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Superintendent outlines budget cuts, challenges

Baker trying to address \$6.2M in unbudgeted expenditures last fiscal year

BY BRUCE MILLS
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In light of Monday’s audit report detailing the district went more than \$6.2 million over budget last fiscal year, Sumter School District Superintendent Frank Baker is implementing a hiring freeze and other cost-saving measures, but admits it’s a tricky process and some cuts are not as easy to make as others.

He’s trying to fill vacancies with existing personnel, but replacing high school teachers, in particular, is a difficult process and dealing with over-

time for some workers is also challenging.

“I think this is something that some people don’t understand: You can’t just stick a teacher in any vacancy that you have, especially at the high school level with all the courses that are offered there,” Baker said last week.

Baker gives the example of a certified high school teacher whose husband or wife gets transferred to another location. If that teacher

leaves, he has to fill that position with someone certified in that education field. If Baker has an extra certified elementary teacher, he or she may not be certified to teach high school in that person’s subject area.

Baker said it’s more likely that you can eliminate jobs in non-teaching positions. He said last week he eliminated one district office staff member who was a program coordinator. An assistant principal in the school district died recently, and the district official was already fully certified as an administrator to go into the school setting. At the district office, another

staff member had previous experience in that program area and has picked up their duties.

“The key word at the district level is we’re having to multitask and wear many hats,” Baker said.

He has already eliminated overtime for some non-teaching positions, such as custodians working overtime to cover school events at night. Baker said on those days of a night event, that individual will adjust his or her hours and come in later that day. Other custodians who also work as

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Trump taps Mulvaney as budget chief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump has tapped South Carolina GOP Rep. Mick Mulvaney as his budget director, naming a tough-on-spending conservative and an advocate of balancing the federal budget to the important post.

An official on Trump’s transition team, who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter before it is officially announced, confirmed Trump’s pick Friday evening.

Mulvaney, 49, was elected in the 2010 tea party wave and is a founder of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, whose

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Santa Claus says he knows who’s nice

BY KONSTANTIN VENGEROWSKY
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Santa Claus is encouraging children in Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties to be on their best behavior, not just during Christmas but all year long.

In an exclusive interview with *The Sumter Item* on Thursday, Santa encouraged children to listen to their parents, teachers and elders, and

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Former sheriff laid to rest in emotional service



Flanked by Chief Deputy Hampton Gardner and Major Allen Dailey, Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis bows his head as former Sheriff Tommy Mims’ casket is lowered into position at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery on Saturday morning.

Employment reports: State continues on growth path

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Two different official surveys of the state’s employment picture show South Carolina had a strong month of employment gains for November, according to data released Friday by the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics and South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

Total payroll employment for S.C. — derived from one official government payroll survey — showed an increase

of 12,500 jobs in November, countering a sharp drop of 12,600 jobs in October that was at least partially due to Hurricane Matthew.

A smaller household survey of employment in the U.S. and state that determines the unemployment rate, showed an increase of 7,528 employed residents in the Palmetto State for the month.

On the payroll survey, industries in S.C. that showed the strongest employment growth included professional and business services (+3,600); construction

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Playing Santa Claus

Willie Sue’s servers provide presents to less fortunate kids

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When Jax Berto found out about a 5-year-old boy who would not be receiving any presents for Christmas, she knew she wanted to help make the holidays special for him.

Berto, a server at Willie Sue’s Food and Spirits restaurant, and a co-worker, Briana Young-Davis, bought a bunch of presents for the Boone, North Carolina, boy, who Berto heard about from a friend in Sumter. The boy lives with his grandmother, who is extremely low-income, in North Carolina, and otherwise would be empty-handed for Christmas, she said.

Along with her husband, Andrew Berto, and his unit at U.S. Army Central at Shaw Air Force Base, about five boxes of toys, clothing, a video game console, video games and more were collected for the boy. Berto is planning to ship the presents in the next few days.



Jax Berto and some of her co-workers at Willie Sue’s collected toys for needy children so they could have toys at Christmas.

“I cannot imagine a child waking up on Christmas morning and thinking that Santa Claus had forgotten him because he did not receive any presents,” Berto said. “I just want to encourage more people to find children who are in need and send them gifts. For a child to not receive a present, while everyone else does, can be devastating.” Berto said she was motivated to do something for a child after hearing about her co-worker’s story of

helping another child in Lake City. Kaoni Williams, a server, said she received a \$615 traffic ticket. After finding out the ticket was dropped, she decided to put the money to good use. Also through a friend, Williams learned about a family in need in Lake City with a 2-year-old child, and provided the child with clothing and toys. “I just wanted to do something good for someone, to pay it forward,” she said.

Fire department offers safety tips for holidays

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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With Christmas right around the corner, Sumter Fire Department Division Chief Johnnie Rose gives the following advice to help prevent fires this holiday season.

“Our main objective is to make sure everyone has a great Christmas,” he said. You don’t want to see firefighters on Christmas Day, he said.

Rose said the department’s main concern is for every home to have a working smoke detector. Households that use a fireplace or wood-burning stove should also have a carbon monoxide detector, he said.

During the holiday season, there are many commonplace things that could be potentially dangerous if the proper precautions are not taken.

Rose said people with real Christmas trees need to water them every day to prevent the tree from drying out.

It is almost impossible to put out a fire on a real Christmas tree, Rose said. The trees have a very flammable sap inside of them, he said.

Also, make sure to use grounded extension cords with three prongs for lights, he said.

When using space heaters, Rose said there needs to be at least 3 feet of clear space around all sides when it is in

use. That means no clothes, blankets, curtains, paper, walls or other things, he said.

If you’re using a kerosene heater, make sure to use the right kind of fuel; kerosene, Rose said.

Before starting up the fireplace, have it cleaned by a professional chimney sweep because birds and squirrels sometimes make nests in chimneys during the summer, he said.

Rose said smoke could come into the residence or cause a fire in the attic if a nest catches fire if the chimney.

Keep a safety screen at the front of the fireplace to prevent embers from coming out and to keep children and animals away, he said.

And, turn off heaters, blow out candles and put out the fireplace before going to bed, Rose said.

Anything could happen so the heaters and candles should go to bed when you go to bed, he said. The same thing goes for Christmas lights, he said.

People should also be alert while cooking, especially with the increased possibility of ice storms this time of year, Rose said.

Ice storms could mean downed power lines, he said.

If you are cooking or using something that is plugged into an outlet when the power goes out, turn the device off, especially if you plan to leave the house, Rose said.

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Contact FEMA for more rental assistance and appeals

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Federal Emergency Management Agency officials are encouraging Hurricane Matthew survivors who may need additional temporary rental assistance to apply for more aid. All applicants who received the agency's temporary rental assistance should have received a "Declaration for Continuing Need for Rental Assistance" letter, according to a news release from the agency.

The form is mailed 15 days after applicants receive their initial rental assistance grant and explains how to request additional temporary rental assistance from FEMA.

Hurricane Matthew survivors can also appeal for more assistance if they disagree with the agency's decisions regarding their applications, the release states.

Registered survivors will receive a determination letter from FEMA citing the reasons for its decision. The determination letter explains how to prepare the appeal letter.

Survivors can contact FEMA at (800) 621-3362 (voice, 711 or video relay services) or via teletypewriter at (800) 462-7585 to discuss the determination letter.

Interpreters for all languages are available.

FEMA, however, cannot change its determination in a phone call, the release states.

LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Manning City Council to receive audit report

Manning City Council will hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St., Manning.

The audit report for the 2016 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2016, will be presented.

Also on the agenda, there will be second readings on two ordinances:

- An ordinance to annex about 0.9 acres on Paxville Highway to the city limits, and;
- An ordinance to rezone a property at 102 Sunset Drive from general residential to general commercial.

In new business:

- First reading of an ordinance to amend an article in the City of Manning Code of Ordinances.

- Resolution adopting a reasonable accommodations policy for City of Manning.

Shaw participates in joint exercises

FROM SHAW AIR FORCE BASE

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — The 20th Fighter Wing from Shaw Air Force Base sent 16 F-16CM Fighting Falcons and about 140 Airmen to participate in Checkered Flag 17-1 and Combat Archer 17-3 at Tyndall from Dec. 5 through last Friday.

Checkered Flag 17-1 and Combat Archer 17-3 focus on the integration of three fighter squadrons' ability to perform as a large scale total force integration, designed to be a rapid response to unforeseen or unplanned operations.

"This is a good opportunity for everyone, including the younger Airmen who have not experienced exercises like Red Flag, to train with all the other Air Force's fighters, to employ tactically in an air-to-air scenario," said Capt. Garret Schmitz, 55th Fighter

Squadron C-Flight commander.

The F-16 is a multi-role fighter aircraft, but Shaw's F-16s mostly play an air-to-air role at Checkered Flag this year, Schmitz said.

"We're out here providing a good air-to-air platform for other people to train off of and for us to practice our air-to-air tactics. This is a great opportunity to integrate with the F-22 (Raptor) and F-35 (Lightning II), combining their tactics and our tactics to form a seamless fight," he said

Shaw does that by maintaining a mission-ready, multi-role capability to mobilize, deploy and tactically employ forces worldwide for any contingency in support of U.S. national objectives, according to information provided by a Shaw AFB news release.

"Our roles as pilots while at Tyndall are to fly some sorties and get some good training experience and integrate

with the other fighter pilots," said Capt. Brian J. Leber, 55th Fighter Squadron pilot.

While at home station, Leber is surrounded by F-16s. He said he thinks one of the most beneficial aspects of Checkered Flag is that the 55th Fighter Squadron has the opportunity to integrate on a daily basis with fifth-generation aircraft, as well as other fourth-generation assets.

"Every time we go flying here, it's a mix of assets," Leber said. "Briefing, flying and debriefing with them while figuring out how we can all work together to achieve the overall objective, I feel is the most valuable part of this training."

Leber said he thinks simulations throughout a pilot's career are beneficial, however, nothing can measure up to the experience and confidence that a pilot gains during a live-fire exercise, such as Checkered Flag and Combat Archer.

Coldwell Banker collects blankets for Christmas

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage received its first donations for its Blanket Sumter in Love project to collect 500 blankets to be delivered to local organizations and charities this winter.

Dawne Helms, a broker and realtor with Coldwell Banker, came up with the idea for the project as a way to give gifts to local senior citizens.

She plans to give some of the blankets to the residents at Sumter Health and Rehab Center for the holidays.

Christmas is seen as a kid's holiday and a lot of people forget about senior citizens, she said.

Helms said she visits residents at Sumter Health and Rehab Center for that very reason.

There are some good people out there and some of them do not get any visitors, she said.

Ruth Torchia, office manager, said the agents at Coldwell Banker come up with



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Dawne Helms, broker and realtor, and Laurie Cook, realtor, place blankets donated under the Christmas Tree at Coldwell Banker on Saturday afternoon. The real estate agency will be collecting blankets, which will be donated to the community, until Tuesday.

public service projects throughout the year.

The company has partnered with with organizations, such as Salvation Army, 17 for 17 and Shaw Air Force Base, and raised about \$85,000 for the Susan

G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation last year.

Jay Linginfelter, a realtor with Coldwell Banker, liked Helms' idea and helped spread the word about the project.

It's really just about giving

back, especially with the weather and temperatures so far, he said.

He said Belk department store is also helping collect blankets for the cause. Customers can purchase blankets and drop them off in a container inside the store, he said.

Linginfelter said he hopes that Coldwell Banker can take the project to another level next year and bring in more partners.

Wade Skinner, who dropped off a few blankets Saturday afternoon, said he is always glad to help out for a good cause.

The holidays are a time when people start to take inventory of what they have and what others need, he said.

Helping people is important and should be done all year, Skinner said.

It all starts with one person who wants to make a difference, he said.

Blanket donations will be accepted between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Coldwell Banker, 1229 Alice Drive, until Tuesday.

Peace, good will and happiness



Shown at left are some handmade Christmas cards the students from Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy made for residents of Shiloh-Randolph Manor in Sumter. Below, students sing Christmas carols for the manor residents on Thursday evening.

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CORRECTION

In Thursday's edition of *The Sumter Item*, in the Clarendon Sun section, the name of the restaurant was incorrectly reported in the article "New restaurant, reception venues to open." The correct name of the restaurant is Mill Street Grill. In the same article, it was also incorrectly reported that The Drayton House is on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is not on the register.

Improve your wellbeing by practicing mindfulness

Multitasking is something we are all guilty of doing — talking on the phone while driving, checking emails or texts while in a meeting or cooking dinner while trying to watch the kids. We may feel more accomplished trying to get more done at once, but research actually shows that multi-tasking is not as efficient as we like to think.

Multitasking actually slows down productivity because we are switching from task to task, never allowing us to really get in the zone and focus. While we may feel we complete more tasks, Harvard Health says you lose connection with the present moment, missing out on what you are doing and how you are feeling, often leaving you more stressed and frustrated.



Missy Corrigan

way to practice mindfulness, but it can also be practiced less formally by being present in the moment. Being present and mindful makes it easier to appreciate the events in life as they occur, and it helps create a greater ability to deal with adverse events. Research shows that people who practice being in the “here and now”

Mindfulness is the practice of purposely focusing your attention on the present moment. Being mindful and aware can improve physical and psychological symptoms as well as attitudes and behaviors.

Meditation through yoga or tai chi is one

are less likely to get caught up in worries about the future or regrets. Scientists are also finding that it can have a positive effect on your brain by helping to alleviate stress, anxiety, pain and depression.

Psychotherapists have discovered that practicing mindfulness is an important part of treating depression, substance abuse, eating disorders, relationship conflicts, anxiety disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder. It also helps people accept their experiences, positive or negative, without aversion or avoidance. This helps people gain perspective on irrational or self-defeating thoughts.

The key to being mindful is to establish concentration, allowing you to observe your own feelings, thoughts and emotions without judgment while also

being aware of external sensations such as sight, sound and touch. The challenge is in not getting tied up on one particular idea or emotion or getting caught up in the past or future. Being aware of what’s going on helps you identify mental habits that produce feelings of well-being or suffering.

Being mindful has been scientifically found to be a key element in happiness. Whenever you push away an unpleasant thought or negative feeling, it tends to return. Wishing for something good to happen can create a lot of unnecessary stress. Mindfulness practice involves being present in the moment, so if you find that your mind starts to wander into daydreaming or criticism, redirect it to focus on the present.

Britain OKs making babies from DNA of 3 people in some cases

BY MARIA CHENG
AP Medical Writer

LONDON — Britain’s fertility regulator has approved controversial techniques allowing doctors to create babies using DNA from three people — what it called a “historic” decision to help prevent a small number of children from inheriting potentially fatal diseases from their mothers.

The regulator’s chairwoman, Sally Cheshire, on Thursday described it as a “life-changing” moment for families who might benefit from the treatment.

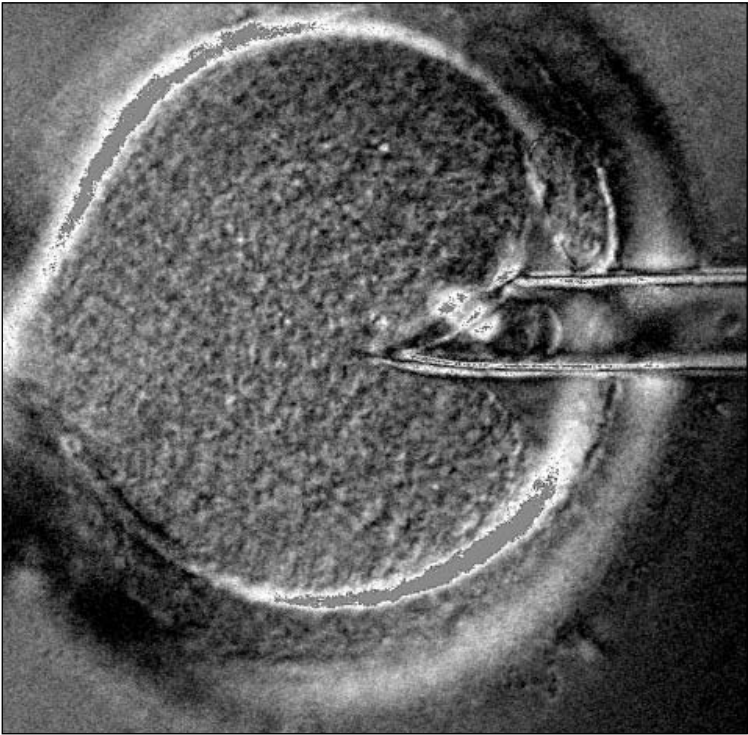
“Parents at very high risk of having a child with a life-threatening mitochondrial disease may soon have the chance of a healthy, genetically related child,” she said in a statement.

The new procedures are intended to fix problems linked to mitochondria, the

energy-producing structures outside a cell’s nucleus. Faulty mitochondria can result in conditions including muscular dystrophy, major organ failure and severe muscle weakness.

Last year, Britain changed its law to permit scientists to modify eggs or embryos before they are transferred into women, becoming the first country to legally approve the techniques. In September, U.S.-based doctors announced they had created the world’s first baby using such techniques, after traveling to Mexico to perform the methods, which have not been approved in the United States.

To help women with mitochondria problems from passing them down to their children, scientists remove the nucleus DNA from the egg of a prospective mother and insert it into a donor egg from which the donor DNA



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Scientists use a pipette to remove the nucleus from an egg. Britain’s fertility regulator has approved controversial techniques allowing doctors to create babies using DNA from three people — what it called a “historic” decision to help prevent a small number of children from inheriting potentially fatal diseases from their mothers.

has been removed. That can happen before or after fertilization.

The resulting embryo ends up with nucleus DNA from its parents but mitochondrial DNA from a donor. The DNA from the donor

amounts to less than 1 percent of the resulting embryo’s genes.

But Britain’s decision to approve using the new methods will not open the floodgates to genetically modified babies.

Clinics will need to apply to Britain’s fertility regulator for permission to use the techniques on a case-by-case basis.

The decision was made after five years of reviewing the development, safety and efficacy of the procedures.

Newcastle University said it was planning to apply for a license to use the new fertility techniques and was aiming to treat up to 25 patients a year.

“It is enormously gratifying that our many years of research in this area can finally be applied to help families affected by these devastating diseases,” said Mary Herbert, a professor of reproductive biology at Newcastle University.

But critics charged the decision will put people at unnecessary risk of an untested procedure and said women with faulty mitochondria should opt simply to use egg donors.

“This decision opens the door to the world of (genetically modified) designer babies,” said David King, director of the Human Genetics Alert group. “Allowing mitochondrial replacement means that there is no logical basis for resisting GM babies.”

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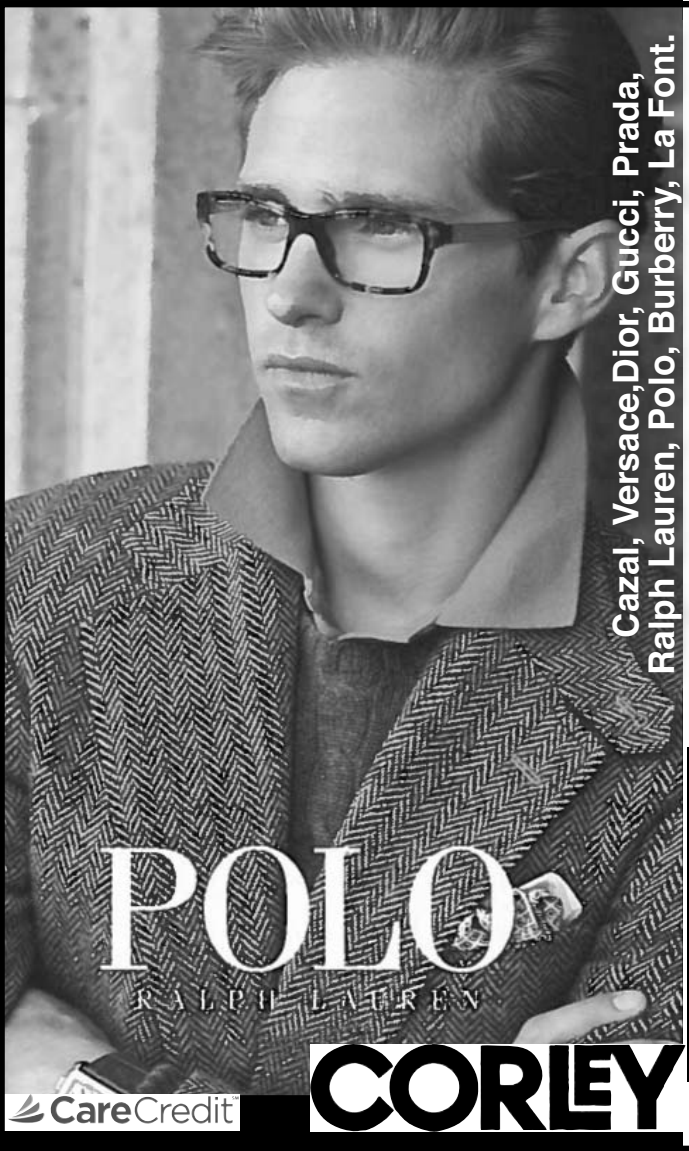
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Santa Claus and William Horsman Sr. check the placement of some train cars in Horsman's Christmas Garden, a huge village with amusement rides, homes, churches, five sets of trains running throughout and 35 more moving pieces. Horsman is opening the village to visits from the public for three hours each night, Monday through Friday only. There is no charge for admission.

A Christmas garden grows in Dalzell

Miniature train and old time village opens

BY IVY MOORE
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When William Horsman and his late wife, Mary, moved to S.C. 16 years ago, they were surprised that no one had a Christmas garden. So they decided to make their own. Sixteen years later, it is likely one of the most elaborate toy train and Christmas villages in the area.

But let's not start there. The Horsmans were natives of the Baltimore area, where William had a successful construction business. While he was running it, he had "11 heart attacks, eight bypass surgeries and 14 heart catheterizations," he said Wednesday. "So we decided we'd retire and move to the South."

The Sumter area was not their first choice. "We threw a dart at a map, and it landed on Dillon," Horsman said, and the couple visited the town. "We liked it," he said. "It has a train, but it didn't have a hospital. That's when we got out a map and found Sumter in the middle of the state."

A visit here convinced them. "The town is beautiful, the people are friendly, and there's a good hospital," Horsman said.

He knows about beautiful towns, at least tiny ones. The Horsmans built their own. Drive toward Dalzell on the Old Camden Highway, and you can't miss the Horsman house. There's a huge inflatable Santa Claus and an undulating red "tube man" next to him. From the driveway, you can see a collection of vintage signs — most of them from old gas stations — a working pay phone, and a small electric truck. And that's just a drop in

the bucket, as they say. Horsman's collection is epic, and just before Christmas it gets even larger. Inside a spacious structure out back of his home is a "tabletop" that serves as the base for a miniature village, beautiful and realistic, but frozen still — until he flips a switch. Then it seems to come alive. Amusement park rides take children around in circles and up and down, a blimp tied to a pole revolves slowly around it, tiny boats with tinier passengers float in a circular pool, and all the while five sets of model trains weave in and out among the set pieces, including the 35 moving pieces. So numerous are the pieces, there's a different one to be seen each time you look at the village. Carolers are just about to burst into "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," a clown holds a bunch of balloons and a "silly walk" pose, an old-fashioned sideshow is set to begin, kids in suspended animation make snow angels, sled and skate on an ice-covered pond. It's fertile ground for a child's imagination; fortunately, Horsman hasn't lost his. He did skip assembling the Christmas garden, as they're called around Baltimore, for two years while his wife was very ill. She passed away in March.



ABOVE: Scenes from a quaint village in winter mix with amusement park rides and concessions as five train sets go by in William Horsman's huge Christmas garden.

LEFT: The entire miniature village in William Horsman's Christmas garden, much of it motorized, seems to be celebrating the season. Horsman invites the public to visit the old time train and Christmas village display between the hours of 6 and 9 p.m. this week, Monday through Friday.

This year's display is dedicated to her. She was the impetus for the original village the couple mounted 12 years ago, Horsman said, adding "She's quirky, just like me."

It took Horsman and his son, Bill Jr. — also admittedly quirky — "about 80 hours to assemble the village, and we'll still be working on it Monday," Horsman said.

There's more? "About 50 percent more," he said, opening the door to a storage room filled with big green and red storage bins. One can only wonder what's still to come.

Bill Jr. thinks he knows why his father loves inviting people to visit his Christmas garden. "My father appreciated what he had growing up," Bill said, "even though the family didn't have a lot. When I was about 5 or 6, he started me out on Christmas Eve."

They found a young boy who was out on the street by him-

self a short time before the stores were closing. "When a kid's out on alone on Christmas Eve, you know he's not going to get anything for Christmas," Horsman said. He took the kid into a store and let him have anything he wanted. He also takes children shopping with gift cards provided by some service organizations.

"A poor, elderly woman noticed and asked what was going on when the shop was filled with so many kids," Horsman said. "When I told her, she reached into her snap plastic coin purse and pulled out a \$5 bill and said, 'please buy something for the kids.' That's what makes all this worthwhile."

About 1,000 people visit the Horsman Christmas garden each year, some coming by busloads. Admission is free, and Horsman won't accept donations, preferring to have visitors "pay it forward."

He loves to see the Christmas

spirit grow in his guests, and he and Bill Jr. think Mary Horsman is smiling on their first miniature village since her passing. And if feeling the Christmas spirit isn't enough, there are additional benefits.

Since moving to Sumter, Horsman's cardiovascular score has improved 100 percent. He's been 0-0-0 for heart attacks, bypasses and catheterizations.

"It's just our normal quirkiness," Bill Jr. said.

The public is invited to visit the Horsman family old time train and Christmas village display from 6 to 9 p.m. this Monday through Friday at 3351 Camden Highway, Dalzell. Admission is free. To get to the display, take U.S. 521 north, take the right fork at Dev's service station and continue toward Dalzell. The house is a mile past the turnoff to Ebenezer Middle School. Look for the giant inflatable Santa and a sign in the front yard.

