



Finding the finest Fraser Fir

BY BRUCE MILLS
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It's the
weekend
after

Thanksgiving. Is activity centered on transforming the house into Christmas-land? For many, that's the case. Between now and the time Saint Nick comes to town, most of those trees that get topped in living rooms across Sumter and the nation will be real.

The Fraser Fir.

It's likely the top real Christmas tree sold in the entire U.S. What makes it so popular?

A trio of Midlands real-tree lovers, who are also Fraser Fir-lovers, consisting of Harold Johnson, Bobby Anderson and Melissa Hinson, combined have more than 40 years of experience at selling real Christmas trees and sell about 650 a year.

All three are considered Christmas tree "resellers," meaning they buy their trees from actual Christmas tree farms up in the mountains of North Carolina just before Thanksgiving and transport them down to our region to be sold to residents.

Known for its

pleasant seasonal scent and good needle retention (that means it keeps its needles), the Fraser Fir doesn't grow in our region because temperatures are too warm, Johnson and Anderson said.

Johnson, of Dalzell-based Tree House Nursery, said because the trees' branches point upward, it provides for a "good form" and can hold heavy Christmas ornaments.

Red Cedar trees and Leyland Cypress grow in our area and are sometimes used as Christmas trees, but all three of our experts still say the Fraser Fir is the best-seller — hands down. Red Cedar and Leyland Cypress have thinner branches, and, therefore, only lighter ornaments can be used on them.

"The Fraser Fir is the standard for a quality Christmas tree," Sumter's Green Savannah Nursery's Anderson said. It's all that he and Hinson purchase for resale.

"The Fraser Fir seems to be the prettiest shape, the hardiest and lasts longer than others," said Hinson, who runs Hinson's Christmas Trees in Camden. Johnson added compared to other real trees, Fraser Fir buyers will have less to clean up when taking the tree down after Christmas.

THE TREE TEST — WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Before anything else, know you are in the minority if you're shopping for a real tree. According to the American Christmas

Tree Association based out of California, about 81 percent of households that put up a tree last Christmas used an artificial one.

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CHRISTMAS TREES — REAL OR ARTIFICIAL?

Source: Nielson Research survey from November 2017



95 million U.S. households displayed a Christmas tree last year, representing 76 percent of all U.S. households



81 percent of households displayed an artificial tree
19 percent of households displayed a real tree

Firm in Sumter this week to gather input on superintendent search

Community forums will be on Thursday night

BY BRUCE MILLS
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What are the strengths of Sumter School District's schools, challenges of the schools and district, and the desired qualities and charac-

teristics in the next superintendent?

Those are the three main questions that the consulting group hired by the district's Board of Trustees will be asking this week when it's in Sumter for three community

forums and various focus group events as it begins the district's superintendent search process.

B.W.P. and Associates lead consultant Kevin Castner spoke Friday on his team's work ahead as it gathers key information from all stakeholders to develop a draft

leadership profile to present later to the board that will help guide the process for recruiting the district's next superintendent.

The headline event for the public will be three community forums on Thursday night at the district's three high schools — Sumter, Lakewood

and Crestwood. All will begin at 6 p.m. and last about an hour, according to an event flier distributed last week by the district.

The B.W.P. team assisting the board in the search includes Castner and three

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MIXED BAG

Mostly sunny and mild today with periods of sun and clouds; tonight, increasing cloudiness, storms possible later on.

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Santa Claus eats more than just cookies

Join him for breakfast, take photos on Dec. 8

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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With one holiday down and another right around the corner, Sumter County Recreation and Parks Department invites local children to have Breakfast with Santa from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 155 Haynsworth St.

This will be an opportunity for children to dine with the big man himself and make fun holiday crafts to take home. Pancakes, sausages, bacon and eggs will be served.

After breakfast, children will have an opportunity to make crafts such as ornaments and treats, said program director LaTrelle Chambers, and each child will receive a gift from Santa.

Parents will also be able to take pictures of their children with Santa at no cost.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the recreation department until Dec. 3.

Recreation department director Phil Parnell stressed that anyone interested must purchase tickets in advance because tickets will not be available the day of the event.

For more information go to www.sumtercountysc.org, call (803) 436-2249 or send an email to lchambers@sumtercountysc.org.

LOCAL & NATIONAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Sumter County Council meeting canceled

Sumter County Council's meeting scheduled for Tuesday is canceled because of a lack of agenda items.

Dutch police find \$400K in washing machine

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Dutch police who found \$400,000 hidden inside a washing machine have detained a man on suspicion of — what else? — money laundering.

Police said in a statement that officers were checking a house in western Amsterdam for unregistered residents when they found the valuable laundry load.

A photo displayed on the police website showed bundles of bank notes, mainly 20- and 50-euro bills, crammed into the drum.

The officers also found a money-counting machine, a gun and several cellphones.



PHOTOS BY HAL GONZALES / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM
The cast of Sumter Little Theatre's "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" takes a break from a recent rehearsal to pose for a group shot. The show directed by Heather Turner opens Thursday, Nov. 29.

The worst kids take over SLT presents 'Best Christmas Pageant Ever'

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

"The worst kids in the whole history of the world" return to the Sumter Little Theatre stage on Thursday, Nov. 29, to perform their own version of the biblical Christmas story in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever." And it's not only quite different from Saint Luke's version, but it's even different from that of the local church's annual pageant.

The Herdman siblings — Imogene, Ralph, Leroy, Claude, Ollie and Gladys — are feared by all their classmates, and they've never attended church. In fact, they have never even heard the story of Jesus' birth. What they do hear from their peers is that there are free snacks for the kids in Sunday school, so they attend. When they hear about the Christmas pageant, the Herdmans decide to stick around so they can be in it. Imogene, the most feared Herdman, played by Emma Ketchum, sets out to get the most coveted part, that of the Virgin Mary, and the other children wonder if they'll survive the Herdmans.

Heather Turner directs "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a play she loves and has directed three times.

"All the cast members seem to enjoy the play," Turner said. "A lot of adults like working with children, and a lot of them get tickled watching each other. There is a lot of comedy in the play. So much of the play has to do with what the kids bring to it. They bring a freshness that's really nice. All of the adults have experience."

Most of the 22 young cast



The notorious and feared Herdman children hear the biblical story of the Nativity for the first time, which leads to their determination to get all the lead roles in the local church's Christmas pageant. Of course, they put an entirely different spin on the traditional Christmas story in the comedy by Barbara Robinson.

members have been studying acting in the SLT theater school, she said, and there are eight adult actors and several crew members who are adults, "who learn from each other and enjoy working together. We opened auditions to the community, so a lot of the actors are new to the theater, too."

Turner said "The Best Christmas Pageant" is "a great show for little ones of any age and for adults. We often have adults without children in the audience, and people come to see in groups. We've already got a group coming for a 'girls' night out.' I think the community gets excited about it each time we do it."

The pageant written by church member Beth Bradley, played by Carsen Fannon, and usually directed

by Mrs. Armstrong (Ann Beaty), who had to forfeit that task due to a broken leg, is transformed by the Herdmans, who have all the lead parts. That's due in part because the other children are afraid they'll get beat up by the Herdmans.

In fact, the pageant is briefly retitled "Revenge at Bethlehem," because the Herdmans are incensed by the treatment the holy family is subjected to. Like SLT's production, the church pageant is not the same as in previous years, which many of the congregation find refreshing.

Turner said Emma Ketchum "is wonderful in the role of Imogene. She brings something really fresh to it."

Melony Dingle, whose children were in past SLT productions of "Best

Christmas Pageant," plays the role of Mrs. Claus, the church pianist, and is also the accompanist for the show.

Cast members include Amber Ketchum, David McKinley, Luke Hall, Tyler Metz, Bryan Wood, Shelby Greco, Dayshaum Powe, Kaylee Witherspoon, Bryce Dodson, Nathaniel Krivejko, Walker Craven, Morgan Wood, Joanie McLeod, Jennica Greco, Bianca Rowlett, Emma Grace Freeman, Mia Turner, Lyla Burket, Emma Long, Hanna Gibbons, Rochelle Fodness, Laila Williams, Paige Sander and Shaniya McDonald.

Stage manager is Kendall Jones, costumes and props are by Sylvia Pickell, Michael Bacon is lighting and sound technician, and the stage crew comprises Colby Rearden and Jennica Greco.

Turner noted that "This play was so special to (the late) Katie Damron; she was a mentor to so many of us. I always hope that we're making her proud, because she loved it so much."

"We're taking a different approach. This is more like when Katie directed it. It's more colorful, as if the Herdmans dressed themselves every day."

See how the Herdmans capture the true meaning of Christmas in their somewhat altered version of the Christmas story in "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave., Thursday, Nov. 29, through Dec. 2 and Dec. 6 through 9. Sunday shows begin at 3 p.m., and all others at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$20, and \$15 for students/seniors/military. Reserve tickets at <https://ticketpeak.com/res/sumterlittletheatre> or by calling (803) 775-2150.

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Brookdale residents give thanks, share smiles

Residents and their families enjoyed a hot meal during Brookdale Sumter Senior Living's Holiday Thanksgiving Drop-In on Nov. 15. There were tons of food, good music and wonderful smiles from families enjoying their loved ones, said Mireille Eli-Mclean, sales and marketing manager.

PHOTOS PROVIDED



Interval training has numerous benefits

Interval training has been used by athletes for over a century as a means of improving performance. Today it is considered to be the most efficient way to condition oneself for health purposes. It is being studied more closely for its impact on cardiometabolic and brain health for individuals at risk for chronic diseases or conditions that affect function.

Interval training is an intermittent-style of exercise that is performed with variable intensity. Intense exercises are performed with periods of recovery. It can be applied to aerobic or resistance-based training. Aerobic-based interval training is designed to improve the development of cardiorespiratory fitness. Sprint intervals with bouts of recovery at a light or moderate pace is the most widely used approach. It is often referred to as Tabata, High Intensity Interval Training or Sprint Interval Training.

Resistance-based interval training is designed to promote muscle growth and increase muscular strength. The approach is most commonly used with bodyweight exercises like pushups and lunges and can often intensify with the use of equipment like kettlebells or plyometric boxes. These exercises can be performed with maximum repetitions achieved during a certain amount of time or taken to muscle failure.

Cardiorespiratory fitness is an important indicator of overall health. Typically, the better your cardiovascular fitness the lower your car-

diovascular mortality risk. Research shows that just a few weeks of interval training can improve your CRF. Additionally, it is more time efficient and may be more effective than a moderate-paced activity for a longer duration.

There are many other health-related benefits that can come from interval training, including blood sugar control, which is great for individuals who are prediabetic or have type 2 diabetes. Research shows that six weeks of interval training, three a week, eight to 20 minutes improves

insulin sensitivity and is an overall effective alternative to traditional exercise. We have been conditioned to think that we need a minimum of 30 minutes of exercise, but research is challenging that.

Exercise is seen as one of the most powerful interventions for brain health, especially interval training. Researchers state that it can promote better motor learning, cognition and emotional regulation. While blood flow increases during activity, the

majority of the flow goes to the skeletal muscles, not the brain. Interval training produces more Brain-derived Neurotrophic Factor which is critical for the growth, survival and functioning of brain cells. Additionally, BDNF enhances cell-to-cell communication.

In addition to functional training movements for better physical health, interval training should become a

staple in your physical activity routine. From a healthy athlete to the clinical population and everyone in between, preliminary evidence suggests that all of us can benefit from interval training.

Missy Corrigan is executive of community health for Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org or (803) 773-1404.



Missy Corrigan

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BRUSH WITH BAMBOO VIA AP
Bamboo straws are grown organically and artisan-made in northeast India.

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Big problem or a fraction of the world's plastic consumption? You decide, but know that single-use plastic straws are a recent target of environmental activists.

As restaurants debate whether to voluntarily dole them out and lawmakers feverishly write bans against them to protect the ocean and sea life and to reduce stress on landfills, alternatives to plastic straws are plentiful. Some are downright gifty.

If you want to feel better about yourself and your holiday gift choices, and to urge someone on your list to give up plastic because they seem not ready for the #NoStrawChallenge, look for these options:

YES, TIFFANY & CO.

Let your loved one sip in style with a selection of reusable, luxury straws from Tiffany, because who doesn't love to see a blue box with their name on it come gift time?

One, in sterling silver covered in rose gold vermeil, comes as a crazy straw with a twist at the bend at the top. The straw comes with a tiny band of the Tiffany blue in enamel, just to make sure people know its origins. \$375.

Another lets the sterling silver shine with a little monkey crawling up a vine. \$425.

PAPER CAN BE COOL

The disposable paper varieties of straws are enjoying a rebirth.

Some are more festive than others. Amazon has an ample assortment in party-worthy metallics, colorful dots and chevrons, and special-occasion themes like black-and-white patterns or baby blue dots.

Lots of brick-and-mortar stores are into paper straws, too. Prices vary.

BAMBOO & GLASS

In addition to metals, from Tiffany level

to more affordable in stainless steel, some materials not routinely associated with straws have become more widespread amid the plastic-straw debate.

Bamboo is having a moment all over the place, in utensils, plates — even toothbrushes. If you think bamboo straws would go unused by your giftee, paper varieties in bamboo prints are available by the box.

Prices vary for bamboo straws. One company, Brush with Bamboo, sells a cute bundle of 12 tied with string, for \$20. They are grown organically and artisan-made in northeast India, where bamboo straws are traditionally used to drink beer.

As for glass, well, some companies insist their offerings are shatter free. A box of four, with a little cleaning brush, goes for \$7.99 on Amazon. Two are bent. *Ecostraw.com* sells a nice variety for all types of drinks.

PASTA & WHEAT

They may not be the longest lasting but many are no-GMO, fully biodegradable and come in wide sizes worthy of bubble tea.

One version is called Hay! Straws and comes tall at 7.75 inches, in a cute box of 100, for \$8. Shorter ones are also available. They're made from wheat stems and are sold with a warning to sip through them, not ingest them.

Another company calls itself, yes, Pasta Straw. It says it's working on a gluten-free version.

So what's the draw? Well, Pasta Straws says on its website that paper straws biodegrade in 30 to 60 days. Pasta Straws do it overnight and are edible, the company said. A sample pack wrapped in paper with a company sticker includes 24 and goes for \$7.99.

The problem: Generally, pasta straws don't last as long as, say, glass or metal. Upside, they don't get soggy like paper straws.



HAY! STRAWS VIA AP
Pasta drinking straws are sold by Hay! Straws.

WEDDING

McGill-Belser

KINGSTREE — Frances Louise McGill of Kingstree and Roy Edwin Belser Jr. of Summerton were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018, at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Julius McGill of Kingstree and the granddaughter of Mrs. Mary Frances Kennedy of Kingstree and the late Mr. Erban White Kennedy Jr. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thornwell McGill Jr. She graduated from Williamsburg Academy and the South Carolina College of Pharmacy with a Doctorate of Pharmacy. She is employed by CVS as a pharmacist.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edwin Belser of Summerton and the grandson of Mrs. Glenn Edward McAlhany of Branchville and the late Mr. McAlhany and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harvey Belser. He graduated from Clarendon Hall, Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina College of Health Professions with a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. He is employed by ProMotion Rehab and Sports Medicine as a physical therapist.

The Rev. Donald Ray Muncie II, pastor of the bride, officiated at the ceremony.

Music was provided by Ann Rodgers Chandler, organist; Spencer Nance, trumpeter; and Jennifer Kellahan and Stan Williamson, vocalists.

Escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a classic A-line ballgown designed by Watters of silk taffeta with an Italian lace bateau neckline, an Italian lace bodice trimmed with pearl buttons and accented with a ruched taffeta sash at the natural waist, flowing into a cathedral-length train. The gown was complemented with a silk tulle fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of ivory garden roses, ranunculus and hydrangeas hand-tied with a section of her mother's wedding dress.



MRS. EDWIN BELSER JR.

ding dress.

Emily Baker Kellahan and Danielle Easler Tindal served as matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Alaina Leigh Belser, sister of the bridegroom, Julia Michelle Collins, Kristin Bunt Griggs, Louise Smunk Holladay, Parkes Burnette King, Margaret Jonte Reynolds and Hanna Hatch Williamson.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Timothy Blake Baxley, Jeffrey Donovan Burns, Christopher Allen Mahoney, Benton Thornwell McGill and Harold Kennedy McGill, brothers of the bride, David Leslie Tindal IV, John Drake Perrow and Alexander Thomas Psillos. Ushers were Ashton Alexander Marshall, Townes Hagood Richardson, Michael Augustine Wolf and Woodrow Wilson Watford III.

Cadence Lee McAlhany, cousin of the bridegroom, chimed the hour by handbell. Margaret Ruth Clifton presented Scripture during the ceremony.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at The R.O.B. in Lake City.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at Sunset Acres in Cades.

Following a wedding trip in the Greek Isles and France, the couple resides in Kingstree.



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Les Trente

Les Trente will present four debutantes on Thursday, Dec. 27, at Sunset Country Club.

Taylor Lee Ann Moses, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harby Moses Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Spencer Bryce Atkinson and Luke Whetsell Harper. She is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moses.

Margaret Snow Segars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wise Segars Sr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Stephen Campbell Mims III and Andrew James Reynolds Jr.

Serena Adelaide Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Melvin Spencer, will be presented by her father and escorted by John Wilder Gressette

and Louis Hayes Goodson.

Mary Daniel Stokes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel Stokes, will be presented by her father and escorted by Ronald Hunter Hendrix and James Lucas Stokes.

Sophomore sons being presented are: Alfred Taylor Heath IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl Heath; James Patrick Muldrow, son of Julia Gee Muldrow; and William Hampton Rowe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Elliot Rowe IV.

Mr. Curtis Melvin Spencer is president of the club, and vice president is Mr. William Andrew Wallace Buxton. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. William Andrew Wallace Buxton, and debutante chairwoman is Mrs. LeRoy Payne Creech.



MISS MOSES



MISS SHULER



MISS SEGARS



MISS SPENCER



MISS STOKES



MISS WILLIAMS

The Camellia Ball

The Camellia Ball will present four debutantes on Tuesday, Dec. 18, at Sunset Country Club.

Natalie Grace Ardis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David LeGrand Ardis, will be presented by her father and escorted by Nicholas Grey Ardis and Jacob Daniel Weaver.

Lauren Elizabeth Elmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wayne Elmore Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by John Austin Peters and Andrew James Reynolds Jr.

Corbett Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Emerson Moore Sr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Patrick Scott Bell and Richard Banks Burns.

Madeleine Maury Shuler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Maury Shuler, will

be presented by her father and escorted by Daniel Scot Dilts and Stephen Campbell Mims III.

Sophomore sons being presented are: John Evans Boyle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adville Barnes Boyle III; Louis Hayes Goodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Louis Goodson; McLendon Lee Sears, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Patrick Sears; Greyson Steele Young, son of South Carolina Chief Deputy Attorney General and Mrs. William Jeffrey Young; Don Louis Herlong III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Louis Herlong Jr.; and Andrew Hyatt Talley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie W. Talley.

Mr. Greg A. Thompson is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Robert F. Young, and debutante chairwoman is Mrs. Jeffrey H. Faw.

The Assembly

The Assembly will present three debutantes on Monday, Dec. 17, at Sunset Country Club.

Katherine Gilland Duffy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward William Duffy Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Ronald Hunter Hendrix and Stephen Calbreth Hucks.

Catherine Stout McCreight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart McCreight, will be presented by her father and escorted by John Evans Boyle and William Thomas Sansom.

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Serena Adelaide Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Melvin Spencer, will be presented by her father and escorted by John Wilder Gressette and Stephen Campbell Mims III. She is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. John Malcolm Brabham Jr.

Mr. Brian Christopher Frerichs is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Brian Christopher Frerichs, and debutante chairwoman is Mrs. Scott McCrea Williams.

The Cotillion Club

The Cotillion Club will present one debutante on Wednesday, Dec. 19, at Sunset Country Club.

Catherine Stout McCreight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart McCreight, will be presented by her father and escorted by John Evans Boyle and William Thomas Sansom.

Mr. Robert Beasley Smith is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. Robert Beasley Smith, debutante chairwoman is Mrs. Denny Wayne Parker, and co-chairwoman is Mrs. Scott McCrea Williams.

Lord Clarendon Cotillion

Lord Clarendon Cotillion will present four debutantes on Friday, Dec. 21, at The Matrix Center in Manning.

Laura Elizabeth Drose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Francis Drose Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Richard Francis Drose III and Nicholas Charles Sersun.

Hannah Griffith Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tad Chad Graham, will be presented by her father and escorted by William Thomas Geddings III and David Morris Wilder.

Porter Katherine Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Howard Johnson and Mrs. Tracie Dana Sykes, will be presented by

her father and escorted by James Russell Early and Talmadge Aalsey Johnson.

Eliza Hudson Lay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Lay Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by Robert Partridge Bethea III and Michael Wallace Borden Jr. She is sponsored by her grandparents, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James Carl Adams.

Son being presented is William Dickey Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Brown Williamson.

Mr. John William Ducworth is president of the club. Ball chairwoman is Mrs. William Franklin Rawlinson Jr., and Mrs. Gerald Kenneth Johnson is debutante chairwoman.

The Carolinian Ball

The Carolinian Ball will present six debutantes on Thursday, Dec. 20, at Sunset Country Club.

Katherine Gilland Duffy, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Edward William Duffy Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by John Evans Boyle and Stephen Calbreth Hucks.

Lauren Elizabeth Elmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Wayne Elmore Jr., will be presented by her father and escorted by John Austin Peters and Andrew James Reynolds Jr.

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rick Scott Bell and Richard Banks Burns.

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The Trian Club

The Trian Club will present one sophomore son on Saturday, Dec. 15, at Sunset Country Club.

Ronald Hunter Hendrix is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ivan Hendrix.

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Columbia pediatrician discusses dangers guns can pose, firearm safety

BY BRISTOW MARCHANT
The State of Columbia

COLUMBIA — Deborah Greenhouse wants you to know what her lane is. The Columbia pediatrician is one of several doctors joining a social media storm over guns and doctors, sparking a fight between the physicians and the National Rifle Association.

"Asked a 6-year-old today what he would do if he found a gun while playing at a friend's house," Greenhouse tweeted Nov. 9. "He said he'd grab it and play with it. His mom was shocked. I wasn't. It was the most important thing I talked about at his well (care) visit."

Greenhouse is one of several doctors using the hashtag #ThisIsOurLane to talk about gun safety and the dangers that firearms can pose to the health of their patients. The movement started after the NRA, a national gun-rights organization, tweeted, "Someone should tell self-important anti-gun doctors to stay in their lane."

The NRA's tweet came in response to updated gun-safety guidelines from the American College of Physicians, urging doctors to ask their patients whether they have guns in their homes and to warn them about potential risks. The NRA has pushed back against doctors asking questions about guns, saying it could infringe on Second Amendment rights.

Several doctors reacted negatively to the NRA's tweet, which came out the

same day as a mass shooting in a California bar that killed 12.

Greenhouse's response caught the attention of National Public Radio, where it was featured on the news talk show "The Takeaway."

"They reached out to me on Twitter and asked me to do a voice recording," Greenhouse said, between seeing patients at Palmetto Pediatric. "I did it the night before it aired."

The pediatrician argues studies have shown young children are likely to play with firearms if they can get their hands on them, even if they have been told not to. Greenhouse advises her patients' families to securely lock up their guns and keep the ammunition in a separate location.

"We live in South Carolina. Many of my patients own guns, and I have no problem with that, as long as they are stored safely," she said.

But Little Mountain gun instructor Gerald Stoudemire is uncomfortable hearing questions about guns from a doctor. The head of Gun Owners of South Carolina, which is affiliated with the NRA, Stoudemire recalls a time his longtime family doctor asked him if he owned guns.

"I've known him as long as we've been around," Stoudemire said. "I went to high school with him. We played sports together. I went hunting with his father."

"I told him that had nothing to do with my medical problems, and if he needs to know it to treat me, he knows



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Dr. Deborah Greenhouse of Palmetto Pediatric in Columbia is one of several doctors joining a social media storm over guns and doctors, sparking a fight between the physicians and the National Rifle Association.

the answer."

The next time he went in for a check-up, there were no gun questions, Stoudemire said.

Stoudemire doesn't think doctors have the training or understanding to recommend gun-safety measures, adding he makes sure the people he trains know how to keep their guns secure. He also makes sure his own guns stay out of the reach of children, even though he has taught his own children and grandchildren how to handle firearms.

"Unauthorized people don't need access to your guns, whether they are untrained children, people with mental issues or a criminal background, or somebody breaking in your house," he said.

"My guns, when they're not on me, they're in locked safes," Stoudemire said. "Not a cabinet, a safe."

Greenhouse agrees with those safety measures.

In her more than 20 years in pediatrics, she has had two young patients die from firearm injuries, in-

cluding an 11-year-old South Carolina boy.

"He had bounced around from foster home to foster home, and he had finally got to a good home," Greenhouse remembers. "And, then, he was shot in the heart from close range by a BB gun."

Greenhouse's activism on the issue dates to 2010, when S.C. lawmakers introduced a bill that would have prevented doctors from discussing firearms with their patients. The bill was modeled on a Florida law, which since has been struck down for violating the free-speech rights of doctors.

"I've never encountered a family that had a problem with me discussing it," Greenhouse said. "But they don't have to follow my advice."

She says, regardless of how the NRA feels about the issue, she intends to keep raising the issue with the families she serves because she thinks it is a necessary conversation to ensure their children are safe.

"This is why we're here," she said. "This is why we do this every day."

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Spiritual first responders hit the streets

BY MICHAEL HILL
Associated Press

Sidewalk prayers near shoot-up spots. Sunday sermons in the back of a bar. Pleas to struggling souls to surrender to God. Funerals for members of their flock who didn't make it.

