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## How much do you know about guns?



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Sr. Cpl. Evan Rogerson with Sumter County Sheriff's Office fires a Smith and Wesson M&P-15 at a private range on March 23 to demonstrate the accuracy of the firearm.

### Sumter deputies explain terminology, safety amid nationwide debates

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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**F**or some people — especially law enforcement and military personnel — firearms are necessary equipment for the job.

And though many public servants, and even civilians, have been around firearms since the birth of our nation, you will still see them handle weapons with caution because they understand the power behind them.

Unfortunately, while firearms can be used for protection or recreation, the weapons are also used to commit crimes and harm others, sparking a heated debate across the nation on who or what is to blame and what, if any, action should be taken.

Law enforcement and civilians alike who are trained to use firearms know education is the key to using any weapon safely, so deputies with Sumter County Sheriff's Office answered a few questions that have been repeated throughout the country in gun control debates.

#### TRIGGER ACTIONS

This refers to the number of actions, two at most, it takes for a bullet to be projected from a gun when the trigger is pulled.



This revolver is a double-action only firearm.

Pulling the trigger will either release the hammer, which strikes the round (a single piece of ammunition), or it will first cock and then release the hammer, which will strike the round.

**Single-action:** The hammer of the firearm must be cocked manually before pulling the trigger, which will then release the hammer, striking the round.

#### FIREARM SAFETY TIPS

Never handle a firearm while intoxicated.

Always assume every gun is loaded.

Never point a firearm at a person or object you do not intend to shoot, even if your finger is not on the trigger and the safety is on.

Keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to fire.

Be aware of the people and objects behind your target.

Practice and study often so you know your firearm.

Do not buy cheap ammunition.

If your gun is for home security, practice retrieving your weapon from wherever it is stowed.

fore pulling the trigger, which will then release the hammer, striking the round.

**Double-action/single-action:** The hammer needs to be cocked only once, manually or by partially pulling the trigger back, before a bullet can be projected. Each of the following trigger pulls will project one bullet without having to cock the hammer beforehand each time.

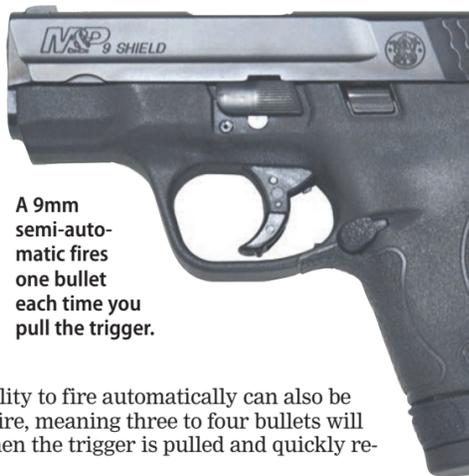
**Double-action only:** Pulling the trigger will always both cock the hammer and project a bullet.

#### SEMI-AUTOMATIC VS. FULLY AUTOMATIC

**Semi-automatic** means one bullet is projected each time the trigger is pulled.

**Automatic** means bullets will continue to be projected from the weapon for as long as the trigger is pulled. Firearms that have the capability to fire automatically can also be used for burst fire, meaning three to four bullets will be projected when the trigger is pulled and quickly released.

The biggest difference between semi-automatic and automatic firearms is accuracy, said Senior Cpl. Lenell Allen with Sumter County Sheriff's Office.



A 9mm semi-automatic fires one bullet each time you pull the trigger.

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### Employers spark students' interest in industrial careers at expo

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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Area economic development partners and employers put their best foot forward Friday in trying to spark interest in local manufacturing and technology-related jobs with their second-annual Manufacturers and Technology Expo.

In the morning, about 300 eighth-graders from the seven middle schools in Sumter School District descended upon Central Carolina Technical College's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St., and were greeted with numerous hands-on, interactive, industrial displays from area employers. In another area of the facility, students took part

in a Jeopardy economic development challenge game, quizzing them on the importance of a skilled workforce to the area.

Event organizers said this year's expo was designed to be more interactive to pique students' interests more in the career opportunities available with area manufacturers and other major employers.

At a Thompson Construction Co. display, students raced each other in screwing large bolts into an assembly. At other locations, students got to program computerized robots and see the effects and put wheels on bicycles manufactured just down the road in Manning at Bicycle Corp. of America.

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## Man charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

A 47-year-old Sumter man was arrested on Thursday and charged with first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor.



BRADLEY

According to Ken Bell, public information officer with Sumter County Sheriff's Office, the warrant issued on April 6 states that Dean Bradley, of Yank

Haven Drive, reportedly touched a 9-year-old female on her chest and on her private area while at a location in the 4000 block of Camden Highway in Sumter County on March 27.

## 21-year-old man pleads guilty to insurance fraud

### BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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A Sumter man, 21, was sentenced to five years of probation on Thursday after he pleaded guilty to insurance fraud for taking part in an insurance fraud ring and cashing an insurance claim check for approximately \$16,500.

According to a release from the South Carolina Attorney General's office, Jair Hakeem Golden was approached by his cousin, Demarkus Lane, who told him he could make money by using his name to cash a check.

On Feb. 6, 2017, Lane staged a car wreck at Bagnal Drive and Oswego Highway in Sumter and told hospital staff that his name was Jair Golden when he went in for treatment. With that information, the hospital sent the bills to Golden who, along with Lane, then took the bills to an insurance claim office which issued a check to Golden for \$16,564.12, states the release.

Golden signed and cashed the check.

Judge R. Ferrell Cothran initially sentenced Golden to a term not to exceed six years under the Youthful Offender Act, but the sentence was suspended to five years' probation.

Lane is charged with presenting a false claim for payment greater than \$10,000, along with making a false statement or representation for \$10,000-\$50,000, and forgery greater than \$10,000. He also faces three pending counts of presenting a false claim for payment and forgery.

More than 30 other co-defendants are involved in the insurance fraud ring, states the release.

"Insurance fraud is a real problem in South Carolina that raises all of our rates," State Attorney General Alan Wilson said in the release. "Our office will continue to go after these criminals."

## Chamber of Commerce names People of the Year at annual gala

### BY KAYLA ROBINS

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Just yards from construction cones on an old Main Street that is getting a facelift, Sumter's business leaders, community members, educators and industrial top dogs gathered to celebrate their year that was.

Sumter has come a long way in the last 10, three and even one year in its revitalization of downtown, and Thursday's Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce gala, marking the 105th year of the group's annual meeting, was just the most recent cherry to top a sweet year of ribbon cuttings, construction milestones and looks toward the future.

"Sumter's downtown is going to get bigger," said Donny Hines, chairman of the Chamber. "Once this hotel is opened, you're going to see a lot of good things coming, even more so than what you see today."

A new Hyatt Place Hotel is set to open in the coming weeks across the street from La Piazza, downtown's most recent restaurant opening that played host to the gala in its open-air, event-friendly venue.

The street that connects the two, North Main, is getting its road replaced.

Changes apparent to anyone who has either lived in Sumter his or her whole life or who has visited only once before are owed to a host of people, but one in particular was honored with the Chamber's most prestigious award, the Phillip L. Edwards Business Person of the Year.

"She has been so integral to the revitalization of Main Street, starting back in, about 10 years ago," said Nicole Bailey, vice president of operations for the Chamber, of Danielle Thompson.

Thompson, whose opening of Hampton's fine dining restaurant spurred the continued growth seen today, also owns Sidebar. Hampton's opened in its new location less than a month ago next to La Piazza, which Thompson also claims.



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce held its annual gala Thursday at La Piazza.

### GREATER SUMTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PEOPLE OF THE YEAR

**Phillip L. Edwards Business Person of the Year:** Danielle Thompson

**Minority or Woman Owned Business of the Year:** Victoria Bailey

**Nonprofit of the Year:** Sumter County Developmental Disabilities Foundation

**Young Professional of the Year:** Chelsea Treboniak

**Military Citizen of the Year:** Willa Pembleton

**Educators of the Year:** Shawn Rearden, Christina Shuler, BJ Reed

Chris Hardy, president and CEO of the Chamber, said Thompson's award and others announced on Thursday, including minority or woman-owned business of the year, nonprofit of the year, young professional of the year, military citizen of the year and educators of the year, were chosen after a public nomination period and review committee made up of previous winners.

"Danielle was by far the winner. You look at downtown, what it has been, what it is now, what it's going to be, a lot of it is owed to her and her family and her work ethic and her vision for what downtown Sumter can be," Hardy said.

He said while the last three years have been especially noticeable in the shift downtown, the future looks even brighter.

"Main Street looks so different. There's more businesses here. There's more people walking the streets. More energy. And that's what you want to see in a downtown," he said. "Yes, we still have a lot of work to do, but where we have come in three years is absolutely nothing short of amazing. And where we're going to be in 10 years, 15 years, 20 years, people are going to be looking at Sumter and saying, 'Man, I wish I was there.' Or, 'Man, that's where I'm going to be.'"

## Public invited to 2nd traffic improvement meeting

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Sumter Urban Area Transportation Study Metropolitan Planning Organization invites the community to a second meeting regarding transportation improvements from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday. Ideas provided during an initial meeting in October will be reviewed to see which ones could become future projects.

This public input meeting will be held at Swan Lake Visitors Center, 822 W. Liberty St.

The purpose of the meetings is for Sumter City-County Planning Department to learn what roadways and transportation issues need safety improvements throughout Sumter. Suggestions were also submitted via an online survey.

Public suggestions that show a greater need for implementation — because of the condition of the roadway or potential danger to motorists or pedestrians — will be added to SUATS' 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan.

If you attended the first meeting in October and gave suggestions, you are encouraged to come back to see if those ideas are included in the updated LRTP, said Sumter Senior Transportation Planner Allan Yu. This is also an opportunity for people who missed the first public meeting to participate, he said.

Participants can also see what some of their plans will look like with the presentation of maps and renderings of the transportation improvements, Yu said.

Monday is the final day to share ideas because the draft list of new LRTP projects will be finalized after the second meeting, he said.

Later, SUATS will select the projects for the LRTP list and prioritize those projects based on various factors. The project will be implemented as funding becomes available, Yu said.

For more information about the public meeting or survey, contact Allan Yu at (803) 774-1612.

### CORRECTION / CLARIFICATION

A headline in Thursday's edition referred to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund as the NAACP's legal arm when in fact the fund is actually not. The NAACP has its own legal counsel that acts in that function. Also, the article stated the LDF was founded in 1957, but it was founded in 1940.

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# Autistic Boy Scout builds playground for Eagle Scout project

**BY CONOR HUGHES**  
 The Index-Journal of Greenwood

GREENWOOD — Chip Ehlers has always struggled with managing his emotions and interacting with others.

He has autism and deals with the challenges associated with the condition every day.

Now 18, Chip said as a child, the playground was always a place where he could find solace and clear his head when the world began to feel out of control.

"It helped big time," he said. "It pretty much helped me speak normal, like the rest of the kids. I did know there was some differences. Like, I couldn't sit on top of the monkey bars like all the other kids could. I was too scared to do that like the other kids did. But honestly it really did help me calm down if I was feeling overwhelmed, and I really enjoyed having a playground."

In early March, Chip made that relief available to a group of young children who face similar challenges. He's a member of Boy Scout Troop 53, and over the course of three days, Chip and his fellow Scouts constructed a fully equipped playground for the children at the Project Hope Foundation's Greenwood Clinic — a nonprofit that specializes in offering services to children with autism and their families.

The playground — which sits next to Project Hope's Greenwood Clinic — includes features such as slides, monkey bars and a swing set with swings chosen specifically to meet the needs of children

with autism.

"I really enjoyed having a playground, and I think they will enjoy having that playground as well," Chip said. "And they said they have, which makes me feel even more better knowing that they are enjoying it like I thought they would."

Nikki Porter, Project Hope's Greenwood Clinic coordinator, said the project exceeded her and her staff's expectations and is an important addition to the program.

"I don't think I can put into words what it's meant for us," she said. "... It gives the kids an outlet and something to look forward to and work for. And it fosters play activity and is something the kids can

do together."

The program uses the play set regularly, Porter said, and in the short time it's been there, the grass beneath each swing set has been worn away with use.

The project took three days to complete, and 12 volunteers pitched in during the construction. Troop 53 has eight Scouts, and Chip said it meant a lot to him to see his fellow Scouts and friends dedicate so much time to helping him achieve his goal.

Chris Eubanks, Chip's scoutmaster, said he has seen Chip make great strides in Scouts. Watching Chip plan and execute his project, Eubanks said, was a great experience.

"I told him in his scoutmas-

ter's conference that I was very proud to be a part of it," he said. "Even though I wasn't there for a lot of his advancement coming up through the troop, I did get to see a lot of his work. He has been a Scout guide for us at times and recently an assistant patrol leader and then watching him develop his project and get out there. I talked to him some and he was nervous about a project like that, about trying to lead the boys. But he did a very good job out there that day, and I was proud of him."

Greg Ehlers, Chip's father, said he's proud to see his son reach the highest rank in Boy Scouts — an organization that has helped Chip to grow as a person and to experience

new things.

"It's made him a little bit more outgoing," he said. "He's not as introverted or shy as he was. And he's had some challenges, along with the other boys. We've hiked on the Appalachian Trail, we've done a lot of stuff that we had the opportunity to do through Scouting."

Chip said, for him, Scouting has been a way to overcome some of his anxiety about social interaction, to learn about himself and the world around him and to build skills. To be able to help children dealing with some of the same struggles he's overcome, and through an organization that's meant so much to him, Chip said, was an amazing experience.



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# the Sumter ITEM PANORAMA

## Could you unplug? New tour company designs trips that discourage cellphones, even for photos

BY BETH J. HARPAZ  
AP Travel Editor

Would you take a trip if you couldn't use your cellphone?

A new tour company called Off the Grid is asking travelers to put their cellphones away and not even use them for photos.

"When you're somewhere new, there's a lot to soak up, a lot to see, a lot of cool, interesting people to meet. Your phone can distract you," said Off the Grid founder Zach Beattie.

Off the Grid trips, he says, are designed to be "fully unplugged and very social."

The first trip is to Lisbon, Portugal, in July, with others planned to Prague; the Croatian coast; Barcelona, Spain; Lima, Peru; and Tulum, Mexico. "People have signed up for every trip we've launched so far," Beattie said.

Tours are seven to 10 days, with small groups of up to 16 people. Prices range from \$1,500 to \$1,650, including accommodations in hostels, some meals and ground transportation (but not airfare). Itineraries include at least three excursions and two social events, with an emphasis on unique experiences over bucket-list sightseeing. The Lisbon tour

includes surfing lessons, yoga on the beach, a day of sailing and dinner with a family to learn about local cuisine and wines.

"We are under-scheduling," Beattie said. "The entire focus of the trip is mindful travel and not cramming every single site into your trip."

The phone ban won't be enforced quite as strictly as it seems at first glance. "We want it to be volunteer," he said. "We're not collecting phones and throwing

them in a locked trunk. It's held by you, but put in a pouch, and you state your intentions for the week," whether that's checking your social media once or twice a day or a total blackout.

Tour-goers also get a "dumb phone" without internet access that's loaded with numbers for group leaders and other participants, both for emergencies and to promote socializing.

Seventy-five percent of U.S. travelers vacationing internationally use smartphones to access the internet, according to MMGY Global's Portrait of American Travelers 2018-19.

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People gather at Lisbon's Comercio square to watch the sun set behind the bridge. A new tour company called Off the Grid, that asks participants put their cellphones away, is launching a trip to Lisbon in July.

bring regular cameras, but Beattie is hiring a photographer for each tour so there will be plenty of images to remember the trip by. Once the trip is over, participants will have access to those images for use in social media posts.

"I think it's interesting and challenging to say, 'Can I enjoy this moment without a camera? Can I soak up this memory and have it be part of me without instantly sharing with someone else in

order for the moment to be real?'" he said.

Those signing up range from kids graduating high school to folks in their 60s, but most participants are professionals ages 24 to 35, "people who've worked for a couple of years who really need a real vacation," said Beattie, who's "bootstrapping" the business using money he saved from a tech job at a mapping company. He's hired guides for every trip but will help lead the first few himself.

Kensley Neely, 30, a speech pathologist from St. Joseph, Missouri, signed up for the Lisbon trip. "I'm so excited to go," she said. "I had been trying to find a way to step out of my comfort zone."

Giving up her phone will be hard, she says, but "I'm hoping once I do it during the trip, I won't be as tied to it when I get back." She is taking a digital camera, but hopes to use it sparingly: "I want to enjoy the experience and not take pictures of every little thing."



**NEW ARRIVAL**

## Catherine Cutler Schumacher



Blake Edmond and Sarah Cutler Schumacher of Columbia announce the birth of a daughter, Catherine Cutler Schumacher, on March 16, 2018, at Palmetto Health Baptist Hospital, Columbia.

Catherine weighed 8 pounds, and she was 20 1/4 inches long.

Grandparents are John Alan and Priscilla Holmes Dickey of Sumter; and Bruce William and Dean Evans Schumacher

of Philo, Illinois.

Great-grandparents are John and Mary Schumacher and James and Marlene Evans, all of Philo.

Great-great-grandparents are the late Dr. Edwin and Elvie Holmes of Fitchburg, Massachusetts; and the late Dr. Lincoln and Dorothy Dickey of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

Mrs. Schumacher is the former Sarah Cutler Dickey.

**CENTENARIAN**

## Castelia C. Wilson celebrates 100 years

Castelia Clark Wilson celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, April 10.

Born on April 10, 1918, in Lee County, she is the daughter of the late Robbie and Ada Clark. She received her education at Morris College. After completing her education, she moved to New York City. Castelia met and married Herman Wilson, and they had two children, Catherine Wilson Felder and James Wilson. She also has eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

After working in New York City for many years, she retired and returned home to Sumter. Castelia renewed her membership at Mount Moriah United Methodist Church in Mayesville, where she has worked many positions. She is known as the "Mother of the Church."



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## St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School



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A. Reisenauer won the National Geographic Bee at St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School. In April, he will compete for the state title against students from across South Carolina. Dan Spivey, left, is Reisenauer's social studies and geography teacher.

## Central Carolina Technical College

### REGISTER FOR SUMMER OR FALL SEMESTER

Register now for summer or fall semester at Central Carolina Technical College. CCTC has an average job placement rate of 92 percent, and with more than 50 programs of study to choose from, you'll be sure to find your perfect fit. Regardless if you are interested in learning a skilled trade and moving straight into the workforce or transferring to a four-year college or university to continue your studies, CCTC delivers an affordable pathway to your success. Summer classes start May 21, and fall classes start Aug. 20. For more information on enrollment, visit [cctech.edu/how-to-enroll-5-easy-steps/](http://cctech.edu/how-to-enroll-5-easy-steps/) and to view the classes offered visit [cctech.edu/academics/class-schedule-search/](http://cctech.edu/academics/class-schedule-search/).

### WELDING COMPETITION

Central Carolina Technical College is hosting this year's annual Welding Skills Competition on April 19 and 20 on Main Campus in Sumter. Ten South Carolina technical colleges will compete in six welding categories.

For more information and sponsorship opportunities for this event, please contact Welding Program Manager Axel Reis at (803) 778-7863 or [reisah@cctech.edu](mailto:reisah@cctech.edu).

### 54TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

On Friday, May 11, CCTC will hold its 54th Commencement ceremonies at Sumter County Civic Center. The 10 a.m. ceremony is for students graduating from Business and Public Service programs. The 3 p.m. ceremony is for students graduating from General Education, Health Sciences and Industrial and Engineering Technology programs. This year's ceremonies will be streamed live on Facebook. — *Catherine M. Wood*

## Morris College

### FAST TRACK PROGRAM

Morris College will hold its Fast Track Program for the third consecutive year. The Fast Track Program allows 30 incoming freshmen to attend Morris College with all expenses paid during the summer session prior to their fall admission. These students will take up to nine credit hours of developmental courses in preparation for succeeding at their college-level courses upon entering the fall semester at Morris College.

Applications are now being accepted for the Fast Track Program. For more information, contact the Office of Admission and Records at (803) 934-3225.

### OPERATION: LOVE OUR BABIES

Local churches including Mount Bethel, First Baptist, Jehovah and New Bethel Missionary Baptist churches have teamed up to sponsor Operation: Love Our Babies. Coordinated by Minister Napoleon Bradford of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church and the Rev. George Windley of First Baptist Missionary Church, the program was developed to meet the needs of students who may need a little extra help.

On March 23, a care package of hundreds of toiletries including — but not limited to — toothpaste, soap, lotion, sanitary products, laundry detergent and more was presented to the Office of Student Affairs at Morris College. The items will be dispersed in an on-campus pantry where students can come and receive what they need. The institution also has clothing pantries for students who may need additional assistance finding business attire as they prepare to enter internships and the work force.

### SENIOR SOARS THROUGH PRAXIS II

Shevon Wesley of Sumter has passed all parts of Praxis II on the first attempt. The Praxis tests measure the academic skills and subject-specific content knowledge needed for teaching. The Praxis tests are taken by individuals entering the teaching

profession as part of the certification process required by many states and professional licensing organizations. Students looking to enter the Morris College Teacher Education Program must complete the Praxis I prior to being accepted into the program. Wesley is a graduating senior doing her field training at Crestwood High School. Her major is Biology-Secondary Education, and she holds the highest grade-point average in her program.

### TRIO IS ALIVE AND WELL AT MORRIS

Morris College Upward Bound Coordinator Barbara Jones attended the 46th-annual Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel Conference in Savannah, Georgia. This year's theme was "SAEOPP in Wonderland" where participants were "Mad about TRIO!" The Federal TRIO programs or TRIO includes Educational Opportunity Centers, Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement, Student Support Services, Talent Search, Training Program for Federal TRIO Programs Staff, Upward Bound, Upward Bound Math-Science and Veterans Upward Bound.

The conference had in-depth plenaries and workshops which offered a variety of opportunities to share thoughts on helping students prepare for college, get into college and graduate from college. Additionally, there were workshops on assisting students with applying for and securing scholarships, grants and financial aid for graduating seniors in Upward Bound.

Morris College houses an Upward Bound program under the direction of Rudolph Wheeler and a Student Support Services program under the direction of Joseph Jones. These programs assist students and future students as they matriculate through school. Student Support Services is a grant-funded program that aims to increase college retention and graduation rates of its participants by providing opportunities for academic development, assisting students with basic college requirements and motivating students toward the successful completion of their post-secondary education. Student Support Services can also provide grant aid to program participants who receive Federal Pell Grants.

Upward Bound aims to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of post-secondary education by providing fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their pre-college performance and ultimately their higher education pursuits. The program serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a Bachelor's degree.

By attending the SAEOPP conference, Jones is able to bring back a wealth of current information to share with the Morris College family. — *Anika Cobb*

## Sumter School District

### FINE ARTS PROGRAMS RATE SUPERIOR

Sumter High Orchestra accomplished another first in the history of its program. Under the direction of Erik Hines and Krystin Cote, the honors orchestra, chamber orchestra and concert orchestra earned Superior ratings at the S.C. Concert Performance Assessment. That is the highest rating designated by the South Carolina Music Educators Association.

All ensembles were evaluated by a panel of qualified judges in the following categories: tone, intonation, rhythmic precision, musical effect, performance position (posture), presentation and sight reading.

Sumter High School advanced wind ensemble and the symphonic band also performed at S.C. Concert Performance Assessment, the most important annual event for bands. Under the direction of Troy Cato, both received ratings of Superior.

### CRESTWOOD STUDENT RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD

Travis Johnson, a student at Crestwood High School, was selected to receive the Billy Michal Student Leadership Award from the National WWII Museum. This award is given annually to one student from each state who demonstrates the American spirit in his or her community. The values of leadership, teamwork, tolerance, creativity and perseverance were reflected in his nomination.

### FBLA STUDENTS EXCEL

FBLA chapters from Sumter School District joined more than 1,100 other members and advisers from across S.C. for the 2018 S.C. FBLA State Leadership Conference at North Charleston Convention Center.

Three Sumter School District students will serve on the state officer team for the 2018-19 school year. Tra-

vis Johnson from Crestwood High School was elected S.C. FBLA state president. Andrea Clark from Sumter High School was elected District III vice president. Maniyah Morton from Ebenezer Middle School was appointed to serve as one of two middle-level representatives on State Executive Board.

From Crestwood High School, Travis Johnson placed first in Public Speaking; Katrina Simon placed first in Spreadsheet Applications; Maya Martin placed second in Economics; Jaleeyah Dow, Zoe McDonald, Kamaya Wright and D'Andre Young placed second in the Parliamentary Procedure team competition; Tylik Steplight placed fourth in Computer Applications; and Kiera Brown placed fourth in Help Desk.

Li Jason from Lakewood High School placed fourth in Cyber Security. In addition, the Lakewood FBLA Chapter received the Top FBLA Fund-raiser Chapter 2018 Award for March of Dimes.

From Sumter High School, Andrea Clark placed first in Emerging Business Issues; Alonzo Green placed first in Database Design and Applications; Robert Jones placed first in Computer Applications; Jada Kirkland placed second in Impromptu Speaking; Lindsey Smutz placed second in Website Design; Imanee Summerline placed second in Personal Finances; Carolyn Alan and Tyann Sumpter placed third in the Emerging Business Issues team competition; and Ke'Andre Cummings placed fourth in Business Law. Sumter High School also received an award for being the largest 5A school chapter in the state.

