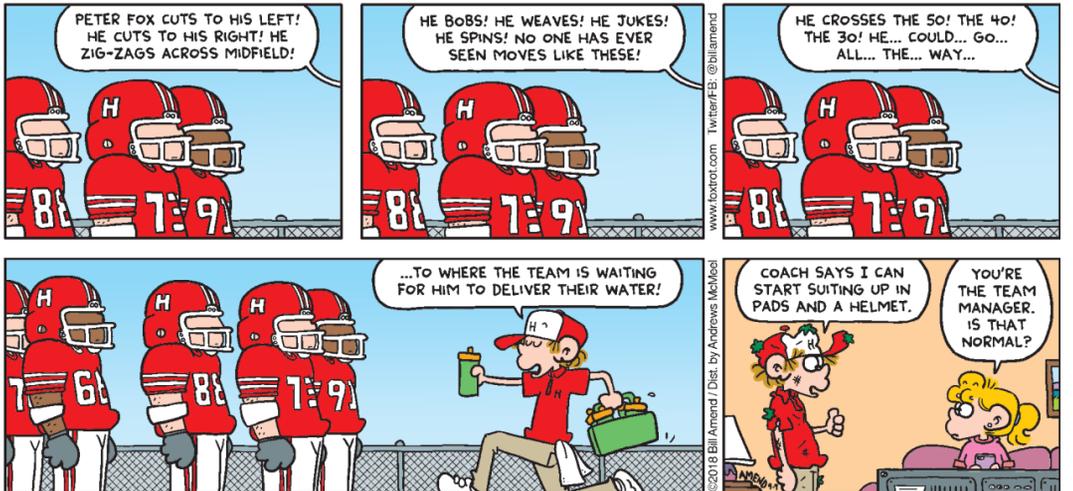
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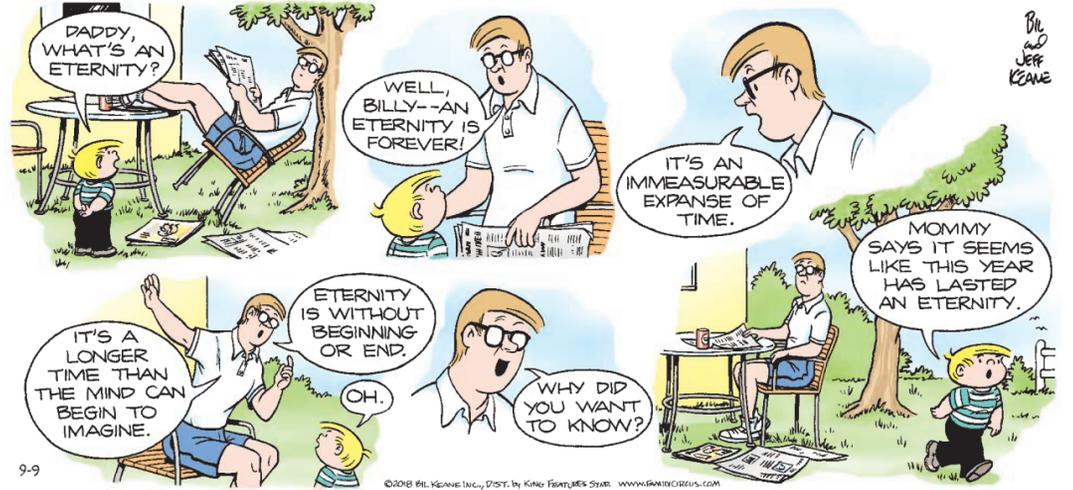
FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



**DOODLES**  
By Foot & Sacko

THESE TWO BUTTERFLIES ARE NOT THE SAME. HOW MANY DIFFERENCES CAN YOU NAME?  
6?

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

**DOODLE ZOO**

I TOLD MY PSYCHIATRIST THAT I FELT LIKE A PAIR OF CURTAINS... HE TOLD ME TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER.

