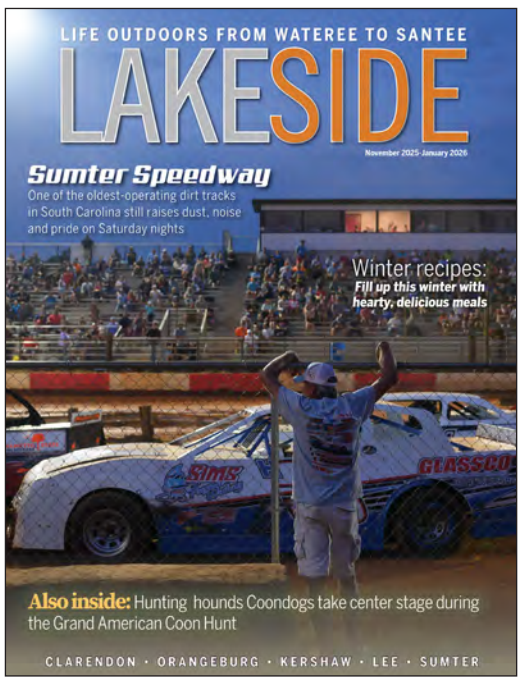
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Community forums on Wednesday in search for district superintendent

Open sessions at 3 high schools; if you cannot attend, online survey available

BY BRUCE MILLS
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What are the strengths of Sumter's public schools? What are the challenges that Sumter's public schools face? And what are the characteristics and qualities that you would like to see in the next superintendent?

Those three questions will be discussed in open forums on Wednesday and Sumter School District's Board of Trustees and the consulting firm helping facilitate the current superintendent search invite community members, district staff and students to provide input at one of three sessions that night.

The three community forums will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Crestwood, Lakewood and Sumter high schools, according to a recent news release from the district's spokeswoman and a lead consultant with BWP and Associates who spoke with *The Sumter Item* on Thursday.

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OPEN FORUMS IN SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

DATE/TIME: Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.

SITES (3): Crestwood High School Fine Arts Center, 2000 Oswego Highway;

Lakewood High School Fine Arts Center, 350 Old Manning Road;

Sumter High School Auditorium, 2580 McCrays Mill Road

If you can't attend, the public is encouraged to complete Superintendent Search Online Survey at sumterschools.net beginning Monday through Nov. 24.

Source: Sumter School District

Prince, Wise sworn in to Mayesville council



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Supreme Court Justice George C. James Jr. swears in Councilwoman Janice Prince on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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Before a packed room of residents, Mayesville Town Councilwomen Janice Blackwell Prince and Shirley Wise were sworn in to office Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The moment marked the beginning of a new term for two women who say they are committed to improving services, restoring trust and bringing long-requested resources back.

The ceremony was officiated by South Carolina Supreme Court Justice George C. James Jr. Among the family and residents in attendance, Councilwoman Cynthia Massingill and Councilman Jasaad Ricks were also present.

The short service was met with smiles and applause as the two new town leaders took their oaths.

Prince, who now serves as mayor pro tem, said being sworn in felt particularly meaningful given the direction she thinks the new council can take.

"It feels good because we have the majority now," she said. "We can support the mayor and go on and do things that are beneficial to Mayesville."

Wise echoed the same sentiment, placing her gratitude in the hands of the residents who voted on Nov. 4.

"I'm overjoyed that the people spoke," she said. "It feels really great knowing that I was trusted to be elected to bring changes to our town."

After their first meeting on Nov. 11, both officials agreed that how and when executive sessions are held is an element of town meetings they'd like to revise. Wise suggested that the meetings should be held at an appointed time during the month ahead of the regularly scheduled meetings, to which

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Mayesville council removes town attorney Carter, clerk Collins, appoints interims within seconds

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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What began as a routine meeting for Town of Mayesville on Tuesday, Nov. 11, quickly turned into a decisive — and swift — restructuring of Mayesville's council as Mayor Chris Brown and a voting majority terminated employment of the town's attorney and its clerk-treasurer within moments of each other.

Interim replacements were appointed in less than a minute after each departure, a sharp reset by the town's newly elected leadership.

This came nearly two weeks after Judge Kirk Griffin ruled in favor of the mayor on Oct. 31, bringing a yearlong legal dispute between the mayor and town officials, including councilwoman Cynthia Massingill, councilman Jasaad Ricks, then-Mayor Pro Tem Roteshia Benjamin and clerk-treasurer Taurice Collins, all represented by town attorney Eleazer Carter, over control of town operations, finances and access to public records to an end.

Griffin reaffirmed that under state law, a mayor operating within the mayor-council form of government

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Oversight ordinances pass first reading under new Mayesville council

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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At its regularly scheduled meeting, Mayesville Town Council advanced three ordinances aimed at reshaping how the town conducts business, from voting procedures to financial oversight to flat fees for potential new businesses coming to town.

All three measures passed on first reading during the Tuesday, Nov. 11, meeting and will return for public hearing and final consideration in December. Mayor Chris Brown summarized these ordinances as a means to "protect the town from here on out."

Newly elected council members Mayor Pro Tem Janice Blackwell Prince and Councilwoman Shirley Wise voted on these measures alongside Councilwoman Cynthia Massingill and Councilman Jasaad Ricks.

MEETING ATTENDANCE ORDINANCE

The first ordinance would require council members to be physically present at meetings in order to discuss agenda items and vote. It establishes that no action may pass without at least three affirmative votes — the majority legally allowed to satisfy a quorum in the mayor-council, or strong-mayor, form of government.

Brown told a large, diverse crowd of residents — in race and in age — that the measure was prompted by past meetings where actions were taken with only two members physically at the table while a third would be on Zoom, describing those instances as votes "that should not be passed."

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SECOND FRONT

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1 killed, 1 wounded in shooting on Picardy Drive

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Investigators with Sumter County Sheriff's Office seek information after a shooting on Tuesday morning left one person injured and another dead.

At about 5:36 a.m. on Nov. 11, deputies responded to a call of a shooting on Picardy Drive. Upon arrival, 18-year-old Jaikailah Richardson was found deceased inside the home, according to Mark Bordeaux, public information officer with the sheriff's office.

A juvenile victim was also shot and taken to Prisma Health Richland Hospital in Columbia. As of Wednesday morning, the juvenile's condition was listed as stable.

"A young woman's life has been stolen, and it is a tragedy," said Sheriff Anthony Dennis. "Our investigators are committed professionals, and I am confident their work will lead to an arrest."

According to Dennis, the shooting is thought to be isolated, and a person of interest has been identified.

An investigation is ongoing, and more information will be released as it becomes available.

KNOW SOMETHING?

Anyone with information that could assist investigators with solving this crime is asked to call the sheriff's office at (803) 436-2000.

Tips can also be submitted anonymously at ***www.p3tips.com*** or through the P3 Tips app for mobile devices.

Tipsters may be eligible for a reward.



RHIANNON O'BERRY / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter United Ministries Executive Director Mark Champagne estimates the ministry has received about 45 turkeys as of Nov. 14. Ham donations are also accepted and appreciated; these donations will help feed about 150 selected families this Thanksgiving.

Help Sumter United Ministries give 150 families full Thanksgiving dinners kits

BY RHIANNON O'BERRY
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From churches to Shaw Air Force Base clergy and local companies, Sumter United Ministries partners are helping collect donations for 150 families this Thanksgiving. What is left from this initiative will continue to feed people in need throughout the year — including people who need help putting together Christmas dinners.

While individuals apply for SUM's Christmas gift program, recipients of Thanksgiving dinners are selected from people SUM already helps throughout the year. Hams and turkeys are especially needed; for some individuals who are having smaller gatherings, hams are preferred. Upon pickup, recipients will have a shopping experience, in which they can select the sides they prefer. Volunteers will push recipient food carts, hand out selected items and help move the items to their cars.

"To have that personal interaction with them is great," said Kathy Hunter, assistant to Executive Director Mark Champagne. "That's why we always need lots of volunteers during that time."

Champagne expects that most food donations will come in the week before Thanksgiving. AssuredPartners, an insurance office in Sumter, is once again pairing with SUM and accepting turkey donations at its 1170 Wilson Hall Road location. People can donate during business hours, and when the freezers get full, they transfer the donations to SUM.

Tracy Way works for AssuredPartners in Sumter as an office administrator and said their goal is to gather 200 turkeys for SUM. They've gathered dozens so far. AssuredPartners also helps with other initiatives such as collecting school supplies and providing housing.

Way said the company values the partnership because of the earnest and transparent way SUM approaches its work.

"They do good work; they're there to help people who need things get back on their feet," she explained. "The community comes together for them."

Way said people often continue to donate turkeys after Thanksgiving. They don't go to waste; extras from this initiative will go to families as needed, including for Christmas dinners.

To help, drop off turkeys at the office of AssuredPartners or SUM, 36 S. Artillery Drive. Canned food donations can be placed in the bins behind the SUM building, but turkeys should be taken into the front office. Call SUM Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at (803) 775-0757 to set up a large food donation or for volunteer opportunities.

Report Card ratings, public participation before school board Monday

Meeting begins at 6 p.m. at district office

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Annual Report Card ratings for Sumter School District schools and public participation will be before the school board Monday.

A special presentation to Lemira Elementary School for winning a statewide honor, monthly financial reports and other items also made the agenda, which was posted online on Friday by a district staff member.

The state Department of Education released report card ratings for all public schools in the state on Nov. 3, and the local district's Office of Academics will provide a presentation to the trustees on schools' ratings and data trends.

District Chief Financial Officer Shatika Spearman will discuss monthly financial reports and also give a presentation on retention bonuses, according to the agenda.

In April, the state School Improvement Council gave its annual award — the Dick and Tunky Riley Award for School Improvement Council Excellence — to Lemira. The elementary school is the first district school to win the Riley Award, and the trustees will honor Lemira with a special presentation at the start of the meeting.

Monday's meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.

Regarding public participation, any member of the public wanting to make a comment to the board on any topic must arrive before the 6 p.m. start time — as early as 5:30 p.m. — and complete a form to speak.

For those not physically attending, the district continues to broadcast meetings live on YouTube.

Anyone wanting to attend the meeting virtually can do so via YouTube Sumter School District Board Meeting and the district's Facebook page, @SumterSCSchools.

Given the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays, the full board only meets once in the month of November.

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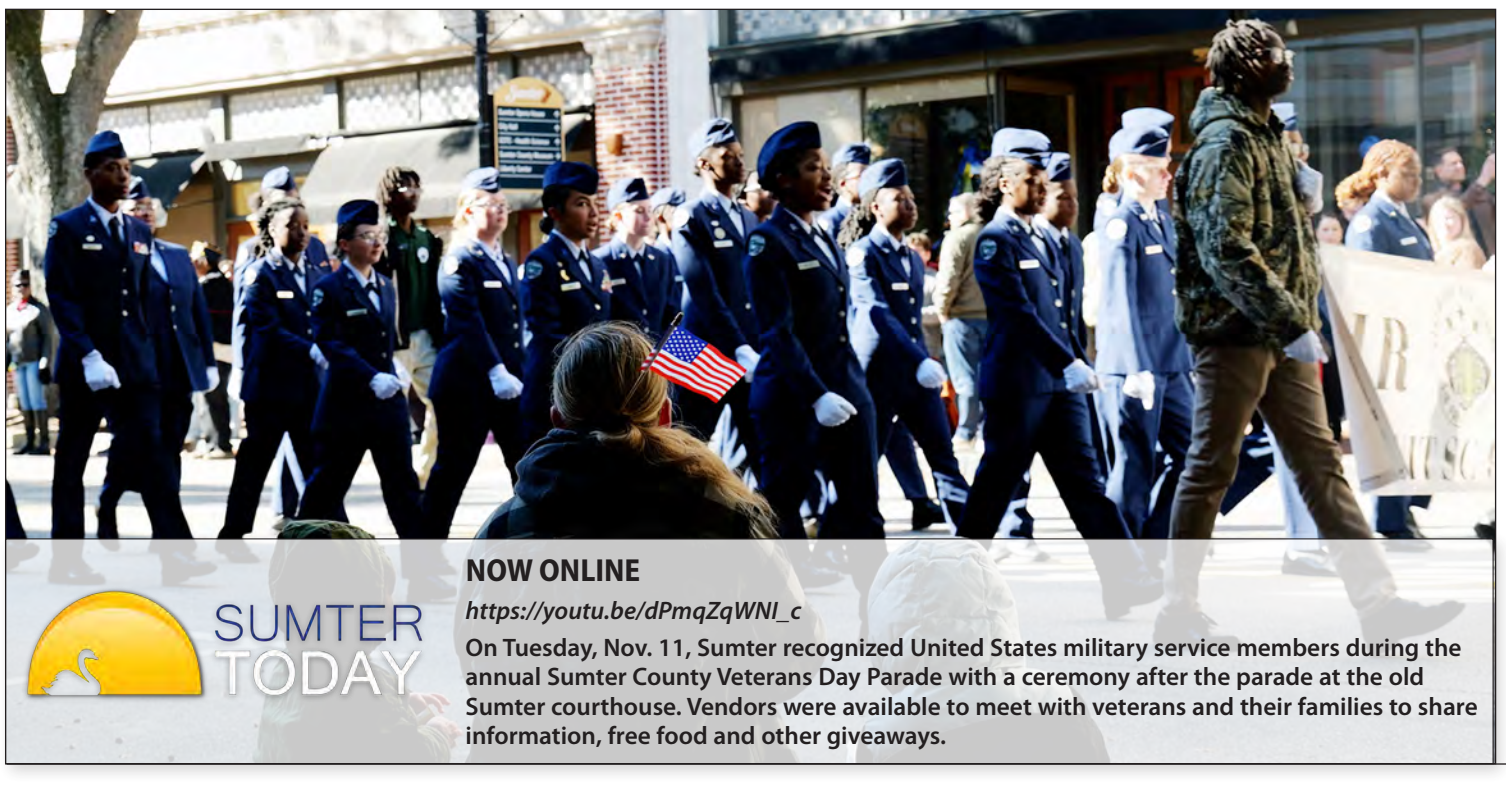
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Thanksgiving is leading day of the year for U.S. home cooking fires

BY NFPA

An estimated 1,446 home cooking fires were reported to U.S. fire departments on Thanksgiving Day in 2023, reflecting a 388 percent increase over the daily average, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Christmas Day and Christmas Eve ranked as the second- and third-leading days of the year for home cooking fires.

"Thanksgiving is a hectic holiday with multiple dishes cooking and baking at the same time, and along with guests, entertaining and other distractions, it can be easy to lose sight of what's on the stove or in the oven," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "With all these factors at play, it's no surprise that we consistently see a dramatic spike in home cooking fires on Thanksgiving."



On annual average between 2019 and 2023, cooking accounted for the majority of U.S. home fires on Thanksgiving Day (80 percent) and 40 percent of the civilian injuries; no civilian deaths were reported. Overall, cooking is the leading cause of U.S. home fires and injuries and the second-leading cause of home fire deaths. Unattended cooking is the leading contributing factor in home cooking fires and fire deaths.

"Keeping a close eye on what's cooking and minimizing the likelihood of getting distracted can greatly reduce the risk of cooking fires," Carli said. "As simple as these preventative measures may sound, they truly can help ensure that everyone enjoys a festive, fire-free holiday."

Following are additional tips and recommendations from NFPA to help everyone cook safely on Thanksgiving:

— Never leave the kitchen while cooking on the stovetop. Some types of cooking, especially those that involve frying or sautéing with oil, need continuous attention.

— When cooking a turkey, remain at home and check it regularly.

— Make use of timers to keep track of cooking times, particularly for foods that require longer cook times.

— Keep things that can catch fire like oven mitts, wooden utensils, food wrappers and towels at least three feet away from the cooking area.

— Avoid long sleeves and hanging fabrics that can come in contact with a heat source.

— Always cook with a lid beside your pan. If a small grease fire starts, smother the flames by sliding the lid over the pan, then turn off the burner. Do not remove the cover because the fire could start again.

— For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed. Only open the door once you're confident the fire is completely out, standing to the side as you do. If you have any doubts or concerns, contact the fire department for assistance.

— Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried. Hot foods and liquids should be placed away from table and counter edges.

In addition, NFPA strongly discourages the use of turkey fryers that use cooking oil, which can cause devastating burns. For a safe alternative, NFPA recommends purchasing a fried turkey from a grocery store or restaurant or buying a fryer that does not use oil.

ABOUT THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1896, NFPA is a global self-funded nonprofit organization devoted to eliminating death, injury, property and economic loss due to fire, electrical and related hazards. The association delivers information and knowledge through more than 300 consensus codes and standards, research, training, education, outreach and advocacy and by partnering with others who share an interest in furthering the NFPA mission. For more information, visit *nfpa.org*. All NFPA codes and standards can be viewed online for free at *nfpa.org/freeaccess*.

CBP reminds shoppers: Beware of purchasing counterfeit products this holiday season

BY U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

WASHINGTON — As American families prepare for holiday shopping, U.S. Customs and Border Protection urges shoppers to avoid purchasing counterfeit products, which may cause harm to consumers, their families, businesses and the nation's economy.

"CBP is on the front line of stopping illicit goods from entering the country," said Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner Diane J. Sabatino of CBP's Office of Field Operations. "It is crucial that shoppers understand that buying cheap, inauthentic goods is not victimless. It can cause harm to those you care about because of toxic materials and can even fund criminal activities."

Illegitimate sales are some of the most profitable transnational crimes. Counterfeiters sell inauthentic versions of popular products in response to trends, often through online sources, which adversely impacts legitimate U.S. businesses. These items, including fake medications, perfumes and cosmetics; children's toys and costumes; fashion, jewelry and luxury products; and unsafe electronics and automative parts, can pose serious health and safety risks to American consumers.

CBP helps disrupt these illegal practices. In fiscal year 2025, CBP seized nearly 79 million counterfeit items with a combined Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price value of over $7.3 billion, had these items been genuine. Counterfeit clothing, consumer electronics, toys and medications were among the top seized items.

"It is against the law to import counterfeit or pirated merchandise, and individual consumers may be liable for penalties or fines even if ordered by mistake," said Susan S. Thomas, acting executive assistant commissioner of CBP's Office of Trade. "Don't be fooled by counterfeits, and use due diligence when making purchases."

Consumers can protect themselves and their families by using the following best practices when making online purchases:

— Trust your instincts. If a deal seems too good to be true, the item is probably fake. Shop from reputable online sources.

— Research the product. Look at product photos, reviews and seller information.

— Avoid suspicious websites. Avoid online sources containing typos or that lack a refund policy or contact method.

— Prioritize secure payments and protect your data. Look for eCommerce websites that begin with https:// (the "s" stands for secure payment). Keep your electronic devices updated with cybersecurity protections.

— Inspect the packaging and product upon arrival. Look for missing safety seals, unusual packaging, typos or broken items.

— Spread awareness. Let your friends, family and co-workers know about counterfeit goods sold on illicit websites. If you receive a fake good, report it through CBP's Trade Violations Reporting platform at *https://tinyurl.com/2n3k97a2* or the National IPR Center at *www.iprcenter.gov/referral*. Your actions can make online shopping safer and smarter for all.

To learn more about what CBP is doing every day to protect Americans from counterfeit goods and more about the Truth Behind Counterfeits public awareness campaign, visit *www.cbp.gov/trade/fakegoodsrealdangers*.

iPhone users can now add U.S. passport info to their digital wallets

BY KELVIN CHAN
AP Business Writer



Just in time for the busy holiday travel season, iPhone users can now add their passport details to their Apple digital wallets.

The company on Wednesday unveiled its new "Digital ID" system for users to add their U.S. passport information to Apple Wallet, which can be scanned at airport readers if travelers don't have a Real ID.

Digital ID acceptance "will roll out first in beta" at Transportation Security Administration checkpoints at more than 250 U.S. airports for "in-person identity verification during domestic travel."

The company warned that Digital ID doesn't replace a physical passport and can't be used for international travel and crossing borders.

Apple already allowed people in 12 states and Puerto Rico to add their driver's license or state ID to Apple Wallet, while TSA already accepts some form of a digital ID in at least 16 states and Puerto Rico.

"You can breeze through more than 250 TSA checkpoints faster and more securely than ever before," the agency's website says.

Here's a guide on how to add your passport:

SETUP

Open your iPhone's Wallet app, tap the plus sign at the top and then tap the Digital ID option on the menu. If that doesn't work for you, type in "Digital ID" into the app's search bar.

Grab your passport and follow the instructions. You'll have to use the camera to scan your passport's photo page. Next, place your iPhone on the chip embedded on the passport's back page to authenticate the data.

Finally, you will need to verify your identity, first by taking a selfie and then by carrying out a series of facial and head movements, such as turning your head or closing your eyes.

Once the verification procedures are done, the Digital ID will be added to the Wallet.

HOW TO USE

Using your iPhone to present your Digital ID is similar to using it to make a purchase.

Double-click the phone's side button, which calls up the Wallet app. On the stack of cards, tap on the Digital ID. When it's your turn at the TSA kiosk, hold your phone or Apple watch up to the reader.

The machine will take your picture, and then your phone will let you review the information that's being requested, such as name and date of birth. In order to authenticate those details, you'll have to use the phone's face or fingerprint scanner.

WHAT ABOUT SECURITY?

Apple says your passport data is encrypted and stored on the device, and it can't see when or where users present their Digital ID or the data that was shown.

The use of a face or fingerprint scan makes sure that only the person whom the ID belongs to can release the info.

The company says that iPhone users don't need to unlock, show or hand over their device to present their Digital ID.

WHERE CAN I USE MOBILE IDS?

More than a dozen states already accept some form of a mobile ID at airport checkpoints, according to TSA.

The list includes: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as Puerto Rico.

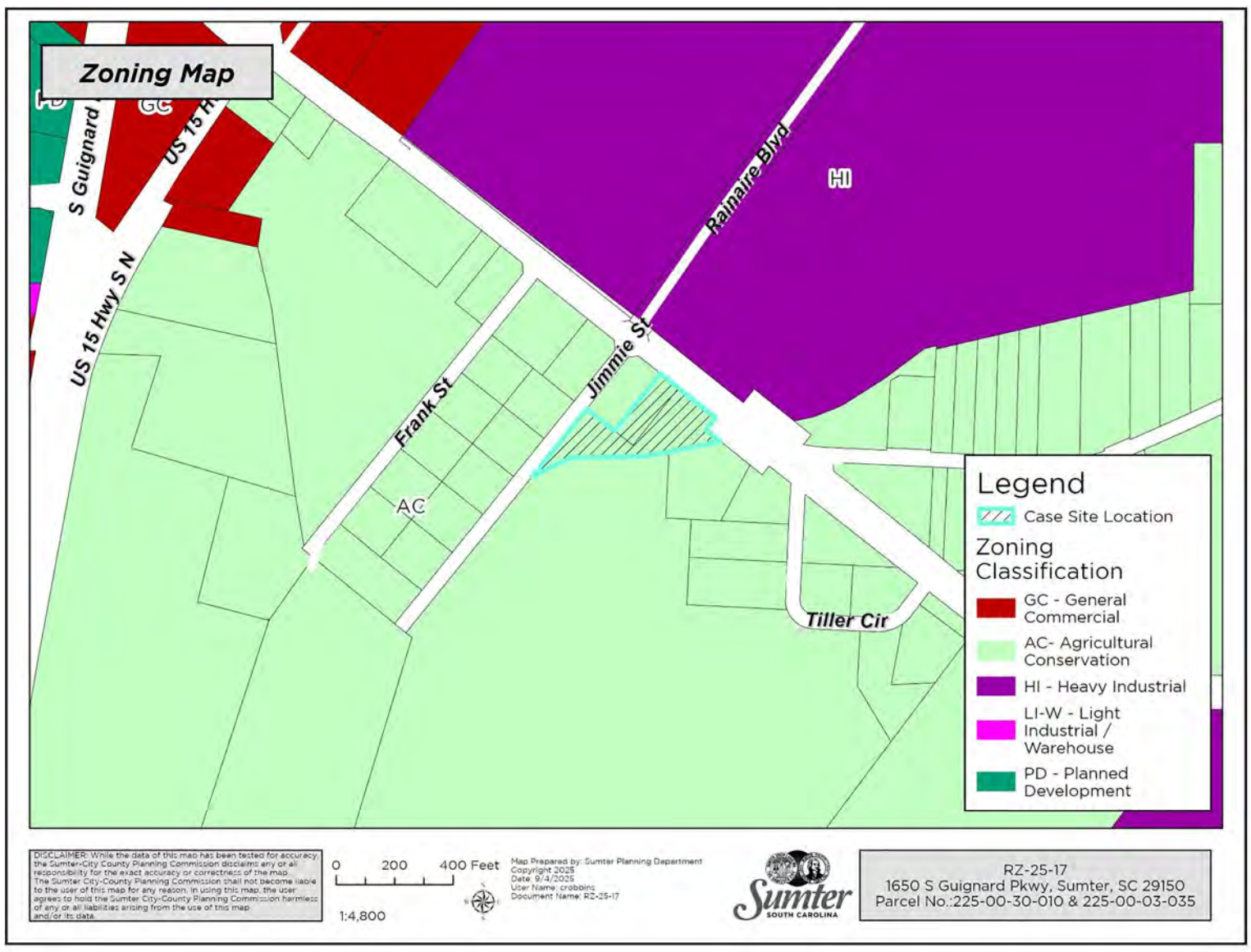
Car stereo manufacturer proposal will have public hearing at Sumter County Council again, requesting Heavy Industrial zoning

BY RHIANNON O'BERRY
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Mixed-use areas present abundant challenges to local government, including how to balance industrial development with the neighborhood character and quiet that residents of single-family homes often prefer.

Years after it first emerged, a proposed rezoning for industrial development on South Guignard Parkway (U.S.-521 South) in Sumter is once again creating these debates; at Nov. 11's Sumter County Council regular meeting, council unanimously voted to approve first reading of the request, with a public hearing to come amid second reading at its next meeting.

The company would manufacture car stereo products and store them. The property owner initially requested General Commercial zoning in 2020; this year, he requested a change to Heavy Industrial. There is HI zoning in the area — right across S. Guignard Parkway. However, those facilities have space for several hundred feet of setbacks from the road, and the side of the road that this establishment would be on has single-family residences and religious institutions. HI districts cannot host residential developments, and the land could ultimately be sold and used for other industries if given that designation.



MAP BY SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The proposed rezoning for a car stereo manufacturing facility at 1650 S. Guignard Pkwy. (U.S. 521 South) is outlined in blue. The lot as well as most surrounding land on that side of U.S. 521 South has Agricultural Conservation zoning, while across U.S. 521 South, in purple, there is Heavy Industrial zoning with a Peace Textile Inc. facility.

At Sept. 24's Sumter City-County Planning Commission meeting, the property owner cited the profitability and prominence of facilities like the one he proposes and thus how the business could be an asset to the city. At that meeting, commissioners deferred and recommended the property owner connect with nearby residents, council members and Sumter City-County Planning Department staff. Planning staff recommended denial of the request in September, citing the limitations of the parcel size and its proximity to residences. They recommended either no change to zoning or a change to Neighborhood Commercial.

"The AC zoning district is designed to protect and preserve areas of the county which are presently rural or agricultural in character and use," Planning Department staff explained in its report. "The intent of the HI district is to concentrate heavy industrial uses in areas where they will flourish without adversely affecting adjacent less intensive uses, and to preserve prime industrial lands for future industrial development."

The commission forwarded the proposal to Sumter County Council in October. At the Nov. 11 Sumter County Council regular meeting, council unanimously approved the next step.

After the applicant provided designs showing how the building could fit on the property, planning commission staff also recommended approval at Nov. 11's county council meeting. District 3 County Councilman Jimmy Byrd Jr. noted in his motion to approve first reading that the property owner should consult neighborhood residents before the public hearing, saying "he knows what is going to happen" if he doesn't.

Second reading and public hearing will take place on Nov. 25 at 6 p.m. at Sumter County Council Chambers, third floor of the County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal St. County council meetings are also uploaded to YouTube for those who cannot attend.

SCDOT prepares for replacement of U.S. 76/378 (Robert E. Graham Freeway) bypass bridge over U.S. 15 (North Main Street)

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In 2019, the South Carolina Department of Transportation's website stated the U.S. 76/378 bridge over U.S. 15 was "structurally deficient" and said "the current bridge has reached the end of its useful life and does not meet current SCDOT design standards." Now, after years of delay on its replacement, the project is back underway, with Sumter County Council quickly approving first reading for a temporary construction easement of county property to SCDOT at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The bridge won't be replaced until 2027 at the earliest, according to estimates from SCDOT Project Manager Ken Martin. First, contract "letting" will happen next August, with contractors able to put in bids. Martin said after initial steps forward in 2019, the project was delayed because SCDOT priorities shift as more urgent needs arise.

Hannah Robinson, media relations manager for SCDOT, said the new bridge will fit "modern safety and design standards."

"Bridges are a priority for SCDOT," she relayed via email. "We are working to replace, rehabilitate, and repair our state's aging bridge infrastructure."

In 2019, the U.S. 378/76 over U.S. 76 (Liberty Street) bridge was also labeled "substandard" and slated for replacement. Now, Martin said a consultant is evaluating it to determine whether a full replacement is necessary or if repairs alone are a good solution to extend its life and bring it up to modern standards.

Martin highlighted U.S. 378's crucial role as a National Highway System route and a freight route, and thus a high priority to SCDOT, especially considering Shaw Air Force Base's unique needs. This is evident from improvements to locations in Columbia that led to lane closures in early November.

The new bridge over North Main Street will be higher to allow more clearance for taller trucks to safely pass underneath. Modernized load-bearing capacities will also accommodate heavy firetrucks and electric vehicles. "The fleet over the last decade — especially with electric vehicles — it's been getting heavier and heavier," Martin explained. "New bridge design standards will be implemented to be able to carry those additional loads."

When it comes to fruition, there will be ramp reroutes. Martin shared that this bridge replacement will both expand current services and prevent future problems. He said such bridges are designed to last an average of about 50 to 75 years and that in many cases, it is just more cost-effective and sensible to replace the bridge than continue to fund maintenance and repairs. This bridge has already outlived its estimated lifespan.



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South Carolina Ballet's 'Nutcracker' returns to Patriot Hall

BY SOUTH CAROLINA BALLET



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William Starrett's "Nutcracker" will be performed again this year at Patriot Hall on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

South Carolina Ballet is thrilled to return to the newly renovated Patriot Hall with two dazzling performances of William Starrett's beloved "Nutcracker" on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 3 and 7:30 p.m.

Patriot Hall has long been a favorite stage for the company, and after its recent renovations, the return marks a joyful homecoming for audiences who have missed the magic of the ballet in this cherished venue. Sumter also holds a special place in South Carolina Ballet's heart, as Patriot Hall is always the first stop for "Nutcracker" each season, making it the moment when the holidays truly begin.

"It just isn't Christmas until you've seen South Carolina Ballet's stupendously opulent production of Nutcracker," Artistic Director Starrett said. "We are so excited to be back at Patriot Hall to share this timeless tradition with the Sumter community."

