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# Vandals strike historic church

## Salem Black River spray painted with 'Satanic' references

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Members of Salem Black River Church spent Friday cleaning up the work of vandals who struck one of South Carolina's most historic churches Thursday night.

Dick Dabbs said the vandalism was discovered Friday morning and reported to Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The vandals spray painted what appeared to be Satanic symbols and references on the inside of the church's front columns as well as on sidewalks and many doors on the church and other buildings on the property. No structural damage was reported, and the vandals did not appear to have gained entry to the church.

After the sheriff's office visited the scene, church members began cleaning up the graffiti.

"We called several people, and it was a group consultation, and we decided to get to work on it," Dabbs said as he scrubbed one of the church's columns.

Dabbs said the church members wanted to have the damage cleaned up as much as possible before a funeral scheduled Friday afternoon.

Another member of the congregation who asked not to be identified said the church has been vandalized before, often around Halloween.

The church has been targeted in the past by people who supposedly practice Satanic rituals

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Salem Black River Presbyterian Church member Dick Dabbs cleans paint off a column at the church Friday after vandals painted satanic and other symbols on the church some time the previous night.

# Finding Daisy



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Will Cabell hugs his dog Daisy as they are reunited after their separation following a wreck on Interstate 95. Daisy fled from the scene and was not found for about a month.

## Lost dog reunites with owner a month after wreck

BY JIM HILLEY  
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For a month, Will Cabell did everything he could to find his dog Daisy, a 7-year-old Weimaraner who went missing after Cabell's work truck slammed into a tree near Alcolu on Interstate 95.

Cabell came away from the crash with two black eyes, a gash in his forehead, a hematoma in his lower abdomen and a shoulder injury that has required physical therapy.

Cabell had been returning to his father's home in Charleston from a one-day work trip in North Carolina. His dad was repainting the house, and he decided to take Daisy with him on the trip.

"It was raining really bad on the interstate, and a car come off the exit," Cabell said. "I saw it and merged over into the other



Daisy and Will Cabell were in this truck provided by the company Cabell works for when the wreck on Interstate 95 took place.

lane, but I guess I was in the person's blind spot, and it just kept merging over, and it pushed me off the road."

He said he doesn't remember hitting the tree, but as soon as re-

gained his senses, he realized Daisy wasn't in the truck. "All the airbags had gone off," he said. "I crawled out of the

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# Committee OKs design for community center at Memorial Park

BY TREVOR ZION BAUKNIGHT  
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Sumter's Historic Preservation Design Review Committee on Thursday approved the proposed design for a new community center to be at

110-112 N. Salem Ave. at Memorial Park, replacing the existing structure at that site, which was approved for demolition at the Aug. 24 meeting.

The new 2,300-square-foot facility will replace the nearly 4,000-square-foot existing

building, only the front portion of which is used as the Hampton Park precinct's polling place for elections. The new building will incorporate a kitchen, restrooms and a large multipurpose open area with a porch wrapping

around the entire structure. It was presented as more of an addition to the park's existing structures, turning its side to the street, than a street-facing residential structure, and the building will blend well with the gazebo and standalone re-

strooms in its materials and colors.

One resident of Park Avenue, Gerlies McCrea, raised the question of how changes to the existing parking lot

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### VIP meeting set for Wednesday

The monthly meeting of Vision in Progress will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center on South Harvin St. The guest speaker will be Chris Hardy, president and CEO of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (803) 491-4910.

# Author to speak at museum

BY IVY MOORE  
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The Sumter County Museum will host Michele Moore, author of "The Cigar Factory: A Novel of Charleston," for a talk and book signing at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The event in the McKenzie Hall of the Heritage Education Center is free and open to the public.

"The Cigar Factory," while fiction, has a great deal of history in it, thanks to Moore's extensive research. The book is published by the Story River

Press, of which the late Pat Conroy was editor-at-large. It is an imprint of the University of South Carolina Press.

In his foreword, Conroy writes: "... the gifted writer Michele Moore ... tells the story of two working class families and brings to life a dynamic vision of Charleston from their street-level perspectives, one that breaks new ground on every page."

Moore's main characters are two dirt-poor women, one black, one white who work at the Cigar Factory for very low

wages and in extremely harsh conditions, often life-threatening. The book traces both families through the Tobacco Workers Strike of 1945, when they first meet as they endure brutal treatment.

The women learn, through the strike, that they would have a stronger chance of positive change if they work together.

Conroy notes that "the solidarity that arises among these struggling women is no surprise, but the reader's response

to their grit and spontaneity in the face of abominable conditions and maltreatment is the stuff that makes fiction so necessary and timeless."

He promises the reader, "thanks to Moore's descriptive power, ... will never look at a cigar the same way again."

A reception will follow Moore's 6 p.m. Tuesday presentation. Books will be available for purchase. The Sumter County Museum is located at 122 N. Washington St. For more information, call (803) 775-0908.



## Military appreciation picnic



ABOVE: GENTRI: The Gentlemen Trio, performed during the picnic.

LEFT: Sumter Mayor Joe McElveen serves up some baked beans to service members.

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The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce hosted the ninth-annual military appreciation picnic in Hangar 1200 on Shaw Air Force Base on Friday. Local business and nonprofit organization donations allow Team Shaw members in attendance to eat and drink without cost. The event is open to active duty military personnel and Department of Defense civilian employees working at Shaw. Organizers fed approximately 1,000 people at the picnic. The event is a way to say "thank you" to Shaw's military members and employees for their contributions to the nation and the community. Base and community leaders volunteered to serve at the event.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Chantway, a purebred Carolina dog, received a blessing from Father Michael Ridgill at the Church of the Holy Cross at Stateburg last October.

## Church of the Holy Cross will hold Blessing of the Animals

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The historic Church of the Holy Cross at Stateburg will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7. Father Michael Ridgill will bless pets brought to the churchyard at 335 N. King's Highway (S.C. 261), as he has done for several years.

Christians around the world celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on or about Oct. 4, his actual feast day, with prayers and a blessing of the animals.

According to the Humane Society of the United States, "St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and environment, could be viewed as the original Earth Day advocate. Francis' devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. St. Francis cared

for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God."

In addition to being the patron saint of animals, St. Francis is also the patron saint of archaeologists, ecology, Italy, merchants, messengers and metal workers.

The Blessing of the Animals will go on rain or shine, Ridgill said.

"In the event of inclement weather," he said, "the blessing will be in the church for smaller animals such as dogs, cats, rabbits, etc." Larger animals, such as horses, will be blessed in the churchyard.

In addition, he said, "The church will be open for visitors, and donations will be accepted to support our local (Sumter) SPCA."

For more information, call the Church of the Holy Cross at (803) 494-8101 or email [frmichaelridgill@gmail.com](mailto:frmichaelridgill@gmail.com).

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# We all lie to ourselves; Jesus sets you free from your lies

**L**ie to myself; so do you. We try to create our own fake news to keep reality at arm's length.



SMITH

Lies we tell ourselves:  
1. "I'm not that bad." Compared to whom? Maybe I'm not that bad compared to the drunken driver who kills someone; compare me to perfection — Jesus —

and I don't even make the chart. Believing the lie that "I'm not that bad" means I'm constantly measuring to see how my morality stacks up with everyone else.

2. "I don't succumb to peer pressure." We declare we are individualists, then get in a car a celebrity told us to buy, listen to a song that our

friends think is cool and then stop to pick up some beer we saw featured in an ad with flat-stomached guys and pretty girls who were having a good time around a campfire in the mountains.

3. "I can stop anytime I want to." This is the lie addicts tell themselves. Addicts falsely equate change with willpower. John Ortberg said, "Habit eats willpower for lunch." Perversely, it's not until we admit we can't stop that we have any hope of change.

4. "I make my own rules." Call the bank and tell them you made your own rules and it's OK for you to skip a few payments. Tell the doctor that you make your own rules, so the cancer won't kill you like it does everyone else. Tell the trooper you make your rules about the speed limit (Tried it. Doesn't work).

5. "I know how to fix this." I hurt my wife. I buy her flowers (or jewelry or a car or a house) because I

know how to fix it. Then I'm surprised that she's still mad. I get mad back because my fix isn't working. I never stop to hear her pain, to understand her. I'm not really trying to fix the problem; I'm trying to get her to forget the problem so I don't feel guilty.

6. "I can make it up to you." Closely kin to lie No. 5, we tell ourselves if we say "I'm sorry" enough times, or if we go into super-servant mode, or if we just declare enough that we've changed, the past goes away and we get a clean start. You may be forgiven, but you can't erase consequences of past choices.

7. "God wouldn't be mad at me." A third-century theologian, Lactantius, said, "He who does not get angry does not care." Any parent who truly loves his or her child will be angry when that child does something that harms himself or herself. If God is love, doesn't it make sense that He

would be angry that we harm ourselves?

What happens if you believe your own lies? You center on yourself. You expend tremendous energy and resources trying to keep your false version of reality intact. If you live in the land of fake reality too long, you become a narcissist. Your fake version of reality shuts out others. Relationships wither and die.

There is a reason Jesus said, "The truth will set you free." Here's the truth — you don't get to define reality. You need help coping with reality.

That's what Jesus offers. He offers you help. He offers you love. He offers you grace. He offers to set you free from your own lies.

What truth is Jesus speaking to you right now? Are you listening to Him? Or your own lies?

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

## Sip & Paint at Brookdale Sumter

Brookdale Sumter invites local seniors to join residents and staff for an afternoon Sip & Paint from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Tuesday. Artist Lori Windham, daughter of Brookdale resident Dorothy Baga, will teach the class. Members will leave with their own creations of the painting shown here. There is no charge for the class, materials are provided, and wine, sparkling juice and refreshments will be provided. Brookdale Sumter is located at 1180 Wilson Hall Road. For more information, contact Mireille Elie-Mclean Grama at (803) 469-4508.



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# Mother of deputy who killed himself wants story to help

**Suicide is No. 1 killer of law enforcement officers in the U.S.**

**BY TEDDY KULMALA**  
The State

COLUMBIA — Karen Fish knows her son had a lot of things in life that he loved, including his job as a Richland County sheriff's deputy. Knowing that has helped her cope with his suicide nearly two months ago.

"He was doing exactly what he wanted to be doing and wouldn't have had it any other way," Fish said of her son, Master Deputy Derek Fish. "I guess that's what I try to think of. It was too short of a time that we had him, but while he was here he was amazing and brought a lot of joy to other people, and he accomplished so many of his dreams in a very short period of time."

Fish killed himself July 28 behind the department's Region 3 headquarters. His family and Sheriff Leon Lott have said the 28-year-old deputy didn't leave a note and gave no indication he was planning to end his life. He was said to be excited about an upcoming promotion when he died.

"He was on the fast track with his career," Karen Fish said. "He loved every moment of it, and he couldn't wait for the next chapter to happen. I guess that, too, is why we are left kind of in shock and without answers as to why he did what he did."

"In all appearances, Derek was leading the life he wanted to lead."

Rarely is a single factor to blame when someone ends his or her life, according to Helen Pridgen, director of the South Carolina chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

"We want an easy answer," she said. "We want to look at one thing that could have happened because we want cause and effect right away. But usually with suicide, there are layers to it. You have to look at each situation, each person's history and current health."

September is National Suicide Prevention Month. In South Carolina, suicide is the 11th leading cause of death, and nearly twice as many people in the Palmetto State die

*by suicide than by homicide, according to the foundation. Suicide is the No. 1 killer of law enforcement officers in the United States, according to the International Association of Chief of Police, and experts say officers are more than twice as likely to die by their own hand than be killed in the line of duty.*

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Karen Fish, who lives in Canada, said she recently learned about a Canadian documentary called "The Other Side of the Hero," which examines the emotional toll that emergency response work takes on the men and women in those jobs. She said she might be interested in sharing her son's story with such a project.

"I just want the story to help," she said. "I want to do something that will be helpful so that another mother or another brother or another father doesn't have to have these horrible feelings."

In a field that values strength and bravery, officers might perceive talking about mental health or seeking help for depression or anxiety as a sign of weakness, according to Eric Skidmore, who manages the S.C. Law Enforcement Assistance Program. Other lawmen think asking for help might put future promotions or the perception of their co-workers at risk.

"These are perceptions that are impediments to officers seeking traditional forms of mental health care," he said.

The South Carolina Legislature last year took a step toward providing better mental health care for officers by approving a proviso for LEAP that provides an additional in-

surance policy to cover co-pays, deductibles and other expenses associated with mental health care that aren't covered by regular insurance.

To cut down on officer suicides, Skidmore said programs and resources like those offered by LEAP, including peer support groups and post-critical incident seminars, need to be more widely available to lawmen.

In announcing Fish's death — the third Richland County deputy suicide in 20 years and the first since 2007 — Lott said

the agency made improvements like adding an in-house psychologist and chaplain service and requiring pre-PTSD training for all officers. Still, more needs to be done, he said at the time.

Since then, the sheriff's department has received calls and messages from programs across the country offering suggestions for training, treatment, counseling and awareness, Lott said. They are examining the programs to see which ones to implement.

"They're out there, but people don't know about them, and people don't talk about them," Lott said. "That's where we're making a big mistake."

Before law enforcement can develop a solution to suicide in the profession, he said, more chiefs and sheriffs need to admit that it's a problem. "It's still not talked about," he said. "It's still whispered about and hidden."

That was why Lott held a news conference to announce Fish's death and to implore people to "talk about suicide."

The sheriff is encouraged by the gesture of a class that graduated from the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy a month after Fish's death. Each graduating class leaves a legacy, he said, and this class decided to raise money for Fish's family.

"Every one of them in that class knew what happened, talked about it and did something about it," he said.

"That's a big step right there. Every one of those officers now will go back to their departments and talk about it."

That discussion, Lott hopes, will lead to more officers feeling comfortable enough to talk about mental health and seek help.

"Maybe they'll reach out for help and know there's nothing wrong with asking for help," he said. "That would be a tribute to Fish and his family."

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# FDA OKs continuous blood sugar monitor without finger pricks

**BY LINDA A. JOHNSON**  
AP Medical Writer

U.S. regulators have approved the first continuous blood sugar monitor for diabetics that doesn't need back-up finger prick tests.

Current models require users to test a drop of blood twice daily to calibrate, or adjust, the monitor.

The pain of finger sticks and the cost of testing supplies discourage many people from keeping close tabs on their blood sugar, which is needed to manage insulin use and adjust what they eat.

Abbott's new FreeStyle Libre Flash Glucose Monitoring System, approved Wednesday by the Food and Drug Administration, uses a small sensor attached to the upper arm. Patients wave a reader device over it to see the current blood sugar level and changes over the past eight hours.

Most of the 30 million Americans with diabetes use standard glucose meters, which require multiple finger pricks each day and only show current sugar level. More-accurate continuous glucose monitoring devices are used by about 345,000 Americans.

But most don't do the finger pricks to calibrate them

and may get inaccurate readings, said Dr. Timothy Bailey, who helped test FreeStyle Libre.

"We're able to lower blood sugar safely" with this technology, said Bailey, director of the Advanced Metabolic Care and Research Institute in California. He receives consulting fees from various diabetes device makers.

Too-high blood sugar levels can damage organs and lead to heart attacks, strokes, blindness and amputations. Very low blood sugar can cause seizures, confusion and loss of consciousness.

Abbott's device was approved for adults with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and should be available in pharmacies within months. The company, based near Chicago, did not disclose the price of the reader or the sensors.

Abbott's system can't be used with an insulin pump, a device worn against the skin that allows users to inject insulin as needed, but the company is planning improvements to eventually enable that.

Rival Medtronic this spring launched a device in which the insulin pump automatically responds to blood sugar changes recorded by the sensor and either withholds or injects insulin as needed.



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## Main Stage Series opens with

# ARTRAGEOUS!



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Live music and dance are an integral part of Artrageous, appearing at the Sumter Opera House Thursday evening. Their show is the first in the Opera House's Main Stage Series, which will bring a variety of entertainment to Sumter well into 2018.

### 2017 MAIN STAGE SERIES SCHEDULE

Oct. 13 — Malpass Brothers and Quebe Sisters  
 Oct. 21 — Patrick Davis  
 Nov. 4 — Sammy Kershaw  
 Dec. 9 — The Celtic Singers  
 Dec. 16 — John Berry



Artists in the Artrageous troupe will complete a variety of paintings as other members of the troupe sing, dance and play several instruments to inspire them and the audience at the opening performance of Sumter Opera House's Main Stage Series.

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

**B**e prepared to be engaged. That's the advice from the Sumter Opera House staff for the opening performance of its Main Stage Series, Artrageous!

At 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, Before the audience even enters the auditorium, they'll be invited to participate in several activities in ARTexperience.

There will be face painting, tap dancing demonstrations and several make-and-take tables with art projects provided by local artists. Take a picture in front of a dripping paint backdrop, draw on a cast member and indulge in some bubble wrap therapy by doing the "Bubble Wrap Stomp" — bubble wrap provided — during the show proper.

When the curtain finally rises at 7:30 p.m., patrons should already be primed for an exciting evening, during which an artist will create a painting on stage, and other cast members will entertain with singing, "intricate choreography and exciting audience interaction ... (during) a unique visual journey packed with wild inspiration and eye-pleasing entertainment," according to Sumter Opera House Manager Seth Reimer.

The Artrageous troupe comprises artists, musicians, vocalists, life-size puppets and dancers, all performing in diverse art forms. At the end, the stage will become a veritable art gallery, filled with paintings completed during the show.

Artrageous got its start when a troupe of performers got together in the 1980s in Vancouver, Canada, and started what they called the "All and Everything Theater," a nonprofit children's theater that included street theater and life-sized Bunraku Puppetry, a centuries-old traditional Japanese form of theater. Following a fire that destroyed their theater and all their equipment, the troupe reorganized as the music-based Pink Flamingos, a popular act that performed around the world.

According to their press release, "As people who live and breathe

### SUMTER OPERA HOUSE PRESENTS ARTRAGEOUS

**WHEN:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5  
**WHERE:** Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.  
**TICKETS:** \$35 / \$32 / \$25  
**PHONE:** (803) 436-2616  
**ONLINE:** [www.sumteroperahouse.com](http://www.sumteroperahouse.com)

Arts, Creativity, Community and Inspiration, they have decided to go back to their roots and share their passion with the world as Artrageous, a show that focuses on all the things they believe in and everything that got them to this place — Art, Music, Theater, Singing, Dancing, Audience Interaction, all on one stage. All done as a team of friends seeing the world and sharing a love of the Arts."

Following their performance, the Artrageous cast will meet audience members in the Sumter Opera House lobby, to sign portraits, hand out photos and say goodbye. They'll leave behind some of their artwork created during the show.

In addition to their 7:30 Thursday program, the Artrageous cast will also present a special ART-REACH program at 9:45 that morning. The educational program will be targeted specifically for students in grades 6 through 12 and will take them behind the scenes to learn about what performing artists do today, answer their questions and introduce them to different art genres. Students will learn what skills are needed to be a professional artist and to run a company. The students will also see a shortened version of the Artrageous evening show in the opening presentation in the 2017-18 Main Stage Series presentation. Call (803) 436-2616 for more information.

## Valerie Harper balances comedy, grief in 'My Mom and the Girl'

BY NICK THOMAS  
 Tinseltown Talks

Off-screen, Valerie Harper has been an inspiration to many following her optimistic defiance to her well-publicized life-threatening medical diagnosis in 2013. The star of the hit '70s TV series "Rhoda" now brings her indomitable spirit to the big screen to hearten families dealing with Alzheimer's disease.

Harper stars in Susie Singer Carter's short film "My Mom and the Girl," which will be screening at film festivals in Edmonton, Alberta; Columbus, Georgia; and Carmel, California, through October (see [www.mymomandthegirl.com](http://www.mymomandthegirl.com)). The film has also Oscar qualified in the Short Film category, a preliminary step toward the shortlisting of 10 films from which five eventual nominees will be selected.

Based on Singer Carter's own mother's battle with Alzheimer's, the writer, director and co-producer wanted Harper to play her mother, Norma Holzer.

"I was giving a live reading

of the script at the WGA (Writers Guild of America) and was asked who I could see playing my mother if I had to cast it immediately," said Singer Carter from Los Angeles. "I said, Valerie Harper. We didn't know each other, but she's such a good role model in real life and turned out to be perfect in this role."

Harper, too, saw the part as an opportunity.

"As soon as I read the script I thought it was wonderfully written," said Harper from L.A. "Susie's script was unusual because it introduced humor. Not actual jokes, but comedic moments that could be used to soften a real life tragedy."

Singer Carter said she can't take all the credit for the humor thread throughout the film.

"My mother lived with me for a year, and there were terrible times when she wouldn't recognize me or accused me of horrible things. But between those difficult moments, she could be a treasure-trove of humor fodder. I wanted to get that on film so families em-

barking on this journey can know there are two sides to this disease, and not every day will be a dark one."

"When humor is grounded in reality, it can stir up a lot of emotion," Harper said. "That's when comedy is at its finest."

While some dramatic scenes of the 20-minute film are drawn from the year mother and daughter lived together, Singer Carter crafted the story around one incident when her mother, followed by her caregiver (played by Liz Torres), impetuously left home late one evening. As she roamed the streets of L.A., an encounter with "The Girl" (played by Harmony Santana) led to an interesting evening where the lives of the unlikely trio briefly intersect.

"This absolutely happened to my mother," noted Singer Carter. "Alzheimer's was slowly stealing away her memory, but when she met this stranger crying on the street, it pulled her 'mommy cord' and she continued to be who she was, despite the illness."

Harper can certainly identi-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Valerie Harper and Susie Singer Carter Harper pose for a photo at a recent benefit for Alzheimer's research. Harper stars in Carter's short film, "My Mom and the Girl," as a character based on Carter's own mother, who has Alzheimer's.

fy with the film, and the relationship between patient and caregiver.

"My husband has been my wonderful caregiver for five years now, although I was only given 3-6 months," she said, referring to her rare brain cancer diagnosis. "My thing is called leptomeningeal carcinomatosis and it affects the meninges (membranes surrounding the brain). It's been difficult, but

I've found the best way to get over your own tragedies is to focus on helping and supporting others."

"That's why I wanted Val in this film," said Singer Carter. "I remember seeing her interviewed three months after her diagnosis and saying something like 'I'm not going to my funeral before I have to.' I thought what a spirit, just like my mom."

"My Mom and the Girl" is already a multi-award winner at film festivals across the U.S. and overseas. And Harper and Singer Carter said they're gratified their film found its way onto this year's highly competitive Oscar qualifying list.

"Awards are nice," Harper said. "But any light we can shine on Alzheimer's — or any other devastating disease — is a win for us."

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Alabama, and has written features, columns and interviews for more than 650 newspapers and magazines. See [www.tinseltowntalks.com](http://www.tinseltowntalks.com)

WEDDING

# Cabbage-Rogerson

Pawleys Island was the setting for the marriage celebration of Caroline and Evan Rogerson.

Caroline is the daughter of Elizabeth Stroupe Cabbage and the late James Mack Cabbage Jr., both of Rock Hill. She graduated from Clemson University and is employed by Eckerd Youth Alternatives.

Evan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rogerson of Sumter. He graduated from The Citadel and is employed by Sumter County as a K9 Deputy.

The couple resides in Sumter.



MRS. EVAN ROGERSON

ENGAGEMENT

# King-Taylor

Charley and Lula King and Anthony Sr. and Sheletha Taylor announce the engagement of their children, respectively, Sharon Denise King and Anthony Leroy Taylor Jr., all of Sumter.

The bride-elect graduated from Sumter High School and Park University in Parkville, Missouri, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. She is a former member of the United States Air Force.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Sumter High School and St. Leo College with an Associate of Arts degree in Business Management. He is a member of the United States Army National Guard.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 28, 2017, at Sunset Country Club in Sumter.



MR. TAYLOR, MISS KING

# Older couple mourns loss of friends and connections



Dear Abby  
ABIGAIL  
VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — I am 74, and my wife is 71. We are lonely. All of our friends have died, and we have no relatives in this state. We both have health issues that keep us mostly housebound. That leaves out volunteering and sports, and the high cost of gas is a factor.