Clergy members have become spiritual first responders in the opioid crisis, often leaving the pulpit to minister on the streets.

They can be reverends, rabbis, priests or pastors. Though their faiths differ, they invariably approach people with addiction as equals. No Bible-thumping, no blaming. Quite a few are in recovery themselves.

Despite some signs of a slowdown, the nation's all-time deadliest drug overdose epidemic endures. Opioids were involved in most of the deaths, killing nearly 48,000 people last year.

A spiritual element to recovery is familiar to people who have worked 12-step programs, with their references to an undefined higher power. Scientific studies have found evidence that religious faith can help substance abusers with their recovery.

Working with addicted people means trips to hospital rooms and fresh graves. But there are flashes of light in the darkness, too.

Three dispatches from the front lines:

A CHURCH FOR IMPERFECT PEOPLE

Nine minutes into his sermon, Pastor Brad Hill made a confession.

"I gotta be honest. I ask myself a lot of the times, 'God, why did you allow me to be an addict?'" Hill says from the pulpit of his Grace Downtown Church. "Why are my friends dying of an overdose? ... I gotta ask God, 'Why, God, do you allow this?'"

Hill hears those questions a lot.

The church Hill started in the back of a Winchester, Virginia, bar moved this year to a space that can accommodate hundreds, many trying to turn the page on their addictions. Six-and-a-half years in recovery, Hill calls it a totally judgment-free zone, "a church for imperfect people."

Hill has a salty beard, smiling eyes and booming voice to sermonize about the suffering he sees so often in the Shenandoah Valley. His phone lights up constantly with messages from struggling people and their loved ones. One recent text read: "Do those who commit suicide still go to heaven?"

Too often, Hill speaks at funerals for overdose victims, three in the past three months alone. He honors the dead while telling survivors, "You don't have to be like this person. There is a way out."

A funeral in September for a 38-year-old married father of four was especially hard on Hill. They were friends, and Hill had been talking to him about his struggle just a week before he died. It was Hill who welcomed the man's grieving family to a Sunday service.

"They lost one of ..." Hill swallowed, clapped his hands together twice, and continued in a softer voice. "They lost



Pastor Jamie Casey, right, speaks with Brian Peets at a homeless camp in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

one of my favorite people. So I just ask that we pray real quick for them, OK?"

Hill's own addiction to painkillers led to a prescription fraud conviction in 2007 and a yearlong jail sentence that cost him a thriving church in Virginia Beach.

About four years ago, he came to Winchester and started Sunday services in the backroom of a downtown bar called Brewbaker's for a handful of people struggling with addiction. They'd drop a sheet over the liquor bottles before services.

It grew by attracting people like Matthew Fanning, who met Hill at a Narcotics Anonymous meeting.

Hill would talk about spirituality, but Fanning wasn't ready to hear it until he relapsed into heroin addiction. Hill visited him in rehab in 2015, encouraged him and gave him Bible-based homework.

Fanning is now in recovery and a Grace Downtown regular.

The nondenominational church moved this year to a nearby strip mall with room to seat 400.

"I have folks that come in that just got high the night before," Hill says. "I've got folks that overdosed the night before. I've got folks who have lost everything."

NEVER STOP GETTING OUR HANDS DIRTY

Pastor Jamie Casey prays with addicted people all over New Bedford, Massachusetts. He joins hands with them in their living rooms days after overdoses, in hospital emergency rooms and on sidewalks in front of wind-beaten houses in this struggling city.

The 45-year-old associate pastor in a nondenominational church is part of a team of clergy from a variety of faiths who regularly crisscross town with police officers and counselors. Their goal is to get people into treatment and, if they will listen, to offer some spiritual advice.

"Surrender," Casey told Brian Peets, who stepped out from his makeshift

shelter beneath a railroad track platform.

"I can't," Peets said.

"Surrender."

"I can't right now."

"Surrender," Casey repeated, alluding to his own addictions that started with alcohol and cocaine.

"For 20 years I fought and fought and fought against myself. Because you're your biggest enemy. You know that, right?" he told Peets. "So what ended up happening is that I ended up in a place that I lost almost everything. But then I had to surrender to this addiction, surrender to my circumstances, surrender to myself and then surrender to God."

New Bedford logged 56 opioid-related overdose deaths last year, a per-capita rate a third higher than nearby Boston. Police hope such outreach ride-alongs can get struggling people into treatment before the next setback.

The three-person teams cold-call homes where there have recently been overdoses to see if anyone wants help.

On a recent evening, Casey put on his shirt with "CHAPLAIN" on the back to ride with Officer Scott Carola and counselor Peter Lagasse around the city in an unmarked car.

Casey had a list of addresses of recent overdoses. But when they knocked on doors, most people either weren't home or weren't answering.

The trio was unfazed.

The person who ignores you today might embrace you tomorrow, said the Rev. David Lima, who heads the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford and directs the program.

Only a small percentage will get treatment, but participating clergy contend that it's about more than numbers. Says Rabbi Raphael Kanter, quoting the Talmud, "if you save one life, it's as if you've saved the whole world."

They spotted James Sessine talking to friends on a busy corner outside a food market. The 29-year-old has struggled with addiction and recently has been living in a tent.

Sessine's friends scattered as the car stopped, but he stayed and listened to Casey's suggestion that he get a treatment slot.

Casey called a provider. Can they give him a time tomorrow? Yes.

Sessine got on the phone and promised he'll be ready the next morning, meanwhile, "I'm going to walk around all night, like I do every night."

Sessine ended the call and hugged Casey.

"I shoot heroin daily," Sessine explained a few minutes later, "and it's coming to the point where enough is enough."

Casey says his preaching, teaching and intervening is all part of his goal to "love people back to life."

"My best friend and I, we made a deal," Casey said, his voice catching. "He looked at me and he said, 'Promise me we'll never stop getting our hands dirty. And I made that promise to him and God, because had people given up on me, I wouldn't be here.'"

They picked up Sessine the next morning.

Casey looked for Peets, too, but could not find him.

FRIARS FLYING THE JESUS FLAG

With his bushy beard and long gray robe cinched by a rope, the Rev. Giuseppe Siniscalchi would look at home illuminating manuscript in a monastery. But he and his fellow Franciscan friars are familiar figures on the sidewalks of Newburgh, New York.

They walk in pairs by row houses, empty storefronts and shoot-up spots in this Hudson River city. They offer people hot chocolate, iced tea or bagels along with their Roman Catholic blessings.

"When we approach the people on the street, whether they're addicted, whether they're even drunk, or whether they're high at the moment or they're a prostitute, whatever's going on in their life, we want to approach them first of all in love," Siniscalchi says.

"There been a few times where I've come across people with their little hypodermic needle kit ready to shoot up ... and you just say, 'Hi. How are you? How you doing,'" Siniscalchi says. "They kind of recognize or get a sense of who we are, and a conversation ensues."

The friars moved to an old church rectory here in 2016, establishing the St. Mary of the Assumption Friary. They take turns on the four-times-a-week walkabouts with Brother Peter Anthony Curtis.

On one walk, a middle-aged bicyclist asked, "You guys Catholics or something?" He then had his silver crucifix blessed. A passing woman took a blue plastic crucifix that matched her clothes. At one point, Siniscalchi sat down next to a downcast woman, pulled out a crucifix and told her Jesus loves her.

"People don't," she replied, looking down.

That doesn't matter, he said, Jesus does.

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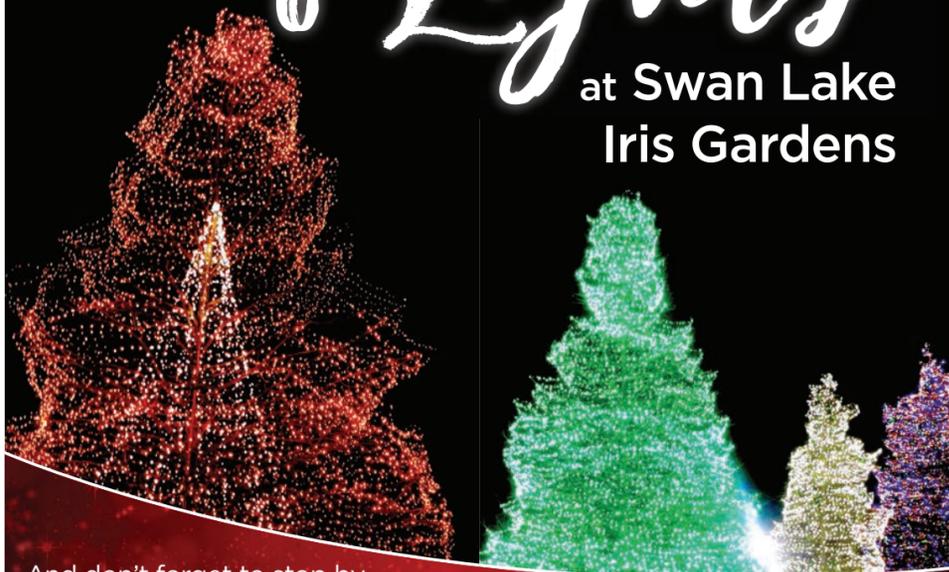
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Watch geeks drive trade in preowned pieces

BY AMIR BIBAWY
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Around two dozen traders sit in an open-layout second floor of a building in suburban Philadelphia. Surrounded by computer monitors, loud conversation and ringing phones, the energy on this trading floor is high, and the commodity is blingy.

At the headquarters of Govberg, they're not dealing in diamonds or gold but preowned luxury watches, of which company sells about \$200 million worth a year.

Some 100 miles northeast, 23-year-old Christian Zeron sits in his parents' dining room in suburban New Jersey looking at around 30 preowned vintage watches. In a few days, he'll put them up for sale on his company's website, *theoandharris.com*, which sells \$2 million worth of watches annually.

Govberg, in the watch business for 35 years, and Theo&Harris, founded only three years ago, are part of the thriving preowned luxury watch business. Along with dozens of other companies, they are the core of an industry that has exploded over the past few years, rivaling the new luxury timepiece business in size.

"It's bigger than people think," said Reginald Brack, executive director and industry analyst for watches and luxury at NPD Group, which studies \$2 trillion in consumer spending across 20 industries.

Brack said it's difficult to quantify precisely the market for preowned watches because nobody tracks it thoroughly. But some estimates put it at three times the new luxury watch market, itself estimated to be worth up to \$10 billion just in the U.S.

"I wouldn't disagree with that statement," Brack said. "And it's only getting bigger."

Even though watches have been disappearing from people's wrists with the spread of mobile phones, luxury watches remain a popular status symbol. In fact, sales have slightly crept up in the last two years.

The preowned business allows shoppers to get a good deal on modern watches like Rolex Submariner, while also offering a large selection of vintage pieces like an early 20th-century Cartier Tank.

Danny Govberg, the founder of Govberg's global watch operation WatchBox, compared



Preowned watches are on display at Govberg's flagship store in Philadelphia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the rise of preowned watches to the "quartz revolution" nearly five decades ago.

The introduction of battery-operated quartz movements in wristwatches took a big bite out of the market share from major automatic or mechanical watch brands such as Rolex, Omega, Patek Philippe, Jaeger-LeCoultre and Audemars Piguet. Those brands, which have since recovered, are now the bread and butter of today's preowned watch traders.

"Preowned watches are coming out of drawers so fast and furious now that I've never seen anything like it," Govberg said in an interview in the company's headquarters in Bala Cynwyd, just outside Philadelphia. "It's a real disruption coming to our industry."

Luxury brands have taken note. In June, Richemont, the owner of such brands as Cartier and IWC, bought Watchfinder, a British online platform for trading preowned watches.

"The preowned market has taken some business from the new market, there's no question," said Steven Kaiser, a veteran watch industry executive and founder of Kaiser Time, a New York-based luxury industry consulting firm.

Govberg entered the preowned watch business in 1983 when he introduced watches to his family's jewelry store on Jewelers' Row on Philadelphia's Sansom Street.

"People weren't collecting vintage watches back then," he said, recalling that he would travel to Europe to buy used Rolexes and Patek Philippes from watch shows. "Little shows that you would go to, almost like trading card shows.

Like wristwatch swap shows."

At the turn of the millennium, new platforms such as eBay drove Govberg to adopt his own online strategy. Ultimately, he founded WatchBox, a digital platform and app that includes video reviews and a trading market for valuable timepieces. The company recently launched a second season of "The Classroom," a YouTube series that aims to educate watch enthusiasts about the intricacies of owning a watch that could be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Zeron, of Theo&Harris, also uses video to offer his thoughts on the industry. He regularly gets hundreds of thousands of views for his four weekly YouTube posts.

"Social media is where it took off," he said, sitting in his parents' living room with

Anna Griffin, who was his first employee and a fellow student at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. "We don't have a retail store — there was no actual foot traffic. It was all social buzz."

The young entrepreneur, who founded the company with \$10,000 in saved up birthday money when he was a college sophomore, has a larger-than-life persona on social media, with a no-holds-barred approach to roasting iconic brands such as Breitling. Some of his viewers comment that he needs to lay off the caffeine or sugar.

The internet has democratized horological knowledge, much like other niche areas of expertise like aviation.

A watch enthusiast can spend hours on web forums, debating the differences between the various iterations of a \$4,500 Tudor Black Bay ("I love the domed crystal but I'd be interested to see it Imm thicker," says one member on RolexForums.com of the latest "Fifty-Eight" release.)

The explosive growth of preowned watch sales has deeper roots than social media, however. There's an emotional and intellectual appeal to owning a mechanical device that could have three hundred small pieces inside.

"Nothing that anyone consumes is very interesting anymore," said Zeron, sporting a 1980s 18-karat gold Rolex Oyster Perpetual Day-Date.

Take the ubiquitous iPhone — easily replaceable, Zeron notes.

"If your vintage Omega breaks, that's it. It's over. You

will never get another one like it," he said. "You are going to remember the drinks and the dates and the arguments you had in it. You are going to be sad that you lost it."

Then, there is the sheer volume and variety on offer, with supply constantly flowing out of people's drawers.

"If you went into an IWC boutique, they may have 50, 60, 70, 80 watches to choose from," Govberg said. "But in the pre-owned space of IWC, you may have 900 watches to choose from."

But the bottom line is that a preowned luxury watch in great condition is usually a third of the price of a new one.

"For someone that is collecting, for someone that's trying various pieces, is a natural fit," said Paul Bragan, a watch collector and senior partner at market research firm Wakefield Research, based in Arlington, Virginia.

Bragan spent hours quizzing Zeron online before taking the plunge with his first vintage watch purchase: a 1978 Rolex Datejust, which the Theo&Harris founder personally delivered during a trip to the Washington, D.C., area. It was the start of a friendship, and many more purchases for Bragan.

"There's a trade-in value proposition with preowned watches much like the car industry," said Brack, of NPD.

Watch executives often say their business is like the car industry — only better.

"In the car business, you have about 15 years on a car," Govberg said. "Watches are meant to last 100 years."

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Allergies and convenience are major reasons, generally, why people use an artificial tree.

Our experts said the first question to ask when buying a real Christmas tree is:



ANDERSON

“When were the trees cut?” It’s important that the tree is freshly cut. Johnson, Anderson and Hinson all said their trees from North Carolina are cut by the tree grower within one to two days before they pick them up and arrive back here for sale.



HINSON

Brown needles are a clear indicator of an old tree that was cut weeks earlier,



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they said. Hinson offered a simple needle test to help shoppers know if they have a fresh tree. She advised to gently run a



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small branch from the tree through your hand.

“If you get a handful of needles, you need to walk away and look for another,” Hinson said. “If you get five or less needles, then that’s a fresh tree.”

A split at the bottom of the tree or trunk indicates moisture loss, but it doesn’t necessarily affect the tree’s quality, Hinson said.

Hinson’s will give that tree a fresh cut for the customer, taking off about a half-inch-

thin wafer from the bottom, she said, and they’ve never had any problems with customers on sales.

That new cut is important if the tree hasn’t been kept in water at the reseller’s business operation, Anderson

said. He always keeps his trees in water, so they are already drinking.

Hinson and Johnson said that new cut at the bottom opens the tree up to allow it to draw water.

Also, inspect the top of the tree because, generally, people want a straight top to put the Star of Bethlehem or an angel on the tree’s top.

All agreed that after buying a real tree it needs to immediately go in regular water after arriving at home. Even if the buyer doesn’t want to take the tree inside for a day or two, put it in a bucket of water, they said.

Anderson said his preference is to look for a symmetrical cone-shaped tree.

Hinson said many people differ in what they prefer as far as size. Some like a tall and skinny tree, while others prefer a “fat tree that is as big around as it is tall.” Others prefer the cone-shaped tree that is perfect all the way around.

“Everybody’s got their own idea of what they like,” Hinson said. “Some people want the Charlie Brown tree — the ugliest tree we have. They say they feel sorry for it, and it needs a home, so they’ll take it.”

Government climate report warns about worsening disasters

WASHINGTON (AP) — As California’s catastrophic wildfires recede and people rebuild after two hurricanes, a massive new federal report warns that these types of extreme weather disasters are worsening in the United States. The White House report quietly issued Friday also frequently contradicts President Donald Trump.

The National Climate Assessment was written long before the deadly fires in California this month and Hurricanes Florence and Michael raked the East Coast and Florida. It says warming-charged extremes “have already become more frequent, intense, widespread or of long duration.”

The federal report says the last few years have smashed records for damaging weather in the U.S., costing nearly \$400 billion since 2015. “Warmer and drier conditions have contributed to an increase in large forest fires in the western United States and interior Alaska,” according to the report.

“We are seeing the things we said would be happening, happen now in real life,” said report co-author Katharine Hayhoe of Texas Tech University. “As a climate scientist, it is almost surreal.”

And report co-author Donald Wuebbles, a University of Illinois climate scientist, said, “We’re going to continue to see severe weather events get

stronger and more intense.”

Air pollution from wildfires combined with heat waves is a major future health risk for the West, the report says. During the fires in northern California, air quality hit “hazardous” levels, according to government air-monitoring agencies.

“There’s real concern about how the West will be able to manage this increasing occurrence,” said report co-author Kristie Ebi, a University of Washington public health professor. She said global warming is already harming people’s health, but it will only get worse.

The report is mandated by law every few years and is based on hundreds of previously research studies. It details how global warming from the burning of coal, oil and gas is hurting each region of the United States and how it impacts different sectors of the economy, including energy and agriculture.

“Climate change is transforming where and how we live and presents growing challenges to human health and quality of life, the economy, and the natural systems that support us,” the report says.

That includes worsening air pollution causing heart and lung problems, more diseases from insects, the potential for a jump in deaths during heat waves and nastier allergies.

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other associates, who will split up the forums to gather to most information in the most efficient manner possible.

Castner emphasized the community forums are open to all the public.

“We encourage people to attend the forums and offer input,” Castner said.

The firm will also be holding focus groups this week with various community groups and leaders across different segments of the community, including the faith-based community, Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Shaw Air Force Base officials and local government leaders, among others.

Following this week’s community engagement, the B.W.P. team will provide a written report and draft leadership profile for a su-

perintendent based on what it heard to the board in early December, Castner said.

The board will look at that draft profile and perhaps modify it based on their own thoughts before it becomes finalized, he said.

“Then, that profile is what we will begin to use as the standard to recruit the candidates,” Castner said.

He emphasized the consulting firm will only recommend superintendent candidates to the board, based on the profile qualifications. The board will make the decision on who it wants to interview and select the new superintendent.

B.W.P.’s proposed timeline is for the board to name its new superintendent in March with a start date of

July 1 or sooner. Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm is in her second and final year in her post. She started Aug. 1, 2017.

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LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	Football Night in America (N) (Live)			(20) NFL Football Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings. One of the NFL's hottest rivalries sees the Packers and Vikings duel to settle this season's score. These longtime adversaries played to a 29-29 draw in Week 2, as Minnesota quarterback Kirk Cousins threw four touchdown passes in the matchup. (N) (Live)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	RightThisMinute (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	(4:30) NFL Football Pittsburgh Steelers at Denver Broncos. 60 Minutes (N)	God Frieded Me "King's Gambit" A chess legend vanishes. (N)			NCIS: Los Angeles "A Diamond in the Rough" Classified information is stolen. (N) (DVS)	Madam Secretary "The Courage to Continue" Haiti's president refuses to step down. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "How Much Pain Can You Take?"			
WOLO	23	5	12	America's Funniest Home Videos Fishing mishaps. (N) (DVS)	Dancing With the Stars: Juniors "Time Machine" (N)			Shark Tank A dissolvable protein pack product. (N) (DVS)	(-01) Shark Tank A new way to carry a child's car seat. (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	Wonder Cooker	Elementary A woman is held captive for years.		
WRJA	27	11	14	Ken Burns: The Civil War: "The Civil War" 25th anniversary.	Chet Atkins: Certified Guitar Player: Salute to the guitarist.			On the Psychiatrist's Couch With Daniel Amen, MD: Combating anxiety and depression.			Nathan Carter: Celtic Country: Nathan Carter performs in Dublin.			
WACH	57	6	6	The Cool Kids "Margaret Turns 65"	Bob's Burgers Animated. Tina goes boy crazy.	The Simpsons "Krusty the Clown" (N) (DVS)	Bob's Burgers "Roller? I Hardly Knew Her!" (N)	Family Guy "Dog Bites Bear" (DVS)	Rel "Laundry Room" Rel makes plans for brunch.	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)	Gamecock Football With Coach Will Muschamp	Sports Zone: 5th Quarter	NFL GameDay Prime (N) (Live)	
WKTC	63	4	22	How I Met Your Mother	How I Met Your Mother "Robots vs. Wrestlers"	Supergirl "Rather the Fallen Angel" Supergirl searches for Agent Liberty. (N)	Charmed "Out of Scythe" Macy is given an exciting opportunity. (N)	Family Guy "Vestigial Peter"	Family Guy "Quagmire's Quagmire"	Bob's Burgers "Y Tu Ga-Ga Tambien"	Bob's Burgers (DVS)	Movie		
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	(4:30) *** "Armedgeddon"	*** "John Wick" (2014)	*** "John Wick" (2014) Keanu Reeves. An ex-assassin hunts down the gangsters who ruined his life.			*** "The Town" (2010, Crime Drama) Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm. A woman doesn't realize that her new beau is a bank robber.			(12:03) *** "The Town" (2010)			
AMC	48	180	(6:37) The Walking Dead Survivors encounter unfamiliar faces.	(7:56) The Walking Dead "Stradivarius" Carol seeks out an old friend.	The Walking Dead "Evolution" A rescue mission for a missing comrade. (N)			(-04) Talking Dead (N)			(-02) The Walking Dead "Evolution" A rescue mission for a missing comrade.	(12:03) The Walking Dead		
ANPL	41	100	Crikey! It's the Irwins	Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)	Amanda to the Rescue (N)			Amanda to the Rescue			Scaled A gangster-themed enclosure.	Amanda-Res.		
BET	61	162	2018 The Soul Train Awards Red Carpet Special	2018 Soul Train Awards: The ceremony honors music artists.			Soul Train Awards Post			2018 Soul Train Awards: The ceremony honors music artists.				
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Kandi reconnects with Shamari DeVoe.	The Real Housewives of Atlanta The ladies are in the hot seat. (N)			The Real Housewives of Orange County "Reunion Part 1" (N)			Dirty John "Approachable Dreams" Debra Newell meets a handsome doctor.	Watch What Happens Live	(-35) Dirty John Debra Newell meets a handsome doctor.		
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank Aromatherapy sprays.	Shark Tank (DVS)			Undercover Boss "Associa"			Undercover Boss "Wienerschnitzel"	Undercover Boss "Gigi's Cupcakes"	Undercover Boss		
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)			Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown			(-15) Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown	"Lower East Side"	Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown		
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office	(-25) The Office (Part 2 of 2)	The Office "Moroccan Christmas"	The Office "Secret Santa"	The Office "Classy Christmas, Part 1"	The Office "Classy Christmas, Part 2"	The Office "Christmas Wishes"	The Office "Dwight Christmas"	South Park	South Park	(12:05) South Park	
DISN	18	200	*** "The LEGO Movie" (2014) Voices of Chris Pratt. Premiere. Animated. An ordinary LEGO figurine must help stop a tyrant's plan.	(8:50) Raven's Home			(-20) Coop & Cami Ask the World			Star Wars Resistance (N)	Raven's Home	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Andi Mack	Bizaardvark
DSC	42	103	Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier (N)			Alaska: The Last Frontier (N)			(-01) The Last Alaskans	(-02) Wolves and Warriors	Alaska		
ESPN	26	35	MLS Soccer	SportsCenter (N) (Live)			World/Poker			SportsCenter (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	27	39	(6:30) 2018 Grey Cup Teams TBA. (N) (Live)							College Basketball	Wooden Legacy, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)			
FOOD	40	109	Cake Wars	Holiday Wars Holiday displays. (N)			Holiday Gingerbread Showdown			Holiday Baking Championship				
FOXN	37	90	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace	OBJECTIFIED (N)			The Next Revolution With Steve Hilton			Life, Liberty & Levin (N)				
FREE	20	131	(6:55) * "The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause" (2006) Tim Allen, Martin Short. Jack Frost wants to freeze Santa out of the North Pole.	"The Truth About Christmas" (2018) Kati Hawk, Damon Dayoub. Premiere. An encounter with a toy store Santa results in a drastic change.			*** "Mrs. Doubtfire" (1993, Comedy) Robin Williams. An estranged dad poses as a nanny to be with his children.							
FSS	21	47	(6:00) NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Atlanta Hawks.	Hawks Postgame			Hawks 4th Quarter Auburn Football			Will Muschamp	Running	NBA Basketball Charlotte Hornets at Atlanta Hawks.		
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Switched for Christmas" (2017, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure.	"A Shoe Addict's Christmas" (2018, Romance) Candace Cameron Bure, Luke MacFarlane. Premiere. Noelle meets the ghosts of past, present and future.			"Christmas Under Wraps" (2014, Children's) Candace Cameron Bure, David O'Donnell. A doctor discovers an Alaskan town's holiday secret.			"A Dream of Christmas" (2016)				
HGTV	39	112	Dream Home	Dream Home	Hawaii Life (N)	Hawaii Life (N)	Bahamas Life (N)	Bahamas Life (N)	Caribbean Life (N)	Caribbean Life (N)	Hunters Int'l	Hunters Int'l	Bahamas Life	
HIST	45	110	American Pickers	American Pickers: Bonus Buys "Pickin' at the Museum" (N)			"A Wedding for Christmas" (2018, Romance) Premiere. Haley returns to her hometown to plan her sister's wedding.			"A Christmas Reunion" (2015) Denise Richards, Patrick Muldoon. Two former high school sweethearts reunite.				
ION	13	18	"Christmas Belle" (2013, Children's) Haylie Duff, Nicholas Gonzalez, C. Thomas Howell. A longtime suitor complicates a woman's new relationship.	"Jingle Belle" (2018, Romance) Tatyana Ali, Obba Babatundé, Tempestt Bledsoe. Premiere. A songwriter returns home to help with a Christmas pageant.			(-03) "Christmas Perfection" (2018) Caitlin Thompson, James Henri-Thomas. Premiere. Woman wakes up in her perfect Christmas village in Ireland.			(12:01) "Jingle Belle" (2018)				
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "Every Day Is Christmas" (2018) Toni Braxton, Gloria Reuben.	Kasie DC (N)			Headliners			To Be Announced				
MSNBC	36	92	Kasie DC (N)	Henry Danger			*** "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015)			Friends	Friends	(-35) Friends	(12:10) Friends	
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger	*** "Cred" (2015, Drama) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa mentors Apollo Creed's son.			*** "Rocky IV" (1985, Drama) Sylvester Stallone.							
PARMT	64	153	(5:00) *** "Rocky IV" (1979)	** "The Addams Family" (1991, Comedy) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd. Gomez's long-lost brother, Uncle Fester, returns.			(-15) ** "The Addams Family" (1991, Comedy) Anjelica Huston, Raul Julia, Christopher Lloyd. Gomez's long-lost brother, Uncle Fester, returns.							
SYFY	58	152	(5:30) *** "Ant-Man" (2015, Action) Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. (DVS)	The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory				
TBS	24	156	(5:30) ** "Suicide Squad" (2016, Action) Will Smith, Jared Leto. (DVS)	*** "Shall We Dance?" (1937, Musical Comedy) Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Eric Blore. Two dancers are forced to marry for a publicity stunt.			*** "Holiday Inn" (1942, Musical Comedy) Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire. A singer and a dancer compete for the affections of a woman.			The Guest Book "Finding Reality"				
TCM	49	186	(5:15) ** "Doctor Dolittle" (1967) Rex Harrison, Samantha Eggar.	90 Day Fiancé "Flirting With Disaster" Olga is upset with Steven. (N)			Return to Amish (N)			My Big Fat American Gypsy Wedding				
TLC	43	157	(6:00) 90 Day Fiancé (N)	*** "Love Actually" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Hugh Grant, Laura Linney, Colin Firth. Premiere. Various people deal with relationships in London. (DVS)			** "The DUFF" (2015) Mae Whitman. Premiere. A teen tries to overthrow a judgmental classmate. (DVS)			90 Day Fiancé				
TNT	23	158	(5:30) ** "The Intern" (2015, Comedy) Robert De Niro. (DVS)	Adam Ruins			Adam Ruins			Adam Ruins				
TRUTV	38	129	Adam Ruins	Adam Ruins			Adam Ruins			Adam Ruins				
TV LAND	55	161	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond			Love-Raymond			Love-Raymond				
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A baby is found on a playground.	(7:59) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Collateral Damages"			(-01) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Evidence exonerates a convicted rapist.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A murder suspect claims to know secrets.				
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Pride and Joy"	Law & Order "Apocrypha"			Law & Order "American Dream"			Law & Order Genetic predisposition.				
WGNA	8	172	(6:00) *** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney.	*** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007, Comedy-Drama) George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon.			Bones "The Ghost in the Machine"			Bones				