Four students from Alice Drive Middle School won awards. Trinity Amos placed first in Intro to Business Communication; Tawanasia McBride placed first in Keyboarding Applications II; Gavin Ruiz placed third in Intro to Computer Science and Coding; and Ka'Niya Tomlin placed third in Public Speaking.

From Bates Middle School, Lela Rush placed first in Public Speaking; Madison Long placed second in Keyboarding Applications I; Ravon Harris placed third in Keyboarding Applications II; Zelena Fierson placed fourth in Career Exploration; and Jordyn Richardson placed fourth in Keyboarding Applications I.

Makayla De'Lay from Chestnut Oaks Middle School placed fourth in FBLA Facts.

From Ebenezer Middle School, Mia Bivins placed first in Keyboarding Applications I; Nasia Edwards placed first in Spreadsheet; Janiyah Morton and Abigail Sturdivant placed second in the Computer Slide Show team competition; and Titan Wright placed second in Spreadsheet. The chapter also placed fourth for its Community Service Project.

Chanel Jenkins from Furman Middle School placed first in Keyboarding Fundamentals, and Evelyn Campos placed third in Keyboarding Applications I. The chapter also placed third for its Community Service Project.

NaSadiya Weldon from Hillcrest Middle School placed first in FBLA Facts, and Jer'Asia Alston placed second in Intro to Computer Science and Coding.

### GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS CONTINUE

Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce held the Golden Apple Awards program at Hillcrest Middle School. Nominated by their teachers, guidance counselors or administrators, 12 students were recognized for displaying exceptional citizenship and character. Each student received a certificate and a proclamation signed by Sumter Mayor Joseph T. McElveen and Sumter County Council Chairman James T. McCain Jr.

Congratulations to the following students: Jack Edward Atkinson, Alicia Reann Fairhurst, Isis Ma Gonzalez, Landon Paul Harbison, Quatrell Darrius Diggs, David Allen Lundberg, Layla Nichole Krug, Jiyarien O'Shay McLeod, Derianna Nasiriah Holley, Devon Cole Rudd, J'Lyn Trovelle Williams and Dorian Juwon Terrell.

The Golden Apple Awards program, which is held at each high school and middle school in Sumter School District, is presented by Caterpillar Inc. Gold sponsors are Kaydon Corp., Nu-idea School Supply and the University of South Carolina Sumter. — *Shelly Galloway*

## Lee County School District

### BISHOPVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On March 2, Bishopville Primary School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday with a parade. The parade consisted of the students and staff dressing as their favorite Seuss character and holding their favorite book while they walked around the school.

Bishopville Primary School Media Literacy Team meets every Thursday with Don Patterson, media literacy coordinator, and guidance counselor Vanessa Bostic to promote the wonderful activities, academics and parent/community events that take place in the school. The team also interviews faculty and staff members and encourages them to promote parent

involvement. Bishopville Primary School's Media Literacy Team members are Amil Cooper, Taylor Lewis, Simone McDaniel, Allan Rogers, Dominique Spann, Zynajia Thomas and Desire Williams.

Members of the Bishopville Pilot Club, a service club dedicated to the prevention of brain injury and education-related disorders, presented a puppet show to the students called Brainminders on March 15 and 16. Brainminders teaches students safety when riding bicycles. The club also gave each 5K student a biker's helmet.

### LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lower Lee students had a visitor named NED on March 7. NED is a loveable cartoon character whose name is an acronym for Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. The NED assembly program was used to promote kindness and excellence around the school. The students had a great time at the assembly, and they loved that NED is a kid-related character.

Fifth-grade students at Lower Lee Elementary School enjoyed studying the details of World War II and the Cold War. The students discovered that these particular events in American history are full of exciting twists and turns. The students compared the leadership styles of Joseph Stalin, Franklin D. Roosevelt and the infamous Adolf Hitler. They transferred their knowledge onto paper and completed essays. The essays described life in Japanese internment camps and Hitler's evil plan to exterminate the Jews. These facts were interesting and engaging to the students.

In math, the students are reviewing in-depth mathematical concepts for the upcoming benchmark test. They are playing games and tutoring one another in different mathematical processes.

Writing has taken a different turn for fifth-grade students this nine weeks. The students enjoyed hot chocolate and doughnuts while they analyzed and critiqued one another's essays. The scholarly writers chose a partner to read their rough drafts. They took turns and gave one positive note and one "one to grow on" for their partner's writing piece. This process helped the students learn to edit and revise their essays. The students' writing pieces are displayed on the bulletin board on the third-, fourth- and fifth-grade hallway.

First-graders at Lower Lee Elementary School are studying about historical figures and their contributions including Mary McLeod Bethune, Frederick Douglass and Thomas Jefferson. Mary McLeod Bethune was a civil rights activist who founded a school for black girls in Florida. Frederick Douglass was an abolitionist who believed in freedom of expression. Thomas Jefferson drafted and signed the Declaration of Independence.

Students in Valerie Atlas' and Jacqueline Helton's second-grade science classes are working on science projects for Lee County School District's upcoming Science Fair and S.T.E.A.M. Family Fun Night. In Jacqueline Helton's class, the students conducted an experiment on which brands of popcorn pop the most kernels. The class was divided into four groups, and each group was assigned a different brand of popcorn. The brands tested included ACT II, Orville Redenbacher, Pop-Secret and Gourmet Popcorn. Each group counted the number of popcorn pieces that were popped and recorded their findings on an index card.

### LEE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lee Central Middle School concluded its African-American Heritage Month Spotlights on Feb. 26 with Raven Patrick DeSean Dennis III, otherwise known as Cake Man Raven. Dennis is a 1985 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School. He holds a Bachelor's degree from Johnson & Wales and a Master's degree from Brown University.

In 2011, Cake Man Raven was recognized by the Guinness Book of World Records for baking the largest sculpted cake, a 600-square-foot, red-velvet cake in the shape of a giant coat of arms. He baked it for the 100th anniversary gathering of his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi in Indianapolis.

Cake Man Raven stated, "I've tried to train our young people to respect themselves first and to meet and get to know that MAN or WOMAN in the mirror first. Then once you know yourself, accept who you are and what you've been taught, and you'll be able to teach and tell someone else. The only way to help a community and its economy is to employ its children. Give the children a strong foundation to include the understanding of sacrifice, principles, morals and character will build a community and nation of leaders who will continue the tradition of the circle of success."

Some talk a good game; others walk it. Inetta Lowery, a 1992 graduate of Mt. Pleasant High School and proud product of the Lee County School District, thought our students

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needed a “Wakanda” experience. She figured while some are putting people of African descent down, Hollywood is lifting us up through the movie “Black Panther,” and our students needed to witness it. She has always been told, “Never forget where you come from. But, don’t lose sight of where you’re going.” On March 14, through persistence and the hearts of those individuals who supported her passion through donations, Lowery was able to take a bus of more than 50 kids and chaperones from Lee Central Middle School to see “Black Panther.” She embraces every opportunity for black children to see something positive. Lowery states, “Grow their dreams and remove any doubt that they can’t accomplish greatness.... I’m Lee County born and raised. Black and proud.”

### LEE COUNTY CAREER & TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Members of the DECA Organization traveled to North Charleston Embassy Suites in Charleston on March 2 to attend the South Carolina DECA 75th Annual Career Development Conference. This conference is where state chapters gather to celebrate accomplishments and compete to determine which students will represent chapters at the International Career Development Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Keishan Scott competed in the Public Speaking Competition. Jamil Peeples, owner and operator of Jamil’s Sweet Sensation, Bishopville, competed in Principles and Marketing first round. This is the first time the Lee County Career and Technology DECA Chapter has participated in that area. Shakira Brailsford, Destiny Johnson and Brittney Morant competed in the area of Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling. All were required to complete a 100-question online exam, proctored by Jamie Mack, prior to the competition and participate in a role play activity. The Hospitality and Tourism Competition gave students an opportunity to develop basic business soft skills and problem-solving skills.

Keishan Scott, a junior at LCHS, earned First Place State Level Recognition. Keishan’s speech supported DECA’s 2018 theme, Limitless. Keishan stated, “I am a firm believer that this is the generation that will take the world by storm. We are an enthused generation that will lead the world in a positive direction. I also believe that this is a generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, self-motivated and intelligent young people who are passionate about seeing each other succeed. We are a generation that are purpose driven and destined to achieve our dreams and goals in life.” In conclusion, Keishan Scott stated, “I am most thankful and appreciative to be a part of such a thriving organization such as DECA. Since becoming a member as a freshman in high school, I have seen an exuberant amount of growth and development in my personal, social and business life. Through this amazing experience, I have been able to further advance my knowledge of business and to receive meaningful exposure. I am also most thankful to have such an amazing DECA adviser: Ms. Tonya Porter, who has and continues to push us toward greatness and to go against the grain to ensure that we reach our optimal level in life. Overall, going against the grain and the norms to achieve all the dreams and goals that they have in life is most times the best option.”

Keishan placed first in Public Speaking for the state of South Caro-

lina and will receive a trophy and a medallion. In addition, members of the organization received T-shirts from DECA Inc.

Students also attended a two-hour Leadership Academy with Amy Gallimore, owner and operator for Four 16 Training Solutions. Gallimore encouraged students to learn to network with others through communication. Students completed several exercises that required movement.

The Lee County Career and Technology Center’s Future Farmers of America competed in the Pee Dee Region Leadership Career Development Events on March 12 at Loris High School in Loris. FFA member Quadriyyah Brown competed in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and placed second in the Pee Dee Region. Quadriyyah will compete in the State Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event at the South Carolina FFA State Convention at Clemson University on June 13. FFA member Nikolas Walton competed in Prepared Public Speaking and placed third in the Pee Dee Region.

Members of the Lee County Career and Technology FFA Chapter traveled to Spartanburg on March 17 to compete in the South Carolina Floriculture Career Development and the South Carolina Nursery and Landscape Career Development events.

Career Development Events build on what is learned in agricultural classes and encourage members to put their knowledge into practice. Students were required to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of floral design and the floriculture industry, plant selection and identification and safely operating a floral production operation.

The Lee County Career and Technology Center FFA placed sixth in the South Carolina Floriculture Career Development event. Team members are: Nikolas Walton, Javon Smith, Quadriyyah Brown, Ty’Andrea Couser and alternate Allen McMillian.

The Lee County Career and Technology Center FFA placed seventh in the South Carolina Nursery and Landscape Career Development event. Team members are: Allen McMillian, Javon Smith, Nikolas Walton, Ty’Andrea Couser and alternate Quadriyyah Brown. Beth Tolson is the agriculture teacher and FFA adviser for the Lee County Career and Technology Center FFA Chapter.

The South Carolina FFA Nursery and Landscape CDE was hosted by the Spartanburg Community College Horticulture Department. South Carolina agricultural education serves more than 12,000 students across the state. Students receive instruction in one of five different pathways within the agriculture, food and natural resources career cluster. The South Carolina FFA Association is comprised of more than 7,000 members across the state. The mission of the S.C. FFA Association is to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

### Wilson Hall

#### DEBATE TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS

The high school debate team of junior Luke Kinney and senior Greyson Sonntag won first place in the S.C. Independent School Association State Debate Competition. The topic of the debate was “The constitutional right of freedom of religion has wrongly evolved into freedom from religion.”

In individual recognition, freshman Hannah Alsaadi won best speaker in the novice division, and eighth-grader Mary Jones won best speaker in the middle school divi-



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Mary Jones, Hannah Alsaadi, Luke Kinney and Greyson Sonntag won first place in the SCISA Debate Competition.

sion. The team of juniors Bridget Anderson and Emily Bell won second place in the novice division, and in the middle school division the team of Jones and eighth-grader Annie Lauzon placed second, and the team of eighth-graders Lucy McIver and Harsh Patel placed third. Stacey Reaves is the adviser for the high school team, and Dianne Sprott is the middle school team’s adviser.

#### STATE THEATER FESTIVAL

Sophomore Mary Catherine Matthews placed second out of 68 students in audition monologue, and sophomore Darden Kelly and senior Abby Zilch made it to the finals in comedic duet at the S.C. Speech & Theater State Festival. More than 500 students from public and private high schools from across the state participated in the competition held in Lugoff. Emily Robinson is the adviser for the competition theater troupe.

#### STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Thirty students received recognition at the S.C. Independent School Association Music Festival held at the University of South Carolina School of Music in Columbia. For their individual performances, students were awarded 22 gold medals and nine silver medals in bagpipes, guitar, piano, steel pan drum, violin and voice. The music teachers are Frankie Eldridge, Jeanne Shaw and Scott Warren. — *Sean Hoskins*

### Thomas Sumter Academy

#### STUDENTS RECEIVE HONORS

Before the Easter/spring break, the elementary school had the opportunity to recognize our students’ accomplishments for the third quarter. We are very proud of our Generals.

#### Head of School Honors (all grades 95 or above):

- first grade — Landon McLellan, Sebastian O’Connor, Lela Reilly, Alannah Schrank; Liam Smith and Bella Stephenson;
- second grade — Skylar Spilker;
- third grade — Jack McGary;
- fourth grade — Annabelle Broman; and
- fifth grade — Trenton Spilker.

#### Faculty Honors (all grades 87 or higher):

- first grade — Stella Lindler, Janvi Patel, Braeden Stevens, John Amick, Audrey Allen, Cassidee Boyd, Autumn Crockett and Grayson Sosbee;
- second grade — Emily Arnold, Riley Carnes, Kason Carter, Kira Davis, Trey O’Bradovich, Colby O’Connell, Peyton Tripplett, Abigail Harken, Abby Hodge, Whitleigh Langston, Sadie Long, Riya Patel, Jaydon Ray, Sara Claire Reid, Juli Tupper and Landon West;
- third grade — Luke Cato, Boone Hitch, Emma Jackson, Emily Lindler, Sophia Miranda, Madison Morrow, Amy Spivey, Taelor Stevens and Grace Wyrick;
- fourth grade — Anna Bell, Sadie Cox, Carter Hill, Ben Kessinger, Will Morris, Mikayla Razor, Sydnie Shaffer, Grayson Smith, Payton Sosbee and Tyler Walton;

- fifth grade — Aryana Best, Reese Distelzweig, Reed Dollard, Mary Elise Drakeford, Olivia Drakeford, Jared Lynch, Taryn McBrayer, Brynna Nedderman, Diya Patel, Christian Razor and Mollie Ross.

#### Citizenship

- first grade — Logan Finan and Landon McLellan;
- second grade — Shawn Lasica and Whitleigh Langston;
- third grade — Peyton Broman and Taelor Stevens;
- fourth grade — Sadie Cox and Maddy Lasica; and
- fifth grade — Brandon Marshall and Clara Ann McCaskill.

#### P.E. Awards

- first grade — Casidee Boyd and Julian Wooten;
- second grade — Shawn Lasica and Landon West;
- third grade — Jordyn Hicks and Madison Morrow;
- fourth grade — Paisley Newman and Annabelle Broman; and
- fifth grade — Jared Lynch and Diya Patel.

#### AR Awards

- first grade — Lela Reilly and Alannah Schrank;
- second grade — Riya Patel and Juli Tupper;
- third grade — Sophia Miranda and Madison Morrow;
- fourth grade — Anna Bell and Paisley Newman; and
- fifth grade — Taryn McBrayer and Reese Distelzweig.

#### Spanish

- first grade — Julian Wooten and Sebastian O’Connor;
- second grade — Peyton Tripplett and Whitleigh Langston;
- third grade — Madi Nichol and Luke Cato;
- fourth grade — Tyler Walton and Weston Shaffer; and
- fifth grade — Reed Dollard and Mason Summers.

#### VISIT TSA

Would you like to visit Thomas Sumter Academy? Observe the TSA Difference for yourself. Contact the school at (803) 499-3378 and schedule your visit and campus tour. — *Dr. F.L. Martin III*

### USC Upstate School of Education on the Sumter Campus

#### CORE PRAXIS PREP WORKSHOPS

The USC Upstate School of Education on the Sumter Campus will offer two CORE Praxis Prep workshops for interested students. The CORE Praxis or Praxis I is a requirement for admission into the professional program for the School of Education. Students can exempt the requirement for the Praxis I with a score of 1100 on the SAT or 22 on the ACT.

The first workshop will be offered on Friday, April 20, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Anderson Library on the USC Sumter Campus. This workshop will be an introduction to the “Learning Express” study and practice resources available to students. Pizza will be served to students attending prior to the workshop. Students must preregister to attend.

The second workshop will be Friday, May 11, from 9 a.m. to noon in Room 113 in the Schwartz Building on the USC Sumter Campus. This workshop will cover basic information and academic skills and resources about the reading, math and writing portions of the Praxis.

Students must preregister for workshops by emailing Gail Corning at [corning@uscsumter.edu](mailto:corning@uscsumter.edu) or Betty Harrington at [harrinbg@uscupstate.edu](mailto:harrinbg@uscupstate.edu). Please include name, major of study and contact information. Both workshops are free to students, but registration is required. — *Betty Harrington*

# Mom assisting son’s job hunt stymied by internships

**DEAR ABBY** — My son, a junior in college, is trying to get a summer job. His degree is challenging, and he has a good work ethic plus job experience. Because he hasn’t had much luck applying online, I have been calling local businesses to see what’s available while he’s working hard at school.

A problem I’m encountering is something I never had to deal with in my own job search. It’s companies asking if he wants an internship. They say they can’t pay him to train him. Can you explain the basis of this response?

*Wants to know in Pennsylvania*

**DEAR WANTS TO KNOW** — The basis may be economic. The companies don’t want to spend the money on an intern, particularly one who exhibits such little initiative that his mother has to call to inquire about a job for him. Keep in mind that some internships have been known to lead to per-

manent positions. Your son may have better luck if he places the calls himself.



Dear Abby  
ABIGAIL  
VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — What is proper when hosting guests from out of state? In a few months, two different relatives will be visiting me separately, each for two weeks. For years it has been my custom to go to church early on Sunday and then to brunch with friends. I don’t mind giving up the brunch, but I don’t want to miss church for an entire month. (I’m a widow now and I enjoy the fellowship.)

One relative is a non-churchgoer, and the other is a Jehovah’s Witness. Neither will attend with me even though I invite them. (I tried that.) How do I handle this?

*Church or no church*

**DEAR C. OR N.C.** — Having houseguests does not mean you are shackled together the entire time they stay with

you. Because you have “tried that” and your offer was rejected, they already know you like to attend church.

Handle the situation by telling them you will be going to early services on Sunday and then to brunch with some of the church members afterward. If you’re worried about feeding your houseguests, tell them there will be lox, bagels and cream cheese waiting in the fridge when they get up -- something from almost every food group.

**DEAR ABBY** — I have a slightly different version of a “Pennies From Heaven” letter for you.

My darling grandmother would often tell my brother and me she had a “Yankee dime” for us -- which meant a kiss. Not long after her death, I started finding shiny dimes in the strangest places — under birthday gifts, by the Christmas tree and in my kitchen (which is my happy place). My heart fills as the dimes continue to pile up. I save them all.

If I had a penny for every Yankee

dime I got while growing up, I’d be very rich.

*Suzanne in Ocala, Florida*

**DEAR SUZANNE** — You ARE rich! You were blessed to have had a grandmother who loved you and your brother and demonstrated it every chance she got. What a wonderful legacy to leave behind.

*Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.*

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# Childhood Holocaust survivors reunited after 76 years

BY JOHN ROGERS  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When Alice Gerstel bid an emotional farewell to her family's closest friends in October 1941, she was hopeful she'd see "Little Simon" Gronowski again. And she did — 76 years later and half a world away from where they were separated in Brussels.

Gerstel and her Jewish family had hidden in the Gronowskis' home for nearly two weeks before her father sent word from France that he had reached a deal with a smuggler who would get her, her siblings and their mother safely out of Nazi-occupied Belgium.

The Gronowskis, also Jewish, decided to stay. They hid for 18 months until the Nazis came knocking at the family's door and put Simon, his sister and mother on a death train to Auschwitz.

"I thought the entire family was murdered. I had no idea," Gerstel (now Gerstel Weit) said Wednesday, the day after their tearful reunion. She and her friend clutched hands at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust as they recounted their story.

"You didn't know that I jumped off the train?" asked Gronowski, now 86.

"No, no. I didn't know anything," his 89-year-old friend replied.

The two return to the museum today to recount to visitors how the Holocaust ripped apart a pair of families that had become fast friends after a chance meeting at a Belgian beach resort in 1939. How it led an 11-year-old boy to make one of the most daring escapes of the war. How it put the other family on a perilous journey through occupied France that reads like a scene from the film "Casablanca."

And, finally, how those separate journeys culminated three-quarters of a century later in a joyful, tear-streaked reunion in Los Angeles just before Yom HaShoah or Holocaust Commemoration Day.

"I didn't recognize him at all. I don't see Little Simon," Gerstel Weit said Wednesday of her previous day's reunion with the now-bald, white-bearded man who sat next to her chuckling.

"But he's here. Little Simon is here," she added, her voice breaking as she put her hand over Gronowski's heart.

There was much hugging, kissing and crying Wednesday as the two old friends held



Childhood Holocaust survivors Simon Gronowski and Alice Gerstel Weit talk Wednesday as they are interviewed at the Los Angeles Holocaust Museum, after their reunion after more than 70 years.

hands tightly while sitting outside on a museum patio to share memories from a long-ago past.

It was a past that began idyllically before turning nightmarish after the Nazis invaded Belgium in 1940 and began rounding up Jews.

Gerstel Weit's father, a diamond dealer with a wife and four children, decided to flee in 1941. He turned his diamonds into cash, bought nine visas that got his family and brother's family through Nazi-occupied France and to the French-controlled Moroccan city of Casablanca. There they boarded a ship bound for Cuba.

Gronowski's father thought naively he and his family would be safe hiding in Brussels.

"My father was not very conscious to tension. My father

was not political. He was a poet. He wrote in six languages," Gronowski said, pausing to wipe away tears.

"And like so many of the families he remember in Brussels," he continued in Dutch-accented English, "he cannot believe that in Europe of the 20th century, of that civilization, he cannot believe that Germany can fall into barbarism."

When the Nazis arrived, Gronowski's father was in a hospital. His wife quickly lied, telling them he was dead and sparing him from Auschwitz.

It was on a train to that death camp a few weeks later that she saved her son, pushing him toward the door of the boxcar they were in and telling him to jump.

After the war, he reunited with his father and eventually moved back to the apartment

where he grew up. He rented out the other units and used the money to pay for law school. He is a practicing attorney in Brussels.

Gerstel Weit's family immigrated to the United States, where she married, had two sons and eventually settled in Los Angeles and a career in real estate.

Immediately after the war, her family tried to locate the Gronowskis. Simon eventually wrote back to Gerstel Weit's late older brother Zoltan, telling him his sister and mother had died at Auschwitz, and his father had since passed away. For some reason, Zoltan never told his family "Little Simon" survived.

She learned he was alive six months ago when her nephew searched her maiden name online looking for more family history. He came across Gronowski's 2002 memoir, "The Child of the 20th Train," in which her family is mentioned prominently.

Gronowski says he thinks Gerstel Weit's brother was too distraught to say much about his family. His 18-year-old sister, Ita, had been Zoltan Gerstel's girlfriend in Belgium, and he had professed his love for her repeatedly in wartime letters, including some she never lived to see.

Gronowski's own father could never come to grips with the Holocaust either, he said. For a time, Leon Gronowski held out hope his wife and daughter somehow survived and he would find them.

"But when we received information of the concentration camps, the gas chamber,

## HOLOCAUST REMEMBERED TODAY IN SUMTER

While rain is in the forecast, Temple Sinai, Sumter County Museum and the City of Sumter will go on today as planned to commemorate the approximately 6 million Jews who died in the Holocaust with Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day. The program will have three parts. Interested persons should meet at 3 p.m. at Sumter Opera House, where they will be welcomed by the city and given an introduction before the screening of an 11-minute film produced by the U.S. Holocaust Museum.

At 3:30 p.m., participants will begin the silent Remembrance Walk with lighted candles to Temple Sinai at the corner of Hampton Avenue and Church Street (Those who cannot participate in the walk are invited to meet at the temple at 4 p.m.). The temple is nearing conversion of its Barnett Social Hall and Brody Educational Building into a museum concentrating on the Holocaust and the history of Sumter's Jewish community. Rabbi Sanford Marcus will give a brief talk at this time, showing illustrations of what will be called Temple Sinai History Center, which will be the only permanent Holocaust museum between Atlanta and Richmond, Virginia.

Participants will then move to the Temple Sinai garden, where Marcus will conclude with a memorial prayer.

the mountains of corpses, my father understood that his wife and his daughter would not come back. And he died of ...," he said, his voice trailing off.

"Of a broken heart?" Gerstel Weit asked.

"Of a broken heart," he replied.

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April Goodman, left, programs movements for the robot that Angel Ricks has in her hand at the second-annual Manufacturers and Technology Expo on Friday at CCTC's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Training Center.

**CAREERS** FROM PAGE A1

Both of Sumter Caterpillar plants had displays, and they even brought an 8,800-pound skid steer loader for students to sit in and honk the horn if they wanted.

Employers and organizers wanted to drive home the point that many of today's manufacturing and industrial jobs aren't about dirty buildings but instead use cutting-edge technology, according to Jim Shrift, area director of ReadySC, which is the training arm of the state technical college system.

Kodie Bird, who works at Kaydon, a Sumter manufacturer of bearings, shared her story to students of going off to a four-year university right after high school and not finding a fit for herself.

She then enrolled at Central Carolina Technical College and found her way to the Engineering Graphics Technology program, which involves computer-aided design and creating three-dimensional models, and really enjoyed it.