We live in our own home and want to continue living here. Our home is in a development consisting of busy families involved in their own lives, or too young to bother with a couple of older people. We tried church, only to find that everyone there is as involved in their own lives as our neighbors are.

I fear the thought of one of us dying and leaving the other to possibly die alone in our house, not to be missed or discovered until much later. How can we have friends like we used to have, and not shallow acquaintances?

*Frightened of the future in Pennsylvania*

DEAR FRIGHTENED — If there are senior citizen centers in your community, I recommend you contact them. That way you can meet new people and form relationships with contemporaries. Also, these centers usually have geriatric specialists or social workers on staff with whom you can discuss your concerns.

That said, it's important to remember that the kind of friendships you and your wife used to have take time to develop — they don't happen overnight. Another thought: You say most of your neighbors are busy with their children. Perhaps you could reach out and offer to baby-sit for some of them in your home, if the parents would like a night off. I'll bet some of them will take you up on it.

DEAR ABBY — I was recently in the bakery section of our neighborhood grocery store. A woman came rushing in carry-

ing a cake that had been at least three-fourths eaten and made a scene, saying the cake was terrible and demanding that she be given a new one. To stop the scene, the store manager gave her a new one, even though she had managed to eat most of the "terrible" cake.

The next night, my husband and I went to dinner at a nice steak house. The couple sitting next to us ate almost their entire dinner before complaining to the manager that the steaks were awful and demanding their meals for free.

Has this become acceptable? If something is wrong with the food, shouldn't management be told after the first bite? It looks to me like these people are looking for a free ride.

*Offended in Kansas*

DEAR OFFENDED — It certainly appears that way. The most effective way to demonstrate that an item of food is inedible is to NOT eat it. In situations like this, the restaurant manager will sometimes offer as an accommodation a free dessert rather than write off the entire meal. As to what happened at the grocery, if the complainer was a good customer, then what the manager did was a wise public relations gesture.

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Good advice for everyone — teens to seniors — is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

# CLUB DIGEST

SUMTER ART ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of The Sumter Art Association for 2017-18 was held Sept. 19 at the Parish Life Building of the Church of the Holy Comforter. President Patti Sosnowski welcomed 54 members and two guests and recognized new members Susan Brabham, Jane Collins, Kathy Dubose, Beth Jackson and Norma Tolbert. Ginger Jones gave a devotional and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Linda Hogan announced numerous cultural events, both current and upcoming, taking place in Sumter and the surrounding area.

Following a brief business meeting, Dottie Lyles introduced Sumter native, Graphic Design Artist and Brand Man, Gil Shuler. Gil started drawing at the age of 6. After eight years of private lessons under Mildred White, a still-life oil painter, Gil found his creative niche in graphic design his sophomore year at Western Carolina University. With Gil's love of fishing, he moved to Charleston and established Gil Shuler Graphic Design in 1985. GSGD makes art for commercial purposes: full branding exercises, logos/icons, books, posters, packaging, signage systems, interactive and illustration.

## ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, BIRTH AND ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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Clarendon Hall juniors visit WLTX-19 in Columbia recently.

## Clarendon Hall

### JUNIORS STEP INTO BROADCASTING

This year the Clarendon Hall juniors have brought new life to their speech classes. They have begun their very own monthly live newscast. To kick off this project, the junior class took a field trip to WLTX-19 in Columbia, where they met morning anchor Deon Guillory, meteorologist Efen Afante and mid-day and evening anchor Darci Strickland.

The students were allowed to sit in on the live midday broadcast. It was amazing to watch the ins and outs of the broadcasting process. You can check out their broadcasts on our Facebook page, WJT-19-CHS. Follow our page and turn on your notifications so that you will know when we are broadcasting live.

This is a wonderful way to open the world of media arts and its careers to a generation that is so media driven. — *Susan Oswald*

## Wilson Hall

### MR., MISS WILSON HALL

Each fall the upper school faculty nominates students for the honor of Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall and the Mr. and Miss for grades nine-11. When nominating a student the faculty considers the following factors: above-average academics, participation in athletics and/or extracurricular activities, outstanding citizenship and excellent character.

From the list of faculty-nominated candidates, students in grades nine-11 vote for their own class, and all students in nine-12 vote for Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall. While voting, students consider the same criteria the faculty considers when choosing the most well-rounded representatives of their class and of Wilson Hall. The following students received this honor: Mr. and Miss Wilson Hall, Jake Meyers and Liza Lowder; Mr. and Miss Junior, Brown Osteen and Callie McAdams; Mr. and Miss Sophomore, Blake Richardson and Emily Reynolds; and Mr. and Miss Freshman, Parker VanPatten and Hannah Alsaadi.

### DUKE TIP

Sixty-two percent of the seventh grade qualified for participation in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. To qualify, students must score in the 95th percentile or higher on the national norms of a grade-level standardized achievement, aptitude, mental ability or an approved state criterion-referenced test.

Wilson Hall uses the Stanford Achievement Test. The program identifies academically talented seventh-graders based on standardized test scores achieved while attending elementary or middle school. These students are invited to complete either the SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT Assessment college entrance examinations. Duke TIP then provides the participants with comparative information concerning their academic abilities and resources for unique educational opportunities.

### MY COMMUNITY AND ME

The fourth-grade students once again participated in the My Community and Me program, coordinated by Sumter Volunteers, that introduces students to the history and workings of Sumter County. Community volunteers representing a variety of areas, including business, education, government, health, law enforcement and the military, visit the schools participating in the program. The volunteers visited the campus for a presentation to the students on Sept. 29. — *Sean Hoskins*

## Central Carolina Technical College

### MINIMESTERS OFFERED

Did you know that CCTC offers shortened academic semesters? Choose from a variety of core classes and work toward a certificate or an associate degree. There are four Fall Minimesters available: Minimester II (five weeks) began Sept. 28; 10-week session begins Monday; Minimester II (8 weeks) begins Oct. 16; and Minimester III (five weeks) begins Nov. 6. Earn full-semester credit in a shorter amount of time.

To find out what courses are available, visit [cctech.edu/academics/class-schedule-search/](http://cctech.edu/academics/class-schedule-search/) and select the correct Minimester under “Part of Term.”

### CENTRALFEST 2017

On Sept. 20, CCTC held its annual CentralFEST celebration at Main Campus to welcome new students to the college. Lunch was catered by Papa Johns and served by CCTC faculty and staff.

Free activities for the students included basketball, corn hole, badminton, checkers, jenga, foosball, a photo booth and a DJ. Different student life organizations were in attendance to recruit members and entice new students to get involved on campus. CentralFEST was a great kickoff to the fall semester.

### NEW MOBILE APP

*CCTCgo* is the official mobile app for students, faculty and staff of Central Carolina Technical College, offering secure access to your essential Central Carolina information, including: campus maps, events and news, social media, directory, course lookup, registration, student schedule, financial aid, midterm and final grades, academic transcript and much more. Download *CCTCgo* from the Apple or Google App Stores. — *Cathy Wood*

## Sumter School District

### PRINCIPAL CHOSEN FOR GROUP

Dr. Ayesha Hunter, principal of Bates Middle School, is one of the select few professional and civic leaders in the state chosen by State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman to serve on the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate Competency Development Stakeholder Group. This group will undertake the important work of developing competencies for the world-class skills and life and career characteristics of the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate.

As part of its mission, the group will further define the critical components of the skills and characteristics and identify what it means for students to demonstrate that they have achieved the Profile of the South Carolina Graduate and are ready for college, career and citizenship.

### STAR TEACHER RECOGNIZED

Zachariah Lowe, Sumter School District Teacher of the Year, was honored as the Community Broadcasters Star Teacher of the Month for September. He and Sumter School District Interim Superintendent Dr. Debbie Hamm appeared on the “Good Morning Sumter” show with host Derek Burress. The Star Teacher segment airs the third Thursday of each month at 8:15 a.m. on WDXY 1240 AM and 105.9 FM.

Lowe is in his fourth year of teaching, all at Mayewood Middle School. He is originally from Ohio and received his undergraduate degree from the University of Akron. He shared with the radio audience that he originally wanted to move to a beach area in South Carolina, but he met some of the Sumter School District recruiters at a job fair in Ohio and eventually signed a contract to come here. In addition to being an integral part of the school system, he enjoys the climate.

He has recently earned a Master’s degree from the University of South Carolina and is working on his national board certification. His Master’s is in administration, and while he loves the classroom, he would eventually like to serve in an administrative capacity.

As is the annual tradition, the first Star Teacher is our District Teacher of the Year. During the subsequent months, the students will nominate teachers; one per month will be chosen as the Star Teacher.

The Star Teacher of the Month is sponsored by Staples, which gives a gift bag to the honoree.

### ADMINISTRATORS CHOSEN FOR PRESTIGIOUS PROGRAM

Karen Buffalo, assistant principal at Alice Drive Elementary School, and Anita Hunter, principal of Mayewood Middle School, were two of only 17 professional and civic leaders from across S.C. selected to participate in the S.C. Education Policy Fellowship Program for the 2017-18 school year.

SC-EPFP is an intensive professional development program for established and emerging leaders in education and related fields to help equip them in working toward sound education policy and practice in S.C. The program lasts for 10 months, and participants take part in activities that promote leader-

ship, develop professional networks, demystify education policy and foster a greater understanding of the roles of government and the community.

Buffalo and Hunter join an elite group from across S.C. that includes other principals and assistant principals, a teacher, a literacy coach, district level administrators, the 2018 S.C. Teacher of the Year and persons from the S.C. School Boards Association, the Palmetto State Teachers Association and the S.C. House of Representatives.

According to Robert E. Barnett, chief operating officer for the S.C. Chamber of Commerce and SC-EPFP advisory board chairman, “This year’s SC-EPFP class is composed of some of the most talented and dedicated leaders in our state. Through the program they will develop added insights, acquire new professional skills, make valuable connections and work collaboratively to take proactive steps for South Carolina’s future through meaningful education improvement and reform.”

The group will meet monthly throughout the academic year for full-day dialogues, exercises and group projects, in addition to an overnight in-state Fall Leadership Forum and a four-day Washington Policy Seminar hosted by the Institute for Educational Leadership in the spring.

SC-EPFP operates under the auspices of the national Education Policy Fellowship Program of the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, D.C., which oversees Fellowship programs in 17 states and the District of Columbia. The program is coordinated in S.C. by the S.C. School Improvement Council, located in the Center for Educational Partnerships of the University of South Carolina College of Education.

Since its inception in S.C., SC-EPFP has produced more than 150 program graduates from a variety of professional backgrounds and is supported by an advisory board providing cross-disciplinary leadership representing the state’s K-12 education, higher education and business communities.

### CHEERLEADERS ATTEND COLLEGE GAME

Six Ebenezer Middle School cheerleaders joined 550 other cheerleaders at Spirit Day last Saturday during halftime of the USC vs. Kentucky game. Mariah Sanders, Morgan Mitchell, Destiny Davis, Patrice McCloud-Mickens, Jakyla Walker and Joi Watkins practiced extremely hard for the event and had an unforgettable time at their first college football game. The cheerleaders are coached by Laura Burleson.

### OCT. 20 IS A HALF DAY FOR STUDENTS

As a reminder, Oct. 20 is now a half day for students and a full day for staff. The day was originally an in-service/workday with no student attendance before the calendar was changed due to the solar eclipse in August.

Friday, Jan. 19, 2018, will be a full day makeup day for staff and students for the day missed during the recent hurricane. The day was scheduled as an in-service/workday and is the first date listed on published calendar for an inclement weather makeup day. — *Mary B. Sheridan*

## Morris College

### MID-TERM EXAMINATIONS

Morris College will conduct mid-semester examinations Monday through Thursday.

### CORONATION

The Coronation of Miss Morris College will commence on Oct. 13 at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public.

### VOLLEYBALL

Morris College volleyball will participate in a tri-match including Johnson C. Smith University and Columbia College in the Garrick-Boykin Human Development Center on Saturday at 11 a.m. — *Anika Cobb*

## Thomas Sumter Academy

### WHY TSA?

Two weeks ago Top 10 Facts of Thomas Sumter Academy were provided along with our new focus on STEAM. Last week, we talked a little bit about STEAM and why it is important. This week, I would like to share with you the Student’s Top 10 as an answer to the following question: Why Thomas Sumter Academy?

1. An opportunity to be a part of something bigger than oneself — community focus vs. self-focus;
2. Learning and living core values such as integrity, honor, commitment and fidelity;
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## Sumter Christian School

### ALL GRADES STAYING BUSY

The elementary students have kept busy learning new things through classroom instruction, fun activities, experiments and writing.

Laurance Kannon’s fifth-grade class has been busy preparing for their music and drama presentation for chapel on Oct. 11. Off to a great start this year, Ree Lynn Coombs’ fourth-grade class is starting to learn about insects in their science class through a bug collection. Since Amanda Kish’s second-graders are learning about poetry, they tried their hand at writing animal-themed couplets. Alissa Woodle wrote, “My pet snake had a nest. His name is Fred, and he is a pest,” and Logan Rogers wrote, “The shark’s skin is gray and white. Sharks have fins, so they can’t write.”

On Sept. 19, the senior class enjoyed guest speaker retired USAF Col. Rob May in their government class. He discussed the importance of having a strong understanding of history and the U.S. Constitution, along with his time as a JAG officer in the USAF.

Senior Doug Miles said that he appreciated “that he was able to answer any question he was presented with,” and senior Victoria Hodge enjoyed “hearing about his military background and hearing how much he enjoyed it.”

The seniors are always busy with fundraiser events throughout the year to help pay for their senior trip in May. They will be having a fundraiser yard sale that is open to the public on Oct. 21 and are accepting donations. — *Miriam Marritt*

## College students need to submit FAFSA every year

BY ANNA HELHOSKI

NerdWallet

College-bound high school seniors are the most likely targets for nagging about completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. But the message is just as important for returning college students.

If you’re in college and rely on financial aid to pay for it, you need to complete the FAFSA. Here are three reasons filling it out each year can help you pay for college:

### 1. YOU MIGHT RECEIVE MORE FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid eligibility is adjusted year to year. If your family has experienced changes in financial status, you might be eligible for more aid.

When you file a FAFSA, you can use prior-prior year tax information, or 2016 information for the 2018-19 form. Prior-prior year information is used so students can receive an estimate of aid eligibility without waiting for tax season to apply. If your circumstances have changed significantly in the two years since a prior-prior tax filing, don’t wait to submit the FAFSA. Once your newest taxes are filed, you can go back and update your tax information.

### 2. YOU MIGHT GET FREE MONEY

Organizations that grant free college funding use the FAFSA to decide if you qualify. Pell Grants are a good example; you don’t have to pay them back the way you do student loans. But they’re first-come, first-served — so apply as soon as you can after the FAFSA is released today. You might also need to file the FAFSA to qualify for scholarships through your college.

### 3. YOU MIGHT NEED A NEW FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN

When grants, scholarships, savings and work-study don’t meet the full costs of attending school, student loans can close the gap. If you took out a federal student loan last year, you’ll likely need another one this year. Completing the FAFSA is the only way to get federal loans, which offer more protections and typically lower interest rates than private student loans. It’s best to max out federal aid before turning to private student loans.

### HOW TO FILE

Complete the FAFSA on the federal student aid website. If you filed last year, log in to the FAFSA website with your FSA ID and click the FAFSA Renewal button. You’ll be directed to a partially prefilled form and can provide new financial information.

You can complete an application until June 30 of the school year for which you’re filing — that’s June 30, 2019, for the 2018-19 school year. However, your school or state typically has much earlier deadlines. Find your state deadline on the FAFSA website.

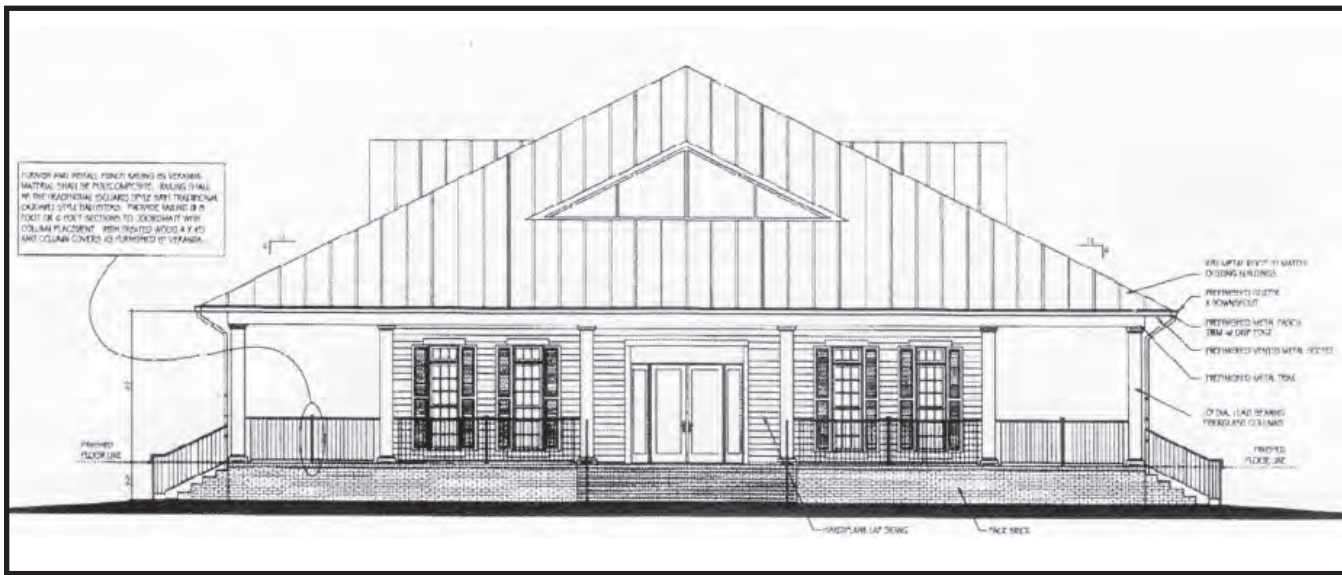


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Seen is the architectural rendering of the north elevation of a new community center at Memorial Park slated to replace the existing structure. This side of the building will face the parking lot and the formal pedestrian entrance to the park rather than Salem Avenue, although the building is similar in appearance on all four sides.

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would affect capacity. The Planning Commission's Helen Roodman explained that the number of available parking spaces would actually grow by 19, and Grady Locklear, the committee chairman, acknowledged that no parking lot would be sufficient to accommodate an event like the recent Art In The Park, during which cars were parked at Grace Baptist Church, in the empty lot at Liberty Street and Salem Av-

enue and along all the streets surrounding the park.

Roodman noted that the new community center would be the last project approved under Sumter's old Historic Preservation Design guidelines because new guidelines were adopted at the Sept. 19 Sumter City Council meeting.

After consideration of the community center, the committee heard a presentation from Hill Studios of Roanoke, Virginia, the firm that put together the new guidelines. Hill Studios' Katie Gutshall

said the new guidelines are built on those adopted in 1996 and that the firm took steps to organize and illustrate with local examples the principles they set forth. The committee's R. Scott Bell complimented the firm on its presentation and thanked its representatives for creating a document that is clear and understandable by the general public.

The new design guidelines are available in electronic form at <http://bit.ly/2xJFFHo> (33.3MB PDF).

# Tuesday is National Night Out in Sumter

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Activities and programs are being planned across the city by Neighborhood Watch groups for National Night Out, an annual event planned for Tuesday evening.

According to a Sumter Police Department news release, officers and watch groups scheduled the night in October this year, hoping for cooler temperatures for those participating. The event is usually held the first Tuesday in August.

Most activities are being planned for the late afternoon and early evening hours, and they kick off at 2 p.m. with a program at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St.

The goal of the national recognition is for neighbors and law enforcement to work together to prevent crime, according to the release. It was started in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch and is an opportunity for neighbors to mingle and meet members of the law enforcement community.

**VANDALISM**

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around that time, Sumter county Sheriff Anthony Dennis said. There was even an incident before where people did rituals in the graveyard, he said.

But there haven't been any incidents at that church in recent years, he said.

"People think the church is haunted," the church member said. "Of course that's not true."

She said the church was built in 1846 and was the fourth church to stand on the spot.

A historical marker on the scene says the congregation was founded in 1759 by Irish settlers who built a log meeting house, which was replaced in 1768 with a frame building.

The first brick structure was built in 1802, the marker says.

The church was reportedly on a list of churches scouted by white supremacist Dylann Roof before he murdered nine black church members at the Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston on June 17, 2015.

Dennis said investigators are actively searching for the suspects.

Dennis said Friday's incident resulted in \$3,000 to \$5,000 in damage to the property. Nothing inside the church was damaged, but it seems that the suspects tried to kick in the front door, he said.

He said investigators think the suspects are local.

Dennis said he does not know of any reason why anyone would target the charge for that kind of activity other than rumors that the church is haunted. But that's just a rumor, he said.

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# Chicago nanny no accidental photographer

BY MICHAEL TARM  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Yawning gaps in the life story of enigmatic Chicago nanny Vivian Maier, whose gritty street photography became a sensation and the subject of an Oscar-nominated documentary only after she died, led to early depictions of her as a camera-wielding Mary Poppins who may not have fully grasped nor cultivated her raw talent.

But new research reveals the French-speaking Maier as obsessive about honing her craft starting in 1950. Within years, the self-taught Maier had so mastered photography she often took just one shot to capture streetscape images heralded by critics more than five decades later.

Researcher Ann Marks showed her findings exclusively to The Associated Press in advance of the release of her book "Vivian Maier Developed: The Real Story of the Photographer Nanny" this week.

Marks drew on her access to 140,000 mostly unpublished Maier photos as well as personal notes Maier kept and documents uncovered in public archives.

Maier's Golden Era in the quality of her photographs ran from the mid-50s into the late 1960s in New York City, where she was born and then Chicago. Her some 15-year burst of creativity steadily waned beginning about 1970. She died penniless and living alone at 83 in 2009.

It's a fluke her photography was ever discovered.

A key player in the discovery was John Maloof, a writer and historian who went on to help direct 2014's "Finding Vivian Maier." He bought a box full of Maier's negatives and undeveloped film at auction from a storage locker repossessed in 2007 because Maier was delinquent on the payments. He only later recognized their significance. He learned of Maier's whereabouts from her obituary. He now owns 90 percent of her work.



VIVIAN MAIER / ESTATE OF VIVIAN MAIER VIA AP

This circa 1950 photo provided by the Estate of Vivian Maier shows one of the first photographs Maier took as she began to teach herself photography while visiting France. New research about Maier shows the enigmatic Chicago nanny was obsessive about honing her skills as a photographer starting in 1950.

Even to those who knew her when she was alive, Maier was often an enigma. She was drawn to children but seemed incapable of forging relationships with adults. Marks also calls her an early feminist who "believed she could outdo any man."

Her demeanor could be striking. She wore floppy hats and sometimes men's shoes. She walked in marching style, arms swinging. She rarely smiled and complained Americans smiled too much.

Marks' findings offer a credible answer to one mystery: Why did Maier only ever develop and print a tiny percentage of her photos?

Part of the explanation, Marks says, was a hoarding disorder that became so severe that a floor in her apartment buckled under the weight of her newspaper collection. The act of taking pictures — snapshots of time saved on rolls of undeveloped film — satisfied her urge to collect, psychologists told Marks.

Among Marks' findings was

that Maier disliked the happy-go-lucky main character in the 1964 Walt Disney movie "Mary Poppins." Maier jotted one terse note about the story of the English nanny and the children she cared for: "Out of date, child servant relationship."

But Marks' main insight is how Maier threw herself into photography at age 25.

She devoted years to experimenting with lighting and angles. She delved into books on photography. She took nanny work for parents with an interest in photography or other creative arts, including members of popular lounge act The Mary Kaye Trio.

By the mid-1950s, Maier had solidified her technique.

She was always on the lookout for good subjects. When she spotted one, she moved quickly. One child recalled embarrassment at how Maier was oblivious to the discomfort of her photographic targets.

Maier was a risk-taker. She ventured into crime-ridden areas alone at night to take pic-

tures of vagabonds and even corpses. She invaded the private space of strangers without qualms, even tracking Frank Sinatra, Cary Grant

and other Hollywood stars like a modern-day paparazzi.