ENGAGEMENT

Richburg-Will

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell E. Richburg Jr. of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Elizabeth Richburg of Charleston, to Kevin John Will of Charleston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Will of Sumter.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White of Sumter, the late James R. Lea Sr. of Manning, and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell E. Richburg Sr. of Davis Station. She graduated from Sumter High School and the medical assistant program at Central Carolina Technical College. She is employed as a certified medical assistant with MUSC Health Physicians.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Mary Anne Fuhr and the late Mr. John Fuhr, and Mrs. Joyce Will and the late Mr. John Will, all of Pennsylvania. He graduated from Waccamaw High School and the University of South



MR. WILL, RICHBURG

Carolina with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He is pursuing a doctor of dentistry at the Medical University of South Carolina.

The wedding is planned for May 20, 2017, at Bridlestone Farm, Sumter.

HOLIDAY WEDDING / ENGAGEMENT DEADLINES

The deadline for weddings and engagements to publish in the **Dec. 25 edition was noon on Dec. 15. The deadline for the Jan. 1, 2017, edition is noon on Dec. 22.**

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Recruit family and friends for a DIT wedding

BY JENNIFER FORKER
The Associated Press

Many brides and grooms who want to craft meaningful and memorable wedding decorations choose to make one important item — the bouquet, table centerpiece or party giveaway gifts. Others go all-out, crafting nearly every detail, either to save money or to make the day more personal.

Marissa DeMercurio, of Arvada, Colorado, made everything she could by hand for her 2014 wedding. The key, she says, was planning the projects well in advance and inviting family and friends to help. She asked some friends who are artists to make, paint and handprint items, from handmade signs to the lawn games played at her outdoor ceremony and reception. She found her inspirations at on-line sites such as Pinterest and Etsy, and in craft stores, and chose Colorado nature as the theme.

Recruit friends, she says, "and you can save tons of money and it'll look better because it's exactly what you wanted," DeMercurio says.

Darcy Miller, editor at large for Martha Stewart Weddings and author of the new "Celebrate Everything" (Harper-Collins), calls it DIT: do it together.

"Yes, the DIY is fun and makes it personal, but DIT makes it more meaningful," says Miller. "Part of the wedding is delegating and collaborating, not only as a means to get it done but as a means for making it more fun."

Some of DeMercurio's decorations, such as a chalkboard showing the couple's relationship highlights, hang in the house she shares with her husband, Pete Kardasis. That was another priority: The coupled wanted to live with their wedding memories, not file them away.



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This paper flower bouquet was used in Whitney Weaver's Sabetha, Kansas, wedding. Weaver and her mom folded and glued each of the petals for several bouquets.

"We wanted to have things that would remind us of that day continuously," DeMercurio says.

Whitney and Jordan Weaver of Seneca, Kansas, made most of the decorations for their 2014 wedding: paper flower bouquets, a ring bearer "pillow" (it was a framed quote tied with ribbon), the guest book, table decorations (incorporating 500 Mason jars), church pew decorations, and a card box made from a snare drum. Family and friends helped, one making the cake topper.

"For me it was about doing our wedding around what we like and making it special for

us," says Whitney Weaver, whose relationship with her future husband grew out of a shared love of music.

She and her mom spent untold nights folding and gluing individual paper petals from thin, sheet-music-themed paper to make the bouquets and boutonnières. "I don't know if I'll ever be able to repay her," Weaver says.

Miller, of Martha Stewart Weddings, warns against hitting Pinterest boards unprepared; they can be overwhelming. When she works with couples, she asks about their personal style and inspirations to tease out a wedding theme. Her book does the

same with a personalization "cheat sheet."

"You need to think about what matters to you," Miller says. "Those are the things that are going to make your wedding reflect you, make it feel like you."

More DIY tips:

- Buy and collect items in bulk. DeMercurio tied large swaths of burlap around trees and smaller pieces around Mason jars. She collected glass jars, some of which she filled with flowers and hung from trees branches.

• If you choose a lovely setting — DeMercurio chose a park with mountains as her backdrop; Weaver's reception

was in a big, beautiful barn — you'll need fewer decorations.

• Put Epsom salts in the bottom of Mason jars before adding tea lights, says Weaver. "It looks like crystals, and it's a really cheap alternative for holding tea lights steady."

• Hand-stamp compostable utensils with phrases such as "all you need is love" to add a personal touch, says DeMercurio.

With all the crafting possibilities, Miller warns against doing too much too close to the wedding date.

"As a bride, you should be doing nothing except being a bride the day of your wedding," says the expert.

Wife resists husband's dream of retiring to warmer location



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I'm 57 and have been married for 25 years. My husband has retired and is ready for me to do the same. I enjoy my work, and I am delaying my retirement because he wants to move to another state.

Abby, all I can think about is how I will be forced to start all over with a new church, new doctors, new friends, etc. That's incredibly stressful for me, and I don't want to do it. It takes me a while to warm up to people, and I don't do it easily. To me, it would not be an exciting adventure.

I have told him I don't want to do this and why. He responds that if I want to visit my friends I can always "hop on a plane." He said he's tired of the cold and wants to move. All I can think about is having to sell our home,

buy another one, learn a new area, make friends, find a new church. I have all of that here. Maybe he should be a snowbird?

Don't want to start anew

DEAR DON'T WANT — If you and your husband can afford two places, perhaps you should both be snowbirds. It couldn't hurt to rent a place for a few months to see what life would be like in a new community. That's what I recommend to readers who contemplate making a drastic change — such as relocation — in their lives. If you do that, you might find that the "natives" are friendly and the community is congenial. However, if that's not the case, it could help you to avoid making a costly mistake.

DEAR ABBY — My daughter has been divorced less than a year and is dating again. (She's the one who left the marriage.) However, she keeps many pictures of her ex-husband on her Face-

book page. She says he was a big part of her life, and she refuses to take them down. She thinks if a guy can't accept it, then he isn't the right guy. Do you agree that she's sending the wrong message?

Take the photos down

DEAR TAKE — Personally, I do. A picture is worth a thousand words, and what it shows those who see hers is that she hasn't emotionally let go of her ex-husband. However, if men date her after looking at her Facebook page and seeing his pictures posted there, it's working for her, and I can't offer a criticism. Because you can't stop her, I suggest you accept it.

DEAR ABBY — It's that time of year when you print your gift ideas for seniors column. When my dad was alive, he, like many others, was on a fixed income. Among his pleasures was watching ballgames and keeping up with current events. So I contacted his

cable company and arranged to pay his cable bill for a period of time as a gift. This can be arranged for any increment of time to match the gifter's budget — from one month to a year. It allowed Dad to enjoy his TV and have some extra spending money that would otherwise have gone to paying the cable bill.

Rosemary in Pennsylvania

DEAR ROSEMARY — You are a good daughter. Thanks for sharing your idea. It's a thoughtful one, and I'm sure my readers will thank you for the suggestion.

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College students to rent rooms from elderly

NEW YORK (AP) — Ah, college. Halls of ivy. Stimulating class discussions. All-night cram sessions. Sleeping in an old woman's apartment?

New York University is introducing a program next fall to help students save money by putting them up in elderly people's spare bedrooms.

It may get snickers from some students who see college as their first chance to get away from mature adults, but it is bound to get consideration from others straining under the institution's \$66,000 annual bill for tuition, room and board.

The program, to be operated in conjunction with the University Settlement social service organization, will start with 10 to 15 students bunking in senior citizens' spare bedrooms.

Neither the students nor their elder hosts have been selected yet, but the basics of the program are in place: Participating students will pay \$5,000 a year, thousands of dollars less than the cheapest on-campus housing option.

Almost all of the money will go to their senior hosts, said Ellen Schall, a professor of health policy and management who chairs NYU's affordability steering committee. The initiative will be expanded if it's popular.

"This is a win-win for both the seniors and the young adults," said University Settlement CEO Eric Weingartner. Living in an older person's spare room wouldn't be for everyone.

NYU history major Brendan Gutenschwager, 19, said the option doesn't appeal to him, but might attract serious-minded older students. He envisioned that might be stu-



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Students walk along Washington Square West in front of New York University's Lipton Hall on Wednesday in New York. New York University has introduced a program to help students save money by putting them up in elderly people's spare bedrooms.

dents who think, "You know what? I just want to get through my classes and have a good place to study where I'm not surrounded by a bunch of loud college students."

Christine Park, 19, who is studying music business at NYU, said she'd consider applying.

"If it meant that there were other NYU students in that building, and it's cheaper, why not?" she said.

Under the plan, the first group of students will all be placed in one building where many elderly tenants have spare rooms. University Settlement is looking for a building near NYU's Greenwich Village location with a high concentration of low-income seniors with extra space.

The students will not be caregivers for their hosts, but may pitch in on small chores, such as changing a lightbulb or carrying laundry from one room to another.

"We're trying to identify buildings where the financial contribution from students will be meaningful to the seniors," Weingartner said. "The part that's more nuanced is the impact of having companionship for both the senior and the students."



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A story of young girl who got a hippo for Christmas

LOS ANGELES (AP) — All a cute, curly haired 10-year-old girl named Gayla Peevey wanted for Christmas in 1953 was a hippopotamus.

And amazingly enough, after “I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas” became the biggest hit song of that holiday season, she actually got one, a 700-pound baby named Matilda. She promptly donated it to the Oklahoma City Zoo, where it lived to be nearly 50, a ripe old age for hippos.

As for Peevey’s song, it may never die. “That one just really took off, and it’s still going strong, stronger than ever. Sixty-three years later! Hard to believe,” Peevey, an ebullient woman of 73, says during a recent phone interview from her San Diego-area home.

So much so that it’s used as a cell-

phone ringtone these days, included on holiday ornaments and Christmas cards, available for download on iTunes. It’s even featured in a U.S. Postal Service commercial in which the post office boasts it ships more online gifts, hippopotamuses included, than anybody.

Some people will tell you it’s an annoying ear worm, a tune with such silly lyrics and a melody so maddeningly memorable that it will play endlessly in your head every holiday season until New Year’s Day.

But that’s part of its charm, says Tim Moore, iHeart Radio’s New Hampshire programming director who over the decades has played it plenty of times.

“It’s got the sound of an old-time recording,” Moore says. “It sounds dated. It sounds a little corny. Also, not to be dis-



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Gayla Peevey, singer of that enduring Christmas classic, “I Want a Hippopotamus For Christmas,” stands behind a stuffed hippo under her Christmas tree on Wednesday.

counted is its effect on children.”

Yes, definitely don’t discount that.

For years, Peevey has been hearing from schoolteachers around the world who tell her their students perform the song and can’t get enough of it.

“Over 15 years now we’ve done it, and I don’t think we’re stopping,” laughs Dana Caro, who directs the second-grade Christmas music program at a suburban

Southern California school.

Other songs come and go, says Caro, but “Hippo” stays in the mix every year at Arcadia’s Longley Way Elementary School.

“Even in class today, we weren’t in rehearsal yet when one kid started singing it, and then they were all singing it,” added the teacher, who says it has a bounce and a cheeriness that kids love.

OBITUARIES

WALTKI C. WILLIAMS

Waltki Cermoun Williams, was born on Jan. 30, 1981, in Detroit, Michigan, to Walter and the late Patricia Williams. He departed this life on Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, in Sumter.

He enjoyed making beats and music, and spending time with family and friends. He was loved by all he came in contact with.

He leaves to cherish his memories two sisters, Tomekia Williams (Thaddious Troy Brown) of Sumter, and Karesha Williams (Carl Cross) of Greensboro, North Carolina; six nieces and nephews, Tamesha, Jaquez, Tapion, Jazmyn, all of Sumter, and Katrell and Korea of Greensboro, North Carolina; seven uncles, Roedy Thomas, David Thomas, Harry Thomas, Mac Auther Vaughn, Earl Vaughn, Bruce Vaughn, and Bruce Edward Williams; five aunts, Rosa Lewis, Mary Capers, Lubertha Young, Annette Davis and Francise Spann; maternal grandmother, Catherine Vaughn; a special aunt, Naomi Rutherford; stepbrother, Terrance (Amber) Gordon; step-sister, Tamika (David) Goss; special friend, Crystal McFadden; and a host of cousins, friends and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

There will be no public viewing at the funeral home.

Mr. Williams will be placed in the church at noon on Mon-

day for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Park.

Family will be receiving friends at the home of his sister, 915 Miller Arms, Apartment 24-D, Sumter

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the Web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

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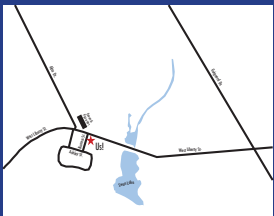
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VARECK H. BROWN

ORANGEBURG — Vareck Hiram Brown, 46, husband of Dinita Bradshaw Brown, died on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at his residence, 489 Sandfill Road, Orangeburg.

He was born on Feb. 15, 1970, in Manning, a son of Ruby

Witherspoon Brown and the late Harry L. Brown Sr.

Funeral services for Mr. Brown will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Trinity AME Church, Manning. The Rev. Courtney Colleton, pastor, and the Rev. Dr. Bennie Colclough will officiate. Burial will follow in Manning Cemetery, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his mother, 607 Dupree St., Manning.

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

MARGIE ZELANO

Margie Ann Roberts Zelano, age 74, beloved wife of 51 years to John Zelano, died on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Roanoke, Alabama, she was the daughter of the late George Walter and Julie Mae

Palmer Roberts.

Margie was a member of the Nu Master Chapter Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and the Stitches of Love Quilting Ministry. She was a member of the Shaw Heights Baptist Church.

Margie was warm and compassionate to everyone and never met a stranger. She was always upbeat and positive no matter what trials she may have been facing personally. She was a beautiful woman who made everyone's life so much better and the world will be much colder now that her warm light is gone.

She loved to sew and quilt but her true joy in life was spending time with her family. She loved being "Nana" to her grandchildren. She was married to her best friend and the love of her life, John.

She will be remembered as a very loving wife, mother, "Nana", sister and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving in addition to her husband are two children, Paul Zelano and his wife Angela of High Point, North Carolina, and Diane Glasscock and her husband William of Sumter; one sister, Peggy Mullholand of Norfolk, Virginia; and two grandchildren, Zachary Glasscock and Tyler Glasscock.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Edmonds.

A memorial service will be held at 11 am on Monday in Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dan Barber officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 5 p.m. today at the home of her daughter, Diane Glasscock.

A visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, from 10 to 11 a.m., at Bullock Funeral Home on Monday.

Memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, 107 West Park Blvd., Suite 220, Columbia, SC 29210.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



JOSEPH TAYLOR

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2016, Jesus came to visit with his child as he had done so many mornings before. But this morning he saw that his son's journey had been long and

the miles of life were clearly shown, so he whispered in his ear in a sweet and loving tone,

"Come rest my son. Come rest," and Joseph fell asleep in the lord.

Joseph Taylor, the fifth child and son of the late the Rev. Samuel and Lilia

Taylor, was born on Wednesday, Aug. 22, 1928, in the beautiful hills of Bladon Springs, Alabama.

Educated in the schools of Choctaw County, Joseph only completed elementary school because during that era, male children were needed to work the farm and help support their family.

While Joseph did not complete formal education, his mother and father instilled in him the respect, manners, moral character and principals that would take him further in life than he could have ever imagined.

In 1947, at the age of 18, Joseph's journey from Bladon Springs would take him and his younger brother Robert Taylor to New York City, New York. Joseph would soon join the military and serve one tour of duty for his country in the U.S. Army in the Korean War.

On Sunday, March 25, 1951, Joseph met the love of his life, Ida Lelia Blanding. They were married on Tuesday, July 10, 1951, and to this union were born four sons; Richard Anthony, Cornel, Emmanuel Timothy and Michael Gavon.

Joseph and Ida were blessed to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this year. To God Be the Glory!

Joseph served the city of New York first as a head chef at Long Island Naval Hospital but always in tune with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Joseph was blessed to be employed by New York City Transit Authority where he served as a bus operator for 20 years, retiring in 1982.

A man with a heart for the Lord, Joseph was a very active and faithful member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. This journey of faith began in New York City at the Corona Seventh-Day Adventist Church where he served as head usher, head deacon and ordained elder.

This journey would conclude in Sumter at Berea Seventh-Day Adventist Church where Joseph served as first elder, Sabbath school teacher and choir member until the need to truly honor his vow of love to his beloved wife became his number one priority.

Joseph lived, loved and served by the golden rule, "Do unto others as you would have done unto you."

Joseph was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Samuel, Juhe, Frank, Annie and Percy; and his grandson and name sake, Joseph Gavon Taylor.

Joseph is survived by his loving and devoted wife; his four sons, Richard Anthony of Lincoln, Nebraska, Cornel of Cary, North Carolina, Emmanuel Timothy of the home and Michael Gavon of Tampa, Florida; two siblings, Irene Taylor Roberts of Huntsville, Alabama, and Robert Taylor of Long Island, New York; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

We have this hope that burns within our hearts; hope in the coming of the Lord. We have this faith that Christ alone imparts; faith in the promise of his word. While our hearts are heavy, the Taylor family will stand on the promise that this is just a transition of life and if we continue to live and serve our Lord faithfully every day, we will see Joseph again. Sweet rest dear daddy, sweet rest.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St., Sumter.

Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday in Ft. Jackson National Cemetery with military honors.

The family will receive

friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



ANNE W. JOHNSON

MANNING — Anne Wheeler Johnson, 85, widow of William Seth Johnson, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at National Health Care in Sumter.

Born March 29, 1931, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Samuel Mood and

Mariah Dinkins Wheeler. She was adopted and raised by her aunt and uncle, Bess and Clarence Wheeler.

She was a retired secretary at Manning High School with many years of service; a charter member of Grace Christian Fellowship Church; and a founding member of Virginia's Pride Garden Club.

She is survived by four daughters, Cynthia Roark (Tommy) of Manning, Cheryl DuBose (Tony) of Alcolu, Rhonda Rainey (Lin) of Manning and Mandy Boland (Edward) of Martinez, Georgia; a sister, Helen Ryan of Rock Hill; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her adopted parents; three brothers; and four sisters.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, at Grace Christian Fellowship Church with the Rev. Mike Murdoch officiating. Burial will follow in the Wilson Community Cemetery at Union United Methodist Church.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Grace Christian Fellowship Church, P.O. Box 702, Manning, SC 29102 or to the Wilson Community Cemetery at Union United Methodist Church, c/o Buddy Holladay, 7786 Greeleyville Highway, Manning, SC 29102.

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

DOROTHY M. HOLLAND

Dorothy M. Holland, 76, daughter of the late Genie and Marie Martin James, was born on July 22, 1940, in Mayesville. She departed this life on Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at her residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 39 Reese St., Sumter.

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

BETTY J. TAYLOR

Betty Jean Taylor, 65, departed this earthly life on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter.

Born June 6, 1951, in Bethune, she was the daughter of the late Johnny and Tiny Wright Taylor.

She was educated in the public school system of Cassatt.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children, Robert (Stacy) Taylor and Mary Boykin, both of Camden, Mary (Wilton) Mathis-Hickmon of Springhill, Levan Taylor (Tareva) of Sumter, Michael (Jessica) Taylor of Kansas City, Kansas, Michelle Mathis (Charlie) of Columbia, Jamie Mathis of Marietta, Georgia, Angela Mathis (Ronnie) of Sumter and Bryan Taylor of Greenville; two brothers; six sisters; five brothers-in-law; one sister-in-law; 23 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday at John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel, Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 North Main St.,

Sumter, with Dr. Otis Butler Jr., eulogist, officiating.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 617 S. Sumter St., Sumter.

The procession will leave from the home at 9:30 a.m.

Burial will be in Mt. Olive Memorial Garden, Pear Street, Woodrow.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

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

Services are directed by the staff and management of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

RODNEY B. JAMES

Pastor Rodney B. James, 46, husband of Carla A. James and son of Joseph U. and Mamie Plowden James, was born on Jan. 3, 1970, in Sumter County. He departed this life on Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at his residence in Miami Gardens, Florida.

Family will receive friends at the home of his mother 211 Alexander Place, Sumter.

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

DANIEL E. ALSTON

Daniel Ervin Alston, 82, husband of the late Ruth Dawson Alston, died Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at the Palmetto Health Richland.

Born in Horatio, he was a son of the late Daniel E. and Mary Brown Alston Sr.

The family will receive friends at the Alston residence, 6875 Carryall Circle in Dalzell.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel.

WILLIAM M. HINE

William Michael Hine, age 73, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey after a brief illness.

You may go to www.bullock-funeralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



JOHN J. ELMORE

BISHOPVILLE — Funeral services for Mr. John Jack Elmore, 79, will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday in Hancock-Elmore-Hill Chapel.

The Rev. Brandon Watts will officiate, with burial in Cedar Creek Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

John went home to be with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 16, 2017. He was born in Bishopville, on Oct. 25, 1937, to the late Harvey Lee and Lucille Ellison Elmore.

John was a Christian who rededicated his life to the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 35 and walked with God all the days after.

He was a family man, ever loving his brothers and sisters. He talked so often of all the fun he had growing up in a large family.

John was a joyful servant, serving his country in Korea as a military police paratrooper. He later served as a police officer in Bishopville. Always willing to serve anyone at anytime with anything whether it was helping with a flat tire or whatever was needed.

John was a hard worker and could fix just about anything. He was a cabinet maker, contractor, roofer, and later did lawn mower repairs.

John was a father who loved his children with an unselfish love. He prayed for them everyday.

He was a husband to his wife, Cindy. He was her protector, her provider, a brother, and an example of the father's love.

"Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the Church and gave himself up for her."

— Ephesians 5:25

Surviving are his wife, Cyn-

thia Elmore of the home; son, Ricky (Sandra) Elmore of Bishopville; two daughters, Kathy (Dale) Sauls of Rock Hill and Tina Johnson of Hopkins; four brothers, Buddy, Tommy, Walter, and Joe, all of Bishopville; sister, Sara of Bishopville; three grandchildren, Nicholas, Jacob, Josh; and a great-granddaughter, Stacey.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Rosa; and three brothers, Woody, Harvey, and Henry.

Memorials may be made to the Ashwood Volunteer Fire Department, 4392 U.S.15, Sumter, SC 29153, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, TN 38105. www.hehfunerals.com

BRIAN S. PRIVETT

Brian Scott Privett, 49, died Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

CLIFFORD P. HODGE

Clifford Padgett "Buddy" Hodge Sr., 91, passed away Friday, Dec. 16, 2016, at his residence surrounded by family and friends.

Buddy was born in Sumter to the late John T. and Eva Flake Hodge.

He graduated from Edmunds High School and continued his education at Newberry College where he was a four letter athlete — football, basketball, tennis and golf.

He went on to start his coaching career in Columbia. He was on the short list of state approved referees and even refereed for the Harlem Globetrotters.

Buddy eventually partnered with his brother, Bill Hodge, in developing Hodge Real Estate and Insurance Company Inc.

He was a past president of the Sumter Board of Realtors, a member of Sumter Development Board and several other civic organizations.

He was a traveling manager for the P-15s, a lifelong member of Grace Baptist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, which he served in during WWII.

An avid Gamecock fan and golfer, he will best be remembered by friends, family and buddies from Sunset, Purdy Street Boys and Eau Claire football players for his great sense of humor and spontaneous singing.

He is survived by his five children, C.P. Hodge Jr. (Priscilla), Jeanne Hodge Griffith, Jonelle Hodge Gardner, John Daniel Hodge (Suzanne) and Virginia Duncan Hodge; five grandchildren, Cliff, Seth, Rachel, Drew and Diana; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Thomas Hodge and Bill Hodge; and two sisters, Leila Lucas and Amelia Teal.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Steve Williams officiating.

Visitation will be from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers are the former players of coach Hodge from the Eau Clair Shamrocks.

The family would like to thank Hospice Care of South Carolina; his faithful friends, Janie, and Charlie (CiC) Mac; and all of the neighbors at Twin Magnolia for all of the love and care they showed Mr. Hodge.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

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



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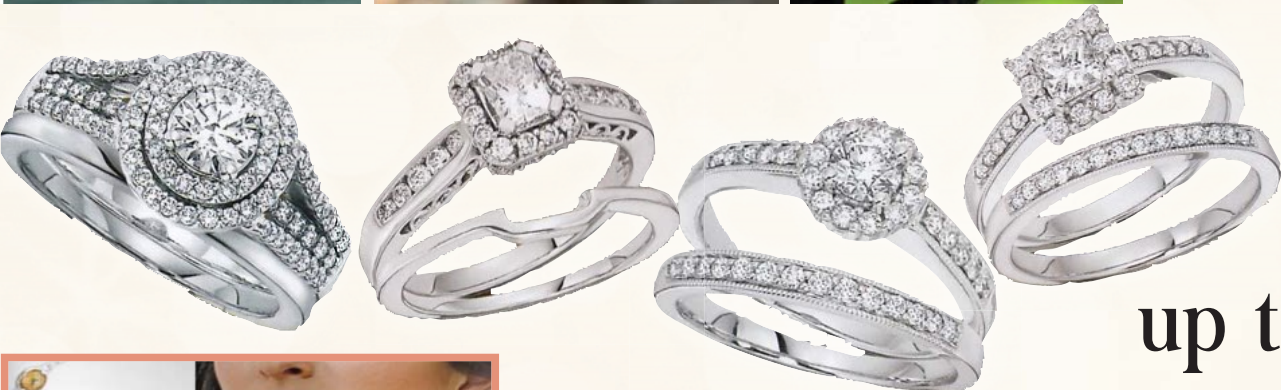


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JOBS

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nearly 16 years for the state, according to SCDEW. Nationally, the November jobless rate was 4.6 percent.

“South Carolina achieved the ‘employment trifecta’ in November: an increase in payroll employment, a decrease in the unemployment rate and an increase in the labor force,” said Rick Kaglic, senior regional economist with the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond.

According to the payroll survey — which Kaglic says is more comprehensive and a better measure of overall economic vitality — the state has added 45,000 jobs in the 12 months since November 2015 and achieved 2.2 percent job growth in the time frame.