While still in the academic program, she worked a paid internship at Kaydon that helped pay for finishing her associate degree in the field. Now, she's got a regular job at the plant, and Kaydon is paying for her coursework as she attends University of South Carolina Sumter, studying toward a Bachelor's in Mechanical Engineering.

Bird said students often get stuck on thinking they need to go off to a four-year university to find success.

"But if you're not really

sure what you want to do, start out at a technical college," Bird said. "You can get your prerequisites out of the way and your basic classes, and you can transfer into something that you're really going to enjoy and also not waste any time."

On Friday, eighth-graders also took part in a tour of CCTC's advanced manufacturing center and the three academic programs offered by the college on site: Engineering Graphics Technology, Mechatronics and Machine Tool.

Bates Middle School eighth-grader Dominion Simmons said she was most impressed with the Continental Tire the Americas booth and would like to eventually go to work for them because they are a major employer in Sumter.

Daniel Cuevas, a Furman Middle School eighth-grader, said the technical applications were most interesting to him at the expo. He said he wants to pursue a career as a computer information technologist.

Brian Rauschenbach, project manager with Sumter Economic Development Board, said he thought the expo had just the right flavor to interest students in solid careers locally.

"This event helps create a future plan for what to do next after high school graduation," Rauschenbach said. "Talent is needed, and they are our future workforce, and they are our future champions in manufacturing and technology."

**GUNS** FROM PAGE A1

Continuously firing an automatic weapon causes the gun to raise higher — because of the recoil — making it difficult to hit the target, he said.

"So it's a far less accurate weapon compared to a semi-automatic weapon," he said. Sheriff's office Investigator Mike McCauley said the military even prefers burst fire weapons to fully automatic weapons because firing automatic reduces accuracy and wastes ammunition. The automatic capability is good for providing cover fire to allow other military personnel to get to safety, he said.

Using semi-automatic fire basically forces you to stop after each trigger pull and reassess what you're shooting at, he said.

**AR-15**

It's basically just a rifle, Allen said.

AR stands for ArmaLite rifle, and 15 represents the 15th design of that style of firearm frame, which contains the elements that make the gun fire, he said.

Other components, such as the barrel, buffer and stock, are added to the frame, giving the AR-15 its look.

Models of the AR-15 that can be purchased by civilians are semi-automatic and do not have the capability to be fully automatic.

A bump stock is a separate component that, when attached to a semi-automatic, can allow it to fire rapidly, similar to a fully automatic weapon, though that is not the only reason to use one.

Allen said the AK-47 is basically the Russian version of the AR-15. Both firearms basically have the same components and firing mechanisms but in different locations.



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Sumter County Sheriff's Office deputies said educating children about firearms safety is important if they come across one.

weapons, such as the Thompson submachine gun, or "Tommy Gun," because of the history and age of the weapon, he said.

Allen said it's very difficult for even a collector to get an automatic weapon, and it requires a Federal Firearms License and an extensive background check from Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The ATF will continue to check in with the gun owner, he said.

**EDUCATING CHILDREN**

Rogerson said he raised three sons while also owning firearms and never had issues at home.

Rogerson said his sons also knew that until they reached a certain age, they could not touch the firearms unless he was present.

Now, one of his sons is a fellow deputy at the sheriff's office.

People should explain firearm safety to their children instead of keeping it a secret so the children know that firearms can be dangerous if they ever come across one, he said.

"Education is key," Allen said. "Guns are not toys."

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Instead of saying military grade to describe automatic firearms used by the military, the best term is select-fire weapons, Allen said.

Select-fire weapons have a switch that allows the user to select semi-automatic, burst mode or fully automatic fire, he said.

These weapons are not available to the public, Allen said.

Select-fire weapons and other weapons with automatic capabilities are not for sale at gun shops and gun shows, but some gun collectors or museums do have older-model automatic



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# Bovines online? Texts alert dairy farmers

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA  
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Is the world ready for cows armed with artificial intelligence?

No time to ruminate on that because the moment has arrived, thanks to a Dutch company that has married two technologies — motion sensors and AI — with the aim of bringing the barnyard into the 21st century.

The company, Connecterra, has brought its IDA system, or "The Intelligent Dairy Farmer's Assistant," to the United States after having piloted it in Europe for several years.

IDA uses a motion-sensing device attached to a cow's neck to transmit its movements to a program driven by AI. The sensor data, when aligned repeatedly with real-world behavior, eventually allows IDA to tell from data alone when a cow is chewing cud, lying down, walking, drinking or eating.

Those indicators can predict whether a particular cow is ill, has become less productive, or is ready to breed — alerting the farmer to changes in behavior that might otherwise be easily missed.

"It would just be impossible for us to keep up with every animal on an individual basis," says Richard Watson, one of the first four U.S. farmers to use IDA since it launched commercially in December.

Watson, who owns the Seven Oaks Dairy in Waynesboro, Georgia, says having a



Fifth-generation dairy farmer Mary Mackinson Faber fits a Mocoall device on the tail of a pregnant dairy cow at her farm in Pontiac, Illinois. The device monitors the cow's movements and will trigger a text message to announce that the cow is about to give birth. Today's cows are getting an upgrade, and the marriage of two technologies, motion sensors and artificial intelligence, is making mass-scale farming more efficient.

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computer identify which cows in his 2,000-head herd need attention could help improve farm productivity as much as 10 percent, which would mean hundreds of thousands of dollars to his family.

"If we can prove out that these advantages exist from using this technology ... I think adoption of IDA across a broad range of farming systems, particularly large farming systems, would be a no-brainer," Watson says.

Dairy farming is just one industry benefiting from AI, which is being applied in fields as diverse as journalism, manufacturing and self-driving cars. In agriculture, AI is being developed to estimate crop health using drone footage and parse out weed killer between rows of cotton.

Yasir Khokhar, the former Microsoft employee who is the founder and CEO of Connecterra, said the inspiration for the idea came after living on a dairy farm south of Amsterdam.

"It turns out the technology farmers use is really outdated in many respects," he says. "What does exist is very cumbersome to use, yet agriculture is one of those areas that desperately needs technology."

Underlying IDA is Google's open-source TensorFlow programming framework, which has helped spread AI to many disciplines. It's a language built on top of the commonly used Python code that helps connect data from text, images, audio or sensors to neural networks — the algorithms that help computers learn. The language has

been downloaded millions of times and has about 1,400 people contributing code, only 400 of whom work at Google, according to product manager Sandeep Gupta.

He says TensorFlow can be used by people with only high-school level math and some programming skills.

"We're continuing this journey making it easier and easier to use," Gupta says.

TensorFlow has been used to do everything from helping NASA scientists find planets using the Kepler telescope, to assisting a tribe in the Amazon detect the sounds of illegal deforestation, according to Google spokesman Justin Burr.

Google hopes users adapt the open-source code to discover new applications that the company could someday use in its own business.

Even without AI, sensors are helping farmers keep tabs on their herds.

Mary Mackinson Faber, a fifth-generation farmer at the Mackinson Dairy Farm near Pontiac, Illinois, says a device attached to a cow's tail developed by Irish company Mocoall sends her a text when a cow is ready to give birth, so she can be there to make sure nothing goes wrong. Mocoall doesn't use AI — it simply sends a text when a certain threshold of spinal contractions in the tail are exceeded.

While she calls it a "great tool," she says it takes human intuition to do what's right for their animals.

"There are certain tasks that it can help with, and it can assist us, but I don't think it will ever replace the human."

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## Hair of the dog can have bad bite

I thought about writing a column last week about Easter but decided not to do so as it may have offended many readers. It was about a former *Item* editor who liked to hold Easter egg hunts for her friends in her yard. The thing is, the eggs she hid in the yard were not “eggs” ... they were

mini-bottles of the alcoholic variety.

Nevertheless, her friends joined into the “egg” hunt with enthusiasm, not only collecting the mini-bottles, but also consuming their contents — with enthusiasm. By the end of the day, the guests were staggering around the yard, with some

passing out from their enthusiastic drinking. Those who survived such excessive behavior were known to have suffered the consequences: hangovers!

There is no cure for a hangover. None. No amount of black coffee or bloody Marys or raw eggs or any other so-called magic potion can stay a hang-

over from its appointed rounds. Hair of the dog? Forget it. You’ve got to ride it out. How do I know this? Go figure.

There is a lesson in all this, namely that anyone so inclined to over-indulge in the spirits should beware — the hair of the dog can oftentimes have a bad bite.



Hubert D. Osteen Jr.

### COMMENTARY

## Why North Korea will be watching what Trump does in Syria

WASHINGTON — President Trump’s decision last year to launch 59 Tomahawk cruise missiles at a Syrian air base was intended to send the Assad regime a message that its use of chemical weapons would no longer be tolerated. But the strikes also had a broader purpose: showing other regimes that the Obama era of U.S. weakness was over and that America’s adversaries would have to adjust their calculations about our willingness to act in response to their provocations.

Now, a year later, the Assad regime has reportedly defied Trump by its apparent launch of another chemical weapons attack. Once again, how Trump responds will have consequences far beyond Syria. With a high-stakes summit with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un coming up, Trump needs to keep in mind how his next move in Syria will be seen not just in Damascus, Tehran and Moscow, but also in Pyongyang. He should use his next strikes on Syria both to punish dictator Bashar Assad and to demonstrate to Kim what might happen to North Korea if it continues to pursue nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs) that could destroy American cities.

Last year, Trump delivered a measured, proportionate response to Assad’s chemical attack, hoping this would deter the Syrian dictator. According to retired Gen. Jack Keane, former vice chief of staff of the U.S. Army, “What we shouldn’t do is another measured, proportionate response yet larger. That won’t deter him.” Instead, Keane says, “What we have to do is ... destroy all his capabilities that deliver those weapons.” The United States should take out all of Assad’s rotary and fixed-wing aircraft, Keane says, and destroy all of his airfields, aviation fuel at those airfields, aviation maintenance equipment and aviation munitions. “If he still has artillery-delivered chemical weapons,” Keane says, “then we should take down his artillery as well.”

In other words, another “bloody nose” strike — even a bigger one — is not enough. We need to conduct large-scale operations that will destroy Assad’s weapons-of-mass-destruction capability. Such an attack would eliminate Assad’s ability to commit chemical weapons atrocities. Just as importantly, it would also provide an unspoken preview for Kim of what could happen to his nuclear and missile programs if he persists in developing and testing the capability to threaten the United States with nuclear destruction.

Sen. Lindsey O. Graham, R-S.C., has suggested that Trump should also consider

taking out Assad with a “decapitation” strike. “Assad and his inner circle should be considered war criminals, legitimate military targets,” Graham said this week. “If you have the opportunity to take him out, you should.”

Graham is absolutely right that Assad and his cronies are legitimate military targets, but Trump should hold off on such a strike — at least initially — and instead warn Assad that he reserves the right to hit leadership targets directly if he retaliates. Why? Because Trump wants Kim to see that a similar military operation against North Korea’s weapons of mass destruction would not

necessarily result in regime destruction — as long as Kim does not retaliate.

By acting decisively in Syria, Trump also has an opportunity to send a message not just to North Korea, but also to China that he is not bluffing when he threatens to act against Kim’s regime. Chinese President Xi Jinping was with Trump at Mar-a-Lago when he launched last year’s strikes against Assad, and the Chinese leader responded by stepping up economic pressure on Pyongyang. A large-scale operation to eliminate Assad’s capability to produce weapons of mass destruction would be a wake-up call to China that Trump is willing to take similar action against North Korea; it would also create an incentive for Xi to step up the pressure for denuclearization.

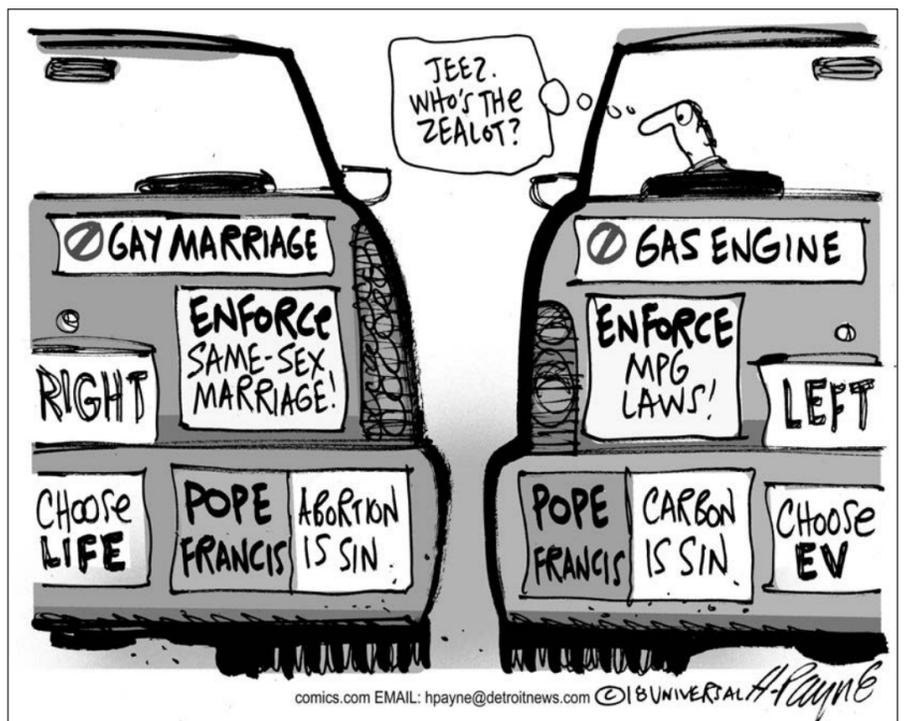
Trump also needs to stop talking about withdrawing U.S. forces from Syria. An American withdrawal would not only allow Assad to escalate his brutal campaign of atrocities in Syria, but also it would tell Pyongyang that Washington does not have the stomach to see its military campaigns through. If Trump can’t keep 2,000 U.S. troops in Syria, Kim would calculate, he would hardly have the fortitude to see through a much more difficult military intervention against North Korea.

Trump has an opportunity to end Syria’s ability to massacre innocent men, women and children with weapons of mass destruction. But he also has a chance to show Pyongyang before the summit meeting that his threats of military action are more than bluster.

The success or failure of that meeting depends on whether Kim believes Trump is serious about taking military action — which is why Kim will be carefully watching what Trump does next in Syria.

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### COMMENTARY

## Democrats need more than an anti-Trump platform to win

BY JONAH GOLDBERG

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One of the right’s most common, and best, arguments for the Trump presidency is that it shattered the Republican Party’s calcified agenda. Invested in a coalition of various interests and beholden to a pervasive and outdated Reagan nostalgia, the GOP desperately needed new rhetoric and a new approach. For good or ill, President Trump provided both. The Democrats’ effort to come up with a program, separate from anti-Trumpism, suggests they’re in desperate need of some disruption as well.

Say what you will about Reagan nostalgia, it’s at least fresher than FDR nostalgia, which has largely defined the Democratic Party for the better part of a century. When Democrats look for a policy vision, their framework is the New Deal.

Harry Truman’s Fair Deal and LBJ’s Great Society were both continuations of the New Deal.

After the 9/11 attacks, New York Sen. Charles Schumer wrote in the *Washington Post* that the attacks proved “the era of a shrinking federal government has come to a close.” This new challenge proved we needed a “new New Deal.”

Even the New Deal’s biggest competitor, John F. Kennedy nostalgia, has always been about aesthetics and atmospherics. Kennedy’s own policy agenda never broke with the New Deal paradigm.

Barack Obama, who had a Kennedy-esque cult of personality, was nonetheless expected by liberals to be a new FDR, which is why Time magazine ran a picture of a Photoshopped Obama as Roosevelt on its cover after the 2008 election. When Obama rolled out his sweeping policy vision, a “New Foundation,” it was a New Deal refresh.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, 78, is a child of the New Deal. Her father, Thomas D’Alessandro Jr., a passionate New Dealer in Congress, named one of his sons Franklin D. Roosevelt D’Alessandro. The New Deal remains Pelosi’s North Star, which may be why she accidentally referred to their new program as “the New Deal.”

Now the Democrats have their “Better Deal” agenda, yet another New Deal retreat. The Democrats even admit it. Pelosi insisted that the Better Deal is not “a course correction.” It is “a presentation correction.” Schumer says it was chosen in part for “its relation to both the New Deal and a better deal than Trump.”

It’s remarkable how Democrats call GOP ideas tired and outdated, yet keep returning to a well that was dug four years after the invention of sliced bread. At the rollout of a Better Deal, Pelosi said it is “founded on strong values that we share. Strong values fueled by fresh ideas.”

On “Fox News Sunday,” anchor Chris Wallace asked House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley to “give me one fresh idea that Democrats are offering voters for November.”

Crowley’s confident response: A new infrastructure plan! But one that, unlike Trump’s plan, the feds would pick up more of the tab for. Can’t you smell the freshness?

Ironically, the New Deal was never a coherent program. It was an entirely ad-hoc, dirigiste response to an economic crisis. “To look upon these programs as the result of a unified plan,” wrote Raymond Moley, FDR’s right-hand man during much of the New Deal, “was to believe that the accumulation of stuffed snakes, baseball pictures, school flags, old tennis shoes, carpenter’s tools, geometry books and chemistry sets in a boy’s bedroom could have been put there by an interior decorator.”

There are many reasons the Democrats remain a cargo cult to the New Deal, but the most important one for this moment is that the approach unifies not Democratic voters but Democratic politicians. The FDR coalition is a relic. The coalition the Democrats want is shot through with divisions. The Better Deal gives Democratic pols something to talk about that won’t rile one faction or another.

That may be good enough to win the 2018 midterm elections, because all they really need is some boilerplate to rely on as they ride an anti-Trump wave. But the time will come when it won’t be enough. The disruption is coming. They can help shape it, or they await a destroyer not of their own choosing.

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FYI

**The City of Sumter will accept applications for its Summer Youth Employment Programs** through May 5. Students ages 14-15 will work in city government and students age 16 through high school will work in the Co-Op Program for local businesses. Students must live in the city limits and meet income requirements set by HUD. Students should see their school guidance counselors for applications and income guidelines or pick up an application 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday from the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty St., Office H. Call Car-

olet Thomas at (803) 774-1652 or Clarence Gaines at (803) 774-1649.  
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 Tuesday, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center

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

**MANNING CITY COUNCIL**  
 Monday, 6:30 p.m., second floor of Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

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

**LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
 Monday, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

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

**PINEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL**  
 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Your emotions will fuel your fire. Avoid

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll face adversity if you can't come to terms with what someone wants from you or from your relationship. Make your position clear. If you're indecisive, nothing will change or be resolved. Don't overspend.

discussions that have the potential to turn into an argument. It's better to keep the peace, listen and digest what's being said, and consider how best to respond when ready.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keeping your plans out in the open will help you avoid a problem when the time comes to move forward. Open discussions and finding solutions to unforeseen problems will encourage success and help to keep the peace.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Your temper may take over if someone does something you don't like. Try using diplomacy before you engage in brute force. If you push someone, he or she will push back. Show compassion and the willingness to compromise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get out and have some fun. Engage in something you find challenging but motivating. Deal with issues that concern youngsters or those who look to you for help.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Make suggestions, but don't let anyone drop responsibilities in your lap. Taking on too much will take its toll on you. Offer only what you know you can and want to handle.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick close to home and avoid conversations with people who don't see things the same way you do. Getting into a debate will only upset you when you should be more concerned with self-preservation and your personal comfort.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Refrain from getting into a dispute with someone you care about, or you will damage your relationship. Be willing to compromise or at least back away until you don't feel emotionally drained.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll face uncertainty regarding a joint endeavor. Listen to what's being offered and on the agenda before signing up for something likely to fall short of your expectations. Focus on inner growth and personal change.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let what others do or say get to you. Trust and believe in your ability to bring about the changes that suit you best. Let your creative imagination help you discover what you love and do best.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Step away from situations that are taxing or causing you anxiety. Make plans to do something with someone you love or to spend time relaxing, gathering your thoughts and taking care of your physical, emotional and mental needs. Romance is encouraged.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be overruled by someone else's agenda if you don't speak up and make your position clear. It's OK to do things on your own if you stand to gain more by doing so.

WEATHER

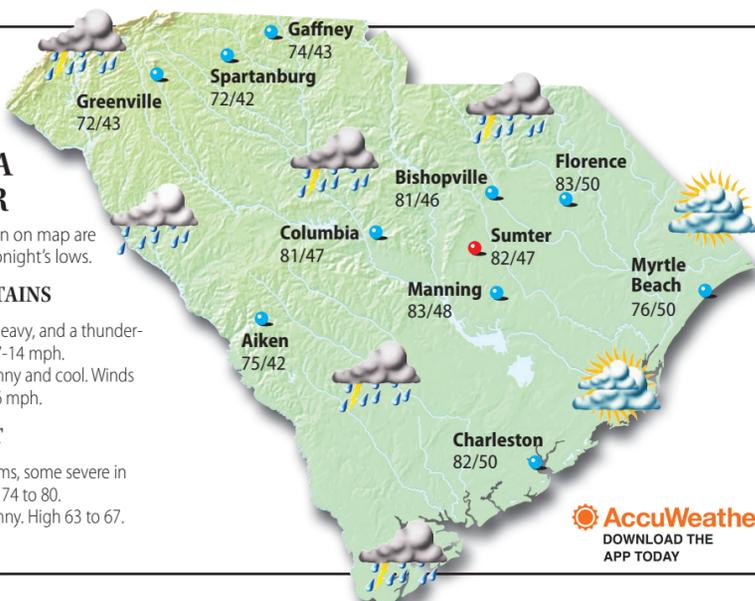
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A severe afternoon t-storm	Early rain; cloudy, cooler	Mostly sunny; breezy, cooler	Sunny, pleasant and warmer	Some sun; breezy in the p.m.	Partly sunny, breezy and nice
82°	47°	63° / 39°	75° / 54°	84° / 62°	82° / 51°
Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 85%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%
S 12-25 mph	SW 10-20 mph	W 12-25 mph	WSW 8-16 mph	WSW 8-16 mph	WSW 10-20 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Rain, some heavy, and a thunderstorm. Winds south 7-14 mph.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny and cool. Winds west-southwest 8-16 mph.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** Thunderstorms, some severe in southern parts. High 74 to 80.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny. High 63 to 67.

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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	83°
Low	55°
Normal high	74°
Normal low	48°
Record high	90° in 2006
Record low	28° in 1950

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.68"
Normal month to date	1.42"
Year to date	5.72"
Last year to date	10.34"
Normal year to date	12.71"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.05	-0.07
Marion	76.8	75.21	+0.01
Moultrie	75.5	75.02	none
Wateree	100	97.41	+0.18

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.87	none
Congaree River	19	3.57	-0.29
Lynchies River	14	4.57	-0.09
Saluda River	14	3.23	+0.28
Up. Santee River	80	76.87	-0.05
Wateree River	24	6.61	-0.10

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:51 a.m.	Sunset	7:53 p.m.
Moonrise	6:53 a.m.	Moonset	7:39 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Apr. 15	Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 7

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	9:27 a.m.	3.1	3:56 a.m.	-0.1
	9:40 p.m.	3.4	4:10 p.m.	-0.3
Mon.	10:09 a.m.	3.1	4:41 a.m.	-0.2
	10:22 p.m.	3.5	4:52 p.m.	-0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	64/40/r	60/44/s
Chicago	41/27/sh	37/27/sf
Dallas	67/48/s	83/59/s
Detroit	49/36/r	43/31/sn
Houston	69/48/s	80/59/s
Los Angeles	76/54/pc	63/46/pc
New Orleans	64/46/s	72/53/s
New York	42/41/r	60/42/r
Orlando	85/59/t	74/54/s
Philadelphia	49/46/r	61/41/r
Phoenix	90/65/pc	87/56/c
San Francisco	61/47/r	56/46/sh
Wash., DC	61/57/r	58/42/r

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	66/38/r	52/36/c	Florence	83/50/t	63/39/s
Athens	67/40/r	59/42/s	Gainesville	79/49/t	72/47/s
Augusta	78/42/t	63/40/s	Gastonia	77/46/t	59/38/pc
Beaufort	80/49/t	67/46/s	Goldsboro	83/54/r	65/40/c
Cape Hatteras	74/58/sh	64/45/sh	Goose Creek	82/50/t	65/44/s
Charleston	82/50/t	66/45/s	Greensboro	79/47/t	59/37/c
Charlotte	79/47/t	60/40/pc	Greenville	72/43/t	60/39/pc
Clemson	68/40/r	58/39/s	Hickory	73/43/t	55/38/pc
Columbia	81/47/t	63/43/s	Hilton Head	78/53/t	65/49/s
Darlington	82/48/t	63/38/s	Jacksonville, FL	82/48/t	71/46/s
Elizabeth City	79/60/pc	66/43/sh	La Grange	66/38/r	63/41/s
Elizabethtown	80/49/pc	65/41/pc	Macon	69/41/r	66/42/s
Fayetteville	84/52/c	65/40/pc	Marietta	63/38/r	59/41/s
			Marion	68/38/t	55/32/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	78/53/t	65/48/s
			Myrtle Beach	76/50/pc	63/43/s
			Orangeburg	79/45/t	63/41/s
			Port Royal	77/50/t	66/47/s
			Raleigh	78/50/c	61/38/pc
			Rock Hill	78/47/t	61/38/pc
			Rockingham	82/48/t	63/35/pc
			Savannah	80/45/t	67/44/s
			Spartanburg	72/42/t	61/36/pc
			Summerville	81/47/t	65/41/s
			Wilmington	80/53/pc	66/42/pc
			Winston-Salem	78/47/t	58/37/c

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

**MOVING PICTURES:** Action movies all By Mark McClain

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- ment
- Vieux CARRÉ (52 Across), the French term for New Orleans' French Quarter neighborhood, literally means "Old Square." The first political office held by FDR (64 Across), from 1911-1913, was New York state senator. ANGELA MERKEL (36 Down) has been a member of the Bundestag (Germany's parliament) since 1991.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

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## USC SUMTER SOFTBALL



# Making contact

MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

USC Sumter's Ashton Rogers hits a double during the Fire Ants weekend series against Spartanburg Methodist College. Rogers' 2-run home run in the 7th inning gave the Fire Ants a 9-8 win and a split with SMC.