One of her most acclaimed photos — among thousands she never developed — was taken in 1957. It is of a young woman in a white dress who seems to float ghost-like toward a car at night. Examining the negatives, Marks could see Maier got it in one take.

One of her hallmarks was the use of a boxy, square-format Rolleiflex camera. Users hold it at waist level and look down into a viewfinder. That enabled Maier to move in, head down, and shoot before subjects knew what was happening. Marks writes that Maier's camera choice made it "easier to operate as an outsider looking in."

Marks also uncovered new evidence of a painful childhood.

Maier's dad was an alcoholic; her mother, cold and distant. Before Vivian's birth in 1926, her brother, Carl, was placed in a children's home at the age of 5. He later said his parents "obviously didn't want me." He and Vivian were never close. He died childless at 57.

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# Feeling old? DNA supports an early human evolution

BY MALCOLM RITTER  
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — A study of DNA from African fossils is providing new evidence that our species is a lot older than scientists had shown.

It concludes Homo sapiens had appeared by at least 260,000 to 350,000 years ago. That fits with a fossil finding in Morocco that was reported in June, which suggested our species had emerged by about 300,000 years ago.

Previously, the oldest known fossils clearly from our species were a bit less than 200,000 years old, from Ethiopia.

For the new work, scientists studied DNA extracted from human remains found in South Africa.

The fossils came from three Stone Age hunter-gatherers who lived about 2,000 years ago and four Iron Age farmers who lived about 300 to 500 years ago. The researchers compared their genetic material to DNA from other ancient people as well as a variety of modern-day humans.

The goal was to use differences to estimate when various populations split apart from each other.

Since those splits had occurred between people, our species must have emerged by the time the splits happened, said Mattias Jakobsson of Uppsala University in Sweden.

Jakobsson and his team put the earliest split they could detect at 260,000 to 350,000 years ago. That's when ancestors of today's Khoisan peoples in Africa diverged from the ancestors

of other people, they calculated in a paper released Thursday by the journal Science.

Our species could have emerged much earlier, Jakobsson said.

Not everyone is convinced. The calculations relied on assumptions that could make splits seem older than they really were, said Todd Disotell, an anthropology professor at New York University who did not participate in the new study.

Disotell said he prefers prior DNA work that suggests an earliest split at about 200,000 years.



Men from the Khoisan ethnic group sing in Cape Town, South Africa, during an event unveiling a new suggested name by them for Cape Town, which translates as, "Where the clouds gather." The Khoisan gathering placed emphasis on their race and ethnicity in South Africa.

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## COMMENTARY

# Columnist gets it right about NFL

**M**y favorite newspaper columnist, Daniel Henninger of the *Wall Street Journal*, writing in his Thursday “Wonder Land” column, explains “Why I Prefer Baseball.” I agree wholeheartedly with what he writes.

Here are some excerpts from Dan’s column that have stuck with me:

“We’ve arrived at a moment when some choices have to be made. Starting Tuesday, I’ll exclusively devote what’s left of my sports-viewing budget to the Major League Baseball playoffs.



**Hubert D. Osteen Jr.**

“Set to one side that the reason most Americans can sing the words to their national anthem is that for generations, every American attending a professional baseball game has stood to look at the flag while someone sings ‘The Star-Spangled Banner.’ Many Americans think the last words of the national anthem are ‘Play ball!’

“Baseball is about baseball. The NFL and NBA seem to be about more things than I can process — some of them political, some of them personal. Baseball has an informal code of on-field conduct, which has held for a hundred years. The NFL doesn’t seem to have an enforceable code of anything.

“Last Sunday, after the New York Giants’ wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. caught a touchdown pass, Mr. Beckham got down in the end zone and imitated a dog urinating on a fire hydrant ...

“From Babe Ruth 90 years ago to Aaron Judge now, when you hit a home run, you run around the bases and into the dugout. That’s it. No end-zone antics that suggest the sport itself takes a back seat to a personality.

“After the Yankees’ Mr. Judge hit his 50th home run this week, a record for a rookie, his teammates had to force him out of the dugout to wave to the cheering crowd.

“Only the innocent could feign shock that eventually Donald Trump, in his capacity as president of the United States, would go after the kneeling players about the same way you’d hear from a guy sitting in the high seats at a New York Jets game, who by the third quarter is on fumes: ‘Get that son of a bitch off the field!’

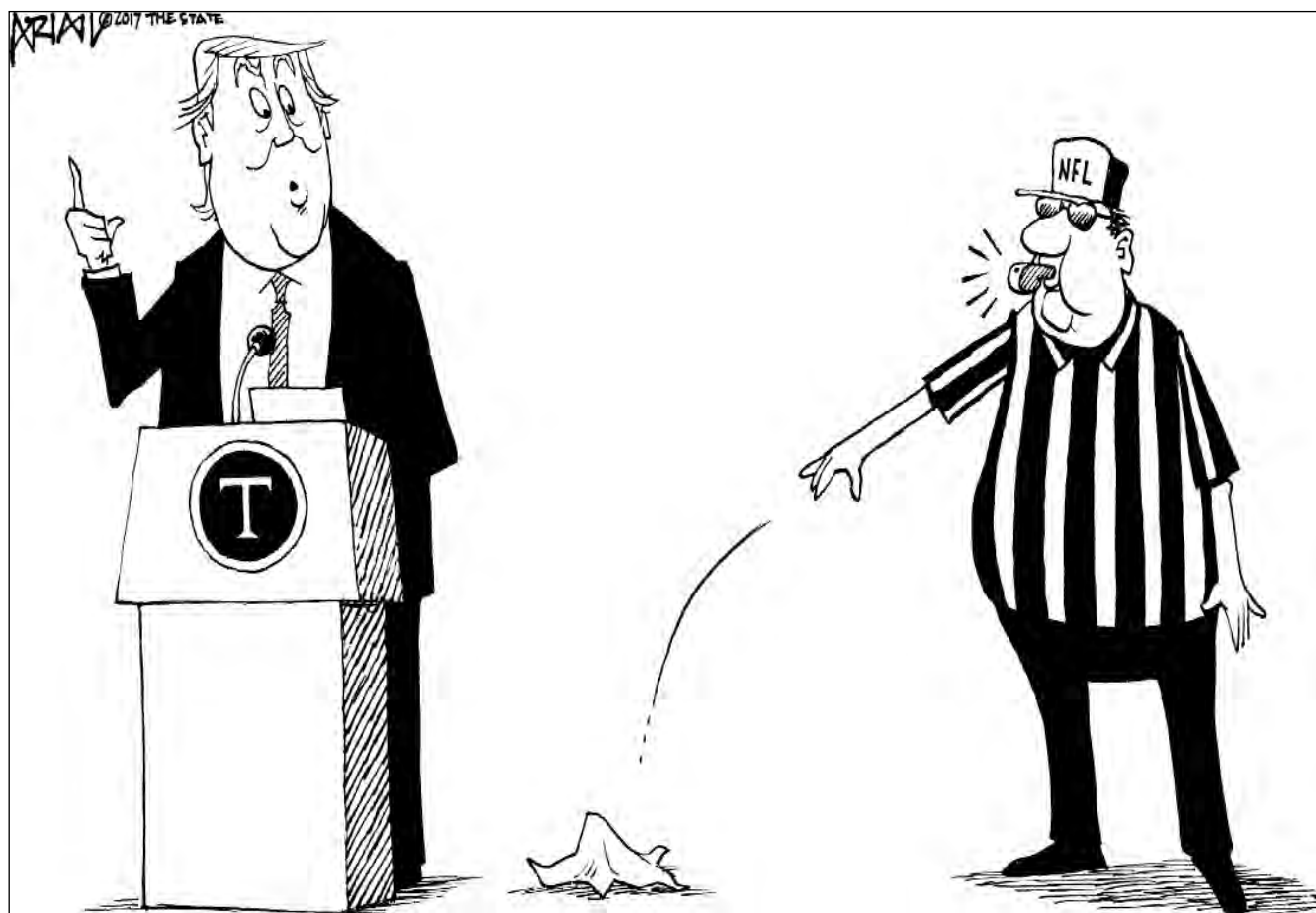
“There is an expression in sports: Don’t leave it in the locker room. It means you are supposed to save your best performance for the game. With baseball, that’s still what you get.

“We live in a highly polarized country. If people want their sport and its performers to be an affirmation of their politics, feel free. I don’t.”

I’m with Dan on his final words. As for the kneel-down, protesting athletes, GET THE HOOK!

And by the way, have you ever heard of Bobby Richardson taking a knee during the National Anthem? The only time he ever took a knee was to pray.

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## COMMENTARY

# Not all superheroes have starry underwear

**I** recently spent a Sunday afternoon with my kids at the urgent care facility at Colonial Healthcare because my youngest son, Colton, was fussy with an earache. After the standard weigh-in and temperature check, we ended up in the superhero room.

My boys haven’t hit the “I love superheroes” phase yet, so I

found myself describing the figures on the wall to them.

“This is Batman. This is Superman. And this is Mama.”

Of course, “Mama” is Wonder Woman.

Colton, who is 3 years old,

looked at me, then looked at the wall, then looked at me again with a puzzled face.

“Mama, that’s not you. You don’t have blue underwear with stars.”

Touché.

But it got me thinking, and yes, I am sort of a wondrous woman. Hear me out: I have small humans that I have managed to keep alive for the past few years, so that’s gotta count for something, right? I work a full-time job and somehow, I manage to get Jacob, 5, to school on time in the morning. (By the way, that means I have to leave by 7 dadgum o’clock Monday through Friday, so don’t hate



**Jessica Stephens**

*‘There are a lot of mamas out there living the same life I am. I’m just thankful for the support of my husband and parents, because raising a child really does take a village. And single parents who do it all on their own are the superheroes that superheroes look up to.’*

when zombie mama pulls into the parking lot.) I’m also making a concerted effort to participate in school activities, and I try my best to get the kiddos to church on Wednesday night.

It’s by the grace of God that everyone gets washed, fed and put to bed at a decent hour each night. (Sometimes dinner is Pop Tarts, but at least it tastes good.)

It’s by the grace of God that everyone has clean clothes to wear each day. (Clean, but sometimes stained.)

It’s by the grace of God that I’m able to maintain a home and keep such a hectic schedule. (I never said the carpet was vacuumed and all the dishes were washed.)

It’s because of God that I work a job in which my co-workers understand when I have to leave early because of whatever family issue happens to happen that day.

So basically, there’s never a calm moment in my life, unless

we scoot to Grandma’s house, and I fall prey to the Lazyboy. I guess my wondrous mama takes pity on me and lets me catch up on some zzzzzs while she entertains the boys.

But my experience is not unique. There are a lot of mamas out there living the same life I am.

I’m just thankful for the support of my husband and parents, because raising a child really does take a village. And single parents who do it all on their own are the superheroes that superheroes look up to.

So day in and day out, I’m going to do my best to stand tall and be the Wonder Woman I need to be, but for now you must excuse me because I’m going online to shop for some blue underwear with stars.

*Jessica Stephens works as an editor and designer for The Sumter Item. She is a wife, mother of two boys and proud USC Gamecock.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### THANK YOU TO ALL FOR MAKING ART IN THE PARK SUCCESSFUL

We wish to express appreciation for the success of the 11th Annual Art in the Park, held on Sept. 23 in Memorial Park.

Although presented by Heart of Sumter Neighborhood Association, the event was a collaboration involving talented artists; crafters and performers; non-profit organizations; volunteers; Curtis & Croft; Grace Baptist Church; Healthy Minds; City of Sumter; Main Street Society; Sumter County Cultural Commission; South Carolina Arts Commission, South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism; FTC; Michaels; Piggly Wiggly; Simpson Ace Hardware; Affiche Advertising Services; and hundreds of patrons.

HSNA is grateful to all who helped create a wonderful day in the park.

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### NFL SHOULD TAKE A KNEE BEFORE KIM IN NORTH KOREA

To secure peace with North Korea’s Kim Jong Un, the solution is simple.

Send the NFL players, coaches and owners to North Korea and gain an audience with Kim Jong Un. Then all bow down and take a knee before the mighty Kim. Peace is sure to follow.

LARRY FORSTNER  
*Sumter*

### VETERANS DO ALL THEY CAN TO PROTECT OUR RIGHTS

After reading Friday two letters to the editor, I had to reply. Those NFL players were only protesting a situation ongoing in our country that affects minorities.

I have been to many sport events where most people would stand yet not show a great deal of concern about the anthem or flag. Most of them were only interested in the upcoming sports event. As an American, I love it here because the flag represents the right for freedom of speech and choices. That’s the beauty of our country.

Beware of false prophets. This division will destroy the very freedoms we are accustomed to. I don’t have to demonstrate my love for the flag for anyone. This feeling for the freedoms in our country is part of its DNA. That’s what our flag stands for. It has filled the American conscience long before this so-called reminder of what it stands for.

Would the brave men and women who fought in World War II be happy seeing groups display a flag with the Nazi symbol out in public? I notice those types of protests filled with hate that are protected by our 1st Amendment rights was not mentioned.

In one of the letters, it was suggested those people who do not respect this new way of thinking should leave the country. Please remember most Americans are descendants of west Europeans. Were you suggesting that they leave? I am sure you weren’t. I am ex-military; I would have done all I could to protect those rights for all Americans.

B. BROWN  
*Sumter*

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## DOG FROM PAGE A1

back window, and I noticed stuff was all over the place.”

Daisy, who had been on the passenger's seat, must have been ejected from the car, he said.

“I had blood coming out of my head and out of my stomach, and I could barely walk,” he recalled, “and here I am walking down the interstate trying to find her.”

A few minutes later, police and an ambulance arrived.

The police told him he could not go looking for Daisy.

“They took me to the hospital, but the only thing on my mind is losing her,” Cabell said.

Cabell said he came from a cat family, so when he was on his own, he decided to get a dog. Having worked with a rescue operation that rescued Weimaraners, he decided he wanted one. He took one of the rescue dogs for a while, but he had to move, and it “didn't work out.”

While living near Fort Bragg, North Carolina, he advertised on Craigslist for a Weimaraner, and a lady answered who said she had a litter of three silver and two blue Weimaraners.

“I didn't even know they had blue ones, but I said I would like a blue female,” Cabell said.

At the time, Cabell was working and living at an assisted living facility, and now he had an eight-week-old puppy.

“It was a great place to raise a dog; all these old people wanted to love on something,” he said.

Daisy has been with Cabell since then.

“Just like my sidekick,” he said.

Daisy especially loves to ride in his Jeep.

“Even if you're not going anywhere, you just open the door and she will jump in and just sit there for hours, thinking she's going somewhere when she really isn't,” Cabell said.

After the accident, Nathaniel Cabell came to the Alcolu area and began putting up missing dog posters.

Will Cabell posted information on Facebook about Daisy, and soon he was getting help looking for her, including from a man who searched for three days using a drone and a group



PHOTO PROVIDED

Daisy is always ready to take a ride in Will Cabell's Jeep.

from North Carolina that searches for dogs and horses with bloodhounds.

When he was physically able, he returned to Alcolu and searched himself, but after three weeks he began to lose hope.

“I was like, there is two things that could have happened, either she died or somebody's keeping her,” he said.

Mother Nature doesn't lose many arguments, so despite the fact the Bennett family had stopped 10 minutes earlier at a rest stop, Sarah Bennett found a secluded spot off the roadway to answer the call. It was Sept. 25.

Sarah said she was nervous when the dog approached her, wagging its tail and whimpering.

“She was in pretty bad shape; she had a huge kind of gouge on her side, and she came over and started talking to me, you could barely hear her,” Sarah Bennett said. “She was so sad.”

Bennett did not know what to do.

“We were on our way down to Florida to deliver some furniture and were on a strict timeline,” she said.

Owners of a U-Haul company in North Carolina, the Bennetts had their three boys along with them.

Her husband said they couldn't take

the dog.

“We didn't really have time to stop anywhere, but by that time she had jumped in the U-Haul,” Bennett said. “She was like, ‘You are not leaving me here.’”

They got Daisy out of the truck but decided they could take the dog to Florida and find a shelter there.

“We were under the assumption that she was not really going to make it,” Bennett said.

They got Daisy into Sarah Bennett's car and continued on, but Sarah said she had a gut feeling that she should call a local shelter. She searched on the internet, and A Second Chance Animal Shelter in Manning came up.

Sherri Arment, office manager at the shelter, said she was the only one working up front at that time.

“She (Bennett) called and asked, and at the time, we couldn't take any new animals in,” Arment said.

She asked Bennett what kind of dog it was.

Bennett told her it was a Weimaraner.

Arment remembered something on Facebook about a Weimaraner.

Bennett said that she was on the

phone and still driving. Arment asked her if the dog would respond to “Daisy.”

“Sure enough, she responded,” Bennett said. “We turned around, and we drove back.”

Arment called the number she was given to call if the dog was found, and Will Cabell answered the phone.

“I think we have your dog,” she said. Cabell immediately got in his Jeep and headed for Manning.

Meanwhile, Arment checked Daisy for an ID chip and verified the dog was indeed Daisy. She informed Cabell.

“When the lady (Bennett) brought it in, I gave it food, because she was really, really skinny. We didn't want to give her too much food because she was wolfing it down.”

Several people who had been involved in the search gathered at the shelter for the reunion.

When Cabell arrived, Daisy was ecstatic to see him.

“There wasn't a dry eye in the house,” Arment said. “There were several of us standing there, we are all crying, and as soon as he saw her he dropped to his knees and the dog came up. He kept saying, ‘She's so thin, she's so thin. I can't believe how thin she is.’”

Upon returning to Charleston, Cabell took Daisy to a veterinarian. He said the lack of treatment for a month created some problems.

Daisy developed a bulla (a cavity filled with fluid or air) in her lung, a herniated diaphragm and some heart problems, he said.

“Her hip was dislocated for about a month, and you can't put it back in the socket, so they will have to do some unique things there,” Cabell said. “Her first surgery went really well, and physical therapy has been going well for me.”

After a surgery on Tuesday, Cabell said Daisy had her breathing tube removed and was eating food, a good sign.

“She's a great dog, and I am glad to have her back,” he said.

Daisy will need additional surgeries, Cabell said, and the vet bill will likely top \$10,000.

Anyone wishing to help with Daisy's bills may visit <https://www.youcaring.com/elizabethcabell-959438>.

## OBITUARIES

### ANNA EVANS

Anna Evans, 74, born Dec. 11, 1932, died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, at Palmetto Health



EVANS

Tuomey. The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her nieces and nephews, 1421 Ellery Road, Sumter.

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

### ELIZABETH SMITH

Elizabeth Smith, 65, died Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey. Born August 14, 1952, she was the daughter of Fred China and Genetha Mae Reese China.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home her son, Byron China, 5350 Antique Lane, Wedgefield.

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

### OLIVIA BRACEY

Olivia Bracey departed this life on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, in Sumter County. She is the daughter of Murray Bracey and Mary Felder Bracey.

The family will be receiving friends at home of her daughter Rethea Bracey Lemon, 142 Carolina Ave., Sumter.

JP Holley Funeral Home – Columbia Chapel, 8132 Garners Ferry Road, is in charge of arrangements.

### RUBY E. SCOTT

Ruby Ellington Brown Scott, 103, widow of Leroy F. Scott Sr. died Saturday, Sept. 30, 2017, at McElveen Manor Nursing Home, Sumter. She was born October 5, 1913 in Charleston, a daughter of the late Clarence O'Neil Brown and Lydia Elliott Brown.

The family is receiving friends at 375 Loring Mill Road, Sumter.

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

### C. MAYBELLE TOBIAS JACKSON

Cora Maybelle Tobias Jackson, 85, widow of Ernest Leroy Jackson, died on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at her home.

Born on Jan. 1, 1932, in Manning, she was a daughter of the late Joseph Pinkney Tobias and Cora Mae Childers Tobias. She attended Manning High School and she attended Pocalla Holiness Church, until her health failed.

She is survived by two daughters, Peggy Labonte of Chicopee, Massachusetts, and Patsy J. Godin (Geaton) of Sumter; a stepdaughter, Sylvia M. Pack (Robert) of Sumter; a stepson, Edward L. Jackson of Darlington; two sisters, Leola Thraillkill of Columbia and Ruby Lee Lowery (Walter) of Ocala, Florida; a sister-in-law, Margaret Tobias of Greeleyville; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a number of step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Debra Lynn Halpin; a brother, Joseph E. Tobias; and five sisters, Janie Cutter, Lillian Tobias, Rounette Hodge, Vernita Caldwell and Bertha Mae Birchmore.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday in the chapel of Elmore Cannon Stephens Funeral Home, 515 Miller Road, Sumter. Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 10 to 11 a.m. at Elmore Cannon Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 4495 Pond Loop Road, Sumter.

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

### JEANETTE A. REDDICK

Jeanette Arthur Reddick, 53, departed this life on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, in Florence County.

She was born on March 25, 1964, in Sumter County, a daughter of the late Brooks and Annie Mae White June. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

### DAPHNE B. MENDENHALL

Daphne Barbara Mendenhall, 85, widow of Giles Nathan Mendenhall, died on

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at Covenant Place.

Born in London, England, she was a daughter of the late Percy and Miriam Farthing Sharp. She was a member of the British Wives Club. She was formerly employed by Sumter School District 2 as a secretary at Cherryvale and Pocalla Springs Elementary schools.

Surviving are three daughters, Melanie Mendenhall and husband, Bob Butler, of Sumter, Debra Maclin and husband, James, of Waterford, Connecticut, and Judi Moore of Sumter; and four grandchildren, Steven and Amanda Butler, Katherine Lettick and Joshua Poliey.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with Chaplain Nathan Falco officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com).

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



### EDWARD EPPS

MANNING — Edward Epps, 72, died on Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2017, at his residence, 12450 Plowden Mill Road, Alcolu.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1945, in Alcolu, a son of the late Willie James Epps and Gracie Tomlin Epps.

Funeral services for Mr. Epps will be held at 3 p.m. on Tuesday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with Minister Bennie Epps officiating and Pastor Mary Ragin assisting. Burial will follow at Manning Cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at his residence. These services have been entrusted to Samuels Funeral Home LLC of Manning.

### MARCUS ROGERS

Joseph Marcus Rogers, 26, died on Wednesday, Sept. 27,

2017, at his home.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of Jennings M. “Jimmy” Rogers Jr. and Marie Mixon Rogers. Marcus attended Sumter Freewill Baptist Church of the Pentecostal Faith. He was a great cook.

Survivors include his wife, Lakin Rogers of Sumter; his parents of Sumter; a twin sister, McKenzie Rogers (Umut) of Charleston; a brother, Jennings “Jay” Rogers (Casey) of Sumter; maternal grandparents, Joseph and Varnette Mixon of Sumter; and an uncle, Gerald Mixon of Sumter.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Jennings M. “Jimmy” Rogers Sr. and Sara W. Rogers.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clyde Chan, the Rev. Stacy Floyd, the Rev. Brandon Chan and the Rev. Matt Cuney officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of his parents, 3090 Leach Drive.

Memorials may be made to Sumter Freewill Baptist Church of the Pentecostal Faith, 971 Boulevard Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

### EDWARD W. LYNCH

Edward Warren Lynch, 65, husband of Elizabeth Hodge Lynch, died on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on June 22, 1952, in Sumter, he was a son of the late James Oliver Lynch and Fozia Lee Lowder Lynch. He was a truck driver for Blue Ridge Transfer for many years and was currently employed by Glassco.

Survivors include his wife of Sumter; two children, David Lynch (Traci) and Angela Lynch Baker (Tim), both of Sumter; four grandchildren, Dustin Lynch, Taylor Lynch, Bailey Baker and Neyland Baker; and siblings, Raymond Lynch of Sumter, Betty Brewer of Manning, Shirley Boykin of Sumter, Pat Brendlen of Sumter and Rosa Lee Sims of Butler, Alabama.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Frances Dorrell, Mary Brunson, Billy Lynch, Fred Lynch, Arthur Lynch and Marie Lynch.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home. The Rev. Al Sims officiated.

The family received friends from 2 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and will receive friends at other times at the home.