“This is tremendous job increases for the year,” Kaglic said. “South Carolina’s job growth is outperforming the U.S. rate of 1.6 percent, which is also traditionally a good growth rate for the nation.”

LOCAL NUMBERS

The payroll survey data only goes down to the metropolitan statistical area; but of the three counties in the area, data is only available for Sumter County. Unlike the state, the survey showed Sumter had a 300 job decrease for the month, sliding from 39,400 in October to 39,100 for November. During the past year however, the survey shows an increase of 100 jobs in Sumter since November 2015.

With the household survey for deriving the unemployment rate, Sumter showed a decrease for November of 190 employed

EMPLOYED POPULATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

Sumter: 41,796/4.9 percent
Clarendon: 12,453/5.2 percent
Lee: 6,072/5.6 percent

Source: S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce, November 2016 data

residents. Despite fewer employed residents, Sumter’s unemployment rate went down from October because labor force participation fell in the county. In Sumter, the labor force — which includes the number of employed residents plus the number of those unemployed but seeking employment — dropped by 451 residents during November, putting significant downward pressure on the unemployment rate, which fell from 5.4 percent to 4.9 percent.

Unemployment rates went down from October in Clarendon and Lee counties as well, but labor force participation contributed to those declines as well.

Clarendon County saw an increase of 70 employed residents, according to the report, which was the most of the three counties in the region. The rise in employment contributed to the county’s unemployment rate dropping from 5.9 percent to 5.2 percent. In Lee, the smallest labor market in the region, an additional 16 employed residents and a dip in the labor force of 26 residents forced the county’s unemployment rate to go down from 6.3 percent to 5.6 percent.

TRUMP

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members pushed former Speaker John Boehner from power and have caused heartburn for current Speaker Paul Ryan. He is one of the more hard-charging members among House conservatives.

As director of Office of Management and Budget, Mulvaney would be responsible for crafting Trump’s budget and overseeing the final issuance of major regulations. Mulvaney has taken a hard line on budget matters, routinely voting against increasing the government’s borrowing cap and pressing for major cuts to benefit programs as the path to

balancing the budget.

Actually balancing the federal budget requires deeper spending cuts than the GOP-controlled Congress can probably deliver on, especially if Trump prevails on revenue-losing tax cuts and a big infrastructure package next year.

Mulvaney met with Trump in New York last week. His nomination would require Senate confirmation.

Other congressmen to take on the budget post include David Stockman, R-Mich., Ronald Reagan’s first OMB director, and Leon Panetta, who ran the budget office during Bill Clinton’s first term. Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, was one of George W. Bush’s OMB directors.

SANTA

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to be kind to others.

“Things have been pretty busy around the North Pole lately,” Claus said, referring to his permanent home. “I’ve noticed some of the children haven’t yet told me what they want for Christmas. Those letters to Santa are very important. Children need to make sure their parents get those letters to me, so I know what to bring.”

Santa, who has many different names around the world, including Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas and Grandfather Frost, said it is important for children to listen to their parents and be respectful.

“Santa Claus is watching, and your parents are too,” he said. “It seems this year, however, the children are being especially good. The naughty list is shorter than in previous years.”

Santa said he counts bullying as bad behavior.

“Children need to know that if you’re bullying, whether in school or at home, Santa Claus knows about it,” he said. “You’ll find out at Christmas that bullying is not a good idea.”

Children who are naughty may end up with a stocking of coal instead of presents, he said.

Santa said on Christmas Eve it is important for children not to wait up for him.

“When your parents say it is time for you to go to bed, listen to them,” he said.

Although, he said, he appreciates it when they leave him some cookies and milk.

Santa said that the type of presents he delivers each year have changed over time.

Requests that are popular this year include Hatchimals, which basically are furry toys that live inside an egg that doesn’t hatch unless it receives a ton of attention; hoverboards; remote control trucks that shoot water; drones; and scooters, he said. More traditional items

such as dolls and toy cars are still popular, however.

All of the presents come from Santa’s home at the North Pole.

“The snow is pretty deep up there,” he said. “We get an hour or two of daylight, but pretty much the rest of the day it’s dark. It’s cold, but Mrs. Claus and the reindeer like it.”

Santa said he is able to get to each country in the world on Christmas Eve.

“It’s a lot of fun getting ready for Christmas each year because we’re spreading the joy and love that everyone should have,” he said.

Santa said that children today, for the most part, are as well behaved as their parents and grandparents were when they were growing up.

“There’s a lot of good in today’s children, and I’m excited for the future because of that,” he said. “Most children just want someone to show them some love and let them know that they’re important.”

CUTS

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crossing guards will adjust hours starting in January.

“Everywhere that we can go down to 40 hours, we are doing so,” Baker said.

Controlling overtime in some categories, such as with bus drivers, is a difficult issue.

Baker said many of the district’s bus drivers also work as paraprofessionals in the classroom; so, they’re automatically in overtime.

“I don’t have a remedy for this,” Baker said. “I already have a shortage of bus drivers now. I’m thankful, I have the ones working in the classroom and willing to drive a bus. So, with that overtime factor, I don’t have any wiggle room. I have got to get the children to and from school, and no district in the state has the luxu-

ry of having excess substitute bus drivers. This is one of the areas that’s under-budgeted in this whole big picture.”

One area he is addressing is substitutes, which represents huge costs and is way over budget. Baker told the school principals last week that there will have to be in-house substitutes, such as teacher aides filling in.

Another area is travel, according to Baker. He said he has the final say on travel, and it will be eliminated — unless conference attendance is mandatory related to a grant the district has.

Supply inventory reductions at the schools and fewer expenses for capital outlays are other categories he’s addressing.

“It’s going to take a total team effort,” Baker said. “Everybody has to give up something. I told the principals though that I am looking at every area and going through the budget line by line by line to trim, cut and save. In light of this situation, I’m going to have to make some very, very hard-line decisions.”

On a couple items of note, Baker said the 5 percent teacher pay raise that began with this school year will not be affected. Also, no salary pay cuts have been implemented. According to Baker, salary cuts are not feasible with teachers because of their contracts, which are based on their certification and years of experience.

When asked if the school district will plan to ask Sumter County Council for another mill increase for next fiscal

year, Baker said it was too premature to discuss.

“We are going to have to see how things play out with the cuts and other things that I am putting in place,” Baker said. “The budgeting process begins in mid-March and goes through the third week of April; so, we’ll have to see how we’ve been able to impact the general fund in January

and February with these cost-saving measures and cuts.”

In related matters, it was announced Wednesday the school board has scheduled a specially called meeting for 6 p.m. Tuesday at the district office to meet in executive session for the purpose of a legal briefing and personnel matters to address the audit’s budget findings.

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EDITORIAL

It may be a bumpy ride with Trump

The Democrat party continues to do a lot of wailing and gnashing of teeth in the aftermath of Donald Trump’s election as president of the United States. So many of the party’s hardcore base of lefties and Hillary disciples, when they are not having hissy fits and trotting out has-been actors and Hollywood celebrities to demand that GOP mem-

bers of the Electoral College refuse to deliver their votes to Trump on Monday while wallowing in denial about the election as they fight off terrible cases of the vapors. Indeed, there have been reports of disappointed liberals seeking psychiatric counseling and college students collapsing in tears over the prospect of being left to the tender mercies of the satanic Trump and his demonic

minions who are threatening — horrors! — to undo all of the wonderful legacy of the sainted Obama. How will the nation survive without Big Government, high taxes, over-regulation and Big Brother watching over us? The little snowflakes encased in expensive colleges and universities will need more than hot cocoa, “feelings” counselors and tenured professors to

assist them in working through this crisis. There are many imponderables and surprises in store when the Trump regime takes charge. It could be a bumpy ride for our body politic, but if this nation can survive Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama, it can hang with Trump if he delivers as well as he promises. Stay tuned.

COMMENTARY

The parable of Mother Emanuel

CHARLESTON — In the parable of the sower, a farmer sprinkles seeds upon four different types of terrain, one of which is rocky where seeds fail to thrive. As interpreted by scholars, the rock refers to the human heart that’s made of stone and therefore resistant to the seed (the Word of God), and therefore lost to salvation.

This was the topic of Bible study at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church the night white supremacist Dylann Roof murdered nine African-American parishioners as they closed their eyes in prayer. Roof can be seen as a parable within a parable, his heart a stone and he, impervious to the love and fellowship offered him by strangers.

After a federal jury found him guilty Thursday on all 33 counts, including hate crimes, Roof’s salvation is very much in question.

To anyone following the trial, the verdict came as no surprise. Roof had confessed to the massacre, video captured him entering and leaving the church, and two survivors identified him as the shooter. Roof’s attorney began his opening statement by acknowledging his client’s guilt. The purpose of the trial was essentially to determine whether Roof should live out his days in prison or be executed.

The sentencing phase, during which Roof intends to represent himself (the better to create a path for appeal), will begin Jan. 3.

If anyone deserves to die for a crime, especially one so infused with racial hatred, Roof is surely that person. The 22-year-old, whose bowl haircut and baby face make him seem more boy than man, is a poster child for evil incarnate.

Yet, execution would be the wrong sentence.

It is both too good for him and too awful for the rest of us.

As a general matter, I oppose the death penalty for reasons both moral and practical. The moral issues should be obvious: Not only do I, as a citizen, not want to be part of anyone’s murder, regardless of whether it’s state-sanctioned (maybe especially so), I can’t countenance anything less than a foolproof system.

One mistaken execution is one too many, and we’ve seen too many reversals based on subsequently available DNA evidence. Also, the fact that death sentences are sometimes arbitrarily or unevenly assigned on the basis of race is untenable in a just world.



Kathleen Parker

As a practical matter, death sentences don’t work. Yes, certainly, they ensure that the sinner doesn’t sin again, but they’re ineffective as a deterrent.

And, it can be costlier than life behind bars thanks to lengthy appeals.

Now, to the part I am loath to admit: Death is too easy.

There is in each of us a temptation to vengeance, and this is my confession. Somewhere deep inside my brain is a tiny cell where marauding angels (not the better sort) bicker and shout and curse the day. They sleep with spite and dream of malice, plotting revenge and delighting in the prospect of another’s suffering. *Forgive me, Father, for I know exactly what I’m doing here*

I’m recommending that it’s better to condemn Roof to a lifetime of suffering than to end his miserable life. Easing him to eternal rest does nothing to heal the wounds he has inflicted. But ensuring that he has to live every day for the rest of his life with the same horror, pain and, eventually, perhaps even recognition of the sorrows he caused is the punishment I wish for him. Life in prison without possibility of parole is what he deserves.

Although his guilty verdict and a life sentence in federal court would remand him to the relatively plush prison environment, not so a state prison where he could wind up. After this trial, Roof faces state charges on nine counts of first-degree murder. Again, his guilt isn’t in question, but his sentencing provides a fresh opportunity to debate his fate.

Perhaps the most important reason to spare his life is because this is what the victims’ family members say they prefer. These are the same folks who forgave Roof less than two days after the shootings when they faced him at his bond hearing.

Because they have found it in their fertile hearts to leave Roof’s fate to the final arbiter of justice, killing him would be a betrayal of their higher purpose and their faith in the power of redemption.

Pray the jurors see it this way.

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COMMENTARY

Tommy Mims remembered; 5th District political intrigue

I was reading our Friday obituary on the late Sumter County Sheriff Tommy Mims — <http://bit.ly/2hG41rO> — and was struck by what his wife, Diane, said was his favorite Bible verse: James 1:1-6.

“Diane Mims encourages others to read the passage as it may also bring them comfort,” our story notes. Here’s the verse:

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.

2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

3 because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.

4 Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

6 But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

I had a lot of dealings with Tommy during his time as sheriff, specifically from 1985-1997 when I was in the Sumter newsroom daily. We saw each other regularly throughout those years, and he would routinely come across the street to our offices or I would go over there. He was an outstanding sheriff and, like everyone in law enforcement, dealt with a lot of horrible human behavior.

Through it all, no matter how difficult the case, he was always available to edi-



Graham Osteen

tors and reporters and made it a point to be accountable to the public.

Local law enforcement is one of the most challenging and difficult jobs imaginable, and he always handled it with grace, calm and poise. That Bible verse he lived by suggests a great deal about how he did it.

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On the political front, it appears Sumter’s Fifth Congressional District will soon be getting a new U.S. House member up there in that swamp of waste and corruption known as Washington, D.C.

Republican U.S. Rep. Mick Mulvaney of Rock Hill has been “Trumped” to clean up the Office of Management and Budget, so the seat will be vacant.

There will be a special election and, according to local political elites, “it will be a crowded field.” Any Sumterite worth his or her salt knows the most important aspect of that sprawling district is Shaw Air Force Base. We like to hear our jets flying around these parts, and we don’t want anybody messing with Shaw Field.

Now I’m just doing some political speculating here, but it’s high time we had a Sumterite in that job.

In what passes for the modern era — since 1964 — we’ve had Thomas Gettys, a Rock Hill Democrat; Ken Holland, a Gaffney Democrat; John Spratt, a York Democrat; and Mulvaney, a

Lancaster Republican. In the Netflix series “House of Cards,” Kevin Spacey played the abominable Frank Underwood, who represented the district as a Democrat.

Everyone knows the entire Rock Hill region is really just a suburb of the sprawling nightmare known as Charlotte, making it more important than ever that a Sumter representative take over the seat and bring home the bacon to Sumter. I’m sorry, I meant they need to bring a unifying stability to the entire Fifth District.

Also, North Carolina politics is such a tangled mess that we don’t want any association with it down here. That Rock Hill crowd is basically in North Carolina.

The aforementioned local political elites are already secretly speculating about capable candidates, so stay tuned to your local community newspaper if you want to be “in the know” and “up to date” with all of this developing political intrigue.

And remember, if you see it on “Fakebook,” don’t believe it.

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Finally this week, thanks to everyone who came out for *The Sumter Item*’s ribbon-cutting event on Thursday. We appreciate the support and kind words from many local leaders. If you couldn’t make it, come by any time for a visit. You’re always welcome at 36 West Liberty St.

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Ave.
The Christian Golfers' Association (CGA) meets at 8 a.m. each Tuesday for Bible study at the CGA office in Dillon Park. Refreshments provided and golf after Bible study. Call (803) 773-2171.
UAW Eastern Carolina International Retirees Council meets at 10 a.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the VFW in Little River. All UAW retirees are welcome to attend. Call Bob Artus at (803) 481-3622.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
Monday, 6 p.m., district office, Summertown

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

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

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

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

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

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

The last word in astrology

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Listen carefully. Someone will withhold

pertinent information if you don't ask questions. Your diligence will be required if you want to bring about changes to improve your standard of living and open up doors that encourage greater opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take part in activities that are mentally stimulating. Travel, conferences and sharing ideas with people who are innovative and progressive will encourage new partnerships that will help bring about improvements to your community.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen carefully when it comes to emotional issues based on someone else's point of view. Try to get firsthand information from everyone involved before you take sides. Your reputation will depend on your ability to keep the peace.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A day trip or getting together with relatives, a friend or doing something with children will lead to interesting conversations that give you greater insight into new possibilities. An unusual offer will change the way you live.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Question any investment ideas and stick to what works best for you. Joint ventures will turn out to be costly and lead to emotional turmoil. Make personal alterations to your home and physical appearance or work on improving your skills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let your creative imagination take over. Explore new possibilities or revive an old plan you have yet to bring to fruition. Express your concerns as

well as your beliefs and you'll discover who is and isn't reliable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get physical. Do something that will challenge you to strive for perfection and excellence. Follow your heart and engage in activities that make you feel good and encourage you to be true to your beliefs and goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make changes to the way you do things, but get the approval of those affected by your decisions before you move forward. Change can be good, but only if it is well-thought-out and without conflict.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make a difference if you set priorities to include improving your community, environment and personal needs. It's up to you to start the ball rolling. A romantic gesture will have an impact on your personal life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make a change to your personal routine and you'll enhance your financial, legal or medical situation. Going against the odds isn't a wise choice, but finding the ins and outs and pursuing what's feasible will lead to gains.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Plan something energetic that will challenge you physically and touch you emotionally. Organize an event, activity or gathering that will please the people you care about most and allow you to show off what you're capable of doing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your energy is best put to good use. Put in extra hours at work or start a new project that will require your undivided attention. Try to avoid a misunderstanding with someone who is looking for an argument.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
A shower this afternoon	Cloudy with occasional rain	Cooler with rain at times	Mostly cloudy and chilly	Mostly cloudy and warmer	Rain, then a couple of showers
76°	45°	46° / 35°	45° / 37°	54° / 44°	62° / 41°
Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 55%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 75%
SW 10-20 mph	NNE 7-14 mph	NE 8-16 mph	NNE 6-12 mph	SW 3-6 mph	SSW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

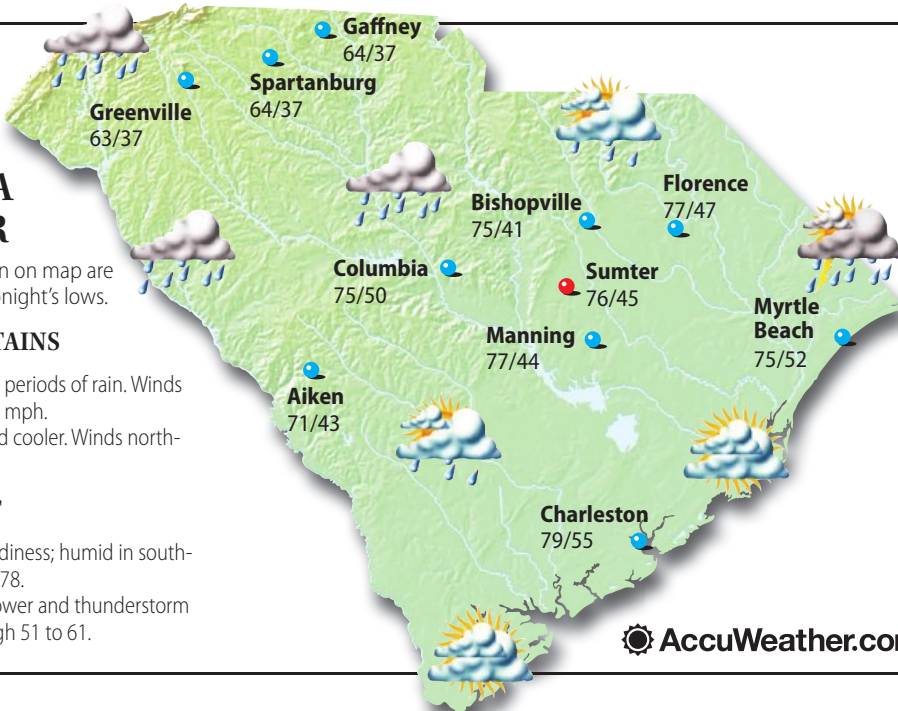
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Warmer with periods of rain. Winds west-northwest 6-12 mph.
Monday: Cloudy and cooler. Winds north-east 7-14 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Variable cloudiness; humid in southern parts. High 72 to 78.
Monday: Rain; a shower and thunderstorm in southern parts. High 51 to 61.



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SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	73°
Low	34°
Normal high	56°
Normal low	34°
Record high	76° in 1971
Record low	15° in 1958

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	trace
Month to date	2.20"
Normal month to date	1.73"
Year to date	47.45"
Last year to date	57.89"
Normal year to date	45.46"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	354.17	-0.02
Marion	76.8	73.96	+0.06
Moultrie	75.5	73.98	+0.03
Wateree	100	98.58	+0.09

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	9.35	+0.05
Congaree River	19	3.00	-0.50
Lynchies River	14	7.25	-0.01
Saluda River	14	2.62	-0.27
Up. Santee River	80	75.34	+0.09
Wateree River	24	4.34	-0.17

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:22 a.m.	Sunset	5:16 p.m.
Moonrise	10:32 p.m.	Moonset	11:05 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Dec. 20	Dec. 29	Jan. 5	Jan. 12

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:03 a.m.	3.0	6:42 a.m.	-0.3
	12:22 p.m.	3.3	7:23 p.m.	0.0
Mon.	12:58 a.m.	2.9	7:36 a.m.	0.0
	1:13 p.m.	3.1	8:15 p.m.	0.2

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	62/36/r	48/37/r
Chicago	6/-12/s	14/10/s
Dallas	33/19/s	37/27/s
Detroit	19/-3/pc	12/4/s
Houston	45/30/s	47/34/pc
Los Angeles	64/42/s	68/42/s
New Orleans	63/38/t	46/41/c
New York	56/23/r	32/24/pc
Orlando	86/67/pc	84/65/pc
Philadelphia	59/25/r	35/23/pc
Phoenix	62/42/s	68/44/s
San Francisco	51/39/s	54/41/s
Wash., DC	60/28/r	39/27/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	56/29/r	44/26/c
Athens	64/39/r	44/35/r
Augusta	75/52/c	53/39/r
Beaufort	78/55/c	56/41/r
Cape Hatteras	70/46/t	50/46/r
Charleston	79/55/c	56/39/r
Charlotte	66/37/r	41/29/r
Clemson	66/42/r	47/36/c
Columbia	75/50/c	52/37/r
Darlington	76/42/c	45/35/r
Elizabeth City	77/35/c	40/35/r
Elizabethtown	78/39/c	44/34/r
Fayetteville	77/41/c	42/33/r

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Florence	77/47/c	49/34/r
Gainesville	84/62/pc	79/56/pc
Gastonia	65/38/r	41/30/c
Goldsboro	77/40/c	41/33/r
Goose Creek	79/52/c	55/39/r
Greensboro	63/32/r	41/26/c
Greenville	63/37/r	43/31/c
Hickory	59/32/r	43/27/c
Hilton Head	74/54/c	58/42/r
Jacksonville, FL	83/59/pc	71/51/t
La Grange	68/37/r	49/42/r
Macon	71/44/t	51/41/r
Marietta	61/32/r	48/37/r

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Marion	58/31/r	43/26/c
Mt. Pleasant	76/54/c	57/40/r
Myrtle Beach	75/52/c	54/39/r
Orangeburg	75/46/c	51/37/r
Port Royal	76/54/c	58/42/t
Raleigh	70/37/c	38/29/r
Rock Hill	69/38/r	41/31/r
Rockingham	71/37/c	41/32/r
Savannah	80/57/c	58/41/t
Spartanburg	64/37/r	42/31/c
Summerville	78/50/c	55/38/r
Wilmington	77/46/c	47/35/r
Winston-Salem	61/34/r	41/26/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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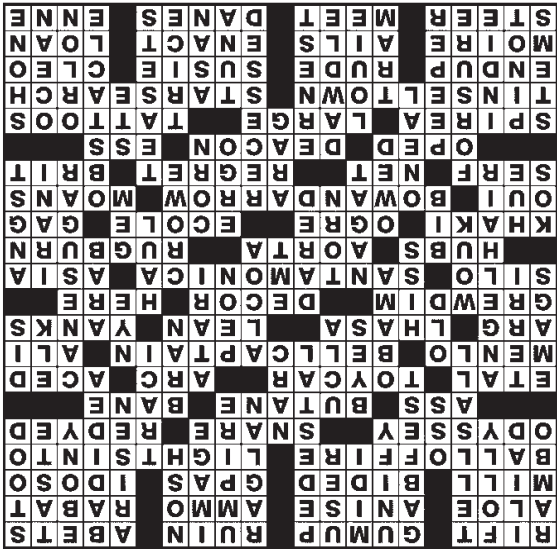
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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

ALL THE TRIMMINGS: Of a timely sort
By Gail Grabowski

ACROSS

- 1 Falling-out
- 5 Make a mess of
- 10 Make a mess of
- 14 Aids in a crime
- 19 Natural skin soother
- 20 Licorice-flavored herb
- 21 Cannonballs, for instance
- 22 Morocco's capital
- 23 Textile factory
- 24 ___ one's time (waited)
- 25 Data in coll. transcripts
- 26 Playground assertion
- 27 Human dynamo
- 29 Forcefully attacks
- 31 Tortuous journey
- 32 Capture
- 34 Tried a new hue
- 35 Obstinate beast
- 36 Camper's stove fuel
- 38 Thorn in one's side
- 39 Bibliography abbr.
- 42 Basement racer, perhaps
- 44 Episodic story line
- 45 Scored 100% on
- 49 ___ Park (Edison lab site)
- 51 Hotel employee
- 55 Aladdin prince
- 56 Sra. Perón's homeland
- 57 Tibet's capital
- 59 Low-fat
- 60 Pulls suddenly
- 62 Darkened
- 64 Interior design
- 66 "Take this"
- 67 Rural storehouse
- 68 Original locale of Muscle Beach
- 72 Much of the Old World
- 77 Major blood vessel
- 78 Rec-room scrape
- 80 Yellowish brown
- 82 Big brute
- 83 Parisian school
- 85 One-liner
- 86 Parisian "Cool!"
- 87 Archer's equipment
- 91 Complains, so to speak
- 93 Medieval drudge
- 95 Finish with
- 96 Be sorry about
- 98 Telly watcher
- 99 Essay page
- 101 Church officer
- 103 Half a figure eight
- 105 Ornamental shrub
- 108 Sweater size
- 109 Arm art
- 113 Hollywood nickname
- 115 Talent series once hosted by Ed McMa-