## Rogers' 2-out, 2-run homer in 7th, gives Fire Ants 9-8 win, split against SMC

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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Ashton Rogers had no grand illusions as she stepped to the plate with a runner on base and her University of South Carolina Sumter softball team trailing Spartanburg Methodist

College 8-7 in the bottom of the seventh inning.

"I was just trying to make contact and get the run in," Rogers said.

Rogers made contact, plenty of it, to not only score Anna Tavares, but herself as well. Rogers hit a towering home run over the leftfield

fence to cap a 7-run rally in the seventh and give the Fire Ants a 9-8 triumph at Patriot Park SportPlex.

The win gave USCS a split against the Pioneers, who won the first game 7-4.

The teams played another doubleheader on Saturday in Spartanburg. SMC won

both games by the scores of 11-3 and 8-7.

"This was just a huge win for us," said Fire Ant head coach Adrienne Cataldo, whose team is 16-12 on the season and 6-4 in NJCAA Region X. "I wasn't too

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## CLEMSON FOOTBALL

# Bryant is the starter, but rising Lawrence making waves

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

Hunter Renfrow can't walk anywhere around Clemson without the same topic quickly coming up: What's happening at quarterback?

"It's all people want to know about, all the time," said the Tigers' senior receiver.

That's an odd situation for Clemson given it returns a starter in Kelly Bryant who led the team to 12 wins, its third straight Atlantic Coast Conference championship and another spot in the College Football Playoff.

The excitement is all about long-haired freshman Trevor Lawrence, the top high-school quarterback in last year's re-

cruiting cycle according to ESPN

who enrolled early at Clemson and has excited coaches and teammates with his ability. And Lawrence put on a show Saturday



LAWRENCE

for rabid fans with a perfectly thrown 50-yard TD pass to receiver Tee Higgins in Clemson's spring game.

Tigers coach Dabo Swinney said the 6-foot-6 Lawrence — who some have dubbed "Sunshine" after South Carolina's long-haired quarterback Ronnie Bass as depicted in "Remember The Titans" — has all the tools of former Clemson star Deshaun Watson but is more physically developed as a freshman.

It's a package of power and panache that has many Clemson fans swooning for more national titles — and discarding Bryant's one stellar year.

Everyone, perhaps, except for Swinney and Bryant.

Swinney said there'll be no earth-shaking, upcoming pronouncement about Clemson's starting quarterback. It's Bryant.

"He's the returning starter for us. He started 14 games. That's where we are," Swinney said. "Unless something changes, then there's an announcement. But other than that there's no announcement to make."

Bryant understood what was coming this spring and pledged to work hard to improve his game and keep Clemson on top.

"Everybody wants to write me off," Bryant said. "But I'm still here and I ain't going nowhere."

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## PREP BASEBALL

# Shumake gets 400th win as Gamecocks top region foe Conway 3-2 in 8 innings

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

It took some more extra-inning magic, but Sumter High School baseball head coach Brooks Shumake notched his 400th career coaching victory on Friday as the Gamecocks rallied with single runs in the sixth, seventh and eighth innings for a 3-2 Region VI-5A win over Conway at Gamecock Field.

The win did not come without some very anxious moments as Trey Yates was hit by a pitch from Conway reliever Brendan Batten that Shumake said caught the Sumter leftfielder in the earflap of his helmet. Yates made a few steps toward first base before slumping to the ground along the first base line. Yates stayed down for about 10 minutes as team and school officials took all precautions before calling an ambulance. As the game ended, teammates and coaches gathered around the ambulance as Yates was about to head to

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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Sumter High head baseball coach Brooks Shumake argues a call during a 2017 game. Shumake collected his 400th career victory on Friday as Sumter defeated Conway 3-2 in 8 innings.

## PREP SOCCER

# Crestwood boys soccer falls 2-0 to region-leading Hartsville

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
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The Crestwood High School varsity boys soccer team gave a valiant effort on Friday against region-leading Hartsville, and although the result was quite a bit better than that in their first meeting, a 7-0 debacle in Hartsville, the Knights still came up on the short end of a 2-0 score.

With the win, Hartsville improved to 13-6 overall and 5-1 in Region VI-4A. Crestwood fell to 3-3 in region play and 7-4 overall with the loss, though the Knights remain in a tight race with Lugoff-Elgin for second place in the region.

Crestwood head coach B.J. Ray was pleased with the way his team performed on Friday and said the team, which lost 12 seniors from last year's 13-9 team that lost to Chapin in the second round of the state 4A playoffs.

"We played a lot better than we did the first time we faced them," said Ray, whose team has three more games remaining, all of them coming



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood's Deontay Singleton gets away from a Hartsville defender during the Knights' 2-0 loss to the region-leading Foxes on Friday at the Crestwood field.

up this week. On Monday, Crestwood will face Manning at 7 p.m. at home, then travel to face Lugoff-Elgin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and will finish at

home at 7:30 p.m. Friday against county rival Lakewood.

"We still have to step up and play two more region games, Lugoff-Elgin

and Lakewood," Ray said. "I was not as hopeful (after losing 12 seniors) as I am right now. I've got a great sports staff and a lot of coaches helping me out."

Ray has three sons, Jonathan, Thomas and Bobby, on staff, along with Trey Thompson and former Crestwood goalkeeper Aaron Griffin, now in goal for USC Sumter.

"He said he wanted to help out and volunteered," Ray said of Griffin. "Hopefully he's going to stay around so we can utilize his skills."

Crestwood battled the Foxes more or less even through the first 75 minutes of the game, but Hartsville finally broke on top with a fortunate bounce during some confusion in front of the Crestwood goal. The Foxes' Josh West was credited with the goal. West led Hartsville with the goal and an assist on the second goal, which was scored only a few minutes after the first, this one a more emphatic shot from Caleb Caldwell.

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RBC HERITAGE

# Resurgent Ian Poulter takes RBC Heritage lead

HILTON HEAD ISLAND — Ian Poulter is ready for a break after a long, eventful stretch on tour. He has one more important goal to accomplish, though, at the RBC Heritage before any time off.

"We'll see if we have a last bit of plaid to put in the closet," said a grinning Poulter, referring to the tartan jacket giving the winner at Harbour Town Golf Links.

The resurgent Poulter will have that chance Sunday after shooting a 4-under 67 to take a one-shot lead into the final round of the RBC Heritage, putting him in position for his second victory in three weeks.

Before April, Poulter had not won on tour in more than five years. Now, he's one more solid round away from adding another title to his dramatic win at the Houston Open on April 1.

No joke, Poulter's play is for real.

Seven of the Englishman's last 11 rounds have been in the 60s after having just three such showings in his first 20 rounds this season. His latest left him at 13-under 200, and a stroke ahead of Luke List (67) and Si Woo Kim (68).

"It's been a long six weeks," Poulter said.

He was incorrectly told he had qualified for the Masters after a quarterfinal appearance at the WCG Match Play championship. Then down to his final try to reach Augusta National, Poulter needed a birdie on the 72nd hole to force a playoff with Beau Hossler. Poulter prevailed on the first playoff hole.

He's kept up that stellar play at Harbour Town.

"There's been quite a bit of lows in the last 18 months, to be honest," Poulter said. "So if you ride the waves and you trust yourself and you believe in your ability, then hopefully, it's still in there."

Poulter let it out once more to move in front.

He made his run in spurts, moving out front with birdies on the fifth and six holes be-



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Members of the gallery watch as Dustin Johnson, right, hits back onto the No. 9 fairway after an errant tee shot during the second round of the RBC Heritage golf tournament at Harbour Town Golf Links on Hilton Head Island on Friday.

fore getting his last two on the 12th and 13th. He saved par out of the bunker on the par-3 17th, rolling in a rock-solid 6-foot putt and making a routine par on the signature lighthouse hole, the 18th, to stay in front.

"It's just nice to play good golf," Poulter said.

Kim was in front at 12 under after birdies on the eighth and ninth holes. He fell back with bogey on No. 12 and could not catch Poulter down the stretch. Kim, defending champion at The Players Championship, said he was disappointed in himself for feeling nervous early here. "I think it's going to motivate me to be more aggressive and play well," he said.

List took off with three straight birdies on Nos. 14-16.

List, who finished second earlier this season at the Honda Classic, is seeking his first PGA Tour win. List has withdrawn, tied for 39th and missed the cut in his three Harbour Town appearances.

He had set the week up as a family vacation with a little golf involved. That's changed. "I never really thought I'd play well here, but it's kind of all come together," he said.

Second-round leader Bryson DeChambeau had the confident stride of a pending winner with his first solo 36-hole lead as a pro — at least until the third round got going. After grabbing a two-shot lead with a birdie on No. 1, DeChambeau imploded with a triple-bogey eight on the normally birdie-able par-5 second.

DeChambeau struck his second shot past the green and out of bounds by some condos. He fluffed his fifth shot into a bunker, then missed a 5-foot putt for the dreaded snowman.

Three holes later, DeChambeau botched another par 5, the fifth, by rolling his blast from a bunker off the green and into a sprinkler cover.

"Unbelievable what's happened on the par fives today,"

DeChambeau said as he saw his ball.

DeChambeau had been 6-under par on Harbour Town's three par 5s the first two rounds. He played them in 3-over Saturday on the way to a 75 to fall seven shots back.

In his only two previous appearances here, world No. 1 Dustin Johnson missed the cut badly — at 16 over in 2008 and 5 over in 2009. This time, he to channel the game that's made him the world's top-ranked golfer for more than a year. Instead, Johnson had bogeys on four of his first 11 holes before rallying to finish with a 72 and was 10 shots in back of Poulter.

Again, Johnson pointed to putter problems this week. Johnson missed five birdie putts of 16 feet or less on the front nine. "Around here, you've got to hole some putts if you want to compete," he said.

Poulter and his chasers will have a quick turnaround Sun-

RBC HERITAGE SCORES

**Saturday**  
**At Harbour Town Golf Links**  
**Hilton Head, S.C.**  
**Purse: \$6.7 million**  
**Yardage: 7,099; Par 71**  
**Third Round**  
**(a-amateur)**

Ian Poulter	69-64-67—200
Luke List	70-64-67—201
Si Woo Kim	68-65-68—201
C.T. Pan	70-65-67—202
Billy Horschel	66-69-67—202
Kevin Kisner	69-68-66—203
Chesson Hadley	66-68-69—203
Rory Sabbatini	64-70-70—204
Ryan Moore	69-69-67—205
Matt Kuchar	66-70-69—205
Danny Lee	69-66-70—205
Byeong Hun An	73-67-66—206
Lucas Glover	74-65-67—206
Webb Simpson	69-68-69—206
Andrew Landry	69-68-69—206
Satoshi Kodaira	73-63-70—206
Martin Laird	67-69-70—206
Bill Haas	69-66-71—206
Brandt Snedeker	70-64-72—206
Charley Hoffman	72-69-66—207
Jonas Blixt	67-73-67—207
Kevin Streelman	70-70-67—207
Dylan Frittelli	72-68-67—207
Patrick Cantlay	67-72-68—207
Brian Harman	70-68-69—207
Ted Potter, Jr.	72-66-69—207
Emiliano Grillo	72-66-69—207
Whee Kim	68-68-71—207
Scott Piercy	71-65-71—207
Xander Schauffele	68-68-71—207
B. DeChambeau	68-64-75—207
T. Van Aswegen	73-69-66—208
Tom Hoge	70-67-71—208
Brice Garnett	68-68-72—208
Charles Howell III	68-67-73—208
Rod Pampling	72-70-67—209
John Huh	66-74-69—209
Matthew Fitzpatrick	69-71-69—209
Beau Hossler	70-69-70—209
Matt Every	73-66-70—209
Ollie Schniederjans	73-69-68—210
Jonathan Byrd	71-71-68—210
Russell Knox	70-72-68—210
J.J. Henry	72-69-69—210
Chris Kirk	70-70-70—210
Nick Watney	68-72-70—210
Stewart Cink	70-70-70—210
Fabian Gómez	68-71-71—210
Michael Thompson	74-65-71—210
Bud Cauley	71-68-71—210
Dustin Johnson	69-69-72—210
Cameron Smith	68-68-74—210
Ryan Armour	71-71-69—211
Francesco Molinari	73-69-69—211
a-Doc Redman	71-71-69—211
Wesley Bryan	69-71-71—211
Zach Johnson	70-70-71—211
Austin Cook	71-68-72—211
K.J. Choi	69-70-72—211
Peter Malnati	68-70-73—211
Kevin Tway	71-71-70—212
Aaron Baddeley	73-69-70—212
William McGirt	71-70-71—212
Ryan Palmer	73-65-74—212
Brian Stuard	69-68-75—212
Scott Stallings	74-68-71—213
Brian Gay	71-71-71—213
Jim Furyk	70-70-73—213
Graeme McDowell	73-69-72—214
Dominic Bozzelli	70-72-72—214
Martin Kaymer	69-73-72—214
Harris English	67-73-74—214
David Lingmerth	71-71-73—215
Keith Mitchell	71-71-73—215
Ben Martin	74-68-73—215
Davis Love III	73-69-74—216
Michael Kim	76-66-76—218

day with tour officials starting play at 7 a.m. and going off in threesomes on both tees because of expected bad weather in the afternoon.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

**7 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Grand Prix Hassan II Championship Match from Marrakech, Morocco, and Monte Carlo Masters Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**8 a.m.** — Professional Boxing: Ryoto Murata vs. Emanuele Felice Blandamura for the WBA Middleweight Title, Daigo Higa vs. Cristopher Rosales for the WBC Flyweight Title from Yokohama, Japan (ESPN2).  
**8 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Open de Espana Final Round from Madrid, Spain (GOLF).  
**8:25 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Newcastle United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Borussia Dortmund vs. Schalke 04 (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**10:55 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — West Brom vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11:50 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Leipzig vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**Noon** — College Softball: Rutgers at Michigan (ESPN).  
**Noon** — College Baseball: Kentucky at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — PGA Golf: RBC Heritage Final Round from Hilton Head Island (GOLF).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Detroit or Baltimore at Boston (MLB NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 1 — Milwaukee at Boston (TNT).  
**2 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Food City 500 from Bristol, Tenn. (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**2 p.m.** — College Baseball: Texas at Oklahoma (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** — College Baseball: Iowa at Nebraska (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** — College Baseball: Kansas State at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**2 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Chicago Cubs (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**3 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Quarterfinal Series Game 3 — Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (WIS 10).  
**3 p.m.** — PGA Golf: RBC Heritage Final Round from Hilton Head Island (WLTX 19).  
**3 p.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Mitsubishi Electric Classic Final Round from Duluth, Ga. (GOLF).  
**3 p.m.** — College Softball: Kentucky at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: U.S. Men's Clay Court Championship Final Match from Houston (TENNIS).  
**3:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 1 — Indiana at Cleveland (WOLO 25).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Seattle at Kansas City (ESPN).  
**4:30 p.m.** — IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Grand Prix of Long Beach from Long Beach, Calif. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**5 p.m.** — College Baseball: Mississippi at Vanderbilt (ESPN).  
**5 p.m.** — College Baseball: Tennessee at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).  
**5:30 p.m.** — College Tennis: Central Florida vs. South Florida from Lake Nona, Fla. (TENNIS).  
**6 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: New York City at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**6:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 1 — Utah at Oklahoma City (TNT).  
**7 p.m.** — College Softball: Mississippi State at Mississippi (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — PGA Golf: RBC Heritage Final Round from Hilton Head Island (GOLF).  
**7 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 3 — Winnipeg at Minnesota (USA).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 2 — Columbus

at Washington (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Texas at Houston (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 1 — Minnesota at Houston (TNT).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 3 — Vegas at Los Angeles (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

MONDAY

**5 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Monte Carlo Masters Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**8:30 a.m.** — Road Racing: Boston Marathon from Boston (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11 a.m.** — Major League Baseball: Baltimore at Boston (MLB NETWORK).  
**1:30 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Monte Carlo Masters Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**2:55 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Stoke City vs. West Ham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Chicago Cubs (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — College Softball: North Carolina State at North Carolina (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 3 — Boston at Toronto (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — College Softball: Mississippi State at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 3 — Tampa Bay at New Jersey (CNBC).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**8 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 2 — Miami at Philadelphia (TNT).  
**10 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Houston at Seattle or Los Angeles Dodgers at San Diego (MLB NETWORK).  
**10 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 3 — Nashville at Colorado (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 3 — Anaheim at San Jose (CNBC).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 2 — San Antonio at Golden State (TNT).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	11	1	.917	—
Philadelphia	7	5	.583	4
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Central Division

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Pittsburgh	9	4	.692	—
St. Louis	8	7	.533	2
Chicago	7	7	.500	2½
Milwaukee	7	7	.500	2½
Cincinnati	2	12	.143	7½

West Division

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Los Angeles	4	8	.333	5½
San Diego	5	10	.333	6

SATURDAY

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 St. Louis 6, Cincinnati 1  
 Chicago Cubs 14, Atlanta 10  
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NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TORONTO 1, WASHINGTON 0

Saturday, April 14: Toronto 114, Washington 106  
 Tuesday, April 17: Washington at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Friday, April 20: Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 22: Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Toronto, TBA  
 x-Friday, April 27: Toronto at Washington, TBA  
 x-Sunday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBA

BOSTON VS. MILWAUKEE

Sunday, April 15: Milwaukee at Boston, 1 p.m.  
 Tuesday, April 17: Milwaukee at Boston, 8 p.m.  
 Friday, April 20: Boston at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 22: Boston at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.  
 x-Tuesday, April 24: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA  
 x-Thursday, April 26: Boston at Milwaukee, TBA  
 x-Saturday, April 28: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA

PHILADELPHIA VS. MIAMI

Saturday, April 14: Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 16: Miami at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.  
 Thursday, April 19: Philadelphia at Miami, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 21: Philadelphia at Miami, 2:30 p.m.  
 x-Tuesday, April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA  
 x-Thursday, April 26: Philadelphia at Miami, TBA  
 x-Saturday, April 28: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA

CLEVELAND VS. INDIANA

Sunday, April 15: Indiana at Cleveland, 3:30 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 18: Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Friday, April 20: Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 22: Cleveland at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday, April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA  
 x-Friday, April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBA  
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WESTERN CONFERENCE

HOUSTON VS. MINNESOTA

Sunday, April 15: Minnesota at Houston, 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 18: Minnesota at Houston, 9:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 21: Houston at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.  
 Monday, April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Houston, TBA  
 x-Friday, April 27: Houston at Minnesota, TBA  
 x-Sunday, April 29: Minnesota at Houston, TBA

GOLDEN STATE 1, SAN ANTONIO 0

Saturday, April 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92  
 Monday, April 16: San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
 Thursday, April 19: Golden State at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, April 22: Golden State at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.  
 x-Tuesday, April 24: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA  
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PORTLAND VS. NEW ORLEANS



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

USC Sumter pitcher Meagan Phillips delivers a pitch during the Fire Ants' game against Spartanburg Methodist College on Friday at Patriot Park SportPlex.

## ANTS FROM PAGE B1

pleased with the way we played for 13 innings, but that last inning was great. That was just a tremendous effort."

SMC, which is 23-20 and 8-4, looked to have the game well in hand after posting three runs in the top of the seventh go up 8-2. USCS' half of the inning started with Alexis Lyles reaching on an infield single, but Spartanburg Methodist pitcher Emily Josey followed that by striking out Laurel Shaw.



ROGERS

Then the fun started. Brooke Ward picked up her fourth hit of the game, a double to left-center to send Lyles to third. Jayla Cowell followed with her third hit, a 2-run single to make it 8-4, and she went to second on a throw home.

Cowell went to third on a wild pitch before Hailey Carter hit a ground ball to shortstop Kiersten Moore. Cowell initially broke for home, and Moore decided to throw behind her and try to get her going back into third instead of getting the out at first. Cowell beat the throw back, leaving runners on the corners.

Hannah Bettencourt hit a deep fly ball to left that leftfielder Alyssa Pennington dropped. That allowed Cowell to score and make it 8-5 and leaving runners on second and third. Kristen McKenzie dropped a single into right-center to score pinch runner Tamia Miller and send Bettencourt to third.

Emily Holmes grounded out to second for the second out, but driving in Bettencourt to make it 8-7. With McKenzie on third, Rogers took the second pitch from Josey and hit a high, deep fly ball to left. The only question was whether it was fair, and when the home plate umpire signaled home run, it set off a wild celebration.

"She had been pitching me inside the entire game," Rogers said of Josey. "I just took a step back and went with it."

Sumter finished with 13 hits, five of them in the final inning. Ward was 4-for-4 with a solo homer, while Cowell was 3-for-4 with two runs batted in. McKenzie had two hits and Holmes had two RBI.

"The girls came in in the seventh and did this on their own," Cataldo said. "I have the utmost confidence in each of my girls at the plate. We didn't execute that well offensively until the last game."

In the first game on Friday, the Fire Ants led 3-2, but gave up four runs in the fourth and never recovered.

Sumter had just five hits in the opener with Cowell and Rogers each picking up a double. Carter had two RBI.

While the two losses on Saturday dropped the Fire Ants behind Spartanburg Methodist to third place in the region, they still have an opportunity to win the region.

Sumter will play host to USC Union in a doubleheader on Tuesday at Patriot Park SportPlex. If it wins both of those game, it will travel to Louisburg Community College for a pair of doubleheaders next weekend with a shot at

## SHS FROM PAGE B1

the hospital for observation.

"We just, our whole team went over and looked at him as they were going to just take him to the hospital and check him out," Shumake said. "Just very, very, very, very concerned, you know, when a kid gets hit by a fastball, and that kid really let that ball go, right in the earhole like that, it's terrifying. I can even halfway get emotional talking about it, because when you look at the kid leave and everything it's just not what you like to see out here."

Yates' exit came in the middle of what would be a game-winning rally in the bottom of the eighth. Victor Brown opened the inning with a single up the middle on a ball that hopped over Tiger shortstop Jordan Hillburn's head. Bryce Lyons came on to run for Yates, giving the Gamecocks runners at second and first ahead of an infield single from starting pitcher Jacob Holladay.

With the bases loaded and no outs, cleanup hitter Drake Thames did his job with a single to left that plated Zion Brown, who had come on as a courtesy runner for Victor Brown.

"Our whole season has been based around pitching and defense and just trying to stay in games, like tonight, and just scratch and claw and try to do something at the end," said Shumake, whose team improved to 9-11 overall and 7-2 in region play, clinching at least second place.

"Our whole season, all our wins have come that way except for a couple where we separated a little bit with the run differential on a couple of teams. Every game we've played, we just have to play good, clean baseball and try to pitch well because we don't bang the fence down. We just scratch and claw, and that's what our guys do, and I'm proud of the way they do that. We're just going to keep working on all phases of the game, hitting being one of them, and we're just going to continue to work. That's what we do with our program."

For much of the night, Sumter batters struggled to figure out Conway starter Keith Autry Benton.

Through five innings, the Gamecocks trailed 2-0, courtesy of a 2-run home run launched over the left-field fence by Tonka Hemingway following an infield single from Hillburn in the first. Benton had allowed just three baserunners during that span, with Yates singling to left in the first, Joey Pereira being hit by a pitch in the second and Holladay drawing a base on balls in the

fourth.

As Yates stepped into the batter's box with one out in the sixth, Benton had retired seven consecutive batters, including a stretch of five straight fly ball outs. Yates reached on a hit by pitch and broke for second on a perfectly executed hit-and-run, ending up at third as Holladay smacked a single to right. Holladay broke for second, drawing a throw that allowed Yates to cross the plate on a double steal for Sumter's first run.

The Gamecocks tied the score in the seventh as Jackson Hoshour smashed Benton's first pitch of the inning into left field for a double. Hoshour would steal third and later come home on a balk, a call which resulted in Conway head coach Anthony Carroll being ejected.

Benton and Holladay were fairly even after Holladay's bumpy first inning. Benton threw 80 pitches through his seven innings of work, striking out two, hitting two and walking two while Holladay left after 6 2/3 innings, striking out two and surrendering five hits on 83 pitches.

Shumake, who played at Hartsville High School and Clemson University before spending four years in the Cincinnati Reds farm system, is in his 19th season as Sumter's head coach. He has led the Gamecocks to their only three state championships, in 2006, 2011 and 2014. The last two championships book-ended Shumake's only time away from Sumter High during his 21 years of coaching, a two-year stint at White Knoll High School.

"What it really testifies to is that we've had a lot of good players that have come through here and a lot of good coaches that have developed these kids over the years, through all of my head coaching experience," said Shumake, who was a 2017 inductee into the Sumter Sports Hall of Fame. "It's very humbling to have won 400 games, and it's just time. If you stay out long enough and work hard, I think sometimes good things can happen to you. I'm real blessed, and I just want to thank God for allowing me to be out here with these kids every day."