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

### LOIS W. LEE

Lois W. Lee, 92, widow of J.M. “Bubba” Lee, died on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at KershawHealth Medical Center in Camden.

Born on Aug. 1, 1925, in Lamar, she was a daughter of the late Ollie and Francis M. Sutton Windham. She retired from Campbell Soup Co.

Survivors include four daughters, Angela Marshall of Summerville, Doris Rodgers (Bobby) of Sumter, Gayle DuRant (Stan) of Sumter and Patricia Payne of Summerville; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by a son, Danny Lee.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. today at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

The family will receive friends following the service at the graveside and other times at the home of Stan and Gayle DuRant.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4124 Clemson Blvd., Suite L, Anderson, SC 29621.

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

### ROBERT ANTHONY

Robert Anthony, 64, died on Friday, Sept. 29, 2017, at Ronald E. McNair Nursing Home, Lake City.

Born on March 3, 1953, he was a son of Robert Anthony Jr. and Chrestinia Kennedy Anthony.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 4930 McPhail St., Dalzell.

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

# Sumter American Legion Fair runs through Sunday



The Expo Wheel is the biggest attraction on the midway at the Sumter American Legion Fair.

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LEFT: The old Poultry Barn has been turned into a crafting extravaganza at this year's fair. RIGHT: The youth art show shares the same space in the main fair office building with the adult art show, both worth checking out while you're there.

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children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. Interest webinars are offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month.

PUBLIC AGENDA

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING Monday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Sheriff's Office conference room

BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

The last word in astrology

Sharing feelings and exploring your personal options will reassure you that the choices you make are conducive to reaching your goals. A commitment and plan that will change your future can be made.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make time for love and romance. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A change is heading your way. Don't feel the need to move too quickly.

WEATHER

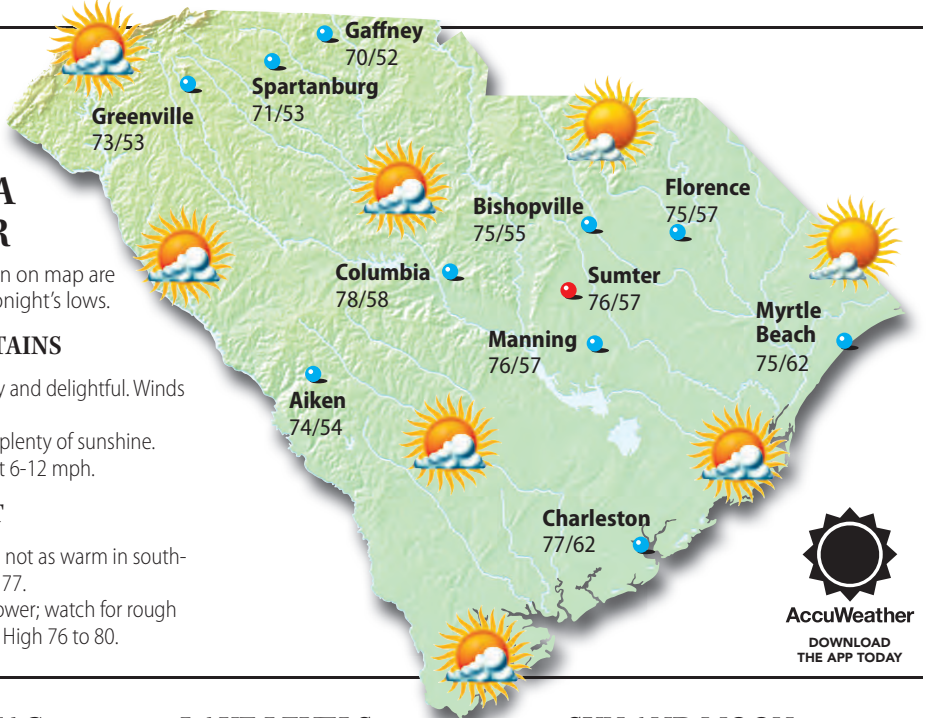
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperature forecasts, and chance of rain.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny and delightful. Winds northeast 7-14 mph. Monday: Nice with plenty of sunshine.

ON THE COAST

Today: Partly sunny; not as warm in southern parts. High 73 to 77. Monday: A brief shower; watch for rough surf and rip currents.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature and Precipitation. Includes high/low, normal, and record values.

LAKE LEVELS

Table with 4 columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists lakes like Murray, Marion, and Wateree.

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for Full, Last, New, and First.

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists rivers like Black River, Congaree, and Saluda.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, High, Low. Shows tide times for Myrtle Beach.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 4 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, etc.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 4 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, etc.

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

LET'S GET TOGETHER: A group endeavor By Gail Grabowski

- 1 Toothpaste portion
5 Braying beasts
10 Face-valued, as bonds
15 French arm
20 Entertainer Falana

- 19 Fix up, as a building
40 Circumvent
41 Spring weather event
44 Teeth expert's deg.

- ing Buffalo
39 Fix up, as a building
69 Yoga accessory

- 97 Election faction
102 Ready for picking
103 Sunlit lobbies

- 105 High society
106 Romance novelist Roberts
107 Preholiday times

Crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in.

- 111 Ties the knot
112 "That's a shame!"
113 Have an inkling

- 114 Relinquish formally
DOWN
1 Delighted

- 2 Anecdotal wisdom
3 Snowman in Frozen
4 Nestling

- 5 Parcels out
6 City near Florence
7 Czechs and Serbs

- 8 Lighten (up)
9 Plot outline
10 Thinks highly of

- 11 March together
12 Nuisance
13 Morning hrs.

- 14 Scoundrel
15 Class with microscopes
16 Nomad

- 17 Video arcade pioneer
18 De-ices, in a way
28 52 Across fractions

- 29 Aft part of a plane
30 At a distance
33 Tailor at work

- 34 Subtle "Excuse me..."
35 Mink relative
36 Be of use to

- 37 Racket target
38 Reason to recalculate
39 Repetitive learning

- 40 Sky blue
42 Exec's extras
43 Aid for the stumped

- 44 Tonic or ginger ale
45 Actress Moore
46 Equinox mo.

- 47 The Badger St.
48 Texting ancestor
70 Cub Scout leader

- 71 Dry runs
73 Regretful
74 Burns or Byron

- 78 Brilliant accomplishment
79 Appetizers, on some menus

- 80 Cut corners
81 Much more than worried

- 83 Informal refusal
84 Be like
85 Prefix for scope

- 87 Gentle touch
89 Honor Thy Father author
90 Bookcase fastener

- 91 Chip-dip tidbit
92 Cordoned (off)
93 Presence of mind

- 94 Descendant
95 Light bulb measures

- 97 Fussy person
98 "Would \_\_\_ to you?"

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers filled in.

JUMBLE

SPELL OOMPH RHYTHM INFLUX The baseball player loved his treadmill and all the — HOME RUNS

Awards for DRAMA (21 Across) include Breaking Bad and Game of Thrones.

USC FOOTBALL

## USC falls to A&M 24-17



South Carolina tight end Hayden Hurst (81) runs for a first down after a catch during Saturday game against Texas A&M in College Station, Texas. The Gamecocks fell to the Aggies 24-17.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Aggies rally from 10 points down to knock off Gamecocks

FROM STAFF REPORTS

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — The University of South Carolina football team saw a 17-7 lead late in the third quarter slip away as Texas A&M rallied for 24-17 victory on Saturday at Kyle Field.

For a more complete recap, go to [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).

The Gamecocks led 10-7 at halftime and looked as

though it might take control of the game at the start of the second half.

Carolina forced A&M to punt on its first possession, taking over at its 20-yard line after the punt went into the end zone. Former Crestwood High School standout running back Ty'Son Williams broke off a 32-yard run on USC's first offensive play of the second half. Five plays later, South Carolina was in the end

zone on a 13-yard scoring pass from quarterback Jake Bentley to wide receiver OrTre Smith with 11:47 left in the third quarter.

Texas A&M, which had struggled against USC through the first half, put together a drive that ended in a 46-yard field goal by Daniel LaCamera to make it 17-10 with 59 seconds left in the third quarter.

USC went three downs

and out on its next possession with the Aggies taking over at their 45-yard line. A holding penalty and a targeting penalty against A&M delayed it, but Texas A&M got in the end zone on a 7-yard run by running back Keith Ford to tie the game at 17-17 with 12:27 remaining in the game.

USC again went three

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USC WOMEN

## Staley says no White House invitation yet

BY DOUG FEINBERG

The Associated Press

Dawn Staley and her champion South Carolina Gamecocks are still waiting for their invite to the White House.

"We haven't gotten an invitation yet and that in itself speaks volumes," the women's basketball coach told The Associated Press in a phone interview on Friday night. "We won before those other teams won their championships. I don't know what else has to happen."



STALEY

Staley said she isn't even sure her team, which won the NCAA women's basketball title in April, would go now if invited. The night her squad won the school's first national championship, the Hall of Famer said the team would go to the White House because "it's what it stands for. It's what national champions do."

That was before "some things," as Staley put it Friday night, "transpired over the last few months. I haven't talked to anyone about it. I got bigger fish to fry than worry about an invitation."

The White House didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Every previous NCAA women's basketball champion since 1983 has been invited to the White House, spanning five different presidents.

Trips to the White House by sports teams this year are no longer a given.

The Golden State Warriors had an invite, but it was later rescinded by the White House when President Donald Trump tweeted that star guard Stephen Curry was "hesitating" in deciding whether to make the traditional champions' trip to Washington. The NHL champion Pittsburgh Penguins announced this week they would visit the White House. Both the Warriors and the Penguins won their titles months after South Carolina did.

Some teams have already made the trip to Washington. Clemson visited the White House this year after winning the College Football Playoff, some members of the New England Patriots went after their Super Bowl victory and the Chicago Cubs went to the Oval Office in June to commemorate their World Series title. The Cubs also had the larger and more traditional visit with President Barack Obama in January, four days before the Trump inauguration.

The North Carolina men's basketball team said last week that it

SEE STALEY, PAGE B2

PREP FOOTBALL

## Defense, QB Jackson carry Sumter past Bruins 31-20

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS

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FLORENCE — Coming off a bye week, Sumter High School head coach Mark Barnes knew his squad was likely going to have to shake off some rust in Friday's Region VI-5A opener at South Florence.

It wound up being more than he thought, however, as the Gamecocks committed 14 penalties and had trouble with snapping the ball low most of the night.

Even so, Sumter's defense forced four turnovers resulting in 10 points and quarterback Zykiem Jackson rushed for 117 yards and threw a pair of TD passes to spoil the Bruins' homecoming, 31-20.

SHS improves to 5-1 overall and 1-0 in the region while



MEGAN MAY / MORNING NEWS

Sumter's Zykiem Jackson (4) avoids South Florence's Sokova McDuffie during the Gamecocks' 31-20 victory on Friday at Florence's Memorial Stadium.

South falls to 1-5 and 0-1. The Gamecocks have a return trip to Florence's Memorial Stadium next Friday when they take

on West Florence. "There's no such thing as a

SEE SUMTER, PAGE B6

## Barons persevere, top Heathwood Hall 21-0

BY DENNIS BRUNSON

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Was it a game of beauty? Far from it, but it certainly met the needs of the Wilson Hall football team.

"We're 5-1 now," said Barons head coach Adam Jarecki after his team

knocked off Heathwood Hall 21-0 on Friday at Spencer Field. "That's the important thing."

As is improving to 3-1 in SCISA 3A play for WH. Wilson Hall struggled with the Highlanders for the better part of three quarters before a late third-quarter touchdown made it 14-0 and a 62-yard scoring run by

running back Justin Timmons in the final stanza put the game away.

Heathwood, which is in its first year under the tutelage of former University of South Carolina running back Marcus Lattimore, lost its sixth straight game after winning its opener. It is 0-5 in 3A play.

"Heathwood did a good job of taking our fullback away," Jarecki said. "We knew that's what they'd try to do. They play hard and they really get after you."

"We made some adjustments and we did what we had to do."

The game started with the Barons looking as though they

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JARECKI

# SCOREBOARD

## TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**6:55 a.m.** – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Brighton vs. Arsenal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7:20 a.m.** – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Hoffenheim vs. Freiburg (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**9:10 a.m.** – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Burnley vs. Everton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** – NFL Football: New Orleans vs. Miami from London (WACH 57).  
**9:30 a.m.** – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Bayern Munich vs. Hertha Berlin (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**11 a.m.** – Professional Tennis: Shenzhen Open Singles Championship Match and Doubles Championship Match from Shenzhen, China (TENNIS).  
**11:25 a.m.** – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Liverpool vs. Newcastle United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11:50 a.m.** – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Leipzig vs. Cologne (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**Noon** – International Golf: Presidents Cup Final Day from Jersey City, N.J. (WIS 10).  
**Noon** – PGA Golf: New Zealand Open Final Round from Auckland, New Zealand (GOLF).  
**1 p.m.** – NFL Football: Carolina at New England (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**1 p.m.** – Major League Soccer: Seattle at Philadelphia (ESPN).  
**1 p.m.** – Women's College Soccer: Texas at Oklahoma (ESPNU).  
**1 p.m.** – Women's College Volleyball: Tennessee at South Carolina (SEC NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** – Women's College Soccer: Texas Christian at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**2 p.m.** – NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Apache Warrior 400 from Dover, Del. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**3 p.m.** – Women's College Volleyball: North Carolina at Georgia Tech (ESPNU).  
**3 p.m.** – Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**3 p.m.** – Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Web.com Tour Championship Final Round from Atlantic Beach, Fla. (GOLF).  
**3 p.m.** – Women's College Volleyball: Louisiana State at Florida (SEC NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** – Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Colorado (TBS).  
**3 p.m.** – Women's College Soccer: Colorado College at Nevada (SPECTRUM 1250).  
**4:25 p.m.** – NFL Football: Oakland at Denver (WLTX 19).  
**6 p.m.** – NBA Preseason Basketball: Atlanta at Miami (NBA TV).  
**6 p.m.** – Women's College Soccer: Florida at Georgia (ESPNU).  
**8:20 p.m.** – NFL Football: Indianapolis at Seattle (WIS 10, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**8:30 p.m.** – WNBA Basketball: WNBA Finals Game Four – Minnesota at Los Angeles (ESPN).  
**10 p.m.** – NBA Preseason Basketball: Toronto at Los Angeles Clippers from Honolulu (NBA TV).  
**11 p.m.** – Professional Tennis: ATP Tokyo and ATP Beijing Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**2 a.m.** – Professional Golf: European PGA Tour British Masters Final Round from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England (GOLF).

**MONDAY**  
**6 a.m.** – Professional Tennis: ATP Tokyo and ATP Beijing Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).  
**6:05 p.m.** – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXV-AM 1240).  
**7:30 p.m.** – NBA Preseason Basketball: Charlotte at Boston (NBA TV).  
**8:15 p.m.** – NFL Football: Washington at Kansas City (ESPN, ESPN2, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**10:30 p.m.** – NBA Preseason Basketball: Denver at Los Angeles Lakers (NBA TV).  
**11 p.m.** – Professional Tennis: ATP Tokyo and ATP Beijing Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

## MLB STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	93	68	.578	—
y-New York	91	70	.565	2
Tampa Bay	78	82	.488	14½
Baltimore	75	85	.469	17½
Toronto	75	86	.466	18
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	101	59	.631	—
y-Minnesota	84	76	.525	17
Kansas City	79	81	.494	22
Chicago	66	94	.413	35
Detroit	63	97	.394	38
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Houston	100	61	.621	—
Los Angeles	79	81	.494	20½
Seattle	77	83	.481	22½
Texas	77	83	.481	22½
Oakland	74	86	.463	25½
x-clinched division				
y-clinched wild card				

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Toronto 0  
 Cleveland 10, Chicago White Sox 1  
 Houston 3, Boston 2  
 Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 0  
 Texas 5, Oakland 3  
 Minnesota 6, Detroit 3  
 Kansas City 2, Arizona 1  
 L.A. Angels 6, Seattle 5

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 Boston 6, Houston 3  
 N.Y. Yankees 2, Toronto 1  
 Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.  
 Detroit at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.  
 Arizona at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.  
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.  
 Seattle at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 Houston (McHugh 4-2) at Boston (Sale 17-8), 3:05 p.m.  
 Oakland (Mengden 2-2) at Texas (Hamels 11-5), 3:05 p.m.  
 Toronto (Anderson 4-4) at N.Y. Yankees (Montgomery 9-7), 3:05 p.m.  
 Seattle (Paxton 12-5) at L.A. Angels (Bridwell 9-3), 3:07 p.m.  
 Baltimore (Gausman 11-11) at Tampa Bay (Snell 4-7), 3:10 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox (Volstad 1-1) at Cleveland (Tomlin 9-9), 3:10 p.m.  
 Detroit (Sanchez 3-6) at Minnesota (Colon 6-14), 3:10 p.m.  
 Arizona (Ray 15-5) at Kansas City (Vargas 18-10), 3:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	97	63	.606	—
Miami	76	84	.475	21
Atlanta	71	89	.444	26
New York	69	91	.431	28
Philadelphia	65	95	.406	32
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Chicago	91	69	.569	—
Milwaukee	85	75	.531	6
St. Louis	82	78	.513	9
Pittsburgh	73	87	.456	18
Cincinnati	67	93	.419	24
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	102	58	.638	—
y-Arizona	92	68	.575	10
Colorado	87	73	.544	15
San Diego	70	90	.438	32
San Francisco	63	97	.394	39
x-clinched division				
y-clinched wild card				

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati 4  
 Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Mets 2  
 Washington 6, Pittsburgh 1  
 Miami 6, Atlanta 5  
 Colorado 9, L.A. Dodgers 1

Kansas City 2, Arizona 1  
 Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 3  
 San Francisco 8, San Diego 0

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.  
 San Diego at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Washington, 7:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.  
 Arizona at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 1-2) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 7-10), 3:05 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh (Brault 1-0) at Washington (Gonzalez 15-8), 3:05 p.m.  
 San Diego (Perdomo 8-11) at San Francisco (Cueto 8-8), 3:05 p.m.  
 Atlanta (Fried 1-1) at Miami (Urena 14-7), 3:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 6-4) at Colorado (Anderson 6-6), 3:10 p.m.  
 Arizona (Ray 15-5) at Kansas City (Vargas 18-10), 3:15 p.m.  
 Milwaukee (Davies 17-9) at St. Louis (Martinez 12-11), 3:15 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (McGuire 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 7-8), 3:20 p.m.

## NBA PRESEASON SCHEDULE

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**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 Denver at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.  
 Minnesota vs. L.A. Lakers at Anaheim, CA, 10 p.m.

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 Atlanta at Miami, 6 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers vs. Toronto at Honolulu, HI, 10 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
 Guangzhou Long-Lions at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
 Sydney Kings at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
 Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
 Brooklyn at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
 Chicago at New Orleans, 8 p.m.  
 Houston vs. Oklahoma City at Tulsa, OK, 8 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.

## NFL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	1	0	.667	50	37
New England	2	1	0	.667	99	95
Miami	1	1	0	.500	25	37
N.Y. Jets	1	2	0	.333	52	72
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	2	1	0	.667	86	69
Jacksonville	2	1	0	.667	89	51
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	53	90
Houston	1	2	0	.333	53	74
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	2	1	0	.667	64	50
Baltimore	2	1	0	.667	51	54
Cincinnati	0	3	0	.000	33	60
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	56	76
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	0	0	1.000	93	57
Denver	2	1	0	.667	82	64
Oakland	2	1	0	.667	81	63
L.A. Chargers	0	3	0	.000	48	67

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	77	68
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	64	62
Washington	2	1	0	.667	71	60
N.Y. Giants	0	3	0	.000	37	70
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	3	0	0	1.000	87	66
Carolina	2	1	0	.667	45	40
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	46	41
New Orleans	1	2	0	.333	73	78
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	102	81
Minnesota	2	1	0	.667	72	62
Detroit	2	1	0	.667	85	63
Chicago	1	3	0	.250	61	104
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	2	1	0	.667	107	75
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	48	59
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	56	76
San Francisco	0	3	0	.000	51	76

**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
 Green Bay 35, Chicago 14

**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 New Orleans vs Miami at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at New England, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Houston, 1 p.m.  
 Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
 L.A. Rams at Dallas, 1 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Giants at Tampa Bay, 4:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
 Oakland at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
 Indianapolis at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAME**  
 Washington at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, OCT. 5**  
 New England at Tampa Bay, 8:25 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCT. 8**  
 Arizona at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Carolina at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
 Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
 N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 L.A. Chargers at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
 Seattle at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.  
 Green Bay at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.  
 Kansas City at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
**Open:** Washington, New Orleans, Atlanta, Denver

**MONDAY, OCT. 9**  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

## NHL PRESEASON SCHEDULE

The Associated Press

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 N.Y. Islanders 3, Buffalo 1  
 Montreal 3, Florida 1  
 Carolina 3, Washington 1  
 Toronto 4, Detroit 2

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 Columbus at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.  
 Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
 Boston at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.  
 Winnipeg at Calgary, 9 p.m.  
 Arizona at San Jose, 10 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Vancouver, 10 p.m.  
 Anaheim at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
 Washington at St. Louis, 3 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 5 p.m.  
 San Jose at Vegas, 8 p.m.

## WNBA PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

**FINALS**  
**(Best-of-5; x-if necessary)**  
**Los Angeles 2, Minnesota 1**  
 Sept. 24: Los Angeles 85, Minnesota 84  
 Sept. 26: Minnesota 70, Los Angeles 68  
 Friday: Los Angeles 75, Minnesota 64  
 Today: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 8:30 p.m.  
 x-Wednesday: Los Angeles at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

## AUTO RACING



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Dale Earnhardt Jr., right, has spoken out on a number of issues concerning NASCAR and other things during his farewell season.

# Earnhardt emerges as NASCAR's conscience

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Retirement Dale has been Blunt Dale. As his final season ticks away, Dale Earnhardt Jr. has grabbed a bullhorn and demanded change — in 140-character bursts, on his podcast and through the media — on matters big and small in NASCAR.

He referenced John F. Kennedy in a tweet and was the first driver to take a stand on NASCAR's place in the national anthem debate. He angered fellow veteran drivers when he suggested they may have to accept pay cuts. And he chided NASCAR for allowing drivers to blow out their tires in victory celebrations and for parking drivers on pit road during an entire practice.

Earnhardt stands up for NASCAR — and isn't shy about telling the sanctioning body when it needs to stand down.

Oh, and it's not over in seven weeks after he is done racing.

He is headed to the broadcast booth and will join NBC Sports Group's coverage of stock car racing next year. Junior unleashed with a live mic for 20 Cup races next season should make for must-see TV for race fans.

Worried about sponsors or alienating a dwindling fan base, most drivers don't have the desire or clout to speak out on much more than if the car felt loose or tight headed into a turn.

Not Earnhardt. He opines on the sport each week on his "Dale Jr Download" podcast, and on his latest episode, he took aim at the "same tired stigma" NASCAR has faced over its racial and political overtones. When two race team owners threatened to fire employees who refused to stand for the national anthem, Earnhardt, who has 26 career victories, including the 2004 and 2014 Daytona 500, said he refused to judge athletes who take a knee in protest.

"I don't always claim to be right," Earnhardt said, "but I think in transparency in conversation and compassion you can learn from others. There is only one way to sort of do that and that is by communication and sharing. I have always sort of been eager in a sense to know more and to learn more and to try to understand both sides."

Earnhardt's farewell season went off the rails early and he'll end his career without a Cup championship. He hasn't won this season and is 22nd in the standings headed into Sunday's race at Dover International Speedway.

But the disappointment on the track hasn't squelched his candor on the issues that affected the sport.

Sure, when he said this summer that veteran drivers would continue to get squeezed out of rides for younger, cheaper drivers if they didn't accept pay cuts, he got a rare rebuke from former Cup champions Kevin Harvick and Matt Kenseth.

Otherwise, Earnhardt rolls on, perhaps hopeful he can exert some influence to change policy or even the way people think about issues that matter.