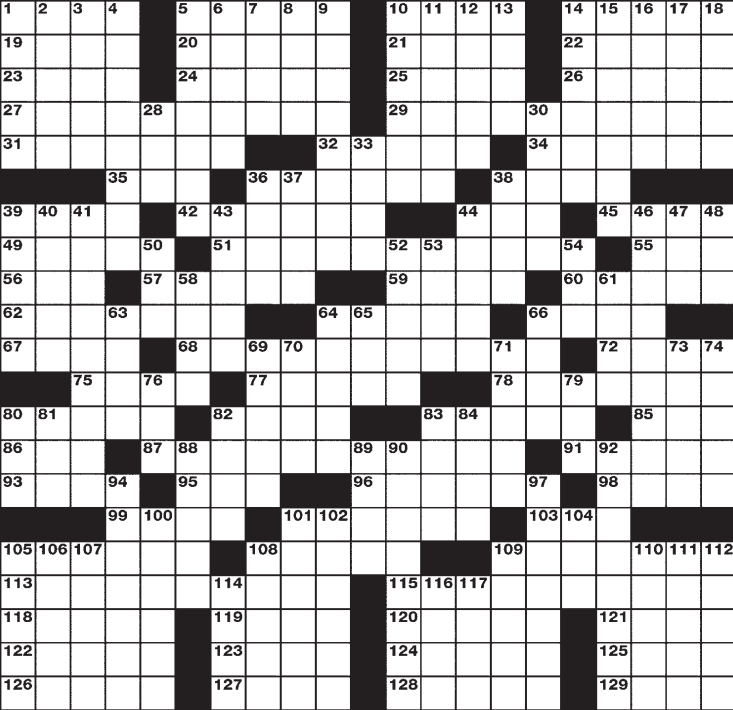


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- 118 Turn out to be
- 119 Not minding one's manners
- 120 Sleepyhead in an Everlys tune
- 121 Nile queen, for short
- 122 Ripply fabric pattern
- 123 Isn't oneself
- 124 Formally establish
- 125 Part of S&L
- 126 Range rover
- 127 Track event
- 128 Many Hamlet characters
- 129 Ending like -trix
- 1 Stallone's commando
- 2 Homeric epic
- 3 Imprudent activity
- 4 Blabs
- 5 Chatty get-together
- 6 Consolidate
- 7 Calf-length skirt
- 8 Tech support caller
- 9 Support for a statue
- 10 Loose overcoat
- 11 Tennis official
- 12 Celebrity's projection
- 13 Quick bite
- 14 Ascended
- 15 "You shouldn't do that"
- 16 Fine wood
- 17 Fashion sense
- 18 Gave up a seat
- 28 CIA forerunner
- 30 Bingham of Baywatch
- 33 Antidrug cop
- 36 Tourney passes
- 37 Golden St. campus
- 38 Wheat husk
- 39 Cyberzines
- 40 Country singer Gibbs

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- 46 Domino product
- 47 Beast on Michigan's flag
- 48 Belittle, so to speak
- 50 Long-established
- 52 Big name in wrap
- 53 Lowly worker
- 54 "Science Guy" of TV
- 58 Sound of steam
- 61 Syrian ___ Republic
- 63 The Winds of War author
- 64 Was bold
- 65 CPR expert
- 66 Transport by truck

- 69 Keep bothering
- 70 Struggling with choices
- 71 A Beautiful Mind star
- 73 Teheran native
- 74 Uneasy feeling
- 76 Preschooler's dinner wear
- 79 Masterpiece
- 80 Bout enders
- 81 Color-chart listing
- 82 Was indebted to
- 83 Hence
- 84 Edible ears
- 88 New Basketball Hall of Famer
- 89 Limp as ___
- 90 Took a trial break
- 92 Stumbling block
- 94 "Without a

- doubt!"
- 97 China-shop purchases
- 100 Baby bird
- 101 Take one's sweet time
- 102 Antarctic explorer Shackleton
- 104 Canonized femme: Abbr.
- 105 Parts of mushrooms
- 106 Wine grape
- 107 Non-studio film
- 108 Nephew of Donald Duck
- 109 Brief moment
- 110 First acrylic fiber
- 111 Porthole view
- 112 Excelled
- 114 Airport shuttle
- 116 Sushi staple
- 117 Strong ___ ox

SANTA MONICA's Muscle Beach (68 Across) is generally considered to be the birthplace of America's physical fitness boom. Aspirin was first isolated from a SPIREA plant (105 Across), which is why the word "aspirin" is derived from "spirea." Sir ERNEST Shackleton (102 Down) led three British expeditions to the Antarctic in the early part of the 20th century.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD



SUDOKU

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8	5	3	1	7	4	6	9	2
1	7	6	2	9	5	8	3	4
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If a tennis player is going to win consistently, he or she can't have a — FAULTY SERVE

SHRINE BOWL

Locals fare well in Shrine Bowl despite loss to N.C.

BY DANTZLER SMITH
Special to The Sumter Item

SPARTANBURG — A touch-down with 20 seconds left gave North Carolina a 17-10 victory over South Carolina in the 80th edition of the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas on Saturday at Wofford College's Gibbs Stadium.

The Sandlappers got off to a hot start, scoring a field goal on their opening possession and striking for seven points on their second possession when Westside High School quarterback Jackson Williamson found Union County's Shi Smith for a 43-yard touchdown pass. Smith, a South Carolina commitment, finished with 96 yards receiving.

Sumter's Daviyon McDaniel started at right tackle and was in on every play of both scoring drives. He was matched up against North Carolina defensive ends Justin Foster and Matthew Butler. Foster is a 4-star recruit headed to Clemson, while Butler is a 3-star with offers from South Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee and others.

"It was a great experience that prepares you for what college is going to be like," said McDaniel, who is committed to play at Charleston Southern. "They're definitely good players, but I feel like at Sumter High we get prepared for stuff like that every day."

Following the hot start, South Carolina's offense sputtered. The Sandlappers had just six first down in the game, and only two in the second half.

SEE SHRINE, PAGE B3

PREP SWIMMING

SHS' Simonson set to swim for Columbia College

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Tabitha Simonson grew up competing in amateur swim meets, and when she was old enough she added swimming for Sumter High School.

She did both through her sophomore year at SHS, qualifying in two events in the 4A state meet that year. However, she decided to swim only in high school events in her junior and senior years with the idea of winding down her career in competitive swimming.

"I didn't really think swimming in college would be an option for me," Simonson said.

Simonson was wrong about her future though as she recently signed last week to swim at Columbia College.

"It feels amazing to get this opportunity," Simonson said. "I'm going to work as hard as I can and do all I can do. I'm looking forward to it."

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PREP BASKETBALL

Balanced counterattack

Moore's big run plus all-around contributions help Sumter overcome Morant's 40 points in 69-64 victory over Knights



Sumter's Isaih Moore, left, swats the ball from Crestwood's Rakeem Massingill (3) during the Gamecocks' 69-64 victory on Friday at The Castle.

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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Isaih Moore knew the run was coming, he just didn't know when.

That's why the Sumter High School junior forward wanted to keep the momentum on the Gamecocks' side as long as he could.

Moore did his part by scoring 11 of his team-high 23 points in the third quarter as SHS built a double-digit lead. That, combined with going 9-for-12 from the free throw line in the final stanza, was enough to help Sumter overcome a 40-point night by Crestwood standout Ja Morant and hold on for a 69-64 varsity boys basketball victory at The Castle on Friday.

The win gives the Gamecocks a sweep of the season series and ups their overall mark to 5-2 on the season. The Knights fell to 9-2.

"I just wanted to keep the energy up and the momentum," Moore said of SHS' mindset after halftime. "We kind of lost it when Ja went on the run he did, but we were able to hold the ball at the end and get to the (free throw) line."

It was a come-from-behind victory for Sumter after Crestwood jumped to a 19-12 lead after the first quarter. However, Moore and company started to turn things around. He scored seven points in the second and 11 more in the third as the Gamecocks went on a 7-2 run. They built a 53-37 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

"He's shooting the ball well and starting to get the basket with more and more confidence," SHS head coach Shawn Jones said of Moore. "He's been playing well. Our

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USC MEN'S BASKETBALL



South Carolina's Duane Notice (10) shoots past South Florida's Luis Santos (42) during the first half of the No. 16 Gamecocks' 77-66 win on Saturday in Tampa, Fla. Notice scored 15 points.

Dozier, Notice send USC past South Florida 77-66

BY FRED GOODALL
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Frank Martin's uneasiness about how No. 16 South Carolina might respond to its first loss of the season was unfounded.

PJ Dozier and Duane Notice assured that, stepping up in the absence of leading scorer Sindarius Thornwell to help the Gamecocks (9-1) shrug off cold shooting and pull away to a 77-66 victory over South Florida on Saturday.

Dozier scored 11 of his 23 points in the closing minutes and Notice gave South Carolina a spark by contributing 14 of his 15 points after halftime to help the Gamecocks bounce back from last Monday's 67-64 loss to Seton Hall.

"It was my concern for this basketball team coming into this game, coming off our first loss, being so young, that some guys wouldn't handle it (well). Losing is an epidemic,

and losing is not good. And young people don't know how to handle losing," Martin said.

"It was our first experience as a team to go through it. I think we kind of came out and played the first half like somebody took our dog. We didn't have our enthusiasm, the fight that we've played with every single day out," Martin added.

"But I'm equally as pleased, I thought we played well in the second half as a basketball team. Different guys doing things. Obviously PJ continues to grow as a player here and do unbelievable things. But like I told him, it's also his challenge."

The Gamecocks (9-1) improved to 2-1 without Thornwell, who has been suspended indefinitely for violating athletic department policy.

"With Sind being out, we had only two seniors out on the floor. So as Coach said,

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP



Kentucky freshman Malik Monk poured in 47 points, including the go-ahead 3-pointer late in a 103-100 win over North Carolina on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Monk’s 47 lift No. 6 Kentucky against No. 7 North Carolina

LAS VEGAS — Malik Monk scored a Kentucky freshman record 47 points and hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 16.7 seconds left to lead the sixth-ranked Wildcats past No. 7 North Carolina 103-100 on Saturday in a thrilling showdown of traditional powers.

North Carolina’s Justin Jackson nearly outshined Monk with 34 points, and his basket with 45 seconds left put the Tar Heels (10-2) ahead after trailing much of the second half. Monk responded with a right-wing 3 in transition to put Kentucky up 101-100.

De’Aaron Fox added 24 points and 10 assists for the Wildcats (10-1).

(2) UCLA 86
OHIO STATE 73

LAS VEGAS — Aaron Holiday and Bryce Alford each scored 20 points and UCLA beat Ohio State to remain unbeaten.

Isaac Hamilton scored 17 points and T.J. Leaf added 13, including a steal and layup that sparked the decisive run for the Bruins (12-0) against the Buckeyes (8-3).

(18) BUTLER 83
(9) INDIANA 78

INDIANAPOLIS — Kelan Martin scored 28 points and

Kamar Baldwin added a season-high 14 for Butler (10-1) in the Crossroads Classic.

James Blackmon Jr. led Indiana (8-2) with 26 points.

(11) LOUISVILLE 87
EASTERN KENTUCKY 56

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Donovan Mitchell scored 15 points, Quentin Snider added 13 and Louisville (10-1) used a 20-0 run to close the first half for its fifth straight victory and 14th championship in 15 years in the Billy Minardi Classic.

The Colonels (6-6) were held scoreless for the final 7 minutes of the opening half.

(12) WEST VIRGINIA 112
UMKC 67

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Coach Bob Huggins earned his 800th win as West Virginia (9-1) used a 37-4 first-half run to cruise to the victory.

Huggins is the 10th coach to reach 800 wins.

(13) VIRGINIA 79
ROBERT MORRIS 39

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Devon Hall matched his career high with 13 points for Virginia in a rout of Robert Morris (3-9).

Freshman Kyle Guy also scored 13 points for the Cavaliers (9-1).

(15) PURDUE 86
(21) NOTRE DAME 81

INDIANAPOLIS — Caleb Swanigan had 26 points and 10 rebounds, Vincent Edwards added 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Purdue (9-2) won the Crossroads Classic.

Bonzie Colson had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Notre Dame (9-2).

(19) ARIZONA 67
TEXAS A&M 63

HOUSTON — Dusan Ristic tied a season-high with 18 points and Arizona (10-2) had to hold off a furious rally by Texas A&M (7-3) for its fourth straight win.

(23) FLORIDA STATE 83
MANHATTAN 67

SUNRISE, Fla. — Dwayne Bacon scored 16 points and Florida State (11-1) dominated Manhattan (3-8) inside to earn its seventh consecutive victory at the Orange Bowl Classic.

(25) CINCINNATI 119
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON 68

CINCINNATI — Kevin Johnson scored 18 points as Cincinnati (9-2) beat Fairleigh Dickinson (2-9) for the highest-scoring game of coach Mick Cronin’s 11-year career.

From wire reports

USC

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we’re young. We’re a young team and we’re just looking to grow,” Dozier said.

“We came out first half a little sluggish. We make our offense out of our defense and wasn’t doing that the first half,” the 6-foot-6 sophomore guard added. “We went into the locker room and Coach gave us that word that we needed and came out with the intensity we should have started with.”

Jahmal McMurray led USF (5-4) with 25 points. Malik Fitts had 12 points and Geno Thorpe finished with 11 points and nine rebounds for the Bulls, who led 37-31 at halftime.

South Carolina began the second half with a 17-9 burst to take a 48-41 lead. Dozier and Notice keyed the initial surge and Dozier took over down the stretch, when the Gamecocks led by as many as 13.

“We got, maybe, a little bit complacent. Didn’t come out with the fire that we had in the first half,” McMurray said. “The second half, we just have to ... come out with the same fire.”

THE BIG PICTURE

South Carolina, which has

its highest ranking since being No. 14 in the final poll of the 1997-98 season, obviously misses Thornwell, who leads them in assists, as well as scoring and rebounding. With Notice missing the first eight shots he attempted, including six from 3-point range, the Gamecocks trailed at halftime for the first time this season.

Not surprisingly, South Florida faded down the stretch. Luis Santos made a layup to trim South Carolina’s lead to 64-61 with 7 minutes left, however the Bulls didn’t score again from the field until Bo Zeigler’s basket with 29 seconds left.

FIRST BIG TEST

South Carolina is only Power 5 opponent USF is scheduled to face this season. The Bulls fell to 0-4 against ranked opponents under coach Orlando Antigua and have dropped 20 consecutive games to Top 25 opponents since knocking off No. 15 Louisville on the road on Feb. 29, 2012.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Gamecocks may lose some ground in the next AP poll, however, rebounding on the road — albeit against an opponent that’s had its share of problems against a weak schedule — will likely keep

the Gamecocks in the Top 25.

UNIENDO LOS TOROS

USF designated Saturday as Uniendo Los Toros, which in English translates to Uniting The Bulls. The game featured two of three Hispanic-American head coaches in NCAA Division I in South Carolina’s Martin and USF’s Antigua. Miami’s Jim Larranaga is the third. Early arrivals among the announced crowd of 2,489 at the Sun Dome received white T-shirts commemorating the occasion.

UP NEXT

South Carolina: Returns home to face intrastate rival Clemson on Wednesday.

South Florida: Faces Northern Illinois at home on Tuesday.

SOUTH CAROLINA (9-1)
Kotsar 5-6 1-3 11, Silva 3-4 0-2 6, Notice 4-12 3-4 15, McKie 3-13 2-2 9, Dozier 9-18 3-5 23, Holliman 0-1 2-2 2, Keita 0-0 0-0 0, Gueye 0-0 0-0 0, Tut 0-1 0-0 0, Felder 3-7 2-2 11. Totals 27-62 13-20 77.

SOUTH FLORIDA (5-4)
Fitts 4-8 3-5 12, Da Silva 2-2 0-0 4, Guerrero 0-0 0-0 0, Thorpe 3-13 5-6 11, McMurray 8-17 4-6 25, Santos 1-3 3-5 5, Manderson 0-1 0-0 0, Zeigler 2-3 1-3 5, Bodway 0-1 0-0 0, Bibby 1-2 2-2 4. Totals 21-50 18-27 66.

Halftime—South Florida 37-31. 3-Point Goals, South Carolina 10-25 (Notice 4-10, Felder 3-6, Dozier 2-4, McKie 1-5), South Florida 6-11 (McMurray 5-7, Fitts 1-2, Thorpe 0-1, Bibby 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—South Carolina 29 (Kotsar 9), South Florida 36 (Thorpe 9). Assists—South Carolina 18 (Felder, Dozier 5), South Florida 5 (Fitts 2). Total Fouls—South Carolina 21, South Florida 18. A—2,489 (10,411).

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP



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San Diego State’s Donnel Pumphrey (19) set the NCAA rushing record with 6,405 yards, surpassing Ron Dayne in the Aztecs’ 34-10 win over Houston in the Las Vegas Bowl on Saturday.

Pumphrey sets rushing record

LAS VEGAS — Donnel Pumphrey broke the NCAA career rushing record Saturday, running for 115 yards and a touchdown in San Diego State’s 34-10 victory over Houston in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Pumphrey passed former Wisconsin star Ron Dayne’s mark of 6,397 yards on a 15-yard run early in the fourth quarter, with teammates swarming him on the sideline, and wrapping up his sensational career in his Nevada hometown with 6,405 yards. Pumphrey’s senior total of 2,133 yards rushing ranks in the top 10 for FBS.

Ron Smith returned an interception 54 yards for a touchdown, Curtis Anderson caught a 28-yard touchdown pass from Christian Chapman and Juwan Washington ran for a touchdown for the Aztecs (11-3), who overcame an early 10-0 deficit against the Cougars (9-4).

CAMELLIA BOWL

APPALACHIAN STATE 31

TOLEDO 28

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Marcus Cox rushed for 143 yards and a touchdown and Michael Rubino kicked the go-ahead 39-yard field goal to lift Appalachian State past Toledo (9-4) in the Camellia Bowl.

The Mountaineers (10-3) won on a late field goal for the second straight year, this one coming with 5:14 left.

Toledo’s Jameson Vest pushed a 30-yard field goal attempt wide right with 1:48 remaining.

NEW MEXICO BOWL

NEW MEXICO 23

TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO 20

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Richard McQuarley had two short touchdown runs and New Mexico won a bowl for the second time in a half-century, topping Texas-San Antonio (6-7).

Lamar Jordan ran for 81 yards and threw a 34-yard pass to Dameon Gamblin that set up McQuarley’s 1-yard burst for a 23-13 lead in the fourth quarter. The Lobos (9-4) gave coach Bob Davie his first bowl win.

CURE BOWL

ARKANSAS STATE 31

CENTRAL FLORIDA 13

ORLANDO, Fla. — Justice Hansen threw three touchdown passes to Kendall Sanders to help Arkansas State beat UCF in the AutoNation Cure Bowl.

Hansen completed 12 of 26 passes for 205 yards. The Red Wolves (8-5) sealed it when they went up 31-13 on Sanders’ 17-yard reception early in the fourth quarter.

CELEBRATION BOWL

GRAMBLING STATE 10

NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL 9

ATLANTA — Grambling State (11-1) won the Celebration Bowl when it blocked an extra-point kick set back 15 yards by an excessive celebration with just over two minutes left, holding off North Carolina Central (9-3).

Joseph McWilliams surged in and swatted Brandon McLaren’s 35-yard try with 2:14 remaining.

DIVISION II CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTHWEST MISSOURI 29

NORTH ALABAMA 3

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Kyle Zimmerman passed for 100 yards and Northwest Missouri State (15-0) plowed over North Alabama (11-2) in snow-globe conditions to win its second straight NCAA Division II title and record sixth overall. Randy Schmidt added 96 yards rushing.

From wire reports

SIMONSON

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Simonson was considering going to Columbia College before the swimming opportunity came long. However, there was a bit of fate involved during a college day held at Sumter High earlier this school year.

“I had on my Sumter High swim team shoot and the person from Columbia College saw it,” Simonson said. “She told me the school had a swim team and that I should look into it.”

Simonson soon heard from Columbia College head coach Jason Gallaher and now she will be swimming for the Koalas.

Simonson qualified in the 500-yard freestyle and the 200 individual medley as a sophomore.

The Columbia College program is in its fourth year of existence, but it is one of the best in the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics. Columbia College was ranked 10th in the first NAIA poll of the season.

Columbia College is a member of the Appalachian Athletic Conference.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

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

9:20 a.m. – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Bayern Munich vs. Darmstadt 98 (FOX SPORTS 2).

10:55 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Arsenal vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

11 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Burnley vs. Tottenham (CNBC).

11 a.m. – College Basketball: Penn State at St. John’s (FOX SPORTS 1).

11:30 a.m. – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Ingolstadt vs. Bayer Leverkusen (FOX SPORTS 2).

Noon – College Basketball: Miami at Central Florida (ESPN).

1 p.m. – NFL Football: Pittsburgh at Cincinnati (WLTX 19).

1 p.m. – Professional Basketball: NBA Development League Game – Teams To Be Announced (NBA TV).

1 p.m. – College Basketball: Mercer at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).

2 p.m. – Women’s College Basketball: UCLA at South Carolina (ESPN2, WNKT-FM 107.5).

2 p.m. – College Basketball: Gardner-Webb at Nebraska (ESPN).

3 p.m. – Women’s College Basketball: Stanford at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).

4 p.m. – NFL Football: San Francisco at Atlanta (WACH 57).

4 p.m. – College Basketball: Gonzaga vs. Tennessee from Nashville, Tenn. (ESPN2).

4 p.m. – College Basketball: Clemson vs. Alabama from Birmingham, Ala. (ESPN, WWBD-FM 94.7).

4:25 p.m. – NFL Football: New England at Denver (WLTX 19).

4:30 p.m. – College Basketball: John Brown at Baylor (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

5 p.m. – Women’s College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).

6 p.m. – College Basketball: Texas Southern at Texas Christian (ESPN).

8:20 p.m. – NFL Football: Tampa Bay at Dallas (WIS 10, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).

MONDAY

2:30 p.m. – College Football: Miami Beach Bowl from Miami – Central Michigan vs. Tulsa (ESPN).

2:55 p.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Liverpool vs. Everton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

2:55 p.m. – International Soccer: Portuguese League Match – GD Chaves vs. Porto (UNIVISION).

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

7 p.m. – College Basketball: Tennessee State at Duke (ESPN2).

7 p.m. – College Basketball: Eastern Michigan at Syracuse (ESPN).

7 p.m. – College Basketball: St. Francis (Pa.) at Marquette (FOX SPORTS 1).

7 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Detroit at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

7 p.m. – Women’s College Basketball: Virginia at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).

8 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Phoenix at Minnesota (NBA TV).

8:15 p.m. – NFL Football: Carolina at Washington (ESPN, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

9 p.m. – College Basketball: Stanford at Southern Methodist (ESPN2).

9 p.m. – College Basketball: Southern Mississippi at Mississippi State (ESPN).

9 p.m. – College Basketball: South-east Missouri State at DePaul (FOX SPORTS 1).

9 p.m. – College Basketball: Bradley at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).

NFL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	11	2	0	.846	349	230
Miami	8	5	0	.615	281	301
Buffalo	6	7	0	.462	325	301
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	229	324
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	6	0	.538	229	274
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	321	306
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	328	333
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	240	338
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	317	256
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	279	237
Cincinnati	5	7	1	.423	268	269
Cleveland	0	13	0	.000	207	375
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	302	255
Oakland	10	3	0	.769	358	320
Denver	8	5	0	.615	296	242
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	350	347

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	11	2	0	.846	340	238
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	255	244
Washington	7	5	1	.577	330	317
Philadelphia	5	8	0	.385	290	272
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	8	5	0	.615	428	345
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	293	296
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	358	351
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	311	337
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	9	4	0	.692	295	268
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	333	312
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	258	225
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	221	290
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	8	4	1	.654	274	232
Arizona	5	7	1	.423	299	277
Los Angeles	4	9	0	.308	194	304
San Francisco	1	12	0	.077	251	393
x-clinched playoff spot						

THURSDAY’S GAME

Los Angeles at Seattle, 8:25 p.m.

SATURDAY’S GAME

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY’S GAMES

Philadelphia at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Tennessee at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.
New England at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
Oakland at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY’S GAME

Carolina at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 4:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:25 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 26

Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	18	8	.692	—
Boston	14	12	.538	4
New York	14	12	.538	4
Brooklyn	7	18	.280	10½
Philadelphia	6	20	.231	12
SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	13	.519	—
Atlanta	13	13	.500	½
Washington	11	14	.440	2
Orlando	12	16	.429	2½
Miami	9	18	.333	5
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	18	6	.750	—
Milwaukee	13	12	.520	5½
Detroit	14	14	.500	6
Chicago	13	13	.500	6
Indiana	13	14	.481	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	21	5	.808	—
Houston	20	7	.741	1½
Memphis	18	10	.643	4
New Orleans	9	19	.321	13
Dallas	6	20	.231	15
NORTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	17	10	.630	—
Oklahoma City	15	11	.577	1½
Portland	13	15	.464	4½
Denver	10	16	.385	6½
Minnesota	7	18	.280	9
PACIFIC DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	23	4	.852	—
L.A. Clippers	20	7	.741	3
Sacramento	10	16	.385	12½
L.A. Lakers	11	18	.379	13
Phoenix	8	18	.308	14½

AREA ROUNDUP

Wilson Hall girls fall to Northwood 71-24

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall’s varsity girls basketball team lost to Northwood Academy 71-24 in the championship game of the Home Pest Control Tournament on Saturday at the Heathwood Hall gymnasium.

Diamond Crawford led the Lady Barons, who are 7-4 on the season, with 11 points. Mary Daniel Stokes added seven.

Prescilla Delaney led Northwood with 23 points.

In Friday’s first-round game, WH defeated Heathwood 49-33. Cameron Duffy led Wilson Hall with 12 points while grabbing six rebounds and coming up with five steals. Crawford had 10 points, Stokes had nine points and four steals and Liza Segars had five points, seven rebounds, four assists and five steals.

LAKEWOOD 72
CAMDEN 40

CAMDEN — Ki’Ari Cain scored 21 points and Lashala Harvin had 20 to lead Lakewood High School to a 72-40 victory over Camden on Friday at the CHS gymnasium.

Cain also had eight steals, six assists and three rebounds and Harvin had four steals. Rahteisha Burgess had 16 points and seven steals and Serena Choice had six points and six rebounds.

THOMAS SUMTER 55
LAURENCE MANNING 21

MANNING — Thomas Sumter Academy defeated Laurence Manning Academy 55-21 on Friday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Bree Stoddard scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds for the Lady Generals. Aubrey Stoddard scored 12 points and Taja Hunley had 10. Caetlyn Martin had nine points while Logan Morris had eight points, eight rebounds, eight assists and three steals.