**DRAW!!**

DRAW A BUTTERFLY!

**RIDDLES!!!**

Q. HOW DO YOU STOP AN ASTRONAUT'S BABY FROM CRYING?  
A. YOU ROCKET.  
Adrien Storch, Billings, MT

Q. WHY DO SCIENTISTS HAVE FRESH BREATH?  
A. LOTS OF EXPERI-MINTS.  
Stanley Bright, Long Beach, CA

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Man is thinner. 2. Golf cart wheel is missing. 3. Tree trunk is thicker. 4. Leg is moved. 5. Bush is longer. 6. Steering wheel is moved.

**FRANK AND ERNEST**

**MATTRESSES SALE**

I NEED TO REPLACE MY FAULTY COMPUTER-CONTROLLED MATTRESS. AH, IT'S FULL OF BED BUGS!

YOU HAVE SO MANY CHOICES. THEY SAY THIS MODEL IS SUITABLE FOR A CASTLE. IN KING OR QUEEN SIZE, YOU'LL GET A GOOD KNIGHT'S REST.

THE ONE WITH THE AQUARIUM HEADBOARD IS NOT FOR ME... I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH THE FISHES.

THE PAUL BUNYAN MODEL IS THE MOST VERSATILE. A LAZY PERSON WILL SLEEP LIKE A LOG...

...AND SOMEBODY RESTING UP TO TAKE ON THE WORLD WILL DREAM BIG!

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**THE BORN LOSER**

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**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM**

BY MIKE PETERS

I SWEAR, ALL I DID WAS RAISE MY LEG AT AN AUCTION

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INCOMING!

DOINK!

THE CORRECT WORD OF WARNING IS "FORE"!

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

CAN I GET THE WEEKEND OFF, SIRE?

NOT IF YOU EXPECT TO LIVE PAST IT!

REMINDE ME NEVER TO DROP MY KEYS IN THERE AGAIN

NOTED

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**GET FUZZY**

BY DARBY CONLEY

PULL TOP CANS! IT'S LIKE MY BIRTHDAY!

ROB LOCKED THE KNIFE DRAWER WHEN HE LEFT FOR HIS TRIP.

I'M GLAD HE DIDN'T DRAG US WHEREVER HE WENT.

HE WAS LIKE, "WE'RE ALL GOING TO A TOWN CALLED FISHKILL," AND I WAS LIKE, "GO ALONE, WE'RE NAPPING!"