"I have just always been pretty trans-

## APACHE WARRIOR 400 LINEUP

- By The Associated Press  
**After Friday qualifying; race today at Dover International Speedway, Dover, Del.**  
**Lap length: 1 mile**  
**(Car number in parentheses)**
- (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 160.664 mph.
  - (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 160.392.
  - (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 159.986.
  - (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 159.972.
  - (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 159.893.
  - (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 159.759.
  - (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 159.688.
  - (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 159.454.
  - (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 159.208.
  - (77) Erik Jones, Toyota, 159.137.
  - (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 159.025.
  - (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 158.730.
  - (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 158.667.
  - (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 158.667.
  - (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 158.555.
  - (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 158.500.
  - (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 158.409.
  - (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 158.332.
  - (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 158.214.
  - (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 157.819.
  - (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 157.763.
  - (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 157.715.
  - (23) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 157.604.
  - (10) Darnica Patrick, Ford, 157.048.
  - (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 157.377.
  - (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 157.048.
  - (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 156.938.
  - (38) David Ragan, Ford, 156.481.
  - (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 156.264.
  - (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 155.844.
  - (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, 154.434.
  - (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 153.152.
  - (32) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 153.068.
  - (63) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 152.905.
  - (86) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 151.835.
  - (51) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 149.334.
  - (23) Corey Lajoie, Toyota, 148.920.
  - (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 148.810.
  - (55) Reed Sorenson, Toyota, 18.775.
  - (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, no speed.

parent," he said.

Of late, Earnhardt has spoken out on: • The national anthem: "No surprise to me everyone at the track stood and addressed the flag during the anthem, which I think will continue. But I also understand that the man next to me, if he wants to do something different, that's his right. I might not agree with everything somebody does, but it's their right to have that opportunity to do that. I can't take that away from them, and I don't want them taking it away from me."

• Blown tires: "I have been kind of waiting all this time for NASCAR to eventually say, 'Look, you know we would just rather you guys not blow the tires out.' They talk about not wanting to be the 'fun police,' being the 'fun police' is not on the radar of their damn problems."

• Parked drivers: "Missing practice is plenty of punishment. No need to bust out the dunce hat."

• Driver salaries: "Drivers are having to sort of understand that change is coming down the pike. If it hasn't happened to them yet, it

CLEMSON FOOTBALL



Clemson wide receiver Ray-Ray McCloud (34) grabs a pass as Virginia Tech cornerback Brandon Facyson (31) defends during Saturday's game in Blacksburg, Va. The No. 2 Tigers held a 17-3 lead over the No. 12 Hokies at halftime.

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# Tigers lead Hokies 17-3 at half

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BLACKSBURG, Va. — In another primetime matchup, Clemson quarterback Kelly Bryant had 176 yards passing and a touchdown as the No. 2 Tigers held a 17-3 lead over No. 12 Virginia Tech at halftime of their game on Saturday at Lane Stadium.

The final result was not available at press time. For a complete recap, visit our website at [www.theitem.com](http://www.theitem.com).

Bryant and the Tigers offense got off to a hot start — scoring 10 points on their first two possessions. New place-

kicker Alex Spence hit from 23 yards out to cap an 11-play drive as Clemson went up 3-0.

The second score came much quicker as Bryant found wide-open running back Taven Feaster near the Tiger 40 and had nothing but daylight in front of him as he rumbled 60 yards to put CU up 10-0.

It was a little tougher sled- ding the rest of the way as Clemson was forced into a couple of punts and a 43-yard field goal attempt by Spence went wide right.

However, the Tigers got things going again just before the half. Bryant connected

with wide receiver Deon Cain twice for 55 yards and running back C.J. Fuller barreled his way into the end zone from a yard out to complete the scoring for Clemson.

Meanwhile the CU defense all but shut down the Hokies for the better part of a quarter and a half. Virginia Tech went three-and-out on four of its first five possessions and managed just one first down until midway through the second quarter.

VT finally got on the board with Joey Slye's 43-yard field goal, but Slye missed another wide right just before the half.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

**STATE Saturday**  
 (2) Clemson at (12) Virginia Tech (late)  
 South Carolina at Texas A&M (late)  
 Louisiana-Monroe 51, Coastal Carolina 43  
 Furman 56, East Tennessee State 35  
 Samford 35, Citadel 14  
 Wofford 31, Presbyterian 7  
 Kennesaw State 38, North Greenville 34  
 Charleston Southern 58, Mississippi Valley State 7  
 N.C. A&T 21, S.C. State 7  
 Newberry 28, UNC Pembroke 6  
 Benedict 21, Central State 11  
 Limestone 56, Mars Hill 49 (2 OT)

**ACC Friday**  
 (14) Miami 31, Duke 6  
**Saturday**  
 (17) Louisville 55, Murray State 10  
 Pittsburgh 42, Rice 10  
 Georgia Tech 33, North Carolina 7  
 N.C. State 33, Syracuse 25  
 Boston College 28, Central Michigan 8  
 Florida State 26, Wake Forest 19  
**SEC Saturday**  
 Mississippi at (1) Alabama (late)  
 (7) Georgia 41, Tennessee 0  
 (13) Auburn 49, (24) Mississippi St. 10  
 (21) Florida 38, Vanderbilt 24

Troy 24, (25) LSU 21  
 Arkansas 42, New Mexico State 24  
 Kentucky 24, Eastern Michigan 20  
**TOP 25 Friday**  
 (16) Washington St. 30, (5) Southern Cal 27  
**Saturday**  
 (4) Penn State 45, Indiana 14  
 (6) Washington at Oregon State (late)  
 (10) Wisconsin 33, Northwestern 24  
 (11) Ohio State at Rutgers (late)  
 (15) Oklahoma St. at Texas Tech (late)  
 (18) South Florida 61, East Carolina 31  
 N. Illinois at (19) San Diego St. (late)  
 (22) Notre Dame 52, Miami (Ohio) 17

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and out and the Aggies took over at the USC 41 following a bad punt. They needed just five plays to get in the end zone, Ford going the final 17 to make it 24-17 with 7:42 left in the game.

There was no scoring in the first quarter even though South Carolina missed out on a golden opportunity.

Punting the ball after its second possession, USC's Joseph Charlton got off a 50-yard punt that the Aggies' Christian Kirk fumbled. The Gamecocks' Kelsean Nixon recovered at the A&M 29-yard line.

USC managed to pick up just one yard though and its placekicking woes continued. Parker White, who hit a 31-yard field goal in the final seconds to beat Louisiana Tech 17-16, missed a 46-yarder.

Texas A&M got on the scoreboard first with a 10-play, 55-yard drive. Running back Trayveion Williams went in from a yard out with 14:45 left in the second quarter. Daniel LaCamera added the extra point to make it 7-0.

South Carolina responded by picking up its initial first down of the game and it was followed by much more.

Bentley, who started the game going 2-for-6 for one



South Carolina wide receiver Terry Googer (6) is looked over by medical personnel after being injured during the first quarter of Saturday's game in College Station, Texas. Googer did have movement in all of his extremities and was later released from the hospital.

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yard, started the drive by hitting wide receiver Shi Smith for a 12-yard gain. That was followed by a short pass to tight end Hayden Hurst for a 27-yard gain to the A&M 36-yard line.

After an incomple- tion, Bentley was sacked for a 9-yard loss. It looked like another sack was coming, but Bentley spun out of the pressure and then heaved the football down the field to Smith for a 45-yard TD pass. White added the extra point to make

it 7-7 with 12:45 left in the first half.

USC drove as far as the Aggie 11 on its next possession, but had to settle for a 29-yard field goal by White with 11:49 left to make the score 10-7.

USC was on the move on its next possession as well and appeared to be at least in line for another field goal attempt. However, Bentley had the ball knocked loose and Texas A&M recovered at the 6 to end the threat.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

# McCarter has career day as Furman beats ETSU 56-35

GREENVILLE — Logan McCarter had a career-best 178 yards receiving with



McCARTER

one touch- down and caught an on- side kick in stride and sprinted 47 yards for the score to help lead Furman

to a 56-35 win over East Tennessee State to give the Paladins their first Southern Conference win on Saturday.

Tyler Voyles sacked ETSU quarterback Austin Herick twice as the Paladin defense recorded six sacks.

P. J. Blazejowski threw for 301 yards and three touch- downs and Furman (2-3, 1-1) rushed for 308 yards.

Herick led ETSU (2-3, 1-2), throwing for 438 yards and three touchdowns.

**SAMFORD 35**

**THE CITADEL 14**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Devlin Hodges threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score as Sam- ford rolled to a 35-14 victory over The Citadel.

Hodges connected with Kelvin McKnight on a 57- yard pass on his first throw of the game, and capped the opening drive with an 8-yard scoring throw to McKnight. Hodges threw a 70-yard touchdown strike to Yassar El-Amin and a 63-yarder to TaDarryl Marshall as the Bulldogs built a 35-0 lead early in the second quarter.

Hodges ran for a 1-yard touchdown and finished 21 of 26 for 323 yards passing. Moise Satine rushed for 73 yards on 12 carries includ- ing a 10-yard TD run.

Jordan Black and Brandon Rainey ran for second- half touchdowns for The Citadel (3-1, 1-1 Southern Conference).

**KENNESAW STATE 38**

**NORTH GREENVILLE 34**

KENNESAW, Ga. — Chandler Burks ran for two touchdowns, including the game-winner on a 1-yard sneak with 16 sec- onds left, and threw for another and Kennesaw State rallied to defeat Division II North Greenville 38-34.

The Crusaders grabbed a 34-31 lead on a 33-yard touchdown pass from Will Hunter to Robbie Brown with 5:04 to play before Burks led a 74-yard drive.

Ashton Heard had touch- downs rushing and receiv- ing but the Crusaders (3-2) only picked up 47 on the ground.

**CHARLESTON SOUTHERN 58**

**MVSU 7**

CHARLESTON — Ter- rance Wilson ran for 106

yards and two touchdowns and Charleston Southern scored seven unanswered touchdowns in the second half, rolling to a 58-7 win over Mississippi Valley State.

Shane Bucenell threw for 101 yards and a score on the third longest pass in CSU history, an 87-yard touch- down to Kameron Brown that put the Buccaneers (2-2) up 7-0 with 12:16 to play in the second quarter.

Wilson had a 62-yard touchdown run on the fourth play of the third quarter and Taz Lindsey re- turned a MVSU punt 45 yards for another CSU score.

**(7) GEORGIA 41**

**TENNESSEE 0**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jake Fromm threw a touchdown pass and ran for two more scores and Georgia handed Tennessee its first shutout in nearly a quarter-century.

Nick Chubb added 109 yards rushing to help Georgia race to its first 5-0 start since 2012, the last year the Bulldogs reached the Southeastern Confer- ence championship game. They are 2-0 in conference play.

Tennessee (3-2, 0-2) was shut out for the first time since a 31-0 loss to Florida in 1994.

**(17) LOUISVILLE 55**

**MURRAY STATE 10**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Lamar Jackson had a short but productive day, throwing for 249 yards and three touchdowns in just over a half for Louis- ville.

The reigning Heisman Trophy winner, who had just one play after halftime, added 100 yards rushing and a TD on seven carries. He's 13 yards short of be- coming the seventh player in Atlantic Coast Confer- ence history to reach 10,000 total career yards.

**(21) FLORIDA 38**

**VANDERBILT 24**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Lamical Perine scored three touchdowns, Malik Davis added two and Flor- ida beat Vanderbilt de- spite losing quarterback Luke Del Rio for the season with a broken left col- larbone.

Florida head coach Jim McElwain says Del Rio will have season-ending sur- gery Monday.

Perine bookended two 1-yard plunges around a 13- yard scamper to help the Gators (3-1, 3-0) beat the Commodores (3-2, 0-2) for the 26th time in the last 27 meetings.

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Carolina linebackers Luke Kuechly, left, and Thomas Davis, right, will try to help the Panthers' defense slow down Tom Brady and the New England Patriots today in Foxborough, Massachusetts.

# Panthers' defense ready for test against Patriots

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER  
The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The Carolina Panthers' defense made a statement during the first two weeks of the season when it held the San Francisco 49ers and Buffalo Bills to a combined six points in back-to-back victories.

It took a step backward in last week's loss 34-13 to New Orleans, but still is the NFL's top-ranked defense entering Sunday's matchup with New England. Through three games, Carolina is allowing just 252 yards per game.

The Panthers (2-1) now are hoping to fix whatever vulnerabilities were exposed against the Saints as they prepare to face Tom Brady and a Patriots offense that is averaging a league-best 441 yards per game.

Carolina coach Ron Rivera said that even at 40 years old, he thinks Brady is as formidable as ever. He said the absence of receiver Julian Edelman has only caused Brady to make minor adjustments.

"You see him spreading the ball out a little more — mostly out of necessity," Rivera said. "But he still has an array of weapons. He just doesn't have that one singular guy that he's had in the past."

Whether he has a go-to guy or not, as the Patriots (2-1) prepare for their toughest defensive test of the season, the offensive line's ability to protect

Brady will be in the spotlight.

Brady was sacked 15 times during his abbreviated 12-game regular season in 2016. That number is already up to 10 this season.

But Brady maintains his recovery time is also better because he has learned how to absorb punishment during his career.

"You do have to learn how to find the way down in a way that you'll be able to get up and try to play the next play," Brady said. "There's some luck involved, but let's go again, baby. Let's line them up and play."

The Panthers have done a good job getting after the quarterback this season, posting eight total sacks. At 37, linebacker Julius Peppers leads the team with 2 1/2 sacks.

But linebacker Luke Kuechly, who has a team-best 25 tackles, said they can't ignore the versatility of New England's run game. Mike Gillislee is tied for the NFL lead with four rushing scores, and James White has 12 catches for 126 yards.

"They got something for everything," Kuechly said. "I think that's what makes them unique is they've got guys than can run the ball, they've got guys that can catch the ball. ... We've got to have our eyes open and see who's coming in the game."

**MILESTONE WATCH**

With 185 career regular-season victories as a start-

ing quarterback, Brady is one win from tying Brett Favre and Peyton Manning (186) for the most in NFL history.

**CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN**

Panthers veteran nickel back Captain Munneryn was shocked and upset that he only played 11 snaps against Drew Brees and the Saints in Carolina's 34-13 loss on Sunday. This week, he let coaches know about it.

"I didn't come here for that," said Munneryn, who signed a four-year, \$17.5 million deal to return to the Panthers. "And I told them. I expressed my feelings. I want to play."

Munneryn averaged 31 snaps in the team's first two games against Buffalo and San Francisco.

Rivera said the team will look at ways to get Munneryn back on the field against the Patriots and Brady. With starting cornerback Daryl Worley battling a shoulder injury, that could mean Munneryn has to play some on the outside.

**MCCAFFREY'S ROLE**

Rookie running back Christian McCaffrey saw an expanded role as a receiver last week with tight end Greg Olsen (broken foot) out and wide receiver Kelvin Benjamin missing the final three quarters with a strained knee.

McCaffrey was really the one weapon Cam Newton had in the passing game, hauling in nine catches for 101 yards.

SPORTS ITEMS

# Red Sox clinch AL East, top Astros 6-3

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox clinched the AL East by beating Houston 6-3 Saturday, setting up an immediate rematch with the Astros in the playoffs.

The Red Sox ended a 2-game skid and won back-to-back AL East titles for the first time in franchise history.

**YANKEES 2  
BLUE JAYS 1**

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees wound up with an AL wild-card spot, beating Toronto 2-1 on Aaron Judge's 52nd home run shortly before Boston clinched the AL East crown.

**FRIDAY**

**MARLINS 6  
BRAVES 5**

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton went 2 for 4 with a single and a double and the Miami slugger remained at 59 home runs as the Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 6-5 on Friday night.

**BLANEY WINS XFINITY PLAYOFFS AT DOVER**

DOVER, Del. — Ryan Blaney crashed the Xfinity



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The Boston Red Sox celebrate after defeating the Houston Astros 6-3 on Saturday in Boston to clinch the American League East Division championship.

Series playoffs and the Cup regular dominated Saturday to win the race at Dover International Speedway.

Xfinity playoff drivers took the second through six spots and nine of the top 11. Justin Allgaier was second, followed by William Byron, Daniel Hemric and Brennan Poole.

**AMERICANS 1 POINT AWAY FROM PRESIDENTS CUP**

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — The

Americans came within one match of winning the Presidents Cup — on Saturday.

Anirban Lahiri and Si Woo Kim delivered the only victory for the International team and the Americans poured it on. They had a 14 1/2-3 1/2 lead, needing only one point today to retain the cup.

Phil Mickelson set a record with his 25th victory.

From wire reports

AREA ROUNDUP

# Stallions rout North Central 33-7 to improve to 6-1 overall

BISHOPVILLE — The Lee Central varsity football team earned a 33-7 region victory over North Central on Friday at Stallion Stadium to improve to 6-1 overall.

Mike Watters scored two touchdowns and rushed for 87 yards to lead the Stallions offense. Demetrius Dubose rushed for 97 yards and one touchdown.

Naquan Peoples scored a rushing touchdown and quarterback Tjuan Durant threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Deondraye Moses to close out the scoring.

The Stallions defense was led by Derrick Joye and DeAndre Oliver with 10 tackles each. Oliver also had a fumble recovery.

Shileake Albert and Corey King added seven tackles apiece while Deablo Halley and Deontae Lowery each recorded a sack.

LCHS is on the road next week in Pageland to take on Central High School.

**VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

**THOMAS SUMTER 3**

**LAURENCE MANNING 0**

MANNING — Thomas Sumter Academy's varsity volleyball team stayed undefeated on the season with a 3-0 victory over Laurence Manning Academy on Thursday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

The 16-0 Lady Generals won by the scores of 25-9, 25-6, 25-3.

Sydney Daniel led TSA with 34 service points and set 12 assists. Josie Reed had 10 assists and Anita Cookey-Gam had 17 kills.

**CLARENDON HALL 3**

**ANDREW JACKSON 2**

EHRHARDT — Clarendon Hall improved to 6-5 with a 3-2 victory over Andrew Jackson Academy on Thursday at the AJA gymnasium.

The Lady Saints won by the scores of 22-25, 25-21, 25-12, 24-26, 15-8.

CH was led by Mallory McIntosh with 31 service points. Ava English had 20 points and Sara James 19.

**CRESTWOOD 3**

**LAKEWOOD 1**

Lakewood High School lost to Crestwood 3-1 on Thursday at The Swamp.

CHS won by the scores of 25-14, 21-25, 25-17 25-14.

Emily McDonald led LHS with six aces and one kills. Ariana Jackson had four aces and one kill, Taylor McPhail had three kills, Amiyah Pinkney had two aces and two kills and Rahteisha Burgess had two kills and two digs.

**VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS**

**SUMTER 5**

**CAROLINA FOREST 2**

MYRTLE BEACH — Sumter High School defeated Carolina Forest 5-2 on Thursday at the CF courts.

On Wednesday, Sumter lost a doubleheader to Darlington, losing both by scores of 4-2.

In the first match, Whitney Crawford and Windsor Pittman won their single matches. In the second match, Crawford and Jordan Shuping won their matches.

**SINGLES**

- 1 — Whitney Crawford (S) defeated Raleigh Keenan 5-7, 6-2, 11-9.
- 2 — Mia Cabildo (CF) defeated Lindsey Smutz 6-1, 6-2.
- 3 — Jordan Shuping (S) defeated Alli Zokoe 0-6, 6-1, 10-7.
- 4 — Rita Alan (S) defeated Gracen Kay 7-6(11-9), 4-6, 10-5.
- 5 — Maggie-Louise Bellamy (CF) defeated Windsor Pittman 6-2, 6-2.

**DOUBLES**

- 1 — Crawford/Smutz (S) defeated Keenan/Cabildo 6-4, 6-1.
- 2 — Carmen Carrigan/Rachel Quesenberry (S) defeated Yeva Mkhoyan/Savannah Case 6-3, 6-3.

**JV VOLLEYBALL**

**CLARENDON HALL 2**

**ANDREW JACKSON 0**

EHRHARDT — Clarendon Hall remained undefeated on the season with a 2-0 victory over Andrew Jackson Academy on Thursday at the AJA gymnasium.

The 11-0 Lady Saints won by the scores of 25-16, 25-14.

Hadleigh McIntosh led CH with 13 points. Amberly Way had 10 and Sarah Henning and Whitney Avins both had seven.

**THOMAS SUMTER 2**

**LAURENCE MANNING 0**

MANNING — Thomas Sumter improved to 9-7 with a 2-0 victory over Laurence Manning Academy on Thursday at Bubba Davis Gymnasium.

TSA won by the scores of 25-11, 25-12.

Lindsay Daniel had 18 points, seven assists and 10 aces. Logan Scruggs had eight assists and Maci Willetts had six kills.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL**

**FURMAN 3**

**CHESTNUT OAKS 0**

Furman Middle School defeated Chestnut Oaks 3-0 on Thursday at the FMS gymnasium.

The Lady Indians won by the scores of 25-6, 25-10, 25-18.

Aniya Choice led Furman with 13 assists and 10 aces. Alissa Geddings had 10 assists and four aces and Alana Williams had five assists.

**JV FOOTBALL**

**LAURENCE MANNING 20**

**PORTER-GAUD 6**

CHARLESTON — Laurence Manning Academy defeated Porter-Gaud 20-6 on Thursday at the P-G field.

Mark Lupori had six tackles and an interception to lead the defense. AJ Nelson had four tackles and an interception.

Nolan Osteen scored two touchdowns to lead the offense. Nelson ran for a score and passed to Bryce Acord for a 2-point conversion.

**LUGOFF-ELGIN 20**

**LAKEWOOD 14**

Lakewood High School fell to 2-2 with a 20-14 loss to Lugoff-Elgin on Thursday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

Jeffrey Lawson ran for 87 yards and a touchdown. Descere Summers returned a kickoff for a touchdown and Koby Wagner ran for a 2-point conversion.

Landon Gedding had nine tackles and two fumble recoveries to lead the defense. Seneca Sinkler had three tackles for loss and six assisted tackles.

**PREP SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**

**Varsity Girls Golf**  
Sumter in Region Qualifier (at Beech Creek Golf Club), 4:30 p.m.  
Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.

**Varsity Girls Tennis**  
Wilson Hall at Cardinal Newman, 4 p.m.  
Palmetto Christian at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.

**Junior Varsity Girls Tennis**  
Laurence Manning at Orangeburg Prep, 4 p.m.  
Robert E. Lee at All Saints, 4 p.m.

**Varsity and JV Volleyball**  
Thomas Sumter at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m.  
Palmetto Christian at Robert E. Lee, 5 p.m.  
Holly Hill at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.

**B Team Volleyball**  
Wilson Hall Blue, Wilson Hall White, Robert E. Lee in Wilson Hall Tournament, TBA

**Middle School Volleyball**  
Alice Drive at Mayewood, 5 p.m.  
Chestnut Oaks at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.  
Furman at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

**Varsity Cross Country**  
Sumter in Home Meet, 5:30 p.m.  
Hartsville at Crestwood, 5 p.m.  
Lakewood at Lugoff-Elgin, 5:30 p.m.  
East Clarendon at West Florence, 5 p.m.

**Middle School Football**  
Alice Drive at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.  
Bates at Mayewood, 5 p.m.  
Chestnut Oaks at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.  
Manning at Furman, 5 p.m.

**Varsity Girls Golf**  
Lugoff-Elgin at Sumter (at Beech

Creek Golf Club), 4:30 p.m.  
**Varsity Boys Soccer**  
Sumter Christian at Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.

**Varsity Girls Tennis**  
West Florence at Sumter, 5 p.m.  
East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamplico, 5 p.m.

Florence Christian at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.  
Trinity-Byrnes at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.  
Williamsburg at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

**Junior Varsity Girls Tennis**  
All Saints at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.  
Williamsburg at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.

**Varsity Volleyball**  
Darlington at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
**Varsity and JV Volleyball**

West Florence at Sumter, 6 p.m.  
Wilson at Lakewood, 5:30 p.m.  
Lee Central at Cheraw, 5 p.m.  
East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamplico, 5 p.m.

Laurence Manning at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.  
Northwood at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.  
Providence Athletic Club at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.

Jefferson Davis at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.  
Sumter Christian at Calvary Christian, 4 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Middle School Football**  
Spaulding at Lee Central, 6 p.m.