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LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Voice "Live Top 11 Performances" The Top 11 artists perform live. (N) (Live)			Manifest "Dead Reckoning" A missing passenger begs Ben for help. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(-34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	The Big Bang Theory "The Confidence Erosion"	The Neighborhood A water pipe bursts at Dave's home.	Magnum P.I. "Sudden Death" A father is accused of murder.	Bull "The Devil, the Detail" Bull sues a drug company.	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(-35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert			
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "European Vacation" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Great Christmas Light Fight (Season Premiere) Madison, Miss.; Alexandria, Va. (N)			The Good Doctor "Empathy" Dr. Murphy learns a lesson in empathy. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(-35) Jimmy Kimmel Live			
WRJA	27	11	14	Governor's Carolighting 2018	Dionne Warwick: Then Came You (My Music) Grammy Award-winner Dionne Warwick.			I'll Have It My Way With Hattie Bryant: End-of-life decisions.			Chesapeake Bay by Air: Calvert Cliffs, lighthouses.			
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory "The Thespian Catalyst"	The Big Bang Theory "The Fuzzy Boots Corollary"	The Resident "The Dance" Devon has doubts about his relationship. (N) (DVS)	9-1-1 "Merry Ex-Mas" A stampede at a toy store. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)			Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Grandparents Day"	Last Man Standing Kristin thinks about her future.	Arrow "The Slabside Redemption" Oliver makes a life-changing decision. (N)	DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Tender Is the Nate" Ava and Mona get stuck in a cell. (N)	Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Consumed" Three Hispanic men are killed.			Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Want" A shy man is suspected of murder.	The Game Jason tries to win Chardon-nay back.		
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	The First 48 A young woman has a deadly premonition.	The First 48: Gangland "The Rookie, Comered; Soldier Down; Blood Vendetta; Fatal Mistake" A father is shot in the street. (N)			(-04) The First 48 A parking lot drug deal turns deadly.			(12:03) The First 48: Gangland				
AMC	48	180	*** "Elf" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. Premiere. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.	*** "Elf" (2003, Children's) Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.			*** "Miracle on 34th Street" (1947) Maureen O'Hara. An adwoman's boyfriend defends Macy's Santa in court.							
ANPL	41	100	North Woods Law "Blindsided"	Northwest Law: Uncuffed Minors assault several older victims. (N)			Into Alaska (N)			North Woods Law				
BET	61	162	(6:00) "We Belong Together" (2018, Suspense) Cassidey Fralin, Ross Fleming, Draya Michele. A recovering alcoholic tries to put his life back together.	*** "Set It Off" (1996, Action) Jada Pinkett, Queen Latifah, Vivica A. Fox. Desperation drives four women to bank-robbery.			Martin							
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Orange County "Friends and Enemies"	The Real Housewives of Orange County "Femme Finale"			The Real Housewives of Orange County "Reunion Part 1"			Vanderpump Rules "Passport Edition" (N)	Watch What Happens Live	Dirty John "Approachable Dreams" Debra Newell meets a handsome doctor.		
CNBC	35	84	American Greed	American Greed			American Greed A billion-dollar scam.			American Greed	American Greed	American Greed		
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Cuomo Prime Time (N)			Anderson Cooper 360				
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "The Boat"	(-25) The Office "The Whale"	The Office "The Target"	The Office "Dwight Christmas"	The Office "Lice"	The Office "Suit Warehouse"	The Office "Customer Loyalty"	The Office "Junior Salesman"	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	(-31) The Office "Baby Shower"	(12:01) South Park "Tweek vs. Craig"	
DISN	18	200	(-15) Raven's Home	(-40) Raven's Home	(-05) Andi Mack	Coop & Cami Ask the World	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Bunk'd Xander and Emma team up.	Raven's Home	(Part 1 of 3)	Bizaardvark	
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws: Memphis	Street Outlaws: Memphis: Full Throttle			Street Outlaws: Memphis (N)			Race Night at Bowman Gray (N)				
ESPN	26	35	(6:00) Monday Night Countdown (N)	(-15) NFL Football Tennessee Titans at Houston Texans. (N) (Live)			College Basketball Minnesota at Boston College. (N) (Live)			(-15) SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Nebraska at Clemson. (N) (Live)	Hannity (N)			The Ingraham Angle (N)			Coll. Football Live Around the Horn				
FOOD	40	109	Holiday Baking Championship	Holiday Baking Championship			Holiday Baking Championship (N)			Christmas Cookie Challenge (N)				
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N)			The Ingraham Angle (N)				
FREE	20	131	(-15) *** "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993, Children's) Voices of Danny Elfman. Animated. Halloween town's leader aims to kidnap Santa.	(8:55) *** "Paddington" (2014) Hugh Bonneville, Julie Walters. Premiere. Live action/animated. A kindly British family takes in a lost Peruvian bear.			The 700 Club			"The Hunchback of Notre Dame"				
FSS	21	47	Running	SportsMoney			College Basketball Eastern Michigan at TCU. (N) (Live)			College Basketball Campbell at Georgetown.				
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "A December Bride" (2016) Jessica Lowndes, Daniel Lissing.	"Enchanted Christmas" (2017, Romance) Alexa PenaVega, Carlos PenaVega. A woman is tasked with remodeling a hotel by Christmas Eve.			"Let It Snow" (2013, Drama) Candace Cameron Bure, Jesse Hutch, Alan Thicke. An executive has a change of heart.			"Once Upon a Holiday" (2015)				
HGTV	39	112	Love It or List It	Love It or List It "Second Time Selling"			Love It or List It (N)			House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Love It or List It	Love It or List It	
HIST	45	110	American Pickers "Ready to Roar"	American Pickers (DVS)			American Pickers "Pickers Like It Hot"			(-03) American Pickers (DVS)	(-05) Brothers in Arms (DVS)	American Pickers		
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds "Spencer" A BAU member gets in trouble in Mexico.	Criminal Minds "Collision Course" Fatal car crashes involve pedestrians.			Criminal Minds "Alpha Male" An attacker disfigures people with acid.			Criminal Minds "Assistance Is Futile" A mother has valuable intel for the BAU.			Criminal Minds "In the Dark" Two unsub may be working the same city.	Criminal Minds "Hell's Kitchen"
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) *** "Crazy for Christmas" (2005, Drama) Andrea Roth.	"Poinsettias for Christmas" (2018, Drama) Bethany Joy Lenz, John Schneider, Lauren London. A woman helps her father save the family poinsettia farm.			(-03) "Every Other Holiday" (2018, Drama) Schuyler Fisk, Dee Wallace, Glenn Morshower. Recently separated parents spend Christmas together.			(12:01) "Poinsettias for Christmas"				
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word				
NICK	16	210	The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
PARMT	64	153	Friends	*** "Rush Hour" (1998) Jackie Chan. Mismatched police partners seek a kidnapped girl.			* "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker.							
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) ** "Tron: Legacy" (2010, Science Fiction) Jeff Bridges, Garrett Hedlund. Sam, son of Kevin Flynn, finds himself in his father's cyberworld.	** "Limitless" (2011, Suspense) Bradley Cooper, Robert De Niro, Abbie Cornish. Premiere. A writer takes a mind-enhancing drug.			Futurama			Futurama "Neutopia"	Futurama "Benderama"			
TBS	24	156	Family Guy "Grimm"	Family Guy "Brian's a Bad Father"	Family Guy "Mom's the Word"	Family Guy "3 Acts of God"	Family Guy "Fresh Heir"	Family Guy "Secondhand Spike"	Family Guy (DVS)	Family Guy (DVS)	Conan "Conan Without Borders: Haiti" Conan visits the island nation of Haiti.	Final Space "Chap-con Seven"		
TCM	49	186	(6:45) ** "Dance, Charlie, Dance" (1937) Stuart Erwin, Jean Muir.	*** "Lady for a Day" (1933, Comedy-Drama) Warren William, May Robson, Guy Kibbee.			Mama Medium "Haunting at the Lake"			Long Lost Family "I Want to Go Back"				
TLC	43	157	Long Island Medium (N)	** "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" (2016, Action) Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. Batman embarks on a personal vendetta against Superman. (DVS)			The Alienist "Castle in the Sky" The team closes in on the killer.			I Should Have Known				
TNT	23	158	(5:00) ** "Man of Steel" (2013) Henry Cavill, Amy Adams. (DVS)	Love-Practical Jokers			Love-Practical Jokers			Love-Practical Jokers				
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.			Carbonaro Eff.			Carbonaro Eff.				
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H			M*A*S*H			M*A*S*H				
USA	25	132	Modern Family "Promposal"	Modern Family "Crazy Train"			WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live)			Real Country "Hitting the Road" Special guest Wynonna Judd.				
WE	68	166	Law & Order An abusive mother dies.	Law & Order "House of Cards"			Law & Order Smuggler of illegal aliens.			Law & Order "Criminal Law"				
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H "Letters"	M*A*S*H			M*A*S*H			M*A*S*H				

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COMMENTARY

Crosscurrents on a democratic Election Day

Some random observations on the 2018 off-year elections, for Thanksgiving week-end pondering:

1. We hear constantly, and in some respects accurately, that Americans are deeply divided politically. Another way to look at it: The differences between North and South, visible for two or three centuries, are vanishing. As Real Clear Politics analyst Sean Trende tweeted, "Southern suburbs are starting to vote like Northern suburbs, Northern rurals/small towns starting to vote like Southern rurals/small towns."

Republicans, who lost suburban House seats on the coasts and in the Midwest in the 1990s, lost them this year in metro Houston, Dallas and Atlanta. But Republican House seats occupy almost all the territory in the vast heartland beyond the coastal Democratic districts — even as the party lost its House majority.

2. A few votes can make a huge political difference in the Senate. Democrats held two Senate seats (Montana and West Virginia), gained two from Republicans (Nevada and Arizona) and very narrowly lost one (Florida) with percentages that, rounded off, came to just 50 percent. The result: a 52-47 Republican majority.

But if all these close contests had gone to Republicans, their 52-47 majority would balloon to a near supermajority of 56-43. If they'd all gone Democratic, it would be only 52-48.

3. The moanings and lamentations about redistricting — and how Republican redistricting put the House out of reach of Democrats — should come to a sudden halt. Democrats won a comfortable majority by winning the House popular vote by about 8 percent, a margin inflated by the fact that there were no Republican candidates in 38 seats and no Democratic candidates in only three. The Democrats' share of votes and of seats will turn out to be about 53 percent.

Post-2012 court modifications of district lines in Pennsylvania, Florida and Virginia helped Democrats, and after the 2020 census, Republicans will control redistricting in fewer states than 10 years before due to this year's governor elections and the establishment of supposedly nonpartisan (but usually liberal-dominated) redistricting commissions.

The grave dangers to democracy posed by Republican redistricting, like those posed (without the media much noticing) a few census cycles ago by Democratic redistricting, have turned out not to be so grave after all.

4. Similarly, you have to comb awfully thoroughly through the results to find evidence that the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, allowing corporations to engage in political speech, biased the system toward Republicans and

conservatives, as then-President Barack Obama intimated in his 2010 State of the Union address.

In fact, Democrats outspent Republicans in just about every seriously contested race for Senate, House and governor, just as forces backing Hillary Clinton outspent backers of Donald Trump in 2016. Democrats benefited from big contributors like George Soros and from multitudes of small contributors motivated by fear and loathing of the 45th president. Spending by corporations had little impact one way or the other.

5. Demographics aren't always destiny, at least in the short term. It has been widely predicted, notably by pollster Stanley Greenberg and journalist Ron Brownstein, that an ascendant America with increasing numbers of blacks, Hispanics, unmarried women and millennials will swing America to the Democrats.

In that direction, perhaps, but not always, at least for now, as Donald Trump's election showed. This year, the narrow defeats of black Democratic governor candidates Stacey Abrams in Georgia and Andrew Gillum in Florida disappointed the ascendantists once again.

Abrams ungallantly blamed her 50 to 49 percent defeat on the illegitimate result of voter suppression, as if history had stopped in Selma in 1965 and the Voting Rights Act was never passed.

Actually, Georgia turnout was up 54 percent from 2014 and only 5 percent below the 2016 presidential level. Abrams received 1.9 million votes, 769,000 more than her counterpart four years before.

Florida was even closer, with Republican Ron DeSantis beating Gillum 49.6 to 49.2 percent. The reason, according to The Madison Institute's William Mattox, writing in the *Wall Street Journal*: "school choice." Florida has more than 650 charter schools and helps fund 100,000 kids' private school scholarships; most beneficiaries are black or Hispanic.

Gillum, endorsed by teacher unions, promised to cut these programs back; DeSantis backed them. As Mattox pointed out, the CNN exit poll showed an unusually high 18 percent of black women, as well as 44 percent of Hispanics, voting for the Republican. School-choice parents almost surely made the difference between victory and defeat.

Bottom line: On a good Election Day for Democrats, there was some conflicting crosscurrents.

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New moped laws were necessary for saving lives across our state

Some have voiced a concern that new rules and regs applicable to moped drivers punish those who have no other mode of transportation.

Certainly we understand the concern and can even sympathize, but we also know that the newly implemented rules that went into effect earlier this month were necessary and that lives will likely be saved as a result.

Far too many readers have encountered mopeds that are being operated dangerously day or night, by virtue of unsafe driving practices, being overloaded with people and shopping bags and the like. Some have been operated by drivers who are under the influence of alcohol or are driving a moped because they lost their license as a result of too many DUI arrests. Until now, those who did lose or simply not have a driver's license could take to the South Carolina roadways essentially unchecked.

Now, however, mopeds fall into the same category as other vehicles in that they must be registered, and their drivers must have valid licenses. An allowance was made in light of the financial straits some moped operators find themselves in. The state's lawmakers included a moped-only operator's license as an option for a nominal cost of \$10 for two years.

The new rules do not negate some other safety concerns, such as the fact that mopeds are more akin to fast bicycles than they are to motorcycles when it comes to speed. They remain susceptible to being hit by other motorists, especially when operated at night. But we do live in a state in which motorcycle awareness remains a prevalent need among truck and auto operators. An effort to offset wrecks involving mopeds by requiring operators to wear reflective vests failed. Perhaps it will resurface, as it should.

One plus about the new law is that registration will make tracing a moped easier, in the event one is used in a crime. On the amusing side, we're hard-pressed to imagine the scene in which officers are in hot pursuit of a moped and find themselves unsuccessful. Registration might work to the owner's advantage as well, making theft of the moped less likely.

THE POST AND COURIER

Nov. 20

New rules managing groundwater supplies are essential for all

After years of allowing unfettered access

to underground water, South Carolina has taken an important step in protecting its aquifers by agreeing to keep closer tabs on withdrawals in the farming-dense, seven-county region around Aiken.

The new rules aren't expected to hurt about 300 big water users in the region, and the permitting process, coupled with a groundwater study due in February, should help the Department of Health and Environmental Control better manage groundwater supplies.

After all, surface and groundwater supplies — layers of water that filter down into a network of aquifers — are interconnected and do not recognize man-made boundaries. And though South Carolina is relatively rich in freshwater, supplies aren't unlimited. It would be foolhardy to let mega-farms and large industrial users pump away with abandon.

Though opposed by the politically influential S.C. Farm Bureau, the permitting plan was supported by local officials, environmental groups, the public and state Rep. Bill Taylor, R-Aiken.

Yes, farming is still the state's biggest industry. It supports about 98,000 jobs and has an economic impact estimated at \$41.7 billion. But farmers should see the regulations as a means of protecting their way of life. The permits will be free and won't affect smaller operations.

The still-developing permit system is a first for DHEC's proposed Western Capacity Use Area, which includes Aiken, Bamberg, Lexington, Burwell, Allendale, Calhoun and Orangeburg counties. Similar regulations are already in place elsewhere, including the coastal region where groundwater use has decreased.

In the tri-county area, groundwater use has declined since peaking around 2002 when DHEC established the Trident Capacity Use Area — good evidence that the agency's permitting approach is working.

Until now, there have been no limits on groundwater withdrawals in the Aiken-Lexington area, and the new regulations won't limit withdrawals, just require permits for big users.

Groundwater levels in the Edisto River Basin have been dropping steadily for about 20 years, 5-15 feet in most areas and temporarily up to 40 feet in spots, according to DHEC, which voted Nov. 8 to start requiring permits for withdrawals of 3 million gallons or more per month.

The decision was driven in part by the arrival of large-scale, out-of-state farming operations in recent years. Together, they have withdrawn billions of gallons per year from ground and surface water sources. That lowered water levels in the south fork of the Edisto River and apparently contributed to a few nearby residential wells running low or dry, according to a series in *The (Columbia) State* newspaper last year.

DHEC must continue to work with the state Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Geological Survey to better understand aquifer flow models and establish safe withdrawal limits.

Water is life — for farmers, industry, wildlife and South Carolina's growing population. Protecting groundwater and surface sources are essential for our state's long-term health and prosperity.

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FYI

The National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina is in need of unwanted vehicles — even ones that don't run.

The Muscular Dystrophy Family Foundation Inc. (MDFF), a non-profit organization, accepts vehicle contributions.

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING INC.

Monday, 6 p.m., district office, Summerton
SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, 6 p.m., 1345 Wilson Hall Road

SANTEE WATEREE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, 6 p.m., 129 S. Harvin St.

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Catch up on personal paperwork or rearrange your schedule to free up space for the things you truly enjoy doing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep your life simple. Visiting someone from your past can be revealing and help you recognize your own shortcomings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learn as you go. Watch how those with more experience handle situations, and you will pick up valuable information.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Settle up debts you have with a friend or relative. Not owing or being owed will give you a sense of freedom and will lead to innovative beginnings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let anyone talk you into doing something you don't want to do. Use your intelligence to monitor a situation and respond properly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Change begins within. Don't do something because someone wants you to do it; do it because it's what you want to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't feel you have to change because someone else does or asks you to. It's important to do things because you want to and to engage in pastimes that interest you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't rely on others. Do your own thing to avoid being annoyed by someone's inconsistency.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change will do you good. Get involved in something that challenges you mentally and physically.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A change will take you in a new direction. Embrace the future. You'll find a path that brings you in contact with interesting people and the chance to get ahead financially.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Walk away from situations that are emotionally, physically or financially indulgent.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't trust what someone tells you. Go to a reliable source for the information you need to make a sound decision.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

STEADY AS SHE GOES: Explained at 118 Across by Mark McClain

- ACROSS
1 Joe of Goodfellas
6 Wedding figure
11 Ancient Peruvian
15 Did some laps
19 One of the Coen brothers
20 Alpine song
21 Salty septet
22 Limerick's land
23 Exterior of many homes
25 What broncos may do
26 Computer clickers
27 Sushi bar fish
28 Not often seen
29 After hours
31 Toes the line
33 Surpass
35 Upgrade, perhaps
36 Dash letters
39 Before now
40 Mild complaint
42 Enjoys the warmth

- DOWN
1 Nuisance
2 Caesarean phrase
3 Steer clear of
4 Chocolate source
5 Letterhead abbr.
6 Via
7 Crowd noises
8 Inactive
9 With 100 Across, Spanish "of the sun"
10 Ernie of pro golf
11 Novel's ID
12 Nucleus particle
13 Superior status
14 Set as a price
15 Prefix for sweet
16 Kristen once of SNL
17 Inverted U-shaped structure
18 Wrestling team event
24 Crater Lake locale
29 Tech debut of 2007
30 High-minded
32 Ole Miss rival
33 Heat-keeping
34 buco (veal dish)
36 Lava, before its exit
37 Hospital area
38 Fiction genre
40 Lake near Syracuse
41 Toddler's scrape
43 Lyricist Jay Lerner
44 Ancillary
45 Have no doubt about
46 Look carefully

Crossword grid with clues and answers.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes icons, descriptions, temperatures, and chances of rain.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

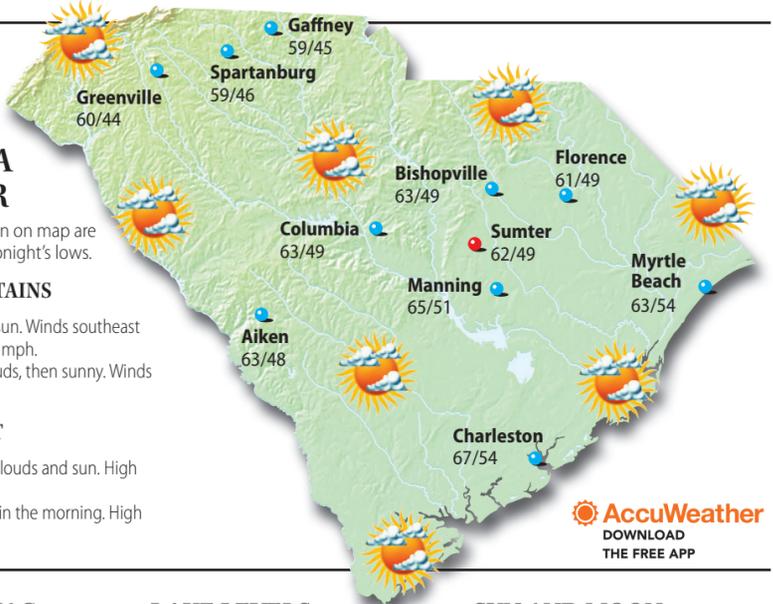
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Clouds and sun. Winds southeast becoming south 3-6 mph.
Monday: Some clouds, then sunny. Winds west 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Intervals of clouds and sun. High 63 to 67.
Monday: A shower in the morning. High 66 to 70.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature table with columns: High, Low, Normal high, Normal low, Record high, Record low.