After its stop in Sumter, "Nutcracker" will continue at Koger Center for the Arts in Columbia with six performances, Dec. 13-14 and Dec. 20-21. Saturday evening performances at Koger Center will feature live accompaniment by the newly established South Carolina Ballet Orchestra, conducted by Scott Weiss.

Filled with Southern charm, glittering snow, lavish sets and festive spirit, Starrett's "Nutcracker" remains both beautiful and beloved. Some ballets are beautiful, and some are beloved. Starrett's "Nutcracker" is both.

Tickets are available at SouthCarolinaBallet.com or at the box office at Patriot Hall starting one hour before the performance.

Founded in 1961 as Columbia City Ballet, South Carolina Ballet is committed to delivering exceptional performances that entertain, inspire and enrich the communities we serve. With a focus on artistic excellence, innovation and inclusivity, the company continues to delight audiences nationwide with world-class productions.

Council of Garden Clubs announces Yards of the Month

The Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter Inc. recognizes Los Carnales Authentic Mexican Restaurant, 1029 Broad St., as November's Business Yard of the Month. Los Carnales, a restaurant in Sumter serving authentic Mexican food, opened April 1, 2024, and is a family-operated small business enterprise. Business owner Diego Lopez says his family has worked in the restaurant business for many years and, together, they manage every aspect of preparing and serving a variety of Mexican foods. In addition to serving good food, the exterior of the restaurant is also important. Diego's mother, Ana Corrales, keeps the outside area looking attractive and well-tended. Around the business' sign and the front walkway, fall décor includes brightly colored chrysanthemums, scarecrows and pumpkins. As the seasons and temperatures change, the décor will also be changing except for the cactus, a good source of sustenance for pollinators, located beside the entrance door.

PHOTOS PROVIDED











The Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter Inc. recognizes 509 Hampton St. as Homeowner November Yard of the Month. The home of Lynn and Frank Garrett is a lovely two-story Georgian-style house with a grand front entrance. Dried cornstalks are on both sides of the front door — aligning perfectly with the home's vertical stature. Atop the steps, leading to the front door, are more fall decorative items that fill the horizontal doorway space with traditional fall colors. Heirloom pumpkins are artfully arranged in matching containers. A bright green holly bush, flush with bold red berries, and a dogwood tree with brilliant red leaves complement the home's street view while providing sources of food, nesting sites and shelter for birds and mammals.

Ex-husband's treatment of son breaks mother's heart

DEAR ABBY: My ex, "Hank," and I have two sons together. Both are smart, kind, college-educated, hardworking and independent young adults.

Hank is estranged from our younger son, "Andrew." Andrew could never live up to his father's expectations. This is one of the reasons I fell out of love with my husband. He would initiate a verbal confrontation with Andrew and say things like, "You are not my son." Later, he'd clarify that he meant Andrew doesn't ACT like his older brother does. Another example: "You didn't call me last week, so I'm not going to help you out today."

It has been painful to watch as a mom, and for a child to experience. The one blessing is that both boys love each other. I believe children should know they are loved by their parents. They should NOT have to continually prove they are worthy of their parent's love. It crushes me that Andrew doesn't have a father he can count on to be there for him unconditionally.

Andrew had emergency surgery this week, and Hank never bothered to check in to ask how he was doing. We have tried therapy. Is there anything else that would help with the estrangement between a father and a son?

MOM WHO MUST ALSO BE DAD



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR MOM: What a sad letter, and what a poor excuse for a husband and father. Your ex-husband engineered the estrangement, and nothing you or Andrew can do will fix it. You didn't mention how Andrew's lack of a healthy relationship with his father has affected him. Was the therapy that was tried family therapy? Marriage counseling for you and your ex? Individual therapy for your son? It's possible that a licensed mental health professional might help Andrew come to terms with the years of emotional neglect he has suffered, but only if he agrees he needs it.

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

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the Sumter ITEM REFLECTIONS

The growth of Sumter's lumber industry, Part II

Reflections takes an in-depth look at the development of Sumter's lumber industry. Dr. Anne King Gregorie stated in her text that the "timber resources of Sumter have always been large."



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

She also noted that during the 1940s and '50s, the "volume of business managed by the great lumber companies had headquarters in Sumter. They owned forests from Florida to Virginia, Central America and the Philippines. This helped Sumter become known as the capital of the lumber industry."

In preparing this piece, additional data and pictures were secured from *The Item* archives with the writings of Cassie Nicholes and John Mitchell being consulted. This is part two of a two-part series; read part one in the weekend Nov. 1-4 edition or at *www.theitem.com/reflections*.

The Sumter Planing Mill was started in 1902, according to an article published in the *News and Courier*, and was initially operated by John E. Whilden and D. W. Cuttino. The plant was described as an "offshoot of the Witherspoon Bros. & Co. manufacturing interests. The mill, the buildings and machinery were being erected and put in place before they joined the coffin factory." T. W. Hill operated Sumter Hardwood which was later purchased and enlarged by a company headed by J. G. Bagnal.

Afterward, Booth-McLeod bought the plant; Bagnal remained as manager and salesman. In 1928, O. H. Foley purchased both the planing mill and sawmill. He operated these until 1950 when the planing mill burned and the sawmill was dismantled. The planing mill was rebuilt, and rough lumber came from "ground" sawmills, mostly from forests in Williamsburg County. Another planing mill, the Virginia-Carolina Planing Mill, was operated for a time beginning in 1907 by a man named Yates from Lynchburg, Virginia. Associated with him was J. W. Jackson.

Collaborating with Virginia-Carolina Planing Mills was C. D. Brunk, who came to Sumter in 1909. Also in 1909, F. B. Creech moved to Sumter as bookkeeper for Trexler Lumber Co., a wholesale brokerage from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, operated by a Mr. Alexander. According to Cassie Nicholes, Creech entered into a partnership with C. D. Brunk "to form the Imperial Lumber Company of Sumter" and in 1921 organized Creech Lumber Co. Sumter rapidly grew as a wholesale center, and in 1915, most of the following wholesale brokers operated here: Forester Lumber Co.; McNeil and Tweed Lumber Co.; Bynum Lumber Co., operated by W. E. Bynum, who came to Sumter as bookkeeper for H. J. McLaurin; Creech Lumber Co. (F. B. Creech); and Imperial Lumber Co. (C.D. Brunk). Among these, Bynum, Creech and Imperial were still operating in the early 1950s. All three had sawmill interests. Imperial began operation of a sawmill on South Harvin Street. Two Forester brothers, who were not connected with the original company, operated a sawmill on the edge of town as well as a sales office on East Calhoun Street. About 1950, they began operating a planing mill at the East Calhoun Street location.

During World War I, the North Carolina Pine Emergency Bureau used the Sumter market as a base for prices. Also, this market was used as a base for OPA ceiling prices on lumber during World War II. In the early '50s, Booth-Parker Lumber Co. conducted manufacturing and wholesale with H. Thurston Bagnal handling wholesale lumber.

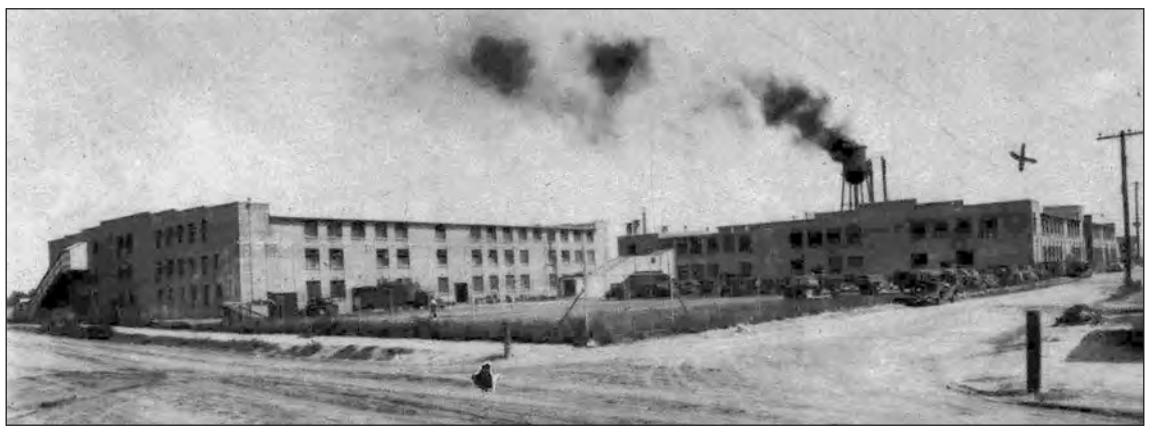


SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

Employees assemble merchandise inside Williams Furniture Co.



C. F. Korn came to Sumter from Cincinnati, Ohio, and started Sumter Hardwood Co., from which grew Korn Industries, in 1920. The plant is seen here in 1969.



Williams Furniture Co.

WILLIAMS FURNITURE COMPANY

1919 saw the arrival of the first major furniture operations when O. L. Williams Furniture Co. opened a factory in Sumter. The next year, C. F. Korn came to Sumter from Cincinnati, Ohio, and started Sumter Hardwood Co., from which grew Korn Industries. By 1925, Brooklyn-Cooperage and Galloway-Pease Lumber Co., both hardwood outfits, had begun local operations.

Having had experience in several businesses in the Carolinas, O. L. Williams came to Sumter from North Carolina. He started O. L. Williams Veneer Co., and soon afterward, in cooperation with the late Neil O'Donnell, Davis Moise and other prominent citizens, formed O. L. Williams Top and Panel Co., to manufacture heavy veneer cores and other kindred products. The plant was on East Calhoun Street, and in 1925, operations began under the management of Julian T. Buxton, who became president of the organization. In 1928, furniture production expanded, and Williams Furniture Corp. was organized. First officers were Williams, president, and O'Donnell, vice president.

Shortly W. E. Covington joined the company, leaving Thomasville Chair Co., Thomasville, North Carolina, which had been the largest producer of furniture in the South during that period.

The East Calhoun Street plant was destroyed by fire on March 31, 1936, and it was decided to rebuild at the Fulton Street location. On June 10, a little more than three months after the original plant burned, the first carload of furniture was shipped from the new plant. From the small beginning on Calhoun Street, where about 100 persons were employed, the plant grew to between 700 and 1,000 employees. From 70,000 square feet of floor space, it grew to be possibly the largest plant of its kind in the United States. Also connected with the corporation were Southern Coatings and Chemical Co., which controlled Dimension Timber Co., Kingstree Lumber & Mfg. Co., Palmetto Forest Products Co., Russellville Lumber Co. and Tupelo Dimension Mfg. Co.

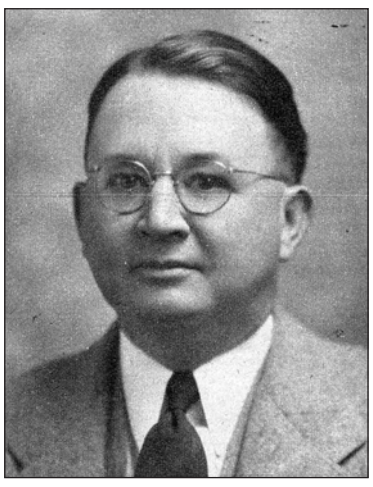
Sumter Hardwood began operations around 1920 with a supervisory staff from Cincinnati. A modern band mill sawed hardwood logs into lumber; logs were bought from various contractors. As time went by, the company acquired timberlands and began its own logging operations. During 1930, additional property was purchased, and some 50 acres of land were covered with buildings and improvements. That same year the hardwood factories known as Sumter Wood Products were built. This factory was constructed to produce furniture parts and wood specialties which were sold to assemblers throughout the nation. Later the Sumter Cabinet Co. was established to manufacture bedroom furniture. Its merchandise was managed by outstanding retail stores throughout the United States.

Korn Industries also suffered from fires; two destroyed the greater portion of the woodworking plants within four years. On both occasions, owners decided to rebuild; later permanent buildings, equipped with every modern facility, stood on the ashes of the original wood structures. Circa 1950 a convenient, comfortable, modern office building was constructed. Chester F. Korn served as chairman of the Board of Directors, and Matthew F. Korn headed the executive staff as president; T. W. Hill served as vice president.

Brooklyn Cooperage, a subsidiary of American Sugar Refining Co., was organized to manufacture barrel staves. This company purchased a large portion of the Santee-Cypress Lumber Co. holdings. Connected with Brooklyn-Cooperage was Galloway-Pease Lumber Co., which produced hardwood lumber. The organization operated for some 20 years before being purchased by Esdorne Lumber Co. in 1945.

Later local industries which used lumber or other timber products included Shaw Manufacturing Co. and Alderman Flooring Co. The lumber business played an integral role in the growth and development of the Sumter community. An incredible supply of timber provided numerous opportunities for entrepreneurs and ensured success in logging, wholesale, retail and assorted other wood products.

Thousands of workers were employed by various manufacturing companies giving rise to Sumter's label as "Lumber Capital of the World."



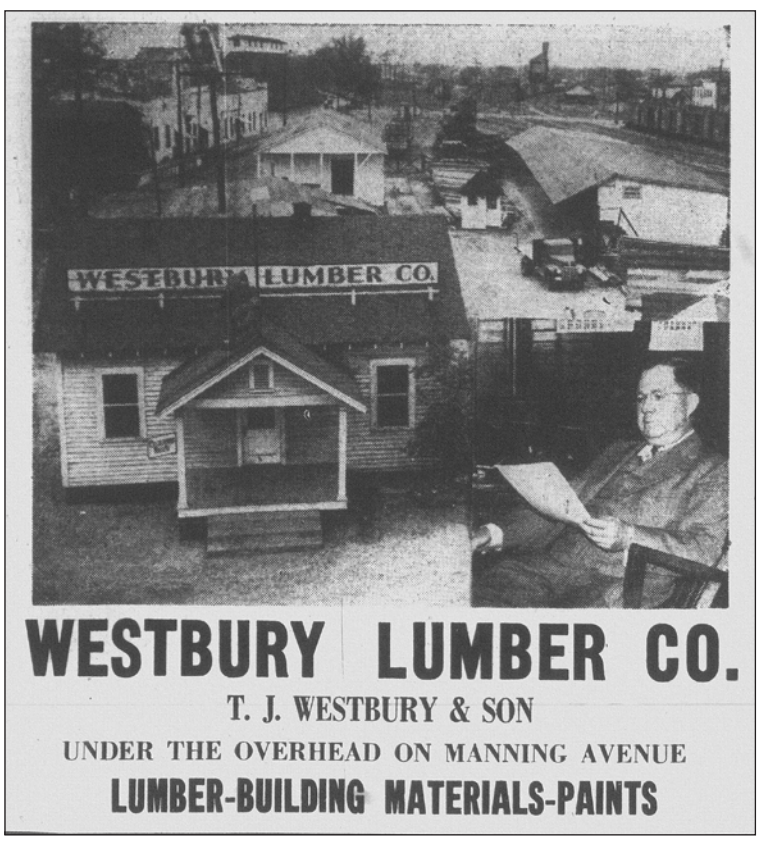
Mayor Fulton B. Creech owned Creech Lumber Co. in Sumter.



Chester F. Korn, president of Korn Industries and pioneer hardwood manufacturer



O. L. Williams, president of Williams Furniture Co.



This ad was published in Sumter in May 1951.

Briefs

SMOKIN' FUR A CAUSE

MANNING — Help raise money for A Second Chance Animal Shelter while enjoying barbecue and listening to live music by Tricky Licks Band at Smokin' Fur A Cause from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at the City of Manning Municipal Parking Lot, Church and Boyce streets. Besides the sanctioned BBQ Competition and awards presentation, there will be a kids' corner with face painting, games and more, as well as a silent auction and a car show.

LIBERTY FUNDRAISER DRAWING NOV. 15

MANNING — Liberty Free Will Baptist Church is hosting a fundraiser to raise money to build a playground at the church.

The fundraiser is a raffle to win a 12-gauge CZ-USA Over and Under Shotgun. Tickets are $10 each. The drawing for the winner will be on Saturday, Nov. 15, and the winner does not need to be present to win.

For tickets, message Kiri Way Welch or Cody Welch on Facebook.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

MANNING — The Lampkin Foundation will present With A Heart of Thanksgiving Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at William Chapel Christian Church, 1072 Forest Trail. The event is hosted by Professor Jeffrey Lampkin, with Minister Tayvian Gass serving as guest speaker. Dinner will be served.

CLARENDON PILOT CLUB ANNUAL BAZAAR

MANNING — Load up on your Thanksgiving desserts, casseroles, jelly and of course the famous biscuits at Clarendon County Pilot Club's Annual Bazaar from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at The Presbyterian Church at Manning, 233 N. Brooks St.

2025 PARADE OF LIGHTS

MANNING — Kick off the Christmas season with Manning's 2025 Parade of Lights on Sunday, Nov. 30, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in downtown Manning.

Parade applications are available at *https://tinyurl.com/38etpuwp*.

First Franklin donates to Clarendon County Cancer OverComers



First Franklin in Manning presented Annett Smith with a check for $1,000 as a donation to Clarendon County Cancer OverComers. Pictured with Smith are Lynn McLeod, First Franklin manager; Debbie Johnson, assistant manager; Hanna Justice, senior loan specialist; and April Richardson, part-time loan specialist.

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STEPPIN' INTO THE HOLIDAYS ON DEC. 20

SUMMERTON — K & H Resource Center is asking everyone to save the date for its Third-Annual Fundraiser "Steppin' into the Holidays" Adult Sneaker Ball on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Clarendon Community Resource Center gymnasium, 1154 Fourth St.

Ticket donations are $25 each.

For more information, contact Kathleen L. Gibson at (803) 225-0832.

SUMMERTON'S JINGLE AND JOY CHRISTMAS PARADE

SUMMERTON — The Town of Summerton will hold the Jingle and Joy Christmas Parade at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in downtown Summerton. Included will be a tree lighting ceremony, wreath contest, food vendor, live carols and music. Santa Claus will make an appearance. Free hot chocolate while it lasts.

NEW START TURKEY SHOOT

MANNING — New Start Community Church of the Nazarene is hosting a Turkey Shoot from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13, at 4686 J.W. Rhames Road.

The shoot costs $5 per shot, and prizes include cash, hams and turkeys.

For more information, call Eric Stubbs at (803) 565-6598.

MJHS ACCEPTING DONATIONS

MANNING — Manning Junior High School, 1101 W.L. Hamilton Road, has begun a Clothing and Care Closet for its middle-school scholars. Some of the items needed include gently used pants, shirts, socks, new undergarments, feminine hygiene products, shoes, coats, deodorant, body sprays, hair ties, belts, school supplies, clothing racks, storage containers and more.

If you have items to donate, contact Holly McCabe at (803) 435-8195 or email *holly.mccabe@clarendoncsd.org*.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Summons & Notice

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF CLARENDON
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)
C/A NO: 2025-CP-14-00157
DEFICIENCY WAIVED**

**Freedom Mortgage Corporation,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
Charles Houston a/k/a Charles Houston, Sr and if Charles Houston a/k/a Charles Houston, Sr be deceased then any child and heir at law to the Estate of Charles Houston a/k/a Charles Houston, Sr distributees and devisees at law to the Estate of Charles Houston a/k/a Charles Houston, Sr and if any of the same be dead any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein; Any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under a disability being a class designated as John Doe, and any persons in the military service of the United States of America being a class designated as Richard Roe; Charles Houston, Jr aka Charles Arthur Houston aka Charles Arthur Houston, Jr; Monica Houston, as Personal Representative for the Estate of Charles Houston a/k/a Charles Houston, Sr; Premier Concierge Homes, LLC; Richard Black; Chieko Black; Portfolio Recovery Associates LLC; Midland Funding LLC,
DEFENDANT(S)**

**TO THE DEFENDANTS, ABOVE NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber at his office, Hutchens Law Firm LLP, P.O. Box 8237, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, except as to the United States of America, which shall have sixty (60) days, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for an Order of Reference of this case to the Master-in-Equity/Special Referee for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-in-Equity/Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this case with appeal only to the South Carolina Court of Appeals pursuant to Rule 203(d)(1) of the SCACR, effective June 1, 1999.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff immediately and separately and such application will be deemed absolute and total in the absence of your application for such an appointment within thirty (30) days after the service of the Summons and Complaint upon you.
NOTICE OF FILING OF SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT
TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the foregoing Summons, along with the Complaint, were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court on On March 24, 2025 and the Amended Summons and Complaint were filed on August 20, 2025.
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT(S) IN MILITARY SERVICE
TO UNKNOWN OR KNOWN DEFENDANTS THAT MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ALL BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:
YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED that Plaintiff's attorney has applied for the appointment of an attorney to represent you. If you fail to apply for the appointment of an attorney to represent you within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you Plaintiff's appointment will be made absolute with no further action from Plaintiff.
THIS IS A COMMUNICATION FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR. THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE, except as stated below in the instance of bankruptcy protection.
IF YOU ARE UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR HAVE BEEN DISCHARGED AS A RESULT OF A BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDING, THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU PURSUANT TO STATUTORY REQUIREMENT AND FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES AND IS NOT INTENDED AS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT OR AS AN ACT TO COLLECT, ASSESS, OR RECOVER ALL OR ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT FROM YOU PERSONALLY.**

**s/ Gregory Wooten
October 13, 2025
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**STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CLARENDON
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO.
2025-CP-14-00504**

**U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R4
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
Taprilena James, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Carolyn James, Deceased; Stephanie James, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Carolyn James, Deceased; and any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Carolyn James, Deceased, their heirs or devisees, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; and Discover Bank,
DEFENDANT(S).**

**TO ALL THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE-NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 1800 St. Julian Place, Suite 407, Columbia, SC 29204 or P.O. Box 2065, Columbia, SC 29202, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that should you fail to Answer the foregoing Summons, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-In-Equity or Special Referee for Clarendon County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53 (e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-In-Equity or Special Master is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause.
TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND/OR MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY: YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will apply to have the appointment of the Guardian ad Litem Nisi, Kelley Yarborough Woody, made absolute.
NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County, South Carolina on October 9, 2025.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the order appointing Kelley Yarborough Woody, whose address is PO Box 6432, Columbia, SC 29260, as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for all persons whomsoever herein collectively designated as Richard Roe, defendants herein whose names and addresses are unknown, including any thereof who may be minors, incapacitated, or under other legal disability, whether residents or non-residents of South Carolina; for all named Defendants, addresses unknown, who may be infants, incapacitated, or under a legal disability; for any unknown heirs-at-law of Carolyn James, including their heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; and for all other unknown persons with any right, title, or interest in and to the real estate that is the subject of this foreclosure action, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County on the 21st day of October, 2025.
YOU WILL FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that unless the said Defendants, or someone in their behalf or in behalf of any of them, shall within thirty (30) days after service of notice of this order upon them by publication, exclusive of the day of such service, procure to be appointed for them, or any of them, a Guardian Ad Litem to represent them or any of them for the purposes of this action, the Plaintiff will apply for an order making the appointment of said Guardian Ad Litem Nisi absolute.
LIS PENDENS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff above named against the Defendant(s) above named for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given by Carolyn James to Diversified Capital Corporation of Tennessee, dated January 23, 1998, recorded January 28, 1998, in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Clarendon County, in Book 318 at Page 332; thereafter, said Mortgage was assigned to The First National Bank of Chicago as Trustee by assignment instrument dated July 17, 1998 and recorded April 26, 1999 in Book 364 at Page 84; thereafter, assigned to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Certificate Trustee (not in its individual capacity but solely as Certificate Trustee) in trust for Registered Holders of VNT Trust Series 2010-2 by assignment instrument dated July 15, 2016 and recorded September 12, 2016 in Book 1086 at Page 213; thereafter, assigned to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC by assignment instrument dated December 3, 2013 and recorded September 12, 2016 in Book 1086 at Page 214; thereafter, assigned to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, solely as owner trustee on behalf of Grand Avenue Mortgage Loan Trust 2017-RPL1 by assignment instrument dated January 3, 2018 and recorded January 26, 2018 in Book 1132 at Page 15; thereafter, assigned to Citibank, N.A., as Trustee for CMLTI Asset Trust by assignment instrument dated November 3, 2022 and recorded November 17, 2022 in Book 1143 at Page 2532; thereafter, assigned to Greenwich Revolving Trust by assignment instrument dated May 31, 2023 and recorded June 23, 2023 in Book 1144 at Page 2741; thereafter, assigned to U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association not in its individual capacity but solely as Indenture Trustee of CIM Trust 2023-R4 by assignment instrument dated November 1, 2023 and recorded February 8, 2024 in Book 1145 at Page 3224. Said Mortgage was modified by a Loan Modification Agreement effective March 1, 2004.
The description of the premises is as follows:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land being designated as Lot 43 of Berry Subdivision on a plat thereof prepared by Robert G. Mathis Land Surveying on September 24, 1997 and filed for record in the Office of the RMC of Clarendon County in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 28, Plat Number 4; reference to which plat is craved pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 (as amended) for a more particular description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of said lot.
Also includes a 1997 Pioneer 410 Mobile/Manufactured Home with VIN PH1410GA11900AB located on the subject property by virtue of that certain Manufactured Housing Unit Rider, dated January 23, 1998 and recorded January 28, 1998 in Book 318 at Page 337 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Clarendon County. See also that certain Order filed August 6, 2024 as Case No. 2024-CP-14-00060 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Clarendon County. Said Order specifically preserved a declaratory judgment finding, in favor of the named Plaintiff, that the mobile/manufactured home is subject to the lien of the Plaintiff's mortgage.
This being the same property conveyed to Carolyn James by deed of Edward Ward dated January 23, 1998 and recorded January 28, 1998 in Book 337 at Page 225 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Clarendon County.
Subsequently, Carolyn James died on or about February 12, 2024 and no probate case has been opened with the probate court for Clarendon County. If any party has any information as to the existence and/or opening of a probate court file for the Estate of Carolyn James, it is requested that you contact counsel for Plaintiff immediately with that information. Upon information and belief, Carolyn James was survived by her heir(s), Taprilena James and Stephanie James (based on her published obituary).
TMS No. 126-00-00-109-00

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF CLARENDON IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS CASE NO: 2025CP1400337
Anna Sumter Boulware vs. Mabel Sumter Davis, et. al.
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, or to otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the Clerk of this Court and Sabrina C. Call, Esq., attorney for Plaintiff, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof if service upon you was in person and thirty-five (35) days after service hereof if service upon was by U.S. Mail, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, or otherwise fail to appear and defend, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded therein and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDES, AND/OR PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY. YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Complaint in the above-captioned action (Case No. 2025CP1400337) was filed in the Clarendon County Clerk of Court's Office on July 21, 2025. Copies of the Complaint are available for review and inspection by all interested persons.
NOTICE OF ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM IS HERBY GIVEN, that an Order appointing Michelle J. Weil, Esquire, 201 Sigma Drive, Suite #300, Summerville, SC 29486, (843) 619-3709 as Guardian ad Litem for those of the Defendants in this action who may be unknown or who may be infants or persons under disability, including those in military service, being as classes designated as JOHN DOE and JANE DOE was entered and filed with the Clerk of Court on October 29, 2025. Unless such Defendants, if any, or someone on their behalf shall cause, within thirty (30) days after the service of this Notice, exclusive of the day of service, a different person to be appointed to represent them, said appointment shall become absolute.
NOTICE OF HEARING. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, this case has been set for hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 2:00PM, with the Honorable Joseph K. Coffey presiding at the Law Firm of Coffey & McKenzie, P.A. located at 2 North Brooks Street, Manning /s/ Sabrina C. Call, Esq. THE LAW FIRM OF SABRINA CALL, LLC 201 Sigma Drive. Suite 300 Summerville, SC 29486 (843) 934-2247 sabrina @scprobatelaw.com SC Bar # 102207**

**STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SUMTER
CIVIL ACTION NO:
2025-CP-43-1939
SUMMONS AND NOTICE**

**Claude Helton and Mary Helton
Plaintiffs,
vs.
Betty Bolden, fka Betty Jean White, Carolyn Sanders, Perry Helton, Cindy Grant, fka Cindy Helton but aka Lindy Helton, Amanda Thomas, fka Amanda S. Helton, Martha Ray, Wendy Jackson, Connie Jackson, Wayne Jackson, Wilson Jackson, Claude Helton, Mary Helton, Vernon Lee Nelson, Deborah W. Helton, Alice Bailey, Mabel Riley, Eugene Jackson, Jr., Larry Jackson, Shalonda Burton, and Estates of Elouise Jackson, Edith Jackson, Lillian Capers, Freddie Helton, Freddie Helton, Jr., Alfair Jackson, Hester Capers, Amanda Nelson, Wilson Jackson, Jr., Eugene Jackson, Susan Jackson and Bobby Jackson and as to those Defendants that are deceased, to any persons entitled to claim, under them and also any unknown persons claiming a
right, title and interest in the property as John Doe and any persons under disability or in the military service being Richard Roe Defendants.**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to this complaint upon the subscriber, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of day of such service, and if you fail to answer the complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.
LIS PENDENS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an action has been commenced by the Plaintiff against the Defendants, to quiet title to property described as follows:
Lots 8 parcels A-2, B, E, F, and L on Stamey Livestock Rd., Sumter, SC. shown on Plat of H.S. Willson, in Plat Book Z-30, page 103 of the Sumter County ROD Office.**

**NOTICE OF GUARDIAN ad LITEM
Attorney John Keffer has been appointed Guardian ad Litem Nisi for unknown heirs.
NOTICE OF FILING
Please take notice that the Plaintiff will move to refer the case to the Master in Equity with any appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The pleadings in this case are on file in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County.**

**s/ A. Paul Weissenstein, Jr.
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November 11, 2025**

Estate Notice Clarendon County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Clarendon County, the address of which is 411 Sunset Dr. Manning, SC 29102, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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How Gary Sinise is helping CreatiVets build 'a place to go when the PTSD hits'



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Gary Sinise talks about the Gary Sinise Foundation and his involvement with CreatiVets on Thursday, Sept. 10, in Franklin, Tennessee.

BY GLENN GAMBOA
AP Business Writer

NASHVILLE — Richard Casper shakes his head as he touches one of the boarded-up windows in the once-abandoned church he plans to transform into a new 24-hour arts center for veterans.

The U.S. Marine Corps veteran and Purple Heart recipient said he was an arm's length away from military officials, including Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, at Marine Barracks Washington when he learned the former church his nonprofit CreatiVets just purchased had been vandalized.

The physical damage to the building and its stained glass windows saddened Casper. But what worried him more was that the church had remained empty since 2017 without damage. That vandalism came just weeks after CreatiVets bought it, suggesting that maybe he and the veterans in his program were not welcome.

"I almost just left," Casper said. "It put me in a weird headspace."

However, Casper, 40, a CNN Heroes winner and Elevate Prize winner, needed more support for the center — "a place to go when the PTSD hits." Like so many veterans, he said his PTSD, caused by seeing a close friend die on patrol in Iraq, would generally come in the middle of the night, when the only places open are bars and other spaces that can be "destructive."