**Varsity Girls Tennis**  
Thomas Sumter at Palmetto Christian, 4 p.m.

**Junior Varsity Girls Tennis**  
Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.



# Rushing attack powers Eagles past TSA 35-20

BY J.B. BRUNSON  
Special To The Sumter Item

DALZELL — The Thomas Sumter Academy football team's defense has proven to be extremely susceptible to run-



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minded offenses. Friday was no different for the Generals.

Florence Christian School's rushing attack, led by the powerhouse

combo of running backs Marshall Brown and Eli Brayboy, went for four touchdowns and 383 yards to lead the Eagles to

a 35-20 victory at General Field. "We took the bad end of the stick tonight," said TSA head coach Troy Kessinger, whose team fell to 2-5 overall and 1-2 in SCISA Region II-2A.

Thomas Sumter received the ball to start the game. A 40-yard pass from quarterback Eli Kessinger to wide receiver Richard Huntley moved the Generals to the Eagles' 19-yard line. Four plays later though, they turned the ball over on downs at the 14.

The Eagles implemented their running game early by putting together a 15-play, 86-yard scoring drive that lasted nearly eight minutes and only

featured running plays. Brayboy scored on a 4-yard run to cap off the drive. A successful 2-point conversion made it 8-0.

The second quarter resembled the first with Florence Christian steadily moving the ball on the ground. An 81-yard drive covering 13 plays was capped off by a 2-yard quarterback sneak from Nick Wood to make it 15-0 with 2:23 left in the first half.

FCS intercepted Eli Kessinger on the ensuing drive at the Florence Christian 41. On the next play, Brayboy broke loose for 59-yard touchdown run to make it 22-0 at halftime. In the first half, Florence

Christian had 220-yards of total offense without throwing the ball once.

The Generals showed some life offensively in the third quarter as Eli Kessinger connected with wide receiver Dante Linder for a 40-yard touchdown and Huntley rushed for a 22-yard touchdown of his own.

The Eagles' offense would, however, prove to be too big of a problem for the Generals. Nick Wood found Marshall Brown for a 12-yard TD pass and then Brown would later take it into the end zone himself with a 5-yard rushing touchdown to give Florence

Christian a 35-13 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Huntley found the end zone for the Generals one more time in the fourth quarter with a 4-yard run.

Thomas Sumter's defense has been vulnerable to teams with a decent offensive line and talented running backs. In a 50-34 loss to Spartanburg Christian earlier this season, the Generals gave up 531-yards rushing.

"We weren't able to stop it." Coach Kessinger said of the Eagles' rushing attack.

"We're not really physical. We have to get better physically."

## BARONS

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would dominate. They received the opening kickoff and went 59 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown. They took over five minutes off the clock as Timmons scored on a 7-yard run with 6:48 left in the first quarter. Mills Herlong added the extra point to make it 7-0.

Timmons had a 39-yard run on the drive to set up the touchdown. However, no more points would come WH's way until 58 seconds remained in the third quarter, although it had its chances.

Timmons broke off a 42-yard punt return in the second quarter that would have set Wilson Hall up inside the HH 40, but it was called for a block in the back.

Late in the first half, Timmons had a 72-yard scoring run brought back with a holding penalty.

Freshman quarterback Wise Segars connected with split end Chandler Scott for 49 yards on the next play though for a first down at the Heathwood Hall 30-yard line. The Barons eventually got to a first down and goal at the 1 with Segars spiking the ball to stop the clock with 15 seconds left. Despite being out of timeouts, WH ran the ball and Timmons fumbled. Although Wilson Hall recovered, it couldn't stop the clock before time expired.

"We really hurt ourselves again with a couple of big penalties," Jarecki said. "We've got to stop doing that because we can't afford to have plays brought back like there."

"There at the end of the first half, that's on me. I didn't manage the clock well. I called a timeout too early and we didn't have it at the end."

The Highlanders were shut out for the first time this season, but they too missed on some opportunities.

Heathwood put together a drive late in the first quarter that had it reach the Wilson Hall 15 on second down and seven. A sack of quarterback Duffy Beal by linebacker



BY TREVOR ZION BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall running back Justin Timmons (22) leaves the pack behind as he takes off on a 62-yard scoring run in the Barons' 21-0 victory over Heathwood Hall on Friday at Spencer Field.

Mitchell Matthews pushed HH back to the 24. After an incompletion, placekicker Grayson Tanner missed wide left on a 41-yard field goal attempt.

With the Barons attempting to punt later in the second quarter, Herlong had the ball sail over his head. He retrieved it on the bounce and tried to get the kick off at an angle. It was blocked and Heathwood Hall took over at the WH 13. The Highlanders picked up a first down at the 3, but wound up facing fourth and goal at the 6. Tanner came on for a 23-yard field goal attempt, but missed this one wide right.

The third quarter was a game of field position and it finally paid off for Wilson Hall. With Heathwood having to punt from its 21, the Barons' Harrison Hudson caught the ball at midfield and returned it to the HH 39.

Three plays later, WH was facing fourth and six from the 35. Wilson Hall decided to go for it and it went for the end zone. Segars rolled to his and

found Landon Van Patten wide open around the goal line for the touchdown. Herlong's PAT made it 14-0.

The Barons were playing their third straight game with Segars at quarterback as senior starter Jacob Cotton is out with an illness.

"Wise did a nice job on that play," Jarecki said. "We rolled him out to avoid any pressure that might come up the middle, and he found (Van Patten) out there wide open."

WH put the game away early in the fourth quarter with Timmons' 62-yard run with 9:04 remaining. He rushed for 179 yards on 23 carries.

## SUMTER

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bad win," Barnes said afterwards. "We knew they were a better team than their record because they were getting people back (healthy). But we were just very undisciplined tonight in some of the things we did and that says we're poorly coached and I've got to do a better job. I don't know if we had many drives where we didn't jump offsides, have a holding penalty or a snap at our feet. It was just crazy."

"We just weren't focused on the little things."

Sumter was assessed a penalty or had a bad snap on all but three drives, with most drives including multiple instances of one or both. Still, the Gamecocks managed to take control of the contest early and were up 17-0 in the second quarter before finishing with a 24-7 halftime lead.

A big part of that came via the defense. Johnathan Butler got things rolling for SHS when he picked off SFHS quarterback Shalique Parks off of a ricochet and made it to the Bruins 17. That set up Roman Childers' 30-yard field goal midway through the first quarter.

The Gamecock D put an exclamation point on the half when Cooper Mota grabbed a loose ball with just under a minute remaining for an easy 24-yard scoop-and-score. Ronald McGee also had a fumble recovery in the second half and Melvin Lundy picked off a pass as well.

Sumter also shut down South running back Tony McFadden, who had over 200 yards in the game at Sumter last year. He was held to 20 yards on 14 carries.

"Getting the points off the turnovers was big," Barnes said. "We did a better job on (McFadden) this year, although (Nick Mitchell) popped a couple runs on us and (Parks) bought some time and hurt us on a few plays."

"I thought we played well defensively, but there were a few times we didn't play with great effort and that's what bothered me. We didn't look like we continued to play with effort on both sides of the ball and we've got to fix that."

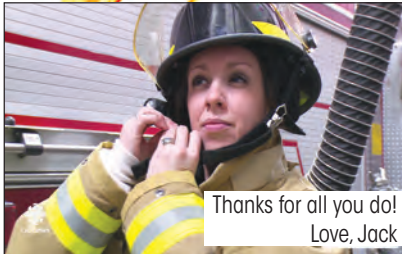
The Gamecock offense found some traction with its running game using a combination of Da'Jon Butts, Jonathan Henry and Jackson. Butts ran three times for 50 yards on Sumter's first TD drive and Henry finished off with a 16-yard run as SHS went up 10-0.

Jackson followed suite in the second quarter on another scoring drive - running four times for 77 yards before finding Jalen Rouse in end zone for a 6-yard strike.

Jackson used his arm in the fourth quarter to all-but seal the game. He was 3-for-3 on the opening drive with the final connection going for 37 yards to Anthony Dinkins-McCall as the Gamecocks grabbed a 31-13 advantage.

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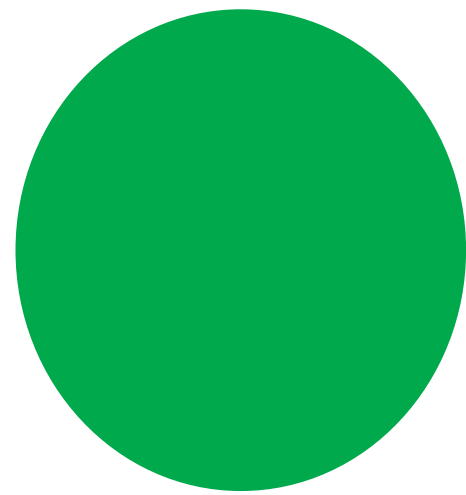
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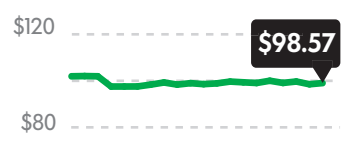
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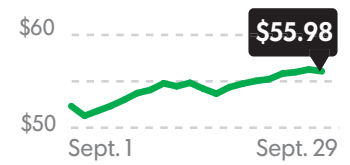
**CBS**  
The TV network's ratings for NFL Sunday games were up 4% from a year earlier, while rival NBC's rating dropped about 10% after President Trump's call for fans to boycott NFL games.



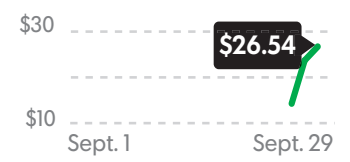
**WALT DISNEY**  
In an attempt to win back shoppers, the media and entertainment conglomerate plans to open stores with interactive birthday greetings and events streamed from its famous theme parks. It has about 340 retail locations around the world.



**SOUTHWEST AIRLINES**  
A passenger on a Baltimore-to-Los Angeles flight was removed by police after refusing to leave on her own. The passenger had complained about being allergic to a pet on board. The airliner offered apologies and said it would contact her directly.



**ROKU**  
The video streaming company's shares jumped in its debut at the top end of the marketed range. The stock was initially priced for \$12 to \$14 a share. Roku makes devices and software that allow users to stream video from Netflix, Amazon and others.



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## "It's important to understand your vehicle and understand your saving habits."

Patrice Banks, a former engineer and founder of Girls Auto Clinic



Patrice Banks, left rear, demonstrates how to check tires. She is the author of *Girls Auto Clinic Glove Box Guide*, which teaches women (and men) how to care for their cars.

# Cost of your car is more than the note

## Saving for maintenance can lessen sticker shock

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You're in the car when a dashboard light goes off followed by a shrill tone. For some, it's a signal to visit a trusted mechanic, but for others it can cause fear and panic.

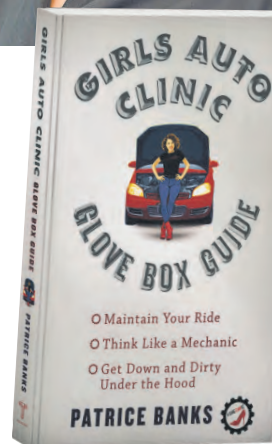
"Our cars are constantly communicating with us through our dashboard and noise. It's important that we listen to them and give them attention," says Patrice Banks, a former engineer and founder of Girls Auto Clinic, a workshop that helps women learn how to take care of their vehicles.

According to surveys done by RepairTrust, a network of auto repair service professionals:

- ▶ 86% of repair customers stated car repair prices are either too high or outrageous
- ▶ 78% of car repair customers suspect that they pay too much for car repair
- ▶ 70% are concerned about getting overcharged for car repair
- ▶ 40% stated that they knew they were overcharged for car repair

She says that it's not unusual to fear the worse — unaffordable repairs or a car that can't be repaired. Banks says that educating yourself about your car goes hand-in-hand with saving the money it takes to buy and maintain your car.

"It's important to understand your vehicle and understand your saving habits," Banks says. "It's not just about the car note. You have to keep in mind what is the true cost of the car."



Patrice Banks' *Girls Auto Clinic Glove Box Guide* details car care. HANDOUT

### BE PREPARED

1. Set aside \$50 every month to finance a car-care fund.
2. Follow the maintenance schedule in the owner's manual.
3. Ask for written estimates when told of unexpected repairs, and consider getting a second opinion.
4. Negotiate costs with the repair shop and ask about discounts or payment plans.

SOURCE: AAA

She also says that getting someone you have confidence in to take care of your vehicle is important. Banks calls this person a "primary care technician" or PCT in her new book *Girls Auto Clinic Glove Box Guide*.

She says when a car owner — male or female — fails to keep this in mind, that's when bad things happen.

"It becomes a spiral of poor choices with your finances," Banks says. "Don't be an auto airhead." The former engineer says she didn't know the first thing about her car and let the dashboard indicators go unheeded just to avoid the discomfort of the repair shop.

She then sought out some place where she would be more comfortable. That's how she decided to ditch her engineering degree and become a certified automotive technician, giving auto workshops to women. Banks also runs a full-service auto repair shop staffed by female mechanics in Upper Darby, Pa., near Philadelphia. And to make the experience more palpable, Banks' shop Clutch incorporates a beauty bar that offers customers manicures and hair blowouts while they wait for their cars.

She says the decision to buy a vehicle is only the beginning and learning how to keep it running is the primary way to avoid being taken advantage of when it comes to repairs.

"Women treat our \$300 bags better than we treat our cars," Banks says. "Women are the No. 1 customer in the car industry and we hold more driver's licenses than men. So we have to learn how to make smart decisions about our cars."

## Should consumers sail into Columbus Day sales?

Some call holiday a hidden treasure

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July brought Prime Day, August ushered in back-to-school sales, and September opened with Labor Day discounts.

And now, just when you thought your wallet had reached a safe harbor, Columbus Day is coming.

In some ways, the holiday, which falls on Oct. 9 this year, might be a hidden treasure.

### NAVIGATING THE SEASON

Columbus Day sales traditionally have been a way for retailers to clear out late summer merchandise to bring in the winter holiday selection, says Ray Wimer, a professor of retail practice at Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management in New York.

Now Columbus Day, which falls on the second Monday in October, is being engulfed by the larger holiday shopping season, and holiday merchandise may already be on shelves during Columbus Day sales, Wimer says. Blame Black Friday creep.

"You don't necessarily see somebody waiting for the Columbus Day sale," Wimer says.

A sizable number of shoppers — 35.5% — plan to start shopping for holiday gifts before Thanksgiving, according to the 2017 U.S. Holiday Shopping Forecast from CPC Strategy, a digital marketing agency.

### SOME DEALS FLOAT TO TOP

It's not surprising that any lingering summer items will be on deep discount over Columbus Day weekend. Wimer says specialty clothing stores will likely try to capture shoppers as they clear out existing styles and bring in late fall and winter inventory.

Other products will be on sale, too. Columbus Day weekend 2016 delivered up to 40% off major appliances at Sears, an extra 25% off sale styles at designer brand Kate Spade, 35% off an entire purchase at Gap and as much as 50% off mattresses at Sleepy's.

Expect similar savings this year.

### CHART YOUR COURSE

If you prefer to skip the crush of shoppers who show up at stores on Thanksgiving, then Columbus Day sales come just in time. Products will be more readily available, and you'll avoid Black Friday trappings.

But if you shop Black Friday for the experience and the handful of budget-stretching doorbuster deals, you might prefer to hold off shopping the October sales in anticipation of what's to come.

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## MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> Industrial average ▲0.2% week ▲2.3% month   ▲4.9% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲0.7% week ▲2.5% month   ▲4.0% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> Composite index ▲1.1% week ▲2.0% month   ▲5.8% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲0.9% week ▲2.9% month   ▲4.0% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▼0.9% week ▼2.2% month   ▲3.2% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▲2.0% week ▲12.4% month   ▲12.2% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro (week) ▼0.0125 ▼0.0074 month   ▲0.0394 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▲0.46 week ▲2.15 month   ▼0.03 3 months
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## PETE THE PLANNER

# 4 RULES FOR A FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL RELATIONSHIP



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Finding your way onto the same page is one of the smartest things you can do for your future

**Peter Dunn**  
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Sitting at an outdoor wedding this past weekend, sweating, listening to the couple exchange vows, promises and one well-timed kiss, my mind began to wander into the financial realm.

Having been to dozens of weddings in my lifetime, and having examined thousands of couples' financial lives, I always feel like it'd be worth everyone's time to just spell out the financial chal-

lenges that lie ahead for every marriage, or any committed relationship for that matter.

Finding your way onto the same financial page as your significant other is one of the smartest things you can do for both your marriage and your future. You'd think that your aligned interests would make this easier, but it doesn't work that way. You're basically set up for failure from the beginning, and the sooner you realize that and put a real plan together, the better.

Your problems began before you ever knew your sweetie. You were raised by different people with different values in different

circumstances. This is to say that your relationship with money was crafted by one or more people who may or may not have had any idea what they were doing with money.

You can have a perfectly "normal" childhood, yet still be the product of a financial ignoramus. You likely won't realize this until you're well into adulthood. And, when you combine your baggage with your significant other's baggage, you end up with lots of baggage.

No matter what financial background you come from, I encourage you to follow four rules for a financially successful relationship with your significant other.

## RULE NO. 1

### ONE PERSON, ONE VOTE

Unless you experience an unbelievable coincidence, one person is going to earn more money than the other person. But as long as you remember my first rule, that won't be a problem. A dollar doesn't equal a vote. If you earn more money than your significant other, you don't get to call any more shots than they do. You don't get a more powerful vote if you happen to earn more money.

Feel free to violate this rule if you don't care to stay happy and married. Your combined earnings equal your household income, and that income is for the household's needs, wants and goals.

**Sharing your financial life with someone is very difficult. It requires a tremendous amount of sustained effort.**

## RULE NO. 2

### SET HOUSEHOLD GOALS

Speaking of household goals, rule No. 2 is develop household goals. I find this to be the most challenging aim for most couples.

I have this little scale I call the stuff/stability scale. On one end is stuff and on the other end is stability. It's hard to create joint goals because it's tough for two people to be at the same place on the stuff/stability scale. One person is more interested in acquiring more and better stuff and the other person is more interested in creating more and better stability. And when you have extra money laying around which you can assign to financial goals, the stuff person is gonna want more stuff and the stability person is gonna want more stability.

## RULE NO. 3

### NO REVENGE SPENDING

At some point in the relationship, a person is going to make a financial mistake (accidental or otherwise). When that happens, the other person shouldn't break rule No. 3 and turn to revenge spending. It makes zero sense to punish your partner by committing an additional financial atrocity. If one person makes a financial decision they shouldn't, don't adopt an eye-for-an-eye philosophy. Just pick up where you left off and get back to work on the next household goal.

## RULE NO. 4

### MAKE IT A TEAM EFFORT

The final rule is vital. No loners. One individual cannot be left out of the household's finances, no matter the circumstances. It's not fair to leave one person solely responsible for a couple's financial future. If your partner suffers from good behavior lapses from time to time, leaving them out in the dark is the worst thing you can do. Your household finances are only as good as your weakest link. Strengthen the weakest link, don't isolate them.

Sharing your financial life with someone is very difficult. It requires a tremendous amount of sustained effort.

When your partner falters (as they invariably will just as you will), you should be there to hold them accountable and then move forward together toward your shared household goals. The alternative is easier, but it's not sustainable.

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

## Your old iPhone has more life in it than you think

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The new iPhones are on sale, which means the older iPhone in your pocket is probably not looking as fresh and fun as it once did. Here are some ways to squeeze a bit more life out of that device.

### A POOR MAN'S HOMEPOD

It's not just iPhones on Apple's release schedule; the HomePod, a Siri-equipped smart speaker, is on the way to compete with the Amazon Echo and Alexa virtual assistant. It costs around \$349, but if all you want is a way to summon Siri, that trusty iPhone you're replacing can do the trick. Leave it plugged in within earshot and say "Hey Siri" to wake it up. If you're big on video calls, use Skype to turn it into an Echo Show of sorts, and music buffs will love that you can prompt Spotify and Pandora playback, too.

### A VIRTUAL REALITY HEADSET

Pick up a super cheap headset shell such as the Google Cardboard, View-Master Deluxe or Merge VR, download a few apps on your old iPhone and then slide it in. You can binge on YouTube videos, explore virtual worlds and play games, all without a serious hit to your bank account.

### KID-FRIENDLY WALKIE-TALKIE

If you've got a youngster you want to keep tabs on, give them your old phone and the Zello app. Zello turns your old smartphone into a push-to-talk walkie-talkie that can keep the lines of communication open even when signal strength is too weak for a normal cellular call, as long as you can connect to Wi-Fi.

### AN ENTERTAINMENT POWERHOUSE

Snag the iHeartRadio app to

Just because you covet the hottest new tech doesn't mean yesterday's gadget can't still make your life better in a new way

stream thousands of radio stations for free and Amazon's Kindle app to boost your reading chops. And don't forget that even without a cellular connection, your iPhone can still be your Netflix, Hulu, HBO Go and YouTube viewer, too. You can even make that little silver screen a bit bigger with something like the retro-themed Smartphone Magnifier.

### A HOME WATCHDOG

Turn your iPhone into an extra set of eyes and ears with the Presence app. The app uses your phone's camera to keep a watchful eye on your home, and it will shoot you a timely alert if it notices something just isn't right. It'll even record video of what it sees. Salient Eye is another great option, and both apps also work on Android devices.

### A CLOCK RADIO

For music, your options are endless — Spotify, Pandora, iHeartRadio, Apple Music — and there are some great third-party alarm apps such as the Wake Alarm Clock with its big "slap to snooze" button.

### AN ALWAYS-ON DIGITAL PICTURE FRAME

The LiveFrame app can grab photos from your iPhone's camera roll, but it also can connect to your Facebook, Flickr and Instagram accounts and display photos straight from the Web. Sync your accounts, set the shuffle and filter options to your liking and let the memories play. Just remember to keep your phone plugged in.

### A HIGH-TECH BABY MONITOR

The Cloud Baby Monitor is one of several apps for this — the simply named Baby Monitor is also a popular choice — and they both work in pretty much the same way. Your old iPhone acts as a monitoring camera, noise detector and microphone, letting you check in on your baby whenever you want and get alerts when the app detects crying or restlessness.



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## THE WEEK AHEAD



## Hurricanes likely to impact September jobs report

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Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are expected to continue to temporarily batter the nation's economic performance, with the September jobs report this week's chief casualty. Yet the effects from Harvey, which hammered Texas in late August, and Irma, which tore through Florida in early September, are likely to be reversed in coming months. It thus will be challenging to get an untainted read on the U.S. economy for the rest of the year.

Manufacturers, for example, have been doing well as a result of an improving global economy and a comeback in oil drilling. But supply disruptions from both storms likely curtailed activity in September, Nomura's Lewis Alexander says. Economists estimate the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) will report Monday its index of factory activity slipped last month but continued to show healthy growth.

The story is similar for ISM's service-sector survey, with both hurricanes dampening the September results, Alexander says. Also, he says, a recent soft patch in retail sales could have clouded the view of service companies who participated in ISM's survey. Still, steady job and income

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growth generally have buoyed retailers and other service providers. Economists reckon ISM will announce Wednesday that its index of non-manufacturing activity revealed a solid expansion in September but at a slightly slower pace.

The biggest toll from the hurricanes is likely to show up in payrolls. Many workers in the Houston area didn't come to work amid flooded streets and shuttered businesses. That wasn't reflected in the August jobs survey, which was taken earlier in the month, but it's expected to impact the September tally. And power outages in Florida in the wake of Irma also closed down shops and offices early last month, keeping employees at home, Alexander says. Economists expect the Labor Department on Friday to report 75,000 job gains in September, down from an average 176,000 for the year. Nomura and RBC Capital Markets both figure additions were an even weaker 50,000.

Sturdy job and income gains have allowed Americans to steadily increase their credit-card usage after pulling back in the wake of the recession. After outstanding consumer credit increased by \$18.5 billion in July, the most in five months, economists expect the Federal Reserve to report a modest drop to \$16 billion in its consumer credit report for August.