Precipitation table with columns: 24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest., Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Last year to date, Normal year to date.

LAKE LEVELS

Table with columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

RIVER STAGES

Table with columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

SUN AND MOON

Table with columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset, Last, New, First, Full.

TIDES

Table with columns: High, Low, Today, Mon.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W.

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

Advertisement for 'We have a NOSE for NEWS' featuring a cartoon dog detective and the Sumter Item logo.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Crossword grid with answers filled in.

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers.

JUMBLE

GULCH NEEDY THROAT WILLOW They wanted it to be the best pig roast ever, so they — WENT WHOLE-HOG

- (through)
48 Symbol for ohms
49 Missions, in brief
50 "Rumor has it..."
53 Singer/song-writer Mann
57 Hoops net holder
60 Tolkien being
61 Geological periods
62 Lakeside, e.g.
64 "Good" cholesterol
66 Civil War side: Abbr.
68 Intl. commerce group
69 Pro tennis since 1968
70 Japanese mushrooms
71 Certain sultan's subject
72 Tycoons
76 Edison's Park
77 Bill Ford's grandfather
78 Indonesian island
79 Big name in vertical transportation
80 "Cool it!"
81 In fine fettle
83 PC corner key
84 Sheepdog, for short
86 Medicare ID being phased out
89 River boater's craft
91 Fills with wonder
92 Small wave
93 Ashe Stadium org.
95 Auto safety devices
96 Choose from a ballot
98 City on Lake Erie
102 Claire of Homeland
104 cum laude
105 Impart wisdom to
106 Polo competitor
107 Restaurant reading
108 Liberal college
109 Ultimate cause
110 Two-tone crunchy treat
111 Campus club
113 African queen of long ago
114 Carson City neighbor
115 Purposes
118 Helpful WWW page
119 Taking after
120 Prospects read by eds.
Joe PESCI (1 Across) was a childhood friend of Four Seasons lead singer Frankie Valli, and was partially responsible for creation of that group. A cell phone's SIM card (55 Across) identifies and authenticates the subscriber; the acronym stands for "subscriber identity module." The "doe" hidden within RALPH WALDO EMERSON (67 Across) is a female rabbit.

PREP BASKETBALL



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Wilson Hall's Natalie Jackson (12) returns this season to lead the Lady Barons after transferring in last season and leading the Lady Barons in scoring. The Lady Barons are 1-0 heading into Tuesday's game at Heathwood Hall.

High expectations

Lady Barons hope experience, depth leads to big year

BY DANNY KELLY
The Sumter Item

The Wilson Hall girls basketball team has a lot of experience returning from a team that had a strong season a year ago.

"We have 11 of 13 players returning," said Lady Barons head coach Glen Rector. "We need all of them to step

up. They have a lot of experience; we have four starters returning from last year."

Wilson Hall finished 19-6 last season and fell to Cardinal Newman in the quarterfinals of the SCISA 3A state playoffs.

Rector is happy with how deep his team is this year. "One of our key things is

depth," he said. "We have 11 players returning."

The four returning starters are led by senior Natalie Jackson, the team's leading scorer from last season. Jackson averaged 12.7 points, 5.6 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game.

The other returning starters are junior guard Maddie Elmore, who aver-

aged 4.9 points, 1.7 rebounds, 1.3 assists and 2.7 steals, senior point guard Liza Segars, who averaged 4.8 points, 2.1 rebounds, 1.8 assists and 2.7 steals, and senior forward Cameron Duffy, who averaged 3.2 points, 3.1 rebounds and 1.1 steals.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Barons putting together pieces for run

BY DANNY KELLY
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Wilson Hall boys basketball head coach Eddie Talley is working to bring his 2018-19 team together, but it hasn't changed his approach to the season.

"We want to compete for the region," said Talley, whose team is in SCISA Region III-3A. "It's a tall order, but that's our goal. Our conference is stronger with Trinity-Byrnes. Year in and year out, they're a good team."

The Barons will also have to face defending region champion Laurence Manning Academy, Florence Christian School and Orangeburg Prep in their conference.

"We have our hands full," Talley said. "There are some very good teams there. We'll have to play well; this is why we're playing. We have to do all the little things well to make it happen and win conference."

Talley is optimistic about his team this season.

"We have a good group of boys," he said. "They've been working hard and we're looking forward to seeing what we can accomplish this season."



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Wilson Hall point guard Grant DeVarona, left, looks to pass during a game against Orangeburg Prep last season. DeVarona, now a senior, is one of the returning starters Barons head coach Eddie Talley will be counting on for leadership this season.

The Barons are coming off of a 9-13 season in which they lost to Heathwood Hall in the first round of the state playoffs.

The Barons will have to rely on players with varying levels of experience,

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 10 Ohio State blows out No. 4 Michigan

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
he Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dwayne Haskins threw five touchdown passes, freshman Chris Olave scored twice and blocked a punt that was returned for a TD and No. 10 Ohio State continued its mastery over No. 4 Michigan with a record-setting 62-39 victory Saturday that sends the Buckeyes to the Big Ten championship game.

The Wolverines were two victories away from their first conference championship since 2004 and a trip to the College Football Playoff, facing an Ohio State team that has looked discombobulated on defense and one-dimensional on offense much



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio State defenders Pete Werner, left, and defensive end Jonathan Cooper, center, tackle Michigan running back Tru Wilson during the second half of the Buckeyes' 62-39 victory on Saturday in Columbus, Ohio.

of the season. Looking to snap a six-game losing streak against the Buckeyes

(11-1, 8-1, No. 10 CFP) and get coach Jim Harbaugh his first victory in four tries in

SEE ROUT, PAGE B5

PRO FOOTBALL

Seahawks, Panthers chasing same possibilities

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — The good news for the Carolina Panthers is they return home Sunday to face the Seattle Seahawks where they've won 10 straight games.

The bad news is it's highly unlikely the Panthers will play a playoff game in Charlotte, North Carolina, if they reach the postseason.

The Seahawks (5-5) can relate.

They and the Panthers (6-4) essentially find themselves competing for wild-card spots in the NFC with six games remaining given their chances of winning a division title and hosting a postseason game appear remote. Carolina has lost two straight on the road and fallen 3½ games behind New Orleans in the NFC South, while the Seahawks trail the Los Angeles Rams by 4½ games in the NFC West.

"Right now, we can't worry about what New Orleans is doing. We can't worry about the playoff picture. We just

have to win a

game," Panthers tight end Greg Olsen said. "In this league, it's so easy to get caught up in, 'If this team wins, if this team loses, (then) we can have

home-field (advantage). ... Hey, if we don't win some games, we're not going to be in the playoffs."

In terms of wild-card implications, this game looms as large as any in the NFC.

Currently, the Panthers would be one wild-card team, while the Minnesota Vikings would be the other. But that could all change if the Seahawks continue their recent dominance over the Panthers.

Russell Wilson is 5-2 against Cam Newton and Carolina.

He has averaged 270.3 yards passing per game with 11 touchdown passes and six interceptions. Newton, on the other hand, has struggled mightily against the Seahawks with nine turnovers and only five TD passes.

"They get after the quarterback," Newton said when asked of his struggles against the Seahawks. "That's what they do extremely well, and they're very opportunistic in that. You know what they're going to be in (defensively), they know you know what they're going to be in, but they just play so fast and rally around the football."

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll wasn't giving any hints as to how his team intends to slow one of the game's most dangerous QBs.

"If I tell you, then that would help them, huh?" Carroll said.

MORE OF MOORE

D.J. Moore has been looking increasingly more like Carolina's top receiver — and this week he may need to take on the role of No. 1 receiver with Devin Funchess listed as doubtful with a back injury that has kept him out of practice this week.

Moore, the team's first-round draft pick, caught seven passes for 157 yards and a touchdown in Carolina's 20-19 loss to the Lions last week, including an 82-yard catch and run. Meanwhile, Funchess had a miserable game with five drops, including one in the end zone.

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OLSEN

PRO GOLF

Mickelson wins match against Woods with birdie on 22nd hole

BY JOE REEDY

The Associated Press

Phil Mickelson beat Tiger Woods in overtime Friday in their \$9 million pay-per-view match in Las Vegas that ended up free for many viewers because of technical problems.

Mickelson won on the 22nd hole, making a 4-foot birdie putt on a specially set up 93-yard, par 3. The match at Shadow Creek Golf Club finished under floodlights.

Mickelson said to Woods after the match: "Just know I will never let you live that down. It's not the Masters or the U.S. Open, but it is nice to have a little something on you."

Woods said he enjoyed the match, even if he was on the losing end.

"You couldn't have made this event any better than it was," he said. "It was back



Phil Mickelson, right, embraces Tiger Woods after Mickelson won their \$9 million charity pay-per-view match at Shadow Creek golf course on Friday in Las Vegas.

and forth and very competitive on a golf course that was playing on the tricky side."

The match made for some compelling golf at times, if only most people would have

been able to see it. Technical difficulties marred the event, which was billed as golf's first pay-per-view broadcast.

Some viewers unable to view it on their televisions

after paying \$19.95. Turner and Bleacher Report representatives sent out links on social media allowing people to view it for free on their computers and mobile devices.

There were over 500 people on hold online waiting for assistance during one point.

"We experienced some technical issues on B/R Live that temporarily impacted user access to The Match. We've taken a number of steps to resolve the matter, with our main priority being the delivery of content to those that have purchased the PPV event," Turner spokeswoman Tareia Williams said in an emailed statement.

Only 700 invited guests were allowed to watch the event at Shadow Creek. The match was billed as a chance for viewers to watch an untraditional golf broadcast as both golfers and their caddies were

mic'd up. It also featured live odds from MGM resorts and a drone was used for live shots.

There was some banter between Woods and Mickelson early on but not much as the stakes increased.

Mickelson said on the 15th hole to Woods that "I'm trying to be more talkative but I'm not on this back nine."

Woods understood and responded that they were going back to their old mode of "trying to beat each other's brains in."

The most revealing moment on the front nine happened after Woods missed a 4-foot, short par putt on the second hole to give Mickelson an early advantage.

"I was half a second from giving him that putt because he always makes those," Mickelson said to his brother, Tim, who was his caddie.

Mickelson was 1 up through the front nine before Woods

SCOREBOARD

TV,— RADIO

TODAY

7 a.m. — International Tennis: Davis Cup Finals Day 3 Singles Matches from Lille, France — France vs. Croatia (TENNIS).

8:05 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (ESPN2).

8:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Bournemouth (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Werder Bremen vs. SC Freiburg (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).

10:30 a.m. — College Basketball: AdvoCare Invitational Seventh-Place Game from Orlando, Fla. — Canisius vs. Alabama-Birmingham (ESPN).

10:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Huddersfield Town vs. Wolves (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

11:55 a.m. — International Soccer: Italian Serie A Match — AC Milan vs. Lazio (ESPN2).

Noon — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hannover 96 vs. Borussia Monchengladbach (FOX SPORTS 1).

1 p.m. — NFL Football: New England at New York Jets (WLTX 19).

1 p.m. — NFL Football: Seattle at Carolina (WACH 57, WFFN-FM 100.1).

1 p.m. — College Basketball: AdvoCare Invitational Championship Game from Orlando, Fla. — Villanova vs. Florida State (ESPN).

1:50 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Quarterfinal Match from Montevideo, Uruguay — Ghana vs. Mexico (FOX SPORTS 2).

2 p.m. — College Basketball: Wooden Legacy Fifth-Place Game from Fullerton, Calif. — Northwestern vs. Utah (ESPN).

3 p.m. — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Canton at Capital City (NBA TV).

4 p.m. — Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix Internationaux de France from Grenoble, France (WIS 10).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: AdvoCare Invitational Third-Place Game from Orlando, Fla. — Oklahoma State vs. Louisiana State (ESPN2).

4 p.m. — College Basketball: Wooden Legacy Third-Place Game from Fullerton, Calif. — Fresno State vs. Hawaii (ESPN).

4:25 p.m. — NFL Football: Pittsburgh at Denver (WLTX 19).

4:50 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup Quarterfinal Match from Montevideo, Uruguay — Germany vs. Canada (FOX SPORTS 2).

5 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Eastern Conference Playoffs Championship First Leg Match — New York at Atlanta (ESPN).

5 p.m. — Women's College Football: Southern California at Nevada (STADIUM).

6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

6:30 p.m. — CFL Football: Grey Cup from Edmonton, Alberta — Ottawa vs. Calgary (ESPN2).

6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: AdvoCare Invitational Fifth-Place Game from Orlando, Fla. — Memphis vs. College of Charleston (ESPN).

8:20 p.m. — NFL Football: Green Bay at Minnesota (WIS 10, WNKT-FM 107.5).

10:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Wooden Legacy Championship Game from Fullerton, Calif. — Miami vs. Seton Hall (ESPN2).

MONDAY

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

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Nebraska at Clemson (ESPN2, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Houston at Washington (NBA TV).

7 p.m. — College Basketball: Wofford at South Carolina (WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).

8:15 p.m. — NFL Football: Tennessee at Houston (ESPN).

9 p.m. — College Basketball: Minnesota at Boston College (ESPN2).

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	7	3	0	.700	280	236	
Miami	5	5	0	.500	199	256	
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	137	251	
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	208	254	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	7	3	0	.700	239	205	
Indianapolis	5	5	0	.500	298	249	
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	178	189	
Jacksonville	3	7	0	.300	176	219	
North							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Pittsburgh	7	2	1	.750	299	225	
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	237	181	
Cincinnati	5	5	0	.500	256	312	
Cleveland	3	6	1	.350	218	263	
West							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Kansas City	9	2	0	.818	404	294	
L.A. Chargers	7	3	0	.700	262	209	
Denver	4	6	0	.400	228	235	
Oakland	2	8	0	.200	170	293	

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Dallas	6	5	0	.545	234	213	
Washington	6	5	0	.545	220	229	
Philadelphia	4	6	0	.400	205	231	
N.Y. Giants	3	7	0	.300	215	263	
South							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	10	1	0	.909	409	256	
Carolina	6	4	0	.600	260	252	
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	280	307	
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	.300	267	329	
North							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Chicago	8	3	0	.727	317	211	
Minnesota	5	4	1	.550	241	229	
Green Bay	4	5	1	.450	247	243	
Detroit	4	7	0	.364	238	286	
West							
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
L.A. Rams	10	1	0	.909	389	282	
Seattle	5	5	0	.500	246	216	
Arizona	2	8	0	.200	145	248	
San Francisco	2	8	0	.200	230	266	

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Chicago 23, Detroit 16
Dallas 31, Washington 23
New Orleans 31, Atlanta 17

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Seattle at Carolina, 1 p.m.
New England at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Arizona at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Open: L.A. Rams, Kansas City

MONDAY'S GAMES

Tennessee at Houston, 8:15 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

New Orleans at Dallas, 8:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

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

MONDAY, DEC. 3

Washington at Philadelphia, 8:15 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	16	4	.800	—
Philadelphia	13	8	.619	3 1/2
Boston	10	9	.526	5 1/2
Brooklyn	8	12	.400	8
New York	6	14	.300	10
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	9	9	.500	—
Orlando	9	10	.474	1/2
Miami	7	11	.389	2
Washington	6	12	.333	3
Atlanta	3	16	.158	6 1/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	13	5	.722	—
Indiana	11	8	.579	2 1/2
Detroit	9	7	.563	3
Chicago	5	14	.263	8 1/2
Cleveland	3	14	.176	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	12	6	.667	—
Houston	9	8	.529	2 1/2
New Orleans	10	9	.526	2 1/2
San Antonio	9	9	.500	3
Dallas	8	9	.471	3 1/2
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	12	6	.667	—
Denver	12	7	.632	1/2
Portland	12	7	.632	1/2
Minnesota	8	11	.421	4 1/2
Utah	8	11	.421	4 1/2
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Clippers	12	6	.667	—
Golden State	13	7	.650	—
L.A. Lakers	11	7	.611	1
Sacramento	10	8	.556	2
Phoenix	4	14	.222	8

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota 112, Brooklyn 102
L.A. Clippers 112, Memphis 107, OT
Detroit 116, Houston 111, OT
Boston 114, Atlanta 96
Cleveland 121, Philadelphia 112
New York 114, New Orleans 109
Toronto 125, Washington 107
Miami 103, Chicago 96
Oklahoma City 109, Charlotte 104
San Antonio 111, Indiana 100
Phoenix 116, Milwaukee 114
Denver 112, Orlando 87
Golden State 125, Portland 97
L.A. Lakers 90, Utah 83

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
New Orleans at Washington, 8 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 3:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Charlotte at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Miami at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
Utah at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Houston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Boston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.
Orlando at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

New York at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	23	16	6	1	33	87	66
Buffalo	23	15	6	2	32	73	64
Toronto	23	15	8	0	30	78	62
Boston	22	12	6	4	28	62	53

Montreal	23	11	7	5	27	74	78
Detroit	22	10	10	2	22	61	70
Ottawa	23	9	11	3	21	83	100
Florida	20	8	9	3	19	65	73
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	22	13	7	2	28	75	69
Washington	22	12	7	3	27	75	70
N.Y. Rangers	23	12	9	2	26	68	69
Carolina	22	11	8	3	25	62	62
N.Y. Islanders	21	11	8	2	24	67	63
Philadelphia	22	10	10	2	22	69	76
New Jersey	21	9	9	3	21	63	67
Pittsburgh	21	8	8	5	21	70	69

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	23	16	6	1			

PRO FOOTBALL

Except for NFC East, division races pretty much over

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

Sorry, Yogi. Maybe it is over before it's over.

Just look at most of the NFL division races.

The NFC West will be over if Seattle loses at Carolina on Sunday. The AFC West looks done in favor of Kansas City.

Both South divisions are runaways for the Saints in the NFC, the Texans — yes, the formerly 0-3 Texans — in the AFC.

Pittsburgh appears to be more in a race for the top overall AFC seed than any challenge in the North. Chicago has a choke hold on the NFC North.

And did anyone think New England would be challenged in the AFC East? Combine the three other rosters in that sector and the resulting team might not challenge Tom Brady and the Patriots.

That leaves one division in serious doubt, and with some serious turmoil: the NFC East.

You'll never hear a coach or general manager or owner claim anything is in the bag until, well, it's in the bag, tied up and secured in a safe place. So don't ask Sean Payton or Sean McVay or Matt Nagy about playoff byes and home-field advantages.

"For us, there's so many different things we can get better at," McVay says, "and that's the exciting thing about it is with football, there's this never-ending goal of continuing to improve and focus on the little things. Whether that's situational football, whether that's taking care of it or taking it away defensively. So, there's a lot of things within the framework of every single situation.

"Then, it's going to be about continuing to improve and playing team football. If we do that, then we think good things are going to happen, but it's going to be a tough stretch. We've got some great games coming up. For



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New Orleans outside linebacker A.J. Klein (53) celebrates his interception in the Saints' 21-17 win over Atlanta on Thursday in New Orleans. The Saints all but wrapped up the NFC South title with the win.

us, when we get back, the No. 1 focus will be on the Detroit Lions and then we'll go from there."

But it's crystal clear what's going on, even before we reach December.

Barring major injuries — the kind of thing that is destroying the season for Philadelphia and Atlanta and Cincinnati — here's what is going on:

AFC

The most interesting race is for which teams will wind up with a week off in the postseason. Kansas City (9-2) has the inside position, followed by Pittsburgh (7-2-1), New England and Houston, both 7-3. Sure, the Chargers (7-3) could sneak through in the West, and the Colts or Titans in the South. Does anyone really believe that will happen?

Home field is a huge edge for the Patriots, of course. They almost never lose at Foxborough in January.

Oddly, the Chiefs rarely win in KC in the postseason. They have lost their last six and haven't been victorious at

Arrowhead in the playoffs since 1993, when Joe Montana was their quarterback.

The Steelers aren't particularly dominant at Heinz Field in the playoffs, either, but Houston is 3-1 at home in January.

The Chargers have a nice cushion for a wild card and do have a Thursday night at KC remaining. No other team has a winning record in the conference.

Pittsburgh has the least enviable remaining schedule, with home games with the Chargers and Patriots, and a visit to New Orleans. New England's only other likely test is against up-and-down Minnesota at Gillette Stadium.

Kansas City has that home game with the Chargers and a trip to Seattle as its most challenging contests, while Houston has no one remaining that has a winning record and has won seven in a row.

Look for the Chiefs and Patriots to lock up byes, with the Chargers and — a wild

stab — the Colts grabbing wild cards.

NFC

Chicago's victory on Thanksgiving Day with backup quarterback Chase Daniel said a lot about the Bears (8-3). They are as opportunistic as anyone, and their defense is the best of any contender. They do get the Rams (10-1) on Dec. 9, but at Soldier Field, and still have matchups with the Packers and Vikings — neither of whom is balanced enough to put together a closing streak.

With that defense, Chicago usually should be capable of winning anywhere, except that's not how NFL 2018 is built. Playing at the offensive machines from New Orleans (10-1) or Los Angeles would prove hugely difficult.

The Saints own a victory over the Rams, which could be decisive in the race for top seed and, eventually, a spot in the Super Bowl. Still, New Orleans has trips to Dallas and Carolina, home games with the Steelers and Panthers, perhaps the most-testing schedule remaining.

The Rams, meanwhile, face only one opponent currently with a winning mark (Chicago) the rest of the way.

Dallas (6-5) unquestionably has the inside track in the East, especially owning wins over Washington (6-5), which has lost QB Alex Smith, and struggling Philadelphia (4-7). That might be the only division race in doubt come late December. Don't count on it being undecided.

Of prime interest, though, will be the chase for the wild card. Plenty of big matchups remain, beginning Sunday with Seattle at Carolina, which also has those two games left against New Orleans.

Green Bay has an easier remaining schedule than Minnesota, and Seattle, like Carolina, has a tough road.

Look for the Rams and Saints to earn byes, with Carolina getting a wild card in the NFC. The other? Ask us around Christmas.

PRO FOOTBALL

Houston Texans founder, owner Bob McNair dies at 81

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Robert "Bob" McNair, the man who brought football back to Houston after the Oilers left for Tennessee by founding the Texans, has died. He was 81.

One of the NFL's most influential owners, McNair had battled both leukemia and squamous cell carcinoma in recent years before dying in Houston on Friday. The team did not immediately release a cause of death, but said he died peacefully with wife Jan-



MCNAIR

ice and his family by his side.

"He was a very caring, thoughtful and passionate individual," coach Bill O'Brien said in a statement. "As much as he cared about winning, I think the thing I will remember most about Mr. McNair is the way he cared about the players."

When Houston lost the Oilers to Tennessee after the 1996 season, McNair made it his mission to return the

NFL to the city. He formed Houston NFL Holdings in 1998, and on Oct. 6, 1999, he was awarded the 32nd NFL franchise. The Texans began play in 2002.

McNair was born in Tampa and graduated from South Carolina in 1958 with a bachelor of science degree. He received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from South Carolina in 1999, and in 2010 was given an honorary doctor of humanities in medicine degree from Baylor College of Medicine.

He and Janice moved to Houston in

1960 and he made his fortune as the founder of Cogen Technologies, an energy company which was sold to Enron in 1999 for \$1.5 billion.

"He was the reason professional football returned to Houston and he (led) our franchise with a laser focus on honesty, integrity and high character," team president Jamey Rootes said in a statement. "He was an amazing champion for Houston and worked hard to make sure our city received maximum value from the presence of the Texans and the NFL."

PANTHERS

FROM PAGE B1

If Funchess is out, the Seahawks can expect to see more of second-year wide receiver Curtis Samuel, who has been explosive in his limited playing time.

SACK ATTACK

Frank Clark is having a standout year in a contract season for the Seahawks. Clark has already tied his career high with 10 sacks with another six games to go. He has been a consistent threat off the edge and has seven sacks in the past five games.

While Clark has been a menace, Seattle is still seeking a complementary pass rusher to work with Clark. Defensive tackle Jarran Reed is second on the team with 5 ½ sacks, but no other player has more than two.

Seattle had five sacks of Aaron Rodgers, but Carroll warned Newton is a completely different challenge.

"I'm hoping that that will be a part again because if you noticed, we broke the pocket down and that's important to do with Cam as well because he can get out and really scorch you too," Carroll said.

PRESSURING WILSON

The Panthers realize they need to get some pressure on Wilson and make him uncomfortable in the pocket.

That hasn't been Carolina's strength this season as it ranks 23rd in the league in sacks entering the week with 23. Carolina isn't getting much penetration inside, where defensive tackle Kawann Short

has gone nine straight games without a sack after registering two in the season opener against Dallas.

Wilson is expecting a close game.

"We know these games against Carolina have always come down to the wire," Wilson said. "We have a lot of respect for how they play the game. They play the game the right way, they play the game fast and physical, they play the game smart."

THREE-HEADED ATTACK

Seattle has the top running game in the NFL and it continues to be a collaborative effort. Chris Carson, Rashaad Penny and Mike Davis all have had 100-yard games this season.

Carson is clearly the primary ball carrier and had 17 carries for 83 yards in Seattle's win over Green Bay last week. But Penny has been earning more opportunities as his rookie year has progressed, and Davis was the closer for Seattle against the Packers as the one getting carries on the final drive.

Seattle has rushed for at least 150 yards as a team in seven straight games.