He figured a 24-hour center where veterans could engage in music, painting, sculpture, theater and other arts could help. It could "turn all that pain into something beautiful." The artistic element factored in when Casper, who suffered a traumatic brain injury while serving in Iraq, returned home and found it hard to be in public — unless he was listening to live music.

So he completed his mission that night in Washington, introducing new people to CreatiVets' work. Then, Casper returned to Nashville to practice what he has preached to hundreds of veterans since his nonprofit opened in 2013. He asked for help.

And help came.

Within weeks, CreatiVets' Art Director Tim Brown was teaching a roomful of volunteers how to create stained glass pieces to replace those that were vandalized. Brown said the volunteers wanted to give back to the organization, "but also because of the impact that these activities have had on them."

GARY SINISE BELIEVES IN ART'S IMPACT

Gary Sinise values that impact. The actor, musician and philanthropist had already signed on to donate $1 million through his foundation to help CreatiVets purchase the building. Sinise's involvement encouraged two other donors to help finalize the purchase.

The "CSI: NY" star said he believed in CreatiVets' work and had already seen a similar program in his hometown of Chicago help veterans process their wartime experiences.

"In the military, you're trained to do serious work to protect our country, right?" Sinise said. "If you're in the infantry, you're being trained to kill. You're being trained to contain any emotion and be strong."

Those skills are important when fighting the enemy, but they also take a toll, especially when veterans aren't taught how to discuss their feelings once the war is over.

"Quite often, our veterans don't want any help," Sinise said. "But through art – and with theater as well – acting out what they are going through can be very, very beneficial."

David Booth says he is living proof of how CreatiVets can help. And the retired master sergeant, who served 20 years in the U.S. Army as a medic and a counterintelligence agent, wishes he participated in the program sooner.

"For me, this was more important than the last year and a half of counseling that I've gone through," said Booth. "It has been so therapeutic."

After years of being asked, Booth, 53, finally joined CreatiVets' songwriting program in September. He traveled from his home in The Villages, Florida, to the historic Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, to meet with two successful songwriters – Brian White, who co-wrote Jason Aldean's "Blame It on You," and Craig Campbell, of "Outskirts of Heaven" fame – to help him write a song about his life.

Booth told them about his service, including his injury in Iraq in 2006 when the vehicle he was in struck an improvised explosive device and detonated it.

He suffered a traumatic brain injury in the explosion, and it took months of rehab before he could walk again. His entire cervical spine is fused. He still gets epidurals to relieve the nerve pain. And he still suffers from nightmares and PTSD.

In Iraq, Booth's unit was once surrounded by kids because American soldiers used to give them Jolly Rancher candies. Snipers shot the children in hopes the soldiers would become easier targets when they tried to help.

"Things like that stick in my head," Booth said. "How do you get them out?"

He also told them about his desire for a positive message and Combat Veterans to Careers, the veteran support nonprofit he founded. Those experiences became the song "What's Next."

Booth hopes "What's Next" becomes available on music streaming services so others can hear his story. CreatiVets has released compilations of its veterans' songs since 2020 in cooperation with Big Machine Label Group, Taylor Swift's first record label. This year's collection was released last Friday.

"It's almost like they could feel what I was feeling and put it into the lyrics," said Booth, after hearing the finished version. "It was pretty surreal and pretty awesome."

WHY LT. DAN FROM 'FORREST GUMP' LAUNCHED A NONPROFIT

Sinise has seen the unexpected impact of art throughout his career. His Oscar-nominated role as wounded Vietnam veteran Lt. Dan Taylor in "Forrest Gump" in 1994 deepened his connection to veterans. His music with the Lt. Dan Band expanded it. In 2011, he launched the Gary Sinise Foundation to broadly serve veterans, first responders and their families.

"I think citizens have a responsibility to take care of their defenders," he said. "There are opportunities out there for all of us to do that, and one of the ways to do it is through multiple nonprofits that are out there."

Sinise immediately connected with CreatiVets' mission. When the idea came to dedicate the performance space at the new center to his late son Mac, who died last year after a long battle with cancer, Sinise saw it as "a perfect synergy."

"Mac was a great artist," he said. "And he was a humble, kind of quiet, creative force … If Mac would have survived and not gone through what he went through, he'd be one of our young leaders here at the foundation. He would be composing music, and he'd be helping veterans."

Mac Sinise is still helping veterans, as proceeds of his album "Resurrection & Revival" and its sequel, completed after his death, are going to the Gary Sinise Foundation. And Gary Sinise said he discovered more compositions from his son that he plans to record later this year for a third album.

After the new center was vandalized, Casper said he was heartbroken but also inspired knowing part of the center was destined to become the Mac Sinise Auditorium. He decided to take pieces of the broken stained glass windows and transform them into new artwork inspired by Mac Sinise's music.

"I told you we're going to go above and beyond to make sure everyone knows Mac lived," Casper told Sinise as he handed him stained glass panes inspired by Mac Sinise's songs "Arctic Circles" and "Penguin Dance," "not that he died, but that he lived."

Sinise fought back tears as he said, "My gosh, that's beautiful."

As he examined the pieces more closely, Sinise added, "I'm honored that we're going to have this place over there and that Mac is going to be supporting Richard and helping veterans."



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Glass artist Martha Morales Purucker, left, helps Marine veteran Chase Huddleson as he works on a piece of stained glass in the CreatiVets headquarters on Wednesday, Sept. 9, in Nashville, Tennessee.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE TOWN OF TURBEVILLE FOR 2026

The Turbeville Town Council conducts its regular monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are held in the Town Hall which is located at 1400 Main Street in Turbeville. The regular monthly meeting schedule for 2026 will be as follows:

January 13	July 14
February 10	August 11
March 10	September 8
April 14	October 13
May 12	November 10
June 9	December 8

Anyone wishing to address the town council or appear on the agenda is encouraged to contact the Town Clerk at (843) 659-2781. Agendas for all regularly scheduled meetings will be available to the public no later than 24 hours before the meeting.

Kaitlin Alexander
Town Clerk



Scene in Sumter and Clarendon

Look who was spotted across Sumter and Clarendon this past week, celebrating our military members' dedication to serving our country, receiving championship rings and being congratulated for their work with students.



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State Education Superintendent Ellen Weaver, left, accepts a gift from Oakland Primary School first-grader Olivia Jenson and Principal Jessica Wright on Monday, Nov. 10, following the school's Veterans Day program.

A picture-perfect fall day at Swan Lake



PHOTO PROVIDED

Royal Mute swans gracefully swim through the water at Swan Lake Iris Gardens recently on a beautiful fall day in Sumter with temperatures in the 70s.







Congratulations, neighbor, on a job well done

On behalf of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, Senior Pastor the Rev. Marion Newton presented Bates Middle School teachers and staff with a free meal catered by Shoney's on Wednesday for its growth in the state Report Card ratings, which were released recently. Bates jumped two rating levels from "Unsatisfactory" to "Average." A total of 100 meals were prepared for the 100 teachers and staff at the South Sumter school. Jehovah is about a half mile from the school, and Newton said several staff members, students and their families attend the church.

ABOVE LEFT: Bates Middle Principal Nicole Fuller, left, shares a laugh with Newton on Wednesday during the presentation.

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Amanda Wiley and the High Hills AME Church choir sing at the Veterans Day service on Sunday, Nov. 9.

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ABIGAIL PITTMAN / THE SUMTER ITEM

The Crestwood High School AFJROTC prepares to present the colors during the annual Sumter County Veterans Day ceremony at the old Sumter courthouse on Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The Laurence Manning softball teams received their championship rings at halftime of the Swampcats' playoff football game against Porter-Gaud on Friday, Nov. 7. The LMA softball team won their second consecutive SCISA 4A state title in the spring.

PHOTOS BY TIM LEIBLE / THE SUMTER ITEM





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serves as the chief administrative officer and is empowered to supervise town employees and departments as well as manage town property and finances. The order granted the mayor complete access to all town facilities, financial records and accounts and voided the town seal that would give council and clerk veto power over the mayor.

The first major shift of the meeting came when newly elected Mayor Pro Tem Janice Blackwell Prince moved to terminate Carter's employment as town attorney with no additional payments or fees as well as terminate the appeal and any other legal actions Carter filed in relation to the strong-mayor ruling.

An appeal, filed six days after the judge's ruling on Nov. 6, asked the court to reconsider the Oct. 31 order, claiming the relief exceeded what was initially requested by the mayor, that statutory law was used in the wrong way, the Uniform Declaratory Judgments Act limits were ignored, that there was a lack of findings in the injunctive relief, overlooked records and pre-judgement objections, and for public interest. A request for an expedited hearing to reconsider, to halt the enforcement of the order, which included not transferring keys, records, computer passwords and bank access to the mayor, was made, among other requests.

According to South Carolina Press Association attorney Jay Bender, an attorney has no authority to initiate an appeal without the client's approval. Without authorization from the council, the order is considered final.

Massingill questioned whether the town was stripping council of its "legal aid." Brown clarified that Carter represented the town as an entity, not individual council members.

Carter countered that council could not remove him amid an active case without securing a replacement attorney as representation.

"You can make a motion to terminate me, but with regards to the actions that's pending, you have to have another attorney brought on to represent the parties to the completion of the action," Carter argued. "You can't just terminate me tonight; you got to terminate me after the action is over or a new attorney assumes representation."

Brown acknowledged Carter's clarification before calling for a vote. The motion passed 3-2, with Massingill and Ricks being opposed.

Immediately after, Carter challenged Brown's vote, saying that because the mayor is the plaintiff in the strong-mayor suit, he could not vote on the matter. The back-and-forth grew tense as Carter questioned the parameters of his termination: Was it effective immediately or after the meeting?

"Sir, you may be dismissed right now," Brown answered. "I appreciate your service."

Carter gathered his belongings and offered a brief bow to the crowd as they applauded before exiting the meeting.

Seconds later, in the same 3-2 vote, council appointed Attorney John Dubose of Smith Robinson Law Firm in Sumter as interim town attorney.

Shirley Wise then made the motion to terminate Collins in her dual role as clerk-treasurer. There was no discussion. The vote was again 3-2.

Collins continued to write meeting minutes until Brown cast his final vote. She then stopped the Zoom recording and signed out of the laptop before closing it, despite Brown's request not to.

Brown reminded her that her termination letter required the return of passwords, keys, equipment and other town property.

Throughout the strong-mayor suit, testimony and documents showed Brown was repeatedly denied access to town buildings, computers and records, including those housed in Mary McLeod Bethune Learning Center, owned by Town of Mayesville Community Development Corporation and founded by former Mayesville Mayor Jereleen Miller and her husband, Ed Miller, since he took office in November 2023. Collins allegedly ignored repeated written requests for documents, refused to acknowledge the mayor as her supervisor and, at times with support of council, the order said, called law enforcement to report the mayor for retrieving public records. The courts found that any efforts by the clerk or council to infringe on the powers of the mayor "clearly violate state statutory law."

As Collins walked out of the November meeting, Brown thanked her for her service. The crowd applauded again, mirroring the departure of Carter minutes earlier.

Council unanimously voted to pay Collins two weeks' severance pay of her salary as clerk-treasurer; these were two positions with separate salaries. According to court records, the clerk's salary was $15,000 and the treasurer's $6,000.

Jerril Jefferson Jones was appointed interim town clerk by the same vote. Massingill questioned if Jones is "bonded," or guaranteed to perform her duties faithfully, honestly and in compliance with the law, and referenced Jones had left the town position in the past, though she could not state the reason. Brown pressed for clarity, to which Massingill said she could get information on why Jones left.

In another 3-2 vote, council appointed Kelly Carter as interim town treasurer.

Within 10 minutes, Mayesville removed two administrative figures and replaced them with interim appointees, an immediate shift as Brown said he intends to "protect" and rebuild the town.



PHOTOS BY ABIGAIL PITTMAN / THE SUMTER ITEM

During its regular November meeting, a voting majority of Mayor Chris Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Janice Blackwell Prince and councilwoman Shirley Wise terminated the employment of Eleazer Carter as town attorney for the town and Taurice Collins, seen above leaving the building, as clerk-treasurer on Nov. 11



As he leaves the meeting, Carter shakes the hand of former councilman Reggie Wilson.



ABIGAIL PITTMAN / THE SUMTER ITEM

At its regularly scheduled meeting on Nov. 11, Mayesville Town Council advanced three ordinances aimed at reshaping how the town conducts business, from voting procedures to financial oversight to flat fees for potential new businesses coming to town.

ORDINANCES

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In an order filed on Oct. 31, bringing an end to the year-long legal dispute between Brown and town officials over control of town operations, finances and access to public records, Judge Kirk Griffin ruled that a Sept. 18, 2024, meeting where two council members were present via Zoom — one council member was physically present at the meeting, according to Brown's testimony during court proceedings — lacked a quorum. The court found that any decisions made at that meeting, including restoring then-clerk-treasurer Taurice Collins' access to town bank accounts and payments to the Town of Mayesville Community Development Corporation, were null and void.

Under the proposed ordinance rules, the town would continue to explore Zoom or virtual access to meetings for the public.

The ordinance passed 3-2, with Massingill and Ricks opposed.

FINANCIAL SIGNATORY ORDINANCE

The second ordinance focused on financial controls, reshaping how Mayesville manages incoming and outgoing money.

Brown explained the town needed a more secure process, stating to residents, "There will be no money — your money — going out of the Town of Mayesville unless three people are signing for that."

The issue of financial signatories was addressed in Griffin's October order that found Collins and Massingill authorized town payments for CDC utility and insurance bills, which included $12,500 in back rent, $2,500 per month for building rental and half of the utility bills, despite no contractual obligation for the town to do so. The court found that while council can appoint a town clerk, it lacks the "legal ability" to assign duties to the clerk or treasurer that infringe on the powers of the mayor. Any efforts to do so "clearly violate state statutory law."

Under the proposed measure, all outgoing checks must carry three signatures, those authorized to sign being the mayor, mayor pro tem, a third councilperson and either the clerk or treasurer. All incoming money, whether checks or deposits, must be reviewed by two individuals.

In the same vote, council also approved a required bank resolution listing the individuals authorized to sign for town accounts as Brown, Prince, Wise, interim clerk Jerril Jefferson Jones and interim treasurer Kelly Carter. Brown explained that having Jones and Carter authorized allows him to call in to either admin to authorize Prince's signature on his behalf when he is not available.

Massingill and Ricks opposed the resolution, with Massingill arguing the bank account should list titles rather than names as there is no guarantee those on council now will be in the same positions in the years to come. Brown countered that the banks require legal names and the resolution can be updated annually as administrations or roles change.

The ordinance itself passed unanimously, the only measure of the night to do so.

BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE

Discussion on the business license ordinance was first tabled in October.

On Tuesday, the proposal simplified Mayesville's business license structure by moving to a flat $50 annual fee, replacing the town's former revenue-based scale.

According to Brown, the goal is to lower barriers for new and small businesses to establish themselves within town limits.

"[This is so] we can start the process of bringing businesses in and get them started," Brown said.

Ricks and Massingill were opposed to the proposal. Massingill reasoned that a $50 fee will not generate meaningful revenue for the town's operating needs. With a nod, Brown quietly agreed.

The measure passed 3-2.

SEARCH

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On Sept. 22, Sumter school board selected a three-person team from BWP to assist in its search for the district's next superintendent after the previous leader, William Wright Jr., resigned on Aug. 14, and now the search steps into a higher gear. District Chief of Schools Shirley Gamble has been wearing multiple hats since Wright's departure, serving also as acting superintendent.

BWP has done more than 800 national searches for superintendents, and the team working with the local district includes Kevin Castner, Percy Mack and Frank Morgan. All three have been superintendents in their careers and Mack previously served as the district leader of Richland School District One in Columbia, while Morgan was the superintendent in Kershaw County, based in Camden, before retiring several years ago.

The three team members will each be at one forum site and moderate the event, Castner said.

He emphasized that the



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BWP and Associates' consultants Kevin Castner, left, and Percy Mack discuss the superintendent search process with Sumter School District's Board of Trustees last month. Castner, Mack and Frank Morgan from BWP will be in Sumter this upcoming week and moderate three open community forums Wednesday.

open forums will focus just on the three questions and not other matters, such as rezoning attendance lines.

"That's the agenda we will stick to," Castner said. "If someone gets into, 'Well, what about redistricting and all that?' We are not going to talk about that. We are only going to talk about those three questions."

If Sumterites are unable to attend a community forum, he and district Executive Director of Communication and Community Engagement Shelly Galloway encourage them to participate by completing a Superintendent Search Online Survey, which will be available on the district's website, sumterschools.net, beginning Monday. A link to the survey will be on the district's homepage, and responses will be gathered for one week, until Monday, Nov. 24.

Links to the survey will also be shared on the district's Facebook page, through the Sumter School District mobile app, and via email to staff, according to Galloway.

ALSO NEXT WEEK AND THEN NEXT STEPS

Castner said his team will also have numerous community stakeholder meetings this upcoming week with internal district staff and selected students, and also city and county government leaders and others who were recommended by the full board.

Following next week, BWP will prepare a public report that will include information from the community stakeholder group meetings, online surveys and a recommended draft leadership profile based on the public's comments for the board to consider in the search process, he added.

"We will use that profile to vet candidates because we want to have a matching fit based upon what people in the community are saying," Castner said.

The report will be presented to the full board at the trustees' regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, Dec. 8.

The superintendent position advertisement has already been placed in relevant national education publications and the application deadline is Jan. 3, he added.

After that deadline, BWP will likely recommend several candidates for the board to review, but the board has the final call on who it wants to interview. Along the way, the board can also recommend other candidates the firm does not provide, Castner said earlier this fall.

In the recent district release, school board Chairman Shawn Ragin said the trustees look forward to hearing the community's responses.

"Sumter School District looks forward to identifying a leader who will lead with vision and strive for excellence," Ragin said. "This is a critical decision for our school district, and the board is committed to hearing from the community. We look forward to selecting an excellent leader."

BWP previously assisted the district in its superintendent search in 2018-19, when a previous board selected Penelope Martin-Knox for the post. She served one term.

Mayesville CDC outlines access rules as citizens group pushes for transparency

BY ALAYSHA MAPLE
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ABIGAIL PITTMAN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Town of Mayesville Community Development Corporation outlined access to Mary McLeod Bethune Learning Center and records custody to *The Item* after the town's swearing-in of new council members on Nov. 11 and ahead of its hearing in the FOI lawsuit with United Citizens for Mayesville.

Amid ongoing questions about access to Mary McLeod Bethune Learning Center, owned by Town of Mayesville Community Development Corporation, the nonprofit's director, Jereleen Hollimon-Miller, former mayor of Mayesville, provided a written response to *The Sumter Item* outlining how access, custody and administrative use of the building are currently structured.

Hollimon-Miller's statement comes ahead of a December hearing between United Citizens for Mayesville and the CDC for a Sumter judge to reconsider his ruling regarding the furnishing of public records.

United Citizens submitted a written Freedom of Information request on July 17 seeking seven documents, including three years of income and expenditures, an accounting of government grant funds received, copies of grant awards letters, CDC charters and bylaws, 990 filings, a summary of employee compensation and conflict-of-interest disclosure statements.

Ed Miller, executive director of CDC, did not appear at the initial hearing held in September, according to court records. Judge Kirk Griffin then granted an injunction, finding the lowest reasonable cost to be $500 instead of the $5,200 that the CDC initially quoted United Citizens for procurement of the records and ordered the CDC to produce the requested records by Oct. 26.

The court also ordered the CDC to reimburse United Citizens $1,445 in expenses and legal fees. The records were not turned over by the given deadline, according to state Rep. Spencer Wetmore, who represents United Citizens. The CDC filed a motion asking Griffin to reconsider his ruling.

United Citizens chairman Louis Tisdale addressed the lawsuit at the town's Nov. 11 meeting, which drew a diverse crowd of residents and South Carolina Supreme Court Justice George C. James Jr., who was in attendance to conduct the swearing-in of newly elected council members Janice Blackwell Prince and Shirley Wise.

Tisdale congratulated Prince and Wise on their recent elections and said United Citizens hopes to work alongside town leadership. He then raised concerns about the "continuous opposition" the United Citizens has faced regarding "transparency and accountability being sought through state-mandated legal channels and our court systems."

He told attendees, according to a letter the foundation received from the CDC, that town council's access to the CDC-owned building where its public and executive session meetings are held would be limited to once per month for its regularly scheduled meetings and charged $2,500 per month, totaling $30,000 a year.

"I trust that the Mayesville Town Council will now join with the United Citizens for Mayesville in working through our court system to ensure public availability of the requested information from the CDC and legal accountability of all of those involved," Tisdale said.

The Item reached out to Hollimon-Miller, executive director Miller and their legal representation in the ongoing suit, Eleazer Carter, former town attorney for Mayesville, with questions regarding records custody, key control and FOIA procedures concerning a previously approved collaboration between the town and the CDC.

Hollimon-Miller said her response was intended to clarify the CDC's procedures and prevent misunderstandings.

In her written statement, she noted the CDC building is not a municipal office and said town employees — including Mayor Chris Brown and interim town clerk Jerril Jefferson Jones — are not authorized to use "the CDC office room, kitchen, Bethune room in the building for daily administrative duties."

"The CDC is not a municipal office, and town employees may not use it for their own administrative operations," her statement read.

On July 29, town council approved then-town clerk/treasurer Taurice Collins to work with the CDC to sort through town records that Collins said were "mixed in" with CDC records because the CDC was founded during Hollimon-Miller's administration. When Mayor Chris Brown was elected in 2023, the files were not removed, then-town attorney Eleazer Carter said in July.

In her statement, Hollimon-Miller wrote the "temporary" collaboration in July between the town and CDC was limited to fulfilling the single FOI request and "did not grant permanent access, authority, or shared custody."

During public participation at the November meeting, a resident asked if the town will continue to pay $2,500 for its limited access to the building. Brown said other options on where to hold town meetings could be discussed at the December meeting.

MEMBERS

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Prince reasoned it would prevent residents from waiting an hour or more and allow council to come with clear plans for better engagement and discussion with the public.

Their first votes as council members prompted significant changes to council's structure, with the termination of the town attorney and clerk-treasurer and appointment of interims in those roles and the first-reading approval of three ordinances concerning oversight with town meetings and finances.

Going forward, they said they hope their votes can bring significant changes to the town for the betterment of the people.

"[I'd like] to address the people's concerns about



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South Carolina Supreme Court Justice George C. James Jr. swears in Shirley Wise to Mayesville Town Council on Nov. 11.

sewer, road repair and town cleanup. To get started on putting these concerns into action," Wise expressed.

"I am very passionate about renovating homes or repairing homes, getting grants to repair homes for people that cannot do it on their own, especially the people that are on limited income," Prince explained.

Another long-term goal both women share is initiatives and outreach programs for children and elder residents in the area. Wise proposed youth summer programs, which she said will take research and discussion but that she looks forward to an announcement "soon." On the same page, Prince expressed interest in community education programs and public safety outreach, including sessions on fire prevention, smoke detectors and local resources.

"Change for Mayesville — bringing stores, bringing businesses for the citizens. That would be a success," Prince shared.

"Success for me will be to see a clean town where businesses begin to come in, the grocery store open for business, a functional farmers market and other projects the mayor plans to create and a functional summer program for the children," Wise added.

In the lull of time between conclusion of the swearing-in and the start of the town's regularly scheduled meeting, the women received congratulations from the residents who say they plan to hold them accountable and admire their vision for Mayesville.

"I would like to thank all the people that came out and supported us because that was a real big turnout," Prince said. "They want to see a change made, and we're ready for a change."

"To the voters, thank you very much for your support and putting your trust in me to make changes in Mayesville. I'll always be available to listen to your concerns and address them in a timely fashion. Remember, your voice matters," Wise said. "You hired me to work for you, and work I will be doing. May God bless you all, and God bless Mayesville."

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, Nov. 17, 6 p.m., 1345 Wilson Hall Road

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION

Monday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m., Lynchburg Municipal Building, 81 Magnolia St., Lynchburg

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 5:30 p.m., Council Chambers on the fourth floor of Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. (enter through the back parking lot entrance and take elevator to fourth floor). If you are a resident of the City of Sumter and wish to speak to council during the "Comments by City Citizens" Period, please complete the sign-in sheet in the lobby of the Council Chambers before the start of the meeting. The clerk will collect this sheet before the meeting to verify addresses and location within the city 10 minutes before the meeting begins. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m., planning commission office, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 3 p.m., first floor of James E. Clyburn Intermodal Transportation Center, Santee Wateree Transit Authority Building Meeting Room, 129 S. Harvin St.

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION

Thursday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m., President's Conference Room (M555), Building M500 (Main Campus)

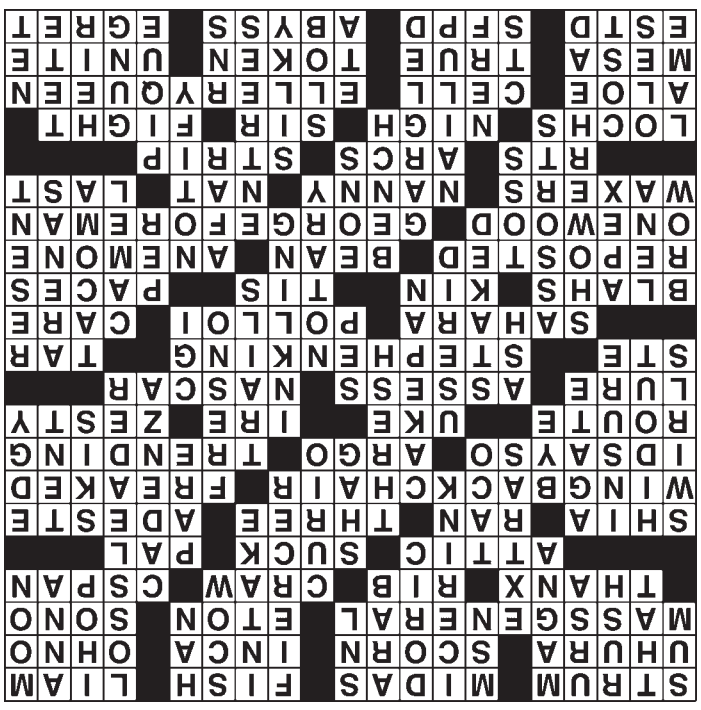
AROUND TOWN

City of Sumter is inviting the public to help shape the Annual Action plan for using Community Development Block Grant money to improve neighborhoods and support low- to moderate-income residents. Meeting attendees can share how they would like the money to be spent. Examples include housing rehabilitation, sewer improvements and youth programs. The next public hearing is Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, at 6 p.m., City Council Chambers, 4th Floor Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. Entry is handicapped accessible. Hearing impaired or deaf persons may call (803) 774-1649 for assistance. People needing an interpreter may call the same number for assistance.

Services of Hope announces its Clemson vs. South Carolina Food Drive Challenge, in partnership with South State Bank! Show school spirit by donating canned goods and non-perishable food items. Every item donated counts as a point for your team. All donations will go directly to support Services of Hope's food programs, helping to fight hunger and provide healthy meals to families in our community. Bring canned goods and non-perishable food items to the bank at 1141 Broad St. during regular bank hours through Nov. 21. Donations will be tallied separately for Clemson and South Carolina fans. The winning team will be announced after the drive.

Calling all who are interested in being community volunteers. If you have a talent, skill or passion you'd love to share with the next generation, The Salvation Army and The Red Shield Youth Center in Sumter could use your help. The group is looking for caring community members to volunteer their time and talents with children. If you play piano, love painting or arts and crafts, can tutor or help with homework, have a skill you'd like to pass along or similar talent, you can make a difference. For more information or to get involved, call (803) 775-9336.

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WEATHER

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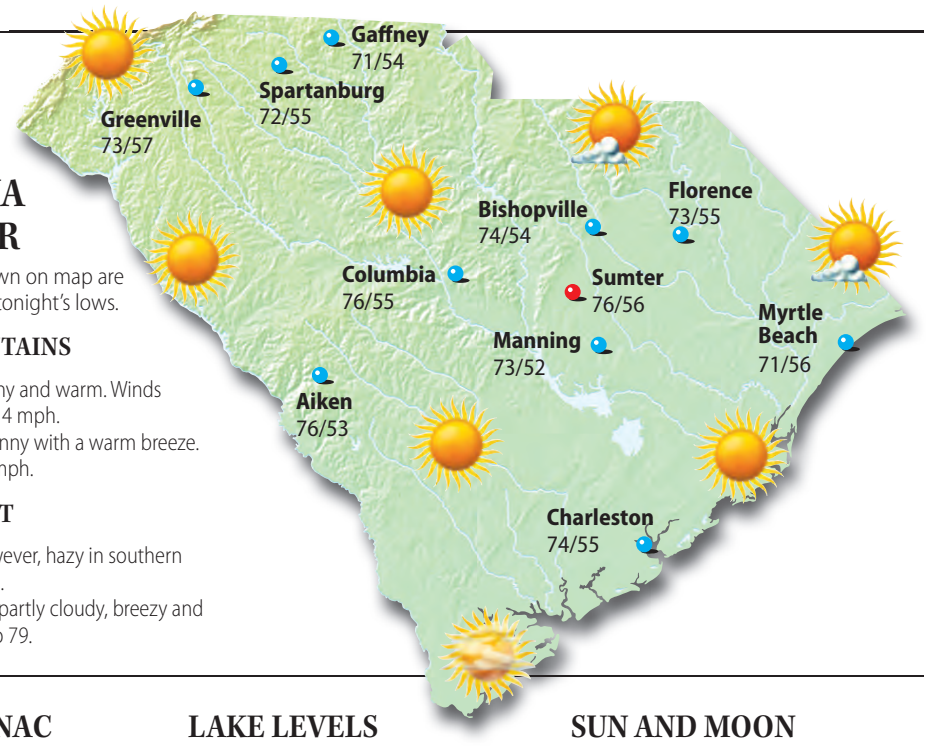
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Sunshine	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and warm	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and warm	Rather cloudy
76°	56°	79° / 45°	72° / 44°	76° / 52°	73° / 50°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 15%	Chance of rain: 10%
WSW 7-14 mph	SW 7-14 mph	WSW 10-20 mph	SE 4-8 mph	SW 6-12 mph	ENE 7-14 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny and warm. Winds west-southwest 7-14 mph.
Sunday: Mostly sunny with a warm breeze. Winds west 10-20 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Sunny; however, hazy in southern parts. High 70 to 77.
Sunday: Sunny to partly cloudy, breezy and pleasant. High 74 to 79.