# REFLECTIONS

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## Dunndell Gardens was floral paradise in Stateburg

One of Sumter's most remarkably beautiful spots was located near the heart of historic Stateburg. The gardens were located north of the Columbia Highway about 10 miles from downtown Sumter and were privately developed by the late Dr. J.R. Dunn, an ophthalmologist who practiced in Sumter.

According to Anne King Gregorie in her text *The History of Sumter County*, the gardens were once located on land owned by Chancellor Thomas Waties, who, in the early 1800s built a plantation home there that he named Marden. Sadly, this home site no longer exists; however, remnants of the once renowned



**Sammy Way**  
REFLECTIONS

Dunndell Gardens still remain.

According to an article written by Frances H. Hilderbrand in 1947, "the Dunndell property was purchased by Dr. Dunn in 1926 mainly for its fish pond. It had been part of the estate Thomas Waites settled in the 18th century, that was later purchased by Thomas Sumter. Marden, the Watues home, was erected two years after the Revolutionary War at the top of one of the hills overlooking the small mill pond which was to become the Dunndell Lake. John Sumter, Stateburg historian, described the mill house and its operation in his booklet on old Stateburg homes: "Marden was eventually destroyed by fire, the old mill ceased operation, and the mill house crumbled." Sandstone rocks from that building were used in constructing the gardens.

The idea for the gardens originated in 1928 when Dr. Dunn ordered dahlias from New Jersey, and with them came a number of Japanese irises, which were to be planted near water. "Dunndell Gardens were born. For 20 years since the first flowers were rooted, Dr. Dunn planted and planned — invested thousands of dollars and countless working hours in his project. Development was slowed during World War II because of the lack of manpower. With the prospect of labor becoming more available, Dr. Dunn had



Dr. J.R. Dunn is seen taking one of his many walks through Dunndell Gardens in 1975.

ambitious plans blueprinted for Dunndell's extension. The gardens, along with the famous Swan Lake Gardens, were included on Esso company's pictorial road map of the state with word sketches of their attributes."

For many seasons Dunndell was open for a nominal fee (\$1) for adults, (children for free) and visitors enjoyed the Doctor's "Easter present" to the community and state.

Every new project within the development led to the expansion of the gardens. In an article published in 2006 by Betsy Humphries, the gardens were described as "azaleas in solid color groups of white pink or deep rose covering the sloping hills on the sides of the ponds. ... Camellia plants lined the entrance and grew throughout the garden. H.C. Bland, the developer of Swan Lake-Iris Gardens, was a patient and friend of Dunn; it was Bland who encouraged Dunn to plant Japanese iris at Dunndell." When the garden reached its peak, it featured "50 varieties of iris, 20 varieties of narcissi, not to mention innumerable types of camellias, azaleas, dahlias and numerous other blossoms.

"Dunndell was different



A group pauses on the staircase descending into Dunndell Gardens.

from any iris garden in the world. The rolling hills of the area, the historic mill-pond dating from 1775 and the 16 springs which fed the pond made this spectacle possible. The edges of the brooks, trickling through a dozen small valleys, were lined with masses of colorful iris in white, red, purple and blue in single and double varieties. Dunndell also became famous for its planting of the "hemerocallis" (day lily); it was described as having the "greatest mass plantings of hemerocallis in

the United States."

Dr. Dunn had a Swiss chalet-like structure constructed to overlook the lake. This building was a two-story design by the Dunns themselves. Their home was considered to be as "simple and tasteful as it was furnished."

In a 2006 article written by Betsy Humphries, she stated that a large portion of the original home site was purchased from J.R. Dunn Jr. by Rick and Renee Nelson who have constructed a home "on a bluff overlooking Dunn

Sr.'s old log cabin." The Nelsons continue to reclaim the land and restore the former beauty of this piece of floral paradise.

"Dunndell Gardens won't return, but the beauty of the dell (a small, secluded valley or glen, usually covered by trees) is being revealed again."

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Mill Pond in early spring, 1975.



Dunndell Gardens was located 10 miles from Sumter and 35 miles from Columbia on U.S. 76.



Flower beds were located throughout the gardens.

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## Surprise blackout drill looms; newspaper adds 'Action Line'

75 YEARS AGO - 1943  
April 24 - 30

From 1,504 acres of sweet potatoes in 1929 census figures show Sumter County to have 1,922 acres in 1939 to rank 46th in the nation, according to County Agent J.M. Eleazer. "This increase in potatoes has been principally for home use, as we do not yet ship out a great many of the close to two hundred thousand bushels that we produce," according to Eleazer.

• Warrant officer Alvin C. Neal, having successfully completed his three-months course at the Air Forces officer candidate school at Miami Beach, Florida, has received his commission as second lieutenant in the Air Forces of the Army of the United States.

His duties will be to direct vital administrative and supply operations of the rapidly expanding Army Air Forces ground forces, thus relieving trained pilots for full time flying duty. He has been reassigned to Bainbridge, Ga., where he was appointed an officer-candidate, and his wife, the former Miss Miriam DuCom of Sumter, will join him there in about two weeks.

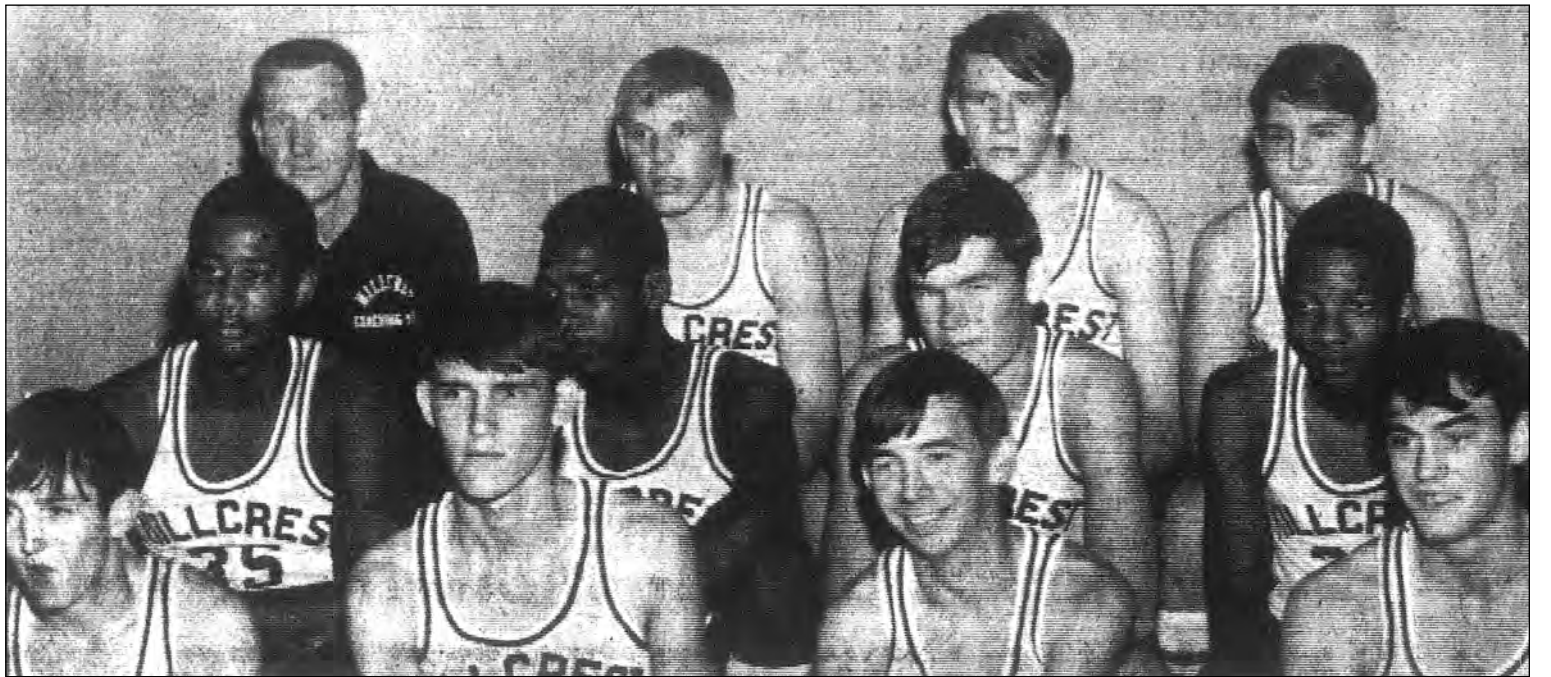
• Sumterites were reminded to be on alert for the surprise blackout which will come sometime in the near future. The air raid sirens and the fire bell will be used to signal the start of the mock raid and all clear will be given over the radio and by the steam whistle at the Williams Furniture Company plant.

• Captain Joseph Nesbitt Berry of Union, former assistant coach at Sumter High School, has been promoted to major. Berry starred in football at Clemson College where he was all-state quarterback for two seasons.

• The General Construction Company of Columbia, headed by R.E. Fulmer, was awarded the contract for the construction of the bus station at the Claremont hotel in Sumter and work was to be begun on it shortly. W. E. Pratt, manager of Sumter Hotels, Inc., which was financing the project, said that as soon as all the materials necessary for construction could be assembled, actual construction of the building would be started.

• Second Lieut. William A. Gumuka, an instructor, and Aviation Cadet Stanley W. Fish were killed when their basic training plane fell near Shaw Field. The flyers were on a routine flight when they crashed a half-mile from Rembert auxiliary field at 9:30 p.m. The board of officers was named to investigate.

• Lt. LeRoy Bowman of Tuskegee, Alabama, who was spending leave with his family, was the honored guest at the special ladies' night entertainment for servicemen at the Colored Community Recreation center. A varied program of interest was presented by Sgt. Vaughn and singers from Shaw Field, and some civilian guest artists also appeared to make the entertain-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

From 1967 — In pursuit of a second straight Sumter Holiday Invitational Championship are Hillcrest's Wildcats, who defeated Sumter 69-48 in the title showdown last year. Coached by Richard Bradham, Hillcrest, 4-1, faces Lower Richland in tonight's first round battle. Winner of that one will tackle the Sumter-Furman winner in a 3:30 tilt tomorrow afternoon.

ment an enormous success. Both civilians and service men turned out to welcome Lt. Bowman.

• Dr. Carl B. Epps was recent guest speaker before the Florence County Medical association. He spoke on the general subject of Medical Economics, with special reference to the agitation before the South Carolina legislature for more doctors, especially for the rural districts.

• One of the popular features in the past years of Sumter's recreational program has been the outdoor class in Memorial Park, conducted for children of the early primary classes. In charge of the class was Mrs. Frances D. Roche, and she will be in charge again this summer. It is planned to start the class on June 14 and to run it for 10 weeks. A program for the Negro children of the early primary classes will also be arranged.

50 YEARS AGO - 1967  
Dec. 24 - 30

A letter addressed to Rikki Travey, one of the many young people who filled Christmas "ditty bags" for the men in Vietnam, was delivered to the Sumter Red Cross office from the GI who received the bag Rikki filled. The serviceman, Sgt. Grady Suggs, who gave his military address as Btry. B, 29th Arty (SLT), c-o HHB, 4th Inf. Div., Arty, APO San Francisco, sent the letter to the Red Cross office as Rikki had not included his address. Sgt. Suggs, from Conway, SC, stated in his note that the gift put a warm spot in his heart and that he was grateful for the gift.

• The nursing aides completed a six-week period of intensive training instruction at Tuomey Hospital where the nursing aid course sponsored by Sumter TEC was held. The coordinator of the program for TEC, Neal Compton, Dean of Instruction, said that the completion of the course represented "a continuing effort of Technical Education to upgrade the occupational skills of our Sumter area citizens."

• Q.C. Lee of Alcolu was given special recognition for producing a corn yield of 144 bushels per acre. This is more than triple the South Carolina state average corn yield for the past seven years. Alto-

gether, Lee harvested 864 bushels of No. 2 corn from a measured six acres for his 144-bushel average.

• The Sumter Daily Item will begin, shortly after the first of the year, one of the most popular front-page features now carried by many of the nation's newspapers. Commonly known as the "Action Line" column, it contains questions from readers on practically any subject, plus answers to these questions compiled by the editorial staff of the newspaper. For once, the reader will have a chance to cut red tape and avoid confusion or misunderstanding about a pertinent issue or problem that's worrying him.

• A fine scoring performance by Jimmy Trembley and some sticky defensive work by Dwayne Windham and Ricky Shivers sparked Sumter's Gamecocks to a 73-40 rout of defending champion Hillcrest in a semi-final clash of the Sumter Holiday Invitational Tournament at the Edmunds gym. The victory, which avenged a 69-48 defeat at the hands of the Wildcats in last year's title game, propelled the Birds into the championship tilt against unbeaten and top-seeded Cardinal Newman, which then beat the Gamecocks 81-58.

25 YEARS AGO - 1992  
Sept. 24 - 30

Sumter's two public school districts are paying tribute to former superintendents through foundations and scholarships. District officials said the funds will provide educational opportunities for students. Sumter School District 17 has established the Derthick Education Foundation to provide grants to programs and individuals in the district. Sumter School District 2 officials have established the Joseph D. Leffert Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Leffert, who was superintendent when he died in a car accident.

• Hillcrest High School improved its record to 4-1 and opened the Region IV-4A season with a 31-13 football victory over Richland Northeast in Columbia. Brian Jenkins ran 25 times for 225 yards to lead the Wildcats. Quarterback Deandre James completed three of nine passes for 72 yards and three touchdowns.

• Malcolm Burns rushed 23

times for 164 yards and three touchdowns to lead Sumter High to a 24-7 win over Fairfield Central at the Fairfield stadium. Burns carried 17 times for 119 yards and two scores in the first half. Sophomore Chad Hoshour drew the starting assignment at quarterback for Sumter High and got off to a slow beginning. Jermaine Benjamin quarterbacked the second half of the game.

• If George Donnelly has his way, Sumter will play host to a major bodybuilding contest in the near future. And, if any of the contestants need a chiropractic adjustment, Donnelly will be glad to lend a helping hand. The 6-4, 250-pound North Carolina native recently took over the Willis Chiro Med chiropractic practice on North Main Street in Sumter. Before becoming a chiropractor, Donnelly competed regularly in bodybuilding contests throughout the United States.

• Sumter High School students Douglas Polen and Robert Schloss have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Polen is a member of numerous organizations including the Marching Band, Academic Quiz Team, National Honor Society, Beta Club, Key Club, "Signature" magazine staff, Student Government, Junior Academy of Science and the Boy Scouts of America. Schloss serves as the sergeant-at-arms for the Student Government and the Key Club, is the treasurer of the Beta Club and is a member of the "Signature" magazine staff, the National Honor Society and the "Paragon" staff.

• Robert Smith has all the ingredients of a football player. He's big, strong and can play just about any position he wants to on the football field. But the 6-3, 212-pound linebacker knows he must first concentrate on his work in the classroom if he plans to attend one of the major universities recruiting him. "I just wasn't doing my work last year," the Sumter High senior said. "I wasn't really worried about the classroom as much then. Then I realized what I had to do in school in order to play this year."

• Eddie Talley resigned as both the head football and boys' basketball coach at Lau-

rence Manning. Talley coached the Swampcats in their 31-14 victory at Colleton Prep. LMA won the SCISAA 3A state titles in both football and basketball under Talley.

• Morris College's School of Religion presents Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker to the Sumter community with its annual opening convocation services. Walker, senior pastor of Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, has been called "Harlem Renaissance Man" by Jesse Jackson, because of his multiple gifts and varied careers.

• Quilts on display at the Sumter County Fair used to be almost exclusively small-scale efforts by local church groups or women's clubs. The groups would display pieces from their members' families or from the frames of their weekly quilting bee. But many new quilt enthusiasts have come on board, and the quilts are of every imaginable color and geometric and floral pattern.

• Hillcrest High School's Brian Jenkins and Furman High School's Lance Dinkins have been named Players of the Week by the Sumter Touchdown Club. The players of the week are chosen by The Item sports staff from nominations submitted by high school coaches in Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties.

• The futures of the University of South Carolina at Sumter and Central Carolina Technical College may soon be in the hands of a task force that could recommend combining the two schools. The state Commission on Higher Education will meet to discuss the operation of 21 two-year colleges in South Carolina, including the two Sumter schools.

• If volunteer firefighters didn't volunteer, who would? Some 320 men and women make sure that question won't have to be asked. They compose the county's volunteer firefighting force, sacrificing time, energy and money to protect their neighbors and themselves from the ravages of fire. Fifteen volunteer fire stations dot the county, each with about two dozen volunteers who answer calls at any hour of the day.

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## It felt like a homecoming in the woods

There was no hint of dawn in the eastern sky. Just darkness as I drove south into Clarendon County. But the morning was near.

I parked just outside my brother Matt's yard and walked silently to the small sign-in box posted near the woods. I needed to use my flashlight to see well enough to sign out a stand. I had not hunted deer on this land in years, and it would feel like a homecoming.

The stand was close — just down a faint woodland path. As I climbed into the double-ladder stand, I could see an orange glow on the eastern horizon. I removed my backpack and placed it on the seat beside me, then pulled my gun up from the ground below, by the small camo cord tied to the frame of the stand.

The woods before me were still dark and quiet. An owl hooted very near — behind me in the hardwood canopy. The drone of traffic on a nearby highway was soft and steady. My eyes were becoming more tuned to the dark, and

the sky was slowly getting lighter at the same time. Individual trees were taking shape.

The morning air was cool and pleasant. There were no mosquitoes. My seat was comfortable, and daylight was coming. I could see down an open lane to my right front and down a shorter lane to my left. But I needed my binoculars to see any detail.



**Dan Geddings**

There was no noticeable breeze, so I took a small plastic squeeze bottle from my pack and puffed a small cloud of powder to my front and watched as it drifted slowly to the left. This was good because it showed me that there was a cross wind from east to west. The woods and my shooting lanes were to the north. Only a south or southeast wind would be bad here, and we rarely get winds from the south and southeast.

Looking over my shoulder I could see Matt's house and my truck. Civilization! To my front, I could only see

the green woodland. Wilderness! If I didn't look behind me, only the sound of traffic demanded reality.

The deer don't care about the houses or the traffic. These woods are their world — and mine. I've owned this land for years. I've hunted the ducks when we have wet years and walked the woods when they were dry. It's not a big place, but it is mine.

A soft crackle in the leaves caught my attention. It was a squirrel in a nearby tree. Other sounds were sneaking into my consciousness as the morning unfolded. Soft whistles and tweets from songbirds, distant caws from crows and roosters greeting the day.

Of course I was hoping for a buck to come slipping through the big timber. There is a soybean field to the east, and I could just see the edges of the field at about 30 yards. A waterhole lies about 40 yards to the west, but I couldn't see the small pond from my elevated position because of the wild grapevines and thicker understory in that direction.

There are plenty of deer in these woods. My son Clayton and I had put up a couple of new stands and did

some scouting before the season. Matt, Clayton and I had moved this stand closer to the main body of the woods and cleared a new shooting lane.

We are excited about hunting these new stands on our own land. For more than a dozen years, we have been leasing timber company land in Sumter and Clarendon counties to still hunt. We've killed some nice bucks on those lands, but timber company land is dominated by pine plantations and offers a limited amount of diversity.

These woods that I love are dominated by a variety of hardwoods. Gums and maples, oaks and cypress, ash and magnolia. The eastern side is a heavily timbered pocosin that floods almost every winter. There are a few pines along the field edges and on the northwest side. A large thicket lies to the west on some cut-over land. We have trail camera pictures of deer, turkey and a potpourri of wildlife.

I've hunted deer, duck and turkeys all over this state and made hunting trips to Arkansas, Texas and a bunch of other locales, but this is different.

I didn't see a deer on the morning hunt, but I felt a sense of fulfillment and satisfaction. I was home again.

## Plant berry bushes in fall

BY LEE REICH  
The Associated Press

Does a fresh-picked raspberry taste better early in the morning, when it's still cool from the night air, or at noon, after it's been warmed by the sun?

That's debatable. But there's no argument that few foods are as delectable as raspberries picked at their peak of ripeness, when they're so fragile that they can't be shipped in good condition further than arm's length.

Blackberries, currants and gooseberries are equally delectable, and they're all borne on plants compact enough to grow and look at home in the vegetable or flower garden.

Blueberries are handsome landscape plants — the highbush varieties as stand-alone shrubs, the lowbush as creeping groundcover plants.

### A GOOD CASE FOR GROWING BERRIES

In addition to having delicious and diverse flavors, berries are remarkably easy to grow. Pest problems are rare if the plants have a good site and regular pruning.

Blackberries and raspberries, collectively called bramble fruits, grow best bathing in full sunlight. The same goes for blueberries.

Currants and gooseberries are among the few fruits that bear well even in some shade.

All these berries are comfortable in a variety of soils, but they do like their



A bowl of berries grown and harvested in New Paltz, New York, is seen. Berries are the quintessential summer fruit, but with a choice of appropriate varieties, raspberries, blackberries and blueberries can go on to yield their delectable bounty into fall.

roots kept cool and moist beneath a permanent mulch of wood chips, leaves, straw or other organic material.

### PRUNING IS IMPORTANT

Pruning berries is straightforward.

Bramble roots are perennial, but individual canes live for only two years, so an obvious first step in pruning is to cut away, in late winter, any 2-year-old canes. Because brambles grow so exuberantly, they could quickly create a dank jungle, so winter pruning also entails removing enough young canes that the plants grow in a swathe no wider than a foot, with about 6 inches between canes.

Some people keep their brambles in clumps rather than rows, in which case you reduce each clump to the best half-dozen young canes.

Blackberries and black raspberries bear fruit on side branches, so they need two further pruning steps. Increase side-branching in summer by pinching out the tip of any young cane when it is 3 feet high. In winter, shorten each of those side branches to

about 18 inches long.

Gooseberries and currants bear fruits mostly on 2-year-old and 3-year-old stems, so grow them as bushes with young stems constantly replacing older stems that you eventually prune away. All that's needed each winter is to cut to the ground any stem older than 3 years old and to cut away all but a half-dozen or so of the sturdiest, youngest (1-year-old) stems.

If you grow so-called everbearing varieties of red, yellow or black raspberries or blackberries, you could forgo all the previous pruning steps and just cut the whole planting to the ground each winter. This limits the crop to late summer and fall only but does bypass possible threats from deer or cold — and it's easy!

Highbush blueberries bear well on stems up to 6 years old. Once plants reach that age, every year cut a few of the oldest, thickest stems to the ground, and reduce the number of new shoots coming from ground level to three or four of the healthiest-looking ones.

Prune lowbush blueber-

ries to the ground every two or three years.

### CHOOSE THE BEST

Growing your own brambles, gooseberries, currants and blueberries lets you choose the tastiest varieties. Fallgold, for example, is an everbearing, yellow raspberry that's too soft for market but a delectable sweetener for your morning cereal. Achilles is a "dessert" variety of gooseberry that you'll never find in the market but whose fruits are the size of a quarter, with a sweet flavor akin to grapes. Chester is a thornless blackberry variety whose fruits are utterly delicious if picked when they're so soft that merely touching them stains your fingers.

Everbearing red, yellow and black raspberries are still yielding fruit and will do so until stopped by hard frost. All the other brambles, though, as well as gooseberries and currants, are mere memories of summer. Do keep them in mind though, because autumn is an ideal time to plant any of these berries, especially currants and gooseberries, which leaf out very early in spring.

## STATE / NATION BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### S.C. about to launch shellfish season

COLUMBIA — The season for recreational harvest of shellfish in South Carolina's coastal waters is set to begin.

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources said the season will open one-half hour before official sunrise on Sunday, Oct. 15, and continue through May 15, 2018, unless conditions warrant extending or shortening the season.

Officials said in a news release that the recreational season opening has been delayed for two weeks because of water quality impacts from Hurricane Irma. When the season opens, harvesters are urged to check with the S.C. Department of Health & Environmental Control to verify whether any closures remain in effect.

SCDNR manages 20 public shellfish grounds and 13 state shellfish grounds exclusively for recreational gathering. An additional 53 state shellfish grounds are managed for recreational and commercial harvest.