GOTTA GANO

Panthers kicker Graham Gano missed an extra point and a field goal in Carolina's 20-19 loss to the Lions last week. So when coach Ron Rivera opted to go for 2 in the game's final seconds instead of tying the game, it appeared to show a lack of confidence in his veteran kicker.

However, Gano returns home this week where he has made 39 straight field goals.

Now is the time to order Tuxedo's for Debutantes, and Christmas Parties.

Debutante Schedule

Assembly Ball 12.17.18

Cotillion Ball 12.19.18

Carolinian Ball 12.20.18

Epicurean Ball 12.21.18

Sumter Ball 12.22.18

Les Trente Ball 12.27.18

Triam Ball 12.15.18

Camellia Ball 12.18.18

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PRO BASKETBALL

Durant, Thompson help Warriors beat Blazers, end 4-game skid

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant knew the Warriors would have to earn it and play well in every way to end a frustrating funk that lasted more than a week.

Durant scored 32 points, Klay Thompson had 31 and Golden State snapped its worst losing streak since early 2013 at four games, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 125-97 on Friday night.

"I don't believe in like, it's just going to be over when it's over. In the NBA, I don't believe in fairytales and the emotions that come into this," Durant said. "It's not going to just be over unless we got out there and impose our will on the basketball court like we did tonight. And it's not going to just happen for us tomorrow. We've got to play with that same passion and energy that we played with tonight."

Durant was 13 of 21 from the field, dished out eight assists, had seven rebounds and three of his team's 11 blocks. Thompson hit five of his first seven shots and grabbed a season-high eight boards for the undermanned two-time defending champions.

Two-time MVP Stephen Curry, in a car accident earlier in the day that left him injured, sat out again with a strained left groin and fellow All-Star Draymond Green also remained sidelined because of a sprained right toe.

Jusuf Nurkic had 22 points and eight rebounds for Portland on a night Damian Lillard shot just 9 of 24 for 23 points and eight assists. CJ



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Portland forward Meyers Leonard (11) competes for a rebound against Golden State forward Kevin Durant (35) during the second half of the Warriors' 125-97 victory on Friday in Oakland, California.

McCullum added 19 points and five assists.

Golden State started the second with a 22-5 burst to build a 46-32 lead midway through the quarter. Durant's driving dunk and three-point play 2:01 before halftime put his team up 59-40.

Coach Steve Kerr knew that once his team returned to better offensive execution

— solid screens, sharp cuts, penetrating to the basket — it would lead to more open shots the Warriors hadn't been getting during this recent funk.

The four-game skid was the longest under fifth-year coach Kerr and Golden State hadn't lost more than that consecutively since dropping six straight from Feb. 5-19, 2013.

GIRLS FROM PAGE B1

The lone starter who was lost is forward Courtney Clark. She was the second leading scorer at 8.7 and led in rebounding at 5.9. Guard Zan Beasley, another key contributor, also graduated.

"She came off the bench and helped us quite a bit," Rector said of Beasley, who averaged 2.1 points and 1.4 rebounds.

"Between Natalie and Courtney, that was most of our scoring from last year, so that's an important person (Jackson) returning," Rector said.

The third leading scorer is also back in senior guard Susanna Hutson. Hutson, who averaged 7.6 points, 1.3 rebounds and 1.5 steals, will see time at the other starting spot along with junior guard Haley Roone McCaffrey — 2.1 points, 1.5 rebounds and 1.5 steals per game — and senior forward Sydney Jarecki, who averaged 1.8 points and 2.7 rebounds.

"Susanna is our best three-point shooter," Rector said of Hutson, who shot 35 percent from behind the 3-point line.

Rector has high expectations for his team. "Our goals are to win region and go far in the state playoffs," he said. "The state championship is not out of reach. We have a lot to learn to get there."

"We have an experienced team and a lot to work on," he said. "If we work on certain things important to our program, I think we could do well this year."

The Lady Barons opened their season last week with a 57-11 victory over The King's Academy. Wilson Hall plays at Heathwood Hall in Columbia on Tuesday.

BARONS FROM PAGE B1

"We have a mix of some veterans and some new guys off the JV team," Talley said. "We have four players coming up off the JV team. They'll have to step up and give us quality minutes this year."

Wilson Hall will be led by senior forward Landon VanPatten, senior guard Chandler Scott, sophomore guard/forward Graham Van Patten, junior guard Emory Moore, senior guard Brown Osteen, junior forward Blake Richardson, senior forward/center Grey Holler and senior point guard Grant DeVarona and sophomore guard Evan Hoffman.

"Our starters have experience," Talley said. "We need them to get on the same page right now."

The Barons lost some key players from last season, including point guard Daulton Dabbs, forward Jake Meyers, guard Jacob Cotton, guard Walker Jones and guard Peter Zhang, who transferred.

The Barons fell to The King's Academy 46-41 in their season opener last week. Hoffman led the way with nine points, while Graham Van Patten and Landon VanPatten both had eight.

The Barons travel to Columbia on Tuesday to face Heathwood Hall.

PREP SCHEDULE

MONDAY
Varsity Basketball
Scott's Branch at North, 6:30 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
Hartsville at Sumter, 6 p.m.
B Team Basketball
Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Sumter, 5 p.m.
Timmerman at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.
Middle School Basketball
Alice Drive at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.
Bates at Furman, 5 p.m.
Manning at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.
Hillcrest at R.E. Davis, 5 p.m.
Lee Central at C.E. Murray, 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Varsity Basketball
Sumter at Hartsville, 6 p.m.
Scott's Branch at Timmonsville, 6:30 p.m.
Conway Christian at Laurence Manning, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
Manning at East Clarendon, 4 p.m.
Lee Central at Lakewood (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 4 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
Grace Central at Sumter Christian (Boys Only), 5 p.m.
B Team Basketball
Wilson Hall at Heathwood Hall, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
B Team Basketball
Laurence Manning at Hammond, 4 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling
Sumter, Airport at White Knoll, 6 p.m.

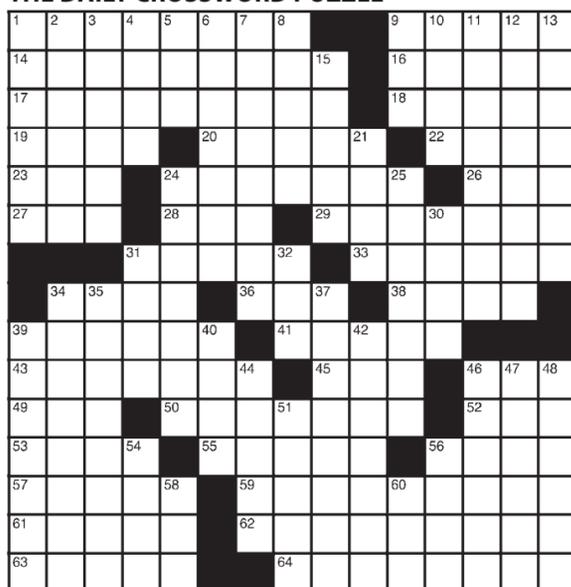
THURSDAY
Varsity Basketball
Clarendon Hall at Scott's Branch, TBA
Thomas Sumter vs. Augusta Christian in Garden City Classic (in Augusta, Ga.), 7 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
Lee Central at Lamar (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
Laurence Manning at The King's Academy, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
Sumter at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
Camden at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
B Team Basketball
Ben Lippen at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.
Middle School Basketball
Alice Drive at Manning, 5 p.m.
Hillcrest at Bates, 5 p.m.
Chestnut Oaks at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.
R.E. Davis at Furman, 5 p.m.
Kingstree at Lee Central, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Varsity Basketball
Sumter at Lakewood, 6 p.m.
Crestwood at Camden, 6 p.m.
Lake City at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
Thomas Sumter in Garden City Classic (in Augusta, Ga.), TBA
Varsity and JV Basketball
Manning at C.E. Murray, 4 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Northwood, 4 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Ben Lippen, 4 p.m.
Williamsburg at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Conway Christian (No JV Girls), 5 p.m.
Varsity Wrestling
Sumter in Irmo PSC (at Irmo High), TBA

SATURDAY
Varsity Basketball
Thomas Sumter in Garden City Classic (in Augusta, Ga.), TBA
Varsity and JV Basketball
Crestwood at Lee Central (No JV Girls), 2 p.m.
Manning at Scott's Branch, 3 p.m.
Varsity and JV Equestrian
Wilson Hall in IEA Event (at The Farm at One Under Lane in Lugoff), TBA
Varsity Shooting
Laurence Manning in SCYSF Event (at Back Woods Quail Club in Georgetown), TBA
Varsity Wrestling
Sumter in Irmo PSC (at Irmo High), TBA

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Kyle Dolan 11/24/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Fitness trend that involves kids?
 - 9 "... but we're not done yet"
 - 14 Arcade bonus for olive oil
 - 17 Setting for Dante's "Divine Comedy"
 - 18 "Impractical Jokers" network
 - 19 Something to try out for
 - 20 Shelved, for now
 - 22 "What ___?"
 - 23 Drei, in the Apennines
 - 24 Cries from sties
 - 26 Mate
 - 27 Neruda wrote one about the sea
 - 28 Frequent adoptee
 - 29 Dirty digs
 - 31 Local politician's goal, perhaps
 - 33 Got exactly right
 - 34 Bit of bedroom decor
 - 36 When tripled, "Yum!"
 - 38 Dates
 - 39 Cover stories?
 - 41 Some lab workers
 - 43 Perform energetically
 - 45 "___ & Him": Zooey Deschanel duo
 - 46 Prefix with gender
 - 49 Polly's call
 - 50 Bound
 - 52 Elect
 - 53 Ziggy Stardust genre
 - 55 Pitch-lowering symbols
 - 56 Jaunty greeting
 - 57 Country on the Gulf of Guinea
 - 59 "That makes much more sense!"
 - 61 Summer month in Santiago
 - 62 Italian bread often served at Christmas
 - 63 Particulars, informally
 - 64 Wanting
- DOWN**
- 1 Customize for
 - 2 3-Down's alma mater
 - 3 Churchill's 1945 successor
 - 4 Family shower
 - 5 Pirate's cry
 - 6 Public humiliation
 - 7 Start to overtake
 - 8 2004 remake starring Jude Law
 - 9 Posed
 - 10 Brutish one
 - 11 Ball field marker
 - 12 Gallery news
 - 13 Disentangled
 - 15 '70s-'80s Rabbit competitor
 - 21 Panache
 - 24 One may be foiled by a captcha
 - 25 Put away
 - 30 Makes haste
 - 31 Euro forerunner
 - 32 Tommy add-on
 - 34 Provision for trucks
 - 35 Two-time Republican presidential candidate
 - 37 Camp gathering place
 - 39 Talked big
 - 40 Waves
 - 42 Grover's predecessor
 - 44 Spring bloom
 - 46 Like classic gumball machines
 - 47 Apple's X, e.g.
 - 48 Put under a seat, say
 - 51 Elaborate tales
 - 54 Cartoonist Walker
 - 56 Letters in an internet bar
 - 58 Opposed words
 - 60 Spanish diminutive ending

Previous Puzzle Solved

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

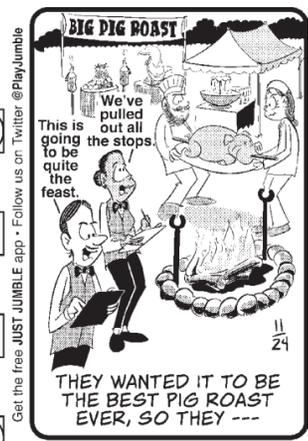
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BOGUS LEAKY TURNIP DEBATE
Answer: They examined the wall in the new gold mine and discovered it was — "LODE"-BEARING

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

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

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 1 Alabama races away from rival Auburn, 52-21

BY JOHN ZENOR
The Associated Press

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Tua Tagovailoa threw five touchdown passes and ran for a score to lead No. 1 Alabama to a 52-21 victory over rival Auburn on Saturday.

Tagovailoa and the Crimson Tide (12-0, 8-0 Southeastern Conference, No. 1 CFP) took over with an explosive third quarter, when the Heisman Trophy contender threw three long touchdown passes. He's the first Alabama player to have a hand in six TDs in a game and matched the school record with the five scoring passes.

Now, 'Bama heads to the SEC championship game against No. 5 Georgia with a guaranteed playoff spot on the line.

Leading Auburn (7-5, 3-5) just 17-14 at halftime, Tagovailoa launched the Tide into another SEC blowout. He was 11-of-12 passing for 208 yards and four touchdowns in the second half, despite only playing one series in the fourth quarter.

Tagovailoa finished 25 of 32 for 324 yards and ran for 26 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown and a 21-yard third-down conversion on runs.

The second-half numbers included touchdowns of 46 yards to Jerry Jeudy, 33 to Josh Jacobs, 40 to DeVonta Smith and 22 to Henry Ruggs III — all accurate strikes downfield.

The game was close until Tagovailoa threw a pair of long TD passes in a three-minute span of the third quarter. The first hit Jeudy down the left sideline and the second went to Jacobs, who shook off a few defenders on his way to the end zone.



Alabama running back Najee Harris (22) carries the ball as Auburn linebacker Darrell Williams (49) tries to tackle during the first half of the Crimson Tide's 52-21 victory over the Tigers on Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Auburn had used creative calls to keep it within 17-14 at halftime.

Wide receiver Anthony Schwartz ran for a 9-yard touchdown and fellow receiver Ryan Davis took a lateral and launched a 23-yard touchdown pass to Malik Miller. That came with 4 minutes left before the half after freshman Smoke Monday blocked a punt.

The Tigers also had Shaun Shivers' 75-yard touchdown run called back thanks to a holding penalty.

Auburn coach Gus Malzahn drew an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty for his protest of the call.

Auburn was stopped short on a fake field goal in the third quarter when backup quarterback Malik Willis threw it to kicker Anders Carlson. The potential three points briefly loomed larger after Jarrett Stidham's 52-yard touchdown pass to Darius Slayton made it 31-21.

It was a runaway from there.

TOP 25 ROUNDUP

No. 5 Georgia cruises; Florida beasts FSU

ATHENS, Ga. — Jake Fromm threw four touchdown passes, D'Andre Swift ran for 105 yards and Georgia romped into the Southeastern Conference championship game with a 45-21 victory over Georgia Tech.

MIAMI 24
(24) PITTSBURGH 3

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Travis Homer rushed for 168 yards and a long touchdown, DeeJay Dallas ran back a punt for one of his two scores and Miami closed its regular season by knocking off Pittsburgh.

Kenny Pickett completed 14 of 22 passes for 130 yards for Pitt (7-5, 6-2), which had already locked up the ACC's Coastal Division and a berth in next weekend's conference title game against Clemson. It was a rever-

sal of last season, when Miami had the Coastal clinched and lost to Pitt in the regular-season finale for both clubs.

(13) FLORIDA 41
FLORIDA STATE 14

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Feleipe Franks had three touchdown passes and No. 13 Florida used a punishing ground attack to end a five-game losing streak to Florida State.

Lamical Perine had a 74-yard touchdown run, and Florida ran for 278 yards, averaging 5.3 yards per carry. Perine ran for 129 yards, averaging 9.9 yards per carry.

The Gators (9-3) halted Florida State's bowl streak, which began in 1982, and handed the Seminoles (5-7) their first losing season since 1976 — Bobby Bowden's first season as coach.

(15) PENN STATE 38
MARYLAND 3

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Trace McSorley completed 12 of 22 passes for 230 yards and had a hand in three touchdowns to help Penn State rout Maryland.

(19) SYRACUSE 42
BOSTON COLLEGE 21

BOSTON — Eric Dungey ran for three touchdowns and threw for 362 yards and three more scores to lead Syracuse past Boston College.

(20) NORTHWESTERN 24
ILLINOIS 16

EVANSTON, Ill. — Clayton Thorson accounted for three touchdowns, Isaiah Browser rushed for 166 yards on 18 carries and Northwestern beat Illinois.

From wire reports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

STATE
Friday
South Alabama 31, Coastal Carolina 28
Saturday
South Carolina at (2) Clemson (late)
North Carolina Central at South Carolina State
Elon at Wofford

ACC
Friday
Virginia Tech 34, Virginia 31
Saturday
(19) Syracuse 42, Boston College 21
Miami 24, (24) Pittsburgh 3
Wake Forest 59, Duke 7
N.C. State 34, North Carolina 28 (OT)

SEC
Thursday
(22) Mississippi State 35, Mississippi 3
Friday
Missouri 38, Arkansas 0

Saturday
(1) Alabama 52, Auburn 21
(5) Georgia 45, Georgia Tech 21
(8) LSU at Texas A&M (late)
(13) Florida at Florida State
(17) Kentucky at Louisville (late)
Vanderbilt 38, Tennessee 13

TOP 25
Friday
(6) Oklahoma 59, (12) West Virginia 56
(16) Washington 28, (7) Washington State 15
(8) Central Florida 38, South Florida 10
(11) Texas 24, Kansas 17
Saturday
(3) Notre Dame at Southern Cal (late)
(10) Ohio State 62, (4) Michigan 39
(14) Utah State at (21) Boise State (late)
(15) Penn State 38, Maryland 3
Brigham Young at (18) Utah
(20) Northwestern 24, Illinois 16
Kansas State at (25) Iowa State (late)

FCS PLAYOFFS

Wofford gets to 2nd round of playoffs for 3rd straight year

SPARTANBURG — Freshman Nathan Walker rushed for 90 yards and a touchdown, helping Wofford beat Elon 19-7 on Saturday to advance to the second round of the FCS playoffs for the third season in a row.

Wofford (9-3) will face No. 4-seed Kennesaw State (10-1) next week.

Wofford rushed it 59 times for 344 yards — with a long of 56 — and a score. The Terriers forced turnovers on Elon's first two drives of the second half on Mason Alstatt's interception and Jireh Wilson's fumble recovery.

Luke Carter scored the first points of the FCS playoffs with a 32-yard field goal in the first quarter to give Wofford the lead. He made three other field goals, missing one, with a long of 33. Carter capped drives of 13, 11, eight and 14 plays, with a field goal in each quarter.

Brelynd Cyphers had a 1-yard touchdown run early in the second quarter and Elon led 7-6 at halftime. Daniel Thompson was 20-of-32 passing for 209 yards.

MONTANA STATE 35
INCARNATE WORD 14

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Troy Andersen ran for a touchdown and threw for another to lead Montana State to a 35-14 win over Incarnate Word in the first round of the FCS playoffs on Saturday.

His touchdown run was his school-record 20th of the season, while his touchdown pass was just his third.

MSU (8-4 Big Sky Conference) got a key touchdown early in the fourth quarter when Travis Jonsen scored on a keeper from the 19 to push its lead to 28-14 after a personal foul moved the ball back from the 4-yard-line. Andersen then hit Jonsen from 37 yards out to put the Bobcats up 35-14

JAMES MADISON 20
DELAWARE 6

HARRISONBURG, Va. — Ben DiNucci passed for 223 yards and a touchdown and the James Madison defense clamped down on Delaware for a 20-6 victory in a first-round FCS playoff game on Saturday.

The Dukes (9-3), making their 15th playoff appearance and a two-time national champion, will travel to play No. 8 seed Colgate (9-1) next Saturday riding a three-game winning streak.

SE MISSOURI 28
STONY BROOK 14

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. — Daniel Santacaterina threw for three touchdowns and ran for another and Southeast Missouri claimed its first FCS playoff victory in program history, scoring all its points in the third quarter in a 28-14 win over Stony Brook on Saturday.

The Redhawks (9-3) will travel to Utah to face No. 2 seed Weber State next Saturday.

The Seawolves (7-5), making their fourth FCS appearance, outgained the Redhawks 404-240 but they turned the ball over four times and three of those miscues led to touchdowns.

DUQUESNE 31
TOWSON 10

TOWSON, Md. — A.J. Hines turned a screen pass into a 71-yard touchdown for the lead, rushed for 175 yards and another score and Duquesne defeated Towson 31-10 in a relentless downpour on Saturday to advance to the second round of the FCS playoffs.

The Dukes (9-3), who lost to William & Mary in 2015 in their only other FCS playoff appearance, will travel again next Saturday, taking on No. 5 seed South Dakota State (8-2).

From wire reports

ROUT FROM PAGE B1

Maybe most satisfying of all, Ohio State made it 14 victories in the last 15 meetings against the team it loves to beat the most.

Olave, who came into the game with five catches and no touchdowns, caught two TD passes and broke it open on special teams in the third quarter. He looped through a seam in the line and got a chunk of Will Hart's punt. The ball sailed off high and to the side and landed in the arms of Sevnyn Banks, who cruised 33 yards for a touchdown that made it 34-19 and sent the Ohio Stadium crowd

into a frenzy.

The 22nd top-10 matchup in the rivalry produced a wild first half that went nothing like what was expected.

Haskins and the Buckeyes carved up the top-ranked defense in the country. The Buckeyes had the horseshoe rocking when Haskin found Johnnie Dixon wide open for a 31-yard score to go up 21-6 with 3:18 left.

Shea Patterson and Michigan responded with their best drive of the first half and Nico Collins came down with a 23-yard touchdown pass with 47 seconds left. Six sec-

onds and an Ohio State muffed kickoff later, Patterson flipped to Chris Evans for a 9-yard touchdown. Michigan failed on the 2-point try, but the Wolverines were back in it at 21-19 with 41 seconds left.

That was more than enough time for a penalty-aided drive by Ohio State that ended in a short field goal as time expired.

Haskins finished with 318 yards and set the Big Ten season record for TD passes with 41.

Patterson finished with 187 yards passing and three touchdowns, but the second half was mostly Buckeyes.

THE TAKEAWAY

Michigan: Harbaugh is now 0-4 against Ohio State and faces another year of critics questioning his ability to win the big game.

Ohio State: The season started for Ohio State with coach Urban Meyer suspended for three games for his handling of former assistant coach Zach Smith, who has been accused of domestic violence by his ex-wife. A cloud of uncertainty hung over the Buckeyes throughout pre-season practice and this season has been anything but normal.

The road to The Game was filled with spotty performances, one humbling loss, several

close calls and constant speculation and questions about Meyer's health and future.

After all of it, it was business as usual for the Buckeyes against Michigan and Meyer flashed a satisfied grin when he met Parris Campbell on the sideline after a 78-yard touchdown run that made it 48-25 early in the fourth quarter.

UP NEXT

Michigan: The Wolverines will likely still get into a New Year's Six bowl, maybe the Peach.

Ohio State: The Buckeyes have won six straight against Northwestern and lost to the Wildcats just once, dating to 1972.

JOHN HENRY CONNOR

MANNING — John Henry “Jack” Connor, 72, husband of Brenda Wilson Connor, died on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

**CONNOR**

Born on Feb. 3, 1946, in Manning, he was a son of the late Patrick Joseph Connor and Mary DuBose

Connor. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and he was a retired merchant of 50 years. He is survived by his wife of Manning; a daughter, Alicia Connor of Pinewood; a son, John Patrick Connor (Karen) of Goose Creek; a stepson, Ricky Bonds of Sumter; two step-grandchildren, Richard Caleb Bonds and Brendan Garrett Bonds; three brothers, Joseph Connor (Carolyn) of Manning, Jerry Connor (Gloria) of Oswego and Charles Connor of Manning; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Harry Connor, Pat Connor and Richard Connor.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. today in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Haynes officiating. Burial will follow at Home Branch Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be John Connor, Caleb Bonds, Brendan Bonds, Ricky Keels, Will Therrell and Will Felder.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 1521 Connor Road, Manning.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St., Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

MARGARET C. HUBER

DALZELL — Margaret Joyce Church Huber, age, 82, beloved wife of 62 years to Frances S. Huber, entered into eternal life on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, at the Agape Hospice House of Lexington.

**HUBER**

Born and raised in Peterborough, England, she was a daughter of the late William and Nellie Dolby Church. She was the co-owner of Huber's Gifts of the Heart. Mrs. Huber gave a terrific foundation to her family and will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two children, Michael A. Huber of West Columbia and Theresa H. Ray-Lee and her husband, Mike, of Dalzell; one brother, John Church and his wife, Elaine, of Peterborough, England; one sister, Patricia Howitt and her husband, Frank, of Adelaide, Australia; seven grandchildren, Shannon Ray, Shawn Lee, Michael A. Huber Jr., Andrew Huber, Amanda Huber, Kristian Devine and Margaret J. Huber; and 16 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, John W. Huber; one brother, Morris Church; three sisters, Pam Gregory, Pearl Green and Myra Waring; and one granddaughter, Jessica Ray.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Anne Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Agape Hospice and to Danielle Pike for all the care, love and support shown to Mrs. Huber and her family.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Ave., 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**GLADYS T. TIMMONS**

Gladys Virginia Thames Timmons, age 80, beloved wife of 40 years to Noble Sylvester Timmons, died on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

**TIMMONS**

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Frank Allison Thames Sr. and Edna Johnson Thames. She enjoyed traveling, golfing with her girlfriends and her monthly dinners with the “Dirty Dozen” golf and dinner group. She loved spending time with her family, especially her siblings. Her greatest joy was when her granddaughter came to visit. She was a member of Providence Baptist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Arlan Boggs of Los Angeles; one daughter, Sharron Erskine and her husband, Dennis, of Atlanta; one granddaughter, Hadley Boggs of Los Angeles; three brothers, Frank Thames and Pete Thames, both of Sumter, and Randy Thames and his wife, Deb, of Florence; and two sisters, Betty Ann Hatchell of Mount Pleasant and Jennifer Kolb of Sumter.

Gladys was preceded in death by one brother, Harold Thames; and two sisters, Dorothy Cockrell and Caroline Cody.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Miller officiating. Interment will follow at 1 p.m. at Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 15, P.O. Box 1193, Sumter, SC 29151.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**JAMES M. WATSON**

James “Jim” M. Watson, loving husband and father, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018, after a brief illness.