Cora Lee Downer led LMA with seven points.

CHESTERFIELD 55
LEE CENTRAL 40

CHESTERFIELD — Lee Central fell to 1-1 in Region IV-2A with a 55-40 loss to Chesterfield on Friday at the Chesterfield gymnasium.

A’Yannah Lucas had a double-double of 16 points and 18 rebounds for the Lady Stallions. Jiah Serving added 13 points and three steals.

JV BASKETBALL
LEE CENTRAL 32
CHESTERFIELD 21

ers scored 12 points to lead Lee Central to a 32-21 victory over Chesterfield on Thursday at the LC gymnasium.

Nae Wesley added seven points and Nicah Johnson had six for the Lady Stallions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL
BATES 26
CHESTNUT OAKS 25

Bates improved to 3-3 with a 26-25 victory over Chestnut Oaks on Thursday at the Bates gymnasium.

Kayla Williams led the Lady Bantams with 11 points. Malaisa Rhodes added six points and seven rebounds.

BOYS
VARSITY BASKETBALL
LAURENCE MANNING 68
THOMAS SUMTER 26

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy varsity boys basketball team defeated Thomas Sumter Academy 68-26 on Friday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Terrell Houston led the Swampcats, who improved to 9-3, with 12 points. Nazir Andino added 11.

Kyle Decker led TSA with nine points.

B TEAM BASKETBALL
SUMTER 43

ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON 31

Cardrelle Cooper and Tylik Craft each scored 14 points to lead the Sumter High School to a 43-31 victory over Orangeburg-Wilkinson on Thursday at the SHS gymnasium.

Anthony Dinkins-McCall added eight points for the Gamecocks, who improved to 4-1.

JV BASKETBALL
LEE CENTRAL 41
CHESTERFIELD 29

BISHOPVILLE — Javontae McCloud had 21 points, four steals and four assists to lead Lee Central to a 41-29 victory over Chesterfield on Thursday at the LC gymnasium.

De’Ablo Halley added eight points, seven rebounds and five steals for the Stallions.

LAURENCE MANNING 50
THOMAS SUMTER 33

MANNING — Chase Lee scored 19 points to lead Laurence Manning Academy to a 50-33 victory over Thomas Sumter Academy on Friday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

Billy Colquitt led TSA with 12 points.



Crestwood’s Tyanna Saunders (10) tries to work around Sumter’s Quanjenae Broughton (14) during the Lady Knights’ 62-31 victory on Friday at The Castle.

SUMTER

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bench was great tonight, too. Tylik (Sibblies-Simon) is really leading us and getting people in the places they need to be. All of our guys went in there and we didn’t miss a beat.”

Balanced scoring was another big key for Sumter. Sibblies-Simon added 14 points, Raymond Johnson had eight and the Gamecocks had nine players find the basket.

“A lot of balance,” Jones said. “We didn’t turn the ball over much, which is big for us, and we did a good job on the boards.”

Moore also had eight rebounds, including four in the second quarter in which SHS outrebounded the Knights 14-7.

“Sumter got an opportunity to make second shots and we didn’t,” CHS head coach Dwayne Edwards said. “We felt like we just didn’t maintain them off the backboards enough, and we didn’t do a good job at times of taking care of the basketball in the first half and that hurt us a little bit.”

A lack of balance also hurt the Knights offensively. They scored just seven points in the momentum-changing second quarter and all but 10 points came from Morant and Dakota Jennings, who finished with 14. Morant also had eight rebounds while Jennings finished with nine.

Morant put up 12 in the first quarter and had 20 in the fourth. He and Jennings combined for 25 points in the last quarter as Crestwood tried furiously to erase what was a 15-point deficit at one time. However, with Sumter’s free throw shooting, the Knights were unable to pull any closer than six for most of the second half before finally pulling within 67-64 with 6.2 seconds remaining.

“Night in, night out he’s a good player, but we’ve got to have other people step up and contribute on the

offensive side of the ball,” Edwards said of Morant. “We couldn’t trade stops at the end trying to claw our way back, so give Sumter credit.”

It was a big second-quarter run that propelled the Crestwood girls past Sumter for the second time this season as the Lady Knights improved to 11-0 with a 62-31 victory.

CHS outscored the Lady Gamecocks 14-6 in the second and 32-13 in the second half. Jah’Che Whitfield led three Crestwood players in double figures with 19 points followed by Destiny Jamison with 18 and Tyanna Saunders with 10. Saunders added eight rebounds.

“We started watching the ball too much in the first quarter and not playing, not reacting quick enough,” Lady Knights head coach Tony Wilson said. “But we adjusted in the second half. We work on our 1-2-2 press a lot in practice and we know with our team speed we can give some teams trouble.”

It wasn’t so much the pressure defense as it was what Sumter was unable to do afterward, SHS head coach Frances Fields said.

“When we broke it and got to halfcourt, we just didn’t play basketball up to our ability,” said Fields, whose team dropped to 1-6. “We’re learning. We’ve got to learn to stop other teams’ runs so that we can go on runs of our own.”

Freshman Tamerah Brown led Sumter with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Carnasia Wells followed with six points.

Both Sumter squads will be in action again on Monday as they travel to North Augusta High School to compete in the Second Annual Savannah River Shootout Christmas Classic. The Crestwood girls will compete in District 9 Officials Tournament being held at The Castle and Chestnut Oaks Middle School on Dec. 27-29. The Crestwood boys will compete in the Carolina Classic on Dec. 28-31 in Florence.

PREP FOOTBALL

Chapman nips Dillon for 1st title

COLUMBIA — Carlos Montalvo-Corra hit a 43-yard field goal with 9:30 left and Chapman held on to defeat four-time defending state champion Dillon for a 29-27 victory in the South Carolina Class 3A high school championship, the Panthers’ first ever football title.

Dillon, which won its state championships at Class 2A level before getting reclassified this season, looked like it would continue the run when it took a 27-24 lead on Brayden Hawkins 19-yard touchdown pass to Murishi Irankunda late in the third quarter.

The Panthers (12-3) inched closer with a safety to start the final period, then hung on after Montalvo-Corra’s kick. Chapman allowed Dillon only 71 yards on four fourth-quarter drives after the go-ahead field goal.

DJ Twitty ran for 202 yards and two touchdowns for Chapman.

Johnny Hawkins led Dillon with 188 yards rushing and two TDs.

CLASS AAAA
SOUTH POINTE 51
HARTSVILLE 28

COLUMBIA — Derion Kendrick threw five touchdown passes — three to Steve Gilmore — as South Pointe won its third consecutive state title with a victory over Hartsville in the Class 4A championship.

Kendrick had TD throws of 54, 17 and 45 yards to Gilmore, the younger brother of Bufalo Bills defensive back Stephon Gilmore, all of them in the second quarter. Kendrick closed the second quarter with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Scott Robinson as the Stallions (15-1) took a 30-14 halftime lead.

Jalen Pickett-Hicks picked up a fumble and scored from 37 yards early in the third quarter for Hartsville (13-2).

Tiyon Evans rushed for 264 yards and a TD for Hartsville (13-2). Kendrick finished 18-of-28 passing for 261 yards. Gilmore had six catches for 135 yards.

In the Class AAAAA title game, Dutch Fork defeated Boiling Springs 28-21.

From wire reports

SPORTS ITEMS

Minnesota team ends boycott threat, will go to Holiday Bowl

MINNEAPOLIS — The University of Minnesota football team’s boycott started with a bold demand for apologies and a threat to skip a bowl game if 10 teammates suspended after a sexual assault investigation weren’t reinstated.

It ended less than 36 hours later, the university leadership never blinking, and the players backing down amid pressure from many who read details of the allegations.

The Golden Gophers players announced Saturday morning that they planned to play in the Holiday Bowl, rescinding their boycott after two exhausting days of meetings with attorneys, school President Eric Kaler and athletic director Mark Coyle.

“As a team we understand that what has occurred these last few days and playing football for the University of Minnesota is larger than just us,” receiver Drew Wolitarsky said.

The school declined the players’ request to reinstate the suspended players. The team will now go ahead with its Dec. 27 game against Wash-

ington State in San Diego after getting assurances that those accused will get a fair hearing next month.

Wolitarsky, reading from a statement, said after many hours of team discussion and speaking with Kaler, “it became clear that our original request of having the 10 suspensions overturned was not going to happen.”

And many of the players who made the initial stand Thursday had not read the university’s 82-page report detailing the woman’s specific allegations.

THUNDER 114
SUNS 101

OKLAHOMA CITY — Russell Westbrook had a career-high 22 assists in his 50th triple-double, helping the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Phoenix Suns.

Westbrook also had 26 points and 11 rebounds for his 13th triple-double of the season. Steven Adams had 19 points for Oklahoma City.

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PRO FOOTBALL

Rivera: Newton questionable, expected to play vs. Redskins

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera says Cam Newton is “good to go” Monday night against the Washington Redskins although he’s listed as questionable on the injury report with a right shoulder injury.

“He moved around pretty well out there in practice,” Rivera said Saturday.

Newton had an MRI this week that revealed no series damage. Rivera has limited Newton’s reps this week as a precaution.

Newton has passed for 2,774

yards with 15 touchdowns and nine interceptions this season. He’s also rushed for 317 yards and five touchdowns.

Kelvin Benjamin is also listed as questionable with a back injury, but Rivera said he looked good in practice and expects the receiver to play.

Middle linebacker Luke Kuechly’s status remains unclear. He participated full in practice again, but remains in the concussion protocol and is listed as questionable.

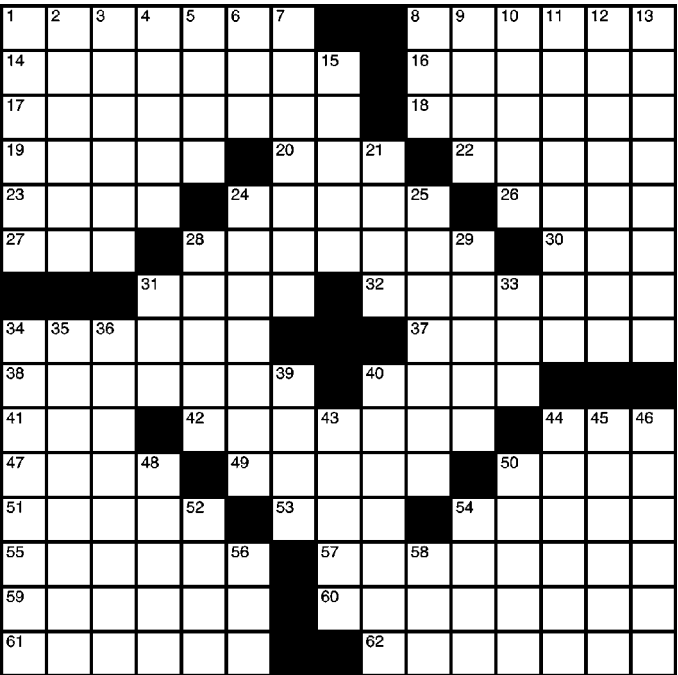
Defensive end Charles Johnson (hamstring) and right tackle Daryl Williams (ankle) are out.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Carolina quarterback Cam Newton is nursing a shoulder injury, but should play on Monday.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By David C. Duncan Dekker 12/17/16

ACROSS

1 Bud holder

8 Horrified

14 Symbol on viola sheet music

16 One who always finds himself over a barrel?

17 Pessimistic sort

18 Take down

19 Kitchen counter

20 Ball

22 Guy

23 “The Dukes of Hazzard” deputy

24 __ Penh

26 Disorderly conduct

27 Excitable toon canine

28 Examines informally

30 Who, in Quebec

31 Product of New Orleans

32 Do

34 Little squirt

37 “Sure, why not?”

38 Parti-colored

40 Passed perfectly

41 So-so connection?

42 Process of elimination

44 Links org.

47 Truck parts

49 “The Martian” star

50 Links mounds

51 Option for a return

53 Moses, for one

54 Reznor of Nine Inch Nails

55 Destructive beetles

57 Message to a loser

59 Zealous

60 It can help with the healing process

61 Concluded one’s case

62 Sooner or later

10 Optimistic sort

11 Quilting technique

12 Smash hits, often

13 Pacts

15 __ Ferdinand, whose assassination set off WWI

21 Nod

24 At a loss

25 Salma Hayek, by birth

28 Doha is its capital

29 Franklin Mint founder Joseph

31 Spinnaker relative

33 Jersey chew

34 Elongated key

35 Sleeveless smock

36 Cards nickname

39 Key of Beethoven’s Violin Concerto: Abbr.

40 Professions

43 Homer’s final character?

44 Mad

45 Family subdivisions

46 Off the mark

48 Hard weather to deal with

50 Cache of cash, perhaps

52 Seaside glider

54 Brim

56 Norm: Abbr.

58 Stock response?

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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ARWEF

PLUSTC

GAVEOY

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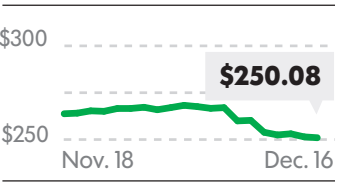
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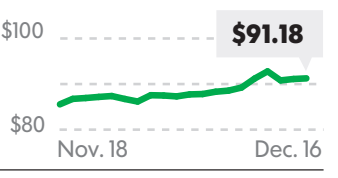
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President-elect Donald Trump on Monday called the company's F-35 program costs "out of control." Just like Boeing the previous week, its stock price dropped after the comment and reached December's low.



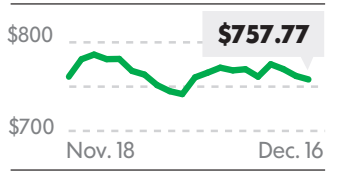
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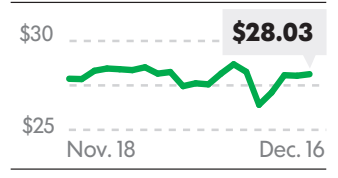
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The online retailer's first drone delivery was made to to an actual customer on Wednesday, dropping off a Fire TV device and a bag of popcorn. Amazon is gathering safety data in a bid to expand the program.



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"Banks ... do not want to open accounts for people who do not repay their overdrafts."

Nessa Feddis, senior vice president of the American Bankers Association

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- ▶ Apply for a prepaid debit card. Although they typically come with fees and don't give you access to many features that come with bank accounts, prepaid debit cards can be a good alternative.

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Did you 'account' for any changes?

Mark Grandstaff
Special for USA TODAY

If you "set and forget" your personal accounts, you could be leaving a lot of money on the table. The terms of bank and credit card accounts and auto insurance often change. It pays to re-read the fine print to make sure those accounts are still the best choices, said Brad Barber, associate dean for the Graduate School of Management at UC Davis.

BANK ACCOUNTS

For bank account holders, that might mean going without overdraft protection. It sounds counter-intuitive, but overdraft protection temporarily allows purchases even if they put the account in a negative balance. This "protection" incurs fees with every such transaction, and they can add up fast. Consumers should stick to financial institutions that offer free checking accounts. A recent Bankrate study showed 76% of credit unions offer free checking, compared to 37% of banks, she said.

AUTO INSURANCE

"Make sure you're comparing apples to apples when you go to other companies," said Paul Golden, spokesman for the National Endowment for Financial Education. "You're very likely going to want to have comparable coverage." If a consumer stays on top of their car maintenance and enjoys a history of safe driving, they might look to lower costs by increasing their deductible, he said.

CREDIT CARDS

As for credit cards, consumers should make sure their accounts fit their spending patterns. A card's annual percentage rate and list of rewards are more relevant to someone who makes frequent purchases and runs a balance than for someone who uses their card infrequently, Golden said. Credit history counts for 15% of your credit score, Golden said, and an account holder might be penalized for dropping a long-standing credit card account for a newer one.

Q I began collecting Social Security at 62. I am now 64. Can my wife, who will be 62 in January, begin to collect Social Security under her earnings record and then when she turns 66 change to collect under mine? Her benefit from mine at 66 would be greater than hers.

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Special to USA TODAY



She cannot, says Joe Elsasser, a certified financial planner and president of Covisum. "When she files, she will automatically receive her own benefit, plus any extra that would be due

her as a spousal benefit," Elsasser says. "This is a concept called 'deeming.' Effectively, when someone files prior to full retirement age, or at any age if they were born on or after Jan. 2, 1954, they are treated as though they had filed for both retirement benefits and spousal benefits."

Robert Powell is editor of Retirement Weekly, contributes regularly to USA TODAY, The Wall Street Journal and MarketWatch. Got questions about money? Email rpowell@allthingsretirement.com.

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Caring about your job is in your interest

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Peter Dunn
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You're supposed to care about the success of your employer. No, I didn't just leave an underwhelming experience with a disgruntled retail worker. And I'm not just some middle-aged man griping about a high school kid who mumbled to me at the local electronics store. I'll air those grievances to the appropriate audience at the appropriate time (Christmas eve with my family). Instead, I'm a person in the financial industry who sees the negative impact of not caring. It's in your best interest to truly care about your job and your employer. Personal pride is reason enough, but sadly it doesn't have enough teeth these days. At the most elementary level, you should care about the success of your employer so you can keep your job. The basic employment construct illustrates this point. You, the worker, gives your time and effort to your employer. Then, your employer compensates you for your time and effort. As long as your efforts result in profits, you keep your job. It's almost always been this way. But little do you know how much the importance of your caring has changed. Prior to the 1980s, your retirement success was mostly dependent upon the company you worked for, primarily in the form of a defined benefit plan (pen-

sion). You worked your entire life for the company, and when you hung-up your work boots or your briefcase, the company kept paying you a significant portion of your work income, until the day you died. And after you died, they paid your spouse until your spouse died. Because your employer made the contributions to the pension, your only role in the retirement equation was to keep your job, and to stay interested in the ongoing success of the company. In 1975, nearly 88 percent of workers in the private sector had a pension and the reality I just described. The company needed you to care so they could remain profitable and fund your retirement. Then, along came the 1980s and the shift to defined contribution plans (401k, etc). The company still needed you to care, because they still needed to remain profitable, so they could continue to exist and you could continue to have a job. But the retirement onus completely shifted to the American worker. Prior to this shift, you could successfully retire without having really done anything to contribute to a successful retirement. You can't get away with that today. It's been nearly 40 years, but no one seems to have figured this out. Retirement plan participation rates and contribution levels prove workers don't understand their own role in their own retirement, don't care, or are simply masochists. Caring matters a lot more now. You need your employer to "hit their numbers" so you can retire. But of course, it's not nearly that simple. The company wants you to



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If a financial wellness program doesn't establish goals, create a plan to achieve them, and drive net worth higher, it's a waste of time and money.

care deeply about their financial goals. But why would an employee care about his company's goals when the company doesn't care about his goals? I call this the circle of engagement. You want the company to care deeply about your financial goals. However, like millions of Americans, you haven't accepted the fact that your chances at re-

irement success fall solely on you, thus you haven't set specific financial goals to achieve retirement success. At this point the circle of engagement breaks down, because your employer can't possibly care about goals you haven't even defined for yourself. Financial wellness fixes the broken circle of engagement. It helps employees define their fi-

nancial goals, put together a plan to fund them, then shows employers how to rally around them. Your employer asks you to care about their goals, you ask them to care about your goals, and everyone complies. They care because you care. Or you care because they care. It's a circle, it's beautiful, and it works.

As bold as it may be, the next time your employer asks for buy-in on their goals, ask them for buy-in on your goals. You'll both be better for it.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Is it worth it? Unlocked phone offers options

Rob Pegoraro
Special for USA TODAY

A phone purchase now looks less phony, courtesy of a spike in sales of smartphones that don't come locked to a wireless service. That should be good news — unless you like preinstalled bloatware and punitive international-roaming charges. The market-research firm NPD Group reported Monday that unlocked phones make up 12% of the U.S. market. That represents a remarkable turnaround. Until 2013, carrier pricing punished shoppers who brought their own devices instead of buying them from the service — and locked to it — at prices subsidized by higher service fees. T-Mobile's groundbreaking move to dump phone subsidies and their two-year contracts has since pushed AT&T, Sprint and Verizon Wireless to do likewise. But the rise of manufacturer-to-customer sales of unlocked phones took longer than many had hoped. "Unlocked phone adoption began growing in the last 18 months or so," NPD analyst Brad Akyuz wrote in an e-mail. He credited increased online phone shopping (NPD's tracking of purchases found that 51 percent of unlocked phones were bought online) and such Apple direct-to-customer retail options as the iPhone Upgrade Program. NPD found that 35% of unlocked phones ran iOS, versus 65 percent for Google's Android. Among unlocked Android phones, Akyuz and analysts Jan Dawson of Jackdaw Research

Straight-to-buyer sales of smart phones makes up 12% of market, and growing

and Carolina Milanese of Creative Strategies separately pointed to Blu Products, which sells unlocked phones only on Amazon — some reserved for Amazon Prime subscribers at prices subsidized by lock-screen ads. Akyuz also noted the popularity of cheaper prepaid wireless services that often don't sell high-end devices — using an iPhone or a Google Pixel with them may demand buying it yourself. "We are seeing unlocked prepaid device adoption hitting as high as 25 percent depending on the carrier," Akyuz said. The benefits of unlocked phones extend beyond a wider selection and cheaper choices. They also liberate you to switch carriers at will — and buy cheap prepaid service for international travel instead of paying costlier roaming fees. Unlocked Android phones also ship without the extra apps carriers preload, and which you usually can't remove. And Android updates should arrive a little faster without carriers subjecting those patches to their own tests before sending them to phones. The traditional downside of unlocked phones has giving up a carrier's installment-plan — financing — as Milanese said, they make "consumers realize the real price of phones." But with Apple and now Google offering interest-free installment-plan payments on their own unlocked phones, that reason is going away too.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



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With Fed hike done deal, economists eye next one

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The long-awaited interest rate hike is history after the Federal Reserve finally pulled the trigger last week for just the second time in a decade. Now, it's on to bigger and better things — like judging if economic reports are strong enough to warrant another rate increase as soon as March. This week brings a batch of data on consumer spending, business investment, housing and the final estimate of economic growth in the third quarter. Existing home sales have been healthy, rising a total 6% in September and October. And mortgage applications for home purchases advanced in November as rising mortgage rates coaxed buyers into making a move before borrowing costs increase further. But pending home sales, a gauge of future contracts, edged up just 0.1% in October, s Nomura economist Lewis Alexander notes. Economists estimate the National Association of Realtors will report **Wednesday** that existing home sales fell 1.4% last month to a still-solid seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.52 million. The economy bounced back in the third quarter after nine listless months, according to the Commerce Department's second estimate, growing 3.2% at an annual rate, as strong consumer spending more than offset paltry

Existing home sales in November are among the highlights this week's economic reports.

business investment. Commercial construction was revised up recently, suggesting businesses spent a bit more than believed, Alexander says. Economists reckon Commerce will report **Thursday** that growth last quarter will be revised up to 3.3%. Consumer spending also got off to a good start in the fourth quarter with a 0.3% increase in October on the heels of a 0.7% rise the previous month. Last week's retail sales report for November was disappointing, showing sales ticked up just 0.1%. Economists figure Commerce will announce that total consumer spending increased a healthy 0.4% last month. Business investment has been sluggish the past couple of years, mostly because of the oil downturn and a weak global economy and strong dollar that have hurt U.S. exports. But oil prices have risen this year and the dollar leveled off until a recent rally. Core business capital goods orders excluding aircraft and defense — a proxy for business capital spending — has been choppy but rose 0.4% in October. Economists expect Commerce's durable goods report to show core orders up 0.4%. New home sales fell 1.9% in October but signs point to a rebound in November, including the increase in mortgage applications. Economists estimate Commerce will report **Friday** that new home sales rose 2.1% last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 575,000.

The economy bounced back in the third quarter after nine listless months, growing at 3.2% annually.