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SUMTER THURSDAY

Temperature	
High	73°
Low	45°
Normal high	66°
Normal low	40°
Record high	84° in 1989
Record low	27° in 2019

Precipitation	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date	0.19"
Normal month to date	1.22"
Year to date	30.66"
Last year to date	34.35"
Normal year to date	43.28"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	355.98	+0.01
Marion	76.8	74.86	-0.05
Moultrie	75.5	74.79	-0.06
Wateree	100	96.58	+0.26

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.28	-0.34
Congaree River	19	2.98	-0.01
Lynches River	14	3.45	-0.04
Saluda River	14	3.70	+0.96
Up. Santee River	80	N.A.	N.A.
Wateree River	24	5.14	-0.35

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:54 a.m.	Sunset	5:18 p.m.
Moonrise	2:39 a.m.	Moonset	2:47 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Nov. 20	Nov. 28	Dec. 4	Dec. 11

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	5:26 a.m.	3.1	12:08 p.m.	0.7
	5:34 p.m.	3.0	---	---
Sun.	6:14 a.m.	3.2	12:28 a.m.	0.6
	6:19 p.m.	2.9	12:59 p.m.	0.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	75/56/s	74/48/pc
Chicago	69/36/pc	50/32/s
Dallas	85/63/s	84/66/s
Detroit	64/37/r	47/31/pc
Houston	85/63/pc	86/68/s
Los Angeles	62/54/r	62/57/sh
New Orleans	80/59/pc	81/61/pc
New York	52/47/pc	56/39/pc
Orlando	81/56/s	79/59/s
Philadelphia	56/51/pc	58/40/pc
Phoenix	77/63/sh	69/58/sh
San Francisco	63/56/r	63/54/c
Wash., DC	64/57/c	63/42/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	69/53/s	65/37/sh
Athens	74/56/s	74/44/pc
Augusta	78/51/s	77/42/s
Beaufort	77/55/pc	79/52/s
Cape Hatteras	65/60/s	69/51/s
Charleston	74/55/s	77/52/s
Charlotte	72/57/pc	77/43/s
Clemson	74/57/s	77/40/pc
Columbia	76/55/s	77/42/s
Darlington	73/55/s	78/41/s
Elizabeth City	69/57/pc	75/38/s
Elizabethtown	71/56/s	78/43/s
Fayetteville	70/56/s	78/41/pc
Florence	73/55/s	79/41/s
Gainesville	81/50/s	79/58/s
Gastonia	72/55/pc	75/39/s
Goldsboro	72/56/pc	78/41/pc
Goose Creek	74/53/s	77/50/s
Greensboro	71/55/pc	70/40/pc
Greenville	73/57/s	76/42/s
Hickory	72/55/pc	74/40/s
Hilton Head	71/55/s	74/52/s
Jacksonville, FL	80/50/s	79/57/s
La Grange	75/52/s	76/49/pc
Macon	79/51/s	78/49/pc
Marietta	75/55/s	72/44/pc
Marion	71/52/pc	69/34/pc
Mt. Pleasant	73/54/s	75/51/s
Myrtle Beach	71/56/s	74/46/s
Orangeburg	76/53/s	78/45/s
Port Royal	74/53/pc	78/52/s
Raleigh	72/57/pc	74/40/pc
Rock Hill	72/54/s	75/40/s
Rockingham	72/55/pc	77/39/s
Savannah	78/53/pc	79/53/s
Spartanburg	72/55/s	72/42/s
Summerville	74/52/s	76/48/s
Wilmington	73/58/s	78/45/s
Winston-Salem	72/56/pc	71/39/s

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

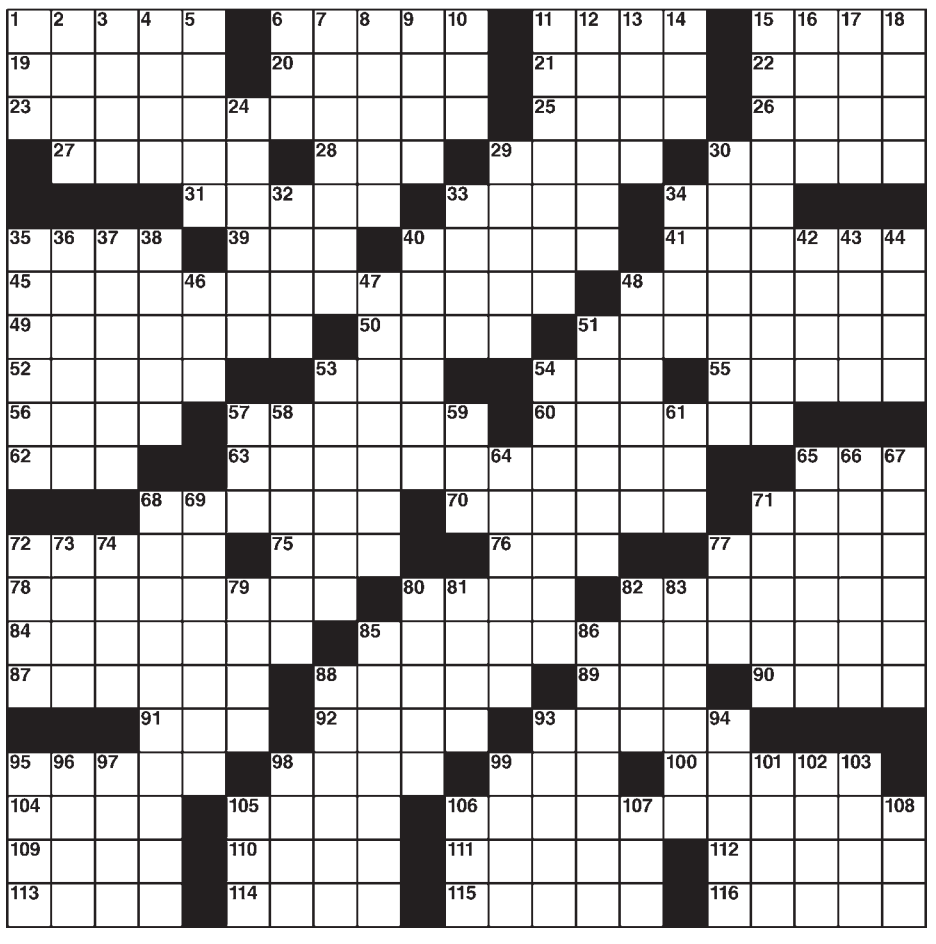
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SECTION B

SATURDAY-TUESDAY, NOV. 15-18, 2025

Manning's Lowder racks up tackles en route to Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week

BY TIM LEIBLE
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One of the most consistent pieces of Manning's defense all season long has been the linebacker in the middle of the action.

Ethan Lowder led the Monarchs in tackles during the regular season and kept the good times rolling as Manning hosted Academic Magnet to open the SCHSL 2A playoffs. He collected eight tackles and made 1.5 tackles for a loss in a dominant Manning victory, earning Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week honors in the process.

"It's really an honor," Lowder said. "I'm at a loss for words. This is really cool to me."

Manning head coach Reggie Kennedy has been impressed with the way Lowder has improved every single week this fall. His ability to pressure defenses in the backfield has been critical for the Monarchs as they made a late push for the region title and ran away with their playoff opener.

"Ethan has gotten a little bit better each week. Especially with what we do on defense, we try to disrupt the opponent's blocking schemes, and one of the things I do with Ethan is blitz him a lot. He's the guy that I move around to mess up the offense's blocking scheme with his penetration and his hustle," Kennedy said. "He's just got a nose for the football, it seems like. I'll blitz him and he might get blocked, but he'll shed a block and find the football. That's what you want from an inside linebacker."

The Monarchs were able to take home the region title thanks to a great defensive run to close the regular season, allowing just 36 points over their final three games. The defensive momentum carried into their playoff opener, where Lowder and the Monarchs held Academic

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Manning's Ethan Lowder piled up eight tackles and helped make two stops in the backfield as the Monarchs beat Academic Magnet, earning Hines Furniture Athlete of the Week honors.

Gamecock hoopers set to face early tests to prep for tough region and postseason

BY TIM LEIBLE
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Basketball season is just around the corner, and the Sumter High boys are looking to make a splash this winter. The Gamecocks kick off their preseason on Saturday before a pair of home scrimmages next week. SHS head coach Bryan Brown is setting the bar high this season, as the Gamecocks return most of their lineup from a year ago and have added a few young weapons to the mix.

"We're coming into this year with a ton of confidence," Coach Brown said. "A majority of our team is returning players; we didn't have any seniors last year, and we were able to add a couple of younger guys that are going to be in the mix this year. We're excited to see how it all pans out."

At the heart of it all is BJ Brown, the Gamecocks' star senior who can do a little bit of everything on the court. The Drexel commit continues to hone his game after averaging 25.8 points a game as a junior. His father and head coach is expecting big things from their final ride together on the court.

"We're really leaning on him for his senior leadership," Coach Brown said. "We're expecting him to be the face of the team, and we're just going to lean on his leadership."

The Gamecocks have a great stable of returning players around their star senior. Daveon Thomas returns at point guard, while juniors Eli Britt, Nick White and Michael Gregg all return with plenty of varsity experience. Kenon Ward is also expected to return for his senior season, but he's busy finishing up the football season alongside Ari Rendell and Lathan Bledsoe.

"Nick and Eli played big minutes for us last year. They were a big part of what we did, and we're just looking for their roles to increase this year and for them to continue leading us. They're the guys that made us young last year, and they're going to make us a more mature team this year," Coach Brown said. "Michael Gregg had a really good summer, and we're expecting his role

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Sumter High's BJ Brown is one of the top seniors in the state after averaging 25.8 points per game as a junior.



Manning assistant coach Kevin Miller, seen coaching during the Monarchs' football season opener at Crestwood on Aug. 22, is gearing up for his first basketball season as an MHS assistant after leading Scott's Branch to four consecutive state championships during his time across the county.

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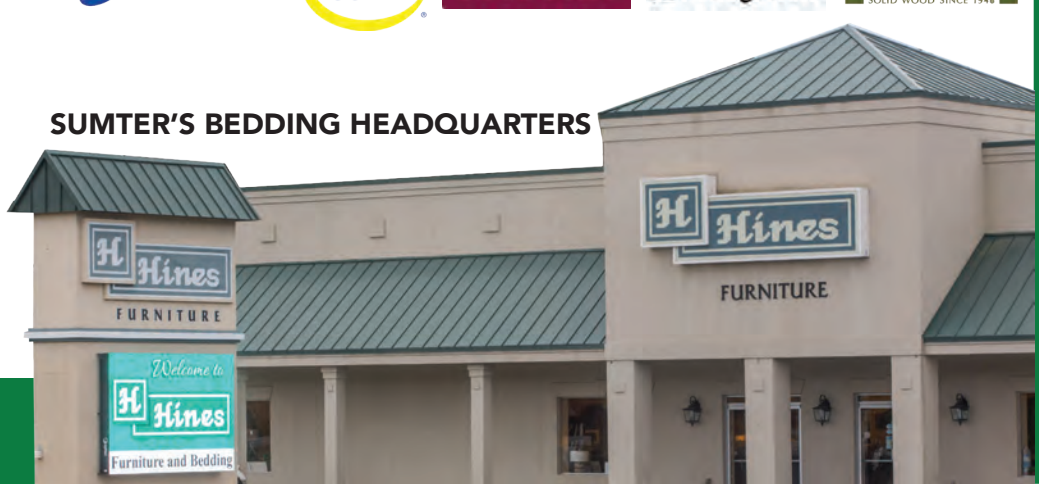
New Manning assistant Miller amped up for 1st season on other side of county rivalry

BY TIM LEIBLE
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Kevin Miller is a well-known face in the Clarendon County basketball community. He helped lead Scott's Branch to four consecutive state championship games, first as an assistant before taking over as the head coach of the program. This year, he'll be on a new bench for the first time in ages, though he's still in Clarendon County. Miller is over at Manning, where he's finishing up the fall as a football assistant, while also gearing up for his first season on the court as an assistant to Dr. Shawn Johnson.

"It has (been an adjustment) because you see things through your own lens," Miller said. "This biggest way I deal with that is remembering I've been there before. It enables me to watch other things, not everything. I can watch key players, key situations to

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South Carolina forward Joyce Edwards (8) drives to the basket against Clemson forward Demeara Hinds on Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Columbia.

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Edwards scores 18 to lead No. 2 South Carolina past Clemson 65-37 for 15th straight win in series

BY PETE IACOBELLI
Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Joyce Edwards scored 18 points and Tessa Johnson added 13 as No. 2 South Carolina beat Clemson 65-37 on Tuesday night for its 15th straight victory over its state rival.

The Gamecocks (3-0), who have won the previous five games with the Tigers (2-1) by an average of 48 points, struggled at times to put away their Atlantic Coast Conference rival.

Clemson was within five points three minutes before halftime and trailed by 10, 45-35, entering the final quarter.

But South Carolina's defense clamped down when it counted most as the Tigers were 0-of-17 shooting and held to two foul shots in the final period.

It was the Gamecocks' 300th win since Colonial Life Arena opened in the fall of 2002.

Florida State transfer Ta'Niya Latson added 12 points while Madina Okot, a newccomer from Mississippi State had a game-high 12 rebounds for the Gamecocks.

South Carolina looked ready to blow this out one as it had its first two opponents as they took an 11-0 lead. The Tigers had missed their first eight shots and could not match up with their taller, faster Southeastern Conference foe.

But a timeout by second-year coach Shawn Poppie got the Tigers refocused and re-energized. Mia Moore had a 3-pointer and followed with a driving basket as the Tigers cut things to 27-22 midway through the second period.

South Carolina found its offense over the final three minutes before the half to re-assert control. Johnson had a pair of jumpers while Edwards followed her own miss for the Gamecocks, who went to thehalf ahead 35-24.

Taylor Johnson-Matthewss led Clemson with nine points.

The depth-challenged Gamecocks were down to nine players after reserve guard Maddy McDaniel was suspended, a move the team announced shortly before tipoff. McDaniel, a sophomore, missed the last win over Bowling Green due to a knee injury.

Coach Dawn Staley did not detail why McDaniel was suspended. When asked after the game if McDaniel would play when the Gamecocks take on No. 8 Southern Cal in Los Angeles on Saturday night, Staley responded, "Doubt it."

Would McDaniel return this season? "That's on her," the coach said. "She's evaluated every day."



TIM LEIBLE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Laurence Manning's Coleman Elmore, seated, is surrounded by family after signing to continue his lacrosse career at Coker on Wednesday.

LMA's Elmore signs with Coker

BY TIM LEIBLE
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Laurence Manning's Coleman Elmore signed to continue his lacrosse career at the next level on Wednesday, putting pen to paper to finalize his decision to play for Coker University in Hartsville.

"It feels great. It's been a dream for me to play at the next level," Elmore said of signing. "Ever since I fell in love with the sport in eighth grade, I've really wanted to play it more. Some kids up north have gotten to play since the second grade, and I never got that opportunity. To be able to play four more years of this sport is awesome, and I'm really excited."

LMA defensive coordinator Corbett Kolb has watched Elmore blossom into an excellent all-around player, and he was thrilled to see the senior earn this opportunity.

"I'm excited for Coleman to go to the next level and play. He's going to represent Laurence Manning well at the next level," Kolb said. "Coker is a great Division II program in one of the best conferences for Division II, and I think Coleman is going to do great things."

Lacrosse is still a burgeoning sport in South Carolina, so Elmore's options to stay close to home were somewhat limited. He was already interested in Coker as a possibility, so when the Division II school came calling, he jumped at the opportunity.

"I kinda wanted to stay home in South Carolina for college, so I had a list with schools like Anderson, Coker, Lander, all the schools that had lacrosse, I had on my bucket list. Coker was the only one that reached out, and they were one of my top two to go to, so I definitely wanted to choose them," Elmore said. "I went up there for an overnight stay. I wanted to see what their practices were like. Their practices were intense; I love an intense practice. The coaching staff is great; they took really good care of me."

Elmore was Laurence Manning's top scorer last year, finding the back of the net 47 times. He added 13 assists, while scooping up 78 groundballs. Kolb thinks his athleticism will translate well at the college level.

"Coleman's fast and strong," Kolb said. "He's ready to go, and he's mentally locked in all the time. I'm excited to see what he does his freshman year."

The Swampcat senior is ready for the challenge.

"The better competition," Elmore said of what he's anticipating about college lacrosse. "There's going to be a lot of players who are good up there. A lot of kids down here just started, so I'm not playing the greatest competition. I'm going to be playing some great schools at the DII level at Coker."

Before Elmore joins Coker, he has one more thing to check off his bucket list in his final spring at LMA.

"Winning that state championship," Elmore said of his goal for the spring. "That's something we've been looking at since we made the jump to varsity in our ninth-grade year. We've been wanting to win that state championship ever since. This year, we're looking really strong, and I think we'll get that job done."



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HBCUs, female athletes fear being left behind in new era of college sports

BY ALANIS THAMES
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The Morgan State women's basketball team lines up for the national anthem before a game on Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Baltimore.

Morgan State athletic director Dena Freeman-Patton faced a tough choice this year as she considered a new framework that allows colleges and universities to pay athletes directly.

While opting in to the House settlement allows schools to remain competitive and attract top athletes, it can also create new financial pressure. Meanwhile, there are concerns that new limitations on roster sizes could shut women out from opportunities to compete, especially in non-revenue-producing sports like track and field.

This is a familiar conundrum for leaders across the U.S. in the wake of the $2.8 billion antitrust settlement, which dismantled an amateur model that defined college sports for more than a century. But the challenges are especially acute for historically Black colleges and universities like Morgan State and other underfunded schools that remain committed to women's sports even as they navigate fierce budget pressures.

"When you make that decision then your question is, 'OK, where's the money coming from?'" Freeman-Patton said. "One of the things we were adamant (about) is that we're not going to cut from what we are already offering to our student athletes."

"Especially," she added, "our women's programs."

Morgan State is one of more than 300 schools that ultimately agreed to the settlement, which took effect in July. The school committed to equal revenue-sharing pools for men's and women's programs. But the revenue tied to athletics at Morgan State — about $21.7 million in the 2023-2024 fiscal year, according to federal Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act filings — pales in comparison to the hundreds of millions that bigger schools in the Power Four regularly rake in.

FEARS OVER THE FUTURE OF TITLE IX

As schools grapple with the new framework, female athletes say the benefits largely favor football and men's basketball players. That, they say, poses a serious equity risk by including virtually no mandates on gender parity and relying on schools to uphold Title IX on their own.

"I don't even see how the spirit of Title IX is kept in place, let alone Title IX at all," said bobsledder Elana Meyers Taylor, a five-time Olympic medalist and former softball player at George Washington. "You're talking about maybe top SEC schools that can actually afford this. What are the other schools going to do?"

Some of those smaller schools are already cutting sports in anticipation of the sweeping changes, which include roster limits.

Prairie View A&M, a Texas-based HBCU with about a $15.4 million operating budget in the 2023-24 fiscal year, recently cut its women's and men's tennis programs. The school cited a "tough decision" tied to "the evolving landscape of collegiate athletics."

In May, Stephen F. Austin announced it would eliminate beach volleyball, bowling and men's and women's golf programs for budgetary reasons. A Title IX lawsuit brought by six female athletes temporarily blocked the cuts, a development that might discourage more schools from cutting programs.

In the meantime, some athletes say they're confused about what the future holds for their sport.

"The lack of information is scarier than the settlement itself," said Emily Pierce, a distance runner at Campbell, "because most of us aren't fully sure what it means or how it will impact us."

Roster cuts have already affected some of the athletes on her team, which she hopes could benefit from improved facilities and increased recruiting support through the settlement.

"The roster cuts have been pretty scary, and it's definitely taken a toll on my team knowing that there may be more in the future," Pierce said. "We just want to make sure opportunities aren't taken away, especially in women's sports, where it's taken such a long time to get to where we are now."

FINDING CREATIVE WAYS TO MAKE MONEY

No HBCU has the $200 million operating budget of many Power Four schools. But some went along with the settlement anyway because they feared opting out would make it even harder to recruit athletes and generate more revenue. Many of the schools that agreed to the settlement are finding creative ways to come up with the money to pay their athletes.

"We've always felt we've had the short end of the stick," said Linda Bell, athletic director at Dillard, Louisiana's oldest HBCU. "We've always been able to adjust and adapt. And so what we have to do now is adjust and adapt to these ways."

Some are looking beyond traditional game-day revenues by opening their arenas and stadiums for concerts and community events to generate additional income. Tara Owens, athletic director at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, said her school will opt into the settlement for only men's and women's basketball — its only revenue-generating sports.

It's common for bigger power-conference schools to pay smaller Division I schools to visit and help fill out their non-conference schedules, a practice called "guarantee games." The Maryland Eastern Shore men, for example, are playing at Georgia Tech, Georgia, Nebraska, Creighton, Virginia and Virginia Tech this season. The women are going to Northwestern, Oklahoma and Virginia.

And Owens has plans for those checks.

"We don't have football," Owens said, "so that helps us a great deal. And women's and men's basketball, their revenue sharing will come from their guarantee games, so it is not even using operational dollars from the institution. We decided that we would pull from one source. That would be it to start us off and we'll see how it goes."

NCAA puts Michigan State football on 3 years of probation for recruiting violations under Tucker

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — The NCAA put Michigan State's football program on three years of probation and penalized the school $30,000 plus 1.5% of the team's budget after agreeing former staff members Saeed Khalif and Brandon Jordan under coach Mel Tucker broke rules regarding recruiting inducements and benefits, communication and unofficial visit expenses.

Michigan State announced Wednesday that it had reached a negotiated resolution with the NCAA.

Due to the participation of three ineligible players, wins from the 2022 through 2024 seasons were vacated and restrictions have been placed on recruiting for three years.

"Today's announcement brings closure to an NCAA investigation resulting from violations committed by a previous staff," Michigan State University President Kevin Guskiewicz and athletic director J Batt said in a joint statement. "Michigan State pursued a negotiated resolution to minimize the penalties and limit the possible impact on our current football student-athletes and staff, who were not involved in the violations. With this matter behind us, we are able to move forward, focusing on the present and future of Spartan football."

Michigan State fired Tucker more than two years ago, saying the coach failed to present adequate reasons why he should not be fired for cause after having what he described as consensual phone sex with an activist and rape survivor.

Tucker was not involved in the recruiting violations, according to the NCAA, but was penalized under head coach responsibility rules and has contested the decision in writing. He was given a three-year, show-cause order that effectively bans him from college athletics during the time period.

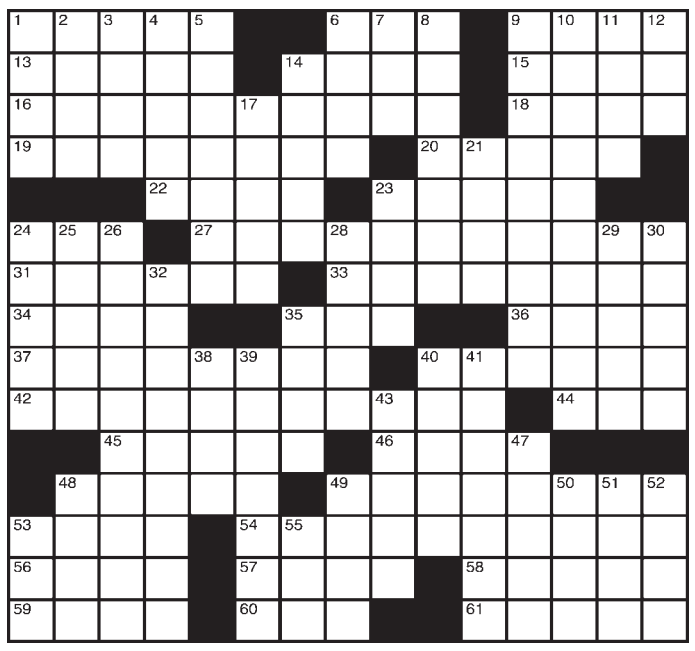
"The panel noted that Tucker followed an NFL model for his program, running all off-field operations through Khalif, his general manager," the NCAA said. "As a result, Tucker failed to adequately monitor his program."

The NCAA said Khalif, who was the team's general manager under Tucker, and Jordan, a pass-rushing specialist coach, did not cooperate with the investigation. Khalif was given a six-year, show-cause order and Jordan's will last five years.

Jonathan Smith was hired to replace him and is 8-13 overall and 3-12 in the Big Ten in two seasons — including the vacated wins.

The embattled coach will lead the Spartans on Saturday at home against Penn State and interim coach Terry Smith in a matchup of teams with 3-6 records overall and 0-6 marks in the conference.

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19 Piece of holiday party attire
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22 Light rain
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34 "Veep" actor __ Scott
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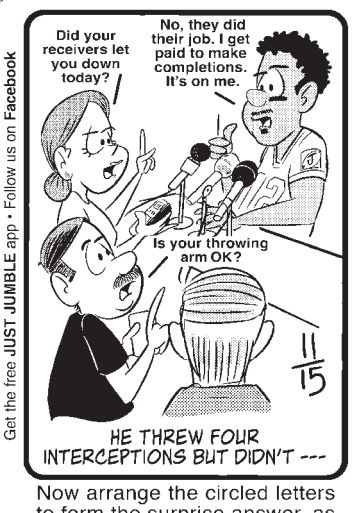
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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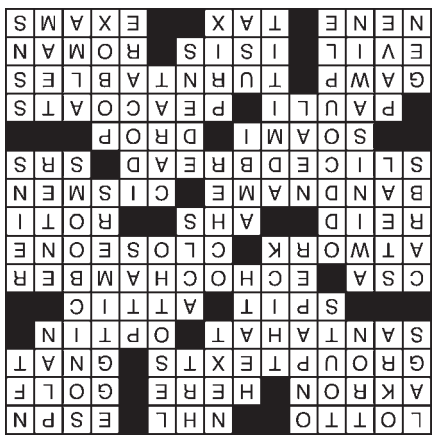
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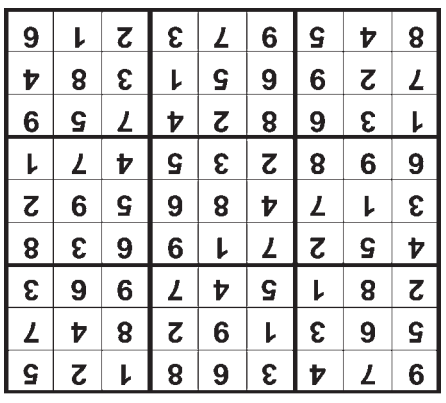
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SOLUTIONS





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Pirates' Skenes wins 1st Cy Young; Tigers' Skubal goes back-to-back



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pittsburgh Pirates pitcher Paul Skenes won his first Cy Young Award on Wednesday.

BY WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The individual trophy cases for Paul Skenes and Tarik Skubal are growing increasingly full.

The next step in the evolution of baseball's two best pitchers is winning — preferably where they are.

The 23-year-old Skenes capped his blistering rise to stardom by capturing the National League Cy Young Award on Wednesday night. The Pittsburgh Pirates ace was a unanimous choice by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, the honor coming minutes after Skubal won baseball's premier pitching prize in the American League for the second straight year as the anchor of the Detroit Tigers.

As gratified as they are by the recognition, both said they are eager for their respective teams to get in on the act in 2026.

That's where things get tricky.

The 28-year-old Skubal is entering his final year of club control, and while he would like to stay in Detroit beyond next season, he's also well aware the Tigers could trade him as a business decision, considering the hefty raise the left-hander figures to command should he hit the open market as a free agent.

It's much the same for Skenes, who remains under team control for the rest of the decade but found himself pushing back against a report that he's already told teammates he is eager to move on.

"I don't know where that came from," Skenes said. "The goal is to win and the goal is to win in Pittsburgh."

The Pirates finished last in the NL Central in 2025, well off the pace of front-running Milwaukee. The first pitcher since Dwight Gooden with the New York Mets in the mid-1980s to win Rookie of the Year one season and a Cy Young Award the next remains optimistic Pittsburgh is closer to contending than most think.

"The way that fans see us outside of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh is not supposed to win," Skenes said. "There are 29 fan bases that expect us to lose. I want to be a part of the 26 guys that change that."

Skenes — selected first overall by the Pirates in the 2023 amateur draft after a standout career at Air Force and LSU — did his part in 2025, leading the majors in ERA (1.97) while striking out 216 batters in 187 1/3 innings during his first full season in the big leagues.

Yet even with his brilliance, Skenes needed a little late help from Pittsburgh's woeful offense to avoid becoming the first Cy Young-winning starting pitcher to finish with a losing record. Skenes won three of his final four decisions to finish 10-10.

That so-so win/loss mark didn't stop the towering 6-foot-6 right-hander from placing atop all 30 ballots. Philadelphia left-hander Cristopher Sánchez received every second-place vote, and World Series MVP Yoshinobu Yamamoto of the Los Angeles Dodgers finished third.

Sánchez's 2029 option price increased by $1 million to $15 million and his 2030 option price by $1 million to $16 million as a result of being a Cy Young Award finalist.

Skubal received 26 first-place votes in the AL from a separate BBWAA panel. The other four went to runner-up Garrett Crochet of the Boston Red Sox. Hunter Brown of the Houston Astros came in third.

Although disappointed to be out of contention, Skenes said playing out the string was "a blessing" individually in some ways.

"It allowed me to try some new things in August and September that I wouldn't have gotten to try if we were playing for the playoffs," he explained.

Skubal and the Tigers have gotten a taste of October baseball each of the last two seasons, thanks in large part to his ascendance.

A year after taking a massive step forward by winning the AL pitching Triple Crown on his way to being a unanimous Cy Young winner, Skubal backed it up by serving as the anchor for the Tigers during a volatile season in which they squandered a 15 1/2-game lead in the AL Central and were caught by Cleveland down the stretch.

Detroit got a bit of revenge in the wild-card round, beating the division-champion Guardians in three games following a 14-strikeout gem by Skubal in the series opener.

Yet as fun as the season was at times, the disappointment of falling short of the ultimate goal lingers.

"Ending the season on a loss is not a fun thing," Skubal said. "You can be proud of what we accomplished, but you want to end the season with a win ... the one in October or maybe deep in November you get to play in."

Skubal is the 12th hurler to win baseball's top pitching honor in consecutive years, joining a group that includes Hall of Famers Randy Johnson and Pedro Martínez, who was the last American League pitcher to go back-to-back, for Boston in 1999 and 2000.

"I think a lot of it is not being complacent with who I am today," Skubal said. "I still think there's more to tap into. I don't think this is the finished version of myself."

And he doesn't think this is the finished version of the Tigers.

"You want to win this award as many times as you can in your career, but I'd gladly trade a Cy Young for a World Series," Skubal said.

Skubal was 13-6 with an AL-leading 2.21 ERA and 240 strikeouts in 195 1/3 innings during the regular season. Then he went 1-0 with a 1.74 ERA in three playoff starts for Detroit, which was eliminated by Seattle in their Division Series.

Crochet led the American League in innings (205 1/3) and strikeouts (255).

Brown's top-three finish earned Houston an extra pick after the first round of next July's amateur draft under the prospect promotion incentive in the 2022 collective bargaining agreement.

Skubal's historic run comes with a chance for him to cash in as potential free agency looms. Economics aside, Skubal would be just fine sticking in the Motor City.