**WATSON**

Born on Feb. 8, 1936, in Memphis, Texas, Jim moved with his parents to Lubbock in 1942. He attended Lubbock High School then Texas Technological College (Texas Tech), graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance in 1958. While serving a two-year stint in the U.S. Air Force at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter, he met and married Sara Elizabeth Wimberly in 1960.

In 1961, Jim took his bride and young son back to Lubbock, where he opened a successful company providing insurance services. In 1971, Jim moved his family to Austin, where he had accepted a position with the state's General Land Office. In Austin, he introduced his family to evenings and weekends boating and skiing the highland lakes, primarily Lake Travis, and enjoying the burgeoning live music scene.

In 1984, with his children in college, he and Sara moved to Huntsville, Texas, where he completed his career in state government with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as director of finance in 1994. He then worked for The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, where he and Sara enjoyed living near the Gulf, until his retirement in 1998, when they moved back to the hill country of Medina, Texas, in Banderita County. After Sara passed away in 2010, Jim moved back to Austin in 2014, where he lived near his youngest son, Sam, and his family, until his death.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife; parents, Jeff P. and Elizabeth Kennard Watson; and three sisters, GERALDINE, JEANETTE and ROSALYN.

James is survived by his first son, Jeff Watson and his spouse, Snow, and their children, Samuel Christian and Sara Jane of Placitas, New Mexico; son, Sam and his spouse, Shannon, and their children, Kaylea, Erin and Jami Leigh; nephew, Steve Keeton of Big Spring, Texas; and cousin, Karen Kennard Gordon of Weimer, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, at ACTS Church Lakeway, 1304 Ranch Road 620 N., Austin, TX 78734.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Medina Community Library, <http://www.medinacommunitylibrary.us/>.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Lake Travis, (512) 263-1511. Remembrances may be left at www.wcfish.com.

EDNA M. EAGERTON

SUMMERTON — Edna Margaret Eagerton, 62, died on Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland.

Born on Feb. 23, 1956, in Sumter, she was a daughter of Robert Samuel Eagerton and the late Edna Mae Brunson Eagerton.

**EAGERTON**

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Confederacy, Clarendon County Historical Society, Summerton Fire Department and Summerton United Methodist Church.

She is survived by her father of Summerton; three brothers, Dr. Robert S. Eagerton Jr. (Bonnie) of Manning, Dr. David H. Eagerton (Susan) of Benson, North Carolina, and Dr. Donald C. Eagerton (Jamie) of Myrtle Beach; a sister, Elizabeth E. Prevatte (John) of Columbia; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 2, in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Ed Trexler officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service, from 2 to 3 p.m., at Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Summerton United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 35, Summerton, SC 29148.

Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 N. Church St. in Manning, is in charge of arrangements, (803) 435-2179. www.stephensfuneralhome.org

LINDA M. MORGAN

Linda Marie Morgan, 64, wife of Merriman Timothy Morgan, passed away on Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

**MORGAN**

Born on June 14, 1954, in Leominster, Massachusetts, she was a daughter of the late Norman and Irene Lavoie Sasseville.

She was a member of Hickory Road Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years; three sons, Michael T. Morgan (Celesta) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Mark T. Morgan (Holly) and Matthew T. Morgan (Amanda), all of Sumter; nine grandchildren; six siblings, Barbara Boudreau, Norma Surovich, Francis Sasseville, Alan Sasseville, Janice Hebert, and Karen Hebert.

She was preceded in death by siblings, Norman “Skip” Sasseville, Ronald Sasseville and Joanna Gustafson.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Tuesday at Dalzell Baptist Church with the Rev. Mark Barnette officiating. Burial will be in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to the James Austin Compton Suicide Awareness Foundation.

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

ROLLY V. PARKER

Rolly Vincent Parker, 70, husband of Joy Paul Parker, died on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Born on Nov. 18, 1948, in Florence, he was a son of the late George Parker Jr. and Wilma Estelle Parker. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was employed by N.W. White Trucking Co.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years; three sisters, Jean Parker of Tennessee, Faye Truett (C.W.) of Sumter and Linda Stamps (Alan) of Tennessee; and 20 nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Alan Parker.

Services will be private. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 950 48th Ave. North, Suite 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577.

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

TONY ODELL ODOM

Tony Odell Odom, age 60, beloved husband of Anna Glass Odom, died on Tuesday, Nov. 20, 2018, at his residence.

Born in Darlington, he was a son of Joye Hucks Odom and the late Claude Odell Odom. He attended Southside Baptist Church.

In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by two sisters, Wanda Fitch and her husband, Don, and Deborah Chappell and her husband, David, both of Sumter; one brother, Gary Odom of Sumter; numerous nieces and nephews; and a special friend, Layla Rayo and her family.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his son, Christopher Noes.

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

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**CHESTER ALPHONSO STAVIS**

Chester Alphonso Stavis, 31, departed this life on Wednesday, Nov. 21, 2018, in Sumter.

He was born on Feb. 25, 1987, in Sumter, a son of Chester James Stavis and Sarah Loretta Thomas.

The family will receive friends at the home, 116 Albert Spears Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

LEE N. LAWSON

SUMMERTON — Lee Nora Lawson, 58, wife of the Rev. Johnnie Lee Lawson Sr., died on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018, at her residence, 1226 Oliver James Road in Summerton.

She was born on Jan. 18, 1960, in Summerton, a daughter of the late Irene Sabb.

The family is receiving friends at her residence.

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

CLEO DAWSON

Cleo Dawson, 75, wife of Timothy Dawson, died on Friday, Nov. 23, 2018, at her home.

Born on March 5, 1943, in Sumter, she was the daughter of the late Harry Singleton and Katie Hicks-Johnson.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 5865 Catchall Road in Dalzell.

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

CHARLES H. DAVIS

The Rev. Dr. Charles H. Davis, 66, of Mauldin, passed on Friday, Nov. 16, 2018, at St. Francis Hospital Downtown in Greenville.

Born on Nov. 2, 1952, in

Sumter, he was a son of the late Calvin and Victoria Lesane Davis.

Surviving are his wife, Roberta Lomax Davis of the home; four daughters, Charlene Farmer, Maria (Larry) Shannon and Brenda (Kenneth) Burris, all of Sumter, and Victoria (Patrick) Johnson of Greer; one stepdaughter, Marquita Lomax of Greenville; one stepson, Maurice Lomax of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Mary L. Jett and Sally Mae Seymore, both of Sumter; four brothers, Calvin (Verda Mae) Davis of Bishopville, John “Roy” Davis and Thomas Earl Seymore, both of Highland Springs, Virginia, and Joe (Lillarweise) Seymore of Sumter; 11 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 109 White Stone Avenue in Mauldin.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, 400 S. Hudson St. in Greenville, with the Rev. Dr. Ralph Canty as eulogist.

Public viewing, visitation and wake will be held from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday at First Baptist Missionary Church, 219 S. Washington St. in Sumter, with the Rev. George P. Windley Jr. as pastor.

Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park, 802 N. Guignard Drive in Sumter.

Online message may be sent to the family at williamsfuneral@sc.rr.com.

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

Services are directed by the management and staff of Watkins, Garrett & Woods Funeral Home of Greenville; local services by Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St. in Sumter.

MARTHA M. SABB

GREELEYVILLE — Martha Murray Sabb, 66, widow of Joe Cleveland Sabb died on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, at McLeod Heath Clarendon.

She was born on April 7, 1952, in Manning, a daughter of the late Leo and Mary Jane Green Murray.

The family is receiving friends at the family home- stead, 4777 S. Brewington Road in Manning.

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

EDITH C. MARTIN

FLORENCE — On Sunday, Nov. 18, 2018, Edith Carolyn Martin exchanged her rugged cross for her precious crown at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

Born on May 31, 1937, in Manning, she was a daughter of the late James Preston and Corine Witherspoon Martin Sr.

Service of remembrance shall take place at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church, 4829 Alex Harvin Highway in the Ram Bay Community of Manning where the pastor, the Rev. Terry R. Johnson, shall bring words of hope.

The service of committal shall follow in the family plot located in Elizabeth Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family shall receive relatives and friends from 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday at the residence, 1051 Overlook Lane in the Ram Bay Community of Manning.

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 or flemingdelaine@aol.com.

ROBERT C. LETCHER

Robert Clarence Letcher, 89, husband of Marie Rose Letcher, died on Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland.

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



USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

HOLIDAY SPENDING ON PLASTIC

More people plan to charge their holiday shopping this year, according to a recent survey from Discover. Thirty-eight percent plan to use credit cards, up from 32 percent last year. The biggest reason: earning rewards. More than half say racking up points is a driving factor, up from 42 percent in 2017.

Beat the holiday housing market slump

Janna Herron
USA TODAY

As soon as October wraps up, many sellers take their houses off the market for the holidays. Buyers, too, tend to take a seasonal pause.

This year, the traditional drop-off in activity dovetailed with a broader slowdown in the housing market that began in the summer as mortgage rates rose.

“Now we move into the winter months and mortgage rates are hitting 5 percent,” said Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors. “Aside from the normal seasonal slowdown, there is the additional factor that will hold back buyers this year.”

Still, if you need to sell your home right away – say for a job relocation – there are some encouraging factors. Buyers who stick around during the winter tend to be very serious and ready to commit. There also are not as many homes on the market to compete against.

“The houses that are still sitting around on the market are probably not the No. 1 picks,” says Monica Mahla, a Coldwell Banker real estate agent in Pittsburgh. “So, a little preparation will make your house stand out.”

Here’s how to make a warm impression during these cold months:

■ **Even if it’s cold, you don’t want the outside pictures of your home to look barren or even snow-covered** because buyers won’t see a well-landscaped lawn. Take exterior pictures before the leaves fall, says Kim Wirtz, a real estate agent with Century 21 Affiliated in Lockport, Illinois.

“These properties will always pop” against other home listings with bare trees or snow, she says.

If you have a swimming pool or hot tub, pluck out an old picture that shows the feature in its summertime glory.

■ **Keep up with lawn maintenance**, even if it’s not growing season, says Karen Otto, owner of Home Star Staging in Plano, Texas. Rake dead leaves, and edge and weed if necessary. Trim hardy evergreens if they get too unwieldy. Add new mulch to any landscaped beds. Keep driveways and walkways clear of snow and ice.

■ **Buyers will spend more time on the inside when it’s cold outside**, so make sure they’re comfortable. Set the temperature between 68 and 70 degrees. Address any drafts from windows or doors before having an open house.

Good lighting is key at this time of year when it gets dark earlier, Otto says. Replace tired table lamps and chandeliers with updated models. Use higher wattage bulbs to bathe the house in light.

Other considerations

■ **Price right:** Sellers need to be realistic about the market conditions in their areas. Price competitively and be open to buyer incentives such as funding a home repair or offering money toward closing costs to make a deal.

■ **All homes:** No matter when you sell your home, make it look its best. Have your home professionally cleaned and repainted with current colors. Declutter throughout and organize closets and pantries to highlight ample storage. Limit the amount of furniture to showcase space.



GETTY IMAGES

Mental tricks to help save for retirement

Work hard, give yourself rewards and automate your contributions

Dayana Yochim NerdWallet

How do you psych yourself up to save money for a goal that’s decades away, such as retirement? With a little mental trickery. Amassing the high-dollar amounts needed for your golden years takes a long-term commitment. Sticking to your resolve – both financially and emotionally – requires strategies for dealing with a steady stream of near-term spending temptations and other expenses (planned and otherwise). Here are some ways to help you stay strong:

Q&A ASK A FOOL

Question: I hired a financial adviser, but some of the products they are recommending strike me as odd. How can I be sure my adviser is really looking out for me, and not just trying to pocket as much commission as possible?

Matthew Frankel
The Motley Fool

Answer: There’s no way to know with 100 percent certainty whether an investment adviser truly has your best interests in mind. I certainly can’t vouch for every investment professional with certain credentials or registrations.

Having said that, one quick check is to determine whether your investment adviser is a fiduciary or not. Someone bound to a fiduciary duty is required to

put their client’s best interest ahead of their own desire to make a profit.

For example, a fiduciary wouldn’t sell a high-fee, high-commission mutual fund to a client when a lower-commission version of the same fund is available. In fact, most fiduciaries don’t earn commissions at all and choose to work on a fee-only basis. Fiduciaries also are required to disclose any potential conflicts of interest to their clients.

Registered investment advisers and their representatives are bound to a fiduciary standard as part of the Invest-

ment Advisers Act of 1940. Certain designations, such as Certified Financial Planner, require users to be fiduciaries.

On the other hand, brokers and certain other professionals who often use the title “adviser” are not fiduciaries and are merely bound to the much-looser suitability standard. This simply means that the products they recommend need to be appropriate for the client – not necessarily the lowest-cost and best-fitting options.

So a good place to start is to ask your adviser if he or she is a fiduciary.

■ **Paint a detailed picture of the life you want to live:** “Retirement” is a nebulous goal. For a motivational boost, make the goal come to life by filling in the details about where you’ll live, the activities that will fill your days and the people you’ll be with.

Vacationing where you plan to retire, or even staycationing to live for a week like the retiree you hope to be, will make it even more tangible. Once you get a real taste of how all your hard work is going to pay off, you might be inspired to save more and reach your goal sooner.

■ **Give your willpower muscle a break:** Willpower is a finite resource, and your psyche can run out of gas dealing with financial decisions.

Give your brain a break by putting your long-term savings on autopilot: Set it up once and let it ride. If you have a workplace retirement savings plan, such as a 401(k), simply sign up; money is automatically routed from your paycheck into the account regularly. Some 401(k)s even automate annual contribution increases, inching them up a few percentage points at a time.

You can lift the cognitive load outside of a workplace plan, too, by setting up automatic deposits to an IRA. Then any time you get a raise, bonus, tax refund or other cash influx, commit to increasing contributions.

■ **Calculate the cost of today’s spending decisions:** The snowball effect of compound interest – the money you earn on your savings, plus the interest that growing balance continues to earn – is what powers those “skip a latte today and it’ll be worth a lot tomorrow” calculations.

When you’re tempted to pull out your wallet for an unplanned purchase, grab your phone instead and run the numbers using a compound interest calculator. Passing up a \$100 purchase and investing it instead (earning the stock market’s average annual return of around 7 percent) would give you more than \$500 in spending money in 25 years. Given enough time, even small sums can add significant padding to your retirement portfolio.

■ **Reward your selfless behavior:** You’ll be on the retirement savings treadmill for a while. Along the way, give yourself credit – and a little something special, such as dinner at a posh restaurant – for sticking with it.

Celebrate each time you hit a specific retirement savings milestone. For instance, high-five when you complete a particular task, such as sitting down with your sweetheart to use an online retirement calculator to project your future investment income, or save a specific dollar amount, like increasing your tax-favored contributions. The IRS recently raised the annual cap for 2019 to \$6,000 for IRAs and \$19,000 for 401(k)s.

Don’t wait decades to pat yourself on the back for all the hard work of saving for retirement. Regularly toast your progress – and your retired future self’s well-being.

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Is it too late to use a 529 for a 12-year-old?

Dear Pete: In August I opened a 529 account for my 2-year-old nephew, and with Christmas around the corner I am opening one for the 5- and 7-year-old nephews, too. However, my eldest nephew is turning 12 next month. Is it too late to open a 529 plan for him? If it's too late, do you recommend another savings avenue? – **Jenny**



Pete the Planner

Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

Answer: I've always bought in to the saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." But just make sure the village has an Aunt Jenny. Wow. You're doing something quite remarkable for those boys, and I'm sure your efforts are beyond appreciated by their families. Since you're willing to put in the effort, and money for that matter, let's make sure you get the biggest bang for your buck.

Let's start with the basics. Think of saving for college as going to the supermarket. The 529 college plan is your cart. What you choose to put in it is a different story.

A 529 isn't necessarily tied to the stock market and its performance, just as an IRA or 401(k) isn't necessarily tied to the stock market. Now if you choose to tie them to the stock market, then they're tied to the stock market. But you're also able to avoid market turbulence in any of those instruments, if you choose. And, by the way, those instruments are simply savings-and-investing vehicles created by the Internal Revenue Service.

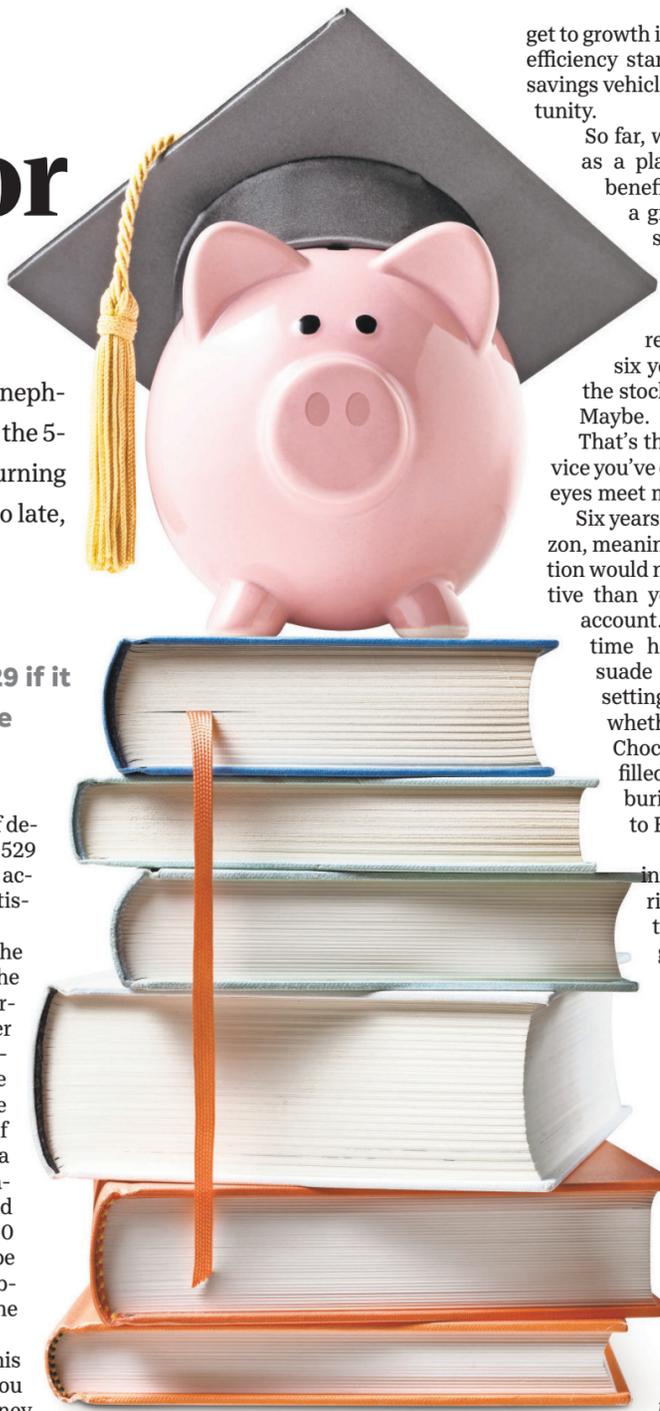
Feel free to use the age-based portfolios built in to many 529 programs, which are designed to specifically handle any time horizon. You can tap out of the stock market altogether. Many

It's tough to beat a 529 if it has an attractive state tax benefit.

states also have certificates of deposits available through their 529 programs, as well as savings account options. This should satisfy all levels of skittish.

Now take a closer look at the cart. In the case of the 529, the cart is equipped with numerous tax benefits, no matter what you fill it with. And depending on what state you live in, those tax benefits can be quite helpful. For example, if you are a resident of Indiana and put \$5,000 in an Indiana-sponsored 529 plan, you would likely be eligible for a \$1,000 state tax credit. This would be the case every year you contribute to a 529 in Indiana, as the law currently stands.

You're welcome to view this tax mechanism any way you like, but I view it as free money. My strategy is to qualify for the maximum tax credit amount every year until my kids graduate from college. Based on my kids' age gap, that's 25 years of deposits and \$25,000 of free money.



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Jenny, I don't know what state you live in, but it's tough to beat a 529 if it has an attractive state tax benefit. We'll

get to growth in a second, but from a tax efficiency standpoint, no other college savings vehicle offers this sort of opportunity.

So far, we've identified 529 plans as a place to receive lovely tax benefits. And of course they're a great place to systematize savings, but honestly just about any type of account can do that. The operative question here revolves around whether six years is enough time to let the stock market do its magic. Maybe.

That's the sort of hard-hitting advice you've come to expect when your eyes meet my column each week.

Six years is a pretty tight time horizon, meaning that investment allocation would need to be more conservative than your 2-year-old nephew's account. But I don't think a tight time horizon should ever dissuade a person from the act of setting money aside. This is true whether you're using a 529 or a Chock Full o' Nuts coffee can filled with Andrew Jacksons buried in your backyard next to Benji's favorite bone.

There are market risks, interest rate risks, inflation risks and many other perils to look out for, but the biggest risk is inaction.

Readers will undoubtedly dispute my advice via my email inbox, as they always do, but no one can dispute the truest of truths – Aunt Jenny is the coolest.

*****Disclosure:** I appear in 529 college savings plan commercials as a paid endorser.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Top tech gifts may not include privacy

New guide aims to make consumers think about it

Jennifer Jolly
Special to USA TODAY

We already know the hottest holiday gadget gifts are cool, but are they secure and trustworthy too? Mozilla — yep, the folks behind internet browser Firefox — just released a new report and shopping guide called *Privacy Not Included. The idea behind it is to help people shop for gifts based on price, performance, and on how well they protect privacy and security as well.

In an email, Ashley Boyd, Mozilla vice president of Advocacy, explained that researchers reviewed 70 of the most popular gadget gifts across six categories: Toys & Games; Smart Home; Entertainment; Wearables; Health & Exercise; and Pets. For each product, Mozilla looked at a range of questions: Can it spy on you? Can you control it to make it more secure? What could happen if something went wrong?

Mozilla partnered with the Internet Society and Consumers International, a leading consumer advocacy group with hundreds of member organizations in over 100 countries, to come up with a set of guidelines for internet-connected products. They call these rules the Minimum Security Standards, and they include: encrypted communication to prevent snoops from seeing your data, regular security updates to patch privacy holes, strong password requirements, and privacy restrictions that let you opt-out of having your data sold for marketing. Mozilla even enlisted researchers from Carnegie Mellon University to comb through the privacy policies of each company, too.

Of the 70 products in the guide, just 33 of them met all of the minimum requirements. Some of the "safer" ones include the highly sought-after Nintendo Switch, Google Home, Harry Potter Kano Coding Kit, Athena Safety Wearable, Sony PS4, Apple TV, and Findster Duo Plus Pet Tracker. However, the list of products that do not meet these basic privacy guidelines includes some of the



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most popular gadget gifts of the year as well.

Amazon products are nailed with negatives in Mozilla's guide. According to the guide, the Fire HD tablet misses the mark because Amazon shares information with third parties, doesn't have a default passcode requirement, and doesn't delete the data it stores about you. Amazon's Echo Show is a bit better because it requires a password when you set it up, but it still falls short by storing and sharing user data with third parties.

Apple fares a bit better. The iPad, Apple Watch, and HomePod all get a seal of approval from Mozilla, but since Apple still shares information with third parties they're not perfect either.

Even such seemingly innocuous gadgets as the smart Hue lights by Philips are dinged because they don't encrypt communications sent over WiFi, and

have no additional password security. These are little things that companies sometimes overlook or ignore, according to Mozilla, but they can have real privacy implications.

For instance, if someone knows when your lights are on or off, they might be able to figure out when you're home or away, or even when you're sleeping — which is ultra creepy.

Speaking of the "creep factor," Mozilla wants real people to rate the gadgets, too, based on what they call the "Creep-O-Meter." The interactive tool is part of the guide that encourages shoppers to rate how creepy they think a product is using a sliding scale of "Super Creepy" to "Not Creepy," as well as to share how likely or unlikely they are to buy it. So far more than 2,500 people have shared their real-user Creep-O-Meter ratings.

"While there's no shortage of holiday

shopping guides, most focus on price and performance, not privacy, which Mozilla sees as a major oversight," Boyd said in a statement. "We hope this guide helps consumers make smart and more informed holiday shopping decisions, while also inspiring them to demand that companies make it a priority to offer products that protect their privacy and security."

A Mozilla PR associate told me that Mozilla's not telling people that you should or should not buy products based on the *Privacy Not Included guide, but rather take all of the potential pitfalls into account when you're hunting for a great deal on a hot gadget.

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REFLECTIONS

Reflections pays tribute to one of Sumter's most recognized and remembered historians, Portia Myers. Our community was blessed to have Mrs. Myers, whose writings have informed and educated our populace for years. With the arrival of Thanksgiving, Reflections has chosen to reprint her article



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

from Nov. 24, 1993, as it captured the true essence of this traditional holiday. The article will be printed in its entirety except where length may dictate a modicum of change. The information and photos used in preparing Reflections were taken from The Sumter Item archives.

Traditional Thanksgiving scenes like this one depict English settlers in America sharing their bounty with Native Americans.

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Historian Myers remembers Sumter Thanksgiving past

When people reach my age, it seems that they take great delight in remembering the glorious times of earlier days...I was born during World War I (the war to end all wars) ...Our family made a lot over all holidays. We celebrated birthdays with great joy and enthusiasm. Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter were always such special holidays. We were expected to celebrate these times at home with our family and all the folks our parents invited to share these times with us. Believe me, there were plenty of extra guests, and we had such fun.