END OF YEAR BLOWOUT



2008 Dodge Ram 1500 ST

stk# 10433T



\$104⁰⁴/mo

2006 Ford Mustang Deluxe RWD

stk# 7369A



\$155¹¹/mo

2011 Nissan Cube

stk# 10403T



\$166¹²/mo

2010 Toyota Camry SE

stk# 3855A



\$170⁷⁵/mo

2009 GMC Acadia

stk# 4028A



\$180⁷³/mo

2013 Mazda3 iTouring

stk# 10374P



\$201⁸⁹/mo

2014 Jeep Compass Latitude

stk# 10390P



\$206⁸¹/mo

2011 Chrysler 200 Limited

stk# 10428P



\$206⁴¹/mo

2013 Dodge Journey SXT

stk# 3854A



\$213³⁶/mo

2015 Kia Soul

stk# 10410P



\$216¹⁰/mo

2015 Ford Focus SE

stk# 10427P



\$220⁴³/mo

2015 Hyundai Elantra SE

stk# 10420P



\$227¹⁵/mo

2014 Jeep Patriot Latitude

stk# 10371P



\$229⁰³/mo

2013 Hyundai Sonata GLS

stk# 10421P



\$239¹²/mo

2011 BMW 3 Series 328i

stk# 10384P



\$242¹¹/mo

2012 Jeep Liberty Limited

stk# 4011A



\$245¹⁰/mo

2014 Ford Fusion SE

stk# 10418P



\$251²⁴/mo

2015 Kia Optima LX

stk# 10454P



\$252⁷⁸/mo

2014 Chevrolet Malibu LT

stk# 10448



\$259¹⁷/mo

2008 Chevrolet Tahoe LT

stk# 3954A



\$274¹⁷/mo

2013 Buick Verano

stk# 10415P



\$274⁸⁴/mo

2012 Chevrolet Equinox LTZ

stk# 10453P



\$285⁷¹/mo

2009 Chevrolet Silverado 1500

stk# 4121A



\$303¹⁵/mo

2010 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT

stk# 4096A



\$315¹²/mo

2013 Ford Mustang V6

stk# 7443A



\$316⁴²/mo

2016 Chrysler 300 Limited

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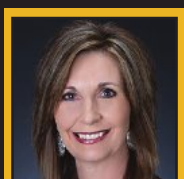
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Agent of the Month for November



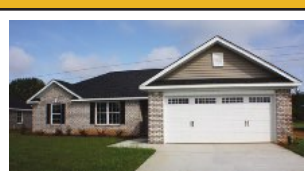
630 ADGER LANE

3BR/2.5BA home on 1 acre. Bonus rm, Kitchen w/ granite, eat in area. LR w/HW floors & gas FP, dbl garage, screened in back porch, sprinkler system. @ \$250,000. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324



1302 BREAM AVENUE

3BR/1.5BA Home by the lake! TLC would make this a fabulous Lake retreat! Det. 2 car gar/workshop, shed, att. covered carport, patio. Open fr plan. \$80,000 Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



2775 FOXCROFT

Precious 3BR/2BA home, split plan w/granite throughout, smooth ceilings, cathedral, open, 2 car garage, his and hers walkin closets. \$143,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



2755 FOXCROFT CIRCLE

New 3BR/2BA home. Open split plan w/formal dining room, smooth ceilings, granite, 2 car garage, foyer & laminate floors. \$153,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



3025 ASHLYNN WAY

3BR/2.5BA brick home featuring a huge FR, vaulted ceilings, FP/FR opens to the large eat in kitchen w/tons of cabinet space. Open floor plan. \$155,900. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628



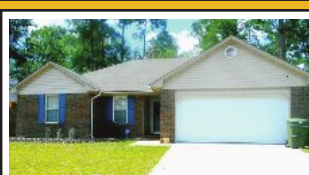
1430 BROADWATER

Beautiful 4BR/3.5BA home in Stillwater Subdivision. Custom Kitchen w/granite countertops, tile backsplash, 10ft ceilings, 3 car gar. & much more! \$525,000 Call Mack @ 803-491-5409



820 E. GLOUCESTER CT.

Deerfield Courtyard, 4BR/2.5BA, laminate hardwood, ceramic tile, covered patio, brick fence, sprinkler, 2 car garage, one owner custom home! \$259,000. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023



919 BORS

Fabulous 3 bed 2 bath house comes furnished. High ceilings, eat in kitchen, fenced back yard, and 2 car garage. House is move in ready \$132,000 Call Jessica Pomichalek. 803-468-6324



1730 E. BREWINGTON RD.

21+ acres w/2.134 soft home. 3BR/2BA porches, inground pool, workshop/shed, RV-Boat storage, grapes, peaches, blueberries & more. \$215,000. Call Susan W. @ 803-464-5900



4580 E. BREWINGTON RD.

\$345,000. 19.52 acres w/4,796 sqft. Completely renovated home. 5BR/3BA, wood, granite, new baths and updated kitchen. A must see!! Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



80 KENTWOOD CT.

Pristine!! New flooring, fresh paint, granite, smooth ceilings, huge kitchen, tons of cabinets & SS, FP, cathedral, tile & laminate, fenced. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



3304 LEE ALTMAN

\$103,500 3BR/2BA. Newly renovated in Excellent Condition. Garage, new carpet & paint. Lg fenced back yard. Storage bldg. Great starter home! Call Mary Alice to see @ 491-4969



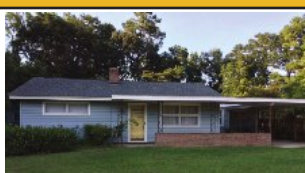
3710 KATWALLACE

New popular split plan w/ granite ceilings, wood floors, granite, 3 car garage, master suite w/ft soaking tub and sep. shower. FP in GR. \$205,000. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900



1343 DAVIS ST.

Nice 3BR/2BA Doublewide underpinned in Isaac Levy Subdivision. All furniture and appliances stay. Hot tub. Nice long pier overlooking Eagle Point Sbdn. \$199,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969



123,125,129 LAVERNE ST.

3BR/1BA bungalow. LR/kit/DR, Laundry rm, dark room carpet, kitchen appliances stay. Needs updating. Price includes 2 addtl lots. \$59,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969



1787 GLENMORANGIE

1.5 story 3BR/2BA 2 split FP. HW floors, kitchen w/ granite, SS appliances, & corner pantry. Master BR, master bath, walk in closets. \$186,494 Call Jessica 803-468-6324



3701 KATWALLACE

Fabulous NEW 5BR/3BA, 2 story brick home on the pond! Granite, Covered back porch, 3 car garage, 9ft smooth ceilings, fireplace! \$269,900. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900



1781 RUGER DR.

NEW! Two story, Craftsman style, 4BR/2.5BA home located in Hunters Crossing. SS appliances, lg kitchen, granite, landscaped. \$179,789. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628



1786 RUGER DR.

The Remington 8 by Mungo. 2 story Charleston style home in Hunters Crossing. 4BR/2.5BA. Granite, SS, Lg MBR w/his and hers closets. \$190,275. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628



3205 MITCHUM

Fantastic 4BR/2.5BA home with huge bonus room. HW, Ceramic Tile, fresh paint, open floor plan, balcony, looks brand new. \$200,000. Call Retta Sanders @ 803-968-3925



996 SALTWOOD RD.

3BR/2.5BA, kitchen & eat in w/CTL, granite counters, all appliances, large DR, GR w/laminate flooring, 3 car garage, fenced, storage, deck & patio. \$167,500. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023



1310 MORRIS WAY

3BR/2BA brick home in Morris Way Subdivision. Great house! Great area! Great Price! SS appl., granite, ceramic tile floor, mud rm, Abv grnd pool/deck \$145,500 call Gwen @ 803-460-9154



2145 INDIANGRASS CV.

Two Story home w/5BR/3.5BA Open FP w/FR, DR, eat in kitchen, Office. Lg MBR w/his & hers closets. Kitchen w/granite, island & SS appl. \$186,491 Call Jessica 803-468-6324



1732 RUGER DRIVE

Charming 4BR/2.5BA. Open floor plan, Lg Family Rm w/ fireplace, large Master Suite w/walkin closets. \$166,352 Call Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628



423 LORING DR.

Investors special. Priced to sell 3 bed 1.5 bath 1138 Sqft on .20 acres. Makes for an great investment. Home is currently being rented by contractual tenants. \$29,000 Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324



115 NAUTICAL

The Bellamy built by Mungo! 5BR/4.5BA split floor plan, FDR, Master suite downstairs, Coffered ceilings, 3 Car garage. Must see! \$347,275. Call Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628



1776 GLENMORANGIE

\$179,900. 3BR/2.5BA The Jamison built by Mungo! Large FR, HW floors, kitchen w/bar & island overlooking LR, Granite, SS appl. MBR w/private bath. Call Jessica 803-468-6324



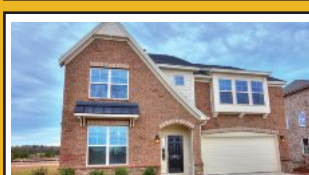
3560 GREENVIEW PKWY

4BR/3BA in Lakewood Links golf course subdivision. 1.89 acres partially wooded, vaulted ceilings, gas FB, HW floors, granite, some appliances stay. MUST SEE!! \$240,000 Call Jessica 803-468-6324



273 MASTERS DRIVE

2 story 4BR/2.5BA Home features DR, Large FR, Laundry rm upstairs. Lg MBR w/his & hers closets. Kitchen w/granite, island & SS appl. \$186,491 Call Jessica 803-468-6324



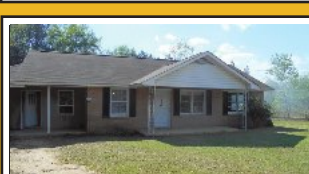
2165 INDIANGRASS

\$239,270. 4BR/2.5BA beautiful brick home in the newest phase of Beach Forest! Comm. Pool & Clubhouse! Hwd floors throughout, SS appl., granite, oak stairway! Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628



53 FORD LANE

Amazing kitchen w/Granite, custom cabinets, SS appliances. 2 tiled BA, 4 spacious BR. Lg front porch, screened bk porch. Perfect country living! \$75,000. Call Susan @ 803-720-6066



4540 LESLIE DRIVE

3BR/2BA home. Perfect for investors. Over 1,800 sqft on .71 of an acre. House needs some work. \$58,000. Call Jessica Pomichalek @ 803-468-6324



39 S. PURDY ST.

Cute colorful house has 2 bed 1 bath, 1300 sqft, close to historic downtown. A must see!! \$43,000. Call Jessica Pomichalek @ 803-468-6324



2015 HIDEAWAY DR.

Pristine, split plan w/slate & porcelain tile, huge kitchen & dining area, island, pantry, granite, built ins, attic wrap, whole house fan and much more! Call Susan @ 803-464-5900



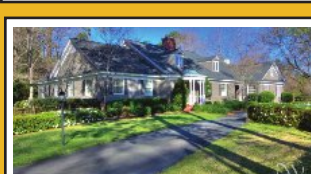
2145 HOBBIT WAY

Beckwood Shires Gem! 3 car garage, 4br/2ba, screen porch, split plan, fireplace, hardwood, granite. \$184,000 Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



2125 INDIANGRASS

Worthing F by Mungo. Two story brick home 6 BR/4BA, FLR, DR, lg FR opens to the kitchen & breakfast area, WIC, Master suite, butlers pantry. \$306,377 Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628



1 LEWIS CIRCLE

5BR/4.5BA. Beautiful 5,576 sqft home. Gameroom, library/office, basketball court, fenced, landscaped yard. HW floors, lg MB suite, Wrought iron gate. \$494,900. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409



1675 N. KINGS HWY.

Beautiful New construction on 1.48 acres. Backs to trees! Split suite, open, patio, smooth ceilings, granite counter tops, SS appliances. \$165,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



1685 N. KINGS HWY.

New construction, open split plan with smooth ceilings, granite counter tops, SS appliances, patio, backs to trees, all on 1.28 acres! \$147,500 Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



1705 N. KINGS HWY.

3BR/2BA NEW brick home. Split plan with his and hers walk in closets, cathedrals, smooth ceilings, open kitchen w/pantry closet. \$147,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900



1738 RUGER DRIVE

New two story home with 4BR/2.5BA Lots of space. SS appl, granite, built in surround sound, spacious Master BR, covered bk porch & landscaped yard. \$177,653. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628



870 PERRY BLVD.

Great 3BR/1.5BA starter home on corner lot. Fenced in yard. HVAC, Windows, Septic, New HW heater in 2010, New Metal Roof & Vinyl siding. \$90,000. Call Jessica 803-468-6324



3177 REMBERT CHURCH ROAD

\$30,000. 5BR/3BA home available! Sold AS IS. Appliances do not convey. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062



578 NATIONAL STREET

3BR/1BA all brick home on a huge lot. Garage shed with electricity. House is in Move In condition. All appliances convey. Washer & dryer too! Sold AS IS. \$79,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961



1115 VANBOLKEN

4BR/2BA Brick home located on 3.8 acres in Eastover. Updated w/new kitchen, HW, BA, heat pumps, SS Steel appl., roof & windows. USDA eligible. \$139,000. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925



3005 TEMPLE RD.

\$144,000 3BR/2BA all brick home in Beautiful Ginkgo Hills! Open plan w/ fireplace! The back yard is fenced in. Close to Shaw AFB & schools. Priced to sell quickly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961



735 WINDROW

5BR/3.5BA brick home in Timberline. HW in Foyer, DR, Kitchen. Eat in area. Granite, CT, smooth ceilings, surround sound, lg pool, patio! MUST SEE! \$296,900. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925



1209 SHORELAND DRIVE

\$169,000. On the POND! 4BR/2.5BA, 2,427 sqft, finished bonus rm, FP, covered porch, 2 Car side load garage w/ extra pking pad, above ground pool and deck. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900

LAND SECTION

Rabbit Den Road - 33 Acres for Sale! Great for hunting and Timber. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	\$99,000
900 Andiron Drive - 1.34ac beautiful wooded lot- priced to sell. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409	\$78,000
957 Club Lane - .83 acre lot located in Club Forest Subdivision. Beautiful view of Sunset Country Club Golf Course. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409.	\$49,500
409 E. Calhoun Street - .88 acre available for commercial use. Great location.Call Reggie Sumter @312-5961	\$39,000
915 Club Lane - Great buildable lot close to Sunset Country Club. Call Renee Baird @491-8023.	\$39,000
Wedgfield Road - 11.6 acres. Beautiful wooded tract. Great home site. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409	\$79,000
1718 Hubb Kelly Road, Cassatt SC - 25.5 Acres. All necessary utilities on property.Call Reggie @803-312-5961	
6230 Fish Road - 15.22 Acres, zoned res. Ideal for home. 485 feet on Fish Rd. Call Retta @ 968-3925	\$54,000
1105 Summit Drive - .89 acres located in a Prestigious Gated Community! The Summit offers private executive housing, large lots all on a gated cul-de-sac! \$64,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900	
1135/1145 Tiger Lane - 2 Lots available across from Shaw AFB! Good business location near heavy traffic area. Dwelling on property is not livable. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
6045 Brookland - Wooded 2.44 acre lot in Brookland Subdivision. Front of lot is effectively level, back slopes down to stream. Great area to build 1500 SqFt home. No Mobile Homes. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324	
355 Albemarle Vacant lot in Patriot Village Subdivision off of Patriot Parkway. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409 \$33,000	
Waterfront lot with permission for a pier. Lot 14 is owned and deeded outright. Lot 14 is 1/7 acre and is leased from Santee Cooper for less than \$400 per year. \$94,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900	
6340 Sylvia Rd. \$6,950. 1 acre lot perfect for a mobile home! Priced to sell quickly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
0 Hwy 521 N. Beautiful corner wooded lot waiting for you to build your dream home! \$17,500. Call Gwen 803-460-9154	
505 Torrey Pines. Beautiful lot in Lakewood Links at the end of a cul-de-sac. \$29,900. Call Gwen 803-460-9154	

1221 Haynesworth Mill Circle. Beautiful 1 acre Waterfront lot on Fabulous Lake Marion. Ready for your dream home!! Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154

6760 Camden Hwy. Large lot available. 1.32 Acres. \$7,950. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961

1066 Jonte Drive. Beautiful Airpark level Prime .77 acre lot located in fabulous Palmetto Air Plantation! Gated community w/large pond, recreational area & postal center. Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154

1465 Raccoon Rd. Beautiful .63 acre hilltop lot on Beech Creek Golf Course. Great location to build a home. Call Retta Sanders @ 803-968-3925.

3650 Broad St. 7.2 acres west of Loring Mill Rd. Priced to sell. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409

2020 Loring Mill Rd. 10.9 acres. Lots of road frontage. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

974 Meadowbrook Rd. Wooded lot in Green Acres subdivision off of Red Bay- Good home site. \$12,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

956 Meadowbrook. 9 Acres of land with frontage on Red Bay Rd. Possible Church Site. \$50,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

3595 Preserve Ct. 16.49 best tract in Lee's Preserve. Great home site, very private. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

360 E. Red Bay Rd. 30 Acres zoned light industrial wholesale. City water and sewer to site. Good location for small industrial use. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

1035 Summit Drive. 2.06 acre lot in Prestigious Gated community, The Summit. \$155,000. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023.

Forest Lakes Area. 8.47 Acres. Homesites. \$139,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969

3625 Furman Road. 5.29 Acres. Build your dream home or plant your favorite crop. Land is behind 3625 Furman Rd. \$29,995. Call Reggie 803-312-5961.

3520 W. Brewington Rd. Beautiful 3.09 acre wooded lot would make a great spot to start your dream home. \$20,000. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324

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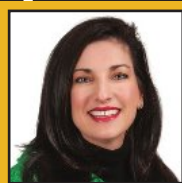
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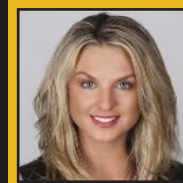
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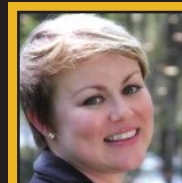
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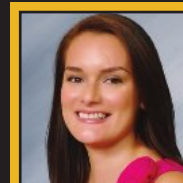
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OUTDOORS

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If you build it, ducks will come

It's almost like walking in the dark. You can't see and have to feel your way along very slowly with your feet, carefully placing one foot ahead of the other, and, if the ground is soft, concentrating on your balance at the same time.

Submerged logs, limbs, sticks and leaves lurk beneath the surface of the hip-deep, tannin-stained water. Your eyes are focused ahead to the dim path through the flooded timber, but your mind can only see the obstructions below.

The water is very cold and grips your waders tightly. Insulated neoprene helps to keep the cold at bay. If you are careful and go slowly, there will be almost no noise. Then you notice ripples in the water ahead.

Wood ducks are swimming away through the trees. This is a pocosin, or woodland pond. A heavy stand of hardwoods dominate this site. Oak, maple, gum and cypress with a few pond pines grow in this seasonally flooded duck pond.

Pocosins are relatively small woodland depressions that hold water only during wet times. Many have been ditched and drained by our ancestors. Mine covers about 20 acres and was ditched long before my time. Several years ago I installed a flash board riser, which is a simple water-control structure, in the outlet ditch. Now I can control the water level and keep the woods flooded to a manageable depth.

I have installed a well and submersible pump that provides a water source, but it helps to have abundant winter rains to fill my woods. The water depth varies from ankle deep around the edges to thigh deep out in the center. Wood ducks are primarily surface feeders, and the deeper water is not a factor.

Duck ponds come in all shapes and sizes. Some are wooded pocosins, others are Carolina bays, and many are fields that have been impounded. They tend to have



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A flash board riser controls the water level in the writer's timber duck pond.

in common the fact that they can be drawn down, or drained, during the growing season, then flooded through the winter, when waterfowl are most plentiful in our area.

The drawdown allows the area to dry out for crop production or dry out enough to keep mast-producing hardwoods alive and healthy. A reliable food source is a necessity for a successful duck pond.

They also have in common the fact that they are relatively shallow. The shallow water attracts dabbling ducks such as mallards, gadwall and teal. Deeper waters attract diving ducks such as ringnecks, redheads and scaup. My flooded woods attract wood ducks, hooded mergansers and a few mallards.

A few years back I hunted a shallow water impoundment near the lake with a small group of friends. We planted corn and millet in the small duck pond. The embankments were only about 3 or 4 feet high. We had a well to flood the field an average of about 16 to 18

inches deep.

The pond bordered the refuge and was an unbelievable place. We only hunted once a week and almost always limited out. We had ducks because we "out managed" the refuge. Our field had plenty of duck food, and the water level was kept nearly perfect. We never disturbed the ducks between hunts, and we kept the pond up through the winter, until the ducks migrated back north.

Flooded fields are much easier to wade in, and the ground tends to be firmer. Blinds are usually needed because of the lack of cover. Even though small fields will attract waterfowl, bigger fields will usually attract more birds.

Duck ponds can be as easy to build as simply installing an outlet structure, or they can require clearing, ditching and embankments. They must be managed wisely, but if you build it ... they will come.

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Greenville woman raises shrimp hundreds of miles from sea

BY LILLIA CALLUM-PENSO
The Greenville News

GREENVILLE (AP) — The scene looks like some sort of makeshift aquatics club meets above ground swimming pool outlet. The room is warm and loud, thanks to the incessant hum of aerators pumping air into the eight above ground pools, and the fluorescent light only adds to the warehouse feel. No, this is not where you'd expect to find fresh, South Carolina grown shrimp, but if Valeska Minkowski has her way, this might be the first place those in the Upstate come to look.

In June, Minkowski, who is a marine biologist, started Urban Seas Aquaculture, a full-scale, environmentally friendly shrimp farm.

It is one of more than 30 aquaculture seafood farms in the US that use sustainable methods to grow certain varieties of seafood. So far, the aquaculture technology Minkowski uses has only proved successful for tilapia and shrimp.

For Minkowski, her business of raising a sustainable seafood also becomes a solution to what she sees as a very pressing problem.

"Other species of seafood, you kind of know about what not to eat because they're overfished, but with shrimp, it's like well, it's everywhere," Minkowski says. "They catch it in the millions, so it's not the shrimp that are bad, or are

overfished, it's the way they're being fished." Those ways include using large nets that entangle other animals as well as the shrimp, and also coastal farms, which have been shown to disrupt the coastal and ocean ecosystem due to chemical use and the spread of bacteria. "So it's like I need to save the whole ocean, not just the shrimp," Minkowski says.

The newer breed of farms like Minkowskis could provide an answer to the world's dwindling seafood stores. In 2009, Americans consumed 4.833 billion pounds of seafood, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. That breaks down to about 15.8 pounds per person. Of that amount, shrimp was the most consumed seafood, and that taste for seafood shows no signs of abating.

To meet growing demand, the U.S. now imports about 90 percent of its seafood, says Al Stokes, manager of the Waddell Mariculture Center in Bluffton, a facility governed by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

"The reason we don't have shrimp all year long off our coast is biology," Stokes says. "There is seasonal reproduction. So there's an opportunity in farming shrimp in these closed recirculating systems. If you have a system like that, you can actually harvest shrimp for marketing year round."



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Valeska Minkowski, owner of Urban Seas Aquaculture, stands by tanks at her shrimp farm in Greenville earlier this month. Read the full story at theitem.com.

FISHING REPORTS

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DHEC Fish Consumption Advisories: www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/fish.

Freshwater Fishing Report:

Santee Cooper (12/4)

Santee Cooper water levels are down to 73.7 in Lake Marion (full pool is 76.8) and 73.5 in Lake Moultrie (full pool is 75.5). Main lake surface temperatures range from about 60-61 degrees.

Catfish: The bite for numbers of catfish continues to be good, but Captain Jim Glenn (843-825-4239) suspects that the big fish bite is about to be wide open. On recent trips Jim's boat has continued to catch tons of 1-6 pound fish, with the biggest fish recently in the 15-19 pound range. There have been some trips where barely any fish broke 10 pounds, but anglers still got their line pulled plenty. However, with the cold weather coming the big fish should turn on soon. This week last year Jim's boat caught two 50 plus pound fish, and the 10th they boated an 82-pound catfish. At times there have been severe winds which have made fishing a challenge, while at other times there has been so little wind that drifting without a motor was impossible. Overall the best action has come either drifting when there is wind or down-rodding when it is calm (dropping baits vertically over fish, without an anchor) in the mid-20s to about 30 feet of water. Most any fresh cut bait will catch fish.

Crappie fishing has not been wide open according to Captain Steve English (843-729-

4044), but they have caught some very nice fish including the 17-incher pictured below. Brush in about 18-25 feet of water has been the most productive, and they have been fishing about 12-20 feet down over that brush. Excellent numbers of bream have been caught over the same depth brush, and on a recent trip they kept 160 bream (and threw back at least that many) fishing 10-15 feet down with crickets. Some brush has more bream, while some has more crappie. If both are present the bream are usually more aggressive at getting to baits.

There are still a lot of bluegill and white perch in the canal, but soon English says that they will leave and then the shellcracker will take over.

Lake Wateree (12/2)

Lake Wateree is at 98.1 percent of full pool, and water temperatures continue to range widely from the upper 50s to mid-60s.

Bass are acting peculiarly on Lake Wateree, and CATT owner Brett Collins and tournament angler Dearal Rodgers both concur that the fish just aren't in the grass. Dearal says that the only way he has been able to catch fish has been around docks, but they have generally been smaller bass. They caught a bunch of 14-inch fish his last time out but just couldn't find the big ones. Brett and his partner did find the big ones — at least relatively speaking — in the last Wateree Open tournament on Saturday. They finished in first place with 14.59 pounds, and Brett says they also couldn't find anything in the grass. Even though water levels were high and there was good water around the grass the fish just weren't in it, and they found everything off main lake points in 2-6 feet of water. They caught all their fish flipping a jig.

Lake Murray (11/30)

Lake Murray water levels are down to 353.97

(full pool is 360.00) and water temperatures at the dam are ranging between 62 and 63 degrees. Clarity remains pretty good.

Bass: It continues to be a pretty tough fall for bass fishing on Murray, and veteran tournament angler Captain Doug Lown reports that it's been hard to establish a consistent pattern for catching fish. Even when anglers find numbers of fish it has been hard to find good ones — a 4 ½ pounder has been a big bass in most recent tournaments. For the most part Doug says that the fish that he and his tournament partner have been catching have been fairly shallow, and they haven't caught much in more than 10 feet of water. Most of the fish they are catching have been in less than 4 feet, but deeper water has been close by. Fish are not scattered out in certain depth ranges but instead are holding to certain little spots, and it has been hard to locate them as they move around a lot. Doug suspects that constantly dropping water levels have forced the fish to constantly reposition. At times rock has been the best cover, and with water levels low a lot of docks don't have any decent water. Most of the fish they are catching are coming on shaky head worms and jigs, and Doug believes that if water levels will stabilize fishing could get more consistent.

Channel and blue catfish bite is still pretty strong, although Captain Chris Simpson (864-992-2352) warns that the recent warm weather has scattered fish out and slowed the bite just a little. The best action is still coming drifting cut herring across main lake humps and points in 20-40 feet of water, as well as exploring certain feeder creeks which are holding good numbers of fish. With weather fluctuations anglers need to assess where the fish are holding on a particular day and then cater their game plan accordingly.

Lake Monticello (11/28)

Bass: Good. Andy Wicker reports that bass are starting to group up (with the white perch) in their winter holes, and vertically fishing a jig

has been very effective.

Catfish: Fair to good. Captain Chris Simpson (864-992-2352) reports that the big fish bite is improving on Lake Monticello as temperatures drop. Fishing on the bottom in deep water with cut gizzard shad or white perch is the best option for catching big fish.

Lake Wylie (12/4)

Lake Wylie is at 95 percent of full pool, and water temperatures are in the upper 50 to lower 60s.