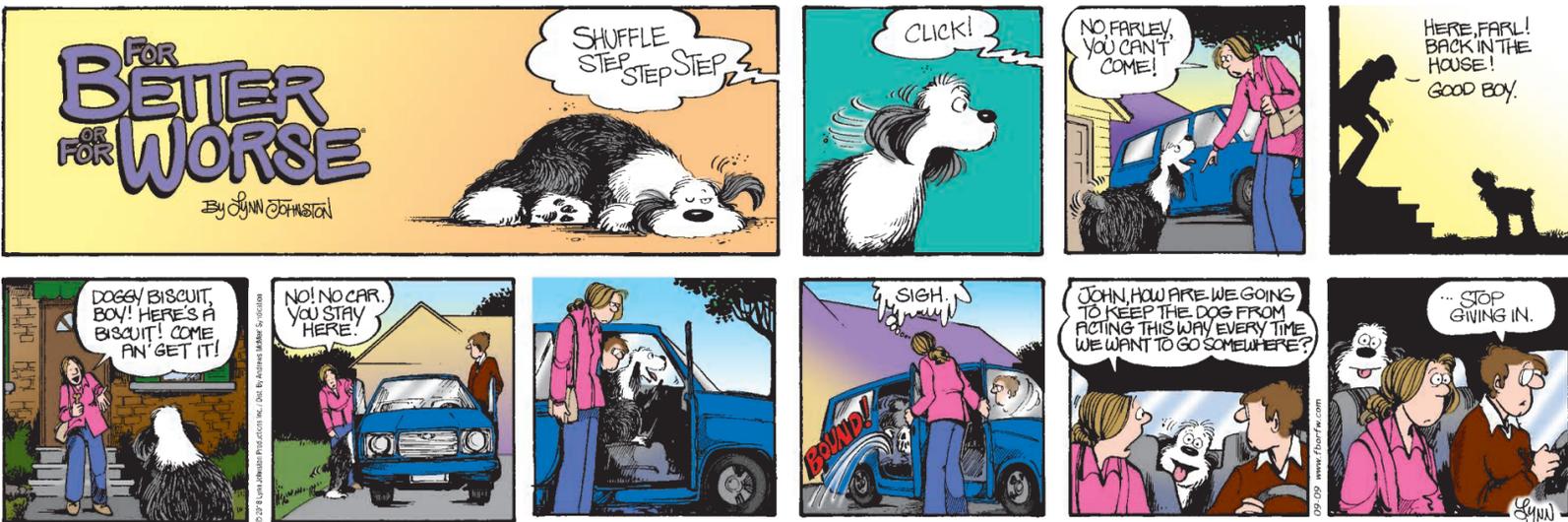
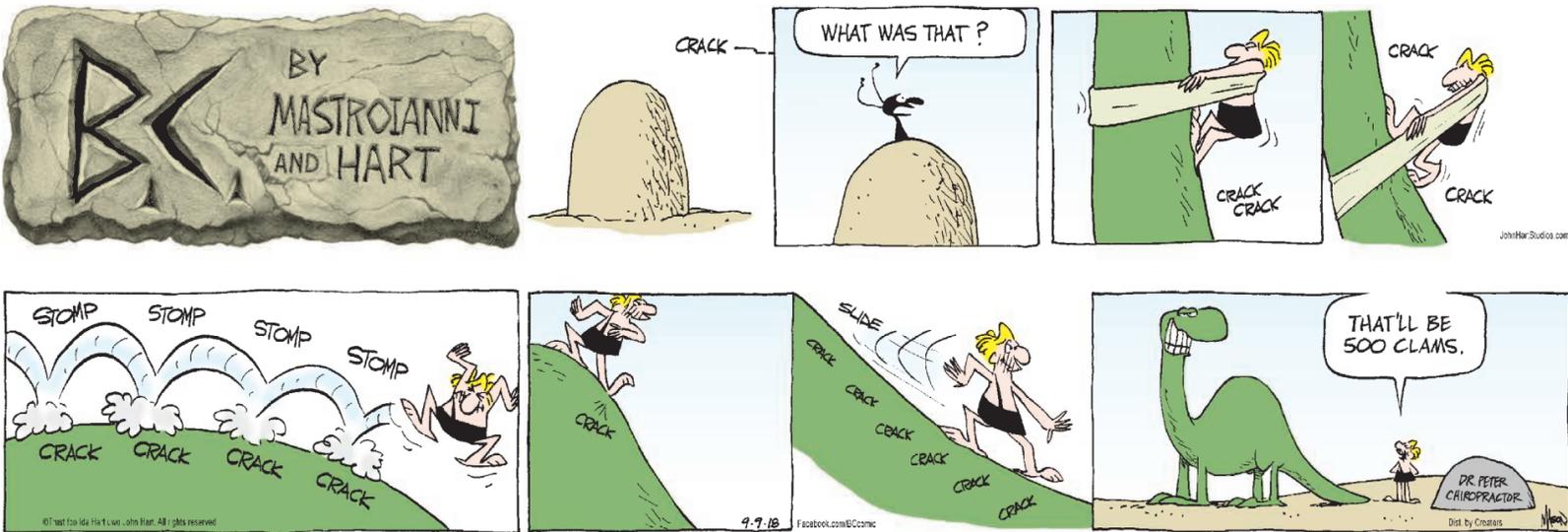
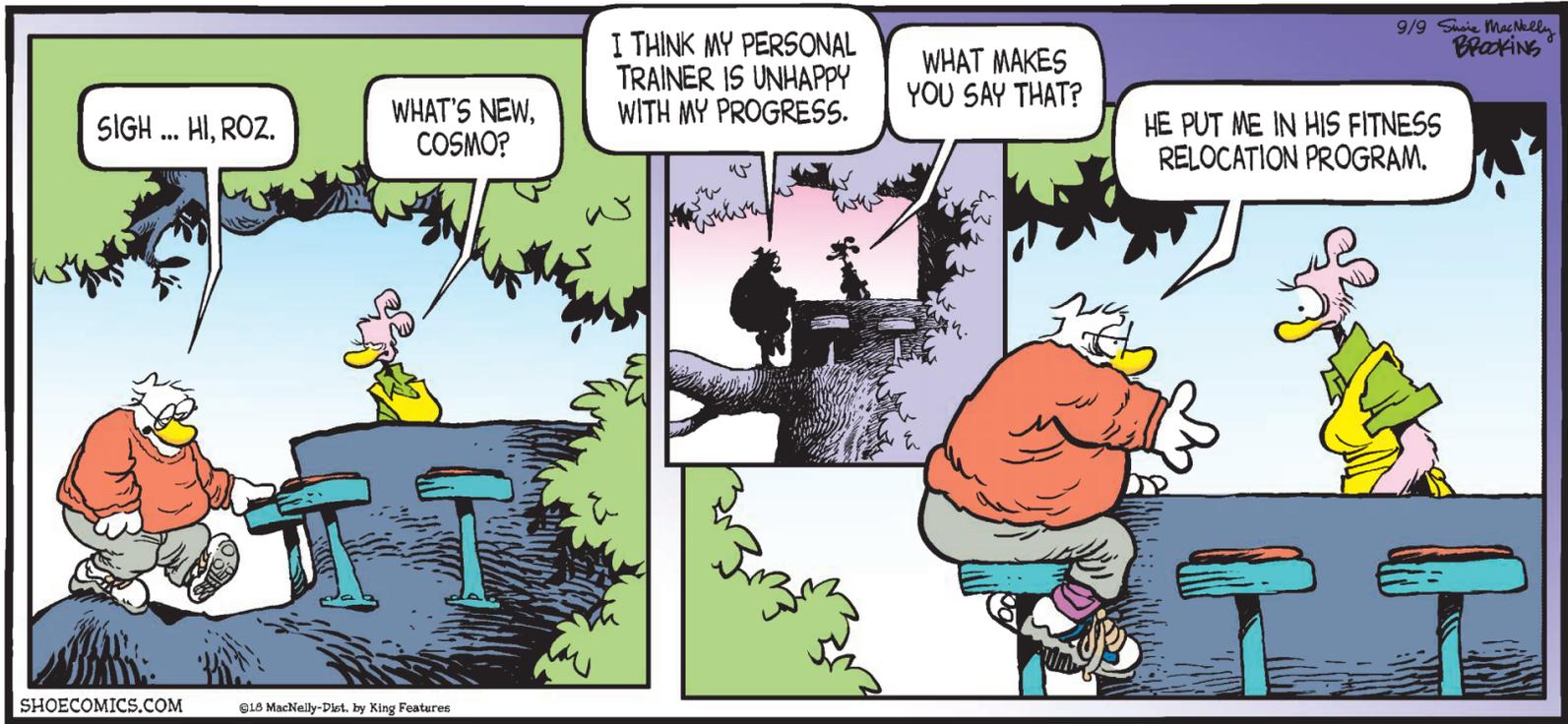
I'M SO SORRY, SAYING IT AGAIN I... I NOW UNDERSTAND.

WHAT ARE YOU... OH!

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SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