PORTIA MYERS

"Early on Thanksgiving morning, the men and boys would most likely go quail or deer hunting, getting up long before day and making more noise as they got ready for the hunt. There was such excitement about going hunting, they just could not keep quiet. Finally, they would drive away to the country to get there before sunrise.

"The house would quiet down for a little while, and then our cook would arrive to start the Thanksgiving meal. Our parents had lots of relatives as both came from large families, so at our house, the big pot was put in the little one for the upcoming meal, which would be served sometime between one and two o'clock. There would always be plenty of turkey, ham and often barbeque along with a delicious salad, rice, gravy, cornbread dressing, candied sweet potatoes, hot biscuits and or rolls with different kinds of jellies to go on them. English peas, string beans, cranberry sauce, various pickles and relishes and probably macaroni and cheese pie. Back in those days, people were not aware of 'healthy heart' diets, and they ate to their hearts' content. After all that food was consumed came the dessert. There was usually a moist coconut cake (homemade), and the fresh coconut had been grated by hand. Then there was always an abundance of fruit cakes, light and dark, which had been made weeks ahead of time and saturated with the most delicious homemade wines. Other cakes were plentiful, and then there were bowls of English Trifle, loaded with real whipped cream and laced with sherry. Mama always had a large bowl of Heavenly Hash to serve as well, so there certainly was no shortage of sweets to be served with piping hot coffee, and for the grown folks, a glass of homemade scuppernong wine. Daddy could

make the best wine, but he was very careful not to let us imbibe until we were grown. By that time everybody was so full of delicious food, they couldn't eat another mouthful. It was probably 3:30 in the afternoon, and everybody was relaxed and lazy.

"Thanksgiving was truly a day to give thanks for our many blessings. It would start early in the day, and as the family and guests gathered for the big meal, the man of the house would read from the Bible and follow the Scripture reading with a prayer of thanksgiving for our many blessings. I well remember Daddy's prayers of thanksgiving during the gloomy years of the Great Depression. I also remember the sharing that everybody did with the hungry and less fortunate. It made our day so much more joyful and meaningful.

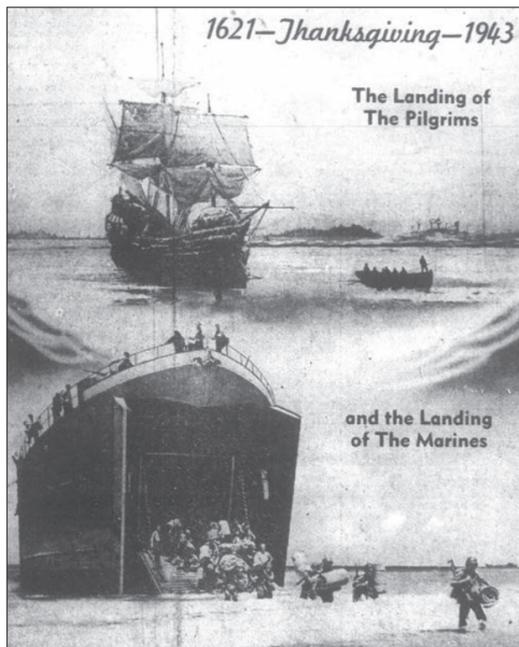
"I remember also the huge meal that our cook would take home to her family on those holidays. Mama saw to it that plenty was prepared to share. It was a day of warmth, togetherness and love. That spirit would linger in our hearts for weeks to come... One year, before our colonial home burned, we had 36 relatives and friends for Thanksgiving, and that was one of the most memorable times of our lives. It was such a warm and loving gathering. It has been a long time since that day, but those of us who are left still hold it as one of life's treasures. Traditions change, but I hope we will always be able to hold the old-fashioned tradition of Thanksgiving in our hearts and minds and always remember to thank God on these special days for our many blessings and the joys we have in our lives."

Reflections wishes our readers a happy Thanksgiving and continues to thank historians, like the late Mrs. Myers, for sharing her memories of a day when we pause to reflect on our many blessings. Happy Thanksgiving!

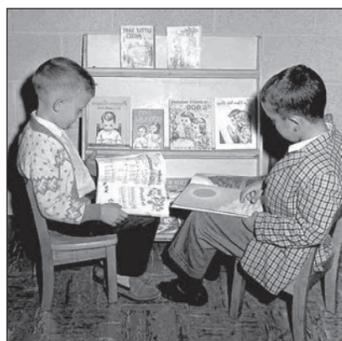


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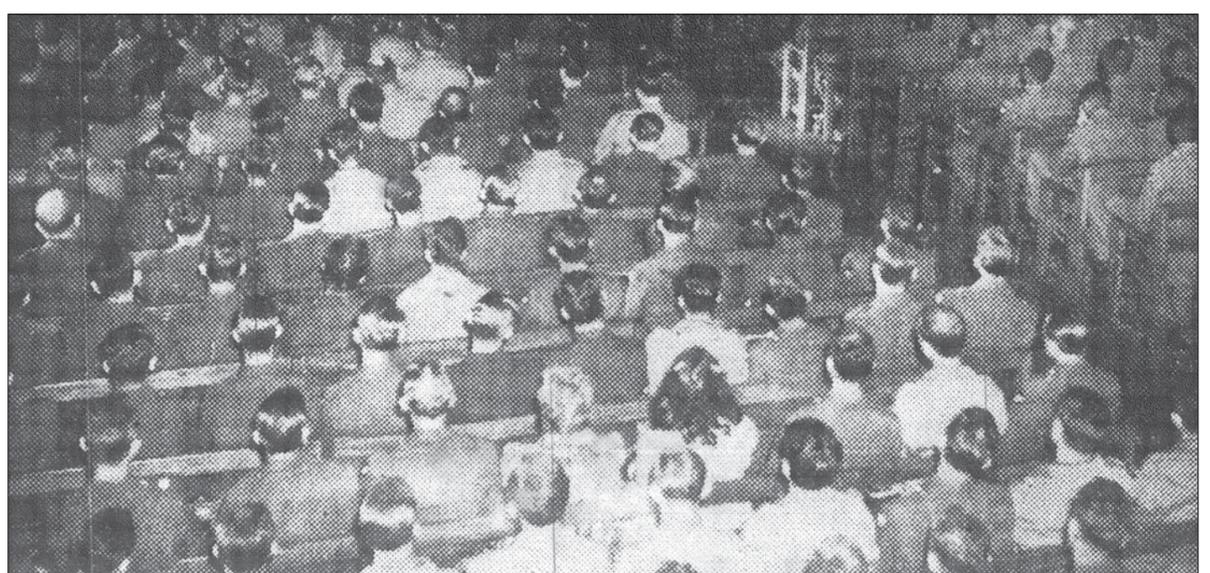
Shaw Field cooks prepared a feast of 200 turkeys for those stationed there in 1942. Enlisted men ate 3,000 pounds of the bird during their Thanksgiving meal that year.



Plymouth Rock and the Bougainville beaches are 323 years apart, but there was a strange similarity on the 1943 Thanksgiving between the landings of the Pilgrims and of the Marines. The Pilgrims knew danger and death might lie ahead, but they had the courage to carry out their fight to establish a colony free from oppression. Similar courage guided the Marines and other U.S. fighters in their struggle to free the world from tyranny. The Pilgrims reached the shores of America in 1620 and after a year of trials paused in their labors to give thanks. American fighting men the world over planned to pause briefly in their battle to observe 1943's Thanksgiving.



LEFT: Children read about Thanksgiving and the holiday season in Sumter. RIGHT: A Sumter girl gives her thanks during a Thanksgiving meal in 1951.



The largest crowd in Shaw Field's history attended an inspiring Thanksgiving Day service, conducted by Chaplain Frank K. Brasington in Post Chapel No. 1. Those who could not get inside stood outside and listened to the service over a loud-speaker system.

Teen praised for victory garden; outstanding airmen named

75 YEARS AGO — 1944

June 17 — June 23

• Harold Carraway, 17, a 4-H Club member for six years, has succeeded in developing a victory garden which has won the praise of everyone who has seen it. Assistant County Agent Roland Alston said that Harold planted the plot, located on St. Charles highway two miles beyond Oswego, in March and April of this year. It is his first attempt planting a victory garden.

• It was announced that the YMCA Centennial banquet, which is to be held at 8:30 at the YMCA, will be held on the ground floor, instead of the banquet hall as previously planned. Additional fans have been secured, and the building will be cool and comfortable. Ladies as well as men are invited to attend this celebration. This is an outstanding opportunity for the people of Sumter to hear an address by one of the leading YMCA laymen of the South, George M. Ivy of Charlotte.

• The ceiling price of half-pint bottles of milk at all eating establishments with the exception of ball parks and swimming pools is six cents, L. F. Cuttino, price clerk of the War Price and Ration Board, reminded the public. Any consumer who is charged more than six cents for a bottled soft drink should report the overcharge to the ration board immediately, Mr. Cuttino said.

• Three Sumter County boys, Paul K. Bowman Jr., Joseph W. Edens and Robert Walton Touchberry, were commissioned second lieutenants in the Army upon successful completion of the officer candidate course at the infantry school, Fort Benning, Georgia. All three are alumni of Clemson College. Lt. Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Bowman of Dalzell, enlisted in the Army on Sept. 14, 1942. Lt. Edens, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Edens of RFD 4, Sumter, enlisted June 19, 1942. Lt. Touchberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Touchberry, enlisted in June of 1943. He graduated from Pine-wood High School.

• Sub-headquarters of the black division of the Fifth War Loan drive has been established at the Mutual Service Station No. 2, 240 Manning Ave., for the convenience of persons who reside across the railroad tracks. J. C. Prioleau, who has been named special director of the new headquarters, urged the black citizens in the Manning Avenue section to rally at the new establishment. "Every citizen is called upon to do his full duty," he said, "churches, schools, choirs, clubs and charitable organizations are asked to buy bonds."

• George M. Ivey of Charlotte, one of the leading YMCA laymen of the South, will be the featured speaker at the YMCA. Mr. Ivey is secretary-treasurer of the J. B. Ivey company, vice president of the Ivey Realty company, a former Rotary governor, past president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, organizer and first president of the Charlotte Executive Club. He is also a former member of the Charlotte YMCA board of directors, a member of the national board and chairman of the World Service committee of the Y at Charlotte.

• The City Board of Education (District No. 17) met Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock for the purpose of re-organizing as required by law, following the biennial election of members. All members were present, Mrs. Caroline McElveen, Dr. C. J. Lemmon and H. G. Osteen, recently elected members, having filed the prescribed oath with the secretary-treasurer of the board. The board was formally re-organized by the election of Dr. C. J. Lemmon, as chairman; S. K. Nash, vice chairman; Wm. Henry Shaw, recording secretary; and S. K. Rowland, secretary-treasurer.

• First Lt. LaFayette Adams of this city was a member of the first company to enter Rome, he has notified his family. A member of the Fifth army, Lt. Adams is with a heavy weapons company. He wrote that he felt much better about everything, now that the invasion has started, and the Italian offensive has been launched.

• First Lt. Garrett L. Thomas, a P-38 pilot of the 15th Army Air Force, has been reported missing in action over Yugoslavia since May 29, according to a message received from the War Department by his wife, the former Margaret Skinner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wardlaw Skinner of Mayesville. It is known Lt. Thomas had participated in 35 combat missions and had been awarded the Air Medal with the Oak Leaf Cluster. He received his wings in January 1943, after he was on duty in Panama for six months before going overseas in August 1943. He received his basic training at Shaw



Charlene Evans, left, from the Sumter Beauticians Club II, watches as the Rev. Clark Jenkins looks over food given by the club to be used at the soup kitchen run by Emmanuel United Methodist Church, which feeds about 65 homeless people every day. The club's goal is to help out communities in times of need by providing help for the homeless and handicapped.

Field and his advanced training at Spencer Field, Georgia.

• Extra pay for expert troops was voted today by the House military committee. The committee approved legislation to give "expert infantrymen" engaged in combat duty a pay boost of \$10 monthly, those not in combat an additional \$5 and members of glider units the same 50 percent pay increase now given paratroopers. Maj. Gen. G. White read a letter in support of the bill from a front-line commander commending Uncle Sam's foot soldiers.

50 YEARS AGO — 1969

Feb. 16 — 22

• Jack Frost jumped on Sumter over the weekend and dealt the city a knockout blow, cutting electrical power and sending frozen limbs and trees crashing into streets and onto homes. Freezing rains began Saturday afternoon and continued through the night. The outlook for this evening: continued freezing cold and snow lasting until tomorrow morning. Power was knocked out of hundreds of homes through the city and county because of the icy conditions. The situation is not likely to improve until tomorrow, according to Lad Owens, general manager of Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Sumter office.

• The Edmunds High School Lady Birds savored sweet revenge Saturday night while Edmunds' jayvees went home sad in games prior to the Gamecocks' encounter with Florence. Using 12 and 13 points by Carol Catoe and Betty Stuckey, respectively, the Lady Birds downed Florence 38-30.

• The Florence Yellow Jackets gained revenge for two straight 15-point losses to Edmunds High School's Gamecocks by administering a death blow to second place conference hopes of Sumter, taking a 59-58 verdict. With the loss, Sumter drops out of a tie with Camden for second place in the Region 4A race and gives the Bulldogs the inside track — if they defeat Lancaster. Edmunds must hope for a loss by Camden to Lancaster. That plus an improbable victory over Rock Hill would put the Birds back into a deadlock for second position.

• A learning lab, a new program of adult education, will begin at Sumter Area TEC. The program will provide training in the basic areas of reading, English, math, social studies and sciences. It will also enable trainees successful employment or to enter into a full-time technical program at TEC. The learning lab provides an opportunity for adults who do not have a high school diploma to prepare for the South Carolina GED test.

• The League of Women Voters is rounding out its first half-century this year. Born in 1920, it grew out of the National American Women Suffrage Association — the famed Suffragettes who waged a 72-year campaign to get women the vote and that year achieved victory with adoption of the 19th Amendment. And away they go! Suffragettes were a familiar sight in many American cities in the long campaign for the women's vote. Susan B. Anthony is a hallowed name in the women's hall of fame.

• Edmunds High School's girls record fell below the halfway point again here as Southside claimed a 41-28 win. Vickie Wilson flipped in 16 points and Debbie Lee 12 to lead the Falconettes to the cage win. Betty Stuckey led Sumter with 10 while Emily Roddey managed seven. Edmunds' girls finished the year with a 7-8-1 mark but face Orangeburg in the tournament. Orangeburg is the No. 1 seeded team and easily dropped the

Edmunds girls twice during the regular season.

• A flexible Glenn King broke the Edmunds High School Gamecocks out of a sleep walk to shoot them past Southside High, 61-28. Edmunds trailed at the half by a 19-16 margin, but King scored 23 of his 27 points after intermission to push the Birds to a record-breaking performance. It marked the 16th victory of the 1968-69 campaign, the most a Charlie Hodgkin-coached team has ever won.

• March 15 has been set as the date for the annual Sumter Kiwanis Club Pancake Day. Kiwanians will cook and serve pancakes and sausage with all the trimmings from 7 until 10 a.m. and from 5 until 9 p.m. at McLaurin Junior High Cafeteria with proceeds going to various local charities. Ed Damron, vice president, will be chairman of Pancake Day; Abram Brody is advertising and publicity chairman; Roger Ipock and Andy Mills are in charge of securing and connecting special electric grills for cooking; John Beatty is purchasing agent; and Harry Ryttenburg is responsible for kitchen help.

• The Manning Lady Monarchs rushed Kingstree 39-13 to advance to the semi-finals of the Lower 6AA Conference Tournament. The Manning boys face top-seeded Hannah-Pamlico in a boys' semifinal game. Manning's girls play Lake City on Thursday.

• The South Carolina Theatre Company will present "The Taming of the Shrew," the newest addition to the company's repertoire, in White Hall at Morris College. The SCTC is under the direction of its founder and producer, Milton Dickson, and has been touring the Southeast more than four years, bringing to college campuses and community theatres such plays as "Shakespeare Revisited," "Medea," "Three by Chekhov," "An Evening of English Poetry," "Don Juan in Hell," "Hamlet," "Uncle Vanya" and "The White House."

• A1C Dewey R. Mockler, of the 44415th Combat Crew Training Squadron, has been selected Airman of the Month for February. A1C Mockler is assigned to Unit Supply of the 4415th CCTS as a supply specialist and is involved primarily with the stocking and inventory of supplies needed for the squadron.

• SSgt. Furman L. Galloway Jr., of the 363rd Field Maintenance Squadron, will be the first airman from Shaw to be commissioned under the new Bootstrap Commissioning Program. The new program which was started in March 1968 allows qualified airmen entry into Officer Training School upon completion of a baccalaureate degree.

• Sumter Area TEC has been awarded a grant totaling \$111,000 by the Office of Education under the Health, Education and Welfare Department for the construction of a new library building and new office administration additions. "We are very glad to receive these funds for the buildings because we are crowded out of our present facilities," said Cecil Walters, director of TEC.

• The Eastern High School boys and girls claimed the District IV basketball Tournament championships recently. Eastern's girls managed to outscore Hanberry 41-38 to advance to the finals and then pinned Hillside 41-37 for the championship. Genovia Brogdon topped the scoring for the Eastern lassies in both contests. Then, in the finals, Eastern kept a 14-point lead most of the way to topple Mt. Pleasant 82-62 for the boys' championship.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

Nov. 19 — 25

• The city of Sumter has been awarded two state grants totaling nearly \$34,000, one to help police officers and one that will provide equipment for two city parks. The city received a \$19,855 grant from the S.C. Department of Public Safety to put computers in all five of the cars in the Sumter Police Department's traffic division. The computers will be linked to a national information system that can quickly track down the criminal history of an individual. The other grant, awarded by the state Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, will provide \$6,000 for a sprinkler system at Memorial Park on Hampton Avenue and \$8,000 for playground equipment for the Jenkins Center.

• Josh Gerstner, a player for the Sumter Heat, reclined on the ground, his feet resting on a soccer ball, and watched the rest of his team run laps around the Alice Drive Middle School football field. Gerstner, one of the veteran players on the team, was the one who seemed out of breath, though. "It's just a little bronchitis," he said as the rest of the team did pushups. The team will be competing in the regional tournament in Rock Hill this weekend.

• Commissioners of Central Carolina Technical College voted to increase tuition by more than 13 percent in 1994, raising student fees for the first time in three years. Saying state funding cuts are to blame, commissioners voted unanimously to increase the school's tuition.

• Berkeley coach Gary Brown had good reason to be a little concerned going into the fourth quarter against Hillcrest. His Stags had to rally in the final five minutes to claim a 19-14 win over the Wildcats at Bonner Stadium. "This was a great ballgame," said Brown, who is in his first season as head coach of the Stags.

• A proposal for changes in city government may be in trouble, city council members say. Councilwoman Jane McKellar, who along with Councilwoman Dr. Rose Hilliard proposed an ordinance to transfer some of the mayor's power to the council and city administrator, said recently that there are not enough votes to give the proposal final approval.

• South Carolina families can invite a boy or girl from Argentina to live in their home from January until June while the student attends high school here. The cross-cultural educational program is sponsored by World Learning Inc., the country's oldest provider of home-stay experiences for foreign teens, and is represented in this area by Mercedes Novella Hull.

• Shaw Air Force Base announced the four winners of its 1993 Outstanding Airmen of the Year award. Senior Airman Steven R. Norton, Staff Sgt. Daniel J. Ransom, Sr. Master Sgt. Stanley D. Huddleston and Master Sgt. Norman H. Briggs, who competed against 34 other airmen, were recognized at a banquet at Shaw's Non-Commissioned Officers Club.

• The Sumter Tip-Off Tournament is becoming a good place to break in a new whistle. Referees blew themselves dizzy, whistling Sumter and Bishopville for 56 fouls as the Gamecocks claimed a 79-67 win over the Dragons. But that didn't quite reach the total of 65 fouls called in Thursday's tournament opener between Mayewood and Furman. In the girls' game, Sumter cruised to a 70-19 victory.

• Charlene Prescott, a senior at Mayewood High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship and four tickets to the Charlotte Coliseum College Basketball Tournament. She is one of four Harris Teeter/Diet Pepsi Athlete Achievement Award Winners. Four awards were given to students from South Carolina and North Carolina. Prescott is a volleyball player at Mayewood and an outstanding student. Academic achievement was an important criteria for the awards.

• If almost everyone else remembers where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news of his assassination 30 years ago today, it is the memory of the funeral of President John F. Kennedy that is probably the more indelible for Jim Felder and Guy Dyke. "It's just like it happened yesterday. It's that etched in my mind," said Felder. The Sumter native and former Army sergeant led the eight-man military honor guard that carried Kennedy's casket from the rotunda of the Capitol and marched behind the horse-drawn caisson that pulled the casket through the streets of Washington, D.C., to St. Matthew's Cathedral and, finally, to Arlington National Cemetery on Nov 25, 1963.

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A wetland wonderland

The three-quarter moon was down, and the flooded woods were dark and silent. I stood quietly in the shin-deep water, letting my senses adjust to the surroundings. I had stopped for a moment to drink in some of this wild place. There was no hurry. Daylight was only a hint in the eastern sky.



Dan Geddings

Just as I started to move again, a loud splash startled me. Then the unmistakable sound of a creature lunging through the water. I recognized the sounds instantly. There was a hummock, or small bump of dry land, about the size of a coffee table, 30 yards ahead. I had startled a deer, probably a buck, from its island hideaway.

I could see good enough now without a light to make my way on into the timber. I went slowly, feeling my way with my legs and feet through the partially submerged floatsam.

The water was deeper here — up to my knees. In the distance, wood ducks called. They had roosted here and would leave before good daylight.

Owls hooted somewhere in the canopy of the hardwoods. Wood ducks called from the water's surface behind me. Whistling wings overhead told me that they were already moving. More ducks called from the timber, and I heard some flush from the water just ahead.

A small group of woodies streaked by over the tree tops. I counted seven in the flock. The sky was lighter now. Daylight was coming. In the distance, guns thumped. The sound is different over water. I knew now that it was probably legal shooting time.

I could hear more shots in other directions. The duck impoundments near Pine-wood, beaver ponds to the south and east. My woods were silent. I stood there in my waders for several long minutes vainly searching the sky.

Then, wings behind me, and splashes. More wing beats, and a duck splashed down behind a big ash tree, 10 yards to my right. I held my gun ready, but the duck didn't move. I leaned forward. The wood duck drake saw me and flushed low through the trees. I fired, and more ducks flushed behind me.

There was a flurry of activity as singles, pairs and small groups of ducks pitched into the flooded hardwoods from all directions. I kept my gun cradled in my arms and didn't fire again.

I was delighted to see them, but I know they will



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Wetland habitats benefit a variety of wildlife such as this curious raccoon.

not stay. They will move south and will be replaced by woodies from the north as colder weather comes. I know this happens because over the years I've seen them disappear from local haunts. Then, I've shot woodies later in the season that were banded in New York state and Ontario, Canada.

A big log just ahead offered a nice seat, and a maple tree gave me a good back rest. I sat facing the east and marveled at the brilliant orange horizon visible through the screen of limbs and branches. The ducks were settled into the woods now, and the sky was empty. The shooting in the distance had ended.

In my peripheral vision to the right I caught some movement and turned my head. A raccoon was climbing a nearby cypress tree. The "coon" saw me at about the same time. We just stared at each other. Then the coon turned and started down the tree. We were at least 200 yards from the nearest dry land, so I knew that the coon had swum out there.

I got up from my seat and moved closer. At the bottom of the tree, the coon eased into the water and swam away. They are usually nocturnal and are seldom seen in the daylight. I was pleased to see one here. I moved back to the log and sat until the sun started to climb above the tree tops into the eastern sky. I knew the duck show was over now and headed back through the wooded wetlands.

I took my time and waded carefully through the timber. Something caught my eye again to the right. When I stopped and looked, I was surprised. It was another raccoon sitting in the top of a root ball of an over-

turned tree. His bandit face stared at me. I turned in his direction but didn't make eye contact. When I got closer, I took out my phone and snapped a picture.

When I moved even closer the coon turned away and scampered down the roots to the sawgrass and water's surface. He swam away from me toward the distant dry land. I moved on.

My son Clayton couldn't make that hunt with me, so I didn't shoot the ducks, except for that one drake that got too close — and I missed him. I needed to scout the woods to get an idea of the number of birds we had and see where they were going. We'll do a hunt during the Thanksgiving holidays.

We get mostly wood ducks in our little duck hole, but we also get an occasional hooded merganser, green-winged teal or mallard. They wing their way here because conservation-minded individuals care about the natural world and work to keep them with us.

There are several good conservation organizations that work for waterfowl and wetland habitats. The South Carolina Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl are leaders in waterfowl conservation. They raise money at local banquets and put those dollars to work throughout the continent and in our own state.

Delta Waterfowl's Sumter Chapter is holding its annual banquet event Friday, Nov. 30, at the American Legion Post 15 on South Artillery Drive. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets can be reserved online at deltawaterfowl.org/events.

Let's help them keep our waterfowl with us.

Reach Dan Geddings at cdgeddings@gmail.com.



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More than 50,000 hunters took to the South Carolina woods hoping to harvest an Eastern wild turkey during the 2018 season.

Yearly SCDNR survey shows slight decline in 2018 wild turkey harvest numbers

BY SCDNR

While remaining the state's second-most popular game animal (behind only white-tailed deer) South Carolina's spring turkey harvest was down about 6 percent in 2018 when compared with 2017, according to the most recent numbers from the S.C. Department of Natural Resources' annual mail survey of Palmetto State Turkey hunters.

The survey was sent to 30,000 individuals who received a set of 2018 Turkey Transportation Tags which are required in order to hunt turkeys in South Carolina. Based on the survey results, an estimated 16,145 adult gobblers and 1,794 jakes accounted for a total harvest of 17,939 birds in 2018, compared with 19,171 birds estimated taken in 2017. Approximately 50,772 hunters participated in the 2018 spring turkey season in South Carolina, versus 52,429 in 2017. While down, those numbers are still higher than they were in seasons before 2016.

"Keep in mind that legislative changes that went into effect in 2016 provided an earlier starting date and increased number of days in the turkey season in 34 of 46 South Carolina counties," said SCDNR Assistant Big Game Program Coordinator Jay Cantrell. "The effect of this season change was a 50 percent increase in opportunity (days) for the majority (74 percent) of the state, so although the harvest was down slightly in 2018, the harvest under the three years of the new season framework has consistently been higher (18 percent) than in years prior to those changes."

Unfortunately, it's likely that this increase in harvest since 2016 is best explained by an increase in hunter effort (numbers of days hunted), rather than an increase in the overall turkey population, according to Cantrell. More hunter effort (which increased when the season was lengthened in 2016) can increase harvest numbers, to a point, regardless of the number of turkeys on the landscape.

Statewide, turkey production, however, as measured by the SCDNR's annual Summer Turkey Survey, has been decreasing since before the new season was implemented. In fact, recruitment of new poults during the last five years has been the lowest of any five-year period

since the harvest survey began in 1982. Typically, low recruitment is followed by decreasing harvest, and good recruitment is followed by increasing harvest.

With recent turkey production being low, it seems clear that increased hunter effort, rather than increased turkey numbers, is the driving factor behind the increase in harvest that has accompanied the longer season.

"Again, the new (in 2016) season dates increased opportunity for hunters in 34 of 46 counties by 50 percent," added Cantrell, "and the data clearly indicates that hunters have taken advantage of that additional opportunity."

According to the survey, the top counties for total turkey harvest in 2018 were Williamsburg, Berkeley, Orangeburg, Fairfield and Colleton. However, because counties vary in size, a better method of comparing harvests between counties is the harvest per unit area, turkeys harvested per square mile for example.

Using this method, the most productive counties were Union, Spartanburg, Cherokee, Anderson and Fairfield. The average turkey hunter spent about six days in the field, with a success rate of about 23 percent in harvesting at least one gobbler. Hunter opinion on the turkey population in the mailed survey indicated that it was viewed as decreasing, and this opinion has been consistent the last few years.

SCDNR has also begun a new voluntary online survey targeting "avid" turkey hunters in the state to help biologists better understand the dynamics behind these harvest numbers. As a group, these hunters spend more time afield during the turkey season and have a significantly higher success rate than the average participant in the mailed survey.

Through this augmented survey approach, SCDNR biologists hope to better understand the demographics, experiences, techniques and opinions of dedicated turkey hunters in South Carolina.

The information collected in both of these surveys, as well as biological and harvest data, will help biologists evaluate trends and make more informed management recommendations with the ultimate goal of maintaining sustainable, quality turkey hunting into the future.

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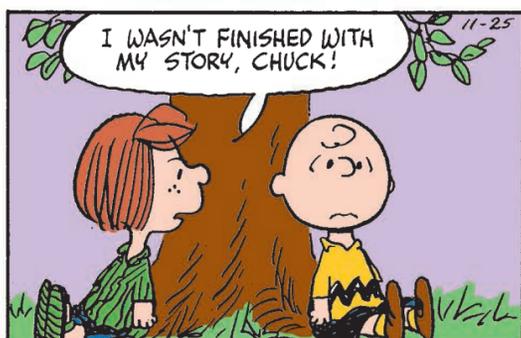
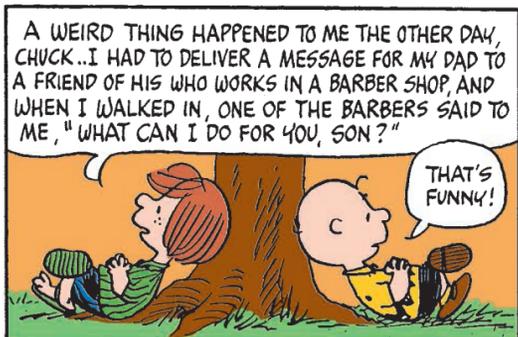
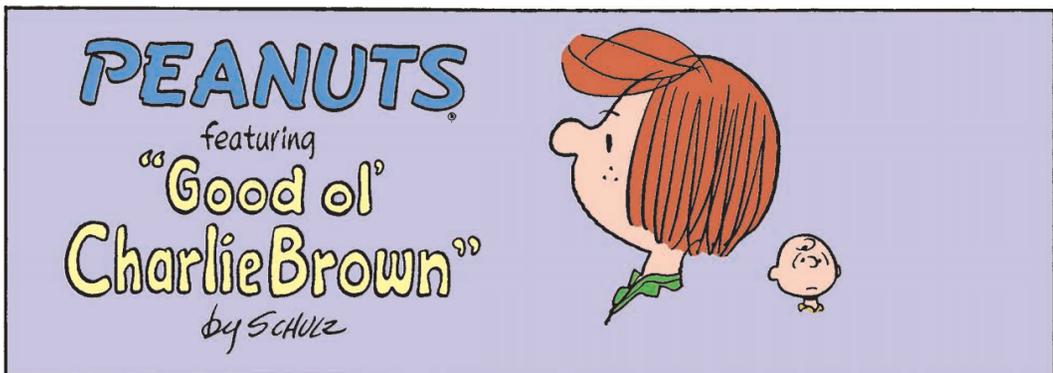
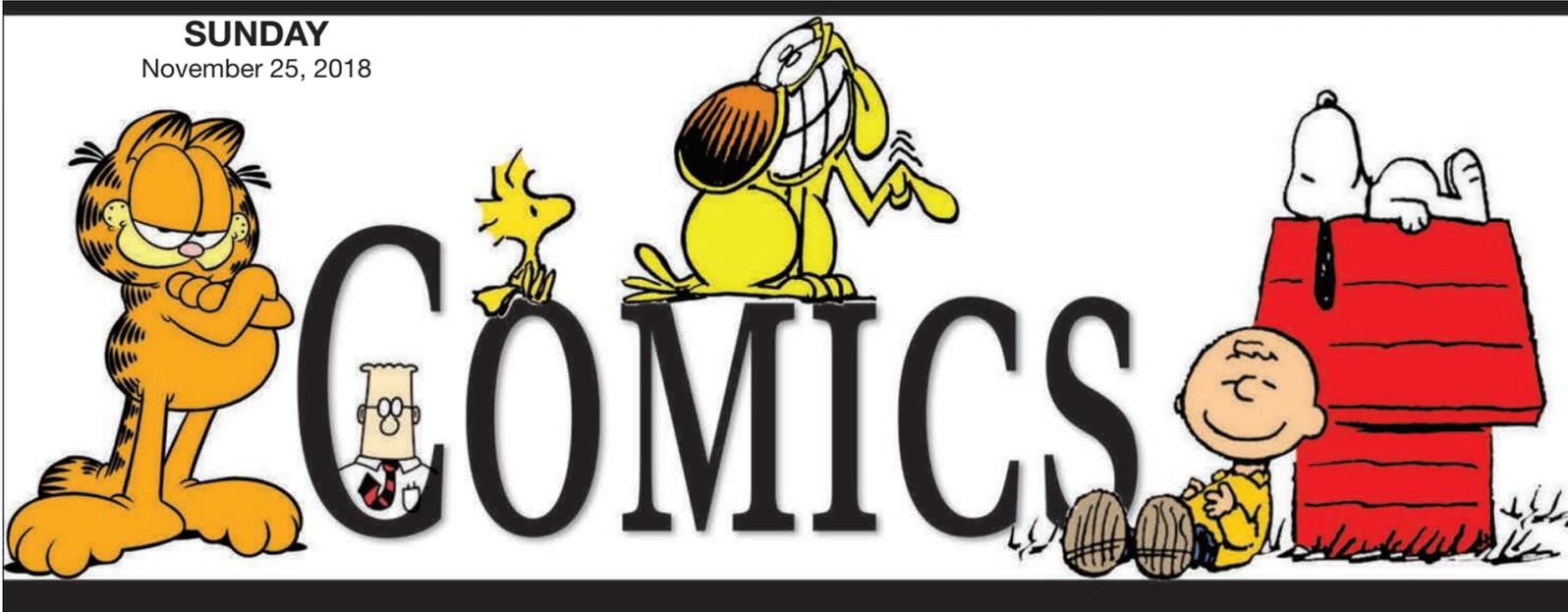
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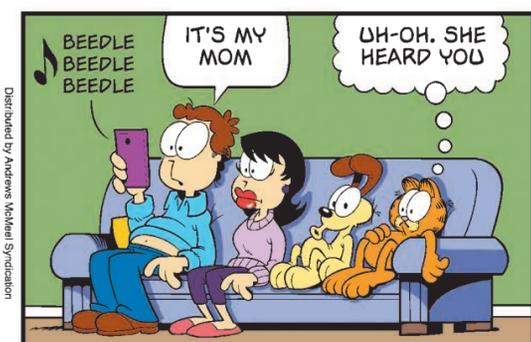
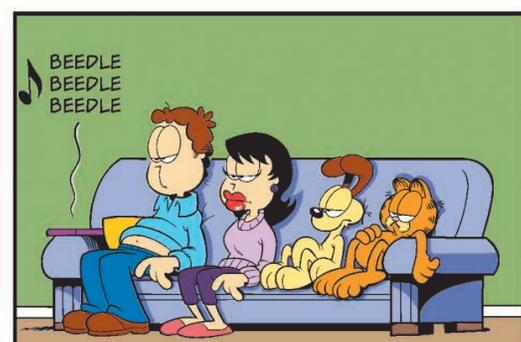
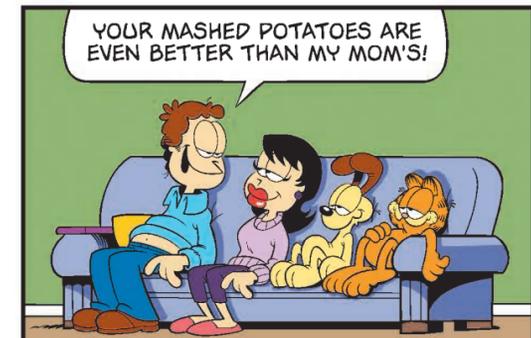
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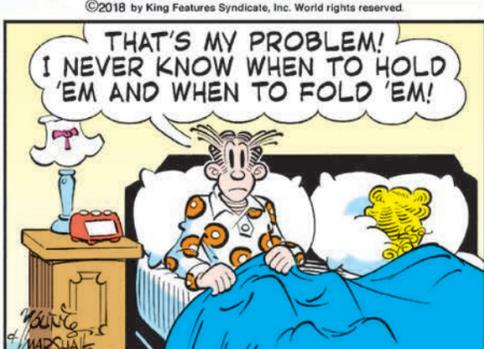
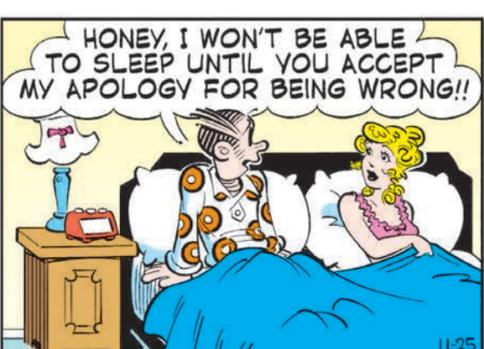
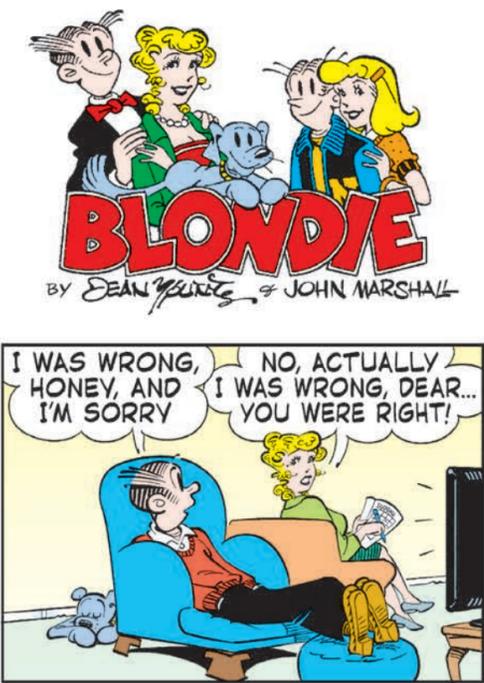
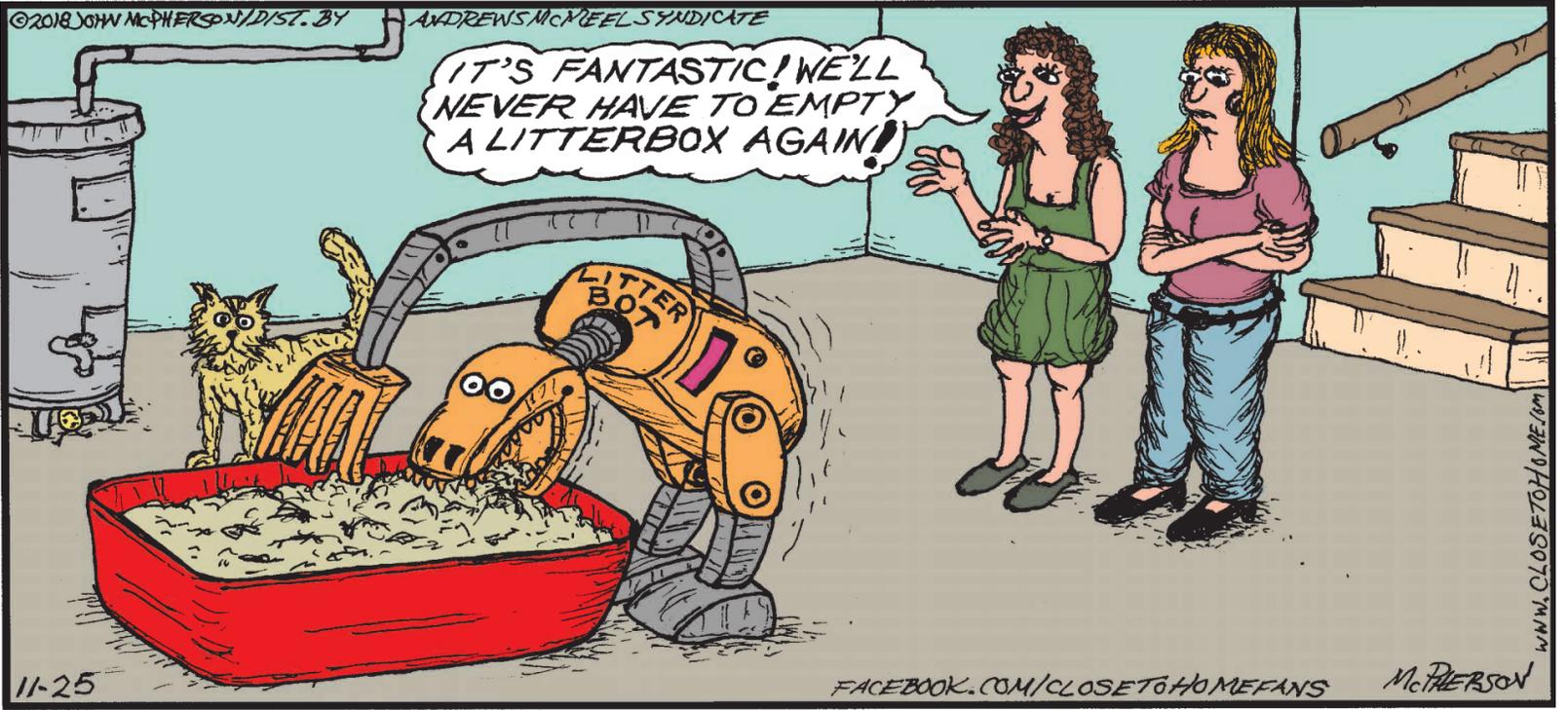
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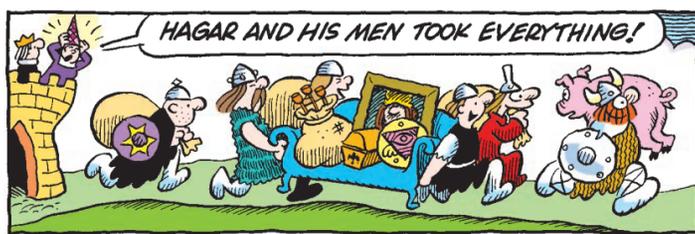
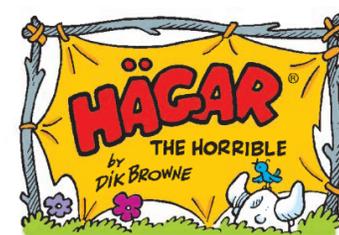
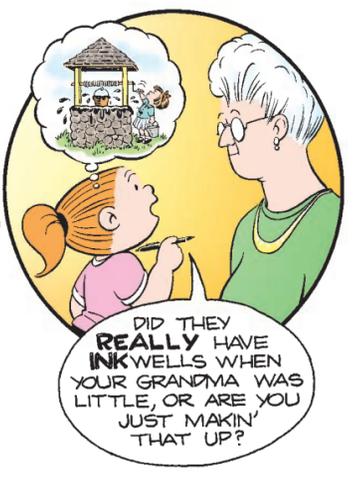
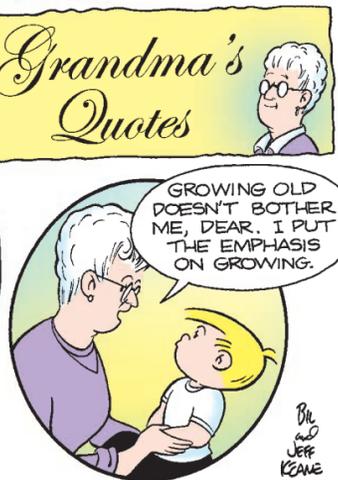
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A. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO TALK.
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A. HE JUST NEEDED A LITTLE SPACE.
Karla Richman, Olathe, KS

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BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Handle on side of can is lower. 2. Arm is not showing. 3. House is moved. 4. Fence board is lower. 5. Line in sidewalk is moved. 6. Collar is different.

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ERNIE SAYS YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT.

IT'S TRUE IN HIS CASE...

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ALSO LIKE HIS FOOD, ERNIE IS AN ACQUIRED TASTE. AND TO ME THEY HAVE BOTH BECOME IRRESISTIBLY DELICIOUS!

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THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

LOOK AT THAT BIG FLOCK OF GEESE GATHERING TOGETHER!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

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THEY'LL GROUP INTO A "V" FORMATION AND FLY SOUTH FOR THE WINTER!

HOW DO THEY KNOW TO DO THAT?

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THE GEESE INSTINCTIVELY KNOW TO GATHER AT THIS TIME OF YEAR TO FLY SOUTH TOGETHER!

NO, I MEANT HOW DO THEY KNOW HOW TO FORM INTO A "V"—THEY CAN'T SPELL!

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

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HUSH!

WHY... WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE IN THE HOSPITAL. YOU'VE BEEN OUT FOR THREE DAYS

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE OKAY, HON

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

I ONLY RECALL EATING A LOT OF TURKEY....

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OH, PLEASE. DEFINE "DISASTER".

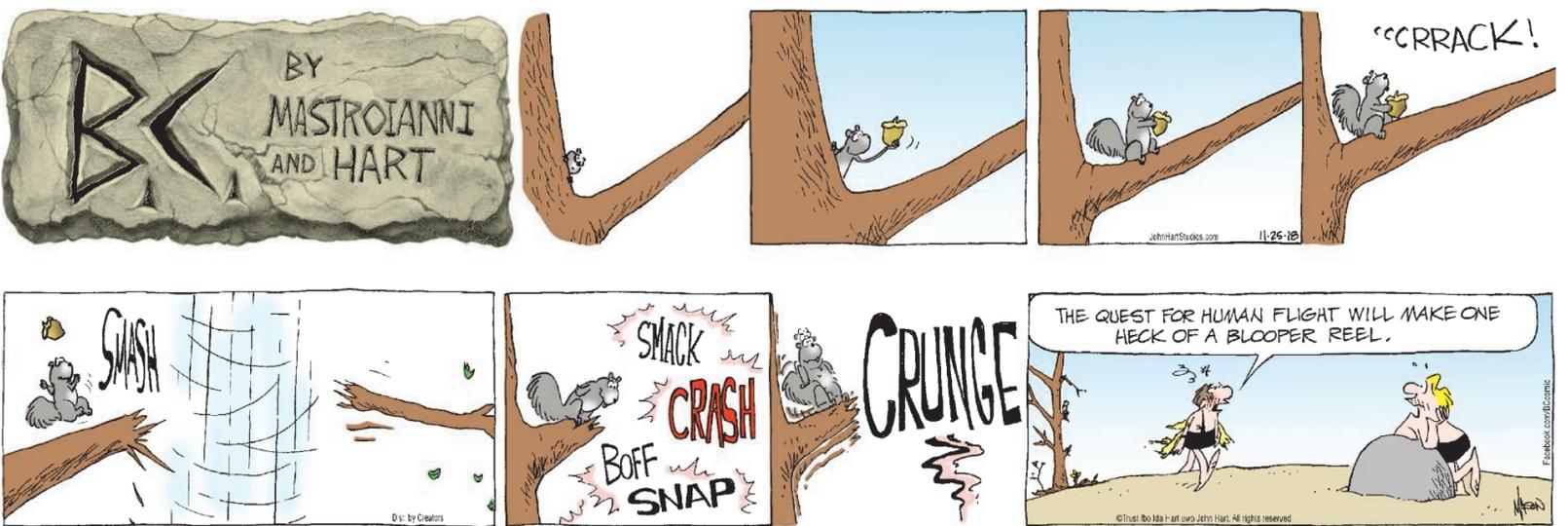
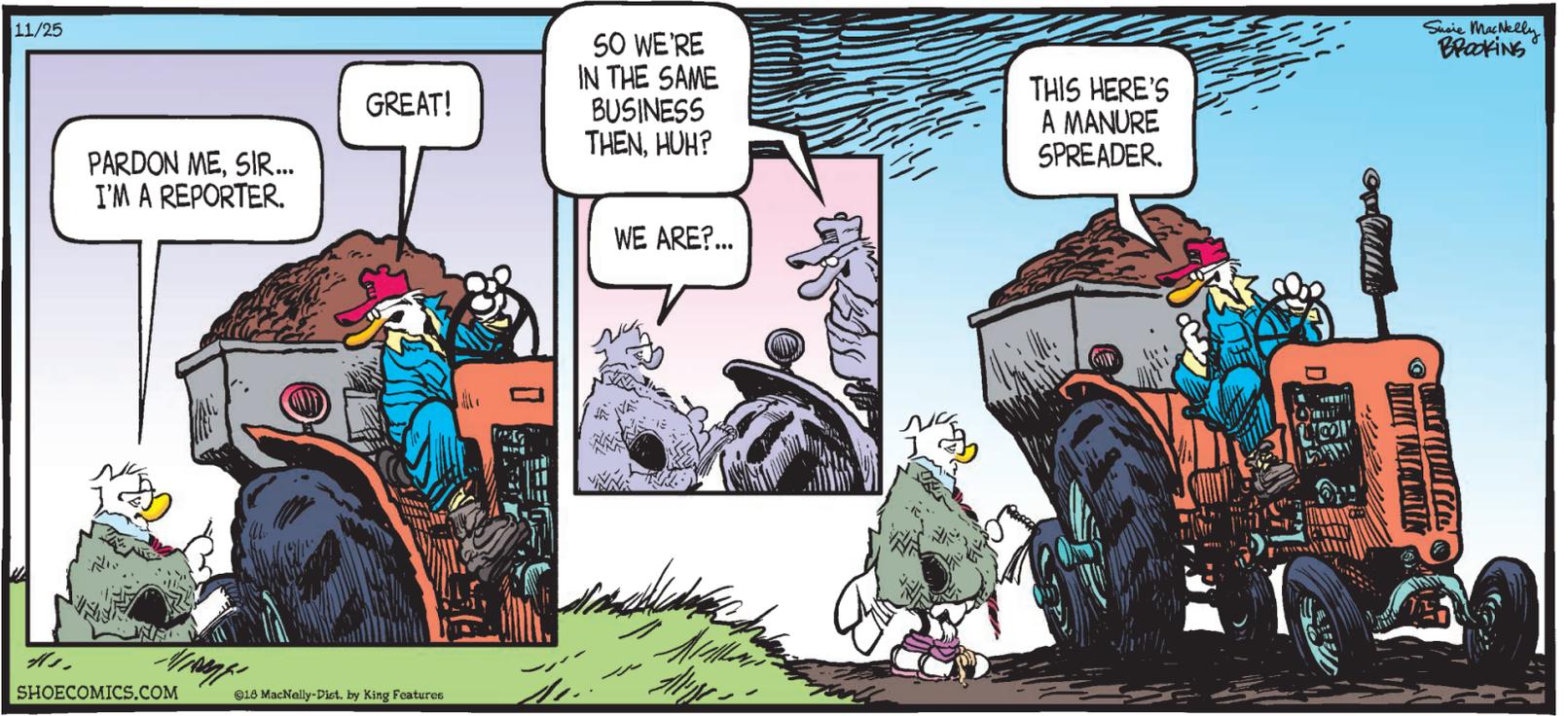
HAVOC AND DESTRUCTION.

OK, WELL, DEFINE "RECIPE"; WHAT'S THAT?

GIMME.

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