Bass: It was a rough fall for bass fishing on Lake Wylie, but Guide and FLW Angler Bryan New (704-421-5868) reports that things are finally improving. In a recent tournament Bryan and tournament partner Todd Auten managed a 13- or 14-pound bag, which would have made for an easy win a month or so ago. Instead there were a couple of 16-pound bags ahead of them, a sure sign that things are improving. Bryan says it's now pretty easy to catch 10-15 fish (including small ones) and have a fun day of fishing again. Right now the bite is all about the bait, and in order to catch fish you have to be around schools of shad. That means that Bryan is leaning very heavily on his electronics during this part of the fall. There is one group of shad that is in the very backs of creeks, and then there is another group of shad out on the main lake. They could be around drop-offs, other structure, or frankly anywhere else, and so following your graph is crucial. Bryan is also spending some time running windblown pockets. The best baits right now include Alabama rigs, jerkbaits, crankbaits and jigs. Fish can be found from a few feet of water out to 25 or 30 feet, but over the deeper depths they are more likely to be suspended than hugging the bottom right now.

South Carolina freshwater recreational fishing regulations: (Pdf file): www.dnr.sc.gov/regs/pdf/freshfishing.pdf.

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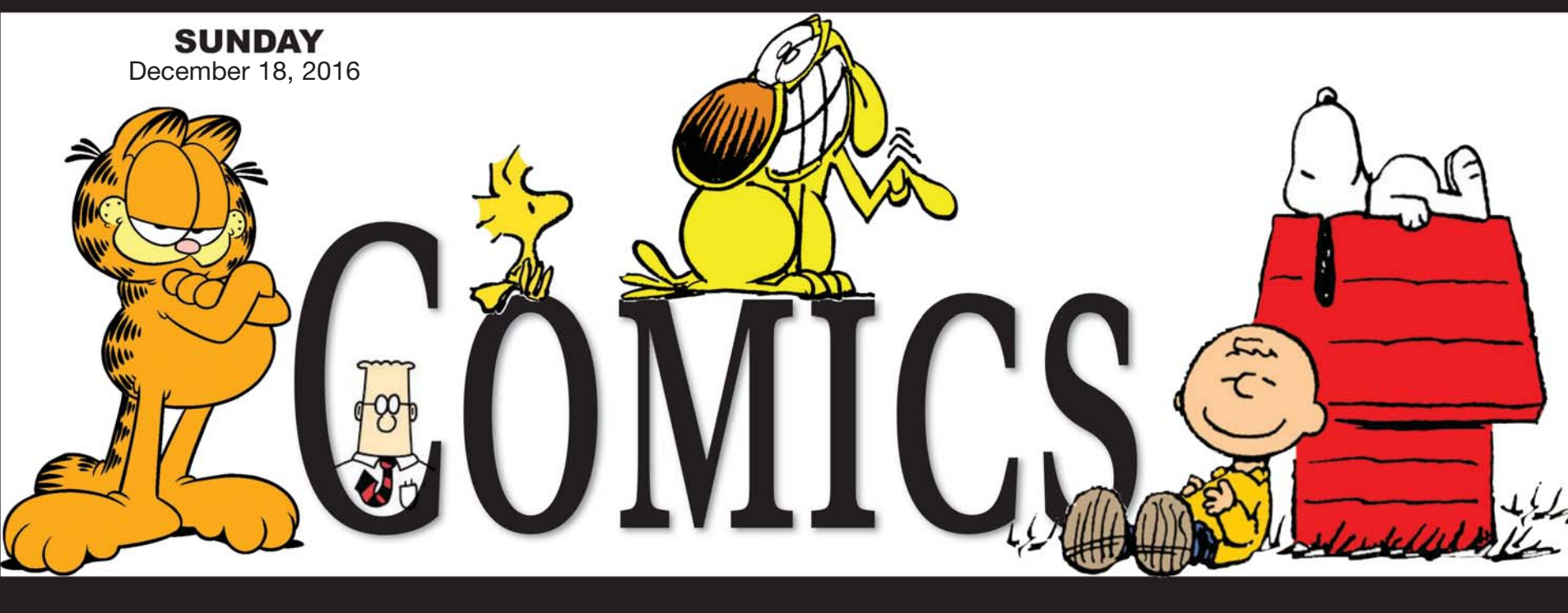
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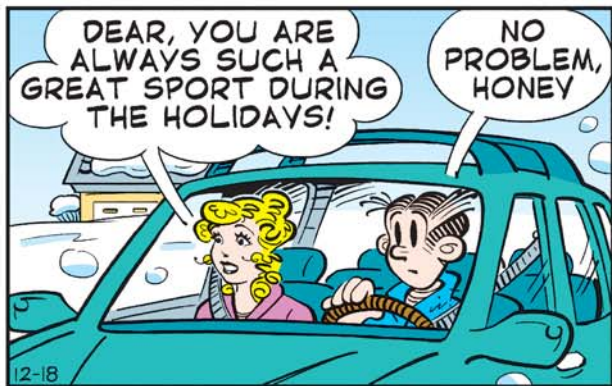
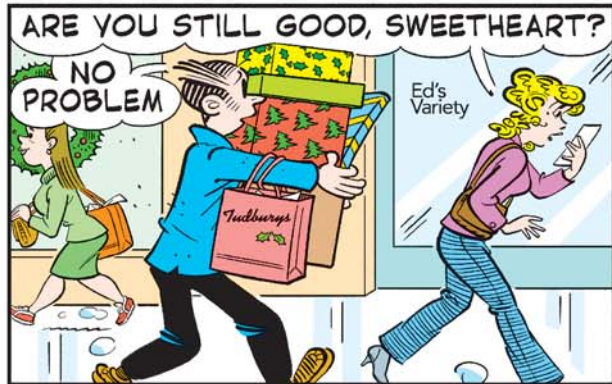
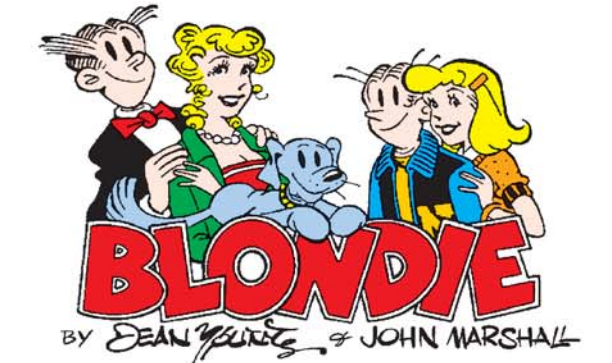
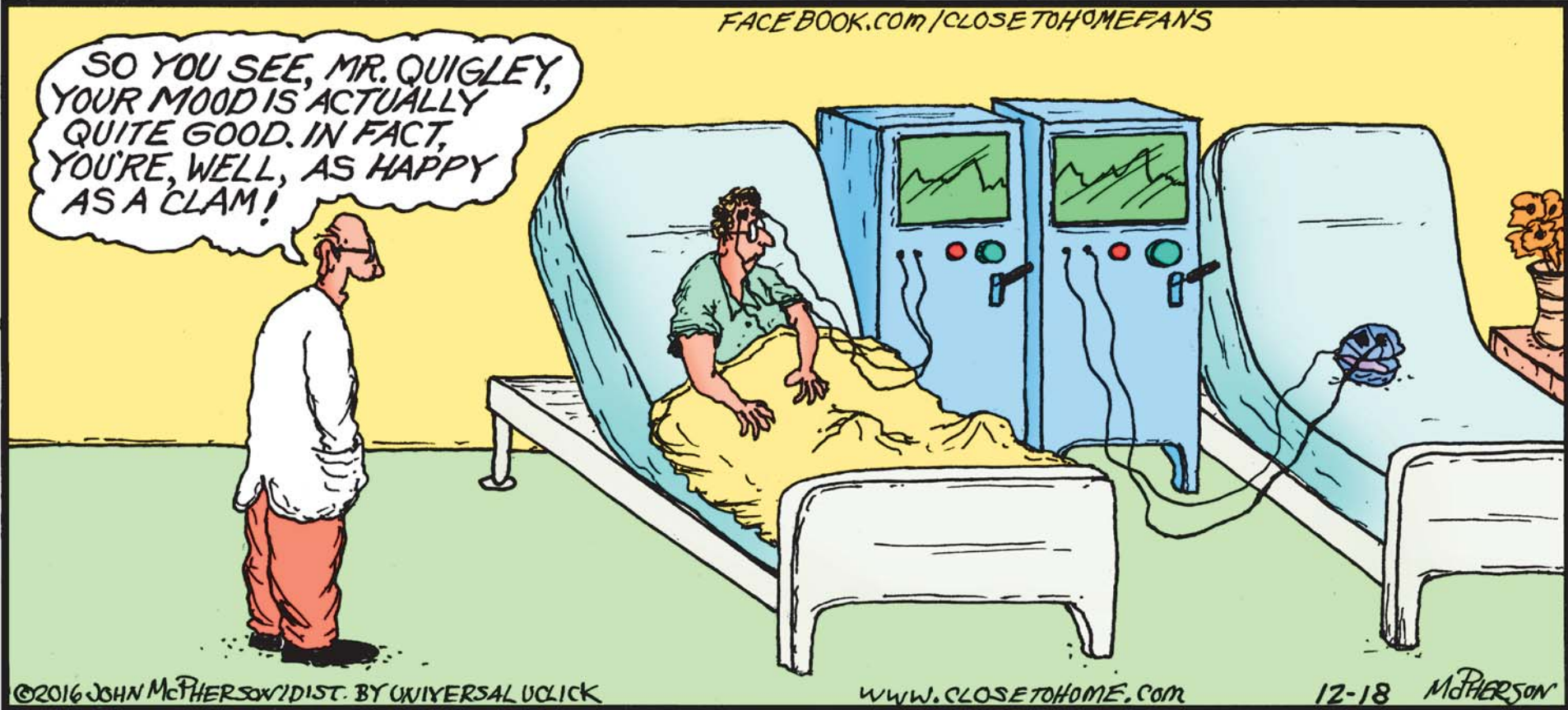
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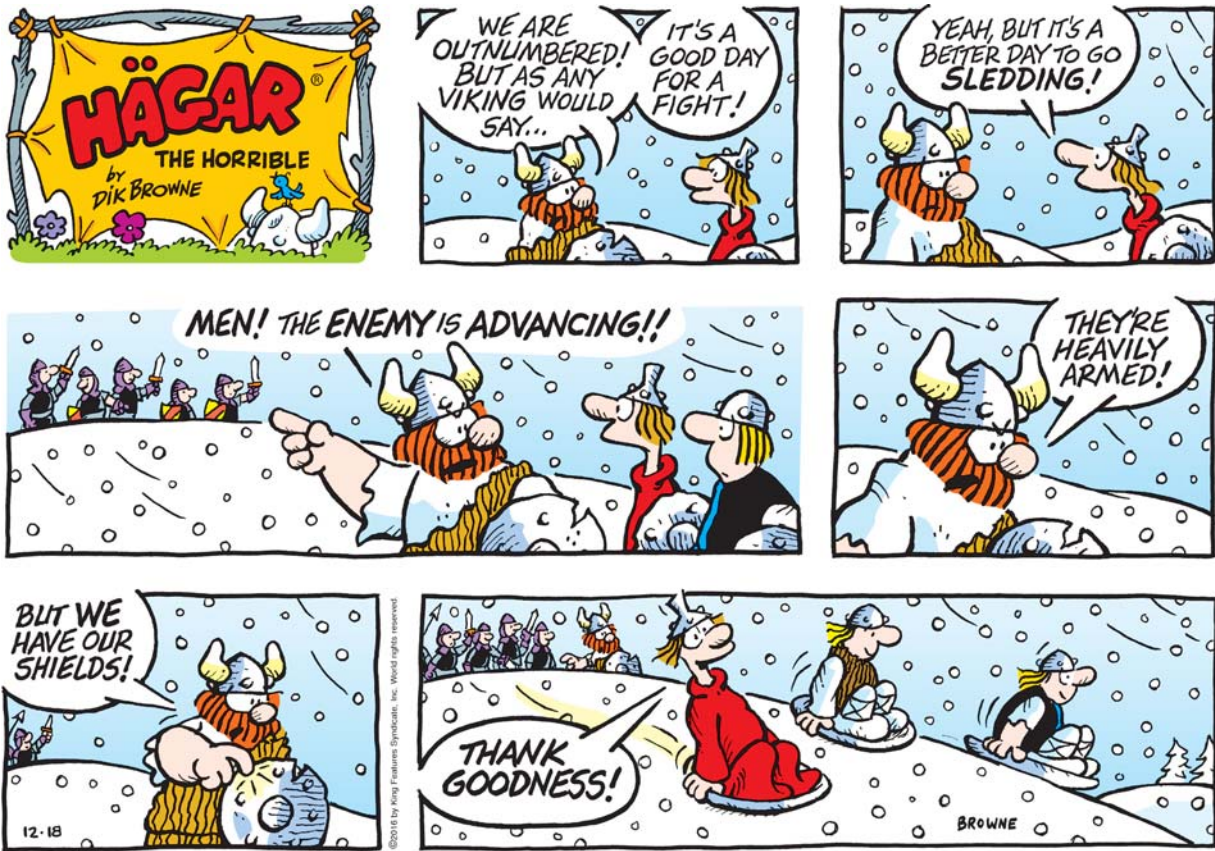
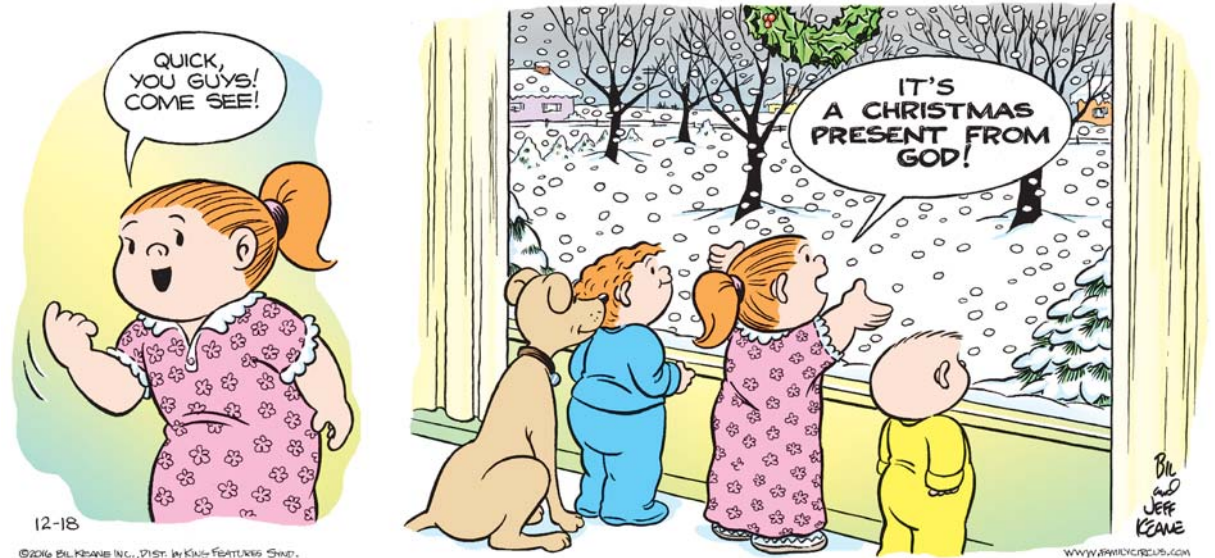
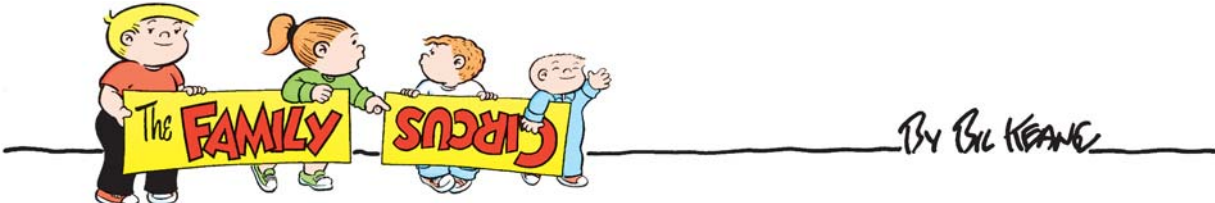
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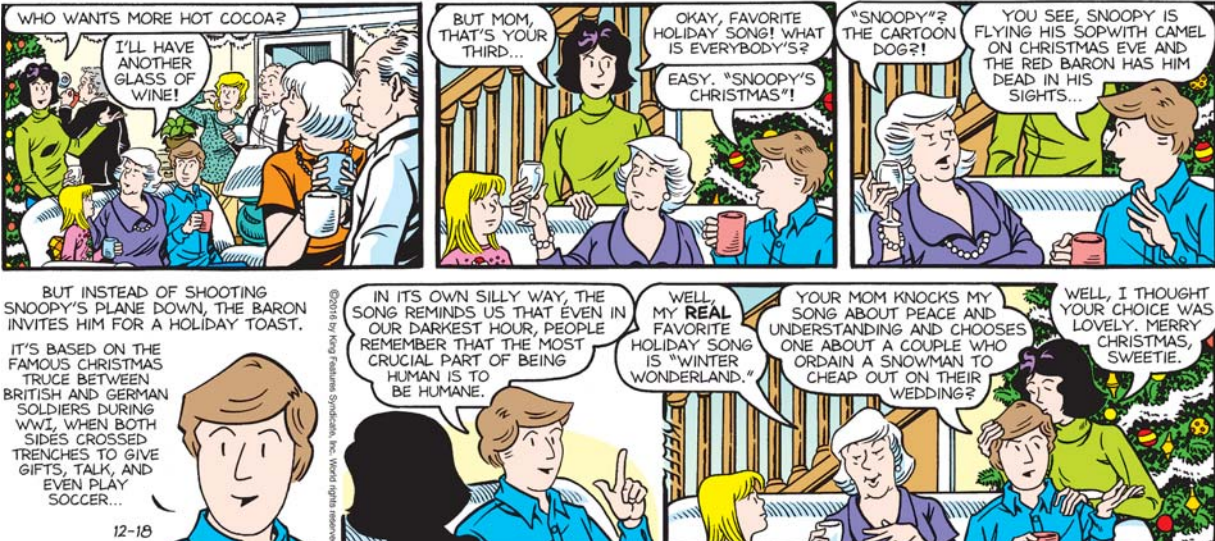
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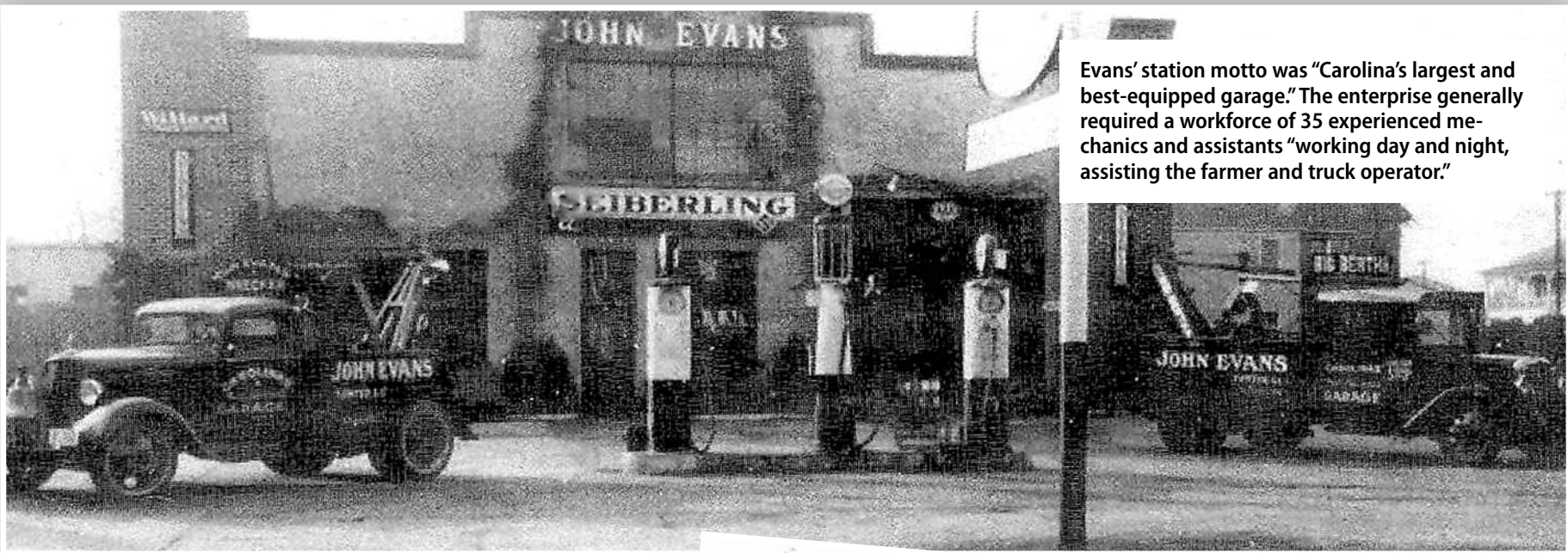
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REFLECTIONS

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Evans' company provided valuable services during World War II

This issue of Reflections takes a brief look back at the career of one of Sumter's most creative industrialists, John Evans. This is the first in a series of biographical and work sketches we will present on Sumter's industrial giants. John Evans, along with his brothers, helped to promote industrial advancements and provide services that proved beneficial to the Sumter community, especially during World War II.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

of the famous Sumter Trailers, who owned and operated one of the largest and best equipped automobile and truck trailer services in the entire state or the South.” John Evans was born in Darlington County and mi-

grated to Sumter in 1919 from the Florence community. “Prior to entering the auto and repair business, he was connected with the DuPont munitions plant at Hapewell, Virginia, during the war years. When he arrived in Sumter in June 1919, he opened a welding shop on Hampton Avenue.” This business venture proved successful and following locations in several sites moved to 105 E. Liberty St. in 1924. This endeavor became known as the John Evans Packard Agency and garage.

In 1928 he constructed a shop at 108 E. Liberty St. to build trailers and perform general auto service. The business was divided into two parts when the automobile agency, garage and wrecker service remained at 105 E. Liberty St. while the trailer manufacturing and the welding segments were located at 108 E. Liberty St. This segment of the Evans enterprise became recognized as ‘Carolina’s largest and best equipped service garage, devoted to the servicing and repairing motor trucks and trailers.” The Sumter Trailer, manufactured by John Evans, solved the problem which bothered long-haul operators for many years: that of providing safe, comfortable and adequate sleeping accommodations for the relief driver. The “Safety Sleeper” was invented and patented by Evans in 1941 and was sold throughout South Carolina and other states. “This innovation ensured sleeping quarters and a large storage compartment underneath the frame of the trailer or van by using the double frame construction in the frame itself. The occupant of the ‘Safety Sleeper’ was protected at all times from rain, dust and motor fumes. Needless to say, this invention was hailed with enthusiasm by motor transport leaders everywhere.” Mr. Evans continued to offer his customers 24-hour service and, in the event of a wreck, provided service throughout this area of the state. His employees were considered masters in electric and acetylene welding; axle, body and fender repair; radiator repair; painting; and general vehicle over-



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haul. The mechanics also specialized in wheel alignments and brake relining. The enterprise generally required a workforce of 35 experienced mechanics and assistants “working day and night, assisting the farmer and truck operator.” Evans later moved his business to U.S. 15 South to accommodate his rapidly expanding business. In 1952, John L. Evans, 58, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Evans, died at his home after a lingering illness. He was a member of several service clubs and is remembered as one of Sumter’s most creative and leading businessmen.

The information and photos used to complete this article were taken from Sumter Item archives.

Reach Sumter Item Archivist Sammy Way at waysammy@yahoo.com or (803) 774-1294.

KEEPS 'EM ROLLING FOR VICTORY

No one is aiding more in the war effort in Sumter than John Evans, the popular head of the John Evans Manufacturing Company, who is also part owner of the Carolina Industries, Inc., of Sumter. The John Evans Manufacturing Company, one of the busiest places in Sumter, is engaged in the manufacture of Evans Sumter Trailers with the Safety Sleeper, as well as the welding and general repair of trailers, trucks, trailers, etc. It requires a force of thirty-five experienced mechanics and assistants working day and night, assisting the Farmer, the Truck Operator, the Lumberman, the Doctor, the Defense Worker, essential travelers and the public generally on the home front. The automobile department is rendered to a large list of patrons. This is one of the best equipped and manned automobile repair departments in this entire section, and is managed by Mr. Harry Russell. The Sumter Trailers, patented and manufactured by John Evans Manufacturing Company, have helped to solve truck operators' problems of long hauls, through providing a safety sleeper for relief drivers, built into and under the trailer of double steel frame that is rainproof, dustproof and safe from motor fumes. As evidence of its popularity and utility scores of motor transport operators have purchased hundreds of these trailers, and will gladly testify as to their practicability and convenience. Mr. Evans is associated as a co-partner with Messrs. B. L. and L. D. Montague in the Carolina Industries, Inc., this industry being organized by them to manufacture highly important parts for the U. S. Navy. [This industry is treated more fully in another page in this 50th Anniversary edition.] In every community there are a few men who stand at the top among its leaders, who through foresight, initiative, hard work, and business acumen, stand out from the crowd. Through his achievements, John Evans has become one of our outstanding citizens. He is among the leaders in aiding in the war effort, his four sons, each of whom is doing his bit in the armed forces of their Country. Mr. Evans came to Sumter 25 years ago, he started business in a small welding shop. Today, he is an important personage in Sumter, and Sumter is proud of him. He stands high in Masonry, being a Shriner (Omar Temple), Steward in the Trinity Methodist Church, and Kiwanian. Public-spirited, patriotic, his hobby is fishing, but in these times John seldom gets an opportunity to indulge, for he is a busy man, keeping them rolling for Victory.

JOHN EVANS MANUFACTURING CO.

This piece on John Evans Manufacturing Co. appeared in The Item's 50th anniversary edition.

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Yesteryear in Sumter
SAMMY WAY

corresponding hour and minute at each of the 500 recruiting stations in the United States; the oath will be administered to thousands of Navy enlistees who qualify for the historic event.