### Scientists: Shark fin bans might not help sharks

PORTLAND, Maine — As lawmakers propose banning the sale of shark fins in the U.S., a pair of scientists is pushing back, saying the effort might actually harm attempts to conserve the marine predators.

Democratic Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey introduced a bill this year designed to prevent people from possessing or selling shark fins in America, much to the delight of conservation groups such as Oceana. But marine scientists David Shiffman and Robert Hueter said this approach could be wrongheaded.

Shiffman and Hueter authored a study that appears in the November issue of the journal Marine Policy, saying that the U.S. has long been a leader in shark fisheries management and that shutting down the U.S. fin trade entirely would remove a model for sustainability for the rest of the world.

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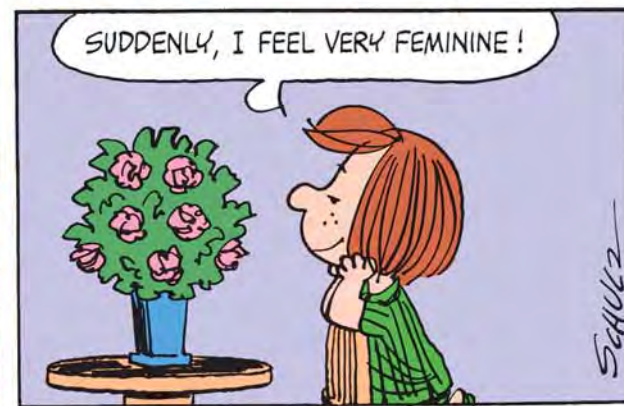
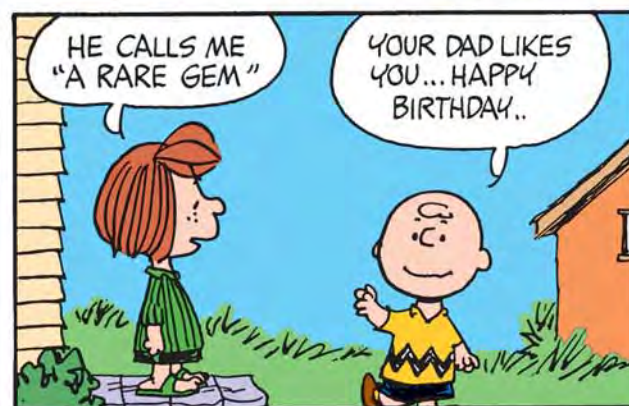
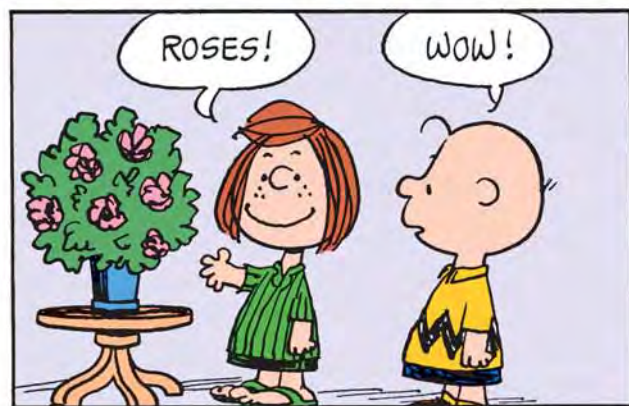
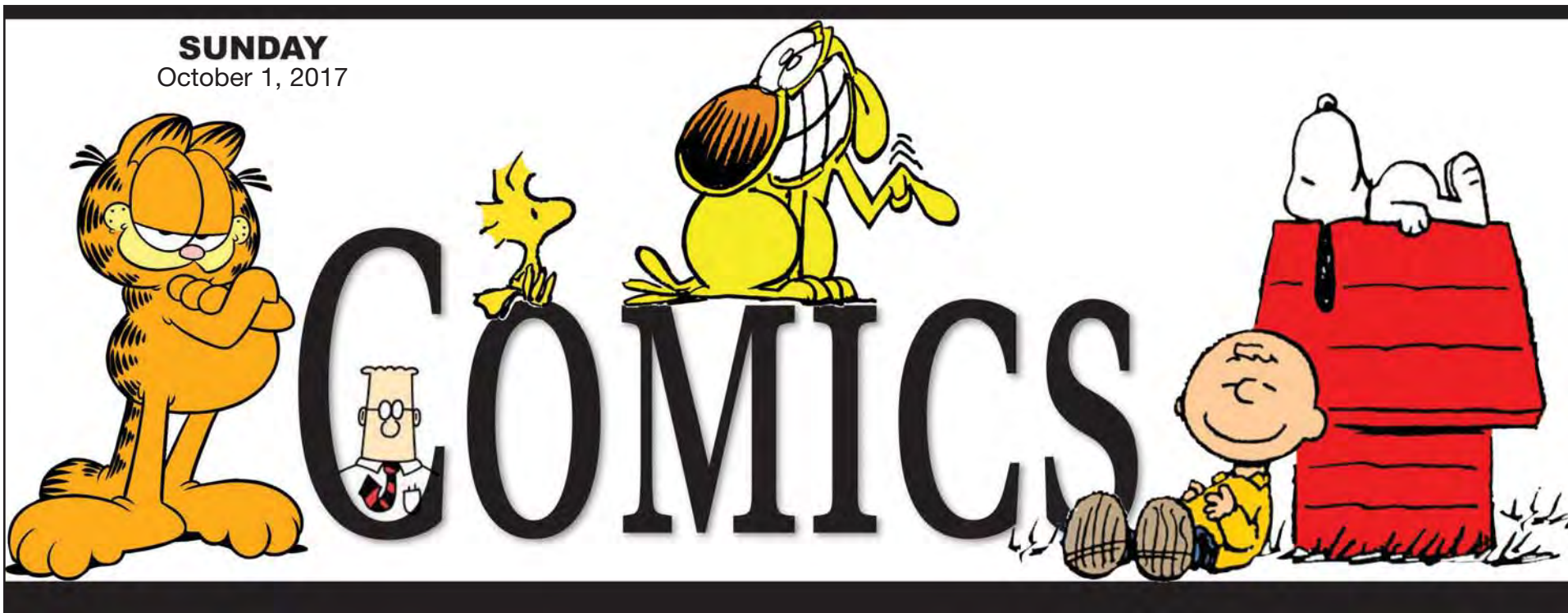


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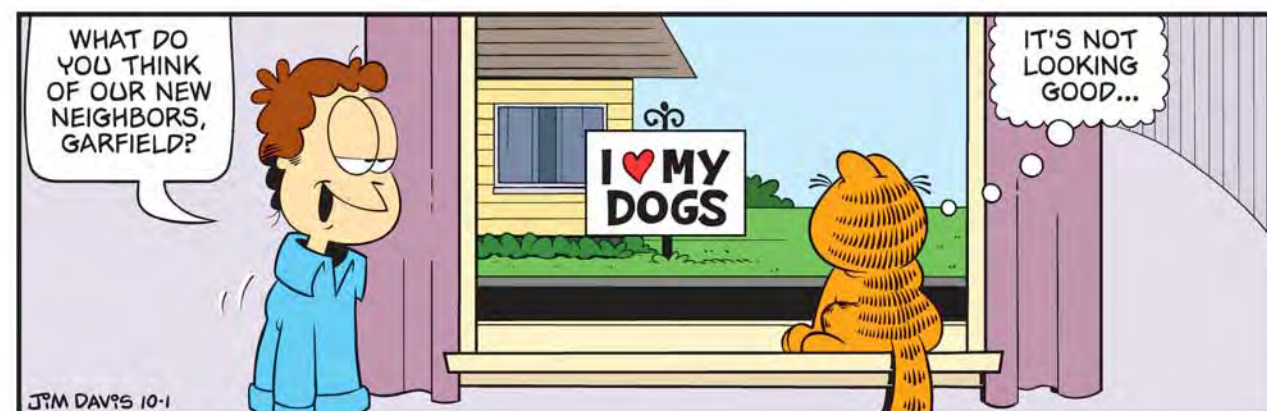
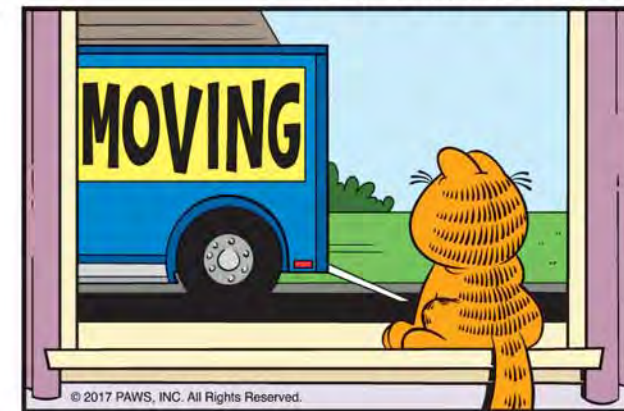
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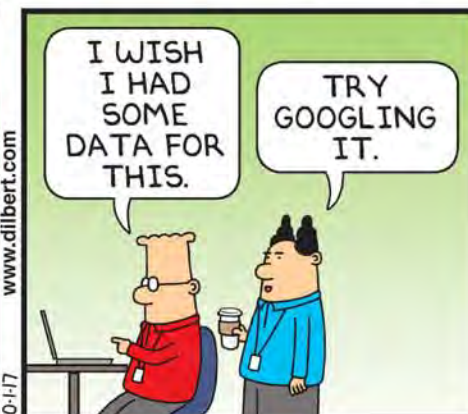
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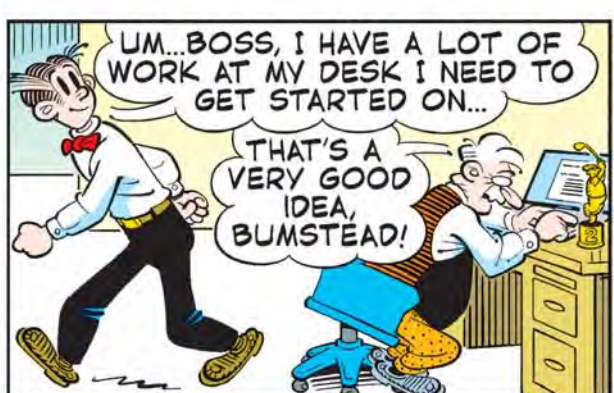
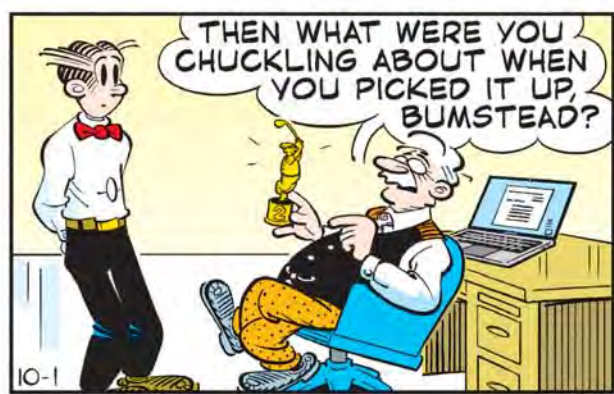
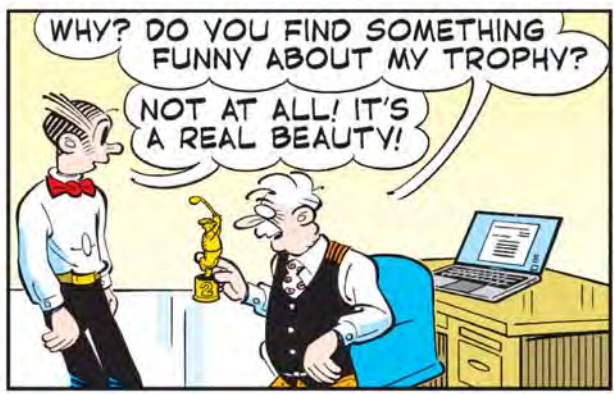
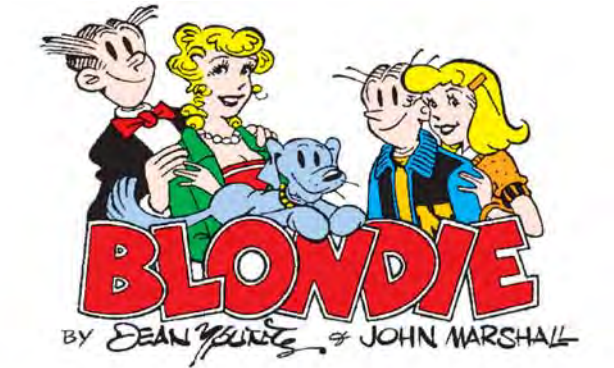
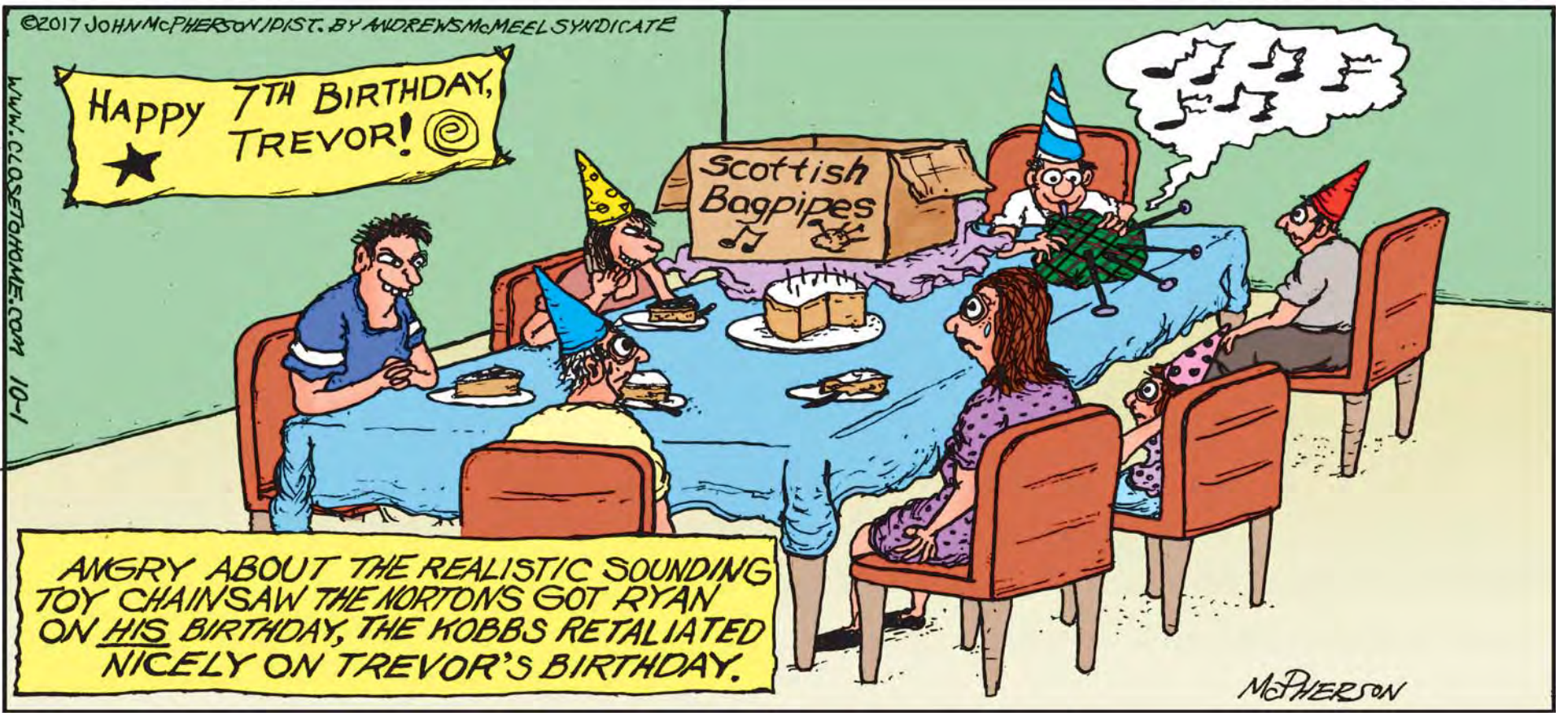
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I GOT A JOB AT THE BAKERY SO I COULD LOAF AROUND.

**DRAW!!** DRAW A SPACESHIP!

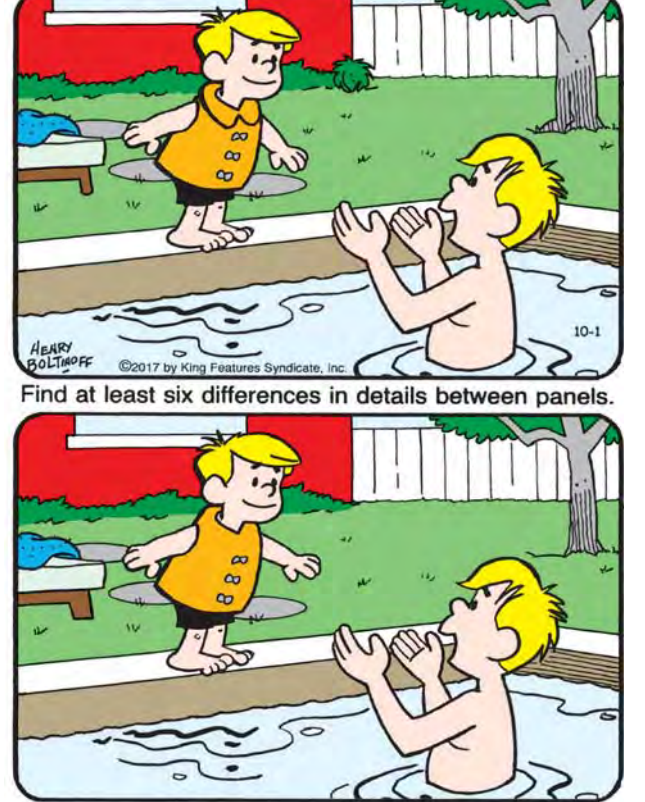
**RIDDLES!!!**

Q. WHAT DO BASKETBALL PLAYERS DO WITH DOUGHNUTS?  
A. THEY DUNK THEM.  
Rachel White, Albertville, MN

Q. WHAT GETS BIGGER AND BIGGER THE MORE YOU TAKE AWAY FROM IT?  
A. A HOLE.  
Brett Hunter, Olathe KS

# HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Vest collar is missing. 3. Tree trunk is thinner. 4. Window is smaller. 5. Chair leg is different. 6. Tree is missing.

# FRANK AND ERNEST

WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS BUILDING A STAFF FOR THE PALACE. THE KING'S LAWYER AND ACCOUNTANT HAVE SEALED LIPS, OF COURSE.

PUTTING A BIG HEART IN THE CHARITY FOUNDATION CHIEF AND BUILDING THE GARDENER WITH A GREEN THUMB WERE EXCELLENT CHOICES, ERNIE.

BUT THE ENTERTAINERS STILL NEED SOME FIXES.

THE JESTER DOESN'T HAVE A FUNNY BONE.

I'M NOBODY'S FOOL.

AND YOU GAVE THE MINSTREL A TIN EAR!

OOPS.

# THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

UNCLE PHINEAS MADE A FORTUNE IN THE PAGER BUSINESS, HE WAS A MILLIONAIRE WHEN HE DIED IN 1999!

# MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

SEE YA!!!

WHO WAS THAT?

JUST GRIMM, RUNNING OFF TO JOIN THE CIRCUS AGAIN.

SO WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

GOSH! DID HE LEAVE ANY OF HIS MONEY TO YOU IN HIS WILL?

# WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

OKAY, I SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH FROM PRYING EYES...

RUBBA RUBBA RUB

SAD TO SAY, HE DIDN'T. IN FACT, HE DIDN'T LEAVE ANYTHING TO ANYONE!

THANK YOU FOR WAKING ME FROM THIS 1,000-YEAR SLUMBER!

UHM...

POVERTY... DISEASE...

INEQUALITY... WAR...

I DO NOT WISH TO STAY IN THIS TIME. I'M SORRY

I'M GOING TO BED FOR ANOTHER 1,000 YEARS!

WAKE ME IN 2017

I'M SURE THEY WILL HAVE FIGURED IT OUT BY THEN....

BEFORE HE DIED, HE SECRETLY BURIED HIS TREASURE SOMEWHERE IN THE WILDS OF PENNSYLVANIA!

# GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

YOU GOT A CRAYON I CAN USE? THIS WON'T WRITE.

I'M NOT SURPRISED.

WHAT ARE YOU, SOME KIND OF CRAYON EXPERT?

DON'T HAVE TO BE A CRAYON EXPERT TO KNOW YOU CAN'T WRITE WITH A CANDLE.

BET YOU PICKED IT UP BECAUSE IT HAS A STRING IN IT! HA! CATS!

GOOD THING BOMBS AREN'T STRING-ACTIVATED! THE EARTH WOULD BE A RING OF RUBBLE AROUND THE MOON BY NOW.

YOU GUYS ARE STRING MONKEYS.

I'D PULL ANY STRING...

AAAAND THAT'S WHY BOMBS ARE ALL BUTTONS.

YOU'RE OVER-SIMPLIFYING CATS.

SURE, YOU GUYS ARE SOOO DEEP! HA HA!

I GUESS YOU'RE ALWAYS CHOKING ON YARN TO HIDE THE FACT THAT YOU GUYS SOLVED THE RIDDLE OF DARK MATTER? HA HA!

IT'S STRING THEORY, ACTUALLY.

OH!

GEE, WHAT GOOD DID HE THINK THAT WOULD DO HIM?

UNFORTUNATELY, UNCLE PHINEAS BELIEVED IN REINCARNATION!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

...AND WHILE I HAVE NOTHING BUT THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR MY DISTINGUISHED COLLEAGUES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE AISLE, I MUST TAKE EXCEPTION WITH THEIR BLAH, BLAH, BLAH ...

I MUST SAY, HE'S CERTAINLY A MAN OF STRONG CONVICTIONS.

NO, HE'S NOT ...

HE'S A MAN OF PRIOR CONVICTIONS.

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

WHERE YA HEADED, PETER?

I'M SEEKING BUSINESS ADVICE.

TELL ME ABOUT THE FUTURE...

A COMPANY CALLED AMAZON WILL CHANGE THE WAY PEOPLE SHOP.

INSTEAD OF GOING OUT, WE WILL USE A DEVICE TO HAVE ITEMS SENT TO US.

WOW.

SO NO ONE WILL GO TO STORES ANYMORE?

MALLS AND SHOPPING CENTERS WILL GO BELLY UP ALL OVER THE LAND.

GUYS ... DON'T EVEN BOTHER.

COMING SOON STONEHENGE MALL

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

YOU CAN'T WEAR THAT CLINIC CROWN, JOHN - IT DOESN'T MATCH YOUR PANTS!

IT DOESN'T?

HOW ABOUT THIS ONE?

OF COURSE NOT.

HERE, THIS ONE MATCHES YOUR PANTS AND ALSO THE FLOORING IN THE FIRST OPERATORY.

NO! NO! NO! NO! NO! ... I SAID TAN SHOES!

THERE, NOW YOU LOOK LIKE A DENTIST!!

I DO?

ABSOLUTELY!

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE AN IDIOT?

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

I WISH I COULD GET GEORGE TO LOSE WEIGHT.

I THINK HE WOULD FEEL BETTER...

... BUT HE WON'T GO TO THE GYM AND HE WON'T EXERCISE AT HOME.

YOU COULD GET HIM A BIKE ... OR MAYBE A STATIONARY BIKE.

WELL, DEAR, I'M AFRAID THAT ANY BIKE OF GEORGE'S ...

... WOULD BE STATIONARY.

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

I HOPE THE PAPER HAS SOME GOOD NEWS

ANY GOOD NEWS TODAY? YES, CONGRESS INCREASED MILITARY SPENDING

MOST OF IT WILL GO TO DEVELOPING HIGH-TECH WEAPONS

THE REST WILL GO FOR UPGRADING OLD EQUIPMENT

SOME FOR INCREASING VETERANS' BENEFITS AND...

RECRUITING NEW COMBAT TROOPS

ANYTHING THAT WILL AFFECT CAMP SWAMPY?

WE MIGHT JUST GET TO STAY OPEN

GREG+ MORT WALKER