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New trustees join school board

Delegation says it's pleased with 2 appointees

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter County Legislative Delegation members say their recent selection of two new at-large members to Sumter School District Board of Trustees was one of the most important political decisions they will ever have to make, but they're pleased with the two appointments and the future of the board.

State Reps. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, and David Weeks,

D-Sumter, and state Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, made their comments recently after the July 31 delegation vote to appoint William Byrd and Bonnie Disney to the school board.

Smith described the decision process as difficult, especially with the number of quality candidates who applied for the short-term political appointments.

"This was not an easy decision for any of us," Smith said. "This is the future of the

direction of education in Sumter County. There were many quality candidates who were here."

McElveen said he thinks moving from seven board members to nine will provide more accountability.

"I think with the new legislation we passed, ultimately we'll have a school district that's more accountable to the people of Sumter County.

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Monday to be first meeting for newcomers Byrd, Disney

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Topping the agenda for Sumter School District's Board of Trustees' next regular monthly meeting on Monday will be the swearing in of newly appointed at-large school board members William Byrd and Bonnie Disney.

For Byrd and Disney, it will be their first school board meeting since the Sumter County Legislative Delegation unanimously voted each to the board as short-term political appointees July 31. With the two additions, the board expands

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Friday night lights

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The 2017 Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree had a huge turnout to see four area teams — Sumter, Crestwood, Lakewood and Manning — on Friday night at Freddie Solomon Field at Sumter Memorial Stadium prep for the beginning of the high school football season. Watch for Gridiron 2017, the special preview tab, in the *The Sumter Item* on Aug. 18.

No new leads after 2 years in shooting death of Sumter man

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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The *Sumter Item's* Cold Case series continues with the unsolved shooting death of Robert Darnell James from 2015.

It's been two years since Robert Darnell James of Sumter was shot and killed, and investigators still have little information to go on.

Shortly after 1 a.m. on July 19, 2015, Sumter police officers responded to a shots fired call and found Jones' body lying on the front porch of a Dixie Drive home.

He was left for dead on his mother's front porch, Sumter Police Department



Investigator Shaun Gill said. Jones was pronounced dead on the scene; he sustained at least one gunshot to the upper body, he said.

Gill said it appeared that Jones was shot at another location and dropped off at the Dixie Drive house. A shoe belonging to Jones was found between two houses in the area, he said.

"There wasn't a whole lot of evidence," Gill said. He said he thinks there are still some witnesses out there who have not spoken with investigators.

According to an incident report, in-



JONES

vestigators think the shooting was an isolated incident and not a random act of violence.

Gill said Jones' case is the only murder investigation that he has not been able to solve. He said the most information he has about what may have happened to Jones is based on "street talk" but no concrete facts.

The only facts are that Jones was shot and left on his mother's porch, he said. Because there are not a lot of details, any information from the public will help, Gill said.

Any information about Jones' death

can be given anonymously by calling CrimeStoppers at (803) 468-2718 or 1-888-CRIME-SC.

Marie Hodge, Sumter CrimeStoppers coordinator, said CrimeStoppers personnel will never ask a caller for his or her name. The calls are not traced nor recorded, she said.

Callers are given a code number and told to call back on a certain date to check if anything has happened in the investigation, Hodge said.

Anyone who provides information that leads to an arrest could be eligible for a cash reward.

Information can also be given by calling Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700.

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Health Sciences programs are designed to provide graduates with immediate employment in the health care industry or prepare graduates to transfer to colleges.

Graduates of the Associate Degree Nursing Program are prepared for careers as technical nurses in acute care, long-term care or home health settings. The ADN program prepares graduates to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses and is approved by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation Board of Nursing. The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing accredits the program.

Members of this year's Associate Degree Nursing graduating class are listed by county: Aiken — E.J. Callahan; Clarendon — Courtney Benjamin, Mayce Chandler, Carmen C. Mullins, Azuree D. Page, Kristy Smith, Paula Snyder and Tiffany P. Thames; Florence — Deanne L. Capers and Allison Godwin; Kershaw — Gabrielle A.



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COG seeking public comment on region's 5-year strategic plan

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments is seeking public comment on the region's new five-year Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Santee-Lynches Regional COG serves as a designated economic development planning district for the four-county region of Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw counties.

The CEDS is a national program sponsored by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and is designed to bring together local governments and business/industry

to create and implement an "economic road map" to strengthen the region's economy.

The CEDS is an ongoing economic development planning process with broad-based public and private sector participation and sets forth goals and objectives to meet the economic development needs of the four-county region. Santee-Lynches' CEDS outlines an approach to regional growth and prosperity that builds on the region's strengths, emphasizes key industry clusters and identifies key economic development projects.

Lee County Council Chairman and COG Board Chairman Travis Windham describes the CEDS as an important planning instrument.

"The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy is a valuable planning tool and will guide our efforts to improve our region's economy during the next five years," Windham said. "We encourage residents to provide input and feedback to ensure that our region continues to prosper."

The public comment period continues through Sept. 15. The draft CEDS document may be viewed online at www.santeelynchescog.org/economic-development;

in person from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Santee-Lynches' office, 2525 Corporate Way, Sumter, or at the Sumter SC Works Center, 31 E. Calhoun St.

Comments may be submitted online at www.santeelynchescog.org/economic-development, by phone at (803) 774-1311, or by completing a public comment form in person at the Santee-Lynches' office or the local SC Works Center.

In 1971, Santee-Lynches Regional COG was designated as

an economic development district by the Economic Development Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

During the five-year CEDS period, EDA will consider making grant funding available to projects that will fulfill the goals and objectives of the region's CEDS.

Examples of EDA-funded projects in the four-county region include Central Carolina Technical College's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St., and also the college's Health Sciences Center, 133 S. Main St., in downtown Sumter.

Sumter United Ministries still collecting school supplies

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Sumter United Ministries still needs help collecting school supplies this summer to help local students Gear Up for Learning.

Mark Champagne, executive director, said the goal of the Gear Up for Learning project is to provide supplies to 2,500 kids.

"We're off to a pretty good start," he said.

Teachers and guidance counselors with Sumter School District will divide the collected supplies among the schools for students in need, he said.

Champagne said there is still a need for three-ring binders, primary writing tablets for elementary

school students, wide-ruled and college-ruled notebook paper, folders without clasps, composition notebooks and blue and black pens.

Adrian Mills, a volunteer, said there is also a need for backpacks, but the school supplies are more important. The students need the tools to put inside the backpacks, she said.

Mills said volunteers moved supplies from Sumter United Ministries' main office to First Baptist Church on Thursday to prepare to pack the items for local students.

She said a lot of items have been collected so far, and a large group of volunteers was needed to help move everything.

Mills, who has participated in

the project for about four years, said a large amount of items have been donated.

"We normally don't start off with a lot of items," she said.

Mills said the money that is collected will be used to purchase more school supplies once the collection period ends.

It's such a blessing to collect supplies for the kids so they can have what they need to start the school year on the same level, she said.

Collection for school supplies started on July 11 and will be processed until Aug. 16.

Donations can be dropped off at First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St., between 9 a.m. and noon or Bynum Insurance, 1170 Wilson Hall Road.

Pray over our local schools to be held on Wednesday

Alice Drive Baptist Church will host its Annual School Prayer Walk on Wednesday and is seeking interested persons to walk and pray.

The goal is to have multiple groups praying in schools for students, teachers, administrators and parents in Sumter School District as well as Thomas Sumter Academy and Wilson Hall.

If interested in participating, come to Alice Drive Baptist Church, 1305 Loring Mill Road, at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday to meet and pray before teams are divided and head to the schools. Lunch will be provided for volunteers between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

For additional information or to RSVP, contact Laurie Hussey at hussey@adb.org or (803) 905-5200.

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CCTC's Health Sciences Division pins 45 students

Central Carolina Technical College's Health Sciences Division pinned seven massage therapists, 16 surgical technologists, 18 medical assistants and four pharmacy technicians during four recent pinning ceremonies.

The Massage Therapy, Surgical Technology and Medical Assisting pinning ceremonies were held on Aug. 1, and the Pharmacy Technician pinning ceremony was held on Aug. 2. All ceremonies were held in the Iris Room of CCTC's Health Sciences Center.

The Health Sciences Division offers an Associate Degree in Nursing; Diplomas in Medical Assisting and Surgical Technology; and certificates in Massage Therapy, Medical Record Coding, Patient Care Technology and Pharmacy Technology. Health Sciences programs are designed to provide graduates with immediate employment in the health care industry or prepare graduates to transfer to colleges.

The Massage Therapy program prepares graduates to work in direct client care settings to provide manipulation (massage) of the soft tissue structures of the body to prevent and alleviate pain, discomfort, muscle spasm and stress, and to promote health and wellness. Members of this year's Massage Therapy program graduating class are listed by county: Clarendon — Sawntelle L. Felder; Kershaw — Laura L. Richardson; Lee — Octavia S. Bradley and Jasmine T. Wilson; Richland — Michael L. Joyner; and Sumter — Louis S. Stacks II and Carol Lucille Wilson.

The Surgical Technology Diploma program is designed to prepare individuals for employment as surgical technologists. Surgical technologists are integral members of the surgical team who work closely with surgeons, anesthesiologists, registered nurses and other surgical personnel in delivering patient care and assuming appropriate responsibilities before, during and after surgery. The primary responsibility of the surgical technologist is to maintain the sterile field while ensuring that all other members of the surgical team adhere to aseptic technique. Members of this year's Surgical Technology program graduating class are listed by county: Clarendon — Danielle D. Campbell and Ineshia L. McFadden; Florence — Courtney J. Collins; Kershaw — Forrest L. Lott and Tosha L. Price; Lexington — Odunayo K. Ojo; Richland — Lindsey M. Stroud; and Sumter — Shanelle D. Abney, Alyssa R. Boothe, Brittany S. Donlon, Hailey M. Johnson, Courtney J. Knudson, James A. Outlaw, Brianna C. Pruitt, Bailey Ramsey and Hunter A. Royal.

Medical assistants are broadly de-



Central Carolina Technical College pinned 18 medical assistants at a ceremony held on Aug. 1 at the Health Sciences Center.

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Central Carolina Technical College pinned 16 surgical technologists at a ceremony held on Aug. 1 at the Health Sciences Center.

finied as individuals who assist other health care professionals in offices and/or other medical settings, performing delegated administrative and clinical duties in accordance with respective state laws governing such actions and activities. Members of this year's Medical Assisting program graduating class are listed by county: Clarendon — Shelby Boykin and Marquisha P. Vicente; Kershaw — Priscilla Martinez; Lee — Ishmael O. Henry and Kayla D. Huntley; Richland — Kristi Benson and Shaneika F. Taylor; and

Sumter — Morgan Braswell, Misty M. Kazmierski, Aubrey M. Nichols, Florangel Paez, Gloria J. Snells, Aveona M. Taylor, Carrie L. Trahan, Sarah D. Van Allen, Jessica N. Weaver, Monesha C. Williams and Shonderas L. Witherspoon.

Pharmacy technicians are allied health professionals who assist and

support licensed pharmacists in providing pharmaceutical services directly and indirectly to patients. Members of this year's Pharmacy Technician program graduating class are listed by county: Richland — Myrna N. James; and Sumter — Briana R. Lucas, Lakimbria K. Porcher and Crystal M. Wallace.



Central Carolina Technical College pinned four pharmacy technicians at a ceremony held on Aug. 2 at the Health Sciences Center.



Central Carolina Technical College pinned seven massage therapists at a ceremony held on Aug. 1 at the Health Sciences Center.

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Utility drops rate hike plans for failed nuclear project

COLUMBIA (AP) — Millions of customers who have been footing the bill for years for a now-abandoned nuclear power project may get a temporary reprieve from rising bills, as South Carolina's state-owned utility dropped plans Friday for two consecutive rate hikes.

Santee Cooper's board canceled the approval process for average increases of 3.5 percent in 2018 and 3.9 percent in 2019. A vote on the requested hikes had been set for December.

They would have been the utility's sixth and seventh hikes since 2009 for the now-abandoned expansion of V.C. Summer Nuclear Station north of Columbia. Santee Cooper and South Carolina Electric & Gas decided July 31 to halt construction on two new reactors they'd already jointly spent \$10 billion to build, much of that paid by customers.

"Conditions have changed materially since the rate process began," said Santee Cooper board Chairman Leighton Lord.

But the cancellation doesn't necessarily mean rates won't eventually rise for the more than 2 million customers served by Santee Cooper, which provides power directly and through local electric cooperatives. The board directed the utility's staff to come back in October with a new financial plan.

"Santee Cooper will still need to

cover costs related to our load, other system improvements and environmental compliance," said Santee Cooper CEO Lonnie Carter. "We will tighten our belts and continue to look for ways we can be more efficient to make up the balance."

Carter said the state-owned utility would have had to raise rates by 41 percent to continue with the project.

Friday's unanimous vote comes amid a backlash from the public and lawmakers.

The scuttled nuclear project already accounts for 18 percent of SCE&G's residential electricity bills and more than 8 percent of Santee Cooper's. SCE&G is seeking permission from the Public Service Commission to recoup an additional \$5 billion over 60 years. Those regulators approved all nine of SCE&G's rate hike requests since 2009. Legislators have publicly warned commissioners they may be fired.

Three of those commissioners are up for re-election early next year by the Legislature. Seven people, including the incumbents, filed for the three slots by Friday's noon deadline. The commission has no authority over the state-owned utility.

Gov. Henry McMaster said this week he's talking with other utilities about the possibility of buying out Santee Cooper's 45 percent share of



AP FILE PHOTO
A containment building for the V.C. Summer Nuclear Station is shown near Jenkinsville. South Carolina's state-owned utility dropped plans Friday for two consecutive rate hikes in 2018 and 2019.

the project or even buying the state-owned utility outright as a way to renew construction and complete at least one of the partly built reactors.

But Carter said there are no credible offers.

The utility has already sent letters to about 50 companies to explore that possibility, said Santee Cooper spokeswoman Mollie Gore.

Kevin Marsh, the CEO of SCE&G's parent company SCANA, told regulators last week he tried unsuccessfully for four months to get another utility interested in being a co-owner and sharing the cost.

Marsh said Thursday that McMaster's efforts might be moot, as his

company may not resume construction regardless, *The Post and Courier* of Charleston reported.

"I've got to be convinced that building the one-plant option — even with a new partner — would be in the best interest of our customers," Marsh told a legislative panel in Charleston.

The project was already years behind schedule and billions over budget when lead contractor Westinghouse declared bankruptcy in March, which voided fixed-price contracts aimed at stopping the escalation. Utility executives said they were forced to give up after determining the price tag for completing the project, budgeted at \$11 billion total in 2008, had soared beyond \$20 billion.

Renewing construction would take at least a year, as SCE&G and the new utility would have to negotiate their own terms as well as new construction contracts, Marsh said.

The change would also need approval from the federal government.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission granted Santee Cooper and SCE&G a combined operating license in 2012 — four years after the utilities submitted an application. The federal agency must approve any license transfer. Such a review could take a year, depending on the terms of the sale, an agency spokesman told *The Associated Press*.

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People walk by The Catboat shelter in Amsterdam, Netherlands, on Aug. 3. In the heart of the Dutch capital, on a canal near one of the busiest shopping streets, a floating animal sanctuary called The Catboat provides refuge for about 50 stray and abandoned felines.

Stray cats find home on Dutch houseboat

AMSTERDAM (AP) — In the heart of the Dutch capital, on a canal near one of the busiest shopping streets, a floating animal sanctuary called The Catboat provides refuge for about 50 stray and abandoned felines.

Known in Dutch as De Poezenboot, the houseboat in Amsterdam's picturesque canal belt has become a major tourist attraction, drawing cat lovers from all over the world. The shelter has been operating since 1968, when Henriette van Weelde acquired an old Dutch sailing barge and converted it into a feline-friendly accommodation. Today the boat is run by about 20 volunteers and a few part-time workers and draws about 100 visitors a day.

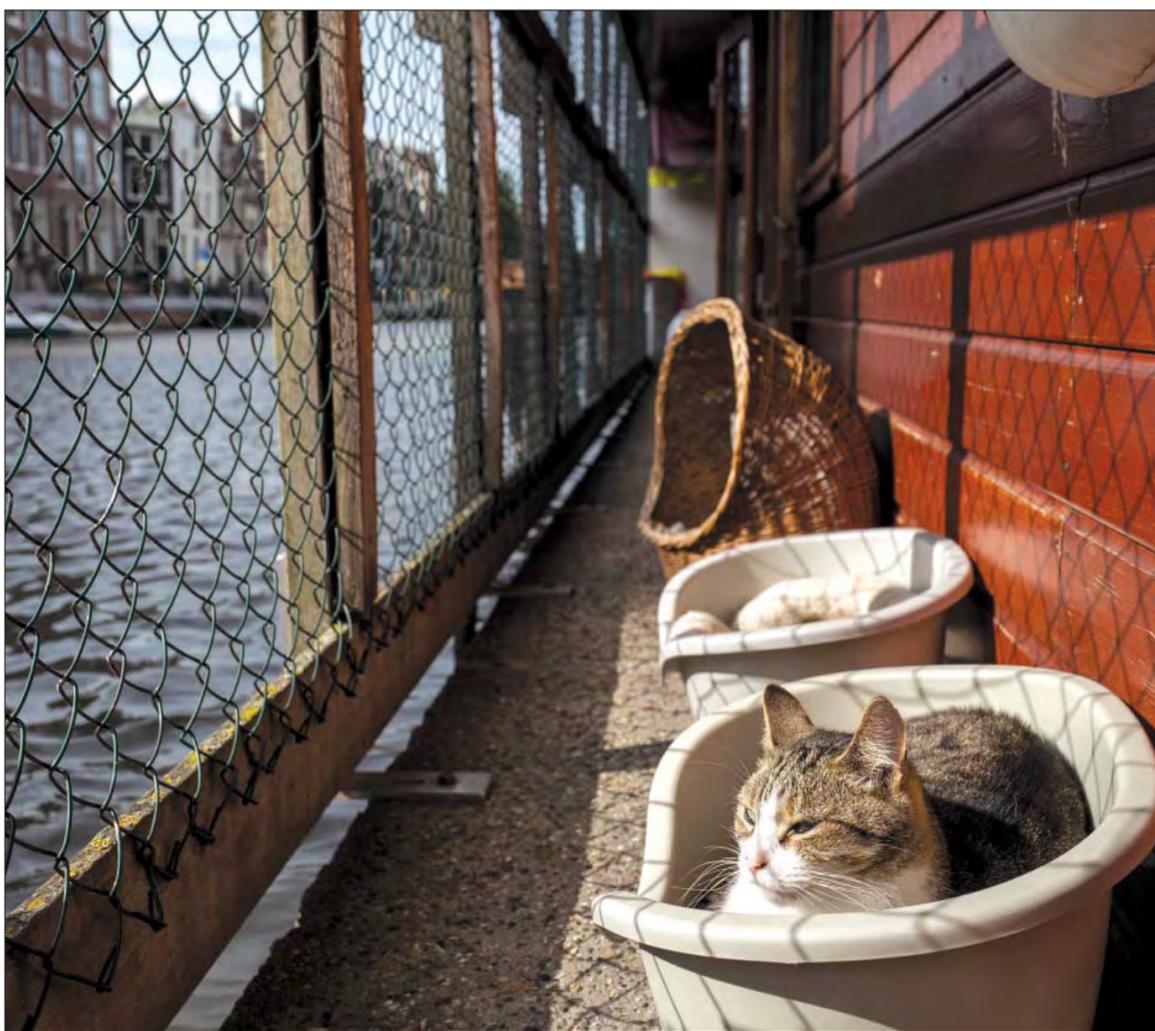
"What I love the most is meeting all kind of people from all over the world," said Judith Gobets, who manages the boat.

Cat lover Judy Myton, 79, of Palm Springs, California, was in town for a week with family and said visiting The Catboat was one of the top items on her to-do list.

Monica and Tom Buijtenorp live in nearby Zaandam and find themselves at The Catboat every time they're in Amsterdam. Their cat was hit by a car and died a year ago.

"For several years, we have been visiting The Catboat when we are in town, and this time we felt it's the right time to adopt a cat," Monica Buijtenorp said.

Visitors can make a donation to "adopt" a cat; the cat keeps living on the boat, and the adopter gets regular updates. In some cases, visitors also take cats home with them.



Borre, an 8-year-old cat, sits in a basket Aug. 2 next to the canal on The Catboat shelter in Amsterdam.



Above left, tourists from Finland visit the shelter in Amsterdam, Netherlands, on Aug. 3.



Above right, cats gather for food on Aug. 2 on the houseboat.

Summer mornings are ideal for mystery plant walks

BY JOHN NELSON
Curator, USC Herbarium

Walking in the morning garden — it's a good thing to do in the summer, while it's quiet and still — and sometimes, cool. These last several days around here have brought strong afternoon and evening thunderstorms, with pouring rains, and in the morning, the remains of the storm seem to remain in the heavy air, with shreds of fog. There's a hedge of privet in our neighbors' yard, in bloom, and that blends with our gardenia and sweet-bay tree's blossoms to form a peppery sweet aroma in the morning, when everything's still damp and calm. Drowsy thrashers will start to roust about in the morning with their children, croaking, and of course, Mr. and Mrs. Mockingbird both get up early to find breakfast for their little ones — their second brood for us this summer! — hidden away in a protective yaupon holly. Some of the garden flowers, too, seem to be waking up: Although most garden flowers remain open 24 hours a day, some will



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This week's mystery plant thrives in the summer heat and propagates easily, particularly in the Deep South.

quietly close as it gets dark, ready to open when the sun comes up. Of course, there are some garden plants whose flowers have a kind of night

shift, opening in the darkness and closing in the morning.

Our Mystery Plant is a beautiful thing on a sunny morning. Its flamboyant flowers last only

one day, so you can see the new ones lending a sort of tropical flavor to your backyard. It's a plant with a dozen or so close relatives from Central America, where they like damp forests and considerable shade. All of the species have a tuft of bright green, sword-like leaves, much like an iris. The species featured here will show off a number of slender leaf-like stalks, and this is where the flowers come from. At the tip of one of these leaf-like branches, a cluster of flowers will be produced.

The individual flowers aren't too heavy, but their combined weight will sometimes cause their supportive stem to arch over and lean down to the ground. Where the stem contacts soil, roots will ultimately form, giving rise to a new plant, eventually. This is particularly useful for gardeners who are fond of propagating things: It's easy to divide up one of these plants in this way and thus share "starts" with friends. As you might expect, this plant's architecture and tendency to sprawl makes it perfect for a hanging basket, hung outside

all summer long, until it starts cooling off.

Back to the flowers, though. Each one sports three big, floppy sepals, each one bright white, sometimes with a patch of purple or red down at the bottom. The petals are showy, too: bright blue or purple and striped with red on their central portions. There will be three whitish styles right in the middle, and underneath each one of them will be a single stamen.

This plant is fairly commonly grown in much of the Deep South, and here at the Herbarium we get plenty of requests each summer as to its identity.

Answer: "Walking iris," "Apostle plant," *Neomarica gracilis*

John Nelson is the curator of the A.C. Moore Herbarium at the University of South Carolina, in the Department of Biological Sciences, Columbia SC 29208. As a public service, the Herbarium offers free plant identifications. For more information, visit www.herbarium.org, call (803) 777-8196, or email nelson@sc.edu.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Goulds celebrate 60 years

Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Gould of Sumter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 6, 2017, at First Baptist Church.

Their three children and their spouses are Deborah and Tim Gibbons of Lexington, Kentucky; Stephanie and Greg Javaux of Quincy, Illinois; and Andrew and Julie Gould of Louisville, Kentucky.

The couple has 10 grandchildren.

Mrs. Gould is the former Sharon Elaine Meahl of Lockport, New York.



DR., MRS. ANTHONY GOULD

FIVE GENERATIONS

Morris family



From left, five generations of the Morris family: Johnny Morris, great-grandfather; Madelyn Holliday, child; Ruby Morris, great-great-grandmother; Crystal Morris, mother; and Danny Morris, grandfather.

CAMPUS CORNER

COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

CONWAY — Coastal Carolina University held a commencement ceremony for an estimated 390 candidates for graduation Aug. 4 at the HTC Student Recreation and Convocation Center on campus.

Local candidates for graduation were:

- Sumter — Ernest Birth, Bachelor of Science, Computer Science; Jasmine Davis, Bachelor of Science, Exercise and Sport Science, cum laude; Brea Dennis, Bachelor of Science, Exercise and Sport Science; Heather McCoy, Bachelor of Science, Exercise and Sport Science;

- Bishopville — Sharnice Bolden, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Finance; Tatyanna Peterson, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management; and

- Manning — Tara Dozier, Master of Arts in Teaching, Education.

TROY UNIVERSITY

TROY, Alabama — Troy University recognized the following local students who completed the requirements for graduation during the Summer Semester and Term 5 of the 2016-17 academic year:

- Dalzell — Carrie Bolden, Bachelor of Science; and
- Sumter — Mae McQuillar, Master of Science in Human Resource Management.