• Women who are interested are urged to attend the air raid meeting at the Central school, Mrs. Nina M. Phelps, chairman of the women's division, Sumter County Defense organization, said. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Phelps also said that women who were interested in various phases of defense work should get in touch with the defense center in the city hall building.

• County Ranger T. Roy Mims states that it has been necessary to dismantle the Shiloh and Stateburg wooden towers. These towers were not used by the Sumter County Forest Protective Association. Three steel towers, located at strategic points, give complete coverage of the entire county. The wooden towers had become rotten and were dangerous to climb. Therefore, for the public's safety, it was necessary to take the towers down. This work was done by Horace Campbell, district ranger, Mr. Mims and the Sumter County organization. All material which could be salvaged was taken to Poinsett State Forest to be used in the maintenance of tower sites. These two wooden towers were the first to be built in South Carolina. They were built to be used as secondary towers.

• The biennial election for two members of the City Board of Education will be held. There were only two candidates for the two vacancies to be filled, for S.K. Nash and Earle Rowland, whose terms expire this year. All persons who were registered for the last municipal election are eligible to vote. The election polls will be at City Hall.

• A cotton bloom from the farm of Dr. H.L. Baxley, of Pinewood, was brought into the *Item* office this morning. Dr. Baxley's farm is three miles south of Pinewood. His cotton was planted in March, and he reports many pink blooms in the field. The first bloom was brought in last Friday by W.B. McIntosh.

• Everybody at Shaw Field is noticing it! The privates per-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Officers of the newly formed Sumter County League of Women voters are, from left, Mrs. Ansley Yates, president; Mrs. Stuart Burnett, first vice president; Mrs. Harvey Tiller, second vice president; Mrs. Barbara Johnson, secretary; and Mrs. Phil Booth III, treasurer.

forming interior guard duty are carrying themselves more erect, they're shining their shoes with greater care, they're displaying greater courtesy on every occasion. And here's the reason: Officials at the field set up a plan this week whereby the neatest and most courteous soldier is selected from the ranks of the interior guard each day and is given the honor of serving the post commanding officer as personal orderly for 24 hours.

• The nation's sea forces were stronger today by 12,326 fighting-mad young Americans bent on avenging Pearl Harbor. For a few moments, the youths were clock-watchers; today they are sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen. In mass enlistments from coast to coast, they were sworn in simultaneously in a radio ceremony timed to the minute six months after the Japanese attack of last Dec. 7.

• Final shipments of equipment have been received, the last nail has been driven, the last brush of shellac applied; the counters are in position, and everything is in readiness for the big doors of the new Community Recreation Center at 320 North Main St. to swing wide at the formal opening at 2 o'clock tomorrow.

• Overcoming a two-run deficit with late-inning rallies, Sumter's Legion Juniors opened their practice game campaign at Municipal Stadium, trimming a Shaw Field aggregation 3-to-2 in a seven-inning tilt. Big John Green and Lackey divided the mound chores for the Juniors and were tagged for but six safeties, while the Legion outfit jumped on Charlie Willis and Nicky Najjar for seven clean blows.

50 YEARS AGO — 1967
March 6-March 12

The Federal Government has authorized a loan of \$2,897,231 to the Housing Authority of Sumter for the construction of 200 low-rent public housing units, according to information received from Sen. Ernest F. Hollings. This action clears the way for the construction of the first public housing in Sumter. Ramon Schwartz, chairman of the Housing Authority, said it will proceed immediately with the location and acquisition of sites for the housing and that the architects will be authorized to start drawing up the plans.

• With a vow of non-parti-

sanship, the fledgling Sumter County League of Women Voters was organized. Elected president was Mrs. Ansley Yates Jr., who was instrumental in forming the league in Sumter. The opening meeting attracted about 80 women. Mrs. Yates, in opening remarks, emphasized the purpose of the league as one of education and study, rather than partisanship.

• The Morris College Choral Society will perform The Easter Cantata from Tryptich by Alan Hovhannaas Bach's Cantata No IV - "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death" and Part I of the Creation by Franz Joseph Haydn. The program affords the community the opportunity to hear some of the finest works performed in observance of the Lenten and Easter Seasons.

• Coach Bob Kelsey thinks his Sumter golf team can improve of last year's 4-7-1 showing. But the Gamecocks have a mighty tough assignment in opening against powerful Florence. Senior Joe Ed Davis leads the returning field along with juniors Frank Chandler and sophomores Dennis Platts, Scotty Broome and Tyler Lee.

• The Boy Scout program in the Shaw Air Force Base area is benefiting from more than 70 years of experience. Two highly decorated men in the local area have joined the ranks of South Carolina Scouting. They are John Sabol and Lt. Col. Julian C. Heine. John Sabol, a base civil engineer employee, has received the highest adult award in Boy Scouting: the Silver Beaver Award. He and Col. Heine have been in scouting since the early 1930s.

• Two women secretaries with the Tactical Air Reconnaissance Center share a feeling for the Air Force that only flyers can feel. They both served as pilots with the Women's Air Force Service Pilot organization during World War II. Mrs. Heber J. Crook Jr., who is secretary to Brig. Gen. Robert W. Waltz, Tactical Air Reconnaissance Center commander, and Miss Virginia Yates, librarian at TARC's technical library, logged many hours ferrying aircraft from factories to air bases throughout the United States.

• Cadet Charles Alessandro and Cadet Robert Wagener Haile have earned membership in the elite Summerall

Guards of 1967-68. They and 59 other cadets achieved the ultimate in military accomplishment this week when named to this unit which is the military college's precision drill team. The 61 winners of coveted positions as Summerall Guards were selected from some 200 juniors who sought the honor.

• It is going to take some real effort to bring about a proposed project to add two lanes to Highway 378 from Sumter to Conway and make it an east-west four-lane expressway to the beach, Sumter County Rep. James Cuttino said. Cuttino and several other leaders from areas that would be involved in the project met with Highway Department engineers and statisticians in Columbia in an effort to get the ball rolling.

• A few years ago in the poultry industry a one-family operation was about 5,000 hens. Today, one of the state's leading producers says, "I don't see why one man can't look after 50,000 birds and attend to other duties." The comparative figures and conditions were given here recently at the annual poultry short course sponsored by Clemson Extension. They underscored the dramatic changes and steady shifting of methods in acceleration toward automation in the state's poultry industry.

• Sumter's annual beautification campaign will be kicked off the week of March 19-25, to be designated "Sumter County Clean-Up Week." The special week was one of many plans adopted at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce attended by representatives of civic clubs, churches, schools, garden clubs and city and county officials. Heading the Chamber's beautification committee is A.T. Heath III. Co-chairman is Mrs. E.W. Dabbs.

25 YEARS AGO — 1991
Dec. 5-Dec. 11

Sumter County Council is trying to find a more suitable tract of land for racing promoter Bobby Sisson so he can build a new race track in the county. "We will assist him in finding a more suitable place," Councilman Chairman Ruben Gray said. Sisson recently announced plans to build a race track on U.S. 76/278 in the Stateburg area. Local residents oppose the track, saying it would encroach on Shaw Air Force

Base, lower their property values and interrupt their rural lifestyles.

• Sumter City Council awarded an \$84,326 contract to Watts Inc. of Sumter for construction of a 10,000-foot water pipeline to the Carolina Golden Products Co. chicken hatchery. Carolina Golden needs the water for a 33,000-square-foot expansion currently underway at the hatchery. The facility supplies poultry for the firm's processing plant in the Sumter County Industrial Complex on U.S. 15 South.

• Sumter High School quarterback Wally Richardson is the 1991 recipient of the Gatorade Circle of Champions Football Player of the Year Award. Richardson is one of 51 athletes, representing all 50 states and the District of Columbia, chosen for the award which takes into account excellence on the field as well as in the classroom. Richardson is now eligible to win both regional and national player of the year honors.

• Concerns about an empty Second Mill Pond bed becoming a fire hazard during the Christmas season will force Sumter County to build a dike in the stream that feeds the pond. The pond will be flooded next week, Sumter County Administrator Bill Noonan said. Noonan said he expects to keep water in the pond until a permanent dam is built. Noonan said county council has allotted \$4,000 from the county's general fund to build the dike. A permanent dam is expected to cost \$300,000.

• Many of the records of this fine old church, Calvary Baptist, are no longer in existence so it is hard to state the exact date it was founded. Some say it began in 1768, while others think it was started by the High Hills of the Santee Baptist Church at Stateburg sometime after 1782. We do know that it is one of the old churches which came under Sumter District. Since 1850, it has been in Clarendon County, for at that time, Sumter District was converted into a number of counties.

• Though the smoke over Pearl Harbor quickly dissipated that Sunday morning, the hellish memories of Dec. 7, 1941, still linger in the minds of Don Ralph and his friends. Ralph, Fred Dean and Ben and Lou Hudson are all area residents and members of the national Pearl Harbor Survivors Association. Ralph, who was a medic in the Army Air Corps in 1941, had headed back to the barracks at Hickam Field near Pearl Harbor to change his uniform when he heard bombs going off. "I thought it was practice," he said. It wasn't.

• Christmas crafts to hand-made school cinnamon rolls are only a hint of the items to see and eat at this year's District 17 Christmas Extravaganza. The annual event will be held in the commons area from 11 a.m. until about 8 p.m. In addition, basketball games between the district's middle school and Sumter High School and Summer-ville High School will be held throughout the day in the school gymnasium.

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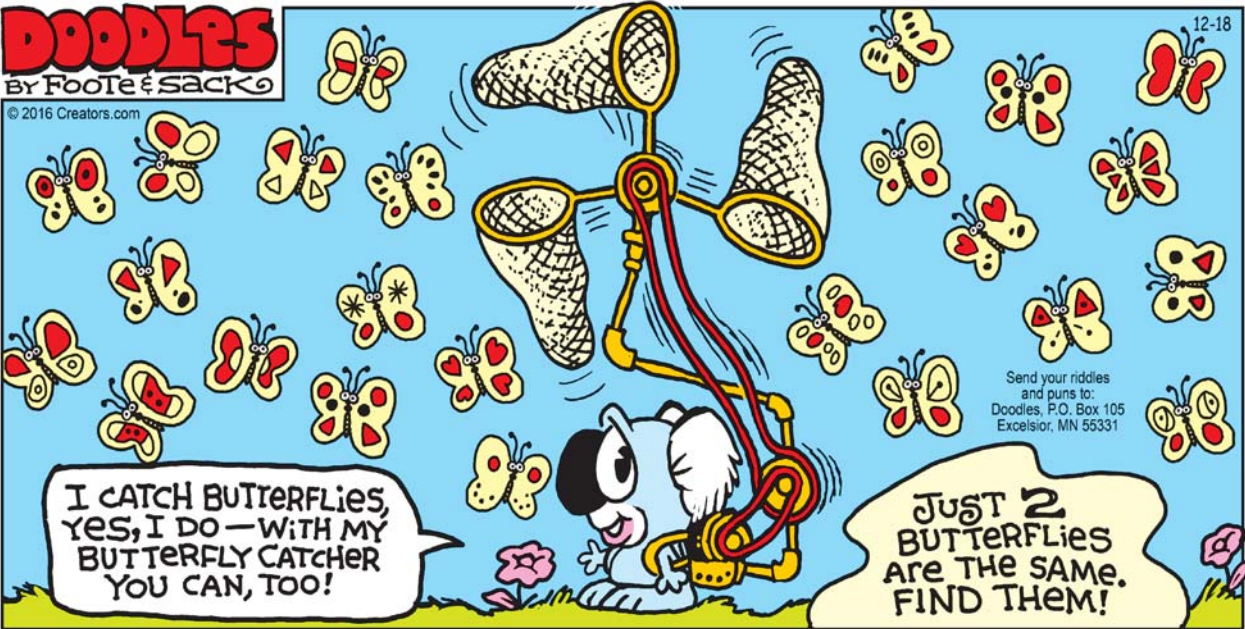
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JUST 2 BUTTERFLIES ARE THE SAME. FIND THEM!

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

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WHEN PROFESSORS GO FISHING DO THEY USE BOOK WORMS?

DRAW!!

DRAW A BUTTERFLY!

RIDDLES!!!

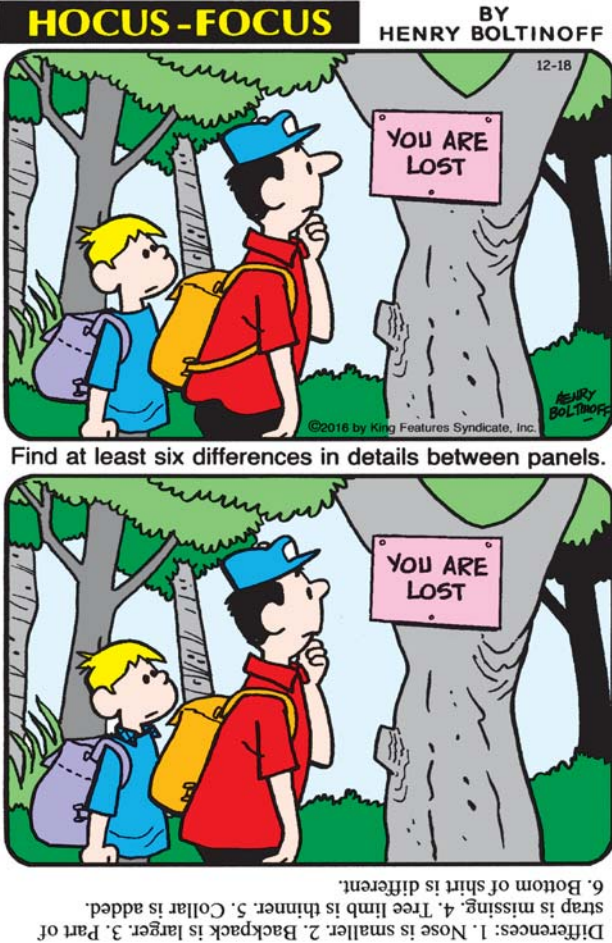
Q. HOW DOES A SKELETON MAKE A PHONE CALL?
A. ON THE TELEPHONE.
Christine Finnell, Oak Park, IL

Q. HOW DO YOU KEEP A TURKEY IN SUSPENSE?
A. I'LL TELL YOU NEXT WEEK.
Thomas Carmichael, Carmel By The Sea, CA

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

12-18



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Nose is smaller. 2. Backpack is larger. 3. Part of strap is missing. 4. Tree limb is thinner. 5. Collar is added. 6. Bottom of shirt is different.

FRANK AND ERNEST



YOUR CHRISTMAS PARTY DECORATIONS LOOK GREAT, ERNIE! BUT WHY IS A GIANT FOOT SUSPENDED FROM THE CEILING?

I'M GOING TO STAY RIGHT HERE AND GET SOME HOLIDAY SMOOCHES UNDER THE MUSCLE TOE!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom



KNOW WHAT WOULD BE A NICE IDEA?

INSTEAD OF BUYING NICE GIFTS FOR ALL OF OUR FRIENDS...

WHY DON'T WE POOL ALL THAT MONEY, THIS YEAR...

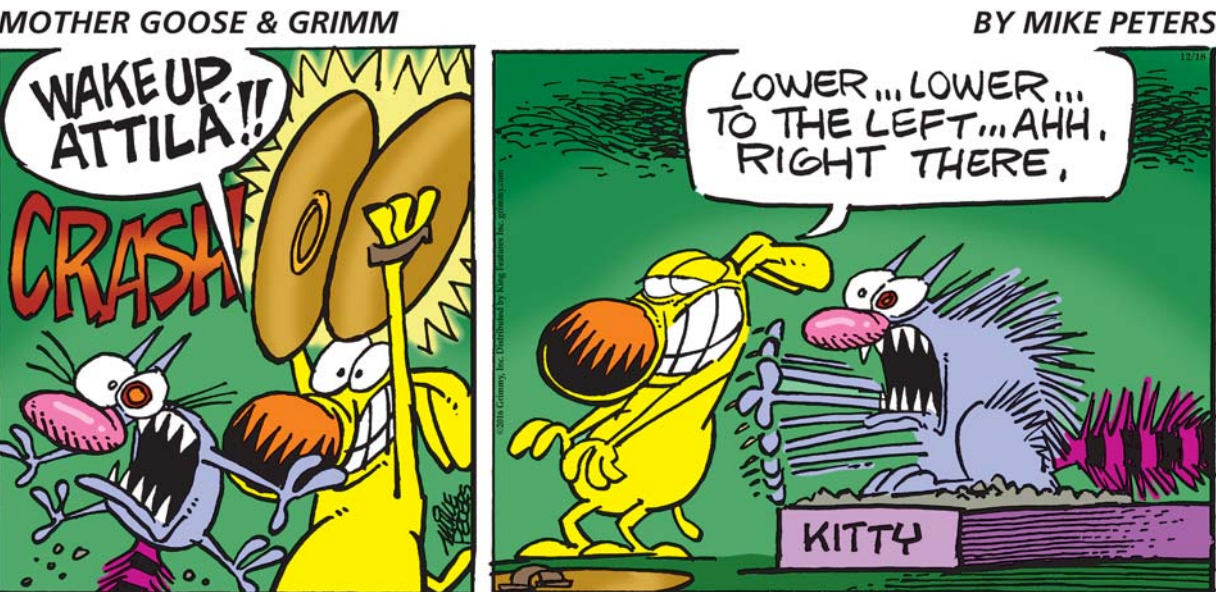
AND GIVE IT ALL TO THE ONE PERSON WE KNOW WHO HAS HAD THE WORST LUCK, THIS YEAR!

HEY, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, GLADYS! AND WHO'S HAD THE WORST LUCK OF ANYONE WE KNOW?

WELL, THAT'S NO CONTEST—HOW MUCH MONEY ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE ME?

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS



WAKE UP ATTILA!!

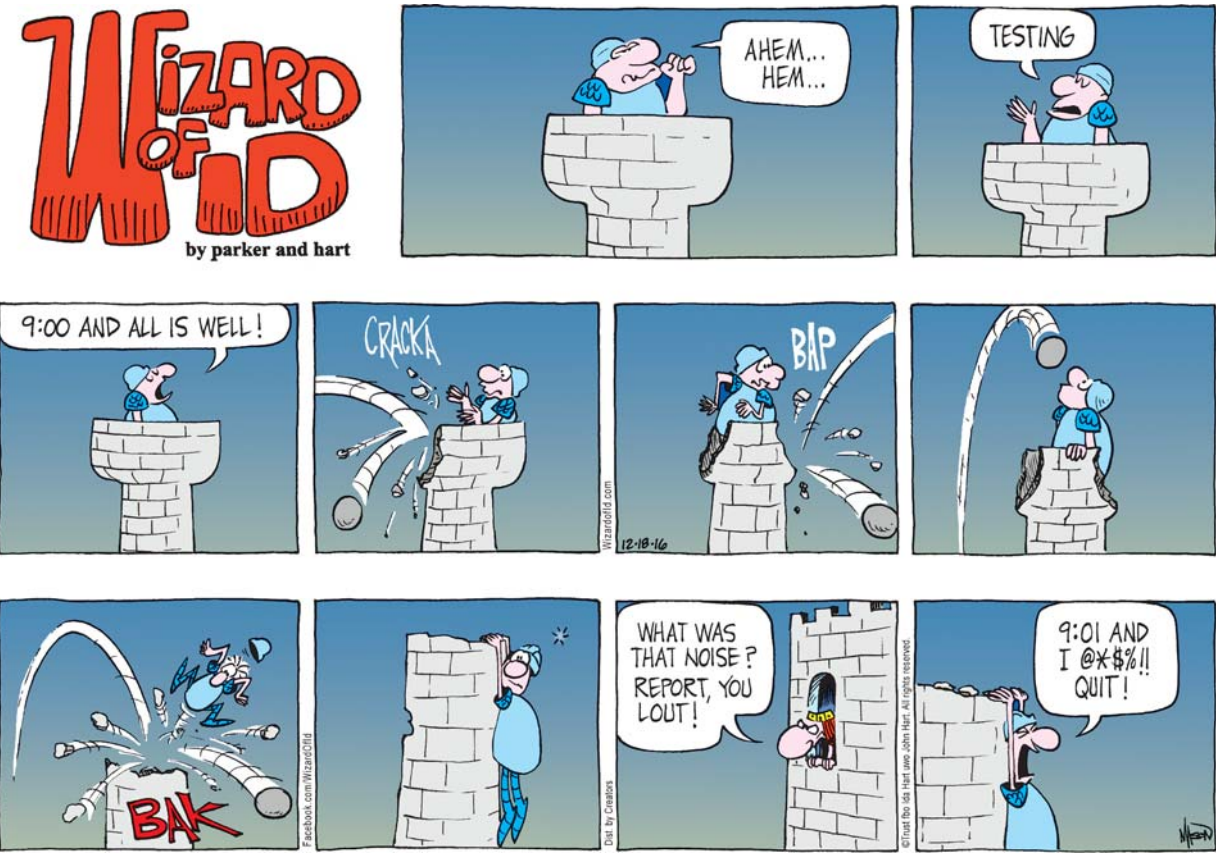
CRASH!

LOWER... LOWER... TO THE LEFT... AHH, RIGHT THERE,

KITTY

Wizard of ID

by parker and hart



AHM... HEM...

TESTING

9:00 AND ALL IS WELL!

CRACKA

BAP

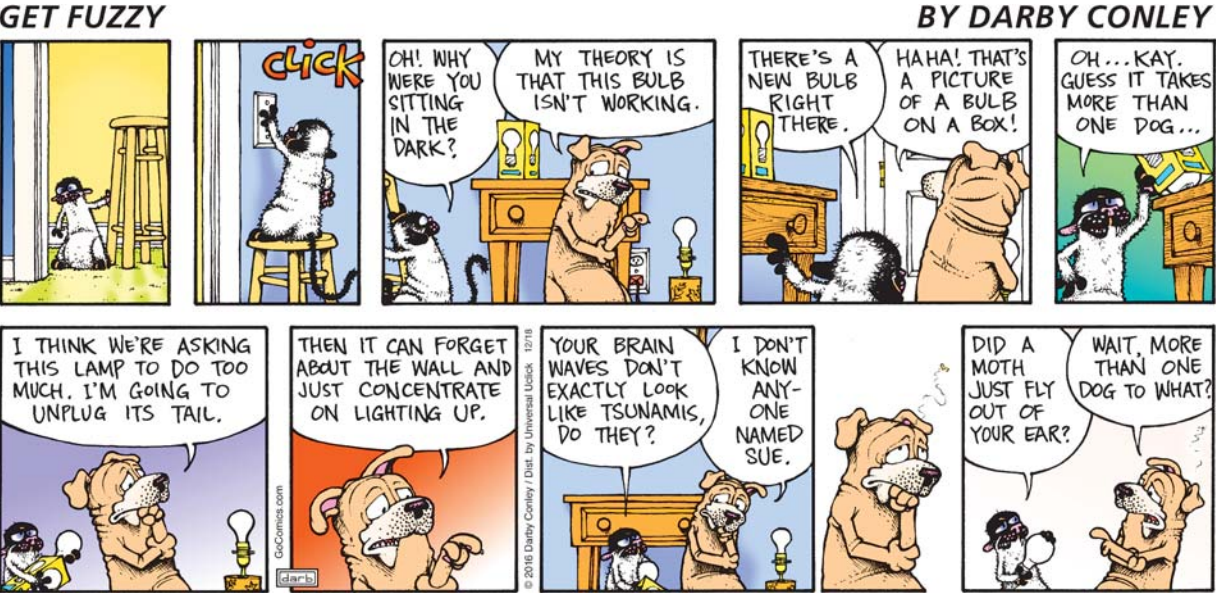
BAK

WHAT WAS THAT NOISE? REPORT, YOU LOUT!

9:01 AND I @*%\$!! QUIT!

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY



CLICK

OH! WHY WERE YOU SITTING IN THE DARK?

MY THEORY IS THAT THIS BULB ISN'T WORKING.

THERE'S A NEW BULB RIGHT THERE.

HABA! THAT'S A PICTURE OF A BULB ON A BOX!

OH... KAY. GUESS IT TAKES MORE THAN ONE DOG...

I THINK WE'RE ASKING THIS LAMP TO DO TOO MUCH. I'M GOING TO UNPLUG ITS TAIL.

THEN IT CAN FORGET ABOUT THE WALL AND JUST CONCENTRATE ON LIGHTING UP.

YOUR BRAIN WAVES DON'T EXACTLY LOOK LIKE TSUNAMIS, DO THEY?

I DON'T KNOW ANY-ONE NAMED SUE.

DID A MOTH JUST FLY OUT OF YOUR EAR?

WAIT, MORE THAN ONE DOG TO WHAT?

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

12/18

DID YOU HEAR, ROZ?! ... SEN. BELFRY WAS INVOLVED IN A TERRIBLE AUTO ACCIDENT!

OH MY GOSH! ... IS HE STILL ALIVE?!

HE SAYS HE IS, BUT YOU KNOW HOW HE LIES.

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SUPPLIES

WHAT CHRISTMAS GIFT MIGHT INCREASE YOUR HEART'S FONDNESS FOR ME THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, MY SWEET?

A SILENT NIGHT AND A BIRDLESS DAY.

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DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

HELLO, IS THIS SUNSHINE TRAVEL?

YES, IT IS. HOW CAN I HELP YOU?

I HAVE A GREAT TRIP FOR YOU...

... JUST STEPS FROM THE BEACH!

I NEED TWO TICKETS, SOUTH OF THE BORDER, CLOSE TO THE BEACH... ...AND CHEAP!

How MANY STEPS?

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Mort Walker's beetle bailey

I WON'T BE GONE LONG

KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS WHILE I'M GONE

YES, SIR

WHY DOES HE ALWAYS PUT YOU IN CHARGE?

I'M A LIEUTENANT, YOU'RE A SERGEANT!

I OUTRANK YOU!

HE MUST LIKE YOU BETTER THAN ME!

IT'S NOT FAIR!!

WAH!

THANKS FOR BABY-SITTING

NO PROBLEM, SIR

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