"The state championships are special, but I just want to thank everybody that's been a part of our program, and all the players that have played for me over the years and the coaches that have coached with me. I just want to thank them for being dedicated and committed to just trying to help us go out each day and compete to try to win that particular game on that day."



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Crestwood's Luis Gutierrez-Mendoza works the ball in traffic as teammate Deontay Singleton looks on and a pair of Hartsville defenders pursue during the Knights' 2-0 loss to the Foxes on Friday at the Crestwood field.

## KNIGHTS FROM PAGE B1

Both teams were short-handed, with Hartsville playing without two starters and Crestwood playing without starting goalkeeper Calvin Coppok, who suffered a concussion during the Knights' 1-1(5-3) PK shootout victory over Governor's School for Science and Mathematics on

Thursday. Ray said he was pleased with the play of his freshman JV goalkeeper Graecin Wilber, whose hustle kept the Foxes off the board and growing increasingly frustrated throughout much of the game.

Hartville controlled the action through much of the

first half, generating most of the scoring threats until the Knights came alive near the midway break and began to pressure the Foxes' defense. The second-half points were as much a product of Hartsville settling down and focusing on pressuring the goal after some chippy play and being given too many opportunities to score.

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GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

# Lee Central softball sweeps C.A. Johnson 30-12, 14-12

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School swept a doubleheader from C.A. Johnson on Wednesday, winning 30-12 and 14-12 at the LC field.

The Lady Stallions stole 39 bases in the two games. Brianna Hickmon, Shakila Pollard and Gracie Blackwell each stole seven bases.

A'Yanah Lucas went 9-for-10 with a home run, three triples and two doubles. Pollard had a double and a homer and Hickmon had two doubles.

**WILSON HALL 15 NORTHWOOD 0**

NORTH CHARLESTON — Wilson Hall improved to 16-8 on the season with a 15-0 victory over Northwood Academy on Thursday at the NA field.

Drake Ives had two hits and four RBI and struck out five in the 3-inning game. Becka Noyes had a 2-run triple and three RBI. Sydney Jarecki had two hits, including an RBI double and Caitleigh Bryant had two RBI. Madison Sliwonik and Madison Elmore both scored twice.

On Wednesday in Sumter, WH beat Robert E. Lee Academy 13-6. Noyes led the offense, going 4-for-5 with a 3-run double, four RBI and three runs. Liza Lowder had two hits and two RBI, Elmore and Sliwonik both scored twice, Kathryn Sistare had two hits and Ives had two runs and an RBI.

Ives struck out eight.

**SUMTER 14 LAKEWOOD 4**

Sumter High School defeated Lakewood 14-4 on Thursday at the LHS field.

Gabby Kirkman had two hits and an RBI to lead Sumter. Anna Copeland had an inside-the-park home run, while Katelyn Browder and Alexis Jacobs both had a hit and two runs.

**VARSITY TRACK**

**WILSON HALL FOURTH**

CHARLESTON — Wilson Hall finished fourth out of nine teams in a meet on Wednesday at the Porter-

Gaud track.

Porter-Gaud won with 152.50 points. Heathwood Hall was next with 134.75, while Ashley Hall had 121.75 and the Lady Barons had 103.

Ivey Edwards led the Lady Barons with a first-place finish in the pole vault and a second-place finish in the triple jump. Kayla Porter won the 400-meter dash and was third in the 100.

The 4x800 relay team won while the 4x100 team finished second. Chandler Patrick finished second in the 100 hurdles and Emily Reynolds was third in the triple jump.

**VARSITY SOCCER**

**WEST FLORENCE 6 SUMTER 0**

Sumter High School dropped to 2-6 in Region VI-5A with a 6-0 loss to West Florence on Friday at the SHS field.

The Lady Gamecocks are 5-6 overall.

**JV SOFTBALL**

**LUGOFF-ELGIN 7 LAKEWOOD 6**

LUGOFF — Lakewood High School lost to Lugoff-Elgin 7-6 on Friday at the L-E field.

Jillian Lynch led the Lady Gators, going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBI. Lily Browder had two hits and scored a run.

**SUMTER 19 LAKEWOOD 6**

Sumter High School defeated Lakewood 19-6 on Thursday at the LHS field.

Emily Jordan picked up the win for SHS and also had two hits and four RBI. Kailin Hodge had two hits, while Anna Lowder had two hits and an RBI and Sudie Grace Cromer had a hit and two RBI.

Grayce Gainey had two hits and an RBI to lead the Lady Gators, while Bayleigh Ruighaver had two hits and Lorelei Williams had a triple and three RBI.

**WILSON HALL 13 NORTHWOOD 4**

NORTH CHARLESTON —

Wilson Hall defeated Northwood Academy 13-4 on Thursday at the NA field.

Hannah Williams led WH with two hits and two RBI. Sophia Green had a triple and two RBI, Marybeth Van-Patten had a hit and two RBI.

On Wednesday in Sumter, the Lady Barons beat Robert E. Lee Academy 12-2. Kailee Poston struck out and allowed just three hits to get the win.

Camryn Bateman was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI, while Green was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Dani Hanley had two hits and an RBI, while Hannah Valclivik was 2-for-4 with a triple and an RBI and Olivia Beasley was 2-for-4 with three RBI.

**CLARENDON HALL 16 HOLLY HILL 1**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall improved to 9-0 with a 16-1 victory over Holly Hill on Friday at the CH field.

Amberly Way led the Lady Saints, going 4-for-4 with four doubles and six RBI. Wells James had a hit and an RBI.

**JV SOCCER**

**WEST FLORENCE 5 SUMTER 0**

Sumter High School lost to West Florence 5-0 on Friday at the SHS field.

The Lady Gamecocks are 2-6.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK**

**WILSON HALL WINS**

Wilson Hall finished first in a 9-team meet at Spencer Field on Thursday.

Margaret Briggs Kelly and Emma Bradley both won two events for the Lady Barons. Briggs won the 1,600 and 3,200 runs, while Bradley won the 100 hurdles and the 400 hurdles.

Sarah Sonntag finished second in both of the hurdle events, while Caitlyn Schumacher was second in the 800 run.

Both the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams finished first.

From staff reports

BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

# Thomas Sumter soccer beats The King's Academy 1-0

Thomas Sumter Academy's varsity boys soccer team defeated The King's Academy 1-0 on Thursday.

Richard Huntley scored the match's only goal.

**VARSITY TRACK**

**WILSON HALL THIRD**

CHARLESTON — Wilson Hall finished third in a 9-team meet on Wednesday at the Porter-Gaud track.

Porter-Gaud won with 257.66 points. Palmetto Christian was second with 97.50 and The Barons had 94.33 points.

Jagger Herbert led WH with second-place finishes in the 110-meter hurdles and the 400 hurdles. Grey Holler finished second in the high jump and third in both the shot put and the discus.

The 4x100 relay team of Landon Van Patten, Noah Harvin, Paul Choe and Justin Kang finished second as did the 4x800 team of Layton Creech, Harvin, Graham Van

Patten and Michael Towery.

**B TEAM BASEBALL**

**WILSON HALL 10 ROBERT E. LEE 2**

Wilson Hall concluded its season with a 10-2 victory over Robert E. Lee Academy on Friday at Patriot Park SportPlex.

The Barons, who finished 9-3, had 14 hits. Cameron Coulter led the way with four hits, scoring twice. Blake Van Patten, Dylan Richardson and Boykin Wilder each had two hits.

Coulter picked up the win, going four innings while allowing two runs on three hits.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK**

**WILSON HALL WINS**

Wilson Hall won a 9-team meet on Thursday at Spencer Field.

Doc Walker led WH with first-place finishes in both the 110 hurdles and the 400 hurdles. The 4x800 team won,

while Will Singleton won the junior varsity discus and Devin Nether led the JV shot put.

Will Overby was second in the 3,200, William Cooper was second in the 110 hurdles, James Hiott was second in the 1,600, Singleton was second in the JV shot put and Wise Segars was second in the triple jump.

**JV/VARSITY GOLF**

**SUMTER JV 176 EAST CLARENDON 183**

The Sumter High School junior varsity team defeated the East Clarendon varsity by seven strokes on Thursday at Beech Creek Golf Club.

SHS shot a 176 while EC finished at 183.

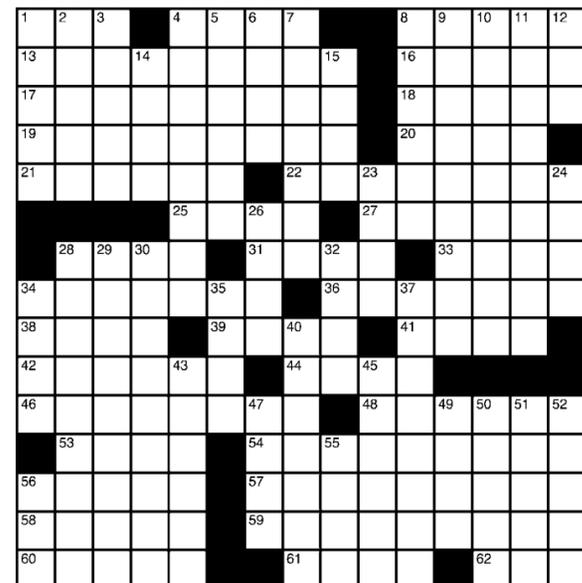
Andrew Griffin led the Gamecocks with a 37. Palmer Robbins shot a 39, Jeffrey Shirley a 45 and Josh Cannon and Roe Newman both shot a 55.

Ryle Goff led EC with a 37.

From staff reports

## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Robyn Weintraub

- ACROSS**
- 1 Many a tax filer's need: Abbr.
  - 4 It's a lock
  - 8 Half-Blood Prince of fiction
  - 13 Showed emotion
  - 16 Fifth canonical hour
  - 17 Try
  - 18 Rarely a problem for happy-go-lucky types
  - 19 Clematis supports
  - 20 Roger who played the U.K. ambassador on "The West Wing"
  - 21 Published in installments
  - 22 Impressive dismount
  - 25 Pacific resort, popularly
  - 27 "Good heavens!"
  - 28 Typographic measure
  - 31 Had in view
  - 33 Guard attachment?
  - 34 Endangered chimpanzees
  - 36 Potential
  - 38 Rickman who played 8-Across
- DOWN**
- 1 Certain NCOS
  - 2 English subdivision
  - 3 When some things will change?
  - 4 How to get to Carnegie Hall, perhaps
  - 5 Fifth-century Roman Empire enemy
- Black and Red**
- 6 Shoulder-length do
  - 7 Like a comment that may elicit "Oh, snap!"
  - 8 "I'm good, thanks"
  - 9 Bow tie alternative
  - 10 Eeyore, for one
  - 11 Contractor's no.
  - 12 Brat's place
  - 13 Sub or Santa follower
  - 14 Nav. rank
  - 15 TV Marine
  - 16 With 51-Down, tops
  - 17 Focus of some climate change concerns
- 29 Female lover**
- 30 Plotted together
  - 31 "House" actor
  - 32 Avon product?
  - 33 Extremely
  - 34 Viking accessory
  - 35 "Got it" on the radio
  - 36 Ellery Queen and Raven awards, e.g.
  - 37 District
  - 38 Resort near Snowbird
  - 39 Gases (up)
  - 40 See
  - 41 Down
  - 42 Canvas primer
  - 43 Thames gallery
  - 44 Eldest March sister

Previous Puzzle Solved



### JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

**STEPW**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**SIPEO**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**UNERRN**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**GOUDTU**

○ ○ ○ ○ ○



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

Print your answer here: "○○○○ - ○○○○"

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOWDY RUMOR OBLONG ADRIFT Answer: News traveled quickly from parrot to parrot as a result of — "BIRD" OF MOUTH

### SUDOKU

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

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

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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

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

**ADAM RICHBOW SR.**

Funeral services for Adam "Clink" Richbow Sr. will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at High Hills AME Church, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, with the Rev. Keith R. Mayes officiating. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.



RICHBOW

There is no public viewing. Mr. Richbow transitioned on Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey. He was the husband of Marie Weston Richbow. Born in Horatio, he was a son of the late Walter and Alice C. Richbow. He was a member of High Hills AME Church in Dalzell. He was the owner and operator of "Adam Richbow Garage" in Horatio.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three children, Raymond C. Richbow, Shirley Marie Richbow and Walter E. Richbow; and four siblings, Walter Richbow Jr., Thomas L. Richbow, Elizabeth Brooks and Carrie Daughtry.

Survivors include his wife, Marie W. Richbow; three sons, Joe (Illene) Richbow, Isiah (Lillie Mae) Richbow and Adam Richbow Jr.; 21 grandchildren; 58 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; special niece and nephew, Mary Sue and Wyman Wyatt; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Please visit our website for more details, [www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com](http://www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com).

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

**DOUGLAS W. ELVINGTON**

Douglas Wilson Elvington, age 75, beloved husband of 56 years to Alice June Wiggins



ELVINGTON

Elvington, died on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at NHC Healthcare of Sumter. Born on Jan. 14, 1943, in Lake View, he was a son of the late Leroy and Gertrude Hayes Elvington. Doug loved to read the newspaper and watch TV. He was a huge Washington Redskins fan and an avid NASCAR fan. He never met a stranger and enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a strong Christian and loved his family. He will be remembered as a very loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Surviving in addition to his wife are three children, Kathy Ponds and her husband, Bruce, Karen Hardee and her husband, Don, and Roy Elvington and his wife, Tammy; five grandchildren, Douglas Elvington, Wesley Elvington, Matthew Elvington, Kayla Alleman and her husband, Adam, and Jordan Cruz and her husband, Dani; two sisters, Kathy Veiloux and her husband, Paul, of Lakeland, Florida, and Patsy McAbee of Spartanburg.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Bethesda Church of God.

The family will receive friends from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Bethesda Church of God.

The family would like to thank NHC, Iris Hall, Camellia Hall, Caris Health Care/Hospice, Palmetto Health Tuomey ICU, and all the nurses and staff for all their support, love and care. The family appreciates you and your love during this difficult time.

Thank you to Steve Dinkins for being a kind and loyal friend, Larry Gainey, Wayne and Larry Tickel and Genia Geddings for all the love and laughter.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Feed the Children, 333 N. Meridian, Oklahoma City, OK 73107 or Disabled Veterans of America, 18 Hard Pack Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

You may go to [www.bullockfuneralhome.com](http://www.bullockfuneralhome.com) and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**HOWARD J. PUGH**

MANNING — Howard Junior Pugh, 52, husband of Valencia Brown Pugh, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at his home, surrounded by family and friends.



PUGH

Born on May 18, 1965, in Manning, he was a son of Albertus Conyers and the late Bessie L. Spann Pugh Huggins. He was a 1983 graduate of Manning High School. Upon graduation, he had a lifetime career caring for those in nursing homes to include National Health Care, Lake Marion and Winsdor Manor.

Funeral services for Mr. Pugh will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Paxville Baptist Church, 10278 Lewis Road (Paxville Highway), Paxville, with the Rev. Jim Smith, pastor, the Rev. Carnell Witherspoon presiding, the Rev. Terry Johnson, eulogist, and the Rev. Rosa W. Fulton assisting. Burial will follow at Paxville Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 936 Branchview Drive, Manning.

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

**GEORGE LEE WAY**

BALDWIN, Ga. — George Lee Way, age 72, of Baldwin, passed away on Friday, April 13, 2018, from results of cancer.



WAY

Mr. Way was born on Jan. 26, 1946, in Manning, to the late Clarence and Rena Mae Allen Way. He was the past president of

Banks County Cattleman's Association. Mr. Way retired as owner-operator of Way Fabrication with 30 years of service. He was a United States Navy veteran.

Survivors include his sons and daughters-in-law, Cary and Sarah Way of Homer and Freddie and Melanie Way of Cornelia; sister, Mary Ann Dubose of Sumter; brothers, Clarence "Bubba" Way of Sumter, Harry Lee "Sammy" Way of Sumter and Kenneth Allen of Sumter; five grandchildren, Courtney Way, John Way, Josh Way, Caroline Way and Keragan Way; and special friend, Alice Evans of Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at Whitfield Funeral Home, South Chapel, with Elder Terrell Simmons and Dr. Roy G. Rogers officiating. Interment will follow at Union Hill Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Jerrell Beatty officiating. Military honors to be provided by the United States Navy.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are in care of Whitfield Funeral Home & Crematory, South Chapel, 1370 Industrial Blvd., Baldwin, Georgia, (706) 778-7123.

Those wishing to express online condolences to the family may do so by visiting our website at [www.whitfieldfuneralhomes.com](http://www.whitfieldfuneralhomes.com).

**BELMA M. CHINA**

Belma "Nana" Mellette China was born on March 8, 1946, in the Paxville community, a daughter of the late Cleveland Mellette Sr. and Gladys Conyers Mellette.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Minnie Ruth Smith; and two brothers, Arthur Mellette and Cleveland Mellette Jr.

She received her formal education in the public schools of Clarendon County. In her youth, she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined Zion Hill Baptist Church, where she was an active and dedicated member and sang with the Chancel Choir. Later, she joined Fourth Crossroad Church under the leadership of Pastor G.K. Carter, where she served on the helping hand ministry, the missionary ministry and the children mentor ministry. With her kind and gentle spirit, she enjoyed helping others in any way she could.

She was employed at Briggs Nursing Home (Windsor Manor) for a number of years, until her health failed.

She was joined into matrimony to Willie China. This

union was blessed with eight children.

On Tuesday morning, April 10, 2018, God almighty called his servant, Belma Mellette China, home at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

She leaves to cherish her fond and precious memories to her loving husband, Willie China of the home; loving children, Tonie (Sharon) Mellette and Sherlyn Riley, both of Manning, Willie China Jr. (Tiffany) of Texas, and Carolyn (Weldon) China, Jeffrey (Christina) China and Gregory (Betsy) China, all of New York; one sister, Naomi Franklin of Sumter; grandmother, Mrs. Jessie Kelly of Manning; children she reared as her own, Stacey Winn, Stephanie Pugh, Ashley Pugh, Dewayne (Tiffany) Mellette, Precious Heyward, David Farmer, Christopher Mellette, Virginia Conyers, Marion Mellette, Donna Smith, Jacob Heyward, Esau Heyward, Deloris (Stanley) Brunson and Mary Wilder; 25 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; a son-in-law, Dana Pugh; two special sisters-in-law, Judy Mellette of Sanford, North Carolina, and Susan Mellette of Sumter; one uncle, Timothy (Minnie) Pugh of North Carolina; three brothers-in-law, Johnny (Gloria) China, Ricky China and Larry China; five sisters-in-law, Deloris Vaughn, Mary (Joseph) Sumpter, Barbara Conyers, Leslie (Stanley) Brunson and Willie Mae (Raphael); a special caregiver, Wendy Franklin; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Brenda Dell Pugh and Theresa China; one son, Jeremiah Heyward Jr.; and three brothers-in-law, Tommy China, Jay China and Lawson China Jr.

Mrs. China will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. today for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150 with Pastor G.K. Carter officiating. Interment will follow at Fourth Crossroads Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at her residence, 3551 Paxville Highway, Manning.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [www.jobsmortuary.com](http://www.jobsmortuary.com) or visit us on the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

**SUSIE M. SHAW**

Susie M. Lowery Tindal Shaw, widow of Wiley Shaw Sr. and Charlie Tindal Jr.; daughter of the late Annie Lowery McQuillar and Jack Davis; and the step-daughter of late Edward McQuillar, departed this earthly life on Thursday, April 12, 2018, at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center in Hartsville.

She leaves to mourn seven children, John (Carol) Tindal, Viola Tindal (Thomas) McCants, Herbert (Betty) Tindal, Wiley Shaw Jr, Linda Shaw (Jimmy) Rubin, Ronald Shaw, Cassandra Shaw (Troy) Himes; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters; two brothers; and a host of loving nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by one son, Johnny Lee Tindal, three sisters and three brothers.

Public viewing will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Monday at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Mrs. Shaw will be placed in the church at noon on Tuesday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at BARNETTESVILLE Baptist Church, 106 Manville Saint Charles Road, Bishopville, with pastor Wayne Montgomery officiating.

Interment will follow in the BARNETTESVILLE Baptist Church cemetery.

Family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Jimmy and Linda Rubin, 195 Mannville Wisacky Road, from 3 to 9 p.m.

Job's Mortuary Inc. is in charge of the arrangement.

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [www.jobsmortuary.com](http://www.jobsmortuary.com) or visit us on

the web at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

**AUDREY MCCOY**

Audrey McCoy, 70, widow of Herbert N. McCoy, departed this life on Friday, April 13, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1948, in Florence, a daughter of the late Elliott Evans Jr. and Mary Wells Evans.

The family will be receiving friends from noon to 9 p.m. daily at the home, 2855 Rush St., Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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

**MATTIE M. COPELAND**

Mattie M. Tidwell Copeland, 79, left us on Thursday, April 12, 2018, to join the Lord and her husband, James, in heaven.

Born on Aug. 29, 1938, in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Allen Tidwell and Hattie Tidwell Coulter. She was a loving wife, a wonderful cook and homemaker, a wise mentor and a friend to everyone who knew her. She was a devoted member of Ashwood Nazarene Church. She was head over heels in love with her husband, James, here on earth for 55 years before being widowed in 2011. She also suffered the tragic loss of her treasured son, Marion, when he was only 14.

Survivors include a daughter, Martha Copeland Bell (Billy) of Sumter; two granddaughters, Samantha Betush of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, and Nikki Betush (Andy) of Myrtle Beach; two bonus granddaughters, Amanda Bell and Ashley Cook (Brian), both of Sumter; six great-grandchildren, Alex, Stella, Vaughn, Robert, Julianne and Noah; a sister, Ethel "Kitty" Burgett of Sumter; sisters-in-law who were like her sisters, Rebecca McDuffie, Janie Copeland and Joyce Copeland; and a brother-in-law, Gerald Copeland.

In addition to her parents, husband and son, she was preceded in death by siblings, Roland Tidwell, Gertrude Tidwell, Geneva Hagood, J.C. Tidwell, Andrew Tidwell, Laverne Tidwell, the Rev. Leo Tidwell, Alice Grace Hinson, Mary Kinsey and Ray Tidwell.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. today in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Brandon Barkley and Patrick Belken officiating. Burial will be at Sumter Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Brian Cook, Larry Betush, Steve Holland, Patrick Belken Jr., David Belken and Link Elvis Wray.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1220 E. Brewington Road.

Memorials may be made to Ashwood Nazarene Church, 2145 Green Lane, Bishopville, SC 29010.

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

**CHARLES A. LEVINE**

Charles Alford Levine, 74, departed this life on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

He was born on April 14, 1943, to Vermel and John Levine Sr. He attended the public schools in Sumter. He was later sent to live with his father in Mississippi, where he would graduate from high school.

Charles was trained as an auto mechanic but had an entrepreneurial spirit and created many different types of businesses while living in New York and California. He dreamed of becoming a real estate agent, so he opened a pub and worked at night. He earned his real estate and broker's license in California and opened his own successful real estate agency.

Charles was very outgoing and charming. He made friends with a wide range of people.

After the passing of his beloved mother in 2000, he moved to Brooklyn, New York, to join his sister, Willie Mae Habersham and his children. In 2009, he returned home to Sumter. His sister joined him in 2010. When his health declined, he moved in with his sister, who cared for him until his passing.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Freddie Levine.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his sister, Willie Mae Habersham of Sumter; his children, Trent, Seberina, Senoria and Frances, all of Brooklyn, Bryant of Sumter, Charles Jr. and Stacey, both of Clayton, North Carolina, Rongerlis, Frances and Daphne of Hopewell, Virginia, Tarima of New York, New York, and Veronique of Oakland, California; his loving companion, Debra McKnight; his special cousin, Thomas Wright, who assisted in his daily care; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the chapel of Sumter Funeral Service Inc. with Pastor Leroy Blanding officiating, assisted by Dr. Lewis Walker Jr. Interment will follow at the Mulberry Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 226 Palmetto St., Sumter.

Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

**DAVE BRUNSON JR.**

Dave Brunson Jr., 81, husband of Minister Estill Brunson, entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 13, 2018, at his residence, 914 Wolf Pack Court, Apartment 1.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced by Ephriam D. Stephens Funeral Home of Sumter, "Where Dignity is the Watchword."

**AHMAD M. WILSON**

Baby boy Ahmad Montgomery Wilson died on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia.

Born on April 2, 2018, in Sumter County, he was a son of Orlando Wilson and Tiffany Montgomery.

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

**CHARLES J. WILSON SR.**

FLORENCE — On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Charles Joe Wilson Sr., husband of Margie Hodge Wilson, heard his master's call at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Born on June 22, 1940, in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Joe & Marie Singleton Wilson.

Service of remembrance shall take place at 1 p.m. on Monday at Harmony Presbyterian Church, 8629 Highway 301, Alcolu, where the Rev. Dr. Franklin Colclough shall bring words of hope.

The service of committal shall follow in the Wilson family plot located in the Harmony Cemetery.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the residence, 1464 Magnolia Corner, Alcolu.

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

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

**ISAAC JOHNSON SR.**

SUMMERTON — Deacon Isaac "Jimmy" Johnson Sr., age 71, entered into eternal rest on Friday, April 13, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

Born in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Douglas and Ella Sampson Johnson. He was the husband of Evangelist Betty M. Johnson.