"I've given everything I have to this organization. I want to be a Tiger for a very, very long time," he said. "I'm just going to do what I do and not really focus on any of that stuff."

Skenes and Skubal both started the All-Star Game this year. The only other time the two All-Star Game starters won the Cy Young Awards in the same season was 2001, when Johnson and Roger Clemens accomplished the feat.



AP FILE PHOTO

New York Yankees outfielder Aaron Judge won the American League MVP for the third time on Thursday.

Ohtani wins NL MVP unanimously; Judge edges Raleigh for AL honor

BY DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

Two-way star Shohei Ohtani won his fourth MVP award in a unanimous vote for the National League honor on Thursday and Aaron Judge earned the American League accolade for the third time.

Ohtani won a MVP for the third straight year, his second in the NL with the Los Angeles Dodgers after two in the AL with the Los Angeles Angels. All four have been unanimous.

Judge became the New York Yankees' fourth three-time winner, edging Seattle's Cal Raleigh with 17 first-place votes to 13 for the switch-hitting catcher. The vote was the closest for an MVP since the Angels' Mike Trout topped Houston's Alex Bregman by 17-13 in 2019.

Ohtani became just the second player to win at least four MVP awards, trailing only seven by Barry Bonds.

The 31-year-old Ohtani is the first to win in each league twice after getting the AL honor in 2021 and 2023. He signed with the crosstown Dodgers the following offseason and won NL MVP in 2024 during his first season in Chavez Ravine. He's also won the World Series in both his seasons with the Dodgers.

Ohtani won all four of his MVPs in unanimous fashion with all 30 first-place votes.

Philadelphia Phillies slugger Kyle Schwarber finished second with 23 second-place votes while New York Mets outfielder Juan Soto was third with four.

Ohtani hit .282 and led the NL with a 1.014 OPS. He also had 55 homers, 102 RBIs and 20 stolen bases.

The right-hander returned to pitching in June after missing 1 1/2 seasons on the mound because of an elbow injury. He struck out 62 batters over 47 innings, slowly increasing his workload while preparing for the postseason.

Ohtani continued to shine in October with arguably the greatest single game in MLB history. He hit three homers at the plate while striking out 10 over six dominant innings on Oct. 17, leading the Dodgers over the Milwaukee Brewers to finish an NL Championship Series sweep.

Schwarber — who earned a $50,000 bonus for finishing second — was a finalist for the Phillies after hitting an NL-best 56 homers and leading the big leagues with 132 RBIs. The three-time All-Star played in all 162 games, anchoring a lineup that won 96 games.

Soto overcame a slow start to the season to have his typically stellar offensive output. The four-time All-Star — who signed a $765 million, 15-year deal last December — had 43 homers, 105 RBIs and an NL-best 38 stolen bases. He received a $150,000 bouns for finishing third in the MVP voting.

Judge, who won the AL award in 2022 and 2024, joined Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle as three-time MVPs with the Yankees. The 33-year-old outfielder led the majors with a .331 batting average and 1.144 OPS while hitting 53 homers.

The prior winner of back-to-back AL MVPs was Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in 2012 and 2013.

Raleigh, nicknamed "Big Dumper," led the big leagues with 60 homers, the most for a player primarily a catcher. He started 119 games behind the plate and another 38 at designated hitter.

The 28-year-old also had a career-high 125 RBIs, leading the Mariners to one of their best seasons in franchise history.

Cleveland's José Ramírez finished third.

Arizona's Geraldo Perdomo finished fourth in the NL voting, earning him $2.5 million annual salary increases in 2028 and 2029 along with the price of Arizona's 2030 club option.

Cleveland closer Clase arrested at NY airport in connection with alleged gambling scheme

BY PHILIP MARCELO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cleveland Guardians star pitcher Emmanuel Clase pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges that he took bribes to help gamblers win bets on his pitches.

The 27-year-old reliever was released on $600,000 bond following his appearance in Brooklyn federal court. Clase also surrendered his passport and was ordered to limit his travel to New York and Ohio, refrain from gambling and submit to GPS monitoring.

The three-time All-Star and two-time American League Reliever of the Year was arrested and taken into custody earlier Thursday at John F. Kennedy Airport after arriving on a flight from his native Dominican Republic, according to the U.S. attorney's office.

Clase, dressed in a dark blazer and jeans, didn't speak in court other than to answer the judge's "yes" or "no" questions through a Spanish interpreter. He didn't comment to reporters after the proceedings.

Clase's Guardians teammate Luis Ortiz, who was also implicated in the alleged scheme, pleaded not guilty Wednesday. Both are due back in court Dec. 2.

The two pitchers have been on non-disciplinary paid leave since July, when MLB began investigating what it said was unusually high in-game betting activity when they pitched.

According to prosecutors, the two accepted thousands of dollars in bribes to help two unnamed gamblers in their native Dominican Republic win at least $460,000 on bets placed on the speed and outcome of their pitches.

They allege that Clase, who is on the fourth season of a $20 million, five-year contract, began providing the bettors with information about his pitches in 2023, but didn't ask for payoffs until earlier this year.

Prosecutors say Clase often threw the rigged pitches on the first pitch of an at-bat, making sure to throw the ball in the dirt and well outside the strike zone in order to assure the umpire called it a ball rather than a strike.

During an April game against the Boston Red Sox, Clase even spoke to one of the betters by phone just before taking the mound, prosecutors contend. Minutes later, the bettor and his associates won $11,000 on a wager that Clase would toss a certain pitch slower than 97.95 mph (157.63 kph).



CLASE

Prosecutors say Clase recruited Ortiz to join the scheme earlier this year and sometimes provided money to the gamblers to fund the bets.

Clase's lawyer Michael Ferrara noted in court Thursday that the Guardians' all-time saves leader voluntarily returned to the U.S. to answer to the charges rather than make prosecutors seek extradition.

"His actions speak louder than words. He poses no risk of flight," Ferrara said as the judge weighed the conditions of Clase's release. "He intends to stay through this."

In an earlier statement, Ferrara said Clase maintains his innocence.

"Emmanuel Clase has devoted his life to baseball and doing everything in his power to help his team win," he said in a Wednesday statement.

Chris Georgalis, a lawyer for Ortiz, has also denied the charges, saying payments between his client and individuals in the Dominican Republic were for legal activities.

Clase and Ortiz are each charged with wire fraud conspiracy, honest services wire fraud conspiracy, money laundering conspiracy and conspiracy to influence sporting contests by bribery. The top charges carry a potential punishment of up to 20 years in prison.

Following the pitchers' indictments, Major League Baseball announced new limits on betting on individual pitches.

The charges against Clase and Ortiz are the latest gambling scandals to roil American professional sports following the landmark 2018 U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized sports betting in most states.

Last month, more than 30 people, including Portland Trail Blazers head coach and Basketball Hall of Famer Chauncey Billups and Miami Heat guard Terry Rozier, were arrested in a gambling sweep that involved leaked inside information about NBA athletes and rigged poker games backed by Mafia families.

Cowboys have Kneeland on their minds in return from bye

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
Associated Press

FRISCO, Texas — Dak Prescott thought of Marshawn Kneeland several times in the star quarterback's first practice with the Dallas Cowboys since their defensive lineman was found dead of an apparent suicide.


PRESCOTT

"I just countered that with running harder after a play or trying to do something to better this team to show that," Prescott said Thursday. "It felt good. I know it was a great practice. A lot of guys were out there, good energy, beautiful weather.

"We're not forgetting, but we're moving forward, carrying on the light."

Prescott and his teammates returned to the practice field exactly a week after getting the news that Kneeland, 24, had evaded officers who were trying to make a traffic stop and he was found dead several hours after fleeing the scene of an accident on foot.

Dallas (3-5-1) plays at Las Vegas (2-7) on Monday night.

A locker room that's normally open to reporters for 45 minutes after most practices was off limits. Instead, several players were brought to the team's indoor practice field, which also serves as a 12,000-seat high school stadium.

The first two were defensive lineman Solomon Thomas and Prescott. Both had siblings who died by suicide, and both tried to downplay that connection as they explained how they were trying to help their teammates grieve.

"A lot of triggering emotions for myself, not to make that more important than any of the pain that anyone else is feeling right now," said Thomas, whose sister, Ella, was the same age as Kneeland when she died. "The only way I know how to get out of it, to move forward from a tragic situation like this, is to live for that person, take the amazing qualities that you learned from them, take the smiles and memories that gained from them, and apply them to your life every day.

"Live for that person. Talk to their spirit. Hold their spirit with you every day."

Kneeland's death came during the Cowboys' open week. They weren't together again as a group until Monday, then were part of a private candlelight vigil Tuesday night.

"I can tell you my hardest days were those few days before we got to come in and be together," said Prescott, who lost his mother to cancer while at Mississippi State and whose older brother Jace died by suicide in 2020. "The ways that I've dealt with grief is just being in the presence of others who understand what that grief feels like. In this case, it was just your teammates. Those days were tough, but the moment we go in together, I know that team meeting was healing to me."

The practice didn't seem much different than those before Kneeland's death, loud music pumping through large speakers as coach Brian Schottenheimer bounced from player to player while they stretched, greeting each one during the portion of the workout that is open to reporters. Schottenheimer does that for every practice.

"I'm a very authentic person and I am who I am and I'm not going to change for anybody, whether we win, we lose. In this situation, you lose a family member," Schottenheimer said a day after meeting with reporters for the first time since Kneeland died. "Because I only know one way to do it, and if I'm not who I am, the players are going to read that.

"I'm always going to be me. And I'm never going to change," the coach said. "I know talking to a number of the leaders, they're like, 'We're done talking. We want to play.' And that as a coach gets you excited."

Who knows how the emotions will hit each player or coach in the moments before they play the Raiders, with the Cowboys at a point that they'll have to win nearly all of their eight remaining games to have a chance to reach the playoffs. That reality is now mixed with the question of how important the games really are.

"Sports is so much more than a guy throwing a football around," said Thomas, a ninth-year player in his first season with the Cowboys. "There's so many beautiful stories in that locker room of guys overcoming grief, bringing grief with them to play this game, from all different backgrounds, differences in politics, differences in values.

"But we all come together for one goal and I think that's going to be the main thing for this game. Bring those feelings for Marshawn with you and play for them."

There's still plenty of processing for the players before Monday night, and even beyond that.

"It's still something that I'm trying to wrap my head around," defensive tackle Osa Odighizuwa said. "I was at my locker before practice and I looked up and I felt like I saw him, and 'Ah, nah, that's someone else.' It hits you, you know what I mean? Just moments like that.

"It's still sinking in, to be honest. It still doesn't feel all the way real."

QBs Young, Penix in spotlight as Panthers, Falcons look for more help from passing game

BY CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Carolina's Bryce Young and Atlanta's Michael Penix Jr. delivered identical somber messages following disappointing performances in losses last week: "I've got to be better."

The quarterbacks are in the spotlight as the Panthers and Falcons seek more balanced offense in the renewal of their NFC South rivalry on Sunday.

The Panthers (5-5) and Falcons (3-6) share similar stories of frustration in recent seasons. Each team is looking to snap a streak of seven consecutive losing seasons and reach the playoffs for the first time since 2017.

Each team is counting on its young quarterback to spark a turnaround, but the 2025 results have been mixed as the running games have been more reliable for Atlanta and Carolina. Penix and Young rank 21st and 25th, respectively, in passing yards.

Falcons second-year coach Raheem Morris is facing increased pressure as last week's 31-25 overtime loss to the Indianapolis Colts in Berlin left Atlanta with a four-game losing streak. Morris knows criticism is part of his job, but he has spoken more this week about his concern about Penix "being so hard on himself" after completing only 12 of 28 passes for 177 yards and a touchdown against the Colts.

Falcons offensive coordinator Zac Robinson said patience is needed with young quarterbacks.

"Knowing how difficult this game is, knowing the immense pressure that goes into that position, being the franchise quarterback, all the different expectations that come with young quarterbacks, we can obviously jump on these guys super early in their career and not even give them a chance to develop," Robinson said.

PROTECTING YOUNG

The Panthers were held to 175 total yards in last week's 17-7 home loss to the one-win New Orleans Saints. Young had just 124 yards passing and turned the ball over twice. The Saints stuffed the box on defense to stop Dowdle and forced Young to beat them. Young couldn't, but it wasn't all his fault.

The No. 1 pick in the 2023 NFL draft spent most of the day on the run as the Saints were able to get pressure up the middle, disrupting the timing of several pass plays.

Panthers coach Dave Canales has similar concerns this week facing the Falcons, who come in tied for fifth in the league with 29 sacks, including seven last week. Rookies Jalon Walker and James Pearce Jr. have helped boost the pass rush.

"At the end of the day, they got some talented guys, and they got some young speed on the edges," Canales said.

LOW POINT FOR PENIX

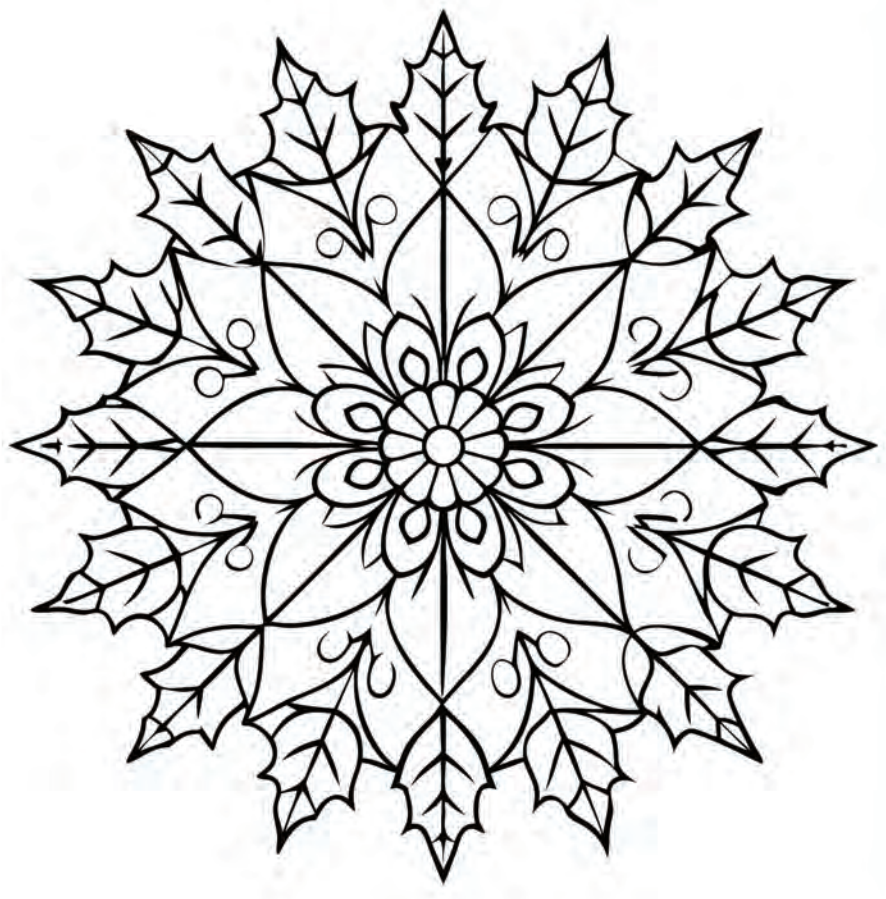
Penix has thrown only three interceptions this season. Two picks came in an ugly 30-0 loss at Carolina on Sept. 21, including one returned for a touchdown by Chau Smith-Wade. Penix completed only 18 of 36 passes for 172 yards and former starter Kirk Cousins took over in the fourth quarter with the Falcons trailing 27-0.

Penix promised the Falcons will be more competitive.

"Obviously if you look back at that game, they had success in that game," Penix said. "So, maybe they do show some of the same things that they did in that game, but we will be ready for every look. We'll definitely make it a better game than what we did last time."

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Magnet to just seven points, which came in the final quarter of a blowout 48-7 win.

"At the beginning of the season, we had a rough start, but we finished strong. Those few games, they really pushed us in the gym and on the field. It just drove us," Lowder said. "I put my all into every single play. My saying is don't let anyone outwork you, so I just put 110% into every single play."

Lowder had a singular mindset when the Monarchs lined up against Academic Magnet.

"I dreamed of them beating me, and I didn't want it to happen," he said, "so I put my all into it."

One of the main reasons Manning was able to find that defensive success was the play of Lowder. The junior was used as a battering ram into opposing backfields, helping to supplement the Monarch defensive line after the graduation of all-state defensive tackle Jalynn Coard. Lowder finished the regular season with 90 total tackles and made 12 stops in the backfield. He added two fumble recoveries and a defensive score.

"In the past, we kinda used Jalynn Coard to do that because he was so good at the nose guard position. We'd use him to tie up three. This year, I'm using four guys (including) Ethan to tie up five. So far, so good. I hope to continue to do that."

That was even more important against a run-heavy team like Academic Magnet. Manning was able to build a big lead early because Lowder helped stop drives before they had a chance to build a head of steam.

"We felt like we had to stop their run game," Kennedy said. "They run an offense we hadn't really seen a lot this year, a veer style of offense with the triple option. We wanted to use Ethan to take away some of their reads."

The Monarchs think they have what it takes to make a run back to the lower state championship, and Lowder plans to do everything in his power to make that happen.

"It's definitely a feeling, going to the second round of the playoffs," Lowder said. "We're definitely going to get them, no doubt about it."



TIM LEIBLE / SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

LEFT: Sumter High's Daveon Thomas has battled injuries over the last two years, but is healthy to start the 2025-26 campaign.
RIGHT: Sumter High's Eli Britt is part of a long list of Gamecock returners.

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to increase this season. Daveon is our point guard and general. He's had some injuries the last two years, but he's coming into the season healthy, so we're excited about that."

The Gamecocks also have a few exciting additions this season. Freshmen Jacori Wright and Cam Choice should have roles right out of the gate as dynamic athletes. SHS also has another newcomer in Carmello Burch, a sophomore transfer from North Central.

"We're leaning on Cam and Jacori a lot. We expect both of them to play major minutes and be big in the fold with what we're doing," Coach Brown said. "They bring a lot of size, they both have really good IQs, they both work hard, and they play off each other well. We're looking forward to adding their size and their ability to play smart on the court."

Before the season fully kicks off in December, Sumter High has a really interesting November slate, which kicks off on Friday when they face C.A. Johnson in "The Preview" at Gray Collegiate. After scrimmages with Brookland-Cayce and West Ashley next week, they'll face a pair of 4A powers when they meet Orangeburg-Wilkinson and A.C. Flora in the Holiday Hoopfest.

Their early December slate has a new addition, as well. Alongside their Sumter County games with Crestwood and Lakewood, Sumter High will host the Stars and Stripes Showcase in conjunction with Upward Stars, the Adidas travel program. The event will bring some of the state's biggest stars and elite programs to Sumter High on Dec. 6. The Gamecocks will face off against Keenan. Other programs taking part include Wilson, Ridge View, Westwood, South Pointe, Marion, Lexington, Lancaster, West Ashley and Carolina Forest.

"I think our program has grown. I think that we're one of the best programs in South Carolina, and we want to continue to grow. I think this tournament will give us some more visibility," Coach Brown said. "It gives our community an opportunity to see some of the top teams around the state. I think it's big for us and the Sumter community. I'm excited. I'm hoping the community comes out and supports it so we can have it back."

Sumter High will also play tournaments both before and after Christmas this year. They'll take part in the Poinsettia Classic in Greenville before traveling down to Orlando for the KSA Event at Disney World. Coach Brown wants to do everything he can to prepare his team for a tough region, which features a 5A powerhouse in Ridge View and another extremely strong Westwood program. It will be a dogfight to determine playoff seeding as SHS hits January and February, so every test they can get while the calendar still says 2025 will help them prepare.

"We want to put our guys in situations where our guys can grow and get better because we do play in one of the toughest conferences in the state," Coach Brown said. "Going to Greenville is always a competitive tournament, and we have no clue what to expect, but I'm sure there will be teams from all over the country in Orlando. All of those things are going to get us ready for conference play."

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make adjustments during timeouts. I'm embracing the new role.

"Dr. Johnson knows how to take off the superintendent hat and put on the coach hat. He does a good job of seeing situations and seeing them unfold. He really coaches with a down-the-road focus. He's trying to check the boxes to get to where we want to go."

While the transition back to assistant has been interesting, one of the bigger challenges is waiting to get the entire basketball team together. During his time at Scott's Branch, the Eagles had some mighty struggles on the football field, so Miller could typically hit the ground running in November. That's not the case in Manning, where most of his top basketball players are still busy on the gridiron.

"First and foremost, it's a good feeling to be this deep into football season as a member of the staff. It's a little different," Miller admitted. "It's an adjustment, but it's a pleasant adjustment because the guys are being successful and passionate about another sport other than basketball."

Time on task is important with this group because Manning had some key seniors last year, most notably Jeffrey Ceasar. The Monarchs' most experienced returners are pretty much all playing football, so they'll really have to hit the ground running as soon as football season comes to a close. In the meantime, Miller and Johnson can really focus on the rest of the lineup, which will make the lineup feel a little deeper once everyone is in the fold.

"When you've got a team that's polished, you're just trying to guide and fine tune with them. The guys who really need the confidence, the extra workouts, I gravitate to those guys. Those are the guys that make the load light," Miller said of spending extra time coaching the non-stars. "There are two or three of those guys that I give a little extra attention to. Even though we have a larger staff, I tend to take that on myself to spend time with those guys."

One thing that has made Miller's transition a little easier is his familiarity with the players. He's coached against the Monarchs for years, and the basketball community in Clarendon County is extremely tight knit, so he didn't need to spend a ton of time on introductions.

"The fun part is that everybody knows everybody; it's a real murky line between those two cities. Everybody has family on that side, and everybody knows everybody," Miller said. "What was real pleasant was, after practice one day in the gym, you would think it would be a little awkward, but the guys found a basketball and all signed it for me. It wasn't all this year's players, it was players from the past, as well. That made me feel good. I know a lot of their mentalities and what their background is. It isn't too different from where I've been; the only difference is a few more bodies."

Miller won't have to wait long to get back to his old stomping grounds, as the Monarchs travel to Scott's Branch on Dec. 5. He's looking forward to facing his former team, though he admits it will be odd to sit on the opposing bench.

"I never would have seen myself coming into that gym from the crosstown rival, but I'm embracing it," Miller said. "I'm still close with those guys, and I'm hoping their success in football and the upcoming basketball season, as well. Like anywhere else you put passion and love into some place and help build a culture, it's going to turn at your gut a little bit, but by the time that ball is tipped, it'll be different, and I'll be all in."

Texas A&M seeks redemption against South Carolina after last year's embarrassing loss

BY KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Last season, Texas A&M took a seven-game winning streak into South Carolina and had perhaps its worst performance of the year in a 44-20 loss.

That was the beginning of a downward spiral for the Aggies as the first of three losses in four games that dropped them to 8-4 and spoiled any shot at making the College Football Playoff.

As the third-ranked Aggies (9-0, 6-0 Southeastern Conference) prepare to face the Gamecocks again Saturday, they're still thinking about what happened last year and determined to avenge that defeat.

"We got embarrassed at South Carolina last year," linebacker Taurean York said.

Then he added: "It's personal."

And while they try to look ahead and not behind, these Aggies are intent on not repeating past mistakes as they try to remain undefeated and move closer to reaching the playoffs for the first time.

"Obviously, you can't look back at last year and try to bring that type of energy into it, but it is personal," quarterback Marcel Reed said. "Those were one of the teams that got us out of getting into the playoffs last year and took us out of the SEC Championship conversation. It's just a 1-0 mentality ... they're in our way just like every other team, so we're just going to go handle business this weekend."

This year's South Carolina team isn't nearly as formidable as the one they were routed by last season. The Gamecocks are 3-6 overall, 1-6 in conference play and have dropped four straight games.

But Coach Mike Elko knows better than to underestimate them.

"Every Saturday you're at risk in this conference. That's just the way it is," he said. "We have to go play, regardless of what their record is, a really, really talented football team on Saturday and it's the same team that beat us by 25 points or whatever it was last year and really embarrassed us up and down the field. So, if any of our players or anyone thinks it's going to be anything different than that, they're kind of crazy."

Saturday's game ends a stretch of four straight ranked opponents for the Gamecocks and will be their third in a row against a top 10 team. Coach Shane Beamer expects this to be their biggest challenge of the season.

"I don't really see a weakness in them," he said. "Their record and body of work speaks to that."

NEW PLAY CALLER

The Gamecocks will have a new play caller Saturday after offensive coordinator Mike Shula was fired after the team's 30-14 loss to Mississippi two weeks ago before last week's open date. Receivers coach Mike Furrey has taken over Shula's duties for the remainder of the season. Shula was fired with the Gamecocks ranked last in the SEC in points per game (19.7) and total yards (294.1). Beamer hopes the change will help turn things around.

"He's kind of got that swag or whatever you want to call it, and he's brought that to the offense," Beamer said. "And I'm not saying that we didn't have it before, but he's definitely brought confidence ... this will hopefully give us a little bit of a spark."

USAF RETIRED LT. COL. WILLIAM VAN RICHARDSON

USAF Retired Lt. Col. William Van "Bill" Richardson, 70, husband of Linn McLaurin Duffie Richardson, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2025, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.


RICHARDSON

Born in Fairfield, Illinois, he was a son of the late Fred Ray Richardson and Eleanor Mae Vanway Richardson.

A first and foremost servant of the Lord, Lt. Col. Richardson served as a fighter pilot. He flew at Shaw Air Force Base, retired out of the Flying Tigers 75th Squadron and was a veteran of Desert Storm, Desert Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He served both his country and family with dedication and passion. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder, and a Sunday school teacher and was a member of the Edmunds Men's Bible Class and a teacher. He was a board member for Sumter Habitat for Humanity and Sumter Kiwanis Club. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Coffee Club.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Lee Richardson (Brittany) and Will Richardson (Rebekah); one daughter, Jennie Linn Richardson; one brother, Jerry Richardson (Lori); four grandchildren, Evan, Jack, Luke and Shepherd; in-laws, Jennie Linn and John Duffie; his sister-in-law, Louise Glover (Ron); and his brother-in-law, John Duffie (Kelly).

He was predeceased by a sister, Debby Taylor.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Stewart Rawson officiating.

Burial will follow in Wedgefield Presbyterian Church Cemetery with full military honors.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of Mt. Vernon Coffee Club.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, in the Fellowship Hall of First Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 9 W. Calhoun Street, Sumter, SC 29150, or to Sumter Habitat for Humanity, 812 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

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ELDER RHODIE LEE HAYNESWORTH JACKSON

Elder Rhodie Lee Haynesworth Jackson, 95, beloved wife of the late Moses Ray Jackson, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, Nov. 8, 2025, at National Health Care of Sumter.


JACKSON

Born June 1, 1930, in Sumter County, she was the daughter of the late Susie Boykin. Rhodie attended the public schools of Sumter County. She was a faithful member of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Dalzell, where she served in many capacities, including elder, Gospel Choir member, Usher Board, a devoted Sunday School attendee and Women's Missionary Society.

She was employed with Sumter Laundry and Cleaners, Cherryvale Elementary School and retired from Campbell Soup Co. after over 20 years.

She leaves to cherish her precious memories her family, other relatives and friends.

Viewing and visitation will be from 2 to 6 p.m. in the John Wesley Williams Sr. Memorial Chapel of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 4 to 7 p.m. at the home, 2270 October Circle, Sumter.

Celebration of Life Services were held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church USA, 4620 Queen Chapel Road, Dalzell, with the Rev. Carnell Hampton, pastor.

Burial followed in Ebenezer Presbyterian Church Yard Cemetery.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter, South Carolina. Online messages may be sent to the family at *williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com*. Visit us on the web *www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com*.

DWAYNE ANDRE MCCRAY

Dwayne Andre McCray, 49, husband of Stacy Lynn Sinkler McCray and son of Elizabeth Lawson Sharper and the late Joseph McCray, was born on Jan. 5, 1976, in Sumter. He departed this life on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, at his residence.


MCCRAY

Public viewing was held on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Funeral services will be held at noon Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Brother Kenneth Jenkins, officiating, and Elder Ronald T. Scott, eulogist.

Interment will follow in Mayesville Community Cemetery, Mayesville.

Family will receive friends at 8905 Hwy. 261 South, Pinewood, daily from 4 to 8 p.m.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at *jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com*, or visit us on the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

HERMAN N. BOONE SR.

Herman N. Boone Sr., son of the late Walter Boone and Bertha Mae Bryant, was born on Jan. 12, 1948, in Sumter, South Carolina. At an early age, he confessed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, a decision that would guide his path and anchor his heart throughout his journey of life. On Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, Herman declared, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith," and he went on to be with the Lord.

He was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and graduated from Ebenezer High School, Dalzell, with the Class of 1966. Soon after, he answered the call and served his country with honor in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1970, where he achieved the rank of sergeant.

In 1970, Herman and Annie Mae relocated to Metuchen, New Jersey, followed by Brunswick, N.J., where they planted deep roots and began building their family.

He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 55 years, Annie Mae Taylor Boone, and his children, family, a host of other relatives and friends.

Wake with funeral services was from 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, at St. James AME Zion Church, 68 Commerce Drive, Perth Amboy, N.J.

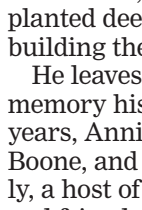
Burial followed in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Memorial Cemetery, 350 Providence Line Road, Wrightstown, N.J.

Services were conducted by the management and staff of Buckland Funeral Home, 10 West End Ave., Somerville, N.J., 08876 – *www.bucklandfuneralhome.com*.

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VIRGINIA ANNE HARVIN MCLAURIN

WEDGEFIELD — Virginia Anne Harvin McLaurin, 86, widow of retired Brig. Gen. Hugh McFaddin McLaurin III, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, at her home.


MCLAURIN

Born in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Septimus Augustus Harvin and Mary Ellen Suber Harvin.

Mrs. McLaurin was a member and past elder of Wedgefield Presbyterian Church. She was also a member of Les Trente, The Sumter Assembly, former president of the Junior Welfare League, former president of the Stateburg Literary & Musical Society and the Sumter Art Association.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Louise McLaurin Jones (Wade) and Virginia McLaurin Mota (Dan), and a son, Hugh McFaddin McLaurin IV (Leigh); grandchildren, Virginia McLaurin Cupstid (Brandon), Wade Hampton Jones IV (Barnwell), Michael McLaurin Mota (Courtnie), Joseph Cooper Mota, Majid Amir Corbett (Caroline), Hugh McFaddin McLaurin V, Bentham Edmunds McLaurin and Austin Lucas McLaurin; great-grandchildren, Henry McLaurin Cupstid, William Harvin Cupstid, Wade Hampton Jones V, Danielle Claire Mota and Virginia Elliott Corbett; a brother, Septimus Augustus Harvin Jr. (Betty); a sister-in-law, Jennie Linn McLaurin Duffie (John); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, in Wedgefield Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jody Foster and the Rev. Rodney Foster officiating.