The Summer Semester in-

cludes graduates from the Troy campus. Term 5 graduates include students at TROY's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Alabama, along with teaching sites outside of Alabama and online.

LANDER UNIVERSITY

GREENWOOD — This spring, Lander University conferred bachelor's and master's degrees upon 264 graduates during the university's 155th commencement ceremony.

Joshua Dixon of Sumter received his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics.

WESTERN GOVERNORS UNIVERSITY

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Brent Jackson of Sumter has received his Master of Education in Instructional Design from Western Governors University. The university held its 33rd semi-annual commencement ceremony at Salt Palace Convention Center on July 15.

WOFFORD COLLEGE

SPARTANBURG — Essence Unique Buckman of Sumter, a member of the class of 2018, was inducted into Sigma Tau Delta on May 10.

The central purpose of Sigma Tau Delta is to confer distinction upon outstanding students of the English language and literature in undergraduate, graduate and professional studies.

Sigma Tau Delta also recognizes the accomplishments of professional writers who have contributed to the fields of language and literature.

WEDDING

Frenz-Botzsis

CHARLESTON — Emily Marguerite Frenz and Peter Elliott Botzsis were united in marriage at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 15, 2017, at First Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Robert Frenz Sr. of Charleston, and the granddaughter of Mrs. Norward Alexander Reardon Jr. and the late Mr. Reardon, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Norman Frenz, all of Sumter. She graduated from First Baptist School in 2013 and the University of South Carolina in 2016. She will attend the Medical University of South Carolina in August.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jody Thurmond Crouse and Mr. and Mrs. Peter David Botzsis, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Millard Morris and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Petro Botzsis, all of Charleston. He graduated from First Baptist School in 2013 and the University of South Carolina

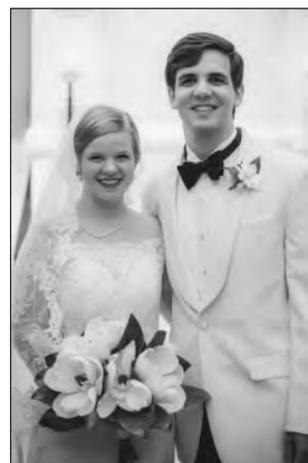
in 2016. He will attend the Medical University of South Carolina in August.

Dr. R. Marshall Blalock officiated the ceremony. Music was provided by Beverly Bradley Cox, organist; and Anna Martha Thigpen and Mrs. Martha Thigpen, soloists.

Escorted by her father, the bride wore a vintage-style ivory gown and a veil of Chantilly and embroidered lace and beading on soft tulle with a scalloped hemline. She carried a bouquet of silk magnolias.

Carlisle Beach Hiott served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Allison Smith Frenz, Victoria Ann Botzsis, Kaitlin Michelle Parker, Kelly Jean Bessinger, Madeline Grace Bessinger, Ayla Elizabeth Toussaint, Katherine Jane Doshier and Melanie Juliette Simons-Guerra. Elizabeth Ann Sprouse served as flower girl.

The bridegroom's father, Mr. Botzsis, served as best man. Groomsmen were Mr.



MR., MRS. PETER BOTZIS

Chandler Morris Crouse, Mr. Lucious Workman Morris, Mr. Christopher John Bockett, Mr. Robertson Lane Gramling, Mr. Lonnie Rodriguez Howard, Mr. Jordan Trent Keisler, Mr. Strom Wesley Altman Jr. and Mr. Edward Robert Frenz Jr. Edward Robert Frenz III served as ring bearer.

The bride's parents held the reception at Founders Hall. The bridegroom's parents held the rehearsal party at Old Exchange Building.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Charleston.

ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, BIRTH AND ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Engagement, wedding, birth and wedding anniversaries (25th, 50th and above) of local interest are published on Sundays free of charge. The deadline is noon on the preceding Monday. Deadlines vary during holiday weeks.

Forms may be obtained at *The Sumter Item*, 36 W. Liberty St., or downloaded from www.theitem.com. Click on the drop down arrow next to the Lifestyle tab on the navigation bar of the website.

When filling out form, please type or print all information, paying particular attention to names. Do not print in all capital letters.

Photographs must be vertical and of reproduction quality and must be received by the Monday noon deadline.

Email wedding and engagement forms and photos to brides@theitem.com. For additional information, call (803) 774-1264.

Email birth and wedding anniversary forms and photos to sandra@theitem.com. For additional information, call (803) 774-1226.

91-year-old is eager to share a long lifetime of experiences

DEAR ABBY — I'm 91. I have outlived many of my longtime friends. In my address book, I counted 22 pals whose names I have crossed out after they died. These were people we danced, dined and traveled with. Only five members of the old gang are left, but they've all dispersed. Making new friends is difficult for people our age because we are not out and about as much.

Lonely? Yes, a bit. At holidays, some family members are good at extending themselves toward this old geezer, which I appreciate. When they look up from their cellphones, they discover I have something to contribute. I experienced the Depression, a variety of wars and many new inventions.

Abby, please remind your readers how much we appreciate those who engage us socially in some way. Many of us are past our warranty and won't be available to answer questions much longer.

Old geezer out West

DEAR OLD GEEZER — I'm pleased to put the word out. Readers, our senior citizens have much wisdom to offer. They can also be great fun to be around. However, they are a diminishing resource. "Geezer" is right. They won't be around forever, so engage with them while you can. For that matter, neither will some of you when you're their age. Because isolation isn't healthy for anyone, do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

DEAR ABBY — How can I get my husband to

stop checking out other women in front of me? I have repeatedly told him it makes me feel bad. If I can refrain from looking at other men while I'm in his company, why can't he do the same for me? It makes me feel like I'm not good enough.

Sad wife in Arkansas

DEAR WIFE — Please accept my sympathy. Since you have made clear to your husband that what he's doing bothers you, perhaps it's time to accept that you married a disrespectful, classless boor. While many men look at women other than their wives, most of them do it discreetly to avoid hurt feelings.

Because what he's doing is disrespectful, try viewing it from a different perspective. It's not that you're not good enough for your husband, but rather that he's not good enough for you.

DEAR ABBY — I recently wore a pair of sunglasses to work for the first time and received a lot of compliments on my "style." How can I get my co-workers to stop complimenting me? I have told them a number of times the glasses were prescribed by my doctor to protect my sensitive eyes, and I'm NOT trying to make a fashion statement. It makes me uncomfortable when they say the glasses look "cute" or "work well with my outfit." How do I nicely get them to stop bringing attention to my medical issue?

Worried in Wisconsin

DEAR WORRIED — Your co-workers probably mean well, but tell them their comments embarrass you and you would prefer not to be constantly reminded about your eye sensitivity. Then ask them to please stop doing it, and I'm sure they will comply.

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Take the quiz: Is your relationship with God true love?

The True Love Quiz:
Q. Do you miss him/her when you don't see him/her every day?
Q. Do you feel like you are in an endless whirlwind when you are with him/her?
Q. Do you wake up happy because you know you get to see them in the day?
Q. Do you love the way he/she spends money on you?
Q. Do you think about him/her all the time at work/school/driving?
Q. Does he/she make you think about puppies, walks in the rain, jewelry and being in front of a fire in a mountain chalet, snowed in for a week?
 Okay, I confess. I ripped off the questions from some internet quizzes. Most of these quizzes really tell you if



SMITH

you are infatuated. They are less helpful telling you if you know true love.

Infatuation isn't bad; for most of us, it's where love starts. Infatuation is an intense feeling of passion bordering on obsession. Infatuation is fun. Infatuation, however, is like a seed that sprouts quickly but fades when the sun gets hot. The root isn't deep enough (hint: Jesus told a story about this).

I've seen people get infatuated with God. They have an amazing spiritual encounter. That's good. It's fun. Their encounter opens their souls to God. But passion fades. The root never gets established. Their relationship with God fades to a memory.

True love is not just burning passion, whether we are talking love for God or love for each other. True love is the sharing of yourself and being selfless.

This is the love Jesus has for us: "... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45)."

- Try this True Love Quiz:
Q. Do you love to serve him/her?
Q. Does it bring you joy to yield to his/her wants?
Q. Would you rather give a present to him/her or receive a present from him/her?
Q. Can you let him/her share anger, sadness, fear, disgust and joy with you?
Q. What are you willing to sacrifice for him/her?

When I look at couples that are truly in love, I see giving, sacrifice and maturity. Love is wanting something for someone, not wanting something from someone.

All this applies to God's relationship with you. God wants something for you. God wants to give you grace, forgiveness and peace.

A true love relationship with God happens when you love God back. You want something for God, not just something from God. You want to give to God, serve God and be vulnerable with God.

Check your relationship with God. Is it true love?

Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church, 1305 Loring Mill Road, www.adbc.org.

POLICE BLOTTER

CHARGES

Zachary D. Sharper, 25, of 12538 Bethel Highway, was arrested on Thursday and charged with simple possession of marijuana for allegedly having 16.6 grams while he was sitting in a vehicle parked at a restaurant in the 2000 block of McCrays Mill Road about 10 p.m. on Thursday. According to an incident report from Sumter Police Department, officers searched Sharper and his vehicle while responding to a call of a person possibly selling marijuana from a vehicle matching the one Sharper was seen in. The report also states that responding officers smelled marijuana when they approached the vehicle.

STOLEN PROPERTY

A red Troy-Bilt lawnmower valued at \$900 was reportedly stolen from a residence in the 2600 block of Fall Drive, Dalzell, about 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

A black 52-inch flat-screen Sanyo TV valued at \$400; a black Xbox 360 valued at \$300; a black Xbox controller valued at \$30; and a pair of size 11 Rocky brand cowboy boots valued at \$150 were reportedly stolen from

a residence in the 1300 block of Gullidge Circle, Wedgefield, between 6:40 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Thursday. A black-and-gray .40-caliber Taurus pistol valued at \$250 was reportedly stolen from a residence in the 900 block of Miller Road between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Man charged in child porn investigation

FLORENCE (AP) — Authorities say a South Carolina man has been arrested for possessing multiple images of child pornography.

WBTW-TV reports that a news release from South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson says 52-year-old Bhupendra V. Khatri was arrested Thursday on 10 charges connected to the sexual exploitation of a minor.

Investigators received a CyberTipline report from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force members, and the Florence County Sheriff's Department made the arrest.

Each count of sexual exploitation of a minor third degree is a felony offense punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

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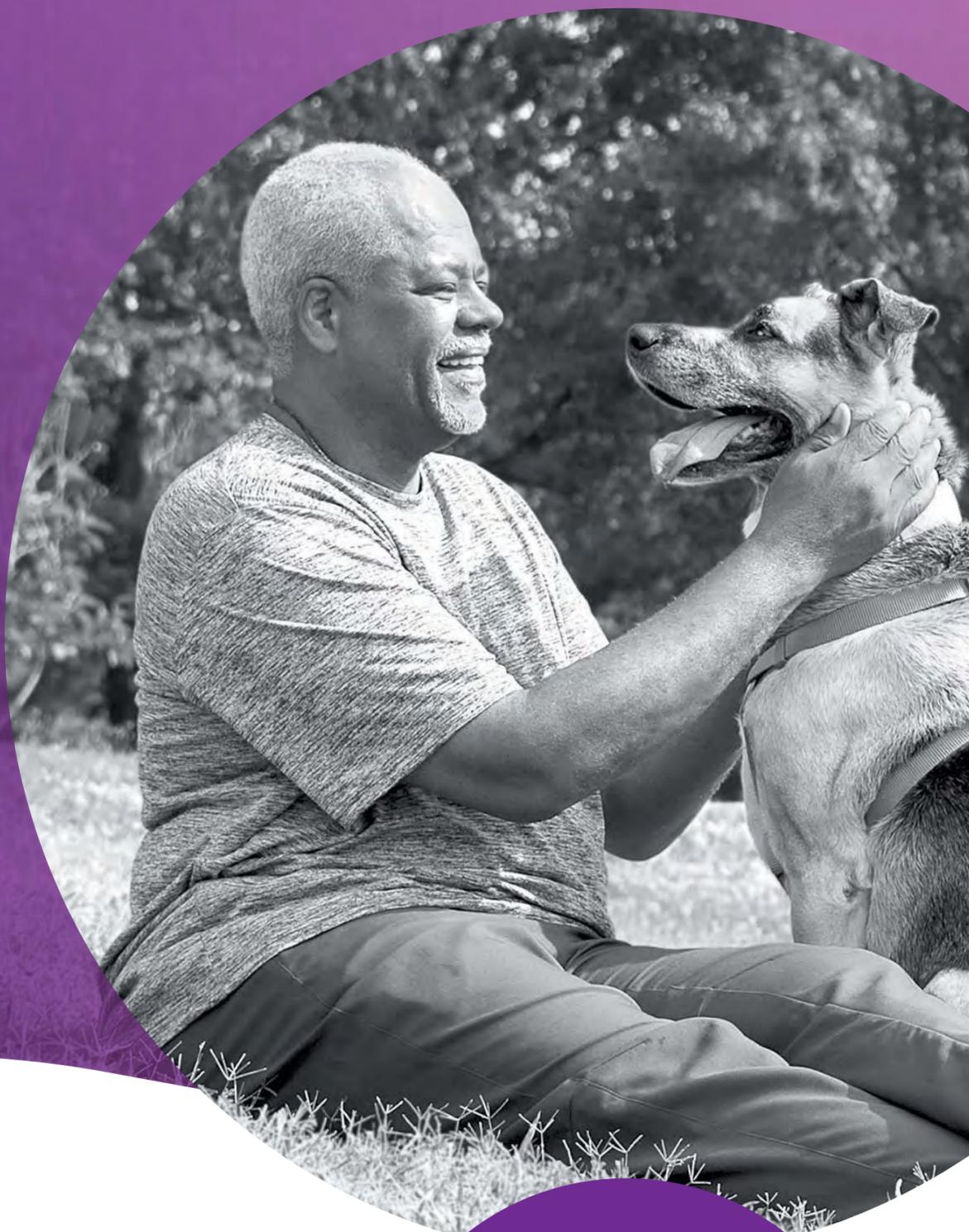
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GUEST COMMENTARY

Growth of the F-35 program is good for S.C., Sumter

A new report is out from the S.C. Military Base Task Force, which offers real evidence that the military is having a tremendous economic impact in the Palmetto State, especially the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter Program.

The F-35 is the most advanced fighter aircraft in the world and a key element of America's national security strategy. This fighter will allow the United States to continue dominating the skies against future adversaries as their abilities become more and more sophisticated. Lockheed Martin developed the F-35 with America's key allies such as Australia, England, Japan and Israel, who are also purchasing the fighter, keeping costs down for the American taxpayer.

South Carolina is playing an increasingly important role in these



Steve Creech

of 4 squadrons.

MCAS Beaufort is also home to the Lockheed Martin Corps Pilot Training Center, an international hub for F-35 pilot training. We can all be proud that fighter pilots from the U.S. and our allies are gaining the skills needed to be mission-ready.

In Greenville, South Carolina would become the manufacturing center for the next Advance Pilot Training Air-

next-generation fighters. In Beaufort, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) was selected as one of the first bases in the country for the F-35. Today there are 26 F-35Bs stationed in Beaufort. There will be 29 by 2020 and eventually, 70, a total

craft, the T-50A, if Lockheed Martin wins the competition to build the new plane. The T-50A could bring more than 250 direct jobs to the Upstate.

For Sumter, the new task force report notes the Air Force has "indicated a preference for Shaw to become the East Coast operational location for the new F-35A aircraft when the F-16s are phased out of service." Essentially, this means Shaw could be on the short list to house future F-35 squadrons if the program continues to grow.

I'm both grateful and proud to have Shaw Air Force Base in this community, and I'm excited about what the growth of the F-35 program could mean here. South Carolina is clearly a great home for high-impact technology like the F-35 and the T-50A.

The F-35 is vitally important to our nation and our state today, and holds

promise for the future. These aircraft can keep our military at the leading edge of technology to protect our brave men and women in uniform. They also can offer a significant economic boost to South Carolina as a whole, and we hope someday directly to the Sumter community.

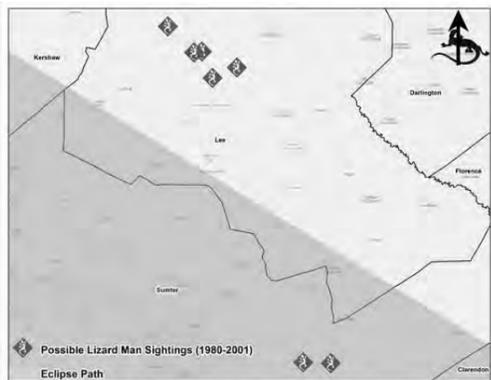
As our nation continues to face threats of global terrorism, we encourage South Carolina's federal lawmakers to support the continued development and production of F-35, which represents the future of U.S. airpower and the very best this nation has to offer. We ask them to continue South Carolina's strong and growing legacy of supporting America's national security.

Former Sumter Mayor Steve Creech serves as a member of the S.C. Military Base Task Force.

FROM OUR TIMELINE @THEITEM



Regarding possible paranormal activity potentially occurring during the #SolarEclipse2017. As always, if you see something, say something.



This historical map is in response to recent media reports about possible paranormal activity associated with the upcoming total eclipse. SCEMD does not know if Lizardmen become more active during a solar eclipse, but we advise that residents of Lee and Sumter counties should remain ever vigilant.



Affordable electricity complex, has its costs

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

THE SUN NEWS
Aug. 5

Electricity is much more complicated than flipping a switch to light a room or power up a computer. We don't think about electrical power in our homes and workplaces until it isn't there because of an outage — or we learn we're among utility customers who have paid \$4.7 billion for two new nuclear reactors that likely won't produce a watt of power.

Santee Cooper and South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. have suspended expansion of the V.C. Summer nuclear power plant in the central part of the state. Construction has been under way for nine years. The two utilities have spent about \$9 billion, with a lot of the total coming from consumers through monthly bills — and the project is only a third finished.

For a generation or more, nuclear power plants across the United States have experienced tremendous cost overruns. Santee Cooper, a state-owned utility, says various problems, including Westinghouse requesting bankruptcy protection, increased Santee Cooper's projected cost by 75 percent. "The costs of these units are simply too much for our customers to bear," said board chairman Leighton Lord.

The fact is, Santee Cooper must repay money borrowed to expand the Fairfield County plant. The utility is going ahead with proposed rate increases unrelated to the now-

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suspended construction, so customers should not expect a refund.

The cost to consumers, via several rate increases, is one of the questions to be addressed by the Public Utilities Review Committee at a special meeting Aug. 23 in Columbia. Sen. Luke Rankin of Horry County requested the meeting after SCE&G and Santee Cooper abandoned the project.

"It is imperative that governmental and regulatory leaders determine how this happened and what led to this decision," Rankin said.

Rankin seeks to "... determine how suspension of the project impacts our overall ability to have abundant, affordable, and dependable energy in the coming years."

It's a reasonable question and no doubt Santee Cooper and SCE&G leaders have reasonable answers. Everyone — homeowners, businesses, activists, politicians — should consider that abandoning the V.C. Summer project was a tough call.

Think of the devastating cost to Fairfield County, with the immediate loss of 5,000 construction jobs. Think about the not-so-long-ago demolition of the Granger plant in Conway, a coal-fired generating plant. In the bigger picture, consider the tens of thousands of jobs lost as the world relies less on fossil fuels (coal, oil, natural gas) and more on nuclear energy, the wind and the sun for electricity. Imagine the impact on a community in West Virginia, Kentucky or Illinois when a mine closes.

China is buying less coal from U.S. companies and

other producers; that is one of the economic factors in the loss of jobs. It isn't only mine jobs that are gone; hauling coal has been a major revenue source for U.S. railroads. So one wonders how many railroad jobs have been lost, and how many empty coal cars sit on sidings in various places.

And there are undeniable environmental benefits to less use of coal and oil. They are burned for heat (energy) to boil water and produce steam to drive generating turbines. Solar panels and wind turbines use nature's energy. These so-called renewables now produce only five percent of S.C. electricity; nine nuclear generating plants make 55 percent.

Coastal areas like ours must accept that wind turbines in the Atlantic Ocean must ultimately figure more as sources of electricity. We should continue to resist efforts that could lead to extracting petroleum from under the ocean; testing can harm the ocean and its inhabitants — an incalculable cost to the area's tourism economy.

Like so much of life these days, affordable, dependable electricity is complex, and it surely has its costs.

Online: <http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/>

THE TIMES AND DEMOCRAT
Aug. 7

On S.C.'s wildlife

South Carolinians are blessed to live in a state rich

with natural resources. Abundant wildlife is among them.

But as the state's population grows and more and more land is inhabited by or accessible to humans, encounters with wildlife of all types are more common.

And that can mean problems, both in terms of protecting people and wildlife.

Recently, the S.C. Department of Natural Resources issued a press release advising people that the "best thing to do when one comes across wildlife is to leave it alone and contact the appropriate people should the animal be in distress or human lives be in danger."

DNR cites a media report in which people claimed they encountered a Midlands alligator and were planning to release the animal into another environment on the coast.

"While this story may have been fabricated, incidents of people moving wildlife do occur and, while it is believed many people who handle wildlife have the best of intentions, it is against the law to take and possess certain kinds of wildlife."

And it is dangerous. "Fawns are another animal people have a tendency to want to help when found," DNR notes while urging people not to assume the animals are abandoned.

"Fawns born during April, May and June will begin daily movements with their mothers in about three or four weeks, and human handling and disturbance of the fawns can cause a doe to shy away or even desert her offspring."

In other words, leave the

animals alone, let nature take its course.

Online: <http://thetandd.com/>

THE POST AND COURIER
Aug. 9

On the RAISE Act and Immigration

The RAISE Act, a Senate Republican immigration reform plan with President Donald Trump's approval, ought to start a long overdue debate about the types of immigrants the United States should be welcoming.

Currently, the country's immigration policies put a priority on family unification and reserve only a relatively small number of green cards based on other factors like skills or technical proficiency. The RAISE Act would change that by creating a point-based merit system that considers things like English proficiency, education level and earning potential.

It makes sense to give talented, well-educated immigrants a leg up for residency. And almost all of the factors considered in the point system are things a potential immigrant could work toward improving, making it more merit-based than the current system.

Other countries like Canada and Australia have merit-based immigration programs that work well. There's no reason the United States shouldn't take a similar approach in order to more effectively let in the most qualified new residents.

Online: <http://www.postandcourier.com/>

Art exhibit expressly for canine critics debuts

NEW YORK (AP) — You won't find any pictures of dogs playing poker at DoGUMENTA.

A three-day art exhibition curated expressly for dogs is attracting hundreds of canines to a marina in lower Manhattan, where hounds and terriers are feasting their eyes, and in some cases their mouths, on nearly a dozen masterpieces.

The idea is the brainchild of former *Washington Post* art critic Jessica Dawson, who says she was inspired by her rescue dog Rocky, a tiny morkie (Yorkie-Maltese mix), who regularly joins her at exhibits of the human variety.

"When Rocky accompanied me

on my gallery visits I noticed that he was having a much better time than I was," explains Dawson, who moved to New York four years ago.

Organizers of the exhibit, which takes its name from Documenta, which takes place every five years in Kassel, Germany, and put on by Arts at Brookfield, staggered the arrival times of the dogs to keep things orderly.

"I think she's enjoying it," said Lorraine Gates, who attended with her tiny Japanese chin, Maltese and Papillon mix. "I love this idea; I think it's really wonderful."

The 10 works of art at the outdoor exhibit were all strategically placed at eye-level for the canines.

One featured an elaborate display of dog biscuits and other treats that attendees were invited to munch on. At another exhibit, four-legged art critics were lifting their hind legs and "expressing" themselves on a work called "Fountain." As the dogs left their marks, scribbles of blue streaks were left behind on the white blocks.

Dawson said Rocky had visited several times.

Susan Godwin and her morkie, Tasha, were soaking up the art vibes. "This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Godwin gushed.

"You can go to museums all over New York and you can never bring your dog."



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April Moon, a Chihuahua, poses for a photo on Graham Caldwell's "The Conclave" at Dogumenta (I) NYC on Friday in New York City. The art show wraps up today.

OBITUARIES

CHARLES W. BRUNSON

SUMMERTON — Charles William "Bill" Brunson, 75, husband of Phyllis McCabe Brunson, died on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, at McLeod Hospice House.

Born on Dec. 5, 1941, in Summerton, he was a son of the late Clifton Charles Brunson and Madeline Clark Brunson. He was a member of Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church.

He is survived by his wife of Summerton; two daughters, Sonya Seitz (Michael) of Manning and Lisa Reed (Junior) of Pinewood; a brother, Don C. Brunson (Lindy) of Summerton; a sister, Clifford Ann Schmidt of Sumter; five grandchildren, Blake Baxley, Hanna Lewis (Austin), Austin Seitz, Brandon Baxley and Brynne Baxley; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. today at Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church with the Rev. Jason Wilson officiating, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Morris Smith. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Cag Brunson, Troy Allan, Shane Brunson, Michael Schmidt, Kenny Waldrop and Tim Baxley. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 to 3 p.m. in the church fellowship hall and other times at the residence, 4473 Bill Davis Road, Summerton. Memorials may be made to Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church, P.O. Box 391, Manning, SC 29102 or to Clarendon Hall School, P.O. Box 609, Summerton, SC 29148.

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

EMMA T. MCCLURE
Emma Thames McClure, 99, widow of Donald M. Mathis Sr. and John A. McClure, died on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Aug. 28, 1917, in the Alcolu community of Clarendon County, she was a daughter of the late Lawrence Wilson Thames and Laura Fann Thames. Mrs. McClure was first employed as a legal secretary in the office of Lee & Moise Attorneys for a number of years before becoming a legal secretary in the office of the Sumter County Solicitor, Third Judicial Circuit Court on Law Range in Sumter, where she was affectionately known as "Mrs. Emma," from which she retired in 1983. She was a member of Crosswell Baptist Church. Mrs. Emma was a wonderful role model and influence in the lives of her children, grandchildren and other family members. She demonstrated countless hours of love and dedication to the welfare of others in the Sumter community.

Survivors include her children, Donald McCoy Mathis Jr. (Imogene) of Sumter, Robert Lawrence Mathis (Marion) of Mount Gilead, North Carolina, and Emma Lee McClure Rickard (Billy) of Sumter; grandchildren, Darrel Russell

Mathis (Linda) of Asheville, North Carolina, Chad Everette Mathis (April) of Montgomery, Alabama, and Ashlee Rickard Riggs (John) of Irmo; great-grandchildren, Brian Justin Mathis, Michelle Elizabeth Mathis, Mark Jason Mathis and William Henry Riggs; a sister, Marjorie Thames Cutter of Manning; three stepsisters, Thelma D. Ford, Betty D. Langston and Nancy D. McLeod; her caregiver, April Smith; and a number of loving nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Harry Thames and Andrew Thames; a sister, Irene Thames McCutchen; and two stepsisters, Billie D. Morgan and Ora Mae D. Tobias.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday at Crosswell Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Owens and the Rev. Steve McLellan officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home, 19 Briarwood Drive. Memorials may be made to Crosswell Baptist Church, 604 Mathis St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

WYATT C. MEEKS

Wyatt C. Meeks, 94, husband of Dorothy Briley Meeks, died on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, at his home.

Born in Martin County, North Carolina, he was a son of the late Lester M. and Elvira Mizell Meeks.

Mr. Meeks was a member of First Baptist Church and retired from J.C. Penney with 43 years of service.

He was a U. S. Army World War II veteran.

Growing up on a farm, Mr. Meeks had a lifelong passion for being outdoors and working in his garden and yard. He was a life member of Claremont Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the Sumter Elks Lodge where he served as secretary for 15 years.

He was also a member of the AMVETS, Woodmen of the World and the American Legion Post 15.

Surviving are his wife of Sumter; two sons, Thomas J. Meeks of Rockledge, Florida, and Gary Meeks of Lynchburg, Virginia; two sisters, Melba Jones and Jeannette James, both of Greenville, North Carolina; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, T.J., J.B., Richard, Kenneth and Durwood Meeks; and four sisters, Edna Rae Bland, Emma Todd, Jean Knox and Janie Adams.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today in the Chapel of the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Calvert officiating.

Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Members of the Sumter Elks Lodge will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the Elks Lodge Scholarship in care of the Sumter Elks Lodge, 1100 W. Liberty St.,

Sumter, SC 29150.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

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



EMMA L. THOMAS

Emma L. Thomas, 89, daughter of the late Henry Lesane Sr. and Agnes Watson Lesane, was born on March 31, 1928, in Mayesville. She departed this life on Saturday, August 12, 2017, at Providence Hospital, Columbia.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 1110 Lesane-Pressley Lane, Lynchburg.

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

VERMELLE CAPERS-ERVIN

Vermelle Capers-Ervin, 79, widow of pastor William L. Ervin and daughter of the late Alma Capers, was born on Jan. 2, 1938, in Sumter County. She departed this life on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017, in Newark, New Jersey.

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

BOSTON WHITE

Boston White 78, companion of Olivia Canty and son of the late Mary Lee White, was born on July 4, 1939, in Memphis, Tennessee. He departed this life on Friday, Aug. 4, 2017, at his residence in Sumter.

A memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Westend Community Church, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Kenneth Choice officiating.

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

LESTER MOORE

Lester Moore, 60, son of the late Dock and Vera Hickman Moore, was born on March 17, 1957, in Lee County. He departed this life on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2017, in Gamble.

A funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Westend Community Church, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Eugene Myers Jr. officiating.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of his sister, 20 Biloba Circle, Sumter.

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

REMBURT H. PAGE

Remburt Howard Page, age 93, beloved husband of 64 years to the late Gertrude Frank Page, died on Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Mr. Page was the son of the late William and Eva Crook Page. Mr. Page served in the United States Marine Corps for three years before he joined the United States Air Force.

He retired from the air force as a senior master sergeant after 23 years of service. Remburt was known as a renowned gunsmith in the southeast and ran the Poinsett rifle range for many years.

He will be remembered as a loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He will be

dearly missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are one son, Tom Page and his wife Donna of Grosse Ile, Michigan; two daughters, Beverlee Blanding of Sumter, and LuAnn Parnell and her husband Alton of Mount Pleasant; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandsons.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Page was preceded in death by a sister, Cathern Arcudi.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to his wonderful caregivers of both Covenant Place and Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tuomey Hospice, 500 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home.

A private family graveside service will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

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 WILLIAMS JR.

Army specialist Anthony James Williams Jr., 21, son of Anthony Williams Sr. and Sarah E. Caldwell Williams, was born on Aug. 3, 1996, in Sumter. He departed this life on Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Lakewood High School Auditorium, 350 Old Manning Road, Sumter, with pastor Annie Riley officiating and pastor Susan F. Wilson as eulogist.

Interment will follow in Mt. Hope Fire Baptist Holiness Church Cemetery, Pinewood.

Family will be receiving friends at the home of his parents, 3761 McCrays Mill Road, Sumter.

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

LUCY B. BYRD

Lucy Boykin Byrd, 90, widow of Frank Elbert Byrd Sr., died on Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey after a long illness.

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late William De Saussure and Bessie Hood Boykin.

Besides her husband and parents, she was predeceased by her two eldest sons, Frank Elbert Byrd Jr. of Melbourne, Florida, and James William Byrd of Florence.

Mrs. Byrd was a member of Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church; a 1944 graduate of Edmunds High School; and attended Winthrop College.

Lucy and Elbert Byrd owned Byrd's Country Store in Sumter until their retirement in 2005.

Surviving are her children, Shannon Byrd Shaw and husband Neal F. Shaw of Fairhope, Alabama, and McWillie De Saussure (Mac) Byrd of Sumter; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; her sister, Dr. Elizabeth Boykin Latham Allen of West Columbia; and four nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday in

the Sumter Cemetery, at the Byrd-Boykin family plot with the Rev. Chuck Staggs of Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home of Mac Byrd, in Sumter, following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church, 1746 S. U.S. 521, Sumter, SC 29153.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

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



WILLIAM E. COOLEY

William Earl Cooley, age 67, beloved husband of 45 years to Maria Cherylyn Prudente Cooley, died on Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are his son, Michael Cooley and his wife Melinda of Indiana; two daughters, Tracey Kevelighan and her husband Kevin of Michigan, and Alexandria Reynolds and her husband Justin of Virginia; two sisters, Joanne Naegele and Nancy Dillard, both of Texas; six grandchildren, Brenden, Ryan, Bridget, Sabrina, Jacob and Lily; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Johnny Cooley.

Donations may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

A memorial service will be held at noon on Tuesday in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



MARGARET L. BROOKINS

Margaret Lee Brookins, age 46, died on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



ROCKY WILLIAMS

Mr. Rocky Williams, husband of Mrs. Diane Wilson Williams, entered eternal rest on Friday, Aug. 11, 2017, at the Pruitt Health Nursing Center, Ridgeway.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 40 Harrison Road, Elliott.

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

MEETING FROM PAGE A1

from seven voting members to nine.

Monday's meeting will also be the first for two new district administrative leaders in Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm and Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner.

The board unanimously voted Hamm as interim superintendent on July 24, with an Aug. 1 start date. Griner began his post as the district's new CFO on July 17.

Major items on Monday's agenda

include Griner presenting to the board a preliminary fiscal year 2017 financial report that shows the district is projected to end the year, after all accruals, with a surplus. Griner will also provide the monthly financial report for July.

Additionally, the board will receive a recommendation from its advisory finance committee to have the district's administration prepare for the

board various options available to build up a portion of the general fund balance. That fund balance stood at \$106,449 with the December release of the fiscal year 2016

audit report by the district's auditor, Robin Poston. Poston said at the time that amount was a critically low level for the district.

Board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhane, who is also a finance committee member, said last week the board

will likely consider a three-year to five-year cost-savings plan to restore the fund balance to a more adequate level.

The board will also take action on an 8 percent bond resolution to fund capital projects for technology and maintenance/operations for the upcoming school year with Compass Municipal Advisors of Columbia. The district is expected to enter a pool with other

school districts in the state to draw down the interest rate on the short-term borrowing. The bond resolution is the most-common mechanism for school districts in the state to fund capital projects and then pay back the money, according to Griner. The bond resolution is expected to be for about \$18.4 million, which is basically the same amount that the district borrowed last year, Griner said.

Monday's board meeting will be at 6 p.m. at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road. The board meeting is open to the public, and public participation is also on the agenda.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH BAKER

Phone messages left Friday with Sumter School District's attorneys Halligan, Mahoney and Williams of Columbia to gather more information on the board's settlement agreement with former Superintendent Frank Baker were not returned as of 5 p.m. According to various documentation, it appears the board didn't take a public vote in open session to authorize Chairman McGhane to enter into a settlement agreement with Baker to pay him one year's salary,

WANT TO ATTEND?

WHAT: Sumter School District Board of Trustees' monthly meeting

WHEN: 6 p.m. on Monday

WHERE: District office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road

or \$185,711.40, for consulting services to the district through June 30, 2018. That settlement agreement was signed July 26.

CFO: DISTRICT WILL STILL END YEAR IN BLACK

The district is still planning to end fiscal year 2017, after all accruals, with a surplus and in the black, according to its new chief financial officer.

District CFO Griner informed the Sumter School District Board of Trustees' Finance Committee on Thursday at its regular monthly meeting that his preliminary fiscal year 2017 financial report projects the district will have a year-end surplus of about \$406,000, after all accruals. Griner will formally make this report presentation to the full board on Monday.

At the committee's July

meeting, which was held about two weeks ago on July 25, Griner forecasted a surplus of about \$289,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Griner said Thursday the previous estimate was "conservative," and the uptick factored in various indirect costs.

"You will find that I like to be conservative," Griner said. "I like surprises that go up, not down, so we are very happy that number is going up."

According to Griner, the estimated \$405,964 ending fund balance for fiscal 2017 will be added to the district's fund balance of \$106,449 at the end of fiscal year 2016 to give the district a projected total fund balance as of June 30, 2017, of \$512,413.

According to Griner, generally all accruals as of June 30 — or the end of the fiscal year — are paid out by the end of August. Estimating unpaid payroll expenditures — also known as encumbrances — especially for health insurance benefits can be a difficult task, according to previous statements from Griner and finance committee members.

Thursday's board finance committee meeting was the first for Hamm.

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I have always thought more eyes on a problem were better. ... I think nine is a good number, and we'll see more accountability moving forward."

Smith also said he thinks Byrd and Disney will serve the community well as board members.

"I think we've appointed two great school board members," Smith said. "I think they will be great additions to the board, so I am excited about the future of education in Sumter County."

Byrd, a certified public accountant, owns and operates William Levan Byrd, CPA, PC in Sumter and also has 25 years' combined experience in government and corporate accounting with the IRS and Phillip Morris.

Disney, a former high school teacher, served more than 30 years in public education. Most recently, she served for five years on the South Carolina State Board of Education and before that worked for the state Department of Education.

Weeks said he was also impressed with Byrd and Disney and what they bring to the board.

"I think the delegation chose two highly qualified and well-credentialed persons who will bring an additional level of expertise to the function of the board," Weeks said. "Certainly, both are very familiar with finances and also school board operations policies."

Weeks also described Byrd and Dis-

ney as "team players" who could be leaders on the board.

Byrd and Disney will serve as short-term political appointments on the board until the November 2018 election, when the public will vote on the two at-large seats. Both will be eligible to run for that election.

The appointments come after the local delegation initiated and helped pass a bill in the General Assembly this spring that added the two board members. The new law also stipulates the two at-large seats will change to single-member seats in 2021 after the next decennial census with reappointment. Then, Sumter School District will have nine single-member districts or seats.

McElveen, who helped introduce the legislation in March, said the move to add two at-large board members was

something the delegation had considered for a long time, but the school district's recent financial crisis pushed the need for the legislation to the forefront.

In December, the fiscal year 2016 audit report was released and revealed the district overspent by \$6.2 million that year and had an ending general fund balance of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to the district's auditor.

In January, the board approved an emergency financial plan drafted by former Superintendent Frank Baker that preserved more than \$6 million in cash in the last six months of the fiscal year, which ended June 30. The district's new chief financial officer, Chris Griner, projects the district will end fiscal year 2017, after all accruals, with about a \$406,000 surplus.

White nationalist rally turns deadly

1 killed as vehicle plows into crowd

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A car plowed into a crowd of people protesting a white nationalist rally Saturday in a Virginia college town, killing one person, sending at least 26 others to hospitals and ratcheting up tension in an increasingly violent confrontation.

The chaos boiled over at what is believed to be the largest group of white nationalists to come together in a decade: the governor declared a state of emergency, police dressed in riot gear ordered people out and helicopters circled overhead. The group had gathered to protest plans to remove a statue of the Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, and others who arrived to protest the racism.

Matt Korbon, a 22-year-old University of Virginia student, said several hundred counter-protesters were marching when "suddenly there was just this tire screeching sound." A silver sedan smashed into another car, then backed up, barreling through "a sea of people."

The impact hurled people into the air. Those left standing scattered, screaming and running for safety in different directions.

The driver was later arrested, authorities said.

The turbulence began Friday night, when the white nationalists carried torches though the university campus in what they billed as a "pro-white" demonstration. It quickly spiraled into violence Saturday morning. Hundreds of people threw punches, hurled water bottles and unleashed chemical sprays. At least eight were injured and one arrested in connection.

President Trump tweeted Saturday that "we ALL must be united & condemn all that hate stands for." He then wrote "There is no place for this kind of violence in America. Lets come together as one!"

But some of the white nationalists cited Trump's victory as validation for their beliefs, and Trump's critics pointed to the president's racially tinged rhetoric as exploiting the nation's festering racial tension.

Right-wing blogger Jason Kessler had called for what he termed a "pro-white" rally in Charlottesville. White nationalists and their opponents promoted the event for weeks.

Oren Segal, who directs the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, said multiple white power groups gathered in Charlottesville, including members of neo-Nazi organizations, racist skinhead groups and Ku Klux Klan factions.

"We anticipated this event being the largest white supremacist gathering in over a decade," Segal said.

The white nationalist organizations Vanguard America and Identity Evropa; the Southern nationalist League of the South; the National Socialist Movement; the Traditionalist Workers Party; and the Fraternal Order of Alt Knights also were on hand, he said, along with several groups with a smaller presence.

On the other side, anti-fascist demonstrators



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People fly into the air as a vehicle drives into a group of protesters demonstrating against a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, on Saturday. One person was killed and at least 26 others were sent to area hospitals.

also gathered in Charlottesville, but they generally aren't organized like white nationalist factions, said Heidi Beirich of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

It's the latest confrontation in Charlottesville since the city about 100 miles outside of Washington, D.C., voted earlier this year to remove a statue of Lee.

In May, a torch-wielding group that included prominent white nationalist Richard Spencer gathered around the statue for a nighttime protest, and in July, about 50 members of a North Carolina-based KKK group traveled there for a rally, where they were met by hundreds of counter-protesters.

Kessler said this week that the rally is partly about the removal of Confederate symbols but also about free speech and "advocating for white people."

"This is about an anti-white climate within the Western world and the need for white people to have advocacy like other groups do," he said in an interview.

Charlottesville Mayor Michael Signer said he was disgusted that the white nationalists had come to his town and blamed Trump for inflaming racial prejudices.

"I'm not going to make any bones about it. I place the blame for a lot of what you're seeing in American today right at the doorstep of the White House and the people around the president," he said.

Charlottesville, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, is a liberal-leaning city that's home to the flagship University of Virginia and Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson.

The statue's removal is part of a broader city effort to change the way Charlottesville's history of race is told in public spaces. The city has also renamed Lee Park, where the statue stands, and Jackson Park, named for Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson. They're now called Emancipation Park and Justice Park, respectively.

For now, the Lee statue remains. A group calling the Monument Fund filed a lawsuit arguing that removing the statue would violate a state law governing war memorials. A judge has agreed to temporarily block the city from removing the statue for six months.

Sumter City Council meeting will include public hearings

BY JIM HILLEY
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Sumter City Council will have a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in City Council Chambers on the fourth floor of Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

Council will consider approval of minutes from the June 30 meeting and appointment to boards and commissions and other vacancies.

Public hearings will be held to receive comments concerning the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant from the Department of Justice, a request to rezone 1.45 acres of land at 36 and 40 S. Artillery Drive from Residential-6 to Limited Commercial and a request to rezone approximately 1.34 acres of land at 1750 U.S. 15 from South Ag-

ricultural Conservation and Planned Development to General Commercial.

Council will consider final reading of ordinances to annex approximately .62 acres of property at 1735 U.S. 15 S. and approximately 1.25 acres of property at 1750 U.S. 15 S.

A procurement resolution authorizing the purchase of a custom fire pumper truck will be considered.

Reports from council members will be heard, as well as an update from the city manager. Council will also review any pending legislation pertinent to local government and receive comments from the public.

Council may go into executive session if necessary.

For more information, call (803) 436-2578.

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FYI

The Sumter County Recreation Department will offer free after school programs during the 2017-2018 academic school year beginning on Tuesday, Aug. 22, at the following locations: Catchall-Shaw Community Center, Cheryvale Community Center, DeLaine Community Center, Eastern Community Center, Ebenezzer Community Center, Pinewood Community Center, Rembert-Rafting Creek Community Center and Salterstown Community Center. To register or for additional information, call the

Recreation Department at (803) 436-2248. The Rembert Area Community Coalition offers an after school program for students from kindergarten to sixth grade at the youth center in Rembert. Children receive assistance with homework, school projects, etc. A nutritious snack is served daily. There is a small monthly fee. Registrations are accepted 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 8455 Camden Highway, U.S. 521, Rembert, in front of the car wash. Contact Dr. Juanita Britton at (803) 432-2001.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL Monday, 6 p.m., Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

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

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

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Tuesday, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

TAX ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY BOARD Tuesday, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., district office

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3 Thursday, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be sensitive to what others want.

difficult for others to deny. Impulsiveness will lead to costly mistakes.

Listening and having reasonable discussions will help you come to a better understanding of what's important to others. Anger solves nothing, so don't get worked up when patience and understanding are required.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Refrain from making a snap decision. Keep busy and stay focused on the concerns you have and the actions you can take in order to make a difference. Taking action based on an emotional incident will do more harm than good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It's best to avoid a disagreement. Look inward and work on the way you look and expanding what you know. Don't let the activities of others drag you down or infringe on what you want to achieve.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your life simple. Delve into self-help books or go on a retreat that will encourage you to look inward and make adjustments to your lifestyle. Proper diet and exercise are essential. Romance is highlighted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check out new career options and make a choice based on what will bring you the highest return. Decisions that conflict with your aspirations are never easy, but an honest assessment will lead to the right choice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you feel responsible for will need your help. Don't feel like you have to take over. You will have much better control over the situation if you make everyone involved do his or her part. Teamwork will pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Have fun, but do so within reason. Too much of anything can turn into a costly and emotionally draining prospect. Treat others with respect and control excessive behavior of any kind. A creative outlet will do you good.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Investing time, effort and cash into personal and financial investments is encouraged. Physical improvements will make you feel good about the way you look. Strive to be responsible and frugal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make travel plans or visit someone who makes you think. A change in the way you feel about someone or something will prompt you to make a personal adjustment that results in better health.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be tempted to get involved with someone who is a dreamer but not necessarily a good business person. If you don't see eye-to-eye, take a pass. It's not worth losing the friendship or your time and money.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't react in haste. Keeping the peace will help you persuade others to see things your way. Having a solid idea and plan to execute it will be

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your thoughts about what you would like to do in the future with someone you love. The insight you are offered may not be immediately applicable, but it will spark some new ideas.

WEATHER

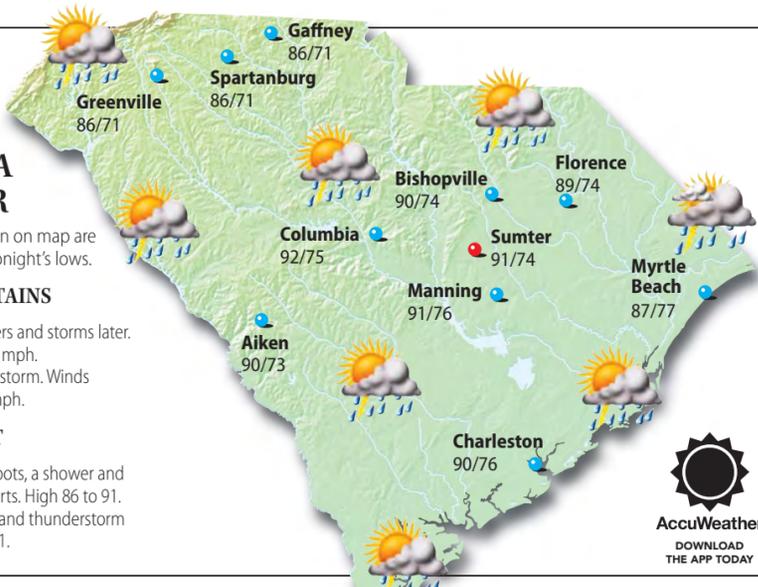
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, descriptions (e.g., 'Couple of thunderstorms'), temperatures (e.g., 91°), 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: A few showers and storms later. Winds southeast 4-8 mph. Monday: A thunderstorm. Winds east-southeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: A storm in spots, a shower and storm in northern parts. High 86 to 91. Monday: A shower and thunderstorm around. High 86 to 91.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High 89°, Low 76°, Normal high 89°, Normal low 69°, Record high 100° in 1999, Record low 60° in 1968) and Precipitation (24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. trace, Month to date 0.80", Normal month to date 2.24", Year to date 27.34", Last year to date 30.55", Normal year to date 30.58").

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise/Sunset and Moonrise/Moonset times. Includes moon phase icons for Last, New, First, Full.

RIVER STAGES

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

TIDES

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

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/La/W, Hi/La/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, New York, Orlando, Philadelphia, Phoenix, San Francisco, Wash., DC.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/La/W, Hi/La/W. Lists cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, Beaufort, Cape Hatteras, Charleston, Charlotte, Clemson, Columbia, Darlington, Elizabeth City, Elizabethtown, Fayetteville, Marietta.

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/La/W, Hi/La/W. Lists cities like Florence, Gainesville, Gastonia, Goldsboro, Goose Creek, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Hilton Head, Jacksonville, FL, La Grange, Macon, Marietta.

Table with 5 columns: City, Today, Mon., Hi/La/W, Hi/La/W. Lists cities like Marion, Mt. Pleasant, Myrtle Beach, Orangeburg, Port Royal, Raleigh, Rock Hill, Rockingham, Savannah, Spartanburg, Summerville, Wilmingon, Winston-Salem.

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

TRAVEL LOG: Let's get going By Gail Grabowski

ACROSS

- 1 Long ago
5 Apple tablets
10 Went quickly
14 Twisty letters
19 Filmmaker brothers' surname
20 '92 presidential candidate
21 Othello villain
22 Ben Stiller's mom
23 Gymnast's springboard
63 Lois Lane in Man of Steel
65 Microsoft mogul
66 Hilariously funny
70 Latin love
71 Aladdin prince
72 Diner table fixture
76 What's- name
79 Extend across
81 Monitor
82 Timberlake's former band

- 84 Thrive
88 Ones not item-ized
89 South Pacific island nation
90 Family member
91 Taken singly
95 EMT's destinations
97 '70s Israeli leader
98 Baseball stat
99 Archaeological procedure
103 Conniving
104 Euro fractions
107 Sales incentive provider
108 Prepare for recycling
110 More restive
112 Edberg of tennis
114 Pasta shape
118 Star Wars series robot
121 Seized vehicles, for short
123 Has on
124 Thackeray novel
129 Señores
131 Completely perplexed

- 132 A native of
133 TV intro music
134 Fewer than few
135 Pulls apart
136 Cravings
137 Parts of pumps
138 Moon of Pluto

DOWN

- 1 Large wedding band
2 Jazz singer Jones
3 Discontinue
4 Tangle up
5 NASDAQ news
6 Attack, as with snowballs
7 Diva's repertoire
8 "Let's just skip it"
9 Heavy playing marble
10 Family nickname
11 -12 Conference
12 Swelled heads
13 Quilt filling
14 Expatriate
15 Motion detector, e.g.
16 Lose elasticity
17 Notable time
18 Took it easy
24 Kilt fold
26 Racing circuit
29 Sized up
32 Round Table members
34 Insignificant
35 "Sign me up!"
37 "The Big Bang" rapper
38 salts (bath additive)
39 Parts of flights
41 Media mogul
43 Reebock rival
44 Salon selection
46 South Pacific kingdom
47 Common computer font

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

- 48 Discarding
50 Skeptical one
51 Of sovereigns
54 Source of metal
57 Big fuss
59 Herr Schindler
61 Pacific salmon
62 Pencil remnant
64 Sermon responses
67 Photo events, briefly
68 Lyft competitor
69 Feeling achy
73 Pioneering
74 DVR attachment
75 '80s blockbuster video game
77 How sun-dried tomatoes are packed
78 Frightful
80 Ingested, with "away"
83 Casablanca pianist
84 Madcap comedy
85 Greased up
86 Exchange jabs
87 Add staff
92 Flows back
93 Paint layer
94 Drama direction
96 Patronizing person
100 Shortcomings
101 Allies of the Cheyenne
102 Dog's warning
105 Less cluttered
106 Sealy alternatives
109 Sixth-grade
111 Pop artist Lichtenstein
113 Dynamite inventor
115 Mystic's deck
116 Literary twist
117 County near London
119 Up in the air
120 Take a risk
122 Changeless
124 Brewery fixture
125 Had something
126 Code-cracking org.
127 "+" or "-" particle
128 Apartment ad abbr.
130 Miz The TRUCKEE River (49 Across) is named for a Paiute chief who, around 1844, guided emigrants to California through it. CARBON DATING (99 Across) was developed by American chemist Willard Libby, who received a 1960 Nobel Prize for his work. The title of Thackeray's VANITY FAIR (124 Across) is derived from a location in John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Grid of crossword answers: H A S H T A G A L L C A P S, A L T O N A F E A R N O T, J E A N N I E R O M A N C E, J E R K Y L O O N B A K E, S O S P S I S B E D, I P O R I M E O D E T S, R O N A L D M C D O N A L D, A R T S A L E I D Y W E L L I C, C H I N E S E N E W Y E A R, A H E A D A G U A E L Y, N S F O L D S M L B, G W E N A U T O K A S H A, L I N E D U P M G M L I O N, I N C L U D E S T A I N E D, A G E L E S S K E N N E D Y

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

JUMBLE

EXCEL CLAMP OPPOSE EXEMPT The new apartment buildings were very confusing. It was a — COMPLEX COMPLEX

Completed crossword puzzle grid with all letters filled in.

PREP FOOTBALL

Finishing on a tie



Sumter's Melvin Lundy (11) returns the opening kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown during the Gamecocks' 14-14 tie with Manning High School on Friday during the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field.

Sumter, Manning play to 14-14 stalemate in Sertoma Jamboree finale

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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To Manning High head coach Keith West, Friday night certainly felt like a whole game — even though it was just a half.

The former Sumter High state championship quarterback returned to Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field for a matchup

against his alma mater, and a back-and-forth contest eventually resulted in a 14-14 tie in the final game of the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree.

It was a night of both good and bad for both teams, though in different contexts. Manning played its starters for a lot of the contest while the Gamecocks elected to get reps for their backups after

the first series or so.

"We purposely were not going to play a lot of people tonight and rested a lot of kids," SHS head coach Mark Barnes said. "Some of them played two or three snaps and our No. 1 defense played one series. Then we got some young kids in and they didn't do well early, but by the end of the game they did start doing well and we

started moving the ball better offensively."

After not sustaining much offensively in the first quarter, Sumter found its rhythm in the second behind Anthony Dinkins-McCall. He wound up rushing 12 times for 83 yards — all in the final 12 minutes.

He carried the ball six

SEE TIE, PAGE B3

PRO BASEBALL

Montgomery to start for Yankees tonight against Boston ace Sale

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Jordan Montgomery's time out of the New York Yankees' pitching rotation was short-lived. And while his return may be for just one start, it will be in as bright a spotlight as can be found in a Major League regular-season game in mid-August.



MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, the rookie left-hander from Sumter, was recalled from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Friday, and he

will start the series finale against the Boston Red Sox today in Yankee Stadium and will be going against Red Sox ace Chris Sale. The game will be nationally televised on ESPN beginning at 8 p.m.

However, Montgomery almost fell victim to injury on Saturday prior to the Yankees' game against Boston. He was hit in the head by a flyball while signing autographs as the Red Sox took batting practice.

The Yankees said he was examined by the team's medical staff and is expected to make his start.

Montgomery was in foul territory far down the right field line and behind a protective screen when the ball flew over and struck him. He got help leaving the field. It was not known which Red Sox player hit the ball.

Montgomery was recalled less than a week after being sent down when veteran left-hander CC Sabathia was placed on the 10-day disabled list with right knee inflammation.

Montgomery, who came out of nowhere to earn the No. 5 spot in the Yankees starting rotation out of spring training, was optioned to Scranton last Sunday. That came about

SEE MONTGOMERY, PAGE B2



MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood quarterback Anthony Bradley (2) takes off on a run as Timmons' Bryan McFadden (1) tries to move in during the Knights' 21-7 victory in the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree on Friday at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field.

Nelson has mixed review of Knights' 21-7 win over 'Winds

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

Seldom is there a pre-season football scrimmage that leaves a coach with a totally positive assessment of his team.

Such was the case on Friday for Crestwood High School head coach Roosevelt Nelson after watching the Knights come away with a 21-7 victory over

Timmons' at the Sumter Sertoma Club's 36th Annual Sumter County Jamboree held on Freddie Solomon Field at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

Crestwood's defense recovered a pair of Timmons' fumbles early, with the Knights' offense taking advantage for two scores in the first five minutes of the opening 12-minute quarter. However, the ensuing kick-

off after the second score was returned 84 yards for the Whirlwinds' only points. Along with that special teams breakdown, Crestwood had penalties that nullified three scores, although the Knights eventually found the end zone in two of those instances.

In all, Crestwood was flagged seven times for 67

SEE KNIGHTS, PAGE B3

Lakewood's Cornelius happy with 14-8 win over C.E. Murray

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Larry Cornelius saw some things he liked and many he didn't from his Lakewood High School football team in its 14-8 victory over C.E. Murray in the Sumter Sertoma Club's 36th Annual Sumter County Jamboree on Friday on Freddie Solomon Field at Sumter Memorial Stadium.

When it was all said and done though, the first-year Gators head coach put everything into perspective.

"When you're where Lake-

wood football is at, any win is a good win, important," Cornelius said. "It doesn't matter if that counts or not. I'm happy with us winning this."

Cornelius takes over a program that is in the midst of a 13-game losing streak and lost 19 of 20 games over the past two seasons. The program has dropped 22 of its last 25 games.

Cornelius has his team practicing to be a fast-paced offense, getting plays off in 15 seconds or less from the official's whistle. Lakewood hindered itself

SEE LAKEWOOD, PAGE B3



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Lakewood running back Lamont Dudley (20) breaks off a nice run as C.E. Murray linebacker Malik Starling (50) tries to bring him down during the Gators' 14-8 victory on Friday in the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7 a.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Tennessee at New York Jets (NFL NETWORK).
8:25 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Tottenham vs. Newcastle United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10:55 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - West Ham vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. - PGA Golf: PGA Championship Final Round from Charlotte (TNT).
Noon - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. - Midland, Mich., vs. Henderson, Nev. (ESPN).
Noon - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Six from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).
1 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Tampa Bay (TBS).
1 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Men's Doubles Final Match from Montreal and Cincinnati First-Round Matches (TENNIS).
1:30 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Women's Singles Final Match from Toronto (ESPN2).
1:30 p.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Detroit at Indianapolis (NFL NETWORK).
2 p.m. - PGA Golf: PGA Championship Final Round from Charlotte (WLTN 19).
2 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at St. Louis (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
2:30 p.m. - Track and Field: IAAF World Championships from London (WIS 10).
2:30 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Seven from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).
3 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Los Angeles at New York (NBA TV).
3 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pure Michigan 400 from Brooklyn, Mich. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).
3:30 p.m. - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. - Hopewell, N.J., vs. Lewiston, Idaho (ESPN).
3:55 p.m. - International Soccer: Spanish Super Cup Leg 1 Match - Real Madrid vs. FC Barcelona (ESPN).
4 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Rogers Cup Men's Singles Final Match from Montreal (ESPN2).
4 p.m. - Women's Amateur Golf: U.S. Women's Amateur Championship Match from Chula Vista, Calif. (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. - Horse Racing: Saratoga Special Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
4 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Arizona or San Diego at Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. - Girls Amateur Tennis: USTA National Championship Girls 18s Championship Match from San Diego (TENNIS).
5 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Eight from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).
7 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Cincinnati Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
7:30 p.m. - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Game from Shelby, N.C. - Randolph, N.C., vs. Bryant, Ark. (ESPN).
8 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Boston at New York Yankees (ESPN).
8 p.m. - CFL Football: British Columbia at Saskatchewan (ESPN2).
8 p.m. - High School Baseball: Perfect Game All-American Classic All-Star Game from San Diego (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. - NFL Preseason Football: Seattle at Los Angeles Chargers (NFL NETWORK).

MONDAY
10 a.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Nine from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).
11 a.m. - Professional Tennis: Cincinnati Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
12:30 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Ten from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).
1 p.m. - Youth Softball: Little League Softball World Series Elimination Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).
3 p.m. - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Semifinal Game from Shelby, N.C. (ESPN).
4 p.m. - Youth Softball: Little League Softball World Series Elimination Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).
4 p.m. - Horse Racing: Dew Stakes from Saratoga Springs, N.Y. (FOX SPORTS 2).
5 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Cincinnati Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
5:30 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Eleven from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).
6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: New York Mets at New York Yankees (ESPN).
7 p.m. - Youth Softball: Little League Softball World Series Elimination Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN2).
7 p.m. - American Legion Baseball: American Legion World Series Semifinal Game from Shelby, N.C. (ESPN).
8 p.m. - Youth Baseball: PONY League World Series Game Twelve from Washington County, Pa. (SPECTRUM 1250).
8:30 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Colorado (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
10 p.m. - Youth Softball: Little League Softball World Series Elimination Game from Portland, Ore. (ESPN).
10 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Houston at Arizona or Baltimore at Seattle (MLB NETWORK).

Houston	71	44	.617	-
Seattle	59	58	.504	13
Los Angeles	59	58	.504	13
Texas	55	59	.482	15½
Oakland	51	65	.440	20½

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Boston 4
 Pittsburgh 4, Toronto 2
 Cleveland 5, Tampa Bay 0
 Minnesota 9, Detroit 4
 Texas 6, Houston 4
 Chicago White Sox 6, Kansas City 3
 Oakland 5, Baltimore 4
 L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 5

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Toronto 7, Pittsburgh 2
 Boston 10, N.Y. Yankees 5
 Cleveland at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 6:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Houston at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 Pittsburgh (Kuhl 5-7) at Toronto (Happ 5-8), 1:07 p.m.
 Cleveland (Kluber 10-3) at Tampa Bay (Pruitt 6-3), 1:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Santana 12-7) at Detroit (Boyd 5-6), 1:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Vargas 13-6) at Chicago White Sox (Holland 6-11), 2:10 p.m.
 Houston (Keuchel 9-2) at Texas (Cashner 7-8), 3:05 p.m.
 Baltimore (Helleickson 7-6) at Oakland (Graveman 2-3), 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Bridwell 6-1) at Seattle (Miranda 7-5), 4:10 p.m.
 Boston (Sale 14-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 7-6), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland at Boston, 6:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Detroit at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Houston at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Kansas City at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 Baltimore at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	68	45	.602	-
Miami	54	60	.474	14½
New York	52	61	.460	16
Atlanta	51	62	.451	17
Philadelphia	42	71	.372	26

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	60	54	.526	-
St. Louis	60	56	.517	1
Milwaukee	59	59	.500	3
Pittsburgh	58	59	.496	3½
Cincinnati	49	67	.422	12

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	81	34	.704	-
Colorado	65	50	.565	16
Arizona	64	51	.557	17
San Diego	51	64	.443	30
San Francisco	46	70	.397	35½

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 San Francisco at Washington, ppd.
 N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 6
 Pittsburgh 4, Toronto 2
 Miami 6, Colorado 3
 Cincinnati 11, Milwaukee 10
 St. Louis 8, Atlanta 5
 Chicago Cubs 8, Arizona 3
 San Diego 4, L.A. Dodgers 3

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Toronto 7, Pittsburgh 2
 N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 Colorado at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Atlanta at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
 San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 San Francisco (Samardzija 7-11) at Washington (Scherzer 12-5), 1:05 p.m., 1st game
 Pittsburgh (Kuhl 5-7) at Toronto (Happ 5-8), 1:07 p.m.
 Colorado (Marquez 9-4) at Miami (Worley 2-2), 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Flexen 1-1) at Philadelphia (Eflin 1-3), 1:35 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Romano 2-4) at Milwaukee (Garza 5-6), 2:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Dickey 7-7) at St. Louis (Wacha 9-4), 2:15 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 11-8) at Arizona (Godley 5-4), 4:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Perdomo 6-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 10-4), 4:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Moore 3-12) at Washington (Cole 1-2), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game

MONDAY'S GAMES
 N.Y. Mets at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
 Houston at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

NFL PRESEASON SCHEDULE

By The Associated Press

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Carolina 27, Houston 17

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Minnesota 17, Buffalo 10
 Miami 23, Atlanta 20
 Jacksonville 31, New England 24
 Baltimore 23, Washington 3
 Denver 24, Chicago 17
 Cleveland 20, New Orleans 14
 Green Bay 24, Philadelphia 9

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Pittsburgh 20, N.Y. Giants 12
 Cincinnati 23, Tampa Bay 12
 San Francisco 27, Kansas City 17

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Tennessee at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
 Dallas at L.A. Rams, 9 p.m.
 Oakland at Arizona, 10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 Detroit at Indianapolis, 1:30 p.m.
 Seattle at L.A. Chargers, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 17
 Buffalo at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Baltimore at Miami, 7 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 18
 Minnesota at Seattle, 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 19
 Carolina at Tennessee, 3 p.m.
 Kansas City at Cincinnati, 7 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Green Bay at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 New England at Houston, 8 p.m.
 L.A. Rams at Oakland, 10 p.m.
 Denver at San Francisco, 10 p.m.
 Chicago at Arizona, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 20
 Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
 New Orleans at L.A. Chargers, 8 p.m.

AUTO RACING

Earnhardt Jr. eyes another magic moment at Michigan

BY NOAH TRISTER

The Associated Press

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. was racing for the win in a 1999 IROC event at Michigan.

Problem was, his opponent was in no mood to let him pass.

“Dad drove to the bottom so I just went around a little bit higher and it stuck, and I got along his outside,” the younger Earnhardt recalled. “I was going by and he hit me.”

Dale Earnhardt won that race over Earnhardt Jr. by 0.007 seconds on one of many memorable days at Michigan International Speedway for Earnhardt Jr., whose farewell tour is passing through the track this weekend. Earnhardt Jr. would go on to win Cup races at MIS in 2008 and 2012, and he'll try to add another victory today in his final race at the venue before he retires at the end of this season.

Those wins in '08 and '12 were Earnhardt Jr.'s only Cup victories from 2007-13. The latter snapped a 143-race losing streak. But his memories at Michigan extend further back than that. The exciting IROC finish in '99 included some contact between Earnhardt Jr.'s car and his father's — a fun

story line if there ever was one. Later that year, Junior pulled away from Jeff Gordon — who was at that point the two-time defending Cup champion — for a win in a Busch Series race at Michigan.

“It seemed like only me and him were racing each other for the win. I was very proud of that because I thought he was the best in the sport at the time,” Earnhardt Jr. said. “It was like beating Jimmie Johnson if he came down to the Xfinity Series. So, that was a big deal for us.”

By 2012, Earnhardt Jr. was no longer an up-and-comer in his mid-20s. His victory at the 2-mile Michigan track that year ended his long drought. He'd go on to win four more Cup races in 2014 and three in 2015. Earnhardt Jr. is winless over the past two seasons, and he has only four top-10 finishes this year. Over the past week, he has been involved in a bit of a back-and-forth with Kevin Harvick, who suggested Junior's inability to achieve more success has hindered the sport's growth.

But Earnhardt Jr. has been plenty competitive in Michigan over the years. In fact, only two active drivers — Kurt Busch and Matt Kenseth — have more Cup wins at MIS.

“We've got some really good memories here. It's been a fun track,” Earnhardt

Jr. said. “There has been some conversation about the 1.5-mile tracks with the words ‘cookie cutter’ and all that. That's been a conversation for a couple of decades now. But this place here is, to me, the standard for the 1.5-mile or 2-mile race track. This place is so much fun to race on for a driver. It's a great race track.”

GOING FOR THREE

Kyle Larson is trying for a third straight Cup win at Michigan after victories this June and last August. He'll be in the spotlight Sunday after team owner Chip Ganassi gave him permission to go to Iowa on Saturday to race in the Knoxville Nationals.

HENDRICK PROBLEMS

Hendrick Motorsports teammates Johnson and Kasey Kahne both are on to backup cars after going into the wall during practice Saturday. Johnson also had to go to the backup car in June at Michigan after a practice mishap.

“You have to run so hard here that if the car slips it's around and gone,” Johnson said. “I ran a half a second faster today in practice than I did in qualifying yesterday. So, with the grill open and tires on low pressure and all that, especially these morning sessions with overcast clouds you just run so hard that when something happens, it's gone.”

PURE MICHIGAN 400 LINEUP

By The Associated Press

Friday's qualifying; race today at Michigan International Speedway, Brooklyn, Mich.

(Car number in parentheses)

- (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 203.097 mph.
- (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 203.063.
- (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 202.788.
- (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 202.577.
- (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 202.429.
- (6) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 201.998.
- (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 201.884.
- (77) Erik Jones, Toyota, 201.805.
- (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 201.765.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 201.698.
- (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 201.602.
- (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 201.235.
- (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 201.263.
- (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 200.842.
- (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 200.607.
- (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 200.468.
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 200.306.
- (10) Danica Patrick, Ford, 200.256.
- (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 200.178.
- (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 199.551.
- (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 199.363.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 199.325.
- (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 199.302.
- (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 197.759.
- (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 197.596.
- (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 197.450.
- (38) David Ragan, Ford, 196.990.
- (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 196.630.
- (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 195.860.
- (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 195.164.
- (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, 195.117.
- (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 194.779.
- (23) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 194.516.
- (83) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 194.227.
- (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 190.426.
- (15) Derrick Cope, Toyota, 188.132.
- (55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 187.169.
- (51) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 185.998.

SPORTS ITEMS

Wallace Jr. wins in first Truck race since '14

BROOKLYN, Mich. — Darrell Wallace Jr. made the most of his first NASCAR Truck Series race in three years, holding off a late challenge from Christopher Bell to win Saturday at Michigan International Speedway.



WALLACE JR.

Wallace took the lead in his No. 99 Chevrolet with about 10 laps remaining in the 100-lap, 200-mile race. He had to contend with Austin Cindric and Bell toward the end, but Wallace was able to edge Bell by 0.18 seconds.

Kyle Busch finished third after winning the first two stages.

HORNISH JR. WINS XFINITY RACE

LEXINGTON, Ohio — Sam Hornish Jr. dominated in his home state to win the Xfinity Mid-Ohio Challenge on Saturday.

Hornish took the lead from rookie Daniel Hemric on lap 62 of 75 after the seventh caution at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. He beat him by 1.335 seconds.

Rookie Matt Tift was third, 2.373 seconds back of Hornish. James Davison and Andy Lally completed the top five.

RED SOX 10

NEW YORK — Rookie Andrew Benintendi rocketed a pair of 3-run homers off All-Star Luis Severino and the Boston Red Sox bounced back from a tough loss, roughing up the New York Yankees 10-5.

The AL East leaders battered Severino for a career-worst 10 runs. Drew Pomeranz pitched the Red Sox to their ninth win in 10 games.

BLUE JAYS 7

TORONTO — Chris Rowley pitched 5 1/3 innings to win

his major league debut, Jose Bautista scored two runs and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 7-2.

The first graduate of the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., to reach the majors, Rowley (1-0) missed all of the 2014 and 2015 minor league seasons while on active service, including a stint in Bulgaria.

FRIDAY

CARDINALS 8

ST. LOUIS — Paul DeJong had two doubles with three RBI and Randal Grichuk tripled and drove in two as the surging St. Louis Cardinals held off the Atlanta Braves 8-5 on Friday night.

Cardinals starter Adam Wainwright (12-5) went five innings and retired the final eight batters he saw after pitching out of a no-out, bases loaded jam in the third.

From wire reports

MONTGOMERY FROM PAGE B1

because of the late-July acquisitions of starting pitcher Sonny Gray and Jaime Garcia. Montgomery actually never left town, throwing a bullpen session on Thursday with the Single-A Staten Island Yankees.

Montgomery had made 21 starts before his demotion, posting a 7-6 record with a 4.05 earned run average. He'd worked 115 innings, striking out 111 while walking 35. He'd

allowed up 108 hits, 16 of them home runs and had a walk-hit ratio of 1.24. Opponents were batting .243 against him.

Montgomery's last start with the big club was a good one. The 6-foot-6-inch southpaw pitched five innings of 1-run ball in a no-decision in New York's 2-1 victory over Cleveland on Saturday, Aug. 5. He allowed just three hits while striking out seven and walking none.

Montgomery has pitched through the sixth inning 10 times in 21 starts and has allowed three or fewer runs 16 times.

The Yankees had also said Montgomery was optioned to Triple-A in an attempt to limit his innings. New York wants Montgomery to pitch about 180 innings this year. He set a career high with 152 innings last season, counting two postseason starts. Montgomery had a 5-inning performance in a minor league game this season as well, giv-

ing him 120 innings this season.

The 37-year-old Sabathia initially thought his career might be over when he was forced to leave a start against the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday. Now he's hoping he will miss just one start. “When it first happened initially, I was freaking out,” said Sabathia, who allowed four runs in three innings in the loss to Toronto. “I was in a lot of pain and I felt like I was letting the team down.” Sabathia calmed down after

he spoke with his wife, Amber, and an MRI showed no additional damage. He had cortisone and platelet rich plasma injections on Wednesday and felt well enough to play catch on Thursday.

Sabathia hopes to throw a bullpen session today, then get ready to return. “I think it's going to be a question mark until he throws the bullpen,” Yankees manager Joe Girardi said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

TIE FROM PAGE B1

times during a 12-play drive that resulted in a 9-yard touchdown run by Jonathan Henry which tied the score at 14-14 at the time.

"It was good to see Dinkins get there; he's going to be our JV tailback for us," Barnes said. "He looked physical with the ball tonight and I thought Ontra (Harvin) looked good at quarterback. Overall it was good night."

It started out especially good for Sumter as Melvin Lundy returned the opening kickoff 80 yards for touchdown. The score came following a re-kick after the Monarchs booted the first attempt out of bounds.

But that was the only real highlight for the Gamecocks as the Manning offense, and especially the passing game, was on fire early. On their second drive the Monarchs took advantage of good field position and wound up marching 52 yards to paydirt as new starting MHS quarterback Jack Owens connected with Darias Williams on an 11-yard strike to tie the game at 7-7.

Owens found another big target next drive as he and returning standout receiver David Fulton connected for a 50-yard strike to put MHS up by seven.

That duo proved huge all night. Fulton wound up with 10 catches for 121 yards and the one score while Owens finished 12 of 18 for 146 yards and the two TDs.

"The passing game worked pretty well tonight," West said. "They were laying off of



MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning's Demont Dennis, center, tries to break the tackle of Sumter's Shannon Isaac (2) during the Monarchs' 14-14 tie with the Gamecocks on Friday during the final game of the Sumter Sertoma Football Jamboree at Sumter Memorial Stadium's Freddie Solomon Field.

us a little bit so we were taking a lot of short stuff, but we did go over the top that one time. We had the connection to Fulton that gave us the lead and we were kind of trying to hang on after that. Thought we could pull one out, but they came back and tied it so hats off to them."

Manning had a chance to potentially pull it out at the end, but with the Monarchs driving inside the Sumter 30 with about three minutes to go, Owens pass was tipped and intercepted to negate the threat. SHS ran out the clock from there.

With a couple of receivers

sidelined with cramps in the second quarter, Manning turned back to its running game to try to milk the clock out, but the Gamecocks managed to score. Still, West was pleased with the overall effort of his defense.

"We gave up only one scoring drive so I can't fault the defense at all," he said. "We gave them one at the beginning, so we need to clean up our special teams a little bit and go from there."

Both teams will open up the regular season on the road next Friday as Sumter travels to Ridge View while Manning heads to Wade Hampton.

KNIGHTS

FROM PAGE B1

yards, while the Whirlwinds were cited for six infractions totaling 62 yards. One of Timmons' penalties, an offensive pass interference, nullified a gain inside the Crestwood 20, effectively squashing what could have been a scoring drive.

"We came out of the game healthy. That's a good thing," Nelson said. "I saw some good things, but too many penalties. That's just a lack of focus, a lack of concentration, a lack of communication. We've got to get that corrected before next Friday comes. We've got to get that fixed. That's not good enough for us. We're going to get it corrected, but we won. That's a good game to win."

"I was aggravated by the kickoff that they ran back. We had a guy that got outside of the lane, but overall we stayed healthy, got some good things on film, got a lot of guys in the game who competed, so it's a good thing."

Timmons took the opening kickoff at its own 25 and got a first down before running back Kevion Spann coughed up the ball on the fourth play from scrimmage. Joshua Goodman secured the ball for Crestwood and the

Knights took six plays to travel 41 yards to the end zone, with quarterback Anthony Bradley lofting a pass to the end zone on a play that saw Jaquest McLeod essentially win a jump ball over the defender for the score and a 7-0 Crestwood lead.

The Whirlwinds took over at their own 22, only to see quarterback Ja'Marc Morris victimized by a high snap on the drive's second play. This time the Knights took over at the 14, with Bradley rushing for five yards on first down. Bradley hit McLeod for what appeared to be a 9-yard touchdown pass, but an illegal shift brought the play back and pushed Crestwood back to the 14 once again. On the next play, Bradley decided he would take matters into his own hands, bursting up the middle for the 14-yard score and a 14-0 Knights advantage.

After Timmonsville cut the lead in half with Christian Taylor's long kickoff return, the defenses dominated for the remainder of the opening quarter. The Whirlwinds took over in Crestwood territory after an interception, but could not make anything of it on the drive that was stalled by the offensive pass interference call.

The Knights took over at their 23 late in the opening

quarter and Bradley was on the loose yet again on the drive's fourth play, cruising down the far sidelines for a 63-yard scoring run. However, a holding call would bring the play all the way back.

Crestwood still crossed the goal line on the drive, which took 14 plays after two more holding calls hindered the offense's progress. The drive culminated in a 30-yard pass from Bradley to Tyrese Felder on fourth down and eight yards to go.

Crestwood's final costly miscue came on its last drive of the scrimmage, as another holding infraction wiped a 20-yard Bradley scoring run off the board.

The Knights host Lower Richland on Friday at Donald L. Crolley Memorial Stadium in Dalzell to open the regular season.

"They've got a good program, and they've got some guys that can play," Nelson said of the Diamond Hornets. "They're well coached, and (LR head) Coach (Rodney) Barr is doing a good job in his second year with them. Their quarterback is pretty good; he's got a good strong arm, a big kid and we've definitely got to come in ready to play when he comes up there. That's how we've got to prepare and approach that."

LAKWOOD

FROM PAGE B1

from doing that against the War Eagles.

"Sloppy, we were awful sloppy on offense," said Cornelius, who came to Lakewood after a 5-year stay at Mitchell County High in Georgia. "We only had the football three times and we made a lot of mistakes when we did have it. We had six penalties (for 74 yards) and we've got to get better at that."

"On the other hand, while we only had the ball three times we scored twice so that's a good thing," he added.

Lakewood's first score came on its second possession. C.E. Murray's Antonio McKnight fumbled the ball, and Gators linebacker Jamal Anderson picked up the loose ball at the LHS 30-yard line and returned it to midfield.

Running back Trvavius Epps broke off a 20-yard run on first down. After an incomplete pass, quarterback Malik Richardson ran for six yards and then threw a pass

to Quentin Hodge for a 9-yard gain and a first down at the 15. The Gators appeared to have a touchdown on the next play, but they were called for holding and had to move back to the 13.

However, they again got into the end zone on the ensuing play and this time it counted. Richardson connected with running back Javontae Jones for the 13-yard TD pass with 1:11 left in the first quarter of the 2-quarter scrimmage. Francisco Gonzalez added the extra point to make it 7-0.

CEM, a 1A school compared to 4A Lakewood, started at midfield after Lakewood was flagged for unsportsmanlike conduct on the kickoff. It took 11 plays, but the Eagles got in the end zone and stuck in the 2-point conversion for an 8-7 lead with 7:01 left.

Lakewood started at its 35 and needed 13 plays, but managed to reach the end zone again. Richardson threw a 7-yard TD pass, this one to Hodge as the Gators made it 14-8 with 2:35 to go.

Richardson rushed eight times for 30 yards and completed four of nine passes for

29 yards and the two scores. "I thought our quarterback did a good job with the read option, really doing it only for the second time," Cornelius said. "We look for him to get better."

Cornelius said the best surprise for him was the play of the offensive line.

"I was really happy with their performance, especially since they are so young," he said. "We start a sophomore, a senior and three juniors. We had some issues where we didn't get the push we wanted, but they did a good job of opening some big holes."

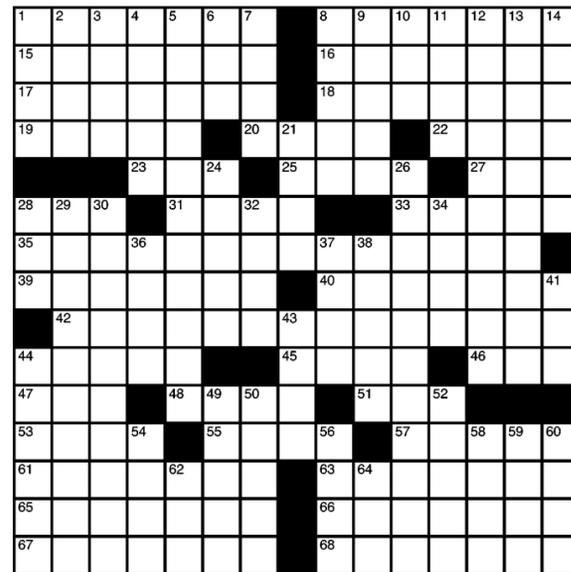
LHS ran for 102 yards to go with Richardson's 29 passing yards.

With the defense, Cornelius again saw both good and bad. "We gave up a lot of yards, but then they only scored once," he said. "That's a talented team. They've got the South Carolina recruit (wide receiver Darius Rush) and the quarterback and the running back are both very good."

Lakewood opens its season on Friday in Week Zero on the road against McBee.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Doug Peterson and Patti Varol

8/12/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Modern categorizing aid
 - 8 Sign of stress
 - 15 Pennsylvania home of the world's oldest operating wooden roller coaster
 - 16 "All will be well"
 - 17 Homophonically named '60s sitcom lady
 - 18 Steel work
 - 19 It's cut and dried
 - 20 Fish-eating bird
 - 22 Really feel the heat
 - 23 Coast Guard pickup
 - 25 Wave function symbols
 - 27 Night spot
 - 28 Financial pg. debut
 - 31 "The ___ of King William": Old English poem
 - 33 "Golden Boy" dramatist
 - 35 Friend of the Fry Kids
 - 39 Place to buy a landscape
 - 40 Unspoiled
 - 42 It's generally celebrated on the same day as Tet
 - 44 Per person ___ con gas: Spanish soda water
 - 46 Nevada copper town
 - 47 Troubling bank msg.
 - 48 Cutlass, e.g.
 - 51 Angels' org.
 - 53 Peabody-winning journalist lfill
 - 55 Cutlass, e.g.
 - 57 Buckwheat porridge
 - 61 Waiting to get in, say
 - 63 Studio mascot
 - 65 Cover, as a cover charge
 - 66 ___ glass
 - 67 Like most cartoon characters
 - 68 Only president to win a Pulitzer Prize
 - 9 "Madam Secretary" actress
 - 10 Flee
 - 11 Word with grass
 - 12 Poe classic
 - 13 Make an unexpected connection with
 - 14 Stable population
 - 21 Org. Indonesia left in 2008
 - 24 Edge furtively
 - 26 Pioneering music player
 - 28 Radio host Glass
 - 29 Rocker alternative
 - 30 Torn
 - 32 Fr. titles
 - 34 "The Voice" host Carson
 - 36 Section in Disney's Animal Kingdom
 - 37 "Correct!" sound
 - 38 Greek theater
 - 41 Word with war or far
 - 43 Point in the right direction?
 - 44 Old name for England
 - 49 Praises
 - 50 Con targets
 - 52 Dwarf who traveled with Bilbo
 - 54 "The Old Curiosity Shop" girl
 - 56 Trans-Siberian Railway city
 - 58 ___ wave
 - 59 Broke ground
 - 60 Red's pal in "The Shawshank Redemption"
 - 62 Expected
 - 64 Former AT&T rival

Friday's Puzzle Solved



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

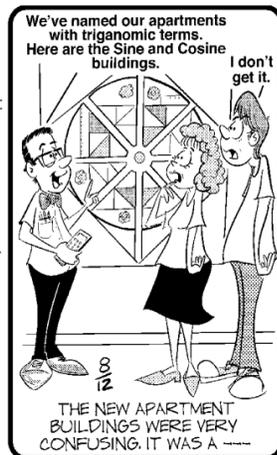
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: THYME RATIO KARATE BUREAU
 Answer: After scuba diving for hours, they were ready to — TAKE A BREATH

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

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

Kisner survives wild finish, holds slim lead

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Kevin Kisner survived a calamitous finish at the PGA Championship thanks to a good bounce off a bridge that allowed him to escape with a bogey and take a one-shot lead into the final round at Quail Hollow.

Kisner already gave up a two-shot lead with a 6-iron into the water on the 16th hole for double bogey.

Then, he nearly did it again at the end of Quail Hollow's fabled "Green Mile." His 7-iron went left toward the creek until it landed on the concrete bridge, sailed high in the air and disappeared in the thick grass on the hill above the water. Kisner did well to chop that onto the green and two-putt from 45

feet for a 1-over 72.

Kisner had the lead going into the final round, a great spot to pursue his first major championship.

He just doesn't like what he sees in his rearview mirror, where the players are a lot closer than they once appeared.

Hideki Matsuyama made only one birdie and wasted two good scoring chances on the back nine. Then again, he had a rather dull finish that allowed him to salvage a 73 and leaves him only one shot behind as he tries to bring Japan its first major championship.

Chris Stroud, the last player to qualify for the PGA Championship, was briefly tied for the lead until he three-putted his last two holes for a 71. He was one shot behind and will be playing in the final group with

Kisner.

"I'm happy I'm in the position I'm in," said Kisner, who was at 7-under 206. "I had a chance to run away from guys and take people out of the tournament that were four or five, six back. And I didn't do it. Now I'm in a dogfight tomorrow, and I have to be prepared for that."

After the final hour of the third round Saturday, he should be prepared for anything.

Justin Thomas, the son of a PGA professional, had the right formula. He didn't drop a shot over the last 12 shots and shot a 69 to finish just two shots behind along with Louis Oosthuizen, who saved par on the 18th with a bold shot for a 71.

It was everyone else in the hunt that fell apart.



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Kevin Kisner putts on the second hole during the third round of the PGA Championship on Saturday at Quail Hollow in Charlotte. Kisner finished with a one-stroke lead heading into today's final round.

PAR SCORES

By The Associated Press
Saturday
At Quail Hollow Club
Charlotte
Purse: \$10.5 million
Yardage: 7,600; Par: 71
Third Round

Kevin Kisner	67-67-72	-206	-7
Chris Stroud	68-68-71	-207	-6
Hideki Matsuyama	70-64-73	-207	-6
Justin Thomas	73-66-69	-208	-5
Louis Oosthuizen	70-67-71	-208	-5
Grayson Murray	68-73-69	-210	-3
Graham DeLaet	70-73-68	-211	-2
Patrick Reed	69-73-69	-211	-2
Gary Woodland	68-74-69	-211	-2
Scott Brown	73-68-70	-211	-2
Francesco Molinari	73-64-74	-211	-2
Chez Reavie	72-70-70	-212	-1
Sung Kang	70-71-71	-212	-1
Ryan Fox	75-66-71	-212	-1
Rickie Fowler	69-70-73	-212	-1
Paul Casey	69-70-74	-213	E
Jason Day	70-66-77	-213	E
J.B. Holmes	74-73-67	-214	+1
Satoshi Kodaira	71-76-67	-214	+1
Henrik Stenson	74-70-70	-214	+1
Robert Streb	74-70-70	-214	+1
Chris Wood	72-72-70	-214	+1
James Hahn	73-70-71	-214	+1
Tony Finau	69-74-71	-214	+1
Byeong Hun An	71-69-74	-214	+1
Billy Horschel	76-70-69	-215	+2
Pat Perez	70-76-69	-215	+2
Richard Sterne	73-72-70	-215	+2
Jordan L. Smith	70-75-70	-215	+2
Matt Kuchar	71-74-70	-215	+2
Zach Johnson	71-73-71	-215	+2
Brian Harman	69-75-71	-215	+2
Patrick Cantlay	72-71-72	-215	+2
Ryan Moore	71-71-73	-215	+2
Brooks Koepka	68-73-74	-215	+2
D.A. Points	68-73-74	-215	+2
Kevin Chappell	72-75-69	-216	+3
Sean O'Hair	71-75-70	-216	+3
Thorbjorn Olesen	67-78-71	-216	+3
David Lingmerth	72-73-71	-216	+3
Jordan Spieth	72-73-71	-216	+3
Ian Poulter	74-71-71	-216	+3
Jon Rahm	70-75-71	-216	+3
Jim Herman	69-75-72	-216	+3
Charl Schwartzel	74-70-72	-216	+3
Bryson DeChambeau	73-71-72	-216	+3
Kelly Kraft	73-73-71	-217	+4
Marc Leishman	75-71-71	-217	+4
Jamie Lovemark	74-71-72	-217	+4
Steve Stricker	75-70-72	-217	+4
Lucas Glover	75-70-72	-217	+4
Jason Kokrak	75-70-72	-217	+4
Keegan Bradley	74-70-73	-217	+4
Dustin Johnson	70-74-73	-217	+4
Bill Haas	75-69-73	-217	+4
Rory McIlroy	72-72-73	-217	+4
Shane Lowry	74-69-74	-217	+4
Bud Cauley	69-74-74	-217	+4
Jason Dufner	74-72-72	-218	+5
Webb Simpson	76-70-72	-218	+5
Tommy Fleetwood	70-75-73	-218	+5
Alex Noren	74-69-75	-218	+5
Charley Hoffman	75-71-73	-219	+6
K.T. Kim	73-72-75	-220	+7
Hideki Tanihara	71-75-74	-220	+7
Lee Westwood	73-72-75	-220	+7
Daniel Summerhays	76-67-77	-220	+7
Cody Gribble	72-75-74	-221	+8
Adam Scott	71-76-74	-221	+8
Anirban Lahiri	72-73-76	-221	+8
Dylan Frittelli	73-71-77	-221	+8
Russell Henley	75-71-77	-223	+10
Vijay Singh	75-70-79	-224	+11
Omar Uresti	74-70-80	-224	+11
Charles Howell III	78-69-78	-225	+12

Spieth: PGA will be toughest major to win

BY STEVE REED
The Associated Press



SPIETH

CHARLOTTE — Jordan Spieth went for it. It just turned out not to be his week to make golf history.

The 24-year-old Spieth walked away from the third round of the PGA Championship with his head held high, knowing he'll have many, many more chances to complete golf's prestigious career Grand Slam.

It just won't happen today.

"I didn't have it written in a diary from when I was young that I need to win a career Grand Slam as the

youngest player ever — that wasn't the goal," Spieth said after an even par 71 left him at 3 over

for the tournament and out of contention entering the final round.

The goal, he said, was to get on the PGA Tour and "see what happens from there."

Spieth acknowledged that the PGA Championship is the toughest for him to win. It is the one major that doesn't particularly play to his strengths perhaps because it typical-

ly favors longer hitters.

"If we look historically back on my career, I think I will play this tournament worse than the three majors just in the way that it's set up," Spieth said. "I feel like my game truly suits the other three majors more than the PGA Championship."

That said, Spieth still believes he can win it someday.

"It's just a matter of having everything in sync at the right time," Spieth said.

Spieth never got in sync at Quail Hollow.

He hasn't shot a round in the 60s and never got the putter going until late

when he strung together three birdies.

A lengthy uphill birdie putt on No. 16 briefly got him to within single digits of then-leader Kevin Kisner and sent a buzz through the crowd. But after saving par on 17, Spieth put his drive on 18th hole into the bunker on the right side of the fairway. He hit his approach shot was a little fat out of the sand and his ball failed to make the green, hit a hill and bounced back into a creek that runs along the left side of the green.

The result was a double bogey.

Day moves up and down during lackluster Round 3

BY JOEDY MCCREARY
The Associated Press



DAY

CHARLOTTE — Jason Day reeled off three straight birdies and took a remarkable gamble that didn't pay off.

This Day was moving at the PGA Championship, all right — both up and down.

Day's quadruple bogey on the par-4 18th finished off a 6-over 77 on Saturday that left him at even par through three rounds of the tournament, in a tie for 16th place and seven strokes behind leader Kevin Kisner.

Day declined to speak to reporters as he left the clubhouse following an

anything-but-boring back nine that included three birdies, two bogeys, a double bogey and that eight

on the 18th.

His final hole might have been tough to explain.

Day was just four strokes back when his tee shot on the 494-yard hole veered behind a tree in some pine straw on the right side of the fairway. He tried a high-risk shot to hook it around the tree, and it landed in a bush, winding up unplayable.

After taking a drop near

some portable toilets, he hit a flop shot over some trees into the fairway rough. His shot from that thick grass stopped 65 feet shy of the stick, and he three-putted.

"No words of advice," his playing partner, Hideki Matsuyama, said through an interpreter, "but let's go get 'em tomorrow."

By his high standards, he has called this a poor season with only two top-10 finishes and no wins in 15 starts.

The world's former No. 1 player has dropped to seventh in the rankings, but came to Quail Hollow Club with what he described as slowly building confidence

after finishing in a tie for 24th last week at Bridgestone. He's also had two consecutive strong showings at this event, winning it in 2015 and finishing second to Jimmy Walker at Baltusrol.

The 29-year-old Australian finished tied for 22nd at the Masters, missed the cut at the U.S. Open and was tied for 27th at the British Open.

It seemed like a promising sign that he was two strokes off the lead after two rounds, earning a spot in the final group — something that hadn't happened in a major championship since that victory two years ago at Whistling Straits.

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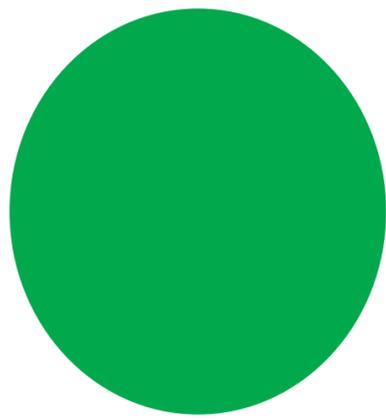
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The average credit card charges six potential fees, according to a new CreditCards.com study of 100 popular cards. Here are the cards with the most fees:

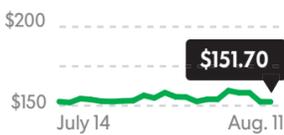
- ▶ **First Premier Bank** credit card (12)
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- ▶ **Blue Sky** from American Express (10)
- ▶ **Gold Delta SkyMiles** card from American Express (10)
- ▶ **Hilton Honors** card from American Express (10)
- ▶ **Meijer MasterCard** (10)
- ▶ **Platinum Delta SkyMiles** card from American Express (10)
- ▶ **PNC Points Visa** (10)
- ▶ **Starwood Preferred Guest** card from American Express (10)

ON THE MOVE

STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

ALIBABA

The Chinese e-commerce giant is going after the hospitality market, striking an alliance with hotel giant Marriott International to let Chinese consumers use Alibaba to secure rooms in the global chain.



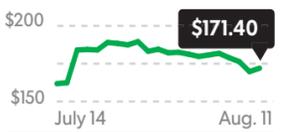
MAZDA MOTOR

The automaker announced a breakthrough in internal combustion engine technology, a new petrol engine that doesn't need spark plugs and is much more efficient than current models. It plans to start selling diesel vehicles in the U.S. in October.



NETFLIX

Walt Disney said it would stop making its newly released movies available to stream on the on-demand media company beginning in 2019. Disney and Pixar movies are popular draws for subscribers. Some analysts said Netflix would be just fine.



ACTIVISION BLIZZARD

The video-game developer has been lobbying investors to join its Overwatch esports league, which will resemble traditional sports associations with city-specific franchises and sponsorship deals. It announced a new franchise in Los Angeles.



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Help your child graduate from the piggy bank

How to pick a good savings account

Tony Armstrong | NerdWallet

Just as you wouldn't send your kids to school without the right supplies, you wouldn't expect them to learn about smart money management without a few helpful tools. Enter savings accounts. Although they might seem like mere parking spots for money, opening a joint savings account for a child can teach him or her about interest, fees and other important banking concepts. The joint ownership setup means parents manage the cash in that account until the child turns 18. The first step, though, is finding a good account. Your best bet likely is a credit union or online bank, which tend to charge fewer fees and offer higher interest rates than big banks.



SAVINGS TIPS

IGNORE MARKETING GIMMICKS

A good kids' savings account looks a lot like one you might open for yourself, with relatively high rates — think 1% and up — and no monthly fees. Some banks offer accounts explicitly marketed as savings accounts for kids. Most are mediocre, featuring monthly fees and low rates while providing few educational tools. And if you decide to hold off on opening your child's first savings account until they are 15 or 16, a standard account would be a better fit.

LOOK FOR TOOLS TO TRACK SAVING AND SPENDING

You'll want to see funds grow, not be eaten away by recurring fees. You'll also want your child to maintain an overview of those funds and learn how to manage money. Many online banks let you create savings goals and offer calculators to help you track the interest you earn, which can serve as a good introduction to the benefits of compound interest.

CONSIDER THE BENEFITS OF BRANCHES

Credit unions have their own strengths. Some offer high rates on standard savings accounts, and visiting a physical branch can make the process of setting aside money more tangible. Depositing cash into a savings account in person and then withdrawing it for a fun purchase later underscores the value of delayed gratification. The earlier children can understand that concept, the better.

OTHER SAVINGS OPTIONS

Although savings accounts can be a good introduction to finances, these products shouldn't be the main vehicle used to save for important expenses, such as college. For that, you'll be better served by a 529 plan. These products are tax-free investment vehicles you can use to pay for certain higher education expenses, such as tuition, textbooks and more.

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Money not minor for 'Adulting 101'

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Shawn Sullivan is taking it relatively easy this summer. The fourth-year architecture student is only working three jobs, unlike last year when he juggled five part-time gigs.

He worked 60-80 hours a week to help cover the costs of attending Northeastern University. "Five jobs was too many," he said, laughing.

His parents help cover tuition, but books, supplies and the cost of living in Boston fall on him. "It's definitely a source of stress to make sure I'm monetarily afloat," he said.

Sullivan makes it work, but many students don't have the information to avoid the financial pitfalls while at college.

About 1 in 5 U.S. students failed to meet the baseline level of proficiency in financial liter-

acy, according to a 2015 study from the Program for International Student Assessment.

Lynnette Khalfani-Cox, personal finance expert and CEO of AskTheMoneyCoach.com, said "In terms of budgeting, I think a lot of students just aren't prepared."

HOUSING

Khalfani-Cox urges freshmen to live on campus for their first year to help them get acclimated. After that, they can look for cheaper options off-campus.

"Colleges are charging you a premium for that access to everything that's right there on campus," she said.

Students moving off-campus, however, must factor in costs, like transportation and furniture.

This was an unexpected challenge for Mary Dell Harrington, co-founder of Grown and Flown, a parenting website. Her daughter, a senior at the University of Virginia, lived off-campus during her freshman year.

TRANSPORTATION

For students traveling out of state and living off-campus, transportation is a "hidden cost."

Harrington said some travel companies have student discounts, but the best thing you can do plan ahead when booking plane or train tickets home.

On campus, it can be tempting to call an Uber every time you need a ride. Splitting a ride is an easy option, but there are other ways to get around. Some schools offer free passes for mass transit, according to Khalfani-Cox.

MEAL PLANS

Millennials have long been ridiculed for their love of Starbucks and avocado toast. A recent study found that they are eating out their savings by dining out five times per week.

Meal plans can range from \$3,500 to \$7,000, and if you live on campus you might be required to have one, Khalfani-Cox said. She said while they can be worth it, students should avoid the "all

you can eat" options. "That's just overkill," Khalfani-Cox said.

She added that if you have apartment-style housing with a kitchen, making your own meals is better for you and your wallet.

BUDGETING THE 'EXTRAS'

Whether you're funding a ramen noodle habit or buying clothes for an internship, students spend thousands on extras.

Khalfani-Cox pointed out that extracurricular activities aren't always free.

"The average fraternity or sorority will cost today's college student anywhere from \$1,000 to as much as \$4,000 per year," she said.

Budgeting "entertainment costs" can be one of the biggest challenges, Khalfani-Cox said.

"If you get into the habit of being financially responsible right now that's such a great trait to have," she said. "It's a positive habit that can follow you and aid you economically for the rest of your life."

MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▼1.1% week ▲1.5% month ▲4.6% 3 months	S&P 500 ▼1.4% week ▼0.1% month ▲2.1% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▼1.5% week ▼0.1% month ▲2.2% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▼1.6% week ▼0.5% month ▲1.8% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▲2.3% week ▲5.6% month ▲4.9% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▼1.5% week ▲7.3% month ▲2.0% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro (week) ▲0.0055 ▲0.0484 month ▲0.0834 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▼1.63 week ▼4.31 month ▼3.57 3 months
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Parents need schooling on money matters for college kids

Just as millions of first-year college students matriculate for the first time, millions of parents stand ready to transition into a new stage of parental support and guidance. While teaching please and thank you, and ensuring their students know that keeping their hands to themselves is a reasonable standard throughout life, the financial guidance which is needed over the next four years can mean the difference between a peaceful life and a chaotic life post-graduation for both students and their parents.

The problems often begin when parents reach deep into their brains to search for past college experiences which might be relatable to their children's current financial challenges. Assumptions are made, new processes are ignored, and unrealistic views of college finances are employed. Let's cut to the chase — the greasy burger joint near campus is oddly the same, but nothing else is. Nothing.

Total student loan debt has increased by nearly \$1.4 trillion since 1999, and now accounts for roughly 7.5% of GDP. When today's parents were yesterday's recent graduates with no kids, there were only \$90 billion dollars worth of students loans floating around higher ed. When parents make financial decisions based on the college financial realities they once knew, gigantic mistakes are made.

The goal is to earn a degree while taking on as little debt as possible. As strange as this sounds, that wasn't always the goal, because it didn't have to be the goal.

Mistakes often occur with the omission of the most basic current practices. Today's parents must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for every school year their student participates in. The temptation is to do it the first



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year, get disappointed in the results, and then dismiss the process as frustrating and unnecessary during the remaining years. Don't do that. Invest the hour it takes to complete the FAFSA every year. FAFSA determines eligibility for student aid. The financial changes which take place in your life from year to year will influence your student's aid eligibility. Do not assume it's a lost cause forever if you happen to get stiffed on your student's aid package. You must complete the FAFSA every year.

If FAFSA is the most ignored concept, then Parent PLUS loans are the most blindly accepted concept. My biggest concern for parents is the prospect of taking on Parent PLUS loans, especially if they can avoid them with solid planning and making tough decisions. Essentially, Parent PLUS loans are student loans parents obtain when their students max-out the amount of student loan debt their personally able to acquire.

Parent PLUS loans leave parents stranded with unsecured debt on someone else's education, at a not-so-great interest rate. When a student and their parents choose an expensive school without a reasonable plan to pay for it, Parent PLUS loans will happen.

As college expenses continue to rise, mark my words, Parent PLUS loans will become the great retirement ruiner, right next to health care expense.

To navigate this stage of parenting correctly, it's worth taking a few minutes to consider what could go wrong.

The worst-case scenario is your student drops out of school with tens of thousands of dollars of debt, no degree, and moves back in with you. Situations like this often occur when financial realities aren't acknowledged. Don't dismiss this as callous. If you're tempted to do so, you're looking at this wrong.

Painful but necessary conversations have to be had between parents and students. These conversations need to begin in late middle school or early high school, and they must clearly state the economics of a parent's financial reality. Student loans and the college experience

should not ignore a parent's finances or math general.

Borrowing money without a reasonable plan to pay it back is not a good idea, even if several unknowns of a college education exist. Fight the urge to adopt the "we'll just figure it out later" stance. This advice applies to student loans, earning potential for various fields of study, and post-graduation realities.

Both parents and students swing wildly in the wind when they don't establish financial goals before, during, and after college. Every parent of a college student in this country, and the students themselves, should know exactly how much their college experience will cost them, how they're going to pay for it, and how they're going to pay back student loans.

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In addition, college should signify the beginning of the end of the financial relationship between students and their parents. Ideally, parents should consider using the four-year experience to ween their student off of the family payroll.

Too often, parents wait too long to stop funding a student's lifestyle expenses, and in failing to do this, can often end up with a student boomeranging back into the family home post-graduation when they can't handle the complexities of matching income with expenses.

If done correctly, the conversation about money and college between a parent and their child will be some of the most difficult conversations they ever have. There's that much at stake. Stability, independence, retirement, careers, and relationships all hang in the balance.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Q My parents asked me to start paying for my share of our family wireless plan. Should I get my own before heading back to school?

Rob Pegoraro

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A: Going on your own can save real money, but you may cost your parents some at the same time. That's because the shared plans offered by all four nationwide wireless carriers — along with many "mobile virtual network operator" firms reselling their networks — really function as customer-retention tools.

That is, while they offer substantial savings for putting multiple lines on one bill, having so many services on one account complicates taking some of that business elsewhere. And subtracting a line from a shared plan will increase cost for people left on it.

Consider what unlimited data plans cost per line (including discounts for automatic payments) at the big four carriers:

► **At AT&T**, you pay \$46.25 a line for four lines, \$55 a line for three, and \$72.50 for two.

► **Sprint's current promotion** has you paying \$22.50 for each of four lines, \$30 for each of three and \$45 for each of two.

► **T-Mobile charges** \$40 a line for four, \$47 apiece for three lines, and \$50 each for two. All cases come with only standard-definition streaming video and mobile hotspot use capped at 3G speeds.

► **Verizon Wireless asks** \$45 a line for four lines, \$54 each for three lines, and \$70 a pop for two.

Taking yourself off your parents' plan may liberate them to switch to a cheaper plan. If they're OK with paying a little more for not having to worry about your own use, you can start looking for cheaper options on your own.

In a Wi-Fi-dense environment like a college campus, the biggest savings will come from a Wi-Fi-first service that routes calls and texts over that wireless network

There are plenty of options available when it's time to leave the wireless-family-plan nest

instead of the cellular service (usually, AT&T or T-Mobile) it resells.

One service that topped recent readers-choice surveys at *Consumer Reports* and *PCMag* was Project Fi, the service Google launched in 2015. Unlimited calling and texting via Sprint, T-Mobile and U.S. Cellular costs \$20 a month, after which data runs \$10 a gigabyte (with whatever fraction of a gig you don't use credited back after each month).

The catch: Project Fi only supports Google's Nexus and Pixel phones, of which just the Pixel and Pixel XL are left on sale.



T-MOBILE

On a college campus, the biggest savings will come from a Wi-Fi-first service that routes calls and texts over that wireless network.

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Another Wi-Fi-first service, Republic Wireless, did well in *CR's* survey and is even cheaper than Fi. Unlimited calling and texting run \$15 a month (with coverage from Sprint and T-Mobile), and adding 1 GB of data raises the rate to just \$20. But Republic is also picky about phones, with support confined to a set of recent Android models.

A more traditional reseller, Consumer Cellular, also earned high ratings in those reader surveys. This reseller of AT&T and T-Mobile lets you mix voice and text-plus-data plans to match your usage.

And it's far more accepting of hardware, so you can bring your unlocked iPhone there or buy one from the firm.

Don't rule out the big four carriers either; you may find that your school has a discount program offering substantial savings unavailable on your parents' plan.

THE WEEK AHEAD



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Fed minutes could give clues on inflation, rates

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Is the Federal Reserve still shrugging off weak inflation and looking to raise interest rates for a third time this year? Minutes of the Fed's late July meeting could give some clues. This week's economic releases will also reveal whether retail sales bounced back last month and provide the latest data on housing starts and industrial production.

Retail sales have been surprisingly choppy in recent months despite solid job and income growth, and still-cheap gasoline. June brought a dip in both overall sales and a core measure that excludes volatile items such as autos and gasoline. Nomura economist Lewis Alexander figures purchases rebounded last month. And PNC Financial Services Group says Amazon Prime Day likely gave the measure a further shot in the arm. Economists surveyed expect the Commerce Department to report **Tuesday** that the broad and core readings of sales each jumped 0.4% in July.

Minutes of the Fed's July 25-26 meeting will be released **Wednesday**. Most Fed officials have downplayed this year's drop in annual inflation further below

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Most Fed officials have downplayed this year's drop in annual inflation further below the central bank's 2% target.

the central bank's 2% target, attributing it to temporary declines in prices for items such as cell phone service and prescription drugs. But Alexander notes the softness recently has extended to other categories, such as apparel. If the minutes indicate that more Fed policymakers see the weak inflation as longer-lasting, it could reduce the chances of an anticipated hike in the Fed's key short-term rate late this year. The meeting account will also likely affirm that the Fed plans to begin shrinking its \$4.5 trillion asset portfolio in September, an initiative that's expected to gradually push up long-term rates.

Housing starts generally have been climbing but shortages of construction workers and available lots, along with more stringent zoning constraints, have made for a volatile performance. Starts surged 8.3% in June. And so economists expect Commerce to announce a more modest 0.8% gain to a seasonally adjusted 1.2 million starts in July.

Industrial production has picked up in recent months as a result of the improving global economy and rebound in oil drilling. Despite more sluggish auto production now that sales have moderated, economists expect the Fed to report **Thursday** that industrial production rose solid 0.3% last month.



REFLECTIONS

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The Imperial Hotel in Sumter was three stories and had 55 guest rooms. The front was made of tapestry brick on a granite foundation, and the hotel had a lobby with columns, a barber shop, a large kitchen with up-to-date utensils and was “considered one of the most attractive of any building in this city.”

Hotel was one of ‘most attractive’ buildings

This week, Reflections begins a two-part series on one of Sumter’s most attractive buildings, the Imperial Hotel. In part one of the series, we will explore the exterior of the building, the lobby, a barber shop and the hotel’s main attraction: the dining room.

This imposing structure was located “nearly opposite the A.C.L. Passenger Station facing Telephone St.” The building was designed to help meet demands placed on



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

Sumter’s ability to accommodate the surging number of tourist and “drummers” (traveling salesmen) venturing to this community via the railroads. The City of Sumter plans to construct a new water department on the former site of the Imperial Hotel. The foundation of this structure still exists.

In April 1913, Mr. Andrew L. Jackson, the owner and manager of Imperial Hotel, stated that he would have a public opening “with music by a band and other attractions.” Many visitors flocked to the building, and most seemed pleased “with the furnishings and appointments, and there were many who did not notice the lack of a full list of furniture for the lobby, which had not arrived.”

The Imperial was a handsome three-story brick structure built in the shape of the letter H and consisted of 55 guest rooms. The front of the building was “considered one of the most attractive of any building in this city.” It was constructed of tapestry brick on a base of granite “up to the second story, where the gray brick gave place to a dark-red Flemish brick. The trimmings were of terra cotta, which presents a very harmonious and artistic effect seldom equaled and was attrac-

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tive due to its solidity and strength. “The inside of the building was attractive and harmoniously finished. Appointments were the best and showed a fine taste in choice and variety which was seldom equaled in hotels, regardless of location. The fixtures were up to date, and modern appliances and appurtenances bordered on luxury and were drawing cards for early hotels. Electric lights, a circulating system of hot and cold water, oscillating electric fans in the lobby and dining room, and local and

long-distance telephones in every room were some of the attractive features of the hotel.” The front entrance was located on Harvin Street, and boarders also entered from a driveway on the right side of the building. Guests also entered the building from an alleyway on the left, allowing them an entrance into the cafe through a loggia located in front where there was a marquee of colored glass.

As one entered the lobby using the main entrance, he or she would notice a writing room and a drug store located on the right side. Located at this part of the hotel was a barber shop, two sample rooms and back rooms for the bell boys that included a toilet, etc. Facing the entrance was the clerk’s office, located behind this was the proprietor’s private office, and on the side a back entrance for baggage. To the left was the dining room, the cafe, pantry and kitchen.

The lobby was entered over marble steps onto a terraza floor. The walls had an ivory finish with a base of marble and mahogany borders. “Light came through beautiful leaded glass windows, which were placed in all the openings over the staircase. There were three columns through the center of the lobby, and the room was lighted at night by four clusters of electric lights placed near the ceiling and conveniently shaded. The lobby was furnished with leather upholstered oak furniture of old English design. These pieces were considered substantial and comfortable. The writing room was furnished with tables and chairs of the same opulent style.”

The barber shop could be entered from the lobby or from the side entrance. Two sample rooms were located on this side of the building and were small, although well equipped for this purpose. Besides the sample rooms, the hotel had several rooms located on South Main Street in the McCallum Realty Co. building that used to display samples. These rooms had large elevators for customer use. A feature that pleased those who stopped at the hotel was the back entrance to bring in lug-

gage and a space to place it near the stairway close to the clerk’s desk.

“Residents were treated to striking artistic simplicity as they entered the dining room of the hotel. The floor was hardwood, covered with decorative art squares. The walls, finished in ivory color, had mahogany borders and base boards. There were three columns standing in line, partly dividing the room. There were 16 heavy oak tables for two, three or four persons. The light was furnished by electric globes which were shaded and placed in the lobby. The dining room was a principal attraction of the hotel, and the facility was operated on the European plan with meals served a la carte, and a businessmen’s breakfast and lunch were served when called for. Regarding the dining room, one could dine in the cafe, which was in a separate room. Here, meals were served as late as one o’clock at night, and three tables and a lunch counter were placed there for customers. Adjoining the cafe was the pantry, from where food was passed from the kitchen to the cafe and then from the kitchen to the dining room. The kitchen was a large room located in the rear of the ground floor. Automatic egg cookers and every up-to-date kitchen utensil, which made cooking better and easier, were found in this kitchen. Dishes were made of aluminum, regarded as more sanitary and better than others of its kind. Mr. John D. Brady, experienced in operating hotels in Asheville and Knoxville, had charge of the culinary department of the hotel. He was also employed as steward of the buildings.”

In the basement were the boiler rooms and the heating system. Also housed in this location were additional store rooms and the servants’ dining room.

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75 YEARS AGO — 1943
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A large Red Cross poster has been placed on the side of McLellan's store, corner of Main and Liberty Streets, by Kermit Ward's advertising and sign committee. The chairman was seen yesterday directing the work and carrying a brush with paste and the necessary lumber for border material.

• Bill Bradham, eighth-grade pupil at Junior High School, was high collector of tin cans the past week. He brought in 755 cans to top the list for the first collection of the month. Prizes will be awarded at the end of March. In second place was King Joyner, third-grader of the Savage-Glover School, who brought in a total of 610 cans.

• An 11-pound package the American Red Cross plans to send every American war prisoner in enemy camps throughout the world each week will contain: whole powdered milk, one pound; processed American cheese, nine ounces; olegargine with vitamin A, one pound; pork luncheon meat, 12 ounces; corned beef, 12 ounces; liver paste, six ounces; salmon, eight ounces; dried prunes, one pound; orange concentrate, four ounces; white sugar, eight ounces; biscuits, seven ounces; soluble coffee, four ounces; two chocolate bars; two soap bars; and four packages of cigarettes.

• Col. Robert L. Scott Jr., the Georgian who recently shot down 19 Japanese planes and is on Gen. Chennault's staff in China, stopped off at Shaw Field for a brief visit with Col. Burton H. Hovey, commanding officer of the Army's basic flying school. Col. Scott was Col. Hovey's supply officer when the two were with the 78th Pursuit Squadron in Panama. Another member of the 78th, Brig. Gen. Frank Armstrong Jr., is now in England. Col. Scott has received nine decorations for his aerial exploits against the Japanese.

• Shaw Field authorities investigated the crash of a training plane in which Aviation Cadet Benjamin F. Crawford of Los Angeles, California, was killed. The plane was on a routine flight and was about 14 miles northeast of Sumter when it failed to come out of a spin that started at an altitude of about 3,000 feet. Mrs. Ada Lou Crawford of Los Angeles was listed by Shaw Field as Cadet Crawford's next of kin.

• A complete revision of the Army aviation cadet program, extending the training for cadets to 15-and-a-half months instead of the present eight-and-a-half-months period, and including five months of study in leading colleges and universities, has been announced by Headquarters of the Fourth Service Command. The plan includes a new enlistment possibility for 17-year olds who may enlist, with the

added attraction that they may choose their own month for induction, at the time from the date of their 18th birthday till six months thereafter. The new schedule for aviation cadet training, which went into effect on March 5, was described in the following manner. The first two months aviation cadet candidates will be processed and given basic training in an Air Force basic training center. The next five months candidates will study at a university or college where, in addition to pre-aviation cadet training, they will be given five academic courses.

• Wearing a new face soon, and some new inside arrangements, too, will be the clock in the city hall, which has been ticking off the minutes in Sumter for nearly 50

years. City council recommended the face-lifting job at its last session. Gears will be replaced, new hands installed, the surface painted and the mechanism made to run "as good as new."

50 YEARS AGO — 1967
Nov. 5 — 11

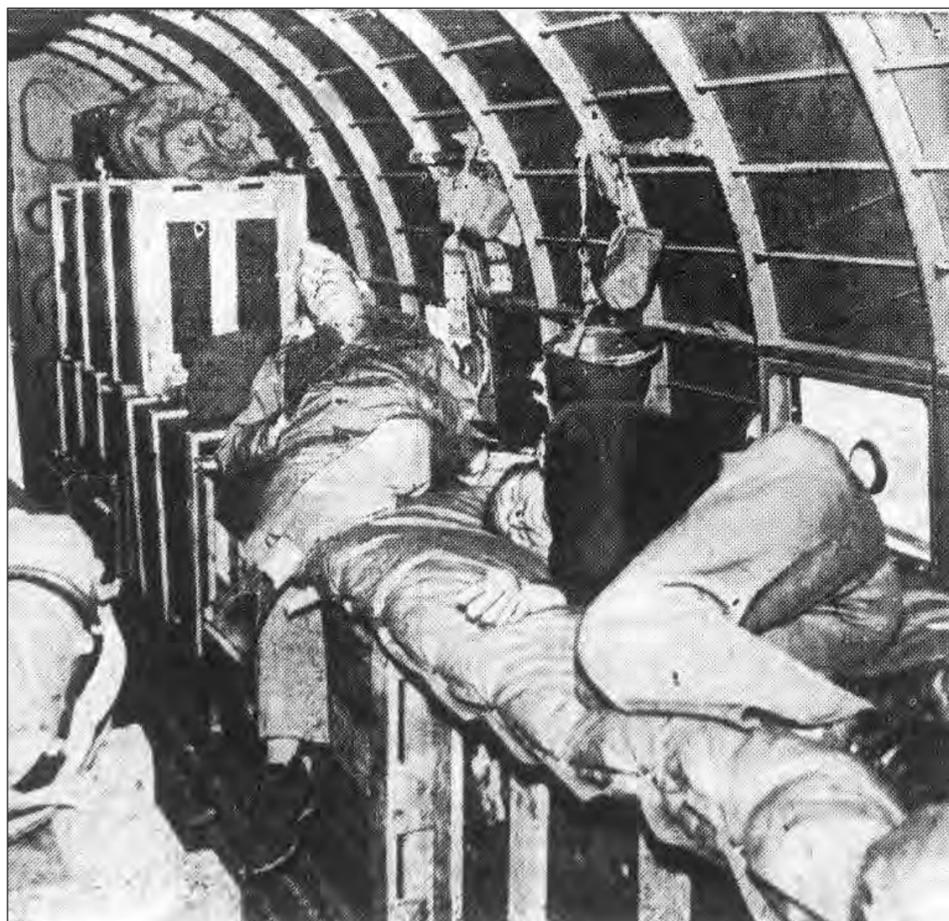
District 17 city schools are taking part in this week's observance of "American Education Week." Theme for the annual recognition is "How Good Are Your Schools?" Each school will have a parent visitation night with some campuses having daily programs.

• Sumter County schools are educating 21,922 young people this year, an increase of 309 over a year ago, according to Mrs. Jean Reames, county school attendance supervisor. The figures, based on the state-required school census and applicable as of Oct. 13, are comprised of students from first through 12th grades registered in both school districts within the county.

• A 16-year-old Edmunds High School junior is the new "Miss Buddy Poppy 1967." Cindy Alpert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maxey L. Alpert, was selected from a group of 14 girls in the "Miss Buddy Poppy" Beauty pageant. First runner-up was Miss Jeannie Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Brown; second runner-up was Miss Eileen Hunt Marshall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Marshall.

• The South Carolina Amateur Seniors golf title has been won by Luther B. Wimberly of Sumter. He shot a 70 in the final round to go with a first round 72. A stroke back in second place at 152 was Harvey C. Hamann. There were also class winners by age. The low gross scorers were Steen Looper for those over 70 with a 166; David Cooper for those 65-69 with a 165; Sol Steinberg with a 160 to lead those 60-64; and George Wrigley topping the 55-59 age group with a 157.

• Ashley Kennedy, manager



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Army passengers aboard a flying freight car on the India-China run over the Himalayas doze off atop some rifle cases as they soar through the sky at 18,000 feet in 1943. Only crew members get oxygen, and these so-called "deadheaders" must stow themselves in with the China-bound cargo wherever there's room.

of the Jewel Box at 34 S. Main St., recently won a \$200 cash award for a suggestion submitted through Jewel Box Stores Corp.'s suggestion program. His suggestion, concerning store procedures, will soon be adopted throughout the corporation's 96 stores.

• All eight berths have been filled for the second-annual Sumter Holiday Invitational Tournament set for the Edmunds High School gym, Sumter basketball coach Charlie Hodgkin announced. Four new teams plus four which participated last year make up the field. Those entering for the first time are Lancaster's Blue Hurricane, Lower Richland's Diamond Hornets, Cardinal Newman's Cardinals and St. George's Eagles. Returnees are Bishopville's Dragons, Summerton's Blue Streaks, Hillcrest's Wildcats and Sumter's Gamecocks, host of the event.

• Winners of the Fall Championship Tournament were announced at a steak cookout held at the Golf Lounge. Congratulations went to Doris Brooker, the new WAGS Champion with a three-round gross score of 252, Johnna Howard posted a net score of 202 to win second place, and Fran Taylor won low putts.

• Jimmy Trembley, a regular at end for Sumter's Gamecocks for nearly three years, saw a dream that every high school football player has in this state come true when he was chosen as a member of the 1967 South Carolina All-Star team that will meet the North Carolina Stars at the Charlotte Shrine Bowl game. There was no one any happier about Trembley's selection than his coach Steve Satterfield.

25 YEARS AGO — 1992
Aug. 6 — 12

Dr. John C. Monnig has been named principal of St. Jude's Central High School in Sumter. A former assistant superintendent for curriculum in two large Pennsylvania school districts, Monnig has been self-employed since

1980. Monnig was also principal for three years of De La Salle High School in Minneapolis, Minnesota, a Catholic High School with a 1,700-member student body.

• The Sumter P-15's, as they've done all through the 1992 American Legion baseball state playoffs, knew they had a team down and refused to give it a chance to get back up. Sumter, after rallying from a 3-0 deficit in the bottom of the eighth inning with seven runs Saturday to take a 3-1 lead over Irmo in the state final series, jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead Sunday and cruised to an 8-2 victory at Riley Park for its second-straight state title.

• The University of South Carolina's main campus absorbed more than \$1 million in the cost of services provided to its nine branch campuses and medical school in fiscal 1992, a report says. But USC officials said that does not mean the Columbia campus is subsidizing the other campuses. The report said that branch campuses did not reimburse Columbia for \$1.03 million in system costs. The main campus also absorbed \$236,830 of the costs allocated to the USC medical school.

• Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are as American as apple pie. For nearly a century, youngsters across the country have pledged their allegiance to these organizations that promise to make responsible adults out of boys and girls. Widely sponsored by schools, churches and civic organizations and chartered by Congress, the Scouts are seen by many as the saving grace of young America — teaching moral responsibility and building character.

• Improving discipline in schools will be a major emphasis in District 17 during the 1992-93 school year. Parents are asked to look for the district's statement on improving discipline in a brochure being sent home by students during the first week of school. The philosophy of Dis-

trict 17 concerning discipline is that it is everyone's business. District 17 is committed to providing the best education possible in classrooms conducive to learning, free of disruptive behavior, violence and threats.

• "Good early childhood programs can benefit children, families and the communities if the facility and program are designed to meet a variety of needs," said Sara Thomas, Early Child Development specialist who heads the Early Childhood Development program at Central Carolina Technical College. "There are several indicators of a good early childhood program. Individuals who care for young children should enjoy and understand how young children learn and grow. Staff members should view themselves positively and continually foster children's emotional and social development."

• As in most churches, the organ at The Church of the Holy Cross in Stateburg is considered an appanage of divine worship. The organ at this historic church has an unusually special association for church members. The church owns one of a few instruments made by Henry Erben, a world-famous organ maker of the 19th century, that is still in use in the United States today. It was installed in 1851.

• The repair of Sumter's Second Mill Pond dam has been held up again, this time because the lowest-bidding construction firm was found unqualified to do the work. This marked the second time bids on the project have been rejected by Sumter County Council. The delay will push the renovation of the dam back several months. It was originally expected the work would be completed by early in 1993, but residents near the pond may now have to wait until spring to see water in the pond again.

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BUILDING PERMITS

• **Pilgrims Pride Corp.**, owner, Burke Industrial Inc., contractor, 2050 U.S. 15 South, \$43,000 (set modular unit – anchor, connect elec-plumb-water-sewer, commercial).

• **Cephus Gregg Jr. and Quentina W. Gregg**, owners, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 282 W. Williams St., \$3,000 (brick underpinning, residential).

• **SLS Co Ltd.**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 270 Westbury Mill Road (mobile home, residential); SLS Co Ltd., owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 4940 Florence Highway, Mayesville (mobile home, residential).

• **Jack McLeod (lifetime estate)**, owner, SLS Co Ltd., contractor, 270 Westbury Mill Road, \$2,000 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).

• **Loudean A. Mayes et al**, owner, SLS Co Ltd., contractor, 4940 Florence Highway, Mayesville, \$2,000 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).

• **Tia R. Gaymon**, owner, Sterlin Gaymon, contractor, 1110 Meadowcroft Drive, \$3,100 (six foot brick fence, residential).

• **Janice R. Logan**, owner, Jason Josey dba Josey Builders, contractor, 1136 Shoreland Drive, \$6,300 (new roof, residential).

• **Samuel Ellison Sr. and Ida Mae Ellison**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvements, contractor, 2800 Browning Ridge Drive, \$2,600 (reroof only, residential).

• **Cains Mill Corp.**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 2470 Cains Mill Road, \$3,800 (install metal roof, residential).

• **William H. Hoge**, owner, Hoover Buildings of Lexington, contractor, 3530 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, 1,296 unheated square feet, \$39,100 (detached barn, commercial).

• **Maia LLC % Pius Patel**, owner, John Chan, contractor, 226 N. Washington St., \$600 (add door to lobby area, commercial).

• **Gayle S. Rubin (trustee) et al**, owner, Allison Cribb, contractor, 584 Bultman Drive, \$50 (wall sign, commercial).

• **Claude B. Newman Jr.**, owner, Southern Roofing Services, contractor, 55 M & N Road, \$6,598 (replace shingle roof, commercial).

• **Stateburg Mobile Home Park LLC**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 5804 Broad St. No. 5, \$950 (replace 10 studs outside walls 18 sheets siding, residential).

• **Walter Joey Collins**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 2920 Remington Drive (mobile home, residential).

• **Lewis E. and Tammy H. Thompson (trustee)**, owner, Spencer Signs, contractor, 541 E. Liberty St., \$140 (change face of sign — Sylvia Jo's, commercial).

• **Marvin L. Chin**, owner, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 1042 Beckridge Drive, \$6,086 (reroof, residential).

• **Angela A. Hodge**, owner, Ronnie V. Gainey dba Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 112 Bon View Drive, \$3,350 (roofing, residential).

• **Willie R. and June E. Griffin**, owners, Alton Douglas Nelson, contractor, 2847 Moss Creeek Drive, Dalzell, \$4,200 (tile shower and vanity, residential).

• **CBT Enterprises LLC**, owner, Gilly Development Corp., contractor, 801 Murray St., \$115,000 (proposed wireless telecom facility and 160' monopole tower, commercial).

• **Dalzell United Methodist Church**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 3330 Black River Road, Dalzell, \$4,685 (reroof picnic area roof, commercial).

• **Heather M. Brown**, owner, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 3830 Spencer Road, Dalzell, \$4,160 (reroof, residential).

• **Crystal H. Hackney and Ollie T. Hackney Jr.**, owners, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 401 Baldwin Drive, \$9,406 (install 16 windows, residential).

• **James W. Ross**, owner and contractor, 2665 Stirrup Lane, Dalzell, 1,600 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$90,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **C&M Enterprises (a South Carolina partnership)**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 30 Wesmark Court, \$16,000 (tear off and re-roof, commercial).

• **Johnny M. James**, owner and contractor, 2575 Foxcroft Circle, 1,800 heated square feet and 475 unheated square feet, \$125,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 2932 Girard Drive, 2,527 heated square feet and 455 unheated square feet, \$139,576 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Jesse E. McLeod dba Vestco**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 1300 Boulevard Road, \$850 (replace three windows / repair back / wall repair, residential); Jesse E. McLeod dba Vestco, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 1300 Boulevard Road, \$1,950 (replace shingles, residential).

• **Stateburg Mobile Home Park LLC**, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 5804 Broad St. (Lot 11), \$1,600 (replace shingles, residential); Stateburg Mobile Home Park LLC, owner, J. Henry McLeod Jr. dba McLeod Landscaping, contractor, 5804 Broad St. (Lot 11), \$2,200 (replace sheetrock in living room / front and back steps / 20 sheets siding, residential).

• **Sumter Mortgage Co.**, owner, Ronnie V. Gainey dba Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 4231 Granada Drive, \$4,000 (roofing, residential); Sumter Mortgage Co., owner, Ronnie V. Gainey dba

Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 4240 Granada Drive, \$3,100 (roofing, residential).

• **Hurricane Construction Inc.**, owner and contractor, 715 Curlew Circle, 2,818 heated square feet and 705 unheated square feet, \$83,900 (new dwelling, residential); Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 725 Curlew Circle, 2,399 heated square feet and 781 unheated square feet, \$112,530 (new dwelling, residential); Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 705 Curlew Circle, 2,399 heated square feet and 781 unheated square feet, \$112,530 (new dwelling, residential); Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 730 Curlew Circle, 3,611 heated square feet and 612 unheated square feet, \$126,000 (new dwelling, residential); Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 710 Curlew Circle, 3,611 heated square feet and 612 unheated square feet, \$126,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Gusto SC Sumter (Pinewood) LLC**, owner, Hutton Construction Inc., contractor, 343 Pinewood Road, \$500 (freestanding sign — Road Gas Reader sign Walmart, commercial); Gusto SC Sumter (Pinewood) LLC, owner, Hutton Construction Inc., contractor, 343 Pinewood Road, \$500 (freestanding sign — Road Gas Reader sign Walmart, commercial); Gusto SC Sumter (Pinewood) LLC, owner, Hutton Construction Inc., contractor, 343 Pinewood Road, \$500 (freestanding sign — fuel station canopy Walmart, commercial); Gusto SC Sumter (Pinewood) LLC, owner, Hutton Construction Inc., contractor, 343 Pinewood Road, \$500 (wall sign — fuel station canopy Walmart, commercial); Gusto SC Sumter (Pinewood) LLC, owner, Hutton Construction Inc., contractor, 343 Pinewood Road, \$2,000 (freestanding sign — supergraphic sign Walmart, commercial).

• **Leonard J. and Michelle K. Pinette**, owners, Alton Douglas Nelson, contractor, 40 Flagstick Court, \$6,300 (bath remodel, residential).

• **Matthew L. and Nancy E. Estes**, owners, David B. Trapp, contractor, 3535 Oleaner Drive, \$8,762 (enclose existing laundry room, residential).

• **James V. Wilson**, owner, Hunter Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 451 Broad St., \$25,000 (commercial stucco, commercial).

• **Eugene Canty Sr. and Annie Canty**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvements, contractor, 1843 Kolb Road, \$11,000 (reroof only, residential).

• **Lester Maxwell Lacey**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 425 Marion St., Pinewood (mobile home, residential).

• **Dorothy D. Solomon**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 1700 Boulevard Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Warner M. Hudson**, owner, Richard H. Nelson, contractor, 4445 Bigum St., Dalzell, \$4,915 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Carola B. and Ronald F. Whitefield**, owners, David Osteen dba Osteen Contracting, contractor, 6005 Squaw Valley Road, Wedgefield, \$25,000 (repairs — sheetrock, insulation, painting, floating floor, residential).

• **Reeser Family LP**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 2860 Millstone Drive, \$3,500 (replace shingles, residential).

• **Mrs. Richard K. Anderson Jr. et al**, owner, Sign Tek, contractor, 741 Bultman Drive (Unit 10), \$1,600 (wall sign, commercial); Mrs. Richard K. Anderson Jr. et al, owner, Sign Tek, contractor, 741 Bultman Drive \$200 (change face of freestanding sign, commercial).

• **Emily Carol and Thomas E. Mimms**, owners, James P. Dennis, contractor, 760 Lakewood Drive, 1,200 unheated square feet, \$15,000 (detached storage building, residential).

• **Vincent Shannon**, owner, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 915 Sassafra Drive, \$1,800 (six foot wood fence, residential).

• **Lawrence A. and Tamara L. Clabeaux**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 1150 Malone Drive, \$4,500 (six foot vinyl fence, residential).

• **Christian A. and Shayna K. Perry**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 1675 N. Kings Highway, \$1,800 (four foot chain link fence, residential).

• **James Jones and Baerbel**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 5023 Benenhaley Road, Dalzell, \$8,900 (four foot chain link fence, residential).

• **Israel Ochoa Orozco**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 4400 Broad St. No. 83 (mobile home, residential).

• **Donnie P. Baker Jr. and Brenda W. Baker**, owners, Jacob Randall, contractor, 2160 Plowden Mill Road (mobile home, residential).

• **CC Goodwin LP (a South Carolina partnership)**, owner, Sign Care Carolina Inc., contractor, 2700 Broad St., \$1,900 (change face - lettering - of wall sign — Honda, commercial).

• **Mark K. and Carol A. Morse**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 1395 Malone Drive, \$8,400 (reroof, residential).

• **Jamie Singleton**, owner and contractor, 64 Wilder St., \$2,000 (shingles on roof, residential).

• **Julian E. Jones Irick and Irick**, owners, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 898 Watts Drive, \$4,500 (replace shingles on roof, residential).

• **Ruth Holiday**, owner, Ralph Brown,

contractor, 3610 Sycamore Drive, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).

• **Charles R. Lemont**, owner and contractor, 724 Meadow Circle, \$2,000 (six foot wood fence, residential).

• **Sheila C. Towery**, owner, Edward Campbell, contractor, 2097 Winterberry Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Bianca Rashaun Wells**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 221 Cedar Ave. (mobile home, residential).

• **Christopher W. Mitchum**, owner, Chris Mitchum, contractor, 322 N. Salem Ave., \$2,000 (four foot wood fence, residential).

• **Corner Peace LLC**, owner, Sam Avins Construction, contractor, 119 N. Main St. (117), \$300,000 (repairs to elec / plumb / HVAC / floors / partition walls / roof, commercial).

• **Lee R. James**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Building, contractor, 350 Rolling Creek Drive, \$4,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Brian R. and Tricia J. Lecher**, owners, Mount Valley Foundation Services, contractor, 950 Maple Creek Drive, \$9,600 (foundation repair, residential).

• **Tarkeisha C. Commander**, owner, Clarence Michael Osteen, contractor, 1085 Wellsboro Court, \$3,150 (shingle roof, residential).

• **Roosevelt R. and Vick Haynesworth**, owners, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 909 Clay St., \$4,080 (install new roof, residential).

• **William and Carol James**, owners, Monroe Construction Co. LLC dba Oakridge, contractor, 305 E. Emerald Lake Drive, \$16,650 (reroofing, residential).

• **Palmetto Pigeon Plant**, owner, Carolina Post Frame Construction LLC, contractor, 333 Broad St. (333), \$25,000 (open canopy / wood frame with metal roof — 2,184 square feet, commercial).

• **Heir of Billie Hudson and Louise***, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvements, contractor, 325 Grantham St., \$5,000 (reroof only, residential).

• **Dwight D. Branham**, owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 1650 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$4,900 (reroof, residential).

• **Sumter County**, owner, JF Contractors, contractor, 995 W. Brewington Road, \$38,000 (freestanding monument sign, commercial).

• **Carolina Power & Light Co.**, owner, Sign Tek, contractor, 313 W. Wesmark, \$5,600 (wall sign — 1st Heritage Credit, commercial).

• **Jessie Kennedy**, owner, Cammie Collins, contractor, 126 K St. (mobile home, residential).

• **Thaddeus Jones II and Brianna L. Jones**, owners, Thaddeus Jones, contractor, 1685 Cabelas Place, \$3,100 (six foot wood fence, residential).

• **County of Sumter (Robert E. Galloway)**, owner, Mychael G. Smith LLC, contractor, 2035 S.C. 261 South, \$5,790 (storage building for yard equipment, commercial).

• **Arthur E. Hooks Jr.**, owner, Stacey Newton dba Congaree Home Center, contractor, 5700 Squaw Valley Road, Wedgefield, 2,259 heated square feet and 2,259 unheated square feet, \$158,000 (new modular dwelling, residential).

• **Herbert R. Farmer II and Kim M. Farmer**, owners, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 2380 Kings Mountain Drive, Dalzell, \$5,166 (reroof, residential).

• **William P. and Tanya R. Foster**, owners, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 8 Martha Court, \$6,711.16 (reroof, residential).

• **On the Flipside SC LLC**, owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 935 Kolb Road, \$6,150 (reroof, residential).

• **Maplecreek Properties LLC**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvements, contractor, 5660 Cold Stream Drive, \$3,000 (reroof only, residential).

• **Terry and Maria Gordon**, owners, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 110 Tiller Circle (mobile home, residential).

• **Anthony E. Floyd Sr.**, owner, Tim Alsbrook, contractor, 771 E. Liberty St., \$4,150 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **James Walters**, owner, Pinewood Construction and Demolition, contractor, 1133 Old Pocalla Road, \$1,600 (residential demolition of single wide mobile home, residential).

• **Herbert E. and Barbara A. Wright**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 328 Reynolds Road, \$800 (four foot chain link fence, residential).

• **Rodney Maurice Brunson and Tanis**, owners, Accelerate Solar, contractor, 140 Trailwood Drive, \$19,740 (roof mount solar panel installation, residential).

• **Janie M. Moses**, owner, Accelerate Solar, contractor, 5405 Plantation Drive, \$11,844 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **George A. Waninger Estate**, owner, Charles James Jr. dba The James Group LLC, contractor, 2650 McCrays Mill Road, \$4,000 (replace studs, brick, sheer rock, residential).

• **James Realty Co. of Sumter Inc.**, owner, J.L. Floyd & Sons Co., contractor, 21 S. Artillery Drive, \$2,800 (residential demolition of dilapidated house, residential).

• **Vaneica L. Byrd**, owner, Jason Josey dba Josey Builders, contractor, 4650 Great Oak Circle, Dalzell, \$4,250 (reroof, residential).

• **Demetria Duffie**, owner, Baxley's Best-way Transportation, contractor, 575 Duffie Drive, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).

• **Jane J. McGill**, owner, Steve Shumake, contractor, 310 Adams Ave., 1,864 un-

heated square feet, \$1,250 (attached handicap ramp, residential).

• **Rosa S. Bradley**, owner, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 1065 Oswego Highway, \$2,640 (install six windows and one entry door, residential).

• **Edna Coleman**, owner, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 37 Albert Spears Drive, \$990.66 (install one window, residential).

• **Stanley K. and Margaret A. Garrard**, owners, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 3265 Green View Parkway, \$9,073.10 (install 19 windows and wrap 26, residential).

• **Thompson Holdings LLC**, owner, Thompson Turner Construction, contractor, 33 N. Main St. (35), \$450,000 (remove old kitchen / add new kitchen / renovate interior, commercial).

• **Sumter County**, owner, Bobbitt Design Build LLC, contractor, 1585 N. Wise Drive, \$988,708 (foundation / slab only for upfit of existing shell industrial building, commercial).

• **American Advisors Group**, owner, Gainey Construction Co. LLC, contractor, 909 Club Lane, \$50,000 (replace electric panel, HVAC, sheetrock and insulation / repair plumbing, residential).

• **Alphonso Montgomery Jr. and Johnne**, owners, Alphonso Montgomery, contractor, 35 E. Brewington Road, 1,200 unheated square feet, \$9,500 (new detached enclosed storage building on concrete slab, residential).

• **City of Sumter**, owner, Hood Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 201 E. Calhoun St. (209), 24,000 heated square feet, \$5,000,000 (new fire department headquarters, commercial).

• **Lorene T. Maynor**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 4505 Pond Loop (mobile home, residential).

• **Annie B. Chaney**, owner, Louis Brunson, contractor, 975 Rebecca Cove, \$4,000 (six foot wood fence, residential).

• **Randall L. Barnhill**, owner and contractor, 160 Cubbryant Lane, 2,880 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (detached storage building, residential).

• **Carolinas Homebuilder LLC**, owner, A&A International Inc., contractor, 2932 Girard Drive, \$3,000 (six foot brick fence, residential).

• **John W. and Christa Clark**, owners, Dee & Gee Builders LLC, contractor, 935 Morningside Drive, 280 heated square feet, \$87,000 (master bedroom addition / sheetrock replacement, residential).

• **Michael S. Hill**, owner, Robert E. Powers, contractor, 1900 Adirondack Court, \$2,200 (remove / replace vinyl siding, residential).

• **Leroy and Bettie L. Anderson**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvements, contractor, 3540 Wedgefield Road, \$7,000 (reroof only, residential).

• **Georgia L. Smith**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvements, contractor, 938 Boulevard Road, \$3,500 (reroof only, residential).

• **Roberto Z. and Linda H. Lagarde**, owners, 2985 Hermitage Drive, \$3,632 (remove / replace five windows with no structure change, residential).

• **Tangible Investments LLC**, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 36 Parker Drive, \$3,000 (remove / replace shingles and felt, residential).

• **CT Strategies LLC (trustee)**, owner, Danny Marshall, contractor, 206 Best St., \$1,275 (vinyl trim only, residential).

• **Reggie A. Cokley**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 305 Brand St., \$4,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Mary V. Jones**, owner, Catherine Danigel, contractor, 1116 Alice Drive (Suite D), \$800 (add partition walls, commercial).

• **Sumter County**, owner, Premier Roofing, contractor, 620 Electric Drive, \$9,750 (roof replacement, commercial).

• **Ronnda S. Stover and James W. Stover III**, owners, South Coast Solar, contractor, 1011 Sparkleberry Lane, \$41,178 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **SLS Co/Nicole Keys**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 390 Ballpark Road, Pinewood (mobile home, residential); SLS Co/Nicole Keys, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 6765 Young St., Rembert (mobile home, residential); SLS Co/Nicole Keys, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 925 Gaines Road, (mobile home, residential); SLS Co/Nicole Keys, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 870 Boulevard Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Marilyn E. Morgan and Rogers Eras**, owners, David B. Trapp, contractor, 35 Ellen Drive, \$18,000 (replace siding, exterior paint, tile flooring, bathroom repairs, residential); Marilyn E. Morgan and Rogers Eras, owners, David B. Trapp, contractor, 35 Ellen Drive, \$10,000 (repair detached storage shed / framing, siding, roofing, residential).

• **Safe Federal Credit Union**, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 170 E. Wesmark Blvd., \$520 (change face of wall sign — Harvest Reapers Church, commercial); Safe Federal Credit Union, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 170 E. Wesmark Blvd., \$675 (change face of freestanding sign — Harvest Reapers Church, commercial).

• **Sumter Post No. 15 American Legion**, owner, Richard H. Nelson, contractor, 31 S. Artillery Drive (maintenance shed), \$2,020 (remove / replace shingles, commercial); Sumter Post No. 15 American Legion, owner, Richard H. Nelson, contractor, 31 S. Artillery Drive (bathroom number one), \$2,020 (remove / replace shingles, commercial); Sumter Post No. 15 American Legion, owner, Richard H. Nelson, contractor, 31 S. Artillery Drive (bathroom), \$1,800 (remove / replace shingles, commercial).

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Understanding the new deer tag program

The email on July 18th from South Carolina Department of Natural Resources said that I would be getting my deer tags in the mail soon. I was a little bit surprised, and somewhat confused. Wouldn't I need to apply for the tags online, or pick them up at one of the regional offices? I had not bought my new hunting license yet,



Dan Geddings

but the tags arrived in the mail a few days later.

I had been to the meetings and read all the articles that I saw in magazines and local newspapers. I had talked to people at SCDNR and other hunters. I thought that I understood the new tag program completely, but I was wrong. Apparently the DNR intended all along to mail tags to current license holders and anyone purchasing a new license beginning July 1st.

OK, I know that any new program can have some confusion and a few snafu's. It's to be expected; so I've gone back to the DNR web site and reviewed all the information that I could find. I think I'm up to speed with the info now.

The deer tag program in South Carolina has been a long time coming. Passage of the "Deer Management Bill" was the culmination of years of effort on the part of the DNR, deer hunters, and the legislature. It's not a perfect law, but probably the best we could get under the circumstances.

The lack of a reasonable limit and enforcement effort on buck deer in the past has been a function of history, tradition, and politics. Not science.

Under the new law, all deer will be required to be tagged at the point of the kill. The deer only has to be tagged from the point of kill, during transport, and until it is processed or cut up. Once the deer is quartered, or boned out, the tagging requirement goes away.

Some hunters have asked how a tagging system can be enforced. If someone chooses to take the risk of not tagging a deer, and they are caught, fines can reach more than \$1,000. Also, processors will not take untagged deer, because taking possession of an illegal deer is a violation. Most hunters are good and honest people. Good people police them-

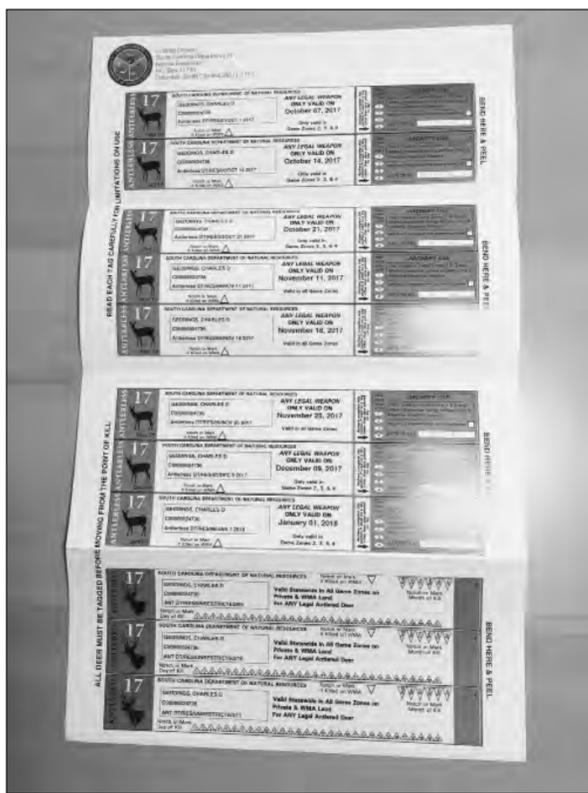


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South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has made important changes to its deer tag program that hunters need to know.

selfs, and no law can persuade bad people to do the right thing.

Under the new law, South Carolina residents will automatically receive a set of deer tags at no cost when they purchase a hunting license, or if their license will be valid when the hunting season begins. Tags will not be available at over the counter vendors, such as sporting goods stores. They will be available after August 1st at DNR regional offices. The base set of tags consist of 3 unrestricted buck tags, and 8 date specific antlerless deer tags. Residents can purchase 2 additional restrictive buck tags for \$5 each. The restriction is that the buck must have at least 4 points on one side or have a 12 inch inside antler spread. There is no specific order in which buck tags can be used. Residents may also purchase up to 4 additional antlerless deer tags for \$5 each. These tags are valid on any day beginning September 15th.

Youth hunters under the license age of 16 must request the free base set of tags annually. Tags will be available over the counter at DNR regional offices in Charleston, Clemson, Columbia, and Florence. Tags can also be ordered by phone at 1-866-714-3611 or via the internet. Contact information will be required to include date of birth and SSN. The youth will be given a customer ID num-

ber for future use. The additional tags may also be purchased.

Lifetime/Senior/Gratis/Disability hunters must also request the free base set of tags annually. Not all of these 200,000 license holders are deer hunters and it would wasteful to send tags to all. Additional deer tag purchases are the same as resident and youth hunters.

Many hunt clubs, especially in the Lowcountry, may be enrolled in the Deer Quota Program. The new Deer Quota Program is similar to the old Antlerless Deer Quota Program. The only difference is that all deer must be tagged to include bucks, and the number of deer, to include bucks, that can be harvested will be determined by the DNR.

On dog drives, whoever kills a deer must tag it with a personal tag, or if the property is enrolled in the quota program, one of the tags issued to the property should be used to tag the deer.

I haven't even touched on the nonresident requirements, and some of you may still have questions. If so, you can E mail the DNR at DeerTags@dnr.sc.gov or go online to www.dnr.sc.gov. Select "deer" under the hunting tab and click onto the New Deer Tag Information.

Dan Geddings is a weekly columnist for *The Sumter Item*. Email Dan at cdgeddings@gmail.com.

Endangered bats breed in coastal plain

A Northern long-eared bat juvenile is examined during a bat survey. Evidence of a breeding population of the federally threatened bat species has been found on South Carolina's Coastal Plain.

BY S.C. DNR



FISHING REPORTS

SANTEE COOPER SYSTEM (UPDATED JULY 14)

Santee Cooper water levels are at 75.38 in Lake Marion (full pool is 76.8) and 75.32 in Lake Moultrie (full pool is 75.5).

The catfish bite on the Santee Cooper lakes continues to be variable, with Captain Jim Glenn (843-825-4239) reporting some scattered bites in mid-depth water as well as positive reports in shallow water late in the day. Overall cut perch and shad have been the best baits.

Captain Steve English (843-729-4044) reports that his boat has found better action in the lower lake than the upper, and that fishing in the canal continues to be strong in the same pattern. He also reports that he has been catching fish shallow in 5-8 feet of water – both day and night! He has heard good reports in deep water at certain times and in certain locations, but not everywhere.

Crappie fishing is still tough, and catches have actually slowed down again.

The bigger bream are still a little scarce, but there were some good bluegills caught off the beds last week. English's boat even landed a big 1-pound 3-ounce fish. On the August full moon there should be another good wave of spawning activity, and there could even be a new moon phase in between.

LAKE WATeree (UPDATED JULY 14)

Lake Wateree is at 97.3 percent of full pool and by Wateree standards the lake is very clear. Water temperatures are in the upper 80s and even higher.

Even though it's gotten hotter, the crappie fishing has gotten better over the last couple of weeks according to veteran tournament angler Will Hinson of Cassatt. He reports that the fish are now on brush in the 15-20 foot range, mostly on the main lake and scattered from one end of the lake to the other. They aren't on all the brush piles in that range, but by now they seem to be on about 85 percent of them as the heat has made them more structure-oriented. Early in the day they are suspended over the brush, and as the sun gets up they sink down towards the bottom. Fish Stalker jigs have still been the best bet.

It's definitely the dog days of summer for bass fishing on Lake Wateree, and on a recent trip FLW angler Derald Rodgers of Camden read 91 degrees when he got out on the water in the afternoon! Accordingly he spent the afternoon and evening trying to find a deep bite, but as other anglers have found it still continues to be basically non-existent. The best bite remains shallow around the grass.

On the catfish front, Captain Rodger Taylor (803-517-7828) reports that right now with fish essentially in a post-spawn period the best bet is to get out early in the morning and fish out of June Creek or another landing in the mid-lake. He advises anchoring around mid-lake humps that might rise to within 7 or 8 feet of the surface on a flat of 12-15 feet of water. There are a lot of mussel beds in this area, and fan-casting a bunch of rods at various depths is the best way to pick up fish. If rods don't move anchored up after a few spots then you can turn to drifting to cover more water. At this time of year most of the fish won't be giant but you could catch a good one up to the mid-20s or bigger. Cut gizzard shad is the best bet.

Information on fishing trends provided courtesy of www.anglersheadquarters.com/, South Carolina's premier fishing report source.

Customers of the Angler's Headquarters online tackle store have access to daily updates and full-length reports on its site.

Summer rains have eliminated drought status for 5 counties

BY S.C. DNR

Agricultural officials brought encouraging news to the South Carolina Drought Response Committee with several crops reporting the potential for the highest yields in many years.

After reviewing the agricultural and forest fire conditions, and the levels in the rivers, lakes and groundwater, the committee, meeting via conference call on Friday, removed the drought declaration for Aiken, Cherokee, Greenville, Spartanburg and York counties. However, spotty summer rainfall has not been enough to eliminate the drought statewide.

The following counties in the Upstate and Central Savannah region remain in drought: Abbeville, Barnwell, Chester, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Newberry, Saluda and Union. Two counties, Anderson and Oconee, were upgraded to incipient drought, which is the first stage.

Despite being bordered by counties that remain in drought, Aiken County's declaration was removed. Over the last 30 days, observers with the CoCoRaHS network reported six to 10 inches of rain, and looking back 60 days, rainfall ranged from 13 to 17 inches.

"We have some drought conditions in the Western Piedmont areas of the state, but overall, the majority of the state is in great shape as far as rainfall," said Brad Boozer, Director of State Farmers Markets, S.C. Department of Agriculture. "Corn, soybeans and peanuts may produce some of the highest yields that we have seen in the last 10-15

years if the weather holds out. Cotton crop looks great also."

"I am excited to hear farmers and agencies report that several of our communities are receiving rains at or above normal levels," said Jimmy Bagley, Deputy City Manager for the City of Rock Hill.

"Greenville, Spartanburg, Cherokee and York all appear to be out of drought at this time. We are still monitoring Fairfield, Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Saluda and Union as they remain in incipient drought."

"While the more mountainous sections of Oconee County have received rainfall, the storm track seems to bypass the southern portions of the county," said Doug Young, President of the Lake Hartwell Association. "The soil moisture in southern Oconee is quite low below 2 or 3 inches from the surface."

Hydrologic conditions have improved in the upper Saluda, Broad and Catawba basins, and this supported the removal of the incipient status for counties in those areas, according to Scott Harder, SCDNR Hydrologist. However, below-normal groundwater levels and streamflow levels in portions of the middle Savannah Basin and in the central regions of the Saluda, Broad and Catawba basins supported keeping counties in these regions in an incipient status.

There was consensus among committee members that the majority of the Pee Dee region should remain out of drought. Theron DeWitt, Commissioner for the Darlington Soil and Water Conservation District, said, "There has been adequate rainfall throughout the region. In some areas rain is actually holding up harvest."

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Summons & Notice

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION

(NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE) C/A NO: 2017-CP-43-01174 DEFICIENCY WAIVED

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

The Bank of New York Mellon f/k/a The Bank of New York as successor in interest to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, as Trustee for C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-RP1,

PLAINTIFF,

vs. James H. Ramsey, Sr. and if James H. Ramsey, Sr. be deceased then any children and heirs at law to the Estate of James H. Ramsey, Sr. distributes and devises at law to the Estate of James H. Ramsey, Sr. and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons, unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Dianne S. Spann, DEFENDANT(S)

TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCAR, effective June

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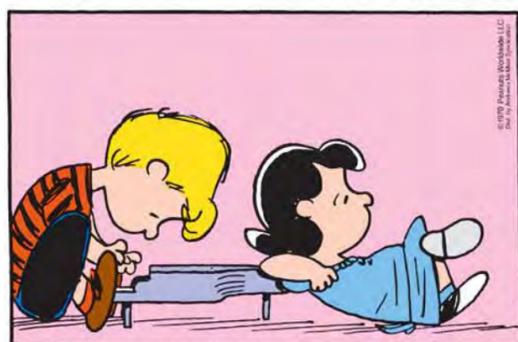
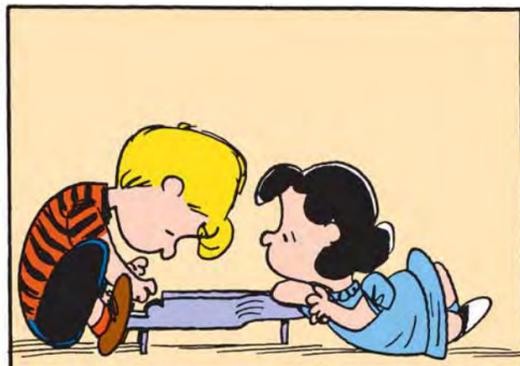
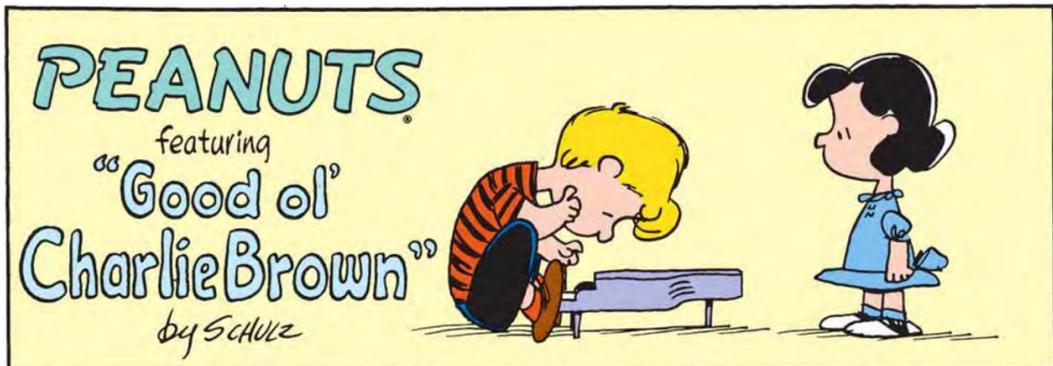
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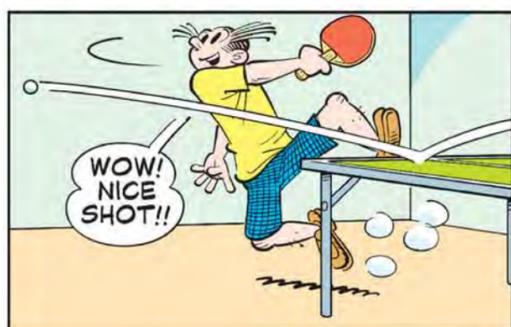
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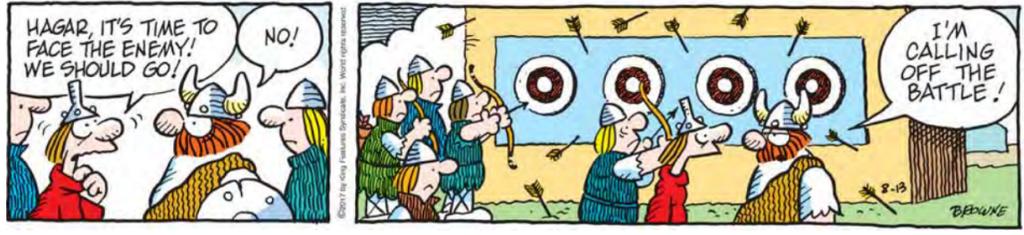
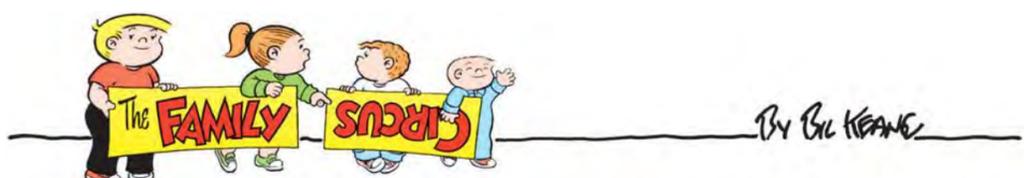
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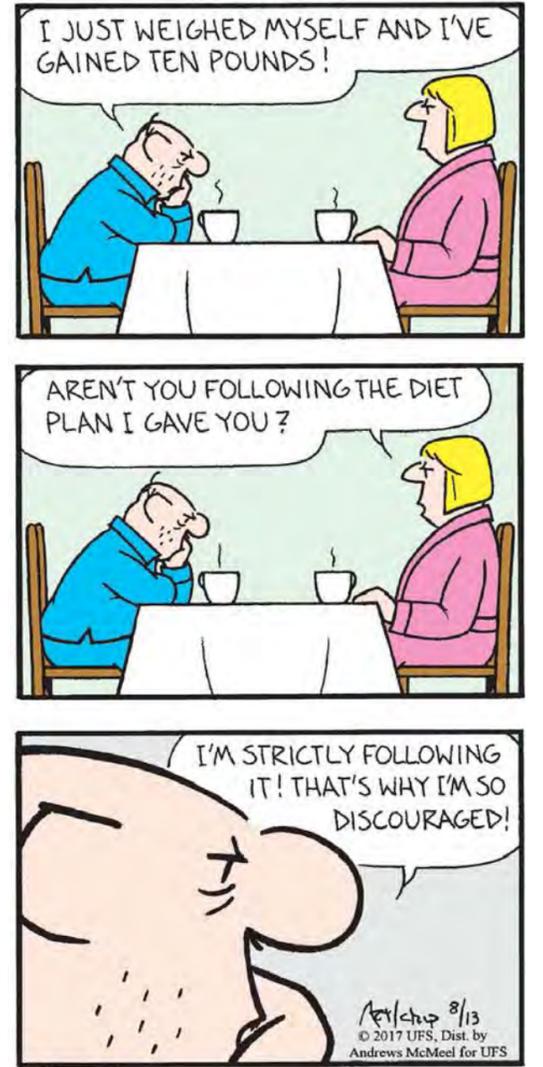
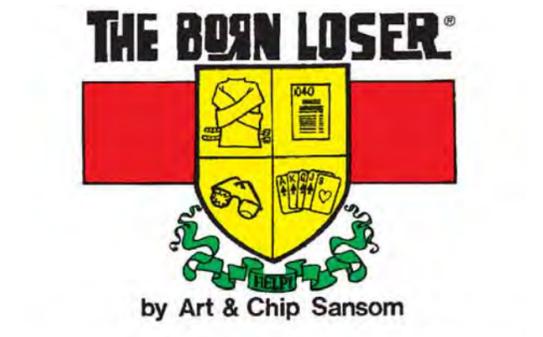
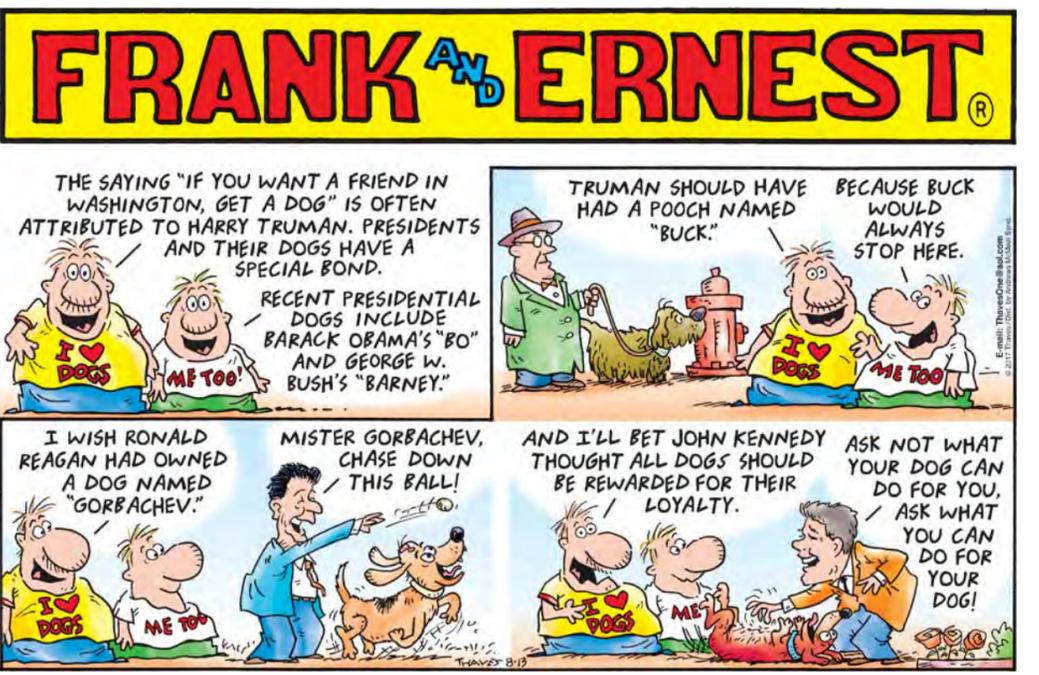
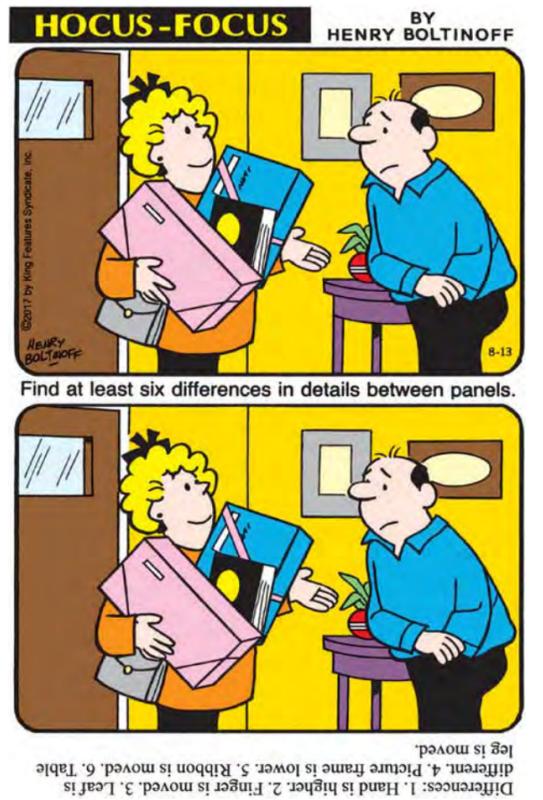
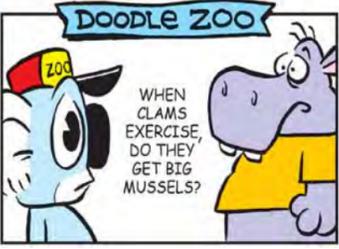
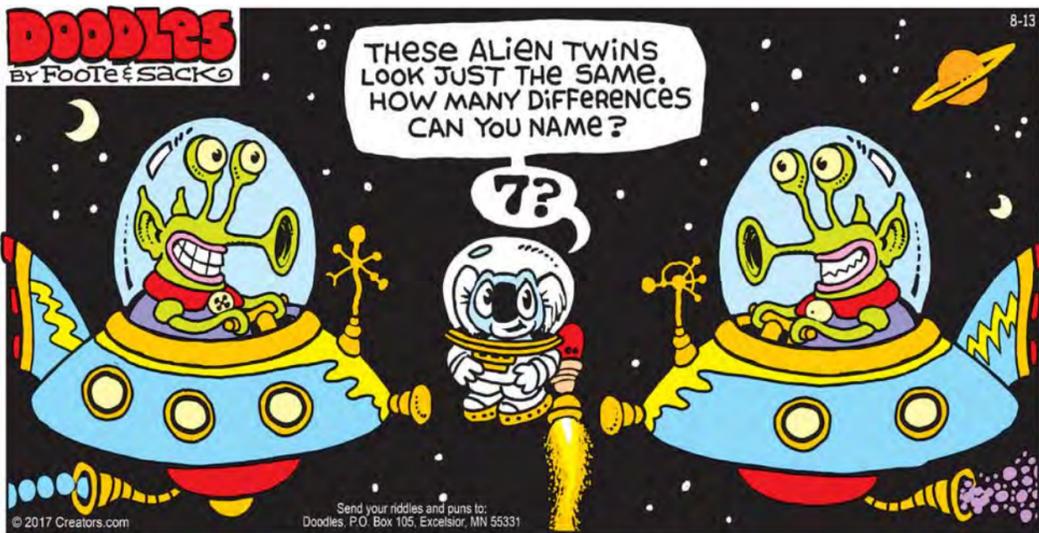
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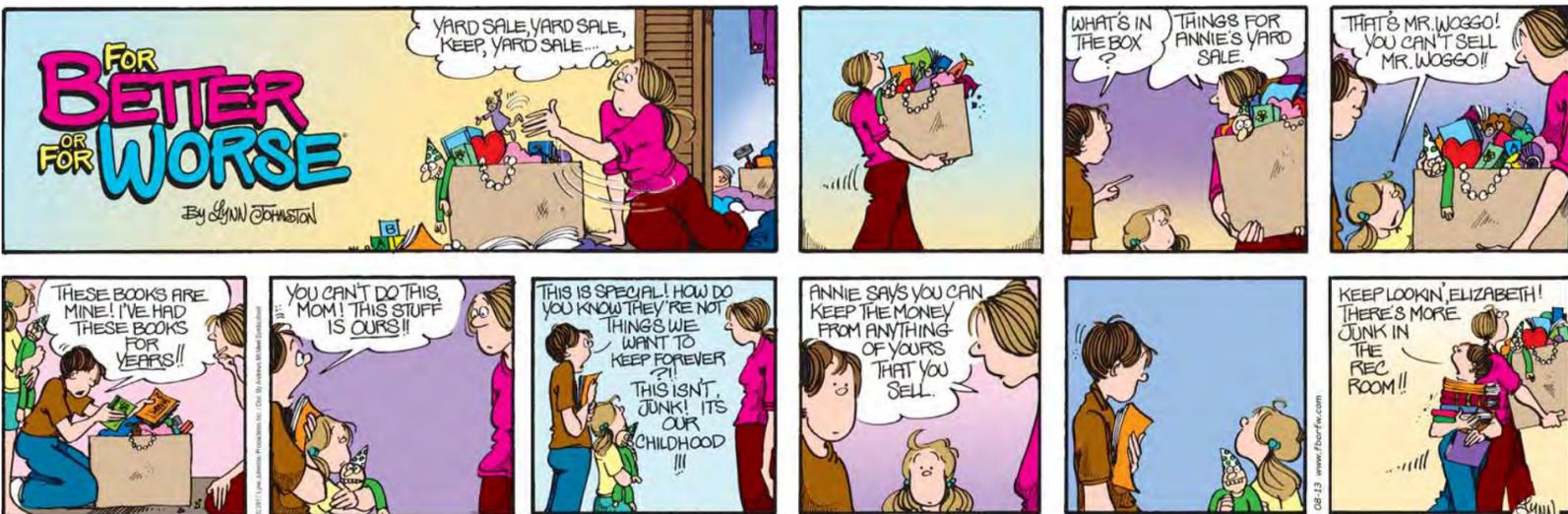
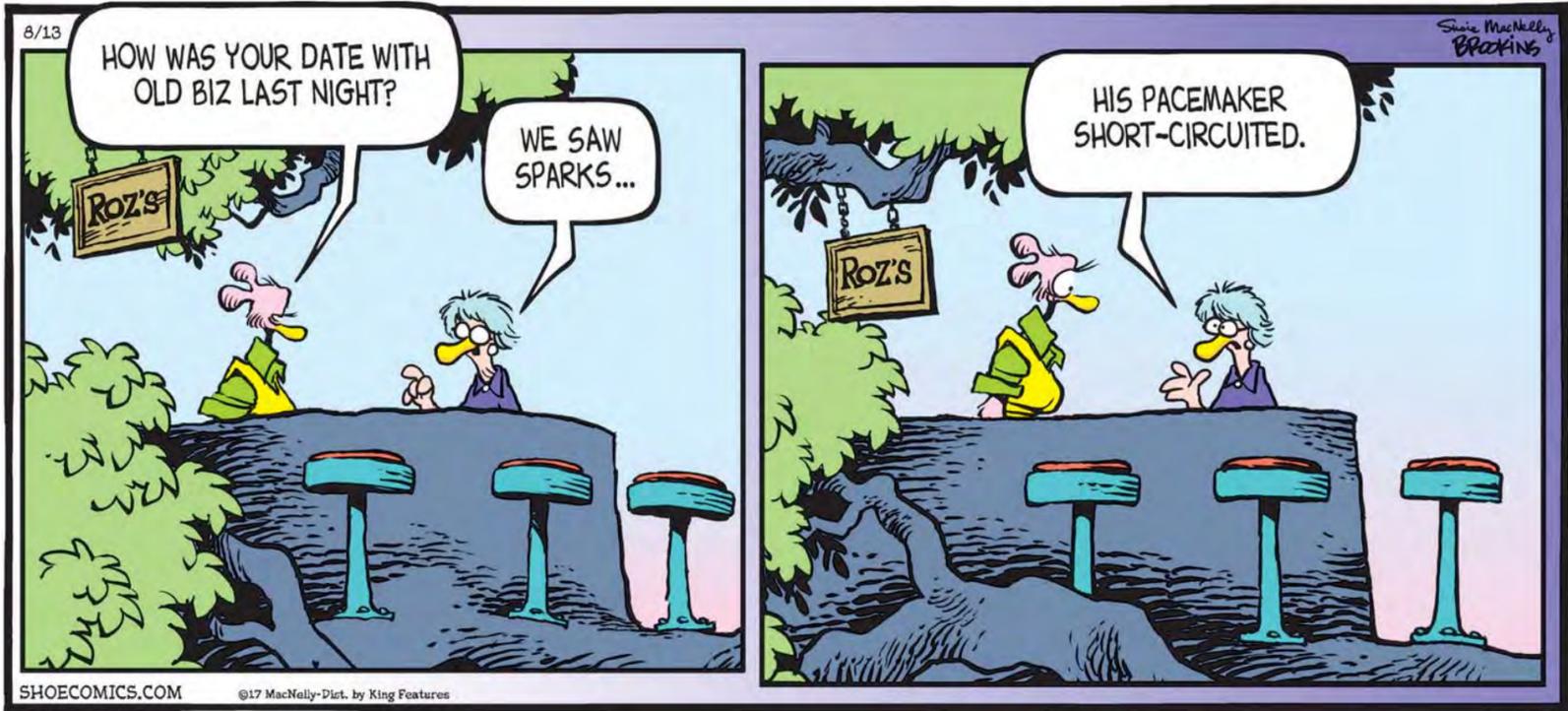
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