The family will receive friends at the home, 1116 Olympic Drive, Summerton, starting Monday.

Professional services are entrusted to Dyson's Home for Funerals, 237 Main St., Summerton. (803) 485-4280.

**PEGGY Y. GUTHRIE**

Peggy Yvonne Davis Guthrie, age 70, died on Friday, March 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



## PRO BASKETBALL

# Durant, defending champ Warriors beat Spurs

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kevin Durant helped the defending champions get defensive in a hurry, finishing with 24 points, eight rebounds and seven assists as the Golden State Warriors returned to their old dominant selves at playoff time to beat the cold-shooting San Antonio Spurs 113-92 on Saturday.

Durant, Draymond Green and Klay Thompson took charge in Game 1 of the first-round series to elevate the Warriors' intensity at last playing without fellow All-Star and injured two-time MVP Stephen Curry, sidelined since March 23 with a sprained left knee.

Thompson found his shot and scored 27 points, making 11 of 13 shots, while 7-footer JaVale McGee started in Steve Kerr's center-by-committee approach and contributed 15 points, four rebounds and two blocked shots in 16 minutes.

Rudy Gay led the Spurs with 15 points off the bench as leading scorer LaMarcus Aldridge was limited to 14 points on 5-for-12 shooting.

Game 2 in the best-of-seven series is Monday night at Oracle Arena.

The defending champions looked unbeatable again. And that was without the do-everything Curry.

The Warriors said all week it's a new season, then went out and showed it. They have plans for nothing short of a repeat title.

Golden State came with the kind of swarming defense it is so used to playing but hadn't shown much lately as rotations were mixed and matched because of injuries and illness.

San Antonio couldn't keep up from the opening tip.

Beat up and missing its four All-Stars at times, Golden State endured a stretch losing seven of 10 last month.

"I noticed that Steph wasn't there," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich cracked before the game. "I watched real closely. I turned it off for a while ... turned it back on and he still wasn't there. I noticed that. But after that I didn't watch anything else, it was too scary."

Golden State swept San Antonio in the Western Conference Finals a year ago on the way to a second championship in three seasons and an astonishing, record-setting 16-1 postseason run.

Kerr always said his team would be



Golden State's JaVale McGee, right, shoots over San Antonio's Danny Green (14) during the Warriors' 113-92 victory in Game 1 of their Western Conference quarterfinal playoff series on Saturday in Oakland, Calif.

ready when these playoffs came around.

The Warriors were determined to pick up their defense ahead of Game 1, and they did just that.

Green, Durant and the others quickly closed on shooters and got hands up to alter shots.

2015 Finals MVP Andre Iguodala moved into the starting lineup for the 2018 edition of that "Strength In Numbers" mantra — and all those bright yellow T-shirts through the arena are there to back it.

Iguodala, who started just seven games all season before Saturday, had missed four of the final five regular-season games with a sore left knee.

After diving into the baseline fans late in the first half, he headed to the locker room early but returned for the third quarter.

## TIP-INS

Spurs: The Spurs, still without injured star Kawhi Leonard, never led and committed eight first-half turn-

overs while shooting 34.1 percent (14 of 41). ... San Antonio visited Golden State for the third time in as many months. They lost at Oracle on Feb. 10 and March 8.

Warriors: The Warriors had 32 assists on 44 field goals, 23 of those assists on 33 made baskets through the third. ... Golden State is 6-2 vs. the Spurs in the postseason at home. ... The Warriors have won six straight playoff openers.

## CURRY UPDATE

Curry, who Kerr ruled out for the entire first round, was re-examined Friday and continues to make solid progress. He will ramp up the intensity of his on-court rehab work this week with running and lateral movement as he did in recent days and is scheduled to be re-evaluated again in one week.

He worked through one-legged jumps onto his injured knee during pregame warmups and got in some shooting.

"When he's ready, he's ready but he's making progress, which is a good sign," Kerr said.

## FAMILY AFFAIR

Kerr's son, Nick, is on the Spurs staff and the team jokingly voted him out of the film room Friday for fear of him sharing Spurs secrets with the enemy.

"I let the team vote on whether they wanted him to stay in the room or not," Popovich said. "Truly, we did, we took a vote. It was a mock vote but they all voted that he had to leave the room. I overruled them and so I let him stay, because he's wonderful and of course we trust him. But he did have dinner with his family last night, so we'll see."

## QUOTEABLE

So, just what did Warriors top assistant Mike Brown mean to Popovich?

"He kept Stephen Jackson from beating me up, that was his main role," Popovich said.



Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant (2) could face a challenge for his job this year from true freshman Trevor Lawrence even though he led the Tigers to the College Football Playoff last season.

## QB FROM PAGE B1

Clemson fans had grown accustomed to fast-paced offenses led by dynamic, passing quarterbacks since 2011. Tajh Boyd set records as the Tigers starter from 2011-13 before the strong-armed Watson came in and, after an injury plagued freshman season, passed Clemson to a 28-2 mark in 2015 and 2016, two ACC titles and the national championship his final year.

Bryant led more a run-based attack and was sometimes criticized for misfires when passing. Clemson's total yards of 6,014 were lower than all but one of the last seven seasons. Its 3,297 yards passing was the fewest since 2010. The Tigers 17 touchdown passes were also their lowest in seven years.

Part of last year, Swinney said, was having so many first-year starters on offense after playmakers like Watson,

receivers Mike Williams and Artavis Scott, tailback Wayne Gallman and tight end Jordan Leggett left for the NFL.

There was a learning curve all the first-timers, like Bryant, had to battle.

This spring, the offense has worked on increasing tempo and — with Bryant in charge — have regularly gotten the better of Clemson's experienced defense.

That doesn't mean coaches have not been wowed by Lawrence's star power. The freshman broke Watson's Georgia state prep records for career yardage (13,908) and touchdowns (161).

Those numbers, his winning (55-2 record at Cartersville High) and even the hair have captivated fan imaginations, co-offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said.

"I think with what he was able to accomplish as a high school play, just the winning,

how he put his team on his back," Elliott said.

Lawrence won the spring game stats battle, completing 11 of 16 passes for 122 yards. Bryant threw for 35 yards on 8-of-15 passing.

Clemson's faced spring drama in the quarterback spot before. Before Watson's freshman year, senior Cole Stoudt and sophomore Chad Kelly were fighting for the starting spot after Boyd's departure — and seeing firsthand how talented Watson was. But Kelly snapped at the coaches on the sidelines during the spring game, and then two days later was dismissed from the team.

Stoudt opened the year as the starter, but was surpassed by Watson in week three at Florida State.

Swinney does not want a similar back-and-forth this offseason.

"We've got a starter right now," he said. "Kelly's our starter."

## AUTO RACING

## Erik Jones in search of breakthrough Bristol win

BY STEVE REED

The Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Second-year Cup Series driver Erik Jones may be on the verge of a getting a breakthrough win at Bristol Motor Speedway on Sunday.

Jones is coming off a fourth-place finish last week at Texas and has finished in the top 11 five times in seven Cup races this season. He also has a history of running well at Bristol, earning the pole last August and leading a race-high 260 laps before finishing second to current teammate Kyle Busch.

Add in that the 21-year-old had the top 10-lap average in the first practice Saturday

and there are the makings of a first career Cup win.

"Winning my first Cup race is something that I really want to get done," Jones said. "I feel like if we can get one knocked out of the way that more is kind of going to come with that, so we're going to continue to push this weekend."

Jones won at Bristol in 2016 and 2017 in the Xfinity Series, so he certainly knows his way around the half-mile track.

"It's good to come back to a place where your team is fast, where you're comfortable and the car unloads good," Jones said. "We've had a good weekend so far, we just need to keep it heading that way."

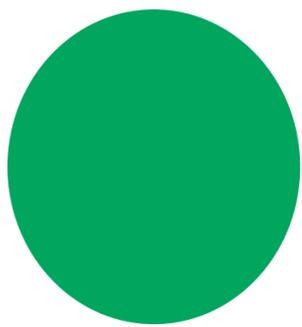
## FOOD CITY 500 LINEUP

After Friday qualifying; race Sunday  
At Bristol Motor Speedway  
Bristol, Tenn.

Lap length: .533 miles

(Car number in parentheses)

- (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 128.822 mph.
- (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 128.804.
- (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 128.262.
- (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 128.253.
- (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 128.185.
- (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 128.048.
- (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 127.980.
- (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 127.835.
- (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 127.673.
- (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 127.571.
- (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 127.470.
- (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 126.628.
- (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 127.317.
- (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 127.191.
- (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 127.115.
- (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 127.031.
- (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 126.972.
- (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 126.771.
- (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 126.704.
- (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 126.420.
- (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 126.395.
- (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 126.270.
- (38) David Ragan, Ford, 126.204.
- (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 125.535.
- (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 125.773.
- (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 125.765.
- (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 125.248.
- (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 124.938.
- (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 124.922.
- (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 124.735.
- (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 124.517.
- (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 123.978.
- (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 123.802.
- (72) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 121.790.
- (96) DJ Kennington, Toyota, 121.389.
- (55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 121.366.
- (51) Harrison Rhodes, Chevrolet, 118.058.
- (66) Chad Finchem, Toyota, 114.658.
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# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE



## WHEN REWARDS AREN'T WORTH IT

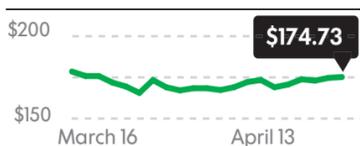
A **CreditCards.com** analysis showed the average gas-station-branded credit card charges an interest rate of 23.61% — nearly 7 percentage points higher than the average for all cards — and comes with rewards that can't match up to general-purpose credit cards, which can offer better rewards, lower interest rates, more flexibility and generous sign-up bonuses.

### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

**APPLE**

The iPhone maker announced red versions of the iPhone 8 and iPhone 8 Plus in a bid to keep its entry-level phones fresh after iPhone X.



**ALPHABET**

Google's parent reportedly is collecting personal information about kids on YouTube and is using it in target advertising in violation of law.



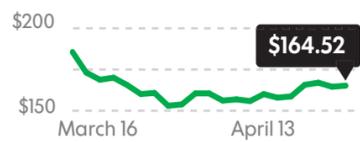
**BOOKING HOLDINGS**

Booking.com said it has 5 million non-hotel listings, more than Airbnb, which is credited with starting the trend of staying in peoples' homes rather than hotels.



**FACEBOOK**

The giant social network lost ground to Google in January as users spent more time on Alphabet properties including YouTube and Waze.



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Millennial couples are more likely to keep their finances separate at **28%** vs. 11% of Generation X and 13% of Baby Boomers.

SOURCE Bank of America survey of 816 couples  
JAE YANG, KARL GELLES/USA TODAY



Jennifer Buck is building a two-story, 2,000-square-foot home in Sharon, Conn., from a kit sold by Shelter-Kit. JENNIFER BUCK

## Are you built for a DIY house kit?

**Hal Bundrick**  
NerdWallet

"I wanted to build something," Jennifer Buck says. So she's building a two-story, 2,000-square-foot home in Sharon, Conn. — from a kit.

"I'm going to be 48. Before I get any older, I'm doing it," Buck adds.

Though she admits to one important weakness: "I'm awful at measuring."

You'd think that might be a deal breaker. Apparently not.

**Half the cost of contractor bids:** Buck's project is a sizable two-story house. Dave Kimball of New Hampshire-based Shelter-Kit, which sold Buck her home, says most of the kits his company sells are custom-designed; it's not a one-size-fits-all business.

"The size seems to vary year-by-year," Kimball says.

Buck says her motivation was having an affordable home. Average wage earners couldn't afford a median-priced home in 68% of 446 U.S. counties analyzed in an AT-TOM Data Solutions report released in March. The counties included in the study represent nearly 70% of the U.S. population.

Labor costs are one reason. Though Buck wanted a simple design, contractors were submitting quotes of \$400,000, she says. Buck's DIY "home in a box," built on 3 acres she has owned for years, is

nearly completed and will cost about half that. And that includes a new \$25,000 septic system.

Kimball says Shelter-Kit homes qualify for financing by a typical mortgage lender. However, home-kit plans and providers vary widely, with prices ranging from \$20 per square foot to more than \$400. Lender enthusiasm also may vary.

**The "OMG" moment:** When two 18-wheeler flatbed trailers delivered 30 pallets of building materials — and a 35-page step-by-step instruction manual — Buck had an "OMG" moment. "There's a house on my lawn!" she thought. "I just have to put it together." So Buck took a hiatus from her full-time marketing job and jumped in.

Each piece of the kit was numbered and cut to the proper length, and the kit included everything she needed, even nails. She has spent nearly all of six months building the house. Her brother Kyle — a carpenter — helps on Sundays.

Buck contracted out the construction of the foundation but built the first-floor decking and walls herself. She estimates there's about a month's worth of work remaining. "I'd do it over again, five times," she says. "More women should do it. They shouldn't be intimidated."

She concedes there were setbacks. "The one time when something was off, it turned out that I had measured it wrong."

## How to file a tax extension this year

It's easy and free, but be sure you know the rules

**Matthew Frankel**  
The Motley Fool

If you need more time to complete your tax return in 2018, a tax extension is an easy way to get it. The form to request an extension is short, and in most cases, an extension is granted automatically. Before you submit your application for an extension, however, there are a few things you should know about the process and what a tax extension does and does not do.

**The procedure is easy and automatic:** If you don't have all of the documentation you need to meet the standard tax filing deadline of April 17, or if you just need a little more time to get your return submitted, a tax extension can get you more time to file. A tax extension gives you an additional six months to file, and because Tax Day is ordinarily April 15, the extended tax deadline for 2018 is Oct. 15.

Filing for an extension is rather easy. You can do it by filing IRS Form 4868 — also known as the Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return. You can submit it either in paper form or online, and if you file your taxes with a software program, such as TurboTax, there's often a way to file through your chosen program as well.



A tax extension gives you an extra six months to file. GETTY IMAGES

Filing a tax extension is free. And as the name of the form implies, in most cases, an extension is automatically granted — meaning that there are no special qualifications you need to meet. Any taxpayer who requests the additional time is typically granted the extension.

**What a tax extension doesn't do:** Here's the most important point. A tax extension does not change the tax *payment* deadline. It simply gives you more time to file your return.

Any tax liability is still due by the April 17 deadline. In fact, when you file for an extension, you're asked to estimate how much you're going to owe the IRS. Any unpaid balance that remains after the April 17 deadline can accrue interest and penalties — even if you've filed for an extension and even if you didn't realize that you would end up owing the IRS money. The current IRS interest rate is 5% per year, compounded daily. If you pay at least 90% of your taxes owed along with your extension, you won't pay a penalty, but interest applies regardless.

**If you can't pay, file anyway:** The IRS penalty for failing to file your tax return (or for an extension) is more severe than the penalty for failing to pay. Ten times more severe, actually.

### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲1.8% week ▼1.6% month   ▼5.6% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲2.0% week ▼3.4% month   ▼4.7% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▲2.8% week ▼5.2% month   ▼2.1% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲1.9% week ▼3.4% month   ▼4.7% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▲1.0% week ▲1.4% month   ▲0.7% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▲8.6% week ▲10.5% month   ▲4.8% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▲0.0049 week ▼0.0036 month   ▲0.0153 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▲0.56 week ▲1.16 month   ▼3.65 3 months
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## PERSONAL FINANCE

# Early discipline can lead to long-term financial success

Wasting just five short years at the start of your career would cost you nearly \$500,000 (if you invest \$250 per month).



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**Pete the Planner**

Peter Dunn  
USA TODAY

I meet lots of people who claim to live the “no regrets” lifestyle.

I fancy them liars.

I know, with almost certainty, they regret what they didn't do with their first paycheck. They also regret ignoring the finite nature of their income and the period in which they're able to earn it.

You don't necessarily go into your career thinking you've only got 45 years to make hay. But you do. You absolutely don't realize you hold all the power to create lifelong financial stability your first day on the job. But you do.

And as dramatic as this is, what you do with your first paycheck will determine whether you retire with ease or not.

I'm hoping that giving this “hey, new college grad” pep talk in mid-April might allow it to stand out a bit in the sea of like-minded works many will encounter over the next 30 days. I've written a few of these in the past and, they continue to evolve.

Today's message? You have 45 years to figure out your financial life, but you can do most of the dirty work on Day 1. That's because to understand money is to understand time. If you understand time, then your financial life will be relatively smooth. However, if your relationship with time is akin to an infant's understanding of object permanence, then you will struggle forever.

When you graduate from college, the last thing you're thinking about is time, more specifically the 45 years of your career, assuming you graduated college at the traditional age of 22. Based on our Social Security retirement system, you can receive your full Social Security retirement payments at age 67. Now, you can certainly retire well before age 67 or well after, but the reality is 45 years is what's projected for your work career.

At times you'll feel impossibly broke and, inexplicably, things will change and you will feel abundant and full.

You can begin to ignore time, once you've taken advantage of it. But if you ignore it prior to leveraging it, it will crush you. The 55-year-old who lacks financial stability also lacks the time to permanently rectify his or her financial

ills. You? You've got time, but you can't let time tick by without action.

The day you start your first full-time job, your dollars become the most powerful dollars earned in your workplace. This is because your dollars, once properly invested, have the most time to grow. Your first investment could arguably double in value five times by the time you retire.

For instance, if you were to set \$250 aside from your first paycheck, invest it properly and leave it alone, the \$250 would become \$500 in nine years, \$1,000 in 18 years, \$2,000 in 27 years, \$4,000 in 36, and finally \$8,000 45 years from now. That's the power of time. More specifically, that's the power of time and compound interest.

Interested? Of course you are. But are you moved to action? I hope so. Because waiting is a tremendous mistake.

If you wait just five years to invest for your future, you will cost yourself a fortune. Investing just \$250 per month at the beginning of your career, and never increasing that deposit amount (which would be unwise), would leave you with more than \$1.3 million once your 45 years is up. Is that a lot of money? Sure. Well, not really, once it's all said and done. But do you know what's definitely not a lot of money 45 years from? \$872,751.92. That's how much you'd have if you waited five years to start investing. Yes, wasting just five short years would cost you nearly \$500,000.

I know asking you to think about the end of your career prior to your career even starting is a big ask. But you're the most capable generation ever. If you can't get your head around the idea that time is the key, no one can. And truth be told, previous generations — mine included — never really got the message.

Examine any financial stability or retirement readiness statistic for 30 seconds, and you will quickly realize how little your elders understand time. They don't get it. Strike that. They get it now. They just didn't get it when they could leverage it.

The world will be yours, if it isn't already. Please be the generation that understands financial stability is about understanding time.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

## These four apps can ‘find’ money, but are they safe?

You must link them to your credit or bank accounts

**Jennifer Jolly**  
Special to USA TODAY

Many Americans struggle to save money, and technology promises an answer via apps that get you cash back on your purchases. Yet these apps often entail giving a company access to your emails and financial information.

Here's what I discovered in using four popular money-saving apps, as well as my advice for staying safe.

■ **Paribus** helps you get money back on online purchases when prices drop at one of nearly 30 popular retailers. Download the free app, connect it to your email, and Paribus scans your inbox for shopping receipts. When it finds a refund, it files a digital claim on your behalf. Any money you get back goes straight to your credit card.

In six months, Paribus found more than \$35 in refunds out of the nearly 200 items bought online. The main reason the refund number is low is that I do my online shopping via Amazon, which Paribus no longer scans for price drops.

■ **Earny** works similarly to Paribus, checking your email for online shopping receipts. It tracks price protection rebates from several credit cards, too. If Earny gets you money back, it takes 25% of that amount. Paribus doesn't take a cut.

■ While Earny and Paribus hunt down refunds, apps **Billshark** and **Trim** promise to cut your subscription costs. I signed up for both via desktop, where they let you log in with an email or social media account and then connect to your credit cards or bank accounts.

Trim showed me my subscriptions, and with a few clicks, I ditched Ancestry (\$99 a year), eFax (\$10 a year), and Zip Recruiter (\$249 a year). Trims' subscription canceling service is free, but if it lowers a reoccurring bill for you, it takes 25% of the annualized savings.

Billshark, in turn, has live repre-

sentatives haggle on your behalf rather than using bots. It takes 40% of the savings for up to two years after they negotiate for you.

I put Billshark to work on my AT&T wireless bills. One of its negotiators cut our AT&T bill by \$745 a year. Take out Billshark's \$298 fee, and we have an annual savings of \$447!

These kinds of refund apps are gaining in popularity, and for good reason. Some refund apps have found crazy charges, such as people paying for AOL accounts that are now free, privacy expert Bob Sullivan says. On the other hand, he says not every company might have your best interest in mind.

**All four companies did a good job reassuring me that they have several layers of bank-level security and encryption.**

“There's a risk of what might any of these companies turn around and do with your data in the future,” he says.

I'm always nervous linking financial info to apps. Yet all four companies did a good job reassuring me that they have several layers of bank-level security, encryption and keep tight control of how each app uses that information.

Handing out personal information means there's one more place where hackers could potentially strike. But given security measures in place, you're no more likely to regret using these services than you would be using a credit card to order a pizza online.

Still, breaches happen, so read through each site's privacy and security FAQ's on each site.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD



Retail sales have dipped for three consecutive months. GETTY IMAGES

## Economists think consumers came out of hiding in March

**Paul Davidson**  
USA TODAY

Retail sales have fizzled for three consecutive months, a slump economists have blamed on various factors, including delayed tax refunds.

A rebound is expected when the government reports March sales this week, but another disappointing showing likely will raise doubts about this year's prospects for consumer spending, which is the chief driver of economic growth.

Also on tap: Reports on housing starts and industrial production.

Consumers haven't been backing up their bullish outlooks at the cash register. Consumer confidence has hovered near 18-year highs. But retail sales dipped from December through February, with economists pointing to credit-card debt, cold January weather and, most recently, delays in federal tax refunds. Those refund checks have arrived, and consumers also should be fully aware of some extra money in their paychecks as a result of the federal tax cuts Congress passed last year. In other words, there's not much excuse for another lousy report. If the divide between Americans' optimism and spending persists, it “may increase the risk that personal spending does not respond to the recent per-

sonal tax cuts as strongly as we expected,” Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says. Economists expect the Commerce Department on **Monday** to announce a healthy 0.4% increase in retail spending for March and a 0.3% rise in a core measure that excludes volatile categories such as autos and gasoline.

On **Tuesday**, Commerce provides the latest reading on another key sector of the economy — home building. Housing starts have been choppy lately and fell 7% in February, largely because of big swings in volatile apartment construction. Groundbreaking on single-family houses has advanced solidly as builders move to respond to low home supplies that have driven up prices, though they've been slowed by shortages of workers and lots. Colder weather also may have posed a hurdle, Alexander says. All told, economists expect Commerce to report a modest 2.4% rebound in housing starts to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.27 million.

Industrial production generally has been posting sturdy gains on the back of a robust global economy and rising oil prices that have boosted drilling activity. And colder temperatures in March likely spurred more output by utilities, Alexander says. Economists expect the Federal Reserve to record a solid 0.3% increase in industrial production last month after a 1% jump in February.

# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## A turkey for Old Betsy

It was a perfect morning. Clear, cool and crisp. Songbirds were serenading the dawn with vigor. A gang of owls had just put up a loud clamor, out in the stand of big cypress trees, in the headwaters of the old mill pond. Crows were shouting insults to each other over the top of the piney woods. The only thing missing was a turkey gobble.



Dan Geddings

I had sat out on the county road at dawn, a few days before, and listened to at least four gobblers staking their claim to different sections of the wood surrounding this old pond. But where were they now?

These birds and this place are special to me. More than a dozen years ago I worked with the wildlife department and numerous landowners to establish a flock of wild turkeys here. It was probably the last restoration effort conducted in the state and has been very successful.

My son Clayton and I had been sitting quietly in these beautiful woods watching the night slip away and the dawn fill the sky with light. Like many people, my patience is proportional to the amount of desired activity around me, at

any given time. In other words, we didn't sit there very long.

I carried Old Betsy with me, like a baby, in the crook of my left arm. A 12-gauge double-barrel shotgun with hammers from the mean old days of the Great Depression. It was my Daddy's gun and his Daddy's before. A Grandfather that I never knew.

When I inherited the old gun it was in poor condition, and I waited until I had the means, and until I found the right person, to have it restored. I wanted it returned to operational condition. I intended to hunt with it, and I have. I've killed a buck with the gun on a dog drive, and I cut a notch in the top of the stock, like my Dad had done. Now, I want to get a turkey with it.

We got up and eased through the woods to a nearby field, where we sat and called for a while. Nothing answered. I knew there were turkeys here somewhere. But where?

Clayton wanted to look around a corner of the field, and I wanted to work back toward the truck, so we decided to split up. He would ease around the field and out to the county road, and I would go back through the woods to the truck, then drive around to the county road and pick him up.

The walk was pleasant, and I was in no hurry. When I got

closer to the truck I stopped and made a soft yelp on my slate call. A turkey gobbled in the open woods ahead of me. I stepped ahead a few yards and sat down at the base of a big pine. I sent a text to Clayton that I had called and a gobbler had answered. He answered that he had not seen or heard anything yet.

The turkey gobbled on his own, and I realized he was closer. I propped my gun up on my knee and scanned the woods to my front. Movement to my right front caught my full attention. Through the brush I could see a longbeard strutting. His red, white and blue head beamed in the dappled sunlight of the forest.