Burial will follow in Wedgefield Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends in the church Fellowship Hall following the service.

Memorials may be made to Wedgefield Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 36, Wedgefield, SC 29168, or to Thornwell Home for Children, 302 S. Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325.

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

The family would like to express their deep appreciation to their caregivers, Debra Hampton and Chesta Bingham.

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PEGGY ANN (FOYE) BROOKS

Peggy Ann (Foye) Brooks, 84, beloved wife of Taylor Preston Brooks Jr., died Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.


BROOKS

Peggy was born June 2, 1941, in Smithfield, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of the late Raymond (NMN) Foye and Harriet Lorene (Moody) Lewis.

She is survived by her husband; one son, Todd Randall Brooks of Sumter; one daughter, Tonya Renee (Brooks) Chapa (Michael Joseph) of Prosper, Texas; 10 grandchildren, Dylan Robert Brooks, Jack Andrew Chapa (Sarah Rachelle), Peter Lewis Chapa (Lenna Marie), Reed Cooper Chapa, Peyton Lee-Ann (Chapa) Sargent (Danny), Emma Mae Chapa, Faith Antonina Chapa; Ke'Iolani "Lani" Brooks; also Mariah (Ward) Beltran and Nicholas Smith; five great-grandchildren, Hudson Andrew Chapa, Ryder Jackson Chapa, Daniella Marie Chapa, Audrey Elizabeth Chapa and Elaina Grace Chapa; three half-sisters, Alverda Krofcheck, Della Wisser (Al) and Peggy Louise Foye, all of Pennsylvania; one sister-in-law, Linda Marie Foye of Laguna Woods, California; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Taylor Preston Brooks III, and one brother, Raymond Dewaine Foye.

Graveside service was held at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, at Fort Jackson National Cemetery with the Rev. Tim Simpson officiating and military honors.

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

STAFF SGT. MELVIN MONTGOMERY

Staff Sgt. Melvin Montgomery, 69, son of the late Archie Montgomery and Lousie Conyers Montgomery, was born on Jan. 10, 1956, in Bronx, New York. He departed this life on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 2025, at CM Tucker Jr., Nursing Care Center Roddey Pavilion, Columbia.


MONTGOMERY

Public viewing will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia, with the Rev. Carey A. Grady, officiating.

Family will receive friends at the home of his sister, 112 Glenshannon Drive, Columbia.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at *jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com*, or visit us on the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

CATHERINE BELSER

Catherine Belser, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025, at her home. Born Feb. 17, 1944, in Darlington, she was the daughter of the late Herbert Vaughn and Ethel McDonald.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 1171 Mineral Circle, Sumter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by the management of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

MARK WARNER NEWMAN SR.

May 13, 1959 – Nov. 12, 2025

Surrounded by his family and friends, Mark Warner Newman, 66, went to his Heavenly home on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025.


NEWMAN

Born May 13, 1959, in Sumter, he was the son of Marion Dewey and Evelyn Warner Newman. Mark was plant foreman at various locations as well as worked in maintenance for Sumter School District. Mark loved playing guitar, singing and was a talented song writer. Mark spent many hours studying his Bible and was most interested in books of the Bible relating to the "End Times."

Survivors include his children, Shannon N. Gragg of Maryville, Tennessee, Linda Nesbitt of Lake City, Becky (Aaron) Feldman and Warner (Alyssa) Newman, all of Sumter; seven grandchildren, Memphis and Cora Gragg, Jacob and Joshua Feldman, Austin (Rowan) Floyd, Taylor Shapley, Addilyn Nesbitt, and two great-grandchildren, Jay and Johnny Floyd; and one brother, Whit (Janet) Newman, and one sister, Karen Newman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathy Newman Griffin.

A Celebration of Life was held at Zoar Church, 1315 Zoar Church Road, on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, at 2 p.m. The service was conducted by the Rev. Allen Johnson. Visitation was from 1 to 2 p.m.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, Karen Newman, 1350 Mi-Kayla Lane, Sumter.

Memorials may be made to Elmore Cannon Stephens, 515 Miller Road, Sumter, SC.

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

CORIEN SIMERE WHITE

Corien Simere White, 17, son of Cory White and Janielle Denee Samuel, was born on Aug. 4, 2008, in Sumter. He departed this life on Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, at his residence.


WHITE

Public viewing will be held on Friday, Nov. 14, 2025, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 2025, at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Eugene Myers Jr., officiating and eulogist.

Interment will follow in King Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery, Lynchburg.

Family will receive friends at the home of his grandparents, 541 Carol Drive, Sumter, Monday-Thursday 3 to 7 p.m. and Friday-Saturday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at *jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com*, or visit us on the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

GAIL CATONYA LEMMON

Gail Catonya Lemmon, 52, daughter of the late Archimedes Lemmon and Eliza Dingle Lemmon, was born on Dec. 7, 1972, in Sumter. She departed this life on Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2025, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter.


LEMMON

Public viewing will be held on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Job's Mortuary Inc.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 609 Manning Ave., Sumter.

Interment will follow in St. John United Methodist Church Cemetery, Lynchburg.

Family will receive friends at the home, 50 Parliament Court, Sumter, starting Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, daily starting at 4 p.m.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at *jobsmortuaryinc@gmail.com*, or visit us on the web at *www.jobsmortuary.net*.

ANN EARLEY HUBBARD

Ann Earley Hubbard, 84, left this earthly life for her eternal home in Heaven on Thursday, Nov. 13, 2025, at her home.


HUBBARD

Born in Orangeburg, S.C., she was a daughter of the late James S. Earley and Salomie Craven Earley.

Ms. Hubbard was a member of Sumter Methodist Church. She retired from the South Carolina Department of Health-Sumter County Health Department.

Ann was a devoted and dearly loved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She exemplified with her life that it is better to give than to receive and rested in God's love and promises her entire life. A peacemaker, she always put the wants and needs of others above her own.

Surviving are two sons, Al Hubbard (Robin) and Phil Hubbard (Julie); two grandchildren, Zach Hubbard of Sumter and Seth Hubbard (Kelly) of Wake Forest, N.C.; a sister, Sue E. Plunkett; two nieces, Christy Barese (Eric) and Meghan Swann (Eddie); three great-nephews, Lukas, Jackson and Blake; and one great-niece, Grace.

She was preceded in death by a half-sister, Carolyn E. Cummiskey; a niece, Ashley Plunkett Fitch; and a brother-in-law, Jim Plunkett.

The family will receive friends at her home, 2030 Tudor St., from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, and from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Graveside services will follow at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025, in Memorial Park Cemetery in Orangeburg with the Rev. Cindy Muncie officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to Sumter Methodist Church, 535 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

Elmore Hill McCreight
Funeral Home and Crematory

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LEGAL NOTICES

Beer & Wine License

Notice Of Application

Notice is hereby given that **Shree Yogi Sumter LLC intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and OFF premises consumption of Beer and Wine at 404 S Lafayette Dr, Sumter, SC 29154-1551.** To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **December 2, 2025.** For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL Section, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907 or ABL @dor.sc.gov.

Notice Of Application

Notice is hereby given that **Diego Lopez** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and **ON** premises consumption of **Beer & Liquor at 1029 Broad Street. Sumter, SC 29150.** To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **December 2, 2025.** For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be submitted online e-mailed to: ABL@dor.sc.gov Attn: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL Section.

Bid Notices

INVITATION FOR BIDS

PROJECT:
Sumter Miracle League Park
Phase 2

OWNER:
Sumter County
13 E. Canal Street
Sumter, SC 29150

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Separate sealed bids for the construction of the above referenced project will be received by the Owner at their office, by, December 4, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. local time, at place of bidding, Sumter County Admin Building Council Chambers, located at 13 E Canal St., Sumter, SC 29150, 3rd Floor, and at said location will be publicly opened and read aloud. No bid may be withdrawn within a period of ninety (90) days to allow time for Bid review, qualification of Bidder, and approval of award from funding agencies
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of clearing and grubbing and installation of park elements to expand existing Patriot Park. Work shall include a Miracle League Field, additional inclusive playground equipment, lighting, landscape and irrigation, restrooms building, pavilions, sidewalks, drainage and new associated parking improvements. Prior experience, qualifications and product certification will be required. This project will be funded through Sumter County.
DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE: Can be requested from Bobby Galloway from the Sumter County purchasing department. Phone (803) 436-2329 or email:
rgalloway@sumtercountysc.gov

Summons & Notice

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
COUNTY OF SUMTER
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01190
SUMMONS
(COLLECTIONS)
(NON-JURY)

ISPC, Inc.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Marvin Kennedy,
Defendant.

TO THE DEFENDANT ABOVE-NAMED:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer on the subscribers at Post Office Box 4216, Columbia, South Carolina 29240, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service hereof, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
Your responding to this Summons and Complaint does not terminate or limit the 30-day period to dispute the validity of the debt or any portion thereof or your ability to request verification of the debt or the name of the original creditor as described above.
Crawford & von Keller, LLC

By: s/Eric H. Nelson
B. LINDSAY CRAWFORD, III
THEODORE VON KELLER
B. LINDSAY CRAWFORD, IV
JASON HUNTER
ERIC H. NELSON
KATHARYN SOPHIA
ROMAN DODD
Post Office Box 4216
Columbia, South Carolina 29240
(803) 790-2626
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF
Columbia, South Carolina
November 4, 2025

Summons & Notice

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE PROBATE COURT
FOR SUMTER COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
CATHERINE PEARSON SIMMONS
DECEDENT
CASE NO. 2025-ES-43
SUMMONS

ROSE ANN WILLIAMS & RICKY SIMMONS
Petitioner(s),
v.
JANE KNIGHT, CYNTHIA BOSSARD, KENNETH BOSSARD, MARVIN BOSSARD, MIA SIMMONS, WILHELMIA THOMPSON, BETTIE OWENS, JANNITT COX, BRINDA BLOCKER, TORIANO BLOCKER, TERRY MCLEOD,
Respondents.

TO THE RESPONDENTS LISTED ABOVE:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Petition in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of you Answer upon the Petitioner(s) listed above at the following address(es):
J. David Weeks
Weeks Law Office, LLC
P. O. Box 370
Sumter, Sc 29151
Your Answer must be served on the Petitioner at the above address within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Petition upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Petition within that time, judgement by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI
NOTICE IS HERERBY GIVEN, that Attorney Calvin K. Hastie, 7 East Hampton Avenue, Sumter, South Carolina has been appointed as the Guardian ad Litem Nisi field on October 28, 2025, in the Sumter County Probate Court the original Petition in the above action together with the Summons was filed in the Probate Court for Sumter County on September 25, 2025.

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the original Petition in the above action, together with the Summons, was filed in the Probate Court for Sumter County on September 25, 2025.

J. David Weeks
Weeks Law Office, LLC
P. O. Box 370
Sumter, SC 29151
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SUMTER CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2025-CP-43-01792 SUMMONS Primerica Life Insurance Company vs. Samantha R. Tindal TO: SAMANTHA R. TINDAL, YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint of Primerica Life Insurance Company in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the subscribers at their office at Hood Law Firm, LLC, 172 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401 within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Summons, and Complaint were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on October 9, 2025. James B. Hood, Attorney for Plaintiff Primerica Life Insurance Company, Hood Law Firm, LLC, 172 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC 29401 (843) 577-4435 email info @hoodlaw.com

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF SUMTER
CIVIL ACTION NO:
2025-CP-43-00302
NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE

Karen Bouldin,
Plaintiff,
vs.
Ronald Lenard,
Defendants.

By virtue of an Order of Judgment entered in an action entitled, Karen Bouldin vs Ronald Lenard Civil Action Case No. 2025-CP-43-0302, the undersigned Master In Equity will sell at public auction to be conducted in Room 3A of the Sumter County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, on December 1, 2025 at 12:00 noon, the following property will be sold to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, being in the City and County of Sumter South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 162 of Idlewild, Section No. 5, as shown on a plat by Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated September 24, 1992, and recorded in the ROD Office for Sumter County in Plat Book 92, page 1670 and on a plat prepared by Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated December 30,1992 and recorded in Book PB99, page 19. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This being the property known as 2765 Pintail Dr., Sumter, SC. Represented by Sumter County Tax Parcel No. 205-08-03-011.
This being the property conveyed unto Ronald Lenard by Karen Bouldin dated April 20, 2022, and recorded in the ROD Office of Sumter County dated June 16, 2022, in Book 1303 at Pages 1095.
Subject to all visible and recorded easements, rights of way, restrictions and zoning ordinances affecting said property, including Restrictive Covenants recorded in Book 481 at Page 1957, and addendum in Book 486 at page 1119, in the Office of the ROD for Sumter County.
At the conclusion of the bidding, the successful purchaser, other than the plaintiff, must deposit with the Master five (5%) per cent of the bid in cash or equivalent. Credit will be allowed for this against the purchase price.
Personal/deficiency judgment having been waived, the bidding will not remain open and compliance with the bid must be made within twenty (20) days of the sale date.
Interest will accrue on the amount of the bid until compliance at the rate of four (4.0%) percent per annum.
If the successful bidder fails to comply, his deposit will be forfeited and applied in the manner prescribed by law; and the property will be re-advertised and sold on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent sales day at the bidder's risk.
The sale will be subject to all accrued and/or delinquent Sumter County ad valorem property taxes and all visible and recorded easements, covenants and rights of way and any senior liens which includes a mortgage to Penny Mac with a balance of about $260,000.00.
The purchaser is to pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps and recording.

Michael M. Jordan
Master-In-Equity

November 2025
Sumter, South Carolina

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING
STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
CIVIL ACTION NO.:
2025-CP-43-01414

Titan Leasing, LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
Jada Zhane Sweat, Mykeria Jamarion Ramsey and Shaniquia Aaliyah Brunson a/k/a Shaniquia A. Brunson Cowell,
Defendants.

TO: Mykeria Jamarion Ramsey and Shaniquia Aaliyah Brunson a/k/a Shaniquia A. Brunson Cowell:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer to said Complaint upon the subscriber, (i) at his office at 1401 Calhoun Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (ii) by email as allowed under S.C. Supreme Court Order 2022-05-06-04, or (iii) to otherwise appear and defend the action pursuant to applicable court rules, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Summons and Complaint were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on August 6, 2025.

Drew B. Walker
Attorney for Plaintiff
Crowson Walker, LLC
1401 Calhoun Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
(803) 459-5595
email: dwalker@crowsonwalker.com

Public Hearing

ORDINANCE 2025-15
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN PURSUANT TO TITLE 12, CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 1976, AS AMENDED, AUTHORIZING THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THAT CERTAIN FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND INCENTIVE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN CLARENDON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND SANTEE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., RELATING TO, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE PROVISION OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS. The Public Hearing will be held in the County Council Chambers, which are located at 411 Sunset Drive, Manning, South Carolina, on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Infinite Care Solutions LLC is applying for a Certificate of Need with the South Carolina Department of Public Health to establish a home health agency providing in-home skilled nursing and supportive medical care services to residents of Sumter County and surrounding areas.
The proposed agency will operate from a central administrative address at 5550 Tally Yates Dr., Rembert, SC 29128 and deliver community-based care in accordance with South Carolina licensing and health plan regulations.
The estimated total project cost is $25,000.

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Carolina Public Service Authority ("Santee Cooper") and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC," and together with Santee Cooper, "Joint Applicants") anticipate applying to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on or about December 15, 2025, for the issuance of a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity to jointly construct and operate an advanced class natural gas-fired combined cycle electric generating plant and associated facilities ("Canadys Station") with a net capacity of approximately 2,180 megawatts ("MW") at the location of a former coal-fired generation station owned by DESC in Colleton County, South Carolina. Upon completion, Santee Cooper and DESC will each own a 50 percent (50%) undivided interest in Canadys Station and its electrical output, to be dispatched in a coordinated manner into each utility's balancing area. The ownership interests and associated output will be commensurate with each party's contribution to the facility and consistent with the recently enacted South Carolina Energy Security Act, Act No. 41 of 2025.
The Joint Application represents the culmination of the Joint Applicants' evaluation of the construction of a jointly owned natural gas-fired generation resource at the site of DESC's former coal-fired Canadys Steam Plant in Colleton County as publicly communicated by each utility in its respective integrated resource plans ("IRPs") and IRP updates and supporting filings. The proposed Canadys Station will consist of three independent blocks of highly efficient and low emitting, advanced class one-on-one ("1x1") combined cycle units which will provide Santee Cooper and DESC with more modern, reliable, efficient, and operationally flexible generation to meet customers' current and future energy needs while also supporting the potential future retirement of older generating units. The Joint Applicants are siting Canadys Station on an existing brownfield electric generating site where the required electric transmission upgrades and natural gas pipeline infrastructure can largely follow existing utility rights of way corridors and minimize the environmental footprint and environmental impacts. The coordinated development, construction, and operation of Canadys Station as a jointly owned generation resource will directly benefit each utility's customers and will anchor a large expansion of natural gas transmission capacity into the region. The power generation capacity that will be provided by Canadys Station and the natural gas transmission capacity that it will anchor will serve to protect the public welfare, maintain and advance economic development and job growth, and fuel the State of South Carolina's current and future prosperity.
In addition, DESC is applying for approval to lease an undivided 50% interest in the site to Santee Cooper for the duration of the plant's construction.
The Joint Application will be filed in accordance with the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, Chapter 33, Title 58, as amended, entitled the "Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act.
A copy of the Joint Application, when filed, will be available for public review on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov and at the following physical location:

Public Service Commission
of South Carolina
Clerk's Office
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Any person wishing to comment on the Joint Application or obtain additional information with regard thereto should contact in writing the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, with a copy to K. Chad Burgess, Dominion Energy Services, Inc., 220 Operation Way, MC OSC 1A, Cayce, South Carolina 29033 and Stephen Pelcher, Santee Cooper, 1 Riverwood Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina 29461.

Notice of Sale

STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER
IN THE COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS
CASE NO.: 2025-CP-43-00865
NOTICE OF SALE
Deficiency Judgment Waived

Nationstar Mortgage LLC,
Plaintiff,
v.
Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill aka Bernice Singleton Hill and Gregoy J. Hill and if Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill aka Bernice Singleton Hill and Gregoy J. Hill be deceased then any and all children and heirs at law, distributees and devisees and if any of the same be dead, any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under disability, being a class designated as John Doe or persons in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe; Burdell V. Hill aka Burdell Hill aka Burdell Vernon Hill, Individually as an Heir of Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill aka Bernice Singleton Hill, and also as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Bernice Hill; Deidra W. Hill; Nicole A. Hill; Natalie A. Hill; Nola A. Hill; Narissa A. Hill; Midland Funding LLC; RenovateOpco Trust,
Defendant(s).

BY VIRTUE of the decree heretofore granted in the case of: Nationstar Mortgage LLC vs. Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill aka Bernice Singleton Hill and Gregoy J. Hill and if Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill aka Bernice Singleton Hill and Gregoy J. Hill be deceased then any and all children and heirs at law, distributees and devisees and if any of the same be dead, any and all persons entitled to claim under or through them, also all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, interest or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, any unknown adults, any unknown infants or persons under disability, being a class designated as John Doe or persons in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as Richard Roe, Burdell V. Hill aka Burdell Hill aka Burdell Vernon Hill, Individually as an Heir of Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill aka Bernice Singleton Hill, and also as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Bernice Hill, Deidra W. Hill, Nicole A. Hill, Natalie A. Hill; Nola A. Hill, Narissa A. Hill, Midland Funding LLC and RenovateOpco Trust, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, South Carolina, will sell on December 1, 2025 at 12:00 pm at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:
All that piece, parcel or lot of land in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot 101 of PINEDALE Subdivision Section 3 as shown on a plat made by H.S. Willson, R.L.S., dated April 7, 1970, and subsequently amended on January 6, 1971, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-28 at page 68 and bounded as follows: On the North by Neal Street and measuring thereon 70.2 feet; on the East by Lot 100 on said Plat and measuring thereon 136.0 feet; on the South by Lot 99 on Said Plat and measuring thereon 75.0 feet; and on the West by other lands of Trotter and measuring thereon 140.0 feet.
This being the same property conveyed to Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill by Deed of Dachri Corporation dated August 31, 1971, and recorded September 8, 1971, in Book T-9, Page 542, in the Sumter County Clerk of Courts Office.
Subsequently thereafter, Bernice S. Hill aka Bernice Hill died on January 30, 2023. Probate was open in Case Number 2023-ES-43-00294, Sumter County, South Carolina.
This also being the same property conveyed to Burdell V. Hill by Deed of Seymonia B. Charles aka Seymonia Charles dated July 24, 2024, and recorded July 30, 2024, in Book 1329, Page 4677, in the Sumter County Register of Deeds Office.
This also being the same property conveyed to Burdell V. Hill by Deed of Larry A. Hill aka Larry Hill dated July 25, 2024, and recorded July 30, 2024, in Book 1329, Page 4680, in the Sumter County Register of Deeds Office.
This also being the same property conveyed to Burdell V. Hill by Deed of Seymour J. Hill aka Seymour Hill dated July 25, 2024, and recorded July 30, 2024, in Book 1329, Page 4683, in the Sumter County Register of Deeds Office.
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 54 Neal St, Sumter, SC 29150
TMS#: 226-03-03-020
TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to the Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. Should the last and highest bidder fail to comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding shall not remain open after the date of sale and shall be final on that date, and compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 6.25000% per annum. The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record, and any other senior encumbrances. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.
In the event an agent of Plaintiff does not appear at the time of sale, the within property shall be withdrawn from sale and sold at the next available sales date upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Master in Equity's Order and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or such terms as may be set forth in a supplemental order.
This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given. Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding, you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of a licensed South Carolina attorney.

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25-001062-01

MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE
CASE NO. 2025-CP-43-01085

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Trustmark Bank f/k/a Trustmark National Bank against Brian J. Ford, Hollie Ford, Jr., et al., I, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 24 of Stafford Meadows Subdivision Phase I Section I on that certain plat prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, RLS, dated June 30, 2014, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB2014 at Page 122. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This being the same property known as 935 Cormier Drive, Sumter, SC. Represented by Sumter County Tax Parcel No. 185-16-06-002.
This being the same property conveyed to Brian J. Ford by deed of Terence J. Foster and Shelly Foster dated July 8, 2020 and recorded July 10, 2020 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 1270 at Page 5129. Thereafter, Brian Ford conveyed the subject property to Brian Ford and Hollie Ford, Jr., as Joint Tenants, by Quit Claim Deed dated May 27, 2021 and recorded May 27, 2021 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 1285 at Page 5683.

TMS # 185-16-06-002
Property Address:
935 Cormier Drive
Sumter, South Carolina 29154

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.00% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

SMITH|ROBINSON

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MASTER IN EQUITY
NOTICE OF SALE
2019-CP-43-00171

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association vs. Stanley E. Hayes, Jr. a/k/a Stanley Hayes, Jr.; et.al., I, the undersigned Michael M. Jordan, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 12:00 PM, at the County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150.
The property to be sold to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and being shown and designated as Lot 26 of Hunters Crossing Subdivision, Phase 1, Section 1 as more fully shown on a plat thereof prepared by Louis White Tisdale, RLS, dated February 9, 2006 recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2006 at Page 91; which plat is incorporated herein by this reference and having such metes, bounds, courses and distances, being a little more or less, as by this reference to said plat will more fully appear.
This being the same property conveyed to Stanley E. Hayes, Jr. by deed of Firstar Homes, Inc., dated October 3, 2006 and recorded October 10, 2006 in Book 1048 at Page 1604 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

TMS No. 1871301015
Property address:
1691 Mossberg Drive
Sumter, SC 29150

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).
Personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days after the sale date. The Plaintiff may waive its right to a deficiency judgment prior to sale, in which case the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.
Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.875% per annum.
The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.
The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.
This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.
The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.
Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Michael M. Jordan
Master in Equity
for Sumter County
Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

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Notice of Sale

Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01162
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of PNC Bank, National Association vs. William P Spink; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; David E Spink; Stephanie D Spink I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on December 1, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Sumter County Judicial Center at 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150 to the highest bidder:
Legal Description and Property Address:
All that certain piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying, and being in the Township of Sumter, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot # 75 of Owens Subdivision as shown on that certain plat prepared by Joseph R. Edwards, RLS, dated June 4, 1984, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 85 at page 921, and having such metes and bounds as are shown on said plat, this description being in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina, as amended.
TOGETHER WITH a 2001 Fleetwood Glenbrook Mobile Home, Serial/VIN Number NCFLY41A1B53327GB13 located thereon.
This being the same property conveyed to William P. Spink by Warranty Deed of David E. Spink and Stephanie D. Spink, dated August 26, 2003 and recorded August 26, 2003 in Volume 905 at Page 760, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

3805 Colony Circle
Sumter, SC 29153
TMS# 242-00-02-040

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 6.25% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Neither the Court, nor Plaintiff, nor Plaintiff's counsel makes any warranty of title or representations with regard to the condition or existence of any improvements on the subject property. Prospective bidders may wish to assess these matters to their satisfaction prior to sale.

Hutchens Law Firm, LLP
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Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 726-2700

MASTER IN EQUITY
NOTICE OF SALE
2025-CP-43-01451

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC vs. Walter L. Vaughn a/k/a Walter Latrell Vaughn a/k/a Walter Vaughn; Lakeshia N. Vaughn a/k/a Lakeshia Vaughn; et.al., I, the undersigned Michael M. Jordan, Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, December 1, 2025 at 12:00 PM, at the County Courthouse, 141 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29150.
The property to be sold to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, shown and delineated as Lot No. 21 of Pershing Hills Subdivision, Phase 1, and being more fully shown on a plat of Louis W. Tisdale, RLS, dated March 30, 2011 and recorded in Plat Book 2011 at Page 178 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.
This being the identical property conveyed to Walter L. Vaughn and Lakeshia N. Vaughn, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common, by deed of Daniel L. Rosera and Stephanie L. Rosera dated June 7, 2016 and recorded June 17, 2016 in Book 1222 at Page 4406 in the Office of the Clerk of Court/Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

TMS No. 135-00-01-117
Property address:
5530 Pershing Drive,
Dalzell, SC 29040

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in certified funds or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Master in Equity, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Master in Equity will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).
No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.
Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.625% per annum.
The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.
The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.
This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.
The sale will not be held unless either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent is present at the sale and either Plaintiff's attorney or Plaintiff's bidding agent enters the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this captioned matter. In the alternative, Plaintiff's counsel, if permitted by the Court, may advise this Court directly of its authorized bidding instructions. In the event a sale is inadvertently held without Plaintiff's Counsel or Counsel's bidding agent entering the authorized bid of Plaintiff for this specifically captioned matter, the sale shall be null and void and the property shall be re-advertised for sale on the next available sale date.
Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

Michael M. Jordan
Master in Equity
for Sumter County
Scott and Corley, P.A.
Attorney for Plaintiff

MASTER'S SALE
BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: WILLOW RUN ASSOCIATION, INC. vs. QUENTIN JAY EMERY, C/A No. 2024-CP-43-01456, The following property will be sold on December 1, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Sumter County Courthouse, to the highest bidder.
Apartment I-3 (sometimes designated in the hereinbelow described Master Deed and Exhibits thereto as "Unit") in the Willow Run Horizontal Property Regime, in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being a horizontal property regime established pursuant to the South Carolina Property Act, § 27-31-10, et seq., of The Code of Laws of South Carolina (19761, as amended, and submitted by Master Deed dated May 18, 1984, recorded May 18, 1984 in the Register of Deeds Office for Sumter County in Deed Book 368 at page 721, and amended at Deed Book 371 at page 869. This is the property known as 251 Rast Street, Apt 1-3, Sumter, SC.
This being the identical property conveyed to Quentin Jay Emery by that deed of Lanneau D. Lide, Jr., dated April 22, 2010, and recorded April 29, 2010, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Book 1138 at page 2703.

Property Address:
251 Rast Street,
Apt. I-3
TMS#
230-91-01-052

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master, at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of his bid, in certified funds, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price if compliance is made, but in the event compliance is not made, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied first to costs of the action and then to plaintiff's debt. Should the successful bidder at the regularly conducted sale fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day, but at the risk of the defaulting biddr(s)

NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.
No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.
Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 8.00% per annum.
SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. SPECIFICALLY, THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO A SENIOR MORTGAGE HELD BY FLOYD WHITFIELD RECORDED IN BOOK 1138 AT PAGE 2706.

The Honorable
Michael M. Jordan
Master in Equity for
Sumter County

Dean A. Hayes
Attorney for Plaintiff
4500 Fort Jackson Blvd
Suite 335
Columbia, SC 29209
(803) 724-5000

Notice of Sale
C/A No: 2025-CP-43-01029
BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of Freedom Mortgage Corporation vs. Patricia A Davis I the undersigned as Master-in-Equity for Sumter County, will sell on December 1, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Sumter County Judicial Center at 215 N. Harvin St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150 to the highest bidder:
Legal Description and Property Address:
THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE, PARCEL OR LOT OF LAND, TOGETHER WITH ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, LYING, BEING AND SITUATE IN PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP, THE COUNTY OF SUMTER, STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, BEING SHOWN AND DELINEATED AS LOT NO. 37 OF MCLAUGHLIN ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SECTION 2, ON THAT CERTAIN PLAT BY H. S. WILLSON, RLS DATED MAY 30, 1979, RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR SUMTER COUNTY IN PLAT BOOK Z-43 AT PAGE 31.
Being the same property conveyed to Lummia Loy Davis and Patricia A. Davis by Deed of Dorothy Brown dated June 22, 2007 and recorded June 22, 2007 in Deed Book 1083 at Page 695, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.
Thereafter, Lummia Loy Davis and Patricia A. Davis conveyed subject property to Lummia Loy Davis by Quit Claim Deed dated September 27, 2013 and recorded October 11, 2013 in Book 1194 at Page 3956, in the Office of Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.
Thereafter, Lummia Loy Davis conveyed the subject property to Lummia Loy Davis and Patricia A. Davis, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in commons, by Deed of Lummia Loy Davis, dated May 29, 2015 and recorded June 1, 2015 in Deed Book 1211 at Page 4785, in the Office of Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina. Thereafter, Lummia Loy Davis passed away and full title passed to Patricia A. Davis by operation of law.
Thereafter, Lummia Loy Davis passed away on August 16, 2021 and full title passed to Patricia A. Davis.

3107 Bush Lane
Dalzell, SC 29040
TMS# 190-14-01-012

TERMS OF SALE: For cash. Interest at the current rate of 3.75% to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master-in-Equity for Sumter County shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. Since a personal or deficiency judgment is waived, the bidding will not remain open but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record. Neither the Court, nor Plaintiff, nor Plaintiff's counsel makes any warranty of title or representations with regard to the condition or existence of any improvements on the subject property. Prospective bidders may wish to assess these matters to their satisfaction prior to sale.

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MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE
CASE NO. 2025-CP-43-01133

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of Trustmark Bank f/k/a Trustmark National Bank against Kim L. Clodfelter, Christy A. Martinez-Arellano and Angel D. Nicholson, I, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:
All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the Providence Township, County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot No. 44 of Boykin Estates Subdivision Phase I on that certain plat prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, RLS, dated November 11, 2004, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book PB2005, Page 47. This said lot has such metes, boundaries, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, which are incorporated herein in accordance with the provisions of Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976. This being the same property known as 4265 Mossy Oak Lane, Dalzell, SC. Represented by Sumter County Tax Parcel No. 151-12-06-008.
This being the same property conveyed to Martha J. Clodfelter and Kim Clodfelter, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship, and not as tenants in common, by deed of Bryan P. Wessinger dated October 14, 2020 and recorded October 19, 2020 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 1275 at Page 2006. Subsequently, the property was conveyed to Kim L. Clodfelter by the death of joint tenant Martha J. Clodfelter on October 2, 2022 as stated on the Declaration of Ownership recorded February 24, 2023 in Book 1311 at Page 4438. Thereafter, Kim L. Clodfelter conveyed the subject property to Christy A. Martinez-Arellano and Angel D. Nicholson, reserving however, a life estate interest to Kim L. Clodfelter by deed dated February 24, 2023 and recorded February 24, 2023 in Book 1311 at Page 4448.

TMS # 151-12-06-008
Property Address:
4265 Mossy Oak Lane
Dalzell, South Carolina 29040

TERMS OF SALE: The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 2.625% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

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at 10:00 AM. Said property is stored at Storage Rentals of America 4194 Broad St. Sumter, SC 29154

Unit # Tenant Name Items

0080 David Wilson Jr.-
Totes, furniture, bookshelf, sofa, chair, TV, Play Station IV, PC, air compressor, crate, children's toys, bags, baby items, suitcases.

0104 Avery Author -
Boxes, totes, furniture, mattress, dresser, sofa, appliances, washer & dryer, clothes, vacuum, Christmas Decorations.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS
10/30/2025

On or about November 15, 2025 the City of Sumter will submit a request to the HUD/Columbia Field Office for the release of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. Activities being conducted as part of the Demolition, Economic Development/Historic Preservation, Housing Rehabilitation and Public Facilities/Drainage, Paving and Parks and Recreation projects for which the funds are being requested are described below.

The Housing Demolition Project is intended to demolish unsightly single family housing on scattered sites which have been condemned and deemed substandard for human occupancy. The Housing Rehabilitation Project is intended to provide grants to LMI citizens for housing repair on scattered sites. These projects will involve the rehabilitation of units and the demolition of single family housing units over the next year (2025–2026) on scattered sites throughout the City of Sumter, SC. Following the criteria of the Tiered Environmental Review Monitoring Strategy developed for these projects, activities covered under this Notice will be limited to activities on scattered sites. Project activities meeting the aforementioned criteria will be reviewed for compliance with applicable laws and authorities in accordance with the Strategy prior to committing funds (federal or non-federal) for the proposed activity. Project activities that do not meet Strategy criteria and receive HUD assistance will be reviewed separately. The total estimated cost for these projects is $218,004: (Housing Rehabilitation - $188,004, Housing Demolition - $30,000.)

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the office of Clarence Gaines, Community Development Director, 12 West Liberty Street, Suite 4, Sumter, SC. The ERR may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City Manager. All comments received by November 15, 2025 will be considered by City of Sumter prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

RELEASE OF FUNDS
City of Sumter certifies to HUD that Deron McCormick in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities, and allows the City of Sumter to use program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS
HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Sumter's certification for a period of fifteen (15) days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Sumter; (b) the City has omitted a step or failed to make a decision of finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58l (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to:

Mr. Bradley S. Evatt, Director Community Planning and Development
US Department of Housing and Urban Development Columbia Field Office
Strom Thurmond Federal Building 1835 Assembly Street
Columbia, SC 29201-2480 www.hud.gov bradley_s._evatt@hud.gov

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Deron McCormick, City Manager
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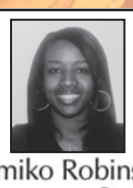
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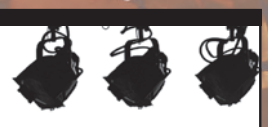
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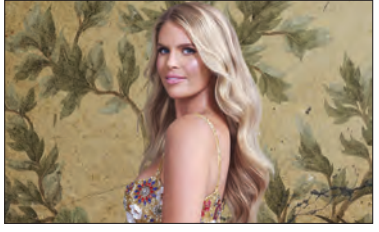
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Undercover Professor: Danson returns for new case in 'A Man on the Inside' Season 2

BY DANA SIMPSON

Reality television fans who watched early evening or prime-time television in the 2010s are likely to recall a quirky series called "Undercover Boss." Originally airing on CBS in the United States and Canada, the series was based on a British series of the same name and followed a corporate big-wig — usually a CEO or company president — as they donned a disguise and took on a low-level job within their own company, all the while learning what their "fellow workers" truly think of the company paying their wages. And although "Undercover Boss" was canceled and wrapped in April 2022, a similar series has since grown from the seed that has germinated more than a decade earlier.

"A Man on the Inside," which takes a scripted approach to the undercover intel concept, is a sitcom starring beloved "Cheers" and "The Good Place" actor Ted Danson. Renewed less than a month after its November 2024 premiere due to favorable reviews from critics and audiences alike, Season 2 begins Thursday, Nov. 20, on Netflix.

"We are thrilled to make another season of 'A Man on the Inside,'" creator Michael Schur ("Parks and Recreation") shared with Tudum earlier this autumn. "From our partners at Netflix and Universal TV to the writers, cast and crew, it's a truly exceptional team of talented and lovely people, with one notable exception (young up-and-comer Ted Danson, who's kind of a nightmare)."

Although joking, of course, Schur's iconic brand of sarcasm has made its way into the DNA of the series, which last season followed retired professor Charles Nieuwendyk (Danson) as he was approached by a private detective named Julie (Lilah Richcreek Estrada, "Chicago Med") to act as a mole in order to help solve a mystery at a nearby nursing home. Now, with one case closed and under his belt, Charles returns to a setting he is more familiar with: a college campus.

"Eager to take on another big undercover case, Charles Nieuwendyk [Danson] gets his chance when a mysterious blackmailer targets Wheeler College president Jack Berenger [Max Greenfield, "New Girl"], who enlists Charles to go undercover as a professor," reads the official Netflix description promoting the show's second season.

"Who's making these threats?" the logline continues. "Does it have something to do with the iconoclastic billionaire Brad Vinick [Gary Cole, "NCIS"], a Wheeler graduate and his proposed donation to the school? Charles finds no shortage of possible suspects, but his attention gets diverted by free-spirited music teacher Mona [Mary Steenburgen, "Step Brothers," 2008], whose zest for life awakens feelings he thought he'd buried after the passing of his wife. Is he ready to open his heart again at this stage in his life? And more importantly, has he fallen for the very criminal he's been sent to unmask?"

There is lots to unpack in the provided description, including several big names, but the astute observer of Hollywood life may have noticed one name in particular that stands above the rest.

Mary Steenburgen, who plays person of interest and former musician Mona Margadoff, is Danson's real-life wife. Married in 1995, the pair first met on the set of the 1994 adventure comedy "Pontiac Moon," in which Danson coincidentally also played a professor. Mutually charmed by each other, the couple were married a year later — and were recently honored together at the 77th Primetime Emmy Awards.

But, Steenburgen is far from Danson's only co-star for the new season of "A Man on the Inside." In addition to her, Greenfield and Cole joining the cast, Estrada returns as private investigator Julie Kovalenko, and Stephanie Beatriz ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine"), Mary Elizabeth Ellis ("It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia") and Stephen McKinley Henderson ("New Amsterdam") are back as Didi, Emily and Calbert, respectively.



Horoscopes

The luckiest signs this week:

SAGITTARIUS, CAPRICORN AND AQUARIUS

ARIES

If you're feeling antsy, break free from the daily grind by going on new adventures with your partner. This will bring a fresh dynamic to your relationship. At work, you'll make bold choices and confidently tackle major decisions.

TAURUS

You're the go-to person everyone counts on in emergencies. This quality will help you at your job. In your love life, focus on showing your feelings through small, thoughtful actions.

GEMINI

If there's tension in your relationship, don't rush to fix it. Take the time you need to cool down. In work and other areas of your life, you'll experience a sense of pride by commanding respect even when things are hectic.

CANCER

Be patient with a family member who may need more attention than usual this week. You may have already started decorating for Christmas and making your home look more beautiful than ever. You may unexpectedly consider moving.

LEO

You'll have to travel a lot for work or personal reasons this week. To avoid frustration, take the initiative to resolve a long-standing conflict. Don't let a simple mistake become an excuse to criticize your partner.

VIRGO

If you're struggling financially, you'll uncover the perfect solution to get back on track. Don't hesitate to showcase your skills; it could help you win the support of your boss.

LIBRA

Your mind will be buzzing with ideas this week. You'll find yourself juggling multiple unfinished projects. You'll feel enthusiastic and suggest plenty of activities to your friends. However, be prepared for a certain work task to take longer than expected.

SCORPIO

Stress may be draining all your energy. To get back on track, give yourself time to rest and make some big changes in your routine. Exploring your spiritual side could bring you serenity and peace of mind.

SAGITTARIUS

You'll have an active social life this week. Even if you're craving solitude, someone will pull you out of your shell with a smile. Instead of resisting change, go with the flow; it could lead to great opportunities!

CAPRICORN

You'll be responsible for organizing a major work event this week, possibly a decisive meeting. Try to combine efficiency and friendliness. This will help create a positive atmosphere where everyone can enjoy themselves and stay productive.

AQUARIUS

Even if you haven't made any plans, a romantic getaway could be on the horizon. If you're taking a training course, make sure to stay focused and finish strong. At work, take the time to analyze every detail, even if it seems tedious.

PISCES

Your emotions could feel overwhelming at times this week. To help you regain your sense of balance, try to let go and immerse yourself in more spiritual pursuits. If you're in a relationship, prioritize spending quality time and trying new things with your significant other.

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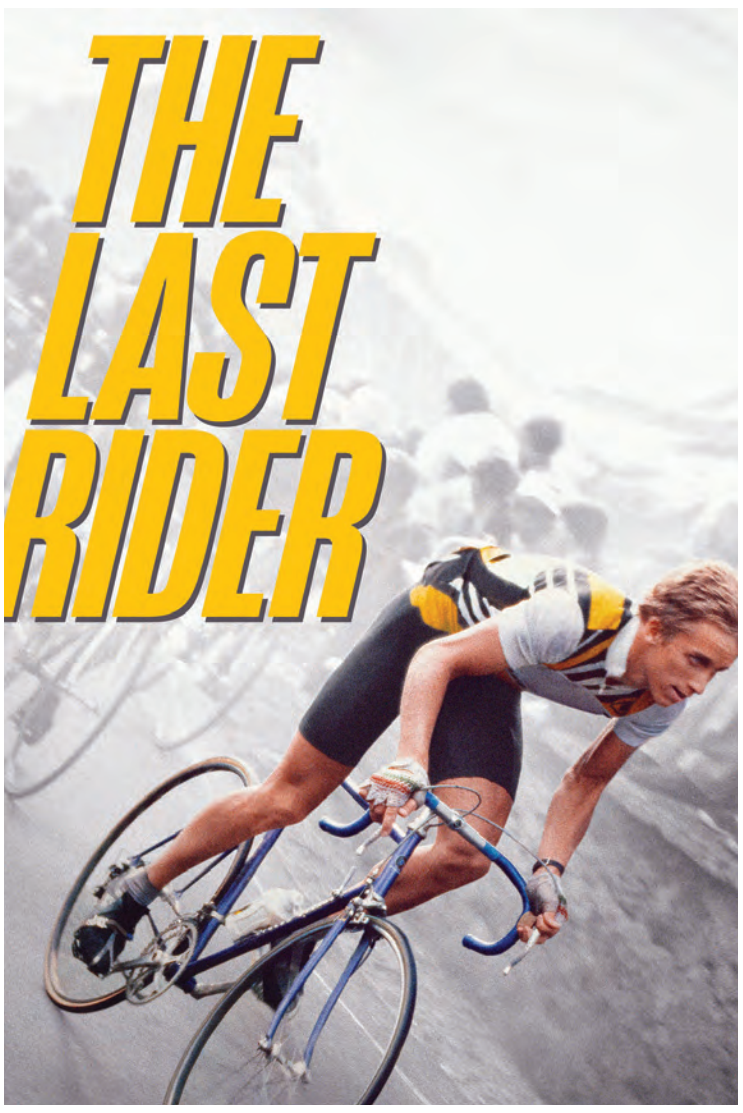
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"June Farms" - Season 1 (Nov. 17)

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hulu



"The Last Rider" (Nov. 20)

From filmmaker Alex Holmes, this film tells the incredible story of the greatest cycling race in history, the 1989 Tour de France, and how American Greg LeMond faced down betrayal, childhood sexual abuse, and death, completing one of the most inspiring comebacks in history.

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Disney+



"Mickey Mouse Clubhouse+" - New Episodes (Nov. 18)

A continuation of the beloved original series, this new iteration welcomes the next generation of preschoolers and their families to the clubhouse for all-new, plussed-up adventures with Mickey, Minnie and their pals. Filled with songs, laughs and fun surprises, the new series introduces Little Helper, a handy helping friend; Duffy the Disney Bear, Mickey's trusted teddy; and amusing additions to the clubhouse like the Laughing Loft and the Wacky Tube.

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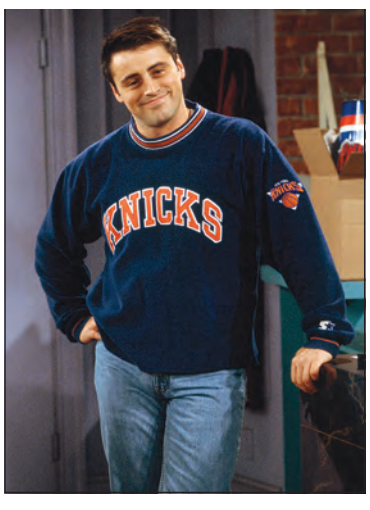
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Q&A: Matt LeBlanc

BY ADAM THOMLISON

Q: What happened to Matt LeBlanc? Has he retired?

A: There's some controversy about whether or not "Friends" star Matt LeBlanc has retired — it's been the subject of a flurry of news articles over the past year or so, some saying he has, some saying he hasn't, all citing unnamed sources.

The facts speak for themselves, to a degree: He hasn't been seen on screen since the 2021 "Friends" reunion on HBO Max, and hasn't had a regular TV gig since his sitcom "Man With a Plan" was canceled in 2020.

But does this four-year hiatus represent retirement or just an extended break? Stars have certainly taken longer breaks between big projects, especially big names like LeBlanc who don't need the money (at its peak, "Friends" was paying him $1 million per episode).

He certainly struggled to get a post-"Friends" project to really catch. His direct "Friends" spinoff, "Joey," only lasted two seasons, from 2004 to 2006.

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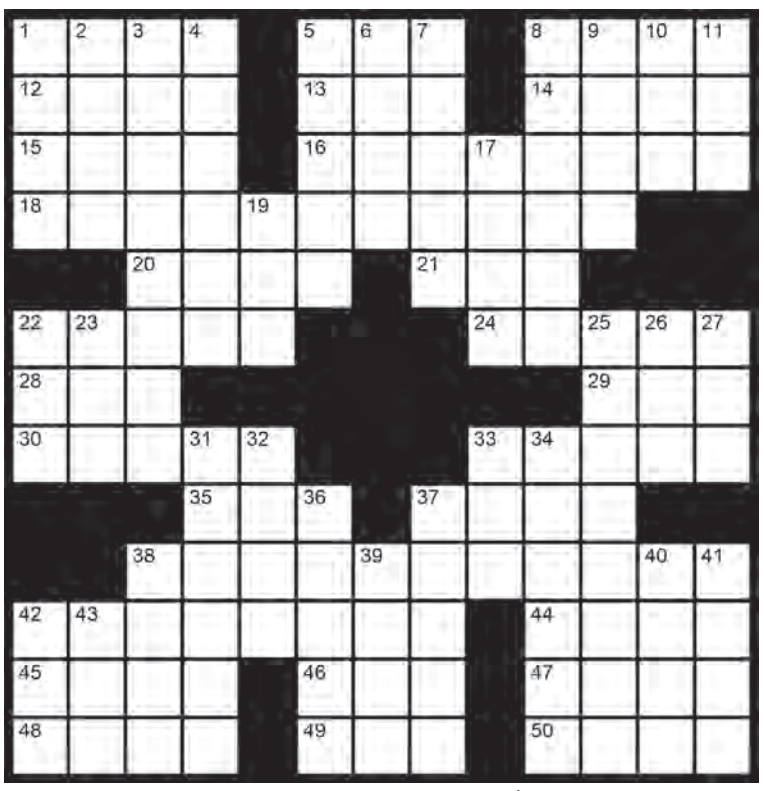


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5. +: Abbr.
8. Green land
12. Like some points
13. ___ Grove Village, Ill.
14. Leith of the "Great British Baking Show"
15. Renown
16. Lily Tomlin's five-and-a-half-year-old
18. 1980s butler sitcom
20. Sunburn soother
21. Sign of a smash
22. Crooked
24. Signed
28. Sushi ingredient
29. Popular '20s auto
30. Greek sandwiches
33. Quark flavor
35. Genetic letters
37. Gossip tidbit
38. 1980s David Hasselhoff series
42. Mr. T's outfit
44. Nautilus captain
45. Polly, to Tom Sawyer
46. Actress Peeples
47. "What's __ __ for me?"
48. Ballet jump
49. Taste
50. One of four direcciones

Down
1. Like some receivers
2. Guffaw
3. "Doctor Who" actor who wore a comically long scarf
4. Writer Shelby
5. Irk
6. Ye follower
7. Slides sideways
8. "Julie & Julia" director Nora
9. Requiem Mass word
10. Seek a seat
11. Bard's nightfall
17. Austin of "Knots Landing"
19. Depressed
22. Big World Cup power: Abbr.
23. ___ sauce
25. "The Honeymooners" family
26. Poetic adverb
27. Monk's title
31. Baroque
32. Miff
33. Mid.
34. Rear
36. Pawn
37. "To whom _ ___ concern"
38. Clark of the Daily Planet
39. Locks
40. Spew
41. Memorization method
42. ___ Mahal
43. Cry's partner



Sudoku

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To complete this puzzle, place the numbers 1-9 in the empty cells, so that every row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold outline) contains all nine digits.

Each number 1-9 may appear only once in each row, column and 3-by-3 box.

SOLUTION

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WIS	3	10	10	**WIS News 10 at 6** (N)	**NBC Nightly News** (N)	**Football Night in America** (N) (Live)		(:15) **NFL Football** Detroit Lions at Philadelphia Eagles The Eagles host the Lions for Sunday Night Football, and a potential NFC championship game preview. (N) (Live)							**WIS News 10 at 11**
WKTC	4	22	63	**Chicago P.D.** "Fight"		**Suits** "I Want You to Want Me"		**Suits** "Unfinished Business"		**Suits** "Conflict of Interest"		**Suits** "Shadow of a Doubt"		**Suits** "The Other Time"	
WOLO	5	12	25	**ABC World News** (N)	**Queen City Country**	**America's Funniest Home Videos** (N)		**Videos** (N)	★★★ **Sweet Home Alabama** ('02) Josh Lucas, Patrick Dempsey, Reese Witherspoon.					**News** (N)	**Paid Prog.**
WACH	6	6	57	**The National News Desk** (N) (Live)		**Krapopolis**	**The Simpsons**	**Simpsons** (N)	**Universal** (N)	**Krapopolis** "Casino" (N)	**Bob's Burgers** (N)	**News** (N)	**Gamecock Football**	**South**	**The Big Bang Theory**
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WLTX	9	9	19	(4:25) **NFL Football** Kansas City Chiefs at Denver Broncos (N) (Live)			**60 Minutes** (N)		**Tracker** "The Old Ways" (N)		**The Road** "Oklahoma Ranch, OKC, Part 2" (N)		**Boston Blue** "Faith and Family"		**News 19 at 11pm**
WRJA	11	14		**The Madame Blanc Mysteries**		**To Be Announced**		**The American Revolution** "In Order to Be Free" Political protest escalates into violence. (N) (P)				**The American Revolution** "In Order to Be Free"		**Caverns** "The Headhunters"	**American**
WZRB	13	18	47	**NCIS** "Death From Above"		**NCIS** "Empty Nest"		**NCIS** "Foreign Bodies"		**NCIS** "The Trouble With Hal"		**NCIS** "In From the Cold"		**NCIS** "The Numerical Limit"	
NICK	16	210	299	**Rock Paper Scissors**	**SpongeBob SquarePants**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**
TOON	17	203	296	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Rick Morty**	**Rick Morty**	**Smiling**
DISNEY	18	200	290	**Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	★★★ **Elemental** ('23) Voices of Mamoudou Athie, Ronnie del Carmen, Leah Lewis.		(:45) **Vampirina**		(:10) **Vampirina: Teenage Vampire** "First Full Vampire"		**Phineas and Ferb**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Miraculous: Ladybug**	**Ladybug** "Sublimation"
FREFRM	20	131	311	(4:00) ★★★ **Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End** ('07) Johnny Depp.			(:45) ★★★ **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** ('11) Penélope Cruz, Ian McShane, Johnny Depp. Capt. Jack Sparrow encounters a woman from his past and sets sail to find the Fountain of Youth.							**Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales**	
FDSE	21	47	649	**Gamecock Football**	**Sports Stars of Tomorrow**	**Breaking Par**	**Pregame** (N) (Live)	**NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at Phoenix Suns From PHX Arena in Phoenix. (N) (Live)					**Postgame** (N) (Live)	**NBA Basketball** Atlanta Hawks at Phoenix Suns	
NATGEO	22	113	276	**Hostile Planet** "Mountains"		**Hurricane Katrina** "The Coming Storm"		**Hurricane Katrina** "Worst Case Scenario"		**Hurricane Katrina** "A Desperate Place"		**Hurricane Katrina: Race Against Time** "Shoot to Kill"		**Hurricane Katrina** "Wake Up Call"	
TNT	23	158	245	(5:00) ★★★ **Four Christmases** ('08)		★★★★ **Elf** ('03) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.				★★★ **Candy Cane Lane** ('23) Tracee Ellis Ross, Jillian Bell, Eddie Murphy.					**The Polar Express**
TBS	24	156	247	**Wipeout** "The Wipeout Bunch"		**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**National Lampoon's** ...
USA	25	132	242	(5:30) **Trials** (N)		**U.S. Olympic Trials** Men's Curling - Final, Game 3 (N) (Live)						**Law-SVU** "Bubble Wrap"		**Law-SVU** "Bend the Law"	
ESPN	26	35	206	(5:00) **College Basketball**		**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportCtr** (N)	**College Basketball** Miami vs. Florida (N) (Live)				**SportsCenter** (N) (Live)		**SportsC.** (N)
TRUTV	38	129	246	(4:30) ★★★ **Meg 2: The Trench** ('23) (N) (P)		★★★ **Godzilla vs. Kong** ('21) Millie Brown, Rebecca Hall, Alexander Skarsgård.				(:15) ★★★★ **Dune** ('21) Rebecca Ferguson, Oscar Isaac, Timothée Chalamet. Malevolent forces explode into conflict over the most precious resource in the universe.					
SHOPHQ	30		73	(3:00) **Channel No**		**Channel No Longer Available**								**Channel No**	
TWC	32	24	362	**Rocky** "Weight Is My Enemy"		**Rocky** "Heavyweight Battle"		**Rocky Mountain Wreckers**		**Highway** "Head On"		**Highway** "Blacktop Whiteout"		**Highway Thru Hell**	
CNBC	35	84	355	**Greed** "A Father's Fraud"		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**	
FNC	37	90	360	**Weekend** (N) (Live)		**Weekend** (N) (Live)		**Life, Liberty** (N) (Live)		**Sunday Night** (N) (Live)		**One Nation** (N) (Live)		**The Big Weekend Show**	
HGTV	39	112	229	**Home Town Takeover** "Wish You Were Here"		**Home Town Takeover** "An Extra Seat at the Table"		**Home Town Takeover** "The Show Must Go On"		**Home Town Takeover** "Start Your Engines!"		**House Hunters** (N)	**House Hunters**	**House Hunters**	**House Hunters**
FOOD	40	109	231	**Holiday Baking** "Claus vs. Frost"		**Harry Potter: Wizards of Baking** "Wizard's Journey"		**Harry Potter** "The Edible Artifacts" (N)		**Sweet Empire** (N)		**Holiday Baking Championship** "Holiday Cheer" Both teams make holiday cocktail and mocktail desserts.			
ANPL	41	100	282	**North-Law** "Uncuffed"		**North-Law** "Mud Season"		**Yellowstone Wardens** "Unlawful Undertakings" (N)				**Yellowstone Wardens** "Cracking on Down Anglers"			
DISCV	42	103	278	**In the Eye of the Storm** "Terrifying Twin Twisters"		**In the Eye of the Storm** "Texas Derecho Disaster"		**In the Eye of the Storm** "Tornado Torrent 2025"		**In the Eye** "Category 5: Fight to Survive" (N)		**In the Eye of the Storm** "The Mayfield Beast" (N)		**The Last Captains** "On the Edge" (N)	
TLC	43	157	280	**90 Day Fiancé**		**90 Day Fiancé**		**90 Day Fiancé** "Tell All: No Limits Part 2" (N)				**Sister Wives** (N)		**90 Day Fiancé** (N)	
HIST	45	110	269	**American Pickers** "For a Few Dollars More"		**American Pickers** "Need for Speed"		**American Pickers** "Twin at All Costs"		**American Pickers** "Shocked and Loaded"		(:05) **American Pickers** "High Energy Crisis"		(:05) **American Pickers** "Going Down?"	
A&E	46	130	265	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	**Live PD**	(:05) **Live PD**	(:35) **Live PD**
AMC	48	180	254	(4:00) ★★★★ **The Fugitive** ('93) Harrison Ford.		★★★★ **Unstoppable** ('10) Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Denzel Washington.				**Talamasca: Se.** "The Puzzle Palace" (N)		**Talamasca: The Secret Order** "The Puzzle Palace"		★★★★ **Ghostbusters** ('84) Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.	
TCM	49	186	256	(5:45) ★★★★ **The Birds** ('63) Tippi Hedren, Suzanne Pleshette, Rod Taylor.				★★★★ **The Big Lebowski** ('98) John Goodman, Julianne Moore, Jeff Bridges.				(:15) ★★★★ **The Fabulous Baker Boys** ('89) Michelle Pfeiffer, Beau Bridges, Jeff Bridges.			
LIFE	50	145	252	**Eric Jerome Dickey's Friends and Lovers Part 1** ('25) RonReaco Lee, Kendrick Sampson, Naturi Naughton.				**Eric Jerome Dickey's Friends and Lovers Part 2** ('25) RonReaco Lee, Kendrick Sampson, Naturi Naughton. (P)				(:05) **Eric Jerome Dickey's Friends and Lovers Part 1** ('25) RonReaco Lee, Kendrick Sampson, Naturi Naughton.			
HALL	52	183	312	**Three Wisest Men** ('25) Tyler Hynes, Andrew W. Walker, Paul Campbell.				**Tidings for the Season** ('25) Tamera Mowry-Housley, Elijah-Justus Lewis, B.J. Britt. (P)				**Santa Tell Me** ('24) Daniel Lissing, Benjamin Ayres, Erin Krakow. A design show host finds a letter from Santa.			
FX	54	154	248	(3:30) **Avengers: A**...	★★★★ **Captain America: Civil War** ('16) Robert Downey Jr., Scarlett Johansson, Chris Evans. A feud between Captain America (Chris Evans) and Iron Man leaves the Avengers in turmoil.							★★★★ **Avengers: Infinity War** ('18) Chris Hemsworth, Josh Brolin, Robert Downey Jr..			
TVLAND	55	161	304	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Two Men**	(:35) **Two Men**	(:10) **Two Men**	(:45) **Two Men**	(:20) **Two and a Half Men**		(:55) **Two Men**	**Two Men**	**Seinfeld**	**Seinfeld**
E!	56	138	236	(4:30) **He's Just Not That Int**...	★★★★ **Friends With Benefits** ('11) Mila Kunis, Justin Timberlake.						★★★ **He's Just Not That Into You** ('09) Jennifer Aniston, Ben Affleck.				
COMEDY	57	136	249	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**
SYFY	58	152	244	(4:30) ★★★ **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides** ('11) Johnny Depp.			★★★★ **Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings** ('21) Awkwafina, Meng'er Zhang, Simu Liu.						★★★ **Terminator: Genisys** ('15) Jason Clarke, Arnold Schwarzenegger.		
BET	61	162	329	(4:30) **Welcome Home Rosc**...	★★★ **What Men Want** ('19) Tracy Morgan, Aldis Hodge, Taraji P. Henson.							★★ **Proud Mary** ('18) Billy Brown, Taraji P. Henson.			
PARMT	64	153	241	(4:15) ★★★★ **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** ('89)		(:10) ★★★★★ **Raiders of the Lost Ark** ('81) Karen Allen, Paul Freeman, Harrison Ford.					(:45) ★★★★ **Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade** ('89) Sean Connery, Denholm Elliott, Harrison Ford.				
LMN	66	185	253	**Don't Kill the Babysitter** ('23) Dawn Nagazina, D. Adam Jamieson, Valentina Andrade.				**Snatched From the Crib** ('25) Brittney Q. Hill, Derek McDonnell, Anna Marie Dobbins.				**Switched Before Birth** ('21) Bo Yokely, Justina Machado, Skyler Samuels.			
GOLF	69	52	218	(4:00) **PGACh**..	**Golf Central** (N) (Live)		**PGA Tour Golf** Butterfield Bermuda Championship, Final Round						**PGA Tour Champions Golf**		
OWN	72	104	279	**48 Hours on ID**		**48 Hours on ID**		**48 Hours on ID**		**48 Hours on ID**		**48 Hours on ID**		**48 Hours on ID**	
OXY	76	150	251	**Snapped** "Gloria Aiken" (N)		**Killer** "Risky Business" (N)		**Killer Grannies** (N)		**Snapped** "Gloria Aiken"		**Killer** "Risky Business"		**Ki Grann** "Granny's Garden"	
NBATV	308		216	**NBA Shot: Best Games of the Week**				**The Association: Weekend** (N) (Live)				**Practice**	**Loud City: The OKC**		
HBO	511	350	501	(:55) **Welcome** "The Pilot"	(:50) **IT: Welcome to Derry** "The Thing in the Dark"			(:55) **IT: Welcome to Derry** "Now You See It"		**IT: Welcome to Derry** (N)		(:05) **The Chair** (N)	(:40) **I Love LA** (N)	(:10) **Last Week** (SF)	(:55) **I Love LA** "Girl's Girl"
MAX	531	370	515	(:20) **The Knick** "The Golden Lotus"	**The Knick** "Crutchfield"			★★★ **Fist Fight** ('17) Ice Cube, Tracy Morgan, Charlie Day.			★★ **This Means War** ('12) Chris Pine, Tom Hardy, Reese Witherspoon.			(:10) ★★ **Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter** ('12)	
PARSHO	551	300	545	(:05) ★★ **Geostorm** ('17) Jim Sturgess, Abbie Cornish, Gerard Butler. A worldwide storm threatens humanity.				★★★★ **American Made** ('17) Domhnall Gleeson, Sarah Mason, Tom Cruise.				**Mayor of Kingstown** "People Who Died"		(:55) ★★★★ **Heat** ('95) Robert De Niro, Al Pacino.	
TMC	571	316	553	(:10) **Outlaw Posse** ('24) William Mapother, John Carroll Lynch, Mario Van Peebles.				★★★ **Vanilla Sky** ('01) Penélope Cruz, Cameron Diaz, Tom Cruise.				(:20) ★★★ **Lions for Lambs** ('07) Meryl Streep, Tom Cruise, Robert Redford.			
STARZ	581	330	525	(:15) **Dirty Angels** ('24) Maria Bakalova, Ruby Rose, Eva Green.				**Power Book IV: Force** "A Seat at the Table"		**Power Book IV: Force** "A Seat at the Table"		**Power Book IV: Force** "A Seat at the Table"		**Sugar Baby** ('24) Mary Beth Barone.	