The tom was moving to my right at about 50 yards. There was too much brush for a clear shot, and I decided to wait until he got closer. But instead, he turned and strutted straight away through the woods. When he got out of my sight I picked up my slate and scratched off another soft call.

A turkey gobbled to my left front. I shifted around a little to face more to the left. I could hear my heart beating in my ears. I made myself calm down — as much as I could. This was getting intense. Then I saw movement out front. Two gobblers!

Two big longbeards were coming through the woods straight toward me. Forty yards — let 'em come. Thirty



PHOTO PROVIDED

Dan Geddings' first gobble shot with Old Betsy.

yards — and they stopped. They look shiny black in the sun-dappled woods, with browns and iridescent copper colors. They were looking for the hen that they thought they had heard.

I cocked one of the hammers on Old Betsy. They heard the sound and looked up. At the shot the lead gobble went down. The other gobble ran a few steps then stopped. I could have shot him too but didn't. When I got up and started toward the downed bird the other long-

beard ran back through the woods a short distance, then stopped and gobbled. He was reluctant to leave.

Clayton sent me a text asking if I got one. I replied that I thought so, but there was another one. He replied that he was on the way. The other bird wandered off and was gone by the time Clayton got to me.

We sat for a while and talked about the hunt, the turkeys and the old gun that I had used. It had turned out to be a good day.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Tournament champion Ronnie McCoy won the Costa FLW Series Southeastern Division tournament.

## Lamar man tops 196-boat field

### Sumter fisherman places in Costa tournament

#### SUBMITTED

SUMMERTON — Pro Ronnie McCoy of Lamar brought a five-bass limit weighing 26 pounds, 2 ounces to the weigh-in stage April 7 — his second 26-plus-pound limit of the tournament — to win the Costa FLW Series Southeastern Division tournament on the Santee Cooper Lakes presented by Bass Pro Shops.

McCoy's three-day total of 15 bass weighing 73 pounds, 8 ounces, was enough to earn him the grand prize package worth \$93,500, including a brand new Ranger Z518C boat with a 200-horsepower Evinrude or Mercury outboard.

"I fished clean this week, from up in the swamp all the way down to the dam. It was fantastic," said McCoy, who earned his first career win in Costa FLW Series competition. "I started each morning of the event targeting the shad spawn above the I-95 bridge and would catch a limit weighing around 15 to 18 pounds. From there, I'd fish all day to try and upgrade."

McCoy said he used a homemade ½-ounce white double willow leaf spinnerbait with a white Black Flag Slikk Shadd trailer and a white Z-Man/Evergreen Jack Hammer ChatterBait with the same Slikk Shadd trailer to target bass feeding on shad near cypress trees.

Following the morning bite on April 5, McCoy said he went sight fishing and ended up catching the largest bass of the tournament.

"I put a 9-pound, 9-ouncer and a 7-pounder in the boat from the same bed in Potato Creek using a Texas-rigged green-pumpkin-colored (Zoom) Road Kill with a ½-ounce tungsten weight," McCoy said. "I also caught some good ones in Wyboo Creek, but those two big ones were the most important."

On April 6, McCoy followed the same schedule but was only able to catch two small fish from beds. On championship April 7, McCoy abandoned sight fishing altogether and stayed above I-95, fishing the cypress trees to finish out the tournament.

#### TOP 10 PROS ON SANTEE COOPER LAKES

**1st:** Ronnie McCoy, Lamar, S.C., 15 bass, 73-8, \$93,500

**2nd:** Daniel Howell, Prosperity, S.C., 15 bass, 67-13, \$19,500

**3rd:** Jonathan Canada, Pelham, Alabama, 15 bass, 65-2, \$14,100

**4th:** Joey Sabbagha, Prosperity, S.C., 15 bass, 63-14, \$12,000

**5th:** Robert Crosnoe, Inverness, Florida, 15 bass, 60-12, \$11,000

**6th:** Bryan Thrift, Shelby, N.C., 14 bass, 58-8, \$9,300

**7th:** Kent Ware, Guntersville, Alabama, 14 bass, 57-1, \$7,800

**8th:** Mark Hutson, Moncks Corner, S.C., 15 bass, 56-10, \$6,800

**9th:** Buddy Gross, Chickamauga, Georgia, 14

bass, 54-9, \$5,800

**10th:** Lex Costas, Daniel Island, S.C., 13 bass, 49-10, \$4,400

A complete list of results will be posted at [FLWFishing.com](http://FLWFishing.com).

McCoy's 9-pound, 9-ounce fish that he weighed on Thursday was the biggest of the tournament in the Pro Division. For his catch, McCoy earned the day's Boater Big Bass award of \$300.

Spencer McNeill of Ladson won the Co-angler Division and a Ranger Z175 with a 90-horsepower outboard motor. McNeill earned his win with a three-day total catch of 11 bass weighing 42 pounds even.

#### TOP 10 CO-ANGLERS ON SANTEE COOPER LAKES

**1st:** Spencer McNeill, Ladson, S.C., 11 bass, 42-0, \$28,200

**2nd:** Jim Short, Ocean Pines, Maryland, eight bass, 30-7, \$6,050

**3rd:** Keith Westrick, Dallas, N.C., nine bass, 30-5, \$4,800

**4th:** Mark Lamb, Wake Forest, N.C., eight bass, 29-14, \$3,900

**5th:** Coulby Lewis, Macon, Georgia, 10 bass, 29-10, \$3,400

**6th:** James Wegmann, Fruitland Park, Florida, 12 bass, 29-9, \$2,900

**7th:** Gerald Bozeman, Sylvester, Georgia, 12 bass, 27-6, \$2,400

**8th:** Brian Scott, Sumter, S.C., nine bass, 23-5, \$1,950

**9th:** Dearal Rodgers, Camden, S.C., eight bass, 22-5, \$1,580

**10th:** Shawn York, Sarasota, Florida, eight bass, 20-8, \$1,330

## Don't adopt a 'lost' fawn

BY CHARLES RUTH

SCDNR Big Game Program coordinator

If a deer fawn is found alone in the woods, leave it there. Its mother has not abandoned it; she is probably nearby. Removing a fawn from the forest is also illegal because the animal is being taken outside the legal season for taking deer, which is the hunting season.

Many people who come upon a solitary spotted fawn in the woods or along a roadway mistakenly assume the animal has been deserted by its mother and want to take the apparently helpless creature home to care for it. Young fawns like this have not been abandoned and are still in the care of a doe.

The apparently "helpless" deer fawns born during April, May and June in South Carolina will begin daily movements with their mothers in about three or four weeks. Human handling and disturbance of fawns can cause a doe to shy away or even desert her offspring. Also, a bleating response by the fawn can summon nearby predators.

It's part of nature's plan for a doe deer to leave her fawn or fawns alone for their first few weeks of life. The reason for this unusual maternal action is that the fawn at this age is better protected away from the doe. The presence of the doe nearby would attract predators because the doe lacks the protective coloration of the fawn, and the older and larger doe has a much stronger odor.

A fawn that appears abandoned is merely awaiting a visit from its mother. A doe, after brief periods of feeding and grooming her fawn, will spend much of her day feeding and resting somewhat removed from her young. The fawn ordinarily stays bedded down as if sleeping but will occasionally move short distances to new bedding sites.

Each spring and summer, SCDNR gets many calls from people who have discovered these "lost" deer. Young fawns are without a doubt cute and cuddly, but if taken into captivity they grow into semi-tame adult deer that can become quite dangerous. Adult buck deer, no matter how they were raised, are especially dangerous during the breeding season. Even does raised by humans are unpredictable. Occasionally, "tame" deer seriously injure people and, in cases where the deer are a threat to humans, the deer sometimes have to be killed.

People often ask SCDNR if it needs deer fawns for its research projects. Although SCDNR is actively engaged in deer research, current studies do not involve captive animals.

## Woman becomes spotter; James Bonds is detective sergeant

75 YEARS AGO — 1943

Nov. 6 — Nov. 12

• The current issue of High Pitch magazine, published by the Aviation Cadet Detachment at Shaw Field, is dedicated to a teenage South Carolina boy who personifies the cadet of tomorrow whose eagerness and ideals will bring victory out of war and peace out of chaos. A bond of friendship has existed between Guerry Brailsford, of Summerton, and the cadets in Class 44-A for an extended period.

• At a meeting of the board of directors of the Sumter County Community and War Chest, new officers were elected. E. W. Hartin was chosen president, M. S. Boykin vice president, Miss Maude Bateman was re-elected treasurer, and Mrs. Bessie H. Boykin was renamed secretary. There are nine directors of the organization; four were named at a recent meeting.

• Sheriff George L. Mabry and Police Chief W. C. Kirven left for Jacksonville to take into custody a 27-year-old mechanic and airplane pilot, charged with breaking into the home of Lt. Col. Frank K. Clare recently and stealing approximately \$1,000 worth of property. The accused was arrested by Jacksonville authorities and is being held there. City, county and federal authorities are concerned with the case because in addition the accused allegedly figured in the theft of an airplane belonging to Army officers and the theft and transporting across several state lines of a Chevrolet truck which was the property of Kirby Refrigeration Co. of Sumter.

• Shaw Field plans to face the next inning of the war with a somewhat different lineup than the one which has been used so far. Several major changes in officer personnel have just been announced, with some of the post's key men in new positions. One of these changes involves Maj. Harold E. Keller, commandant of Cadets at Shaw Field for almost two years, who will go to Albany, New York, for several months in connection with the aviation cadet procurement drive. Maj. Keller, a resident of Kansas, has been living in Sumter with his wife and young son during his stay at Shaw Field, to which post he will return at the completion of his temporary assignment.

• Eighteen members of the board of directors of Sumter YMCA and ministers of the city attended a supper at the YWCA cafeteria to hear a most inspiring talk by Arthur M. Guttery of New York City, director of the YMCA world service. Mr. Guttery, who served as a YMCA director in China for 15 years, during which time he went through the Chinese "Reign of Terror," stated that the national YMCA is serving 65 different nations, during these strenuous war times, and responding to appeals to help develop this work in various countries now find themselves in fellowship with influential groups of men including the youth of 32 nations.

• Sumter High School football team tuned up for its important contest with Charleston next Thursday in Sumter with a 39-6 romp over Olympia High. Holding the visitors in check following the opening kickoff, the Gamecocks swept to a touchdown in two plays. Taking the ball on the Sumter 37-yard line Boney, with the aid of some nice blocking, scooted to the Olympia 39 and then Harry Commins, treated to some more of Sumter's fine interference, broke through for the first score. On the attempted placekick, Sumter was penalized 15 yards for holding, but Pressley ran the ball over for the extra point.

• If it's something new in the line of thrill rides, it can be found on the 20-acre mid-



1943 — Lt. E.C. Walsh Jr., personal affair officer at Shaw Field, presents a money bag totaling \$4,855.25 donated by soldiers and civilians at the air base to J. Clark Hughes, director of the Sumter Community and War Chest Fund, while Mrs. Bessie Boykin, executive secretary of the fund, looks on.

way of the James E. Strates Shows, coming to the Sumter County Fair. To give one a general idea as to the magnitude of this big organization, 30 double length, all-steel railroad cars are required to carry the 40 streamlined shows and riding devices and the 600 employees.

• Another man's job bites the dust. It is that of spotter for football play-by-play announcers. Ruby Hunter, 20, blonde, helps broadcasters keep straight and up to the minute at Columbia's games, and that is quite a job, Army 52, Columbia 0, for example. Miss Hunter, surrounded by records in the recorded music department of a New York radio station, heard that a spotter was needed. When she volunteered, they thought she was kidding, but the 5-foot-5, 120-pound woman has since been the official spotter for sportscasters Joe O'Brien and Don Phillips.

• There are few if any more loyal soldiers than the Japanese-Americans of the 100th Infantry Battalion now fighting the Nazis in the Italian theater. That is the word of soldier-comrades and officers whose story, although necessarily brief because of security, is told here for publication for the first time: A picture of their few days in a port of embarkation and their trip to this theater which shows them loyal, democratic, earnest, ready to fight — and hardened gamblers. They went into the fight in Italy shouting "Remember Pearl Harbor" which totally confused the enemy and to a lesser degree confused some Americans.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

July 7 — July 13

• The Rev. George M. Maxwell of Sarasota, Florida, has been called to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter as rector, according to senior warden Frank A. McLeod Jr. The Rev. Maxwell, presently assistant rector at the Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota, will be in residence at the rectory, 31 Riley St., Sept. 3. The Rev. Maxwell will hold his first Sunday service at Holy Comforter on Sept. 8. Until that time, services are being conducted by visiting rectors or lay readers.

• A number of promotions within the city police department have been announced by Sumter Police Chief L. W. Griffin. The promotions include: Willie Mack Connor, who was promoted from motorcycle officer to shift sergeant, and James L. Bonds, from detective to detective sergeant, in which capacity he will supervise one of the two detective rotating shifts. Earl P. Berry Jr. and James L. Lyles were promoted from patrolmen to motorcycle officers in the traffic division of the police department.

• Don Blackwell and Richard McFaddin kept their hot streaks going, and Billy Baker won the late-model event to highlight Saturday's racing card at Sumter Speedway. Blackwell chalked up his seventh-straight win in the 30-lap limited modified race as he took over the lead after the first lap. Red Moore had started out with the lead but went out of the race at the beginning, and Blackwell went on to claim an easy victory. McFaddin, this year's big performer at both Hartsville and Sumter, took over the top spot on the third lap of the 25-lap jalopy feature and roared on to the win.

• Righthander Billy Boyte continued his mastery over Sumter as Camden took over sole possession of first place in American Legion League III with a 3-0 victory over the P-15's at Riley Park. Boyte, who ran his record to 6-2, allowed Sumter only two base hits, walked just one and struck out nine in leading the visiting Post 17 aggregation to win before 2,000 fans. It was Boyte who delivered the key blow offensively in the top of the second inning when he doubled to deep right field to score Camden's first two runs.

• City Council at its regular meeting agreed to appropriate \$7,500 as its share of the cost of improvements at Sumter Municipal Airport, contingent on the county's appropriation of an equal sum. All councilmen and Mayor Robert E. Graham were present for the meeting. The \$7,500 was half of the local share — 25 percent — of the cost of the improvements. The other half of the local share will come from the county. The remainder of the cost will be borne by the South Carolina Aeronautics Commission (25 percent) and the Federal Aviation Authority (50 percent).

• A victory last week over Southeastern Community College pits Clemson University at Sumter against the University of South Carolina at Florence on "Pee Dee Prep Parade," local version of "College Bowl." The quiz show will be presented live in color on WBTW TV, Florence. Both schools have two victories apiece and will be competing for two wins out of three matches to be named 1968 Collegiate Champion. Coach for Clemson-Sumter is Miss Irene Yates. Sam Boykin is team captain. Other team members are: Warren Givens, Harold Chandler, Catherine Palmer; alternates are Tina Ramsey Coon and Harry Smithson.

• On Aug. 2, 1967, Col. Wallace G. Hynds Jr. died of injuries sustained in an aircraft accident while flying a reconnaissance mission in Southeast Asia. Like all men, he left behind a part of himself in the form of memories in the hearts and minds of family and friends. But Col. Hynds

left more than that. He left a legacy of heroism. A legacy that was focused on a small piece of metal and ribbon. It is one of the nation's highest awards for valor, the Silver Star.

• When the Sumter Area Technical Education Center begins its fall quarter Sept. 3, three new courses will be available to students. One of the courses — environmental engineering technology — is being offered at the Sumter center as a pilot program for the rest of the state. The other courses, electronics mechanics and electricity, have been designed to replace the industrial electricity curriculum that has been offered previously. TEC officials say the change is necessary because of changing community needs.

• "We are living in an agricultural revolution," commented Sumter County Farm Agent T. O. Bowen during a farmer's meeting to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the signing of the 1933 Agricultural Act. "When it comes down to who are doing the job, we must take our hats off to the few farmers who are doing the job," he said further. Bowen, one of the featured speakers on the program who told of the early AAA programs (now called the ASCS) related to some 25 farmers, presented the ratio of people engaged in farming now as compared to that 40 years ago.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

April 9 — 15

• Just when you thought things at the Sumter County Election Commission couldn't get any stranger, they have. All five members of the commission resigned, just more than two months after they were "fired" by the Sumter County Legislative Delegation. That's right, fired — or so the commissioners thought, until they learned last week of a state law that has kept them in office for the past two months. "As far as we were concerned, when we got the letter from Sumter County Legislative Delegation Chairman) Mac McLeod (in late January), we were through," said Colleen Yates, who, along with the other commissioners, announced her resignation in a letter to McLeod.

• GOAL — STAY OUT OF JAIL. Clearly written on a chalkboard in a makeshift classroom at the Sumter County jail, those five words are a guiding light to some inmates who hope never to see the inside of a jail again. Some inmates spend most of their days in that classroom, learning reading skills, anger management, personal hygiene and social skills. Some even earn their high school diploma. "These are things we take for granted but that are

absent in the lives of most of the inmates here," Sumter County corrections Lt. Tami Griffin said about the quality of life of most inmates at the jail. While non-violent offenders at the jail await trials or sentencing, they are offered a chance to learn those skills in the Genesis II Lifestyle Management Program. Eight hours a day for six weeks, they may participate in the program, which teaches those things most take for granted.

• Beginning April 17, schools in District 2 will celebrate The Week of the Young Child, a time to concentrate on identifying and solving the problems our youth face today. On April 13, before the start of the week, students from St. John and Oakland elementary schools will visit Sumter County Council, taking them cookies and refreshments. The activity is set up to remind lawmakers that young children are depending on them to keep government running well until they are old enough to vote.

• The week of April 18-24 has been designated as "The Week of the Young Child" by the national Association for the Education of Young Children. The purpose of this designation is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families. In recognition of the week of the young child, Central Carolina Technical College is presenting a one-day seminar on "Child Abuse, Child Molesters and Child Pornography: Dynamics, Origin, Investigation and Prevention."

• When Sissy Bynum learned that YMCA Aquatic Director Peggy Kubala was retiring to spend more time with her family, she said her heart "really just broke." "My first feelings were that so many children are going to miss out," Bynum said. "I'm sure the Y will fill that gap. But most people will tell you that she was such a special teacher." Bynum's three children — Satcher, Henry and Ann-Lanius — all took swimming lessons from Kubala. Bynum said Kubala had a special way with the Y's kids.

• Sumter School District 17's decision to eliminate public prayers at Sumter High School football games last fall snuck up on the Rev. Phil Simun. Sitting with his daughter in the aluminum stands before a September game, Simun waited to hear the traditional booming voice, magnified by loudspeakers, asking the crowd to bow their heads in prayer. It didn't happen. Simun's shock when he realized District 17 had banned prayer from games grew deeper when he realized district residents weren't consulted before the administration made that decision. Now, many District 17 residents are well aware of what has become a swirling controversy over school prayer in the district.

• A growing number of planners and military officials worry development is playing a factor when the Pentagon chooses which bases to close. Development played a part in the decision to close Myrtle Beach Air Force Base and also was mentioned as a problem at the Charleston Naval Base, a military planner said. In the late 1940s and early 1950s, Charleston Air Force Base was surrounded by dirt roads, forests and farms. There were no strip shopping centers, industry or subdivisions hugging its borders. Don Youngblood, planner for the Air Force, said the military liked it that way.

• Sumter Little Theatre will hold a Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Workshop Theatre on Mood Avenue. This event is for all theater volunteers past and present, as well as anyone who'd like to become a volunteer. SLT Board Chairman Alan Barbieri says the event is designed to help the theater prepare for its 1993-94 season.

**the Sumter ITEM REFLECTIONS**

# Keith's Garage, 'We Never Close'

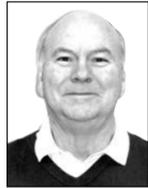


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The Big Eagle wrecker at Keith's Garage was named by a Sumter woman.

## A look back at one of Sumter's busiest automobile repair shops

**R**eflections remembers Keith's Garage, one of Sumter's most utilized automotive repair shops during the '20s, '30s and '40s. The business establishment proclaimed that it was capable of repairing all makes and models of wrecked trucks and cars. Keith's skilled employees could perform electric and acetylene welding, rebuild wrecked automobiles, paint and repair glass. The automotive talents of D. K. Keith's mechanics were highly prized and sought after by auto owners near and far. The material and photos utilized in preparing this article were obtained from *The Sumter Item* archives.



**Sammy Way**  
REFLECTIONS

"Keith's never closes," and Sumter motorists were most grateful for that commitment. Keith's Garage at 31 Dugan St. made it a customary practice of offering 24-hour-a-day service and tackling repair jobs which other garages were often reluctant to accept.

"D. K. Keith, owner and man-



**KEITH**

ager, worked in the auto repair business for a total of 30 years. The first 10 he spent in Columbia, S. C., where he ran an establishment like the one he opened in Sumter. When Keith first moved here in 1923, he opened a garage on Oakland Avenue in the old Moise Building. He later moved his business into a building across the street from his previous quarters located at 31 Dugan St. Keith's Garage remained in this facility for a number of years."

Every kind of auto and truck repair except the patching of flat tires was accepted by Keith's. Their primary services included wreck rebuilding, body repairs, fender work, frame work, axle work, wheel balancing, starter repairs, ignition work, motor rebuilding, motor tune-up and radiator repairs.

"Keith's Top Shop," once located across the street from the garage, had the largest stock of materials for this type of repair work of any firm in the Carolinas and Georgia. This shop received a large amount of work from Shaw Field, chiefly the installation of windshields, and

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performed various repair jobs for the local bus companies. This part of the business specialized in replacing glass in cars and upholstering furniture, installing auto seat covers and performing various touch-up painting.

"The Top Shop" was a newer element of his business; however, it attained a reputation for doing quality work on a variety of goods and products. The high quality of workmanship made this shop successful in acquiring the patronage of clients from both North Carolina and South Carolina.

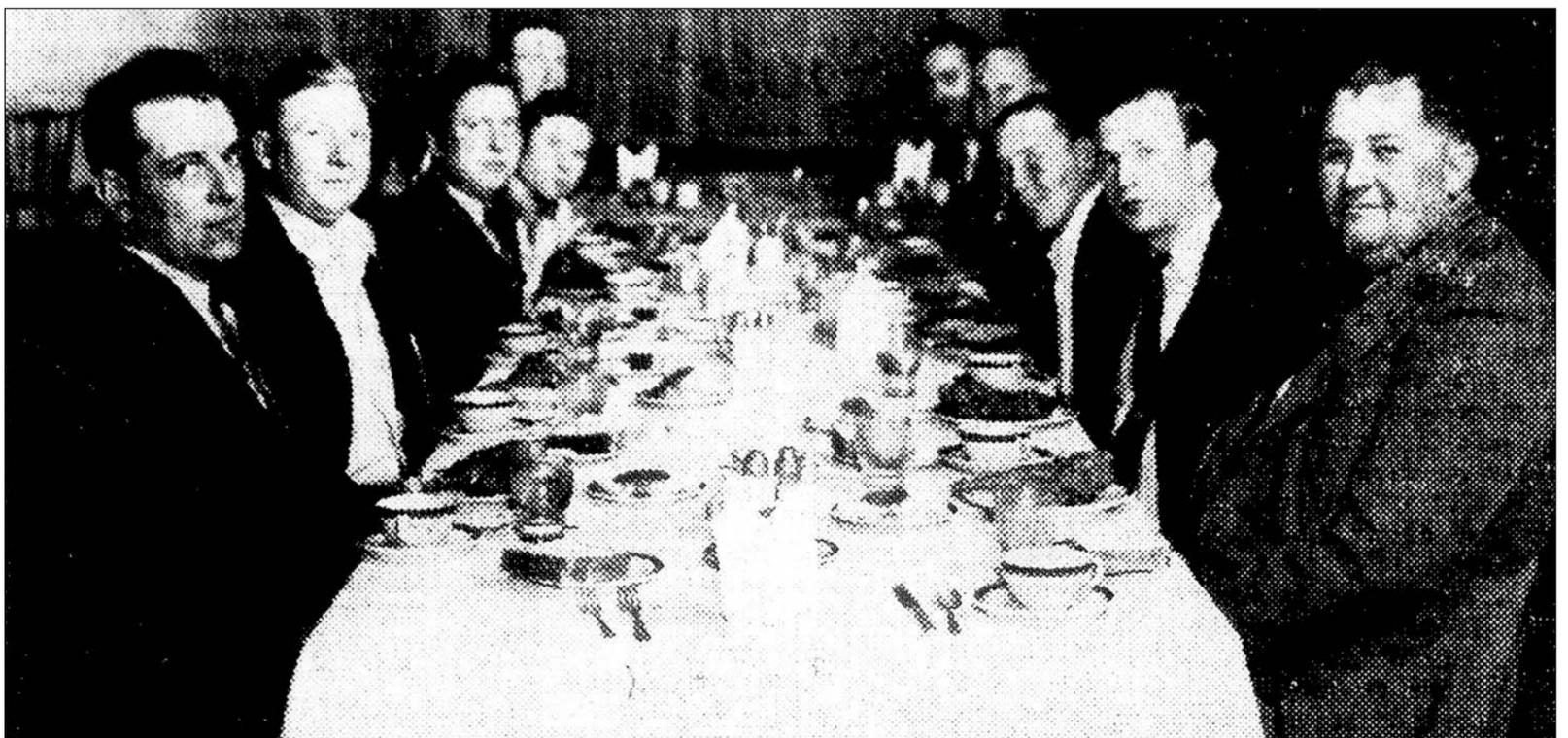
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Membership Services Director Full-time job

**JOB QUALIFICATIONS** • 2-3 years of related work experience • Detail oriented • Must be proficient in Microsoft Office • Good written and verbal communication skills • Ability to work well with diversified staff and volunteers at various levels

**JOB FUNCTIONS** • Develops and executes annual membership business plan • Maintains and ensures membership database integrity • Assists at 30+ banquets annually (nights & weekends) • Develops and implements policies and procedures of how membership data is stored and managed • Develops and executes membership renewal program • Ensures membership correspondence, membership renewals, and materials are sent in a timely manner • Provides statistics and other pertinent information to leadership • Works with chapter volunteers and fundraising staff to ensure timely and accurate interchange of information

Resumes should be sent to contact@scwa.org

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Minimum Qualifications and Experience: \*Previous experience in residential camping. \*Current certification in first aid and CPR and Lifeguarding. \*Prior experience in the development and delivery of recreational programs. \*Experience in supervising others, especially peers, is desirable. Submit resumes to: helm@clemsun.edu

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Lifeguards needed for waterfront at a residential camp. Lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid certification REQUIRED. Experience as a Summer Camp Counselor preferred. Submit resumes to helm@clemsun.edu

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Roofers Needed. Must have 3 years experience minimum and Driver's license a plus. Must be able to pass back ground and drug screen. Serious inquiries call 803-478-2950.

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Bucket operator/groundsman needed for local tree service. Must have Valid Drivers License. Call 803-983-9721.

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### RENTALS

#### Rooms for Rent

Men's Large room for rent No deposit, No lease. Call 803-565-7924.

Male housemate wanted for nice home in downtown historic area. Two blocks from Tuomey Hospital. Call Stephen 803-565-7924.

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#### Commercial Rentals

For Rent: 4,000 sq ft retail space at Gamecock Plaza. Call Bobby Sisson 803-464-2730

### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Legal Notice

#### Executive Director State of South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff

The State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Commission (Review Committee) will be accepting applications for the position of Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). Responsibilities of the Executive Director include planning, organizing, and directing the activities of the ORS and managing the overall direction and operations of the agency. The Executive Director is accountable for developing and implementing ORS's positions on utility policy issues, determining the strategy and means of achieving those positions, and directing resources in an effective and efficient manner. The Executive Director is responsible for developing and presenting major policy positions before Public Service Commission, the General Assembly and other forums.

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The Executive Director must be an attorney qualified to practice in all SC courts and possess a minimum of eight years practice experience. The Review Committee will consider each candidate's experience and expertise in matters related to public utilities. The Review Committee does not hire the Executive Director; its role is to nominate a candidate for consideration of appointment by the Governor.

This position is to fill the remainder of a six-year term that expires on June 30, 2022. Applications will be accepted between Monday, April 9, 2018 through noon on Monday, April 23, 2018. Applications will not be accepted after noon on Monday, April 23rd. Additional information and application materials are posted on the Review Committee's website at: www.scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm.php. You may also contact Michelle McGee at 803-212-6634 or email michellemcgee@scsenate.gov to request an application packet or additional information.

### Bid Notices

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is requesting Request for Proposals for Detention Center Food Services as set forth herein. Proposals shall be submitted as follows:

Sumter County Administration Building Purchasing Department 2nd Floor 13 East Canal Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Proposals shall be received by the Sumter County Purchasing Director by 2:00 p.m., May 4, 2018. Proposals received after the time set for closing will be returned unopened. Offerors mailing their proposal must allow a sufficient mail delivery period to insure timely receipt of their proposal. Neither SCSO nor Sumter County is responsible for proposals delayed by mail and/or delivery services of any nature. At the time of closing of the solicitation, the proposals shall be opened and the names of the responding offerors shall be read aloud. Review, evaluation and award will subsequently be made in accordance with the provisions of this RFP. Detention Center Food Services contract at the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center located at 1250 Winkles Road, Sumter, SC 29153. Request for Proposals for Detention Center Food Services may be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (803) 436-2110 or by emailing kwatkins@sumtercountysc.org.



#### Revenue Accounting Coordinator

FTC is seeking a Revenue Accounting Coordinator to join our accounting team in Kingstree. The successful candidate must have an Associates Degree in Accounting or Business with a minimum of four accounting courses and a minimum of two years of experience in accounting; excellent written and verbal communication skills; strong organizational skills; ability to work independently in performing job functions with a high degree of accuracy; intermediate knowledge of Excel software.

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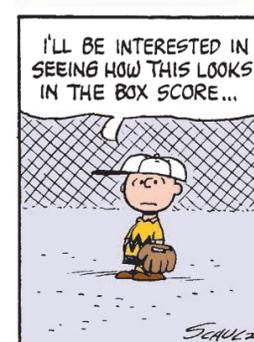
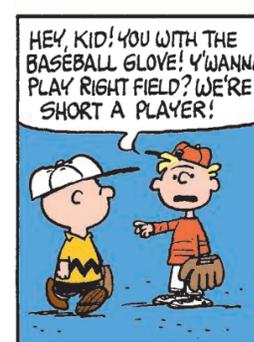
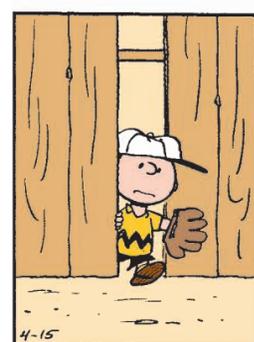
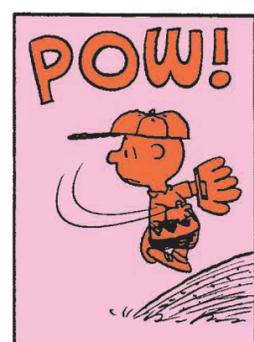
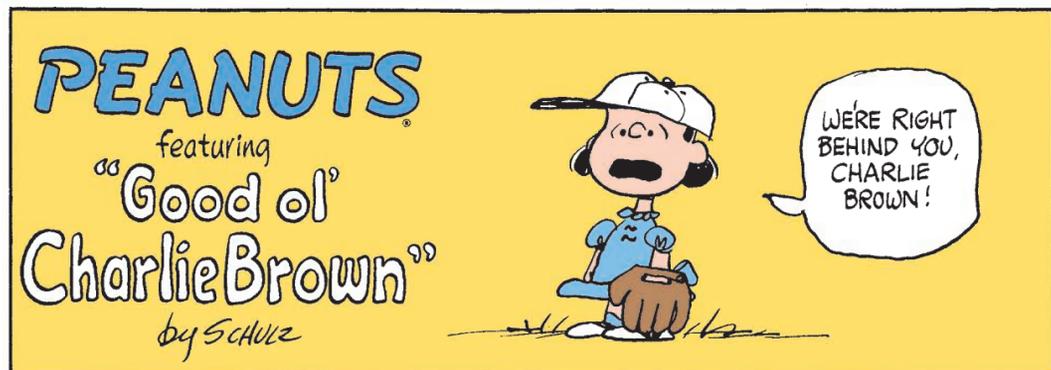
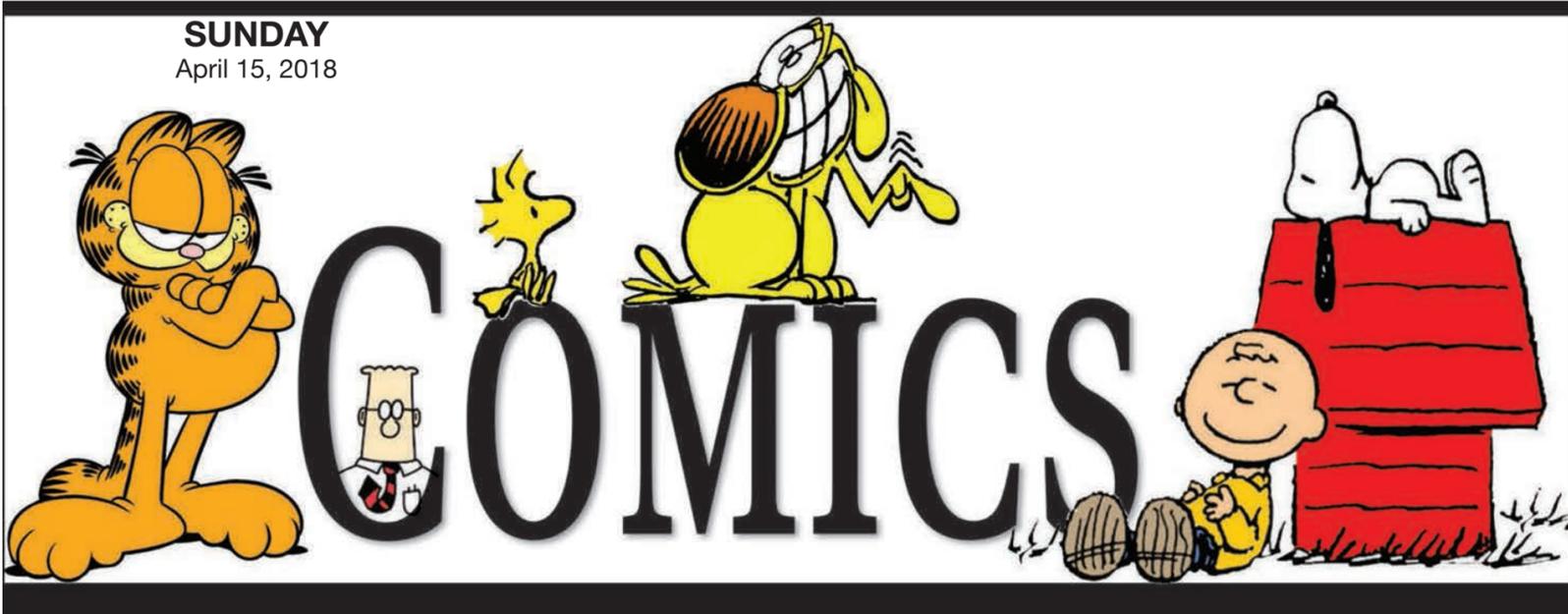
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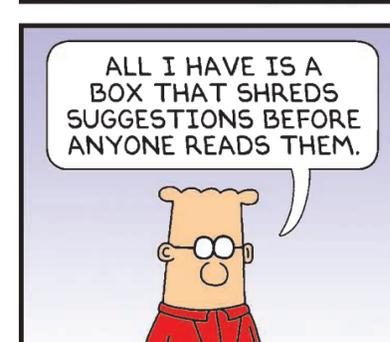
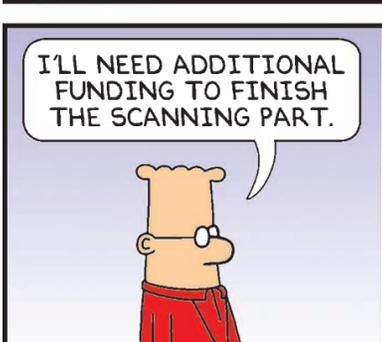
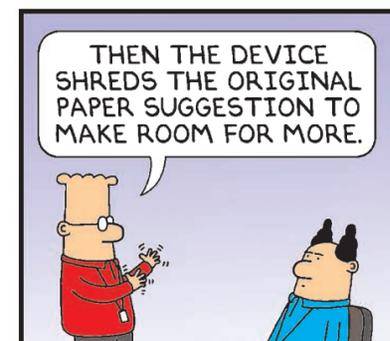
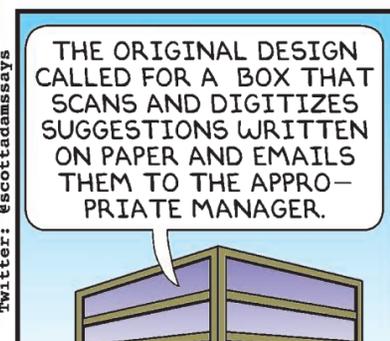
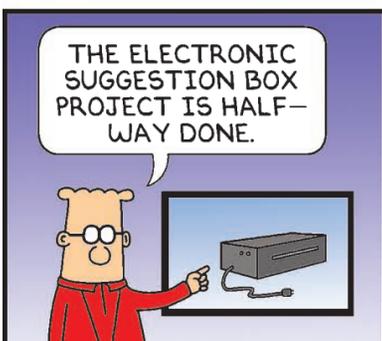
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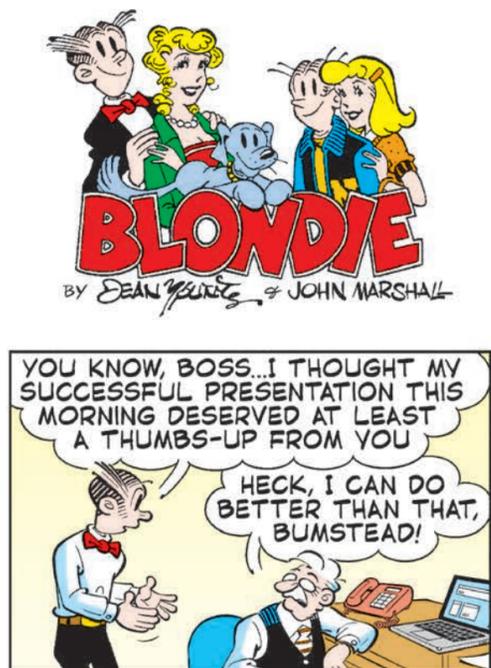
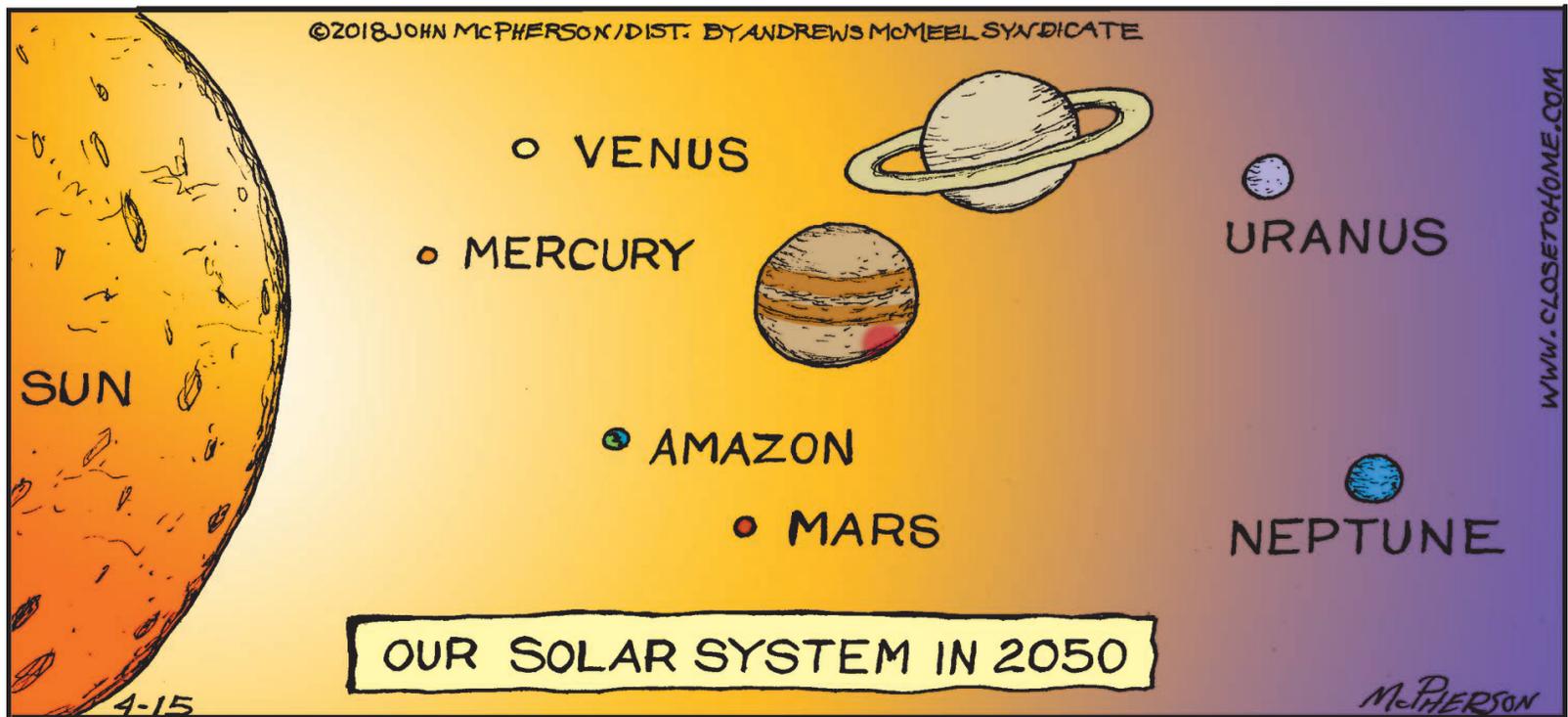
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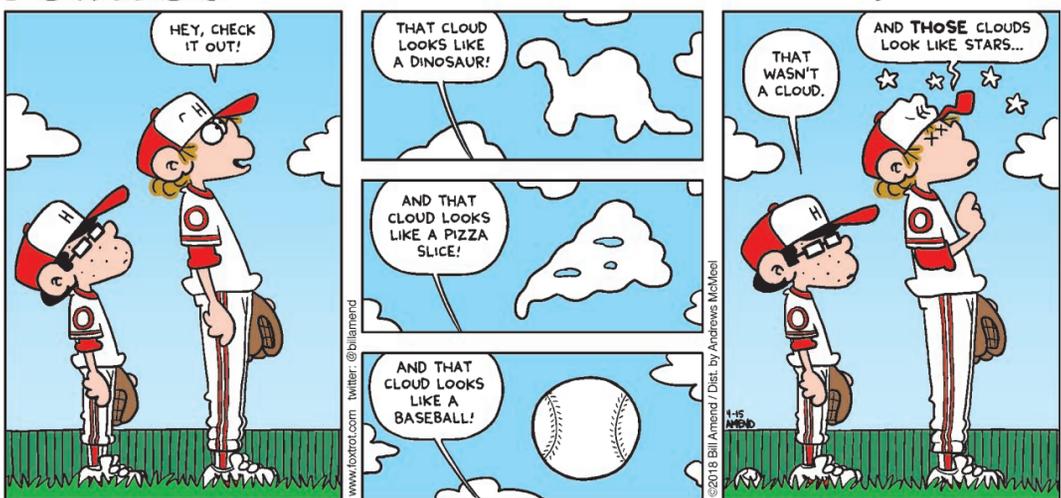
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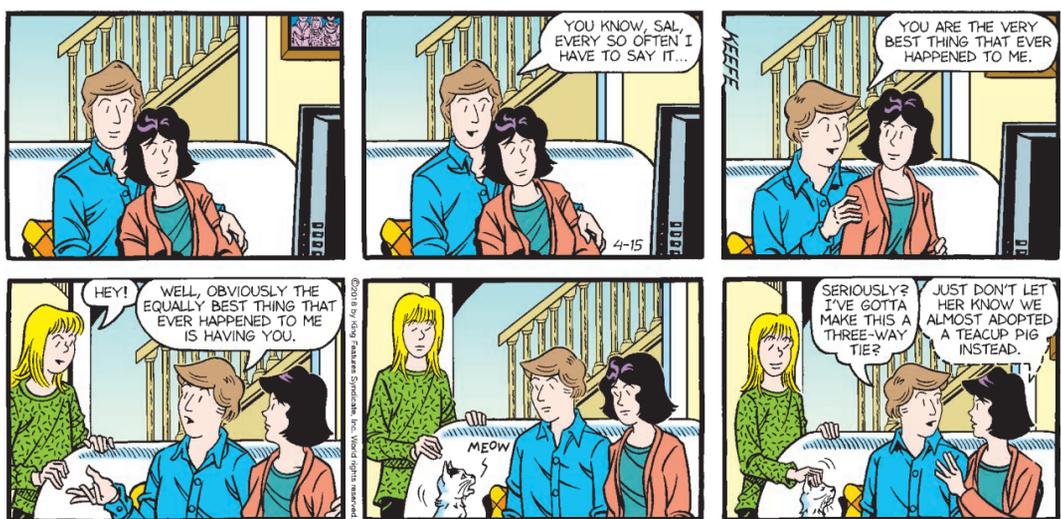
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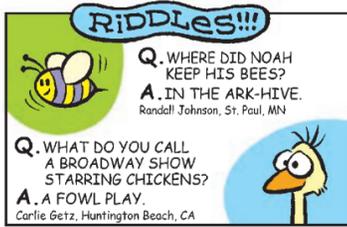
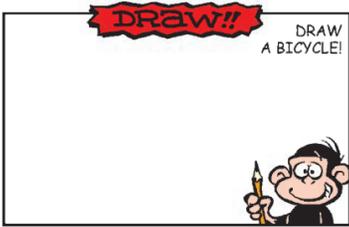
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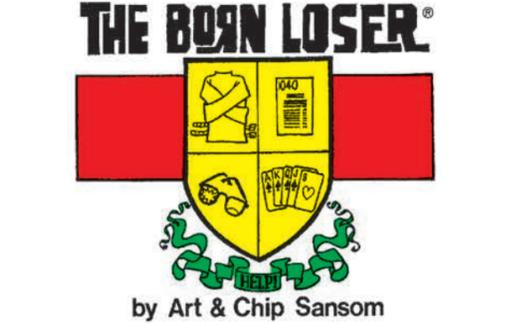
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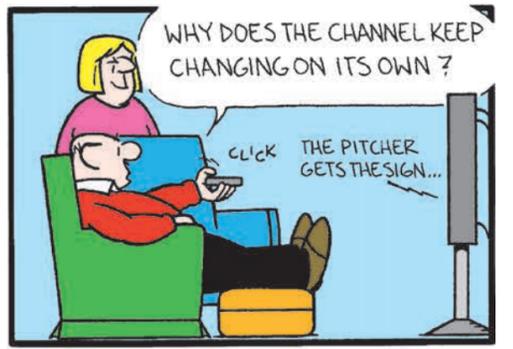
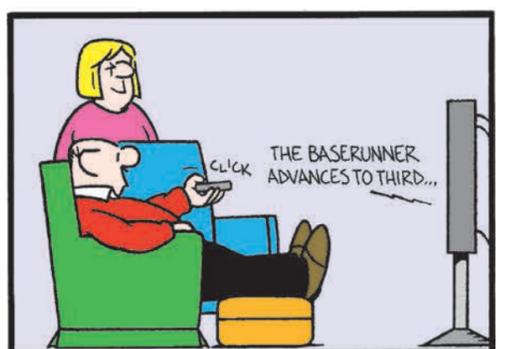
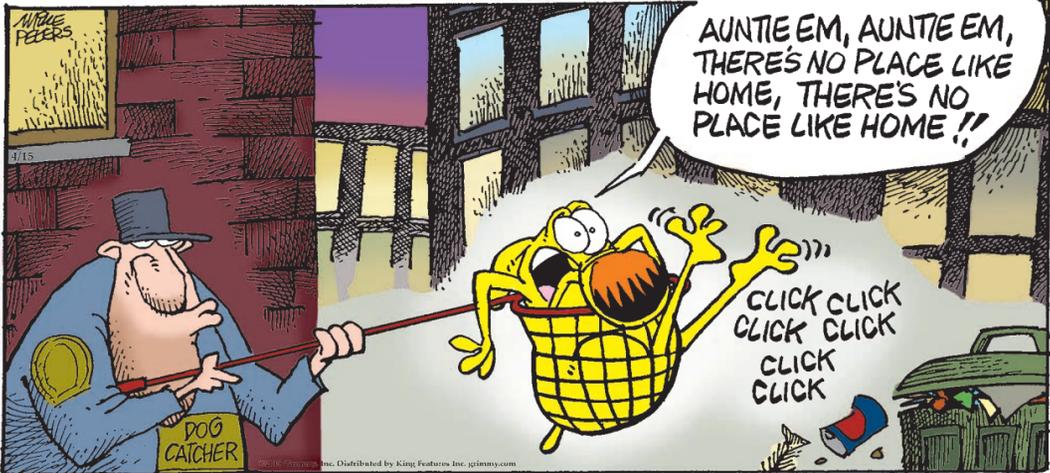


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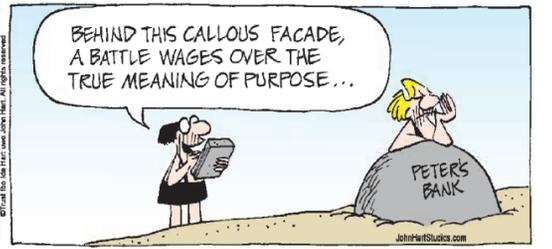
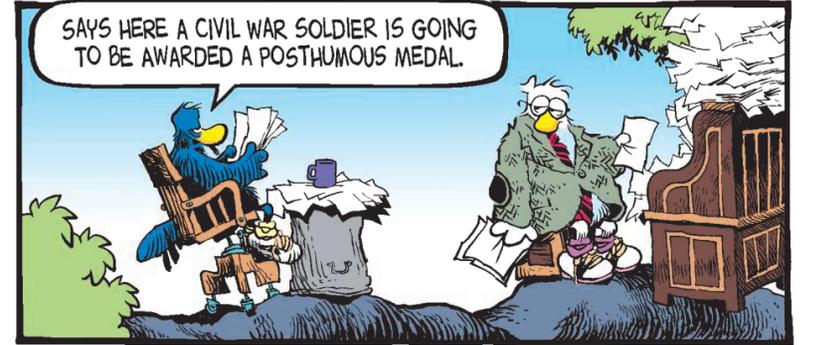
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