MONDAY EVENING

SP=Spectrum FTC=Farm DTV=DirecTV — MOVIES — SPORTS — KIDS — NOVEMBER 17, 2025

	SP	FTC	DTV	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
WIS	3	10	10	**WIS News 10 at 6** (N)	**NBC Nightly News** (N)	**WIS News 10 at 7** (N)	**WIS News** (N)	**St. Denis Medical** (N)	**The Paper** (N)	**The Voice** "The Knockouts, Part 4" (N)		**Brilliant Minds** "The Upside Down" (N)		**WIS News 10 at 11** (N)	(:35) **Tonight Show** (N)
WKTC	4	22	63	**Last Man Standing**	**Last Man Standing**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Law & Order: Special Victims Unit** "Stalked"		**Law & Order: SVU** "Stocks & Bondage"		**Modern Family**	**Modern Fam.** "Las Vegas"	**Suits** "She's Mine"	
WOLO	5	12	25	**News** (N)	**ABC World News** (N)	**Wheel** "Now Boarding" (N)	**Jeopardy!** (N)	**NFL Football** Dallas Cowboys at Las Vegas Raiders The Cowboys head back underneath the Monday night lights for this date with the Raiders. (N) (Live)						(:15) **News** (N)	(:50) **J. Kimmel** (N)
WACH	6	6	57	**Family Feud** (N)	**Family Feud**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**Name That Tune** "Fitness vs. Funny" Ron Funches (N)		**The Weakest Link** Laverne Cox, Andy Richter (N)		**WACH FOX News at 10P** (N) (Live)		**Sports Zone** (N) (Live)	**National** (N) (Live)
NWSN	8	172	307	**The Hill** (N) (Live)		**Elizabeth Vargas Reports** (N) (Live)		**Cuomo** (N) (Live)		**On Balance With Leland Vittert** (N) (Live)		**Banfield** (N) (Live)		**Cuomo**	
WLTX	9	9	19	**News 19 at 6pm** (N)	**CBS Evening News** (N)	**News 19 at 7pm** (N)	**Inside Edition** (N)	**Neighbor** (N)	**DMV** (N)	**FBI** "Parental" (N)		**Watson** "Buying Time" (N)		**News 19 at 11pm** (N)	(:35) **Colbert** (N)
WRJA	11	14		**PBS News Hour** (N)		**Travels With Darley**	**Curiosity Trek!**	**The American Revolution** "An Asylum for Mankind" (N)		**After Action** "Warrior Tradition"		**To Be Announced**		(:05) **Revolution**	**Amanpour** (N)
WZRB	13	18	47	**Chicago P.D.** "Say Her Real Name"		**Chicago P.D.** "Zoe"		**Chicago P.D.** "The Good Shepherd"		**Chicago P.D.** "Street Jesus"		**Chicago P.D.** "Marie"		**Chicago P.D.** "Greater Good"	
NICK	16	210	299	(4:30) **How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World**		**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**Friends**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**
TOON	17	203	296	**King/Hill**	**King/Hill**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Burgers**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Family Guy**	**Rick Morty**
DISNEY	18	200	290	**Bluey**	**Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	**Big City Greens**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Phineas and Ferb**	**Kiff**	**Kiff**	**Place**	**Vampirina: Teenage**	**Ladybug** "Daddycop"	**Ladybug** "Werepapas"
FREFRM	20	131	311	(4:05) **The Lion King**	(:45) ★★★★★ **Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas** ('93) Danny Elfman.			(:20) ★★★ **Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas** Jeffrey Tambor, Christine Baranski, Jim Carrey.						**The 700 Club**	
FDSE	21	47	649	**FanDuel Sports Network Countdown Live**		**Supergirl Surf Pro 2025** Oceanside, Calif.		**Golic / Golic**				**Fight Sports: Boxing** FIGHT SPORTS MEGA Fights: Miguel Cotto vs. Sadam Ali			
NATGEO	22	113	276	**9/11: One Day in America** "Told in Full: First Response"			**9/11: One Day in America** "The South Tower"		**9/11: One Day in America** "Collapse"		**9/11: One Day in America** "The Cloud"		**9/11: One Day** "I'm Coming For You, Brother"		**9/11** "It's All Gone, Kid"
TNT	23	158	245	(4:00) **Candy Cane Lane**	★★★★ **Elf** ('03) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family.				★★★★ **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** ('89) Beverly D'Angelo, Randy Quaid, Chevy Chase.				★★★★ **Wonka** ('23) Calah Lane, Hugh Grant, Timothée Chalamet.		
TBS	24	156	247	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**	**The Big Bang Theory**
USA	25	132	242	**Law-SVU** "Gone Baby Gone"		**Law-SVU** "Chasing Demons"		**Law & Order: SVU**		**Law & Order: SVU**		**Law & Order: SVU**		**Law & Order: SVU**	
ESPN	26	35	206	**Monday Night Countdown** (N) (Live)				**NFL Football** Dallas Cowboys at Las Vegas Raiders (N) (Live)						(:15) **Postgame**	**SportsC.** (N)
TRUTV	38	129	246	(4:00) ★★★ **The Flash** ('23) Sasha Calle, Ezra Miller.		★★★ **Angels in the Outfield** ('94) Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Tony Danza, Danny Glover.				(:15) **Boxing** 2010: Mayweather vs. Chavez & Pacquiao vs. Sanchez From Nov. 10, 2001 in San Francisco.					**Big 12 Uncovered**
SHOPHQ	30		73	(3:00) **Channel No**		**Channel No Longer Available**								**Channel No**	
TWC	32	24	362	**Weather Unfiltered**		**Weather Unfiltered**		**Weather Unfiltered**		**Weather Unfiltered**		**Prime Suspect: Earth**		**Prime Suspect: Earth**	
CNBC	35	84	355	**Mad Money** (N)		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**		**Shark Tank**	
FNC	37	90	360	**Special Report** (N) (Live)		**Ingraham** (N) (Live)		**Jesse Watters** (N) (Live)		**Hannity** (N) (Live)		**Gutfeld!** (N)		**Fox News at Night** (N) (Live)	
HGTV	39	112	229	**Renovation Aloha** "Historic Hawaiian Finds"		**Renovation Aloha** "'80s Pool House Nightmare"		**Renovation Aloha** "House Held Up by Car Jacks"		**Renovation Aloha** "Surf Board House"		**House Hunters** "Going Coastal" (N)		**House Hunters**	**House Hunters**
FOOD	40	109	231	**Holiday Baking Championship** "Holiday Cheer" Both teams make holiday cocktail and mocktail desserts.				**Holiday Baking** "Crafting Holiday Magic" (N)		**Gingerbread Land** "Episode 1" (N) (SP)		**Sweet Empire**		**Harry Potter** "The Edible Artifacts" (N)	
ANPL	41	100	282	**Dr. Jeff: RMV**		**Dr. Jeff** "Risky Business"		**Dr. Jeff** "A Second Chance"		**Dr. Jeff** "Sioux Journey"		**My Pet Ate**	**My Pet Ate**	**My Pet Ate**	**My Pet Ate**
DISCV	42	103	278	**Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings** "Trading in Tulsa"		**Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings** "Trading in Tulsa"		**Street Outlaws** "Turn Up in Tulsa" (N)		**Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings** "What It Takes to Win" Racers face a power-generation challenge in Colorado. (N)				**Street Outlaws: Locals Only** "I Know Idaho" (N)	
TLC	43	157	280	**90 Day Fiancé: Other Way**		**90 Day Fiancé: Other Way**		**90 Day Fiancé: Other** (N)		**Seeking Sister Wife** (N)		**90 Day Fiancé: Other** (N)		**Baylen Out Loud**	
HIST	45	110	269	**Ancient Aliens** "Aliens and the Creation of Man"		**Ancient Aliens** "Secrets of the Pyramids"		**Ancient Aliens** "The Chosen"		**Ancient Aliens: Origins** "The Cryptid Mystery" Accounts of monstrous creatures appear across the globe. (N)				(:05) **Ancient Aliens** "The Glowing Orb Phenomenon"	
A&E	46	130	265	**Live PD: Great.** "Episode 12"		**Live PD: Great.** "Episode 17"		**Live PD: Great.** "Episode 11"		**Live PD** "Episode 18" (N)		**Live PD** "Episode 19" (N)		(:05) **Live PD** "Episode 16"	
AMC	48	180	254	**The Fugitive** ('91) Patrick Swayze.		★★★★ **The Matrix** ('99) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves. A computer hacker joins forces with rebel warriors to battle a malevolent cyberintelligence.						★★★★ **The Matrix Reloaded** ('03) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.			
TCM	49	186	256	★★★★★ **M** ('31) Ellen Widmann, Inge Landgut, Peter Lorre. Police and criminals search Berlin for a killer of children.				★★★ **Come Back to the 5 & Dime Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean** ('82) Cher, Karen Black, Sandy Dennis.				★★ **Some of My Best Friends Are...** ('71) Dan Drake, David Drew, Alan Dellay.			
LIFE	50	145	252	**NCIS** "Recovery"		**NCIS** "Phoenix"		**NCIS** "Lost at Sea"		**NCIS** "The Namesake"		(:05) **NCIS** "Shell Shock, Part I"		(:05) **NCIS** "Shell Shock, Part II"	
HALL	52	183	312	**A Royal Montana Christmas** ('25) Warren Christie, Remy Marthaller, Fiona Gubelmann.				**Finding Mr. Christmas** "A Very Merry Talent Show" (N)		**Baked With Love: Holiday** "Sugar and Spice" (N)		**Crown for Christmas** ('15) Rupert Penry-Jones, Ellie Botterill, Danica McKellar.			
FX	54	154	248	(5:30) ★★★★ **Deadpool** ('16) Morena Baccarin, Ed Skrein, Ryan Reynolds.				★★★★ **Black Panther** ('18) Michael B. Jordan, Lupita Nyong'o, Chadwick Boseman. Black Panther must save his nation and the rest of the world from a powerful old enemy.						★★★★ **Black Panther: Wakanda Forever** ('22)	
TVLAND	55	161	304	**Andy Griffith**	**Andy Griffith**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**Raymond**	**King**	**King**
E!	56	138	236	(5:00) ★★★ **The Intern** ('15) Robert De Niro.			★★★ **Just Friends** ('05) Amy Smart, Ryan Reynolds.				★★★ **The Intern** ('15) Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo, Robert De Niro.				
COMEDY	57	136	249	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Office**		**The Office**	**The Office**	**The Daily Show** (N)	
SYFY	58	152	244	(5:30) ★★★ **Terminator: Genisys** ('15) Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke, Arnold Schwarzenegger.				★★★ **Scooby-Doo** ('02) Sarah Michelle Gellar, Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr..				★★ **I, Frankenstein** ('14) Bill Nighy, Miranda Otto, Aaron Eckhart.			
BET	61	162	329	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Neighbor**	**Payne**	**Payne**	**Payne**	**Payne**
PARMT	64	153	241	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	**Two and a Half Men**	★★★ **Role Models** ('08) Paul Rudd, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Seann William Scott.				★★ **Grown Ups** ('10) Kevin James, Chris Rock, Adam Sandler.			
LMN	66	185	253	**A Chef's Deadly Revenge** ('24) Tomas Chovanec, Chelsea Muirhead, Kathryn Kohut.				**The Killer Is Calling** ('25) Rob Stewart, Robert Bazzocchi, Janaya Stephens.				**Be Careful What You Say** ('24) Jason Tobias, Taylor Castro, Skye Coyne.			
GOLF	69	52	218	**Golf Central**		**PGA TOUR**	**PGA TOUR**	**PGA Tour Golf** Butterfield Bermuda Championship, Final Round						**Golf Central**	
OWN	72	104	279	**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**		**Funniest Home Videos**	
OXY	76	150	251	**Snapped**		**Snapped** "Gloria Aiken"		**Selena and Yolanda** "The Woman in the Red Truck"				**Selena** "Room 158"		**Snapped**	
NBATV	308		216	(5:00) **Game of the Day**		**NBA Basketball**					**Center Court**		**NBA Basketball**		
HBO	511	350	501	(:15) **Last Week Tonight With John Oliver**		(:55) **The Chair**	**I Love LA** "Girl's Girl"	**IT: Welcome to Derry**		(:05) ★★★★ **The Conjuring** ('13) Patrick Wilson, Lili Taylor, Vera Farmiga.				**IT: Welcome to Derry**	
MAX	531	370	515	(:05) ★★★ **Assassin's Creed** ('16) Marion Cotillard, Jeremy Irons, Michael Fassbender.				★★★★ **State of Play** ('09) Ben Affleck, Rachel McAdams, Russell Crowe.				(:10) ★★★★ **Inception** ('10) Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Ellen Page, Leonardo DiCaprio.			
PARSHO	551	300	545	(:55) ★★★★ **The Score** ('01) Edward Norton, Angela Bassett, Robert De Niro.				**Mayor of Kingstown** "Sins of Omission" (N)		**The Cut** ('24) Caitriona Balfe, John Turturro, Orlando Bloom.			(:45) ★★★★ **Chuck** ('16) Elisabeth Moss, Naomi Watts, Liev Schreiber.		
TMC	571	316	553	(:05) ★★★ **Red** ('10) Morgan Freeman, John Malkovich, Bruce Willis.				★★★★ **Fatal Attraction** ('87) Glenn Close, Anne Archer, Michael Douglas.				★★★ **American Gigolo** ('80) Lauren Hutton, Héctor Elizondo, Richard Gere.			
STARZ	581	330	525	(5:35) **Power IV**	★★★ **Silent Night** ('23) Kid Cudi, Harold Torres, Joel Kinnaman.			(:15) ★★ **Borderlands** ('24) Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Cate Blanchett.				**Power Book IV: Force** "A Seat at the Table"		★★ **Bulletproof** ('96) Adam Sandler, Damon Wayans.	





‘Lethal Weapon’ still hits its target

BY JAY BOBBIN

The buddy-cop premise had gotten a substantial workout in both movies and TV by the time “Lethal Weapon” gave it a big refresh.

AMC presents the 1987 action hit Friday, Nov. 21, with Mel Gibson and Danny Glover as seemingly mismatched Los Angeles police partners who struggle to adjust to each other while working on a case that ends up having much more to it than is first apparent. Martin Riggs (Gibson) is a loose cannon whose frequent risk-taking worries the much more conservative Roger Murtaugh (Glover), a family man who’s starting to eye the last chapter of his career. (“I’m too old for this ****,” Murtaugh gripes about Riggs’s antics.)

As a young woman’s apparent suicide eventually reveals a connection to Murtaugh’s past, the cops merge their methods, with the trail leading to a corrupt military veteran (Mitchell Ryan) and his brutal chief henchman (Gary Busey). In turn, they become aware that the detectives are investigating them, and matters get personal as the villains try to put the good guys out of business permanently.

Director Richard Donner (“Superman,” 1978) and writer Shane Black (“The Long Kiss Goodnight,” 1996) made the mystery satisfying enough in “Lethal Weapon,” but they also recognized that the Gibson-Glover camaraderie was as essential an element. Both actors had their successes previously, but this picture brought them a new degree of popularity that would go on to encompass three more movies ... and discussion of another still continues to surface from time to time. (The franchise also yielded a 2016-19 Fox series with different stars.)

As is so often the case in popular action movies, the members of the stunt team are stars in their own right, and that fact continued to be integral to the later “Lethal Weapon” chapters. Notable sequences here involve a dive from a hotel room into the hotel’s swimming pool, a desert chase between a car and a helicopter, and a near-climactic pursuit on a typically busy Hollywood Boulevard that has quite a fiery outcome.

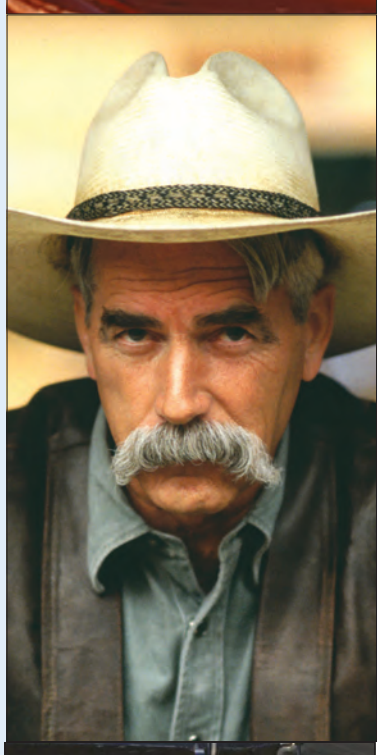
Also a trademark of “Lethal Weapon” is its music, with Eric Clapton and David Sanborn adding their respective guitar and saxophone skills to Michael Kamen’s score, resulting in a unique and often soulful sound that would extend to the sequel movies. (There’s also a title song by the band Honeymoon Suite that plays over the closing credits.) On another somewhat musical note, singer Darlene Love of “Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)” fame portrays Murtaugh’s wife.

Almost 40 years later, “Lethal Weapon” holds up as solid entertainment that remains a “must” for fans of the genre.

Best SAM ELLIOTT PROJECTS

BY JAY BOBBIN







“Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid” (1969): Elliott — who joins the Paramount+ series “Landman” for its second season, which starts Sunday, Nov. 16 — was credited as “Card Player #2” in this Oscar-winning Western, which had a leading lady who later became his real-life wife, Katharine Ross.

“Lifeguard” (1976): An excellent Elliott has the title role as a beach worker who starts to ponder whether he’s aging out of that profession when he reunites with his gallery-managing high-school flame (Anne Archer).

“Shakedown” (1988): A terrific Elliott plays a renegade New York cop who helps a conservative lawyer (Peter Weller) with a case involving a possibly lethal drug dealer.

“Road House” (1989): One of Elliott’s most popular roles casts him as the mentor of a renowned bouncer (Patrick Swayze) who helps clean up a rowdy Mississippi nightspot.

“Tombstone” (1993): This popular Western features Elliott as Virgil Earp, one of the brothers of legendary ex-lawman Wyatt Earp (Kurt Russell).

“Gettysburg” (1993): Elliott portrays Union Army Brigadier General John Buford in a recreation of the legendary Civil War battle.

“The Big Lebowski” (1998): The Coen brothers’ cult favorite includes Elliott in its cast as The Stranger, who narrates the tale of The Dude (Jeff Bridges), the target in a case of mistaken identity.

“We Were Soldiers” (2002): Elliott is perfect as a real-life sergeant major who oversaw an American battalion during the Vietnam War.

“Hulk” (2003): In the Marvel Comics-inspired adventure, Elliott plays the military man in charge of the experiment that turns scientist Bruce Banner (Eric Bana) into the title character.

“November Christmas” (TV, 2010): In this “Hallmark Hall of Fame” drama that initially aired on CBS (and still gets seasonal repeats on Hallmark Channel), Elliott is extremely moving as a farmer whose own history draws him close to a neighboring family that includes a young daughter (Emily Alyn Lind) who’s dealing with illness.

“The Hero” (2017): Elliott’s character in this drama mirrors his own career to a degree, since he plays a veteran Western star now getting jobs from his distinctive voiceover work.

“A Star Is Born” (2018): The most recent remake of the much-told story brought Elliott an Oscar nomination as the half-brother and manager of a self-destructive music star (Bradley Cooper, also the picture’s director and co-screenwriter).

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Dirty oil: Troubles mount in new season of 'Landman'

BY SARAH PASSINGHAM

Oil is not a clean business, in more ways than one. "Landman" returns for its highly anticipated second season Sunday, Nov. 16, on Paramount+, seeing the titular man contend with a new boss. Billy Bob Thornton ("Goliath") stars as Tommy Norris, whose title of operations VP for M-Tex Oil has him wedged between the executive suite and the oilfields as he smooths out any and every wrinkle in the oil company's day-to-day.

This season, after her husband worked himself into an early grave, Cami Miller (Demi Moore, "The Substance," 2024) steps into his shoes at the top of M-Tex Oil. "The only difference between me and my husband is I'm meaner," Cami reassures a banquet room full of bank presidents in the official trailer for the upcoming season.

Though Cami is undeniably the boss, her appointment does not come without power struggles. Tommy is a man that can crack the truth of any situation with a well-timed monologue, and the new season's trailer is no exception. "She owns it, but I run the company," he says plainly over drinks with a doubter, clawing responsibility out of Cami's hands behind the scenes.



Thornton spoke to Deadline about the dynamic between Cami and Tommy, who have to work together more closely than ever before this season. Cami's got to learn some of the business from Tommy, Thornton explained, "you can know something intellectually but what are the street smarts behind it? I know how to deal with these people she's going to have to deal with. I just tell her, 'Look, some of these deals you can take but when it gets really weird and difficult, let me know because I know these guys.'"

Joining the cast this season is Academy Award nominee Sam Elliott ("A Star Is Born," 2018) as Tommy's father, who answers to "Pop" in the trailer. Whatever state Tommy and Pop's relationship is kept in, something this season has moved the oil company fixer to trek out to Pop's ranch, haul his dad home and into a seat at his dining room table. Also new this season is Stefania Spampinato ("Station 19") as Gallino's wife.

Returning actors include Andy Garcia ("Pain Hustlers," 2023) as Gallino; Ali Larter ("The Rookie") as Tommy's ex-wife Angela Norris; Jacob Lofland ("Joker: Folie a Deux," 2024) as Tommy's son Cooper; Michelle Randolph ("1923") as Tommy's daughter Ainsley; Paulina Chavez ("Ashley Garcia: Genius in Love") as Ariana Medina; Kayla Wallace ("When Calls the Heart") as lawyer Rebecca Falcone; Mark Collie ("Nashville") as Sheriff Walt Joeberg; James Jordan ("Lioness") as engineer Dale Bradley; and Colm Feore ("The Umbrella Academy") as Nathan.

"Landman" is inspired by the podcast series "Boomtown," about the modern-day West Texas oil boom. Podcast Host Christian Wallace co-created the streaming series with Paramount+ royalty, Taylor Sheridan, known for "Yellowstone" and its various interconnected sister series. While all of Sheridan's series find their audience, "Landman" sits at the top of the ladder as the number one Paramount+ original series, setting viewership records for the streamer with its first season.

Socialite soiree: Season 11 of 'Southern Charm' tackles love triangles, babies and more



BY CAROLINE COLLACUTT

Return to The Holy City — Charleston, S.C. — to indulge in some high-class drama with the debut of "Southern Charm's" 11th season, making its debut Wednesday, Nov. 19, on Bravo.

The upcoming season sees the return of Craig Conover, Austen Kroll, Madison LeCroy, Rodrigo Reyes, Venita Aspen, Salley Carson, Molly O'Connell and Shep Rose, along with the introduction of two new Charmers — socialite Patricia Altschul (the so-called Grande Dame of Charleston) and her son, Whitney Sudley-Smith.

In the wake of a chaotic 10th season, fans will be given little time for rest and relaxation as a trailer for Season 11 promises nonstop relationship drama. Freshly single Craig, for example, is seen going on a date with Charley, before he admits having feelings for Salley.

"I think she's beautiful," Craig says, speaking to Madison.

Salley, meanwhile, is later seen having a conversation with Charley, in which she discusses going on a date with Craig. Salley tearfully describes Craig and his friends as "man children," leaving fans to wonder if the two will ever see eye-to-eye.

For Salley, the relationship woes prove relentless as Austen — boyfriend to Audrey Platt during "Southern Charm's" 10th season — can be seen kissing Salley during the Season 11 trailer, leaving fans to wonder whether Austen and Audrey will last or if Salley has finally found her match.

While some struggle with the nonstop roller coaster of emotions that comes with changing relationships, Madison finds herself in a state of total bliss, having welcomed a daughter with her husband, Brett Randle, since we saw the couple last. While Madison's pregnancy was first announced during "Southern Charm's" Season 10 reunion, Season 11 will document the entirety of the couple's pregnancy journey, including ultrasounds, delivery and the first days spent at home with their new bundle of joy. In the trailer, Madison can be heard asking Brett: "Did you ever think you could love something so much?"

Offering new faces, new relationships and nights spent with new parents, Season 11 of "Southern Charm" comes from producers Howard Rosell ("The Inspectors"), Courtney Garboski ("Teen Mom OG") and Taryn Benesta ("Vanderpump Rules"), and premieres Wednesday, Nov. 19, on Bravo.

View from the Couch

Family Viewing Ratings
AS Adult situations **V** Violence **GV** Graphic Violence
P Profanity **N** Nudity

BY JAY BOBBIN



"THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION: A FILM BY KEN BURNS, SARAH BOTSTEIN & DAVID SCHMIDT"

In the same week it's getting its premiere telecasts on PBS, this six-part, 12-hour documentary from genre master Burns and his associates traces the title event with their typically painstaking style and a starry cast of voices speaking the words of various Revolution participants. Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Morgan Freeman, Kenneth Branagh, Laura Linney, Samuel L. Jackson, Michael Keaton and Josh Brolin are included ... as is Claire Danes, who is united on the project with two other actors particularly significant to her: her husband Hugh Dancy ("Law & Order") and her former "Homeland" co-star Damian Lewis. Of course, the Peter Coyote-narrated content traces the beginnings of the United States of America, as 13 British colonies collectively vied for the governing independence they ultimately attained. Soldiers of various countries who were inspired by what happened in the then-new America, and politicians, are among the "characters" who figure prominently here. As is traditional for Burns projects, historians and scholars also comment. **** (Not rated: V) (Also on Blu-ray)

"OUT OF AFRICA"

In its 40th-anniversary year, the Oscar-winning best picture of 1985 gets a 4K Ultra HD release that showcases its beautiful imagery. Sydney Pollack also earned an Academy Award for directing the fact-based story of married Swedish aristocrat Karen Blixen — who wrote under the pen name Isak Dinesen and is played by Meryl Streep — and her involvement with hunter Denys Finch Hatton (Robert Redford, who worked frequently with Pollack). Their connection deepens as her appreciation of Africa and its people does, and cinematographer David Watkin (who received another of the picture's seven total Oscars) takes every opportunity to showcase the continent's visual wonders. The music score by John Barry (an Academy Award winner as well) is gorgeous; Klaus Maria Brandauer portrays Blixen's husband, with Michael Kitchen, Malick Bowens, Michael Gough and model-actress Iman also featured. **** (PG: AS, N, P, V) (Also on DVD and Blu-ray)

"YELLOWSTONE: THE COMPLETE SERIES"

Though it has yielded spinoffs already seen and others yet to be, the original Taylor Sheridan-produced Paramount Network drama — which yielded various home-video configurations as it went along — is now over, resulting in this set that encompasses all five of the modern Western's seasons (including the last one's concluding half, which took quite a while to arrive). The saga of the cattle-ranching Dutton family of Montana stars Kevin Costner as patriarch John, who faces land disputes while also entertaining political aspirations as the series goes along. Secret schemes and romances, and eventually, not-so-secret double-crossings are baked into the formula of the sprawling story that became one of basic cable's top hits of recent years. The cast also includes Wes Bentley, Kelly Reilly, Luke Grimes, Cole Hauser, Kelsey Asbille, Danny Huston, Gil Birmingham, Jennifer Landon and Ryan Bingham. *** (Not rated: AS, N, P, V) (Also on Blu-ray)

"CASINO"

To mark its 30th anniversary, director Martin Scorsese's involving drama of Las Vegas wheeling and dealing gets a 4K Ultra HD Steelbook edition. Frequent Scorsese collaborator Robert De Niro stars as Sam Rothstein, who's appointed the boss at a casino with strong underworld ties ... a fact that makes him something of a marked man, indicated by the very first scene of the movie. Sharon Stone is quite impressive in a Golden Globe Award-winning performance as Rothstein's eventual wife, who generates problems for him beyond those stemming from his job, and Joe Pesci — in a follow-up to his Oscar-winning "Goodfellas" (1990) work that reunites him with De Niro and Scorsese — is cast as a longtime associate of Rothstein. Comedians Don Rickles and Alan King also are featured in the 1995 film, as is Dick Smothers (one of the humorous and musical Smothers Brothers), in a very interesting gathering of actors that extends to "Goodfellas" returnees Frank Vincent and Catherine Scorsese (the filmmaker's mother). Jerry Vale (who also factored into "Goodfellas"), Frankie Avalon, and spouses Steve Allen and Jayne Meadows appear as themselves. **** (R: AS, P, V)

"RENT"

Jonathan Larson's popular, Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical received a fine 2005 translation to film that makes its 4K Ultra HD debut for its 20th anniversary. As the title suggests, the piece focuses on various artists living for their respective crafts but also struggling to meet basic living payments — including their rent — in New York's East Village. Directed by Chris Columbus ("Home Alone," 1990), the movie brings back many members of the Broadway cast, including Anthony Rapp, Adam Pascal, Jesse L. Martin, Idina Menzel, Taye Diggs and Tracie Thoms; Rosario Dawson also is prominent. Larson's music score features "Seasons of Love," "Take Me or Leave Me," "Another Day," "Without You," "I'll Cover You" and "I Should Tell You." Special features include a feature-length "making-of" documentary and deleted scenes. *** (PG-13: AS, P) (Also on DVD and Blu-ray)

"MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET: THE MADE-FOR-TV VERSIONS"

The 1947 movie that earned Edmund Gwenn an Oscar as (allegedly) the real Santa Claus arguably is the most popular version of the story, and though there was a 1994 theatrical remake, there were a couple of television editions that are combined in this new and quite rare DVD offering. A 1955 retelling presents Thomas Mitchell ("Gone With the Wind," 1939) as the department-store Kris Kringle who claims he's the real thing; Macdonald Carey ("Days of Our Lives") and Teresa Wright also star. Then, a 1959 take on the tale features Ed Wynn ("Mary Poppins," 1964) in the role, with spouses Peter Lind Hayes and Mary Healy as co-stars. *** (Not rated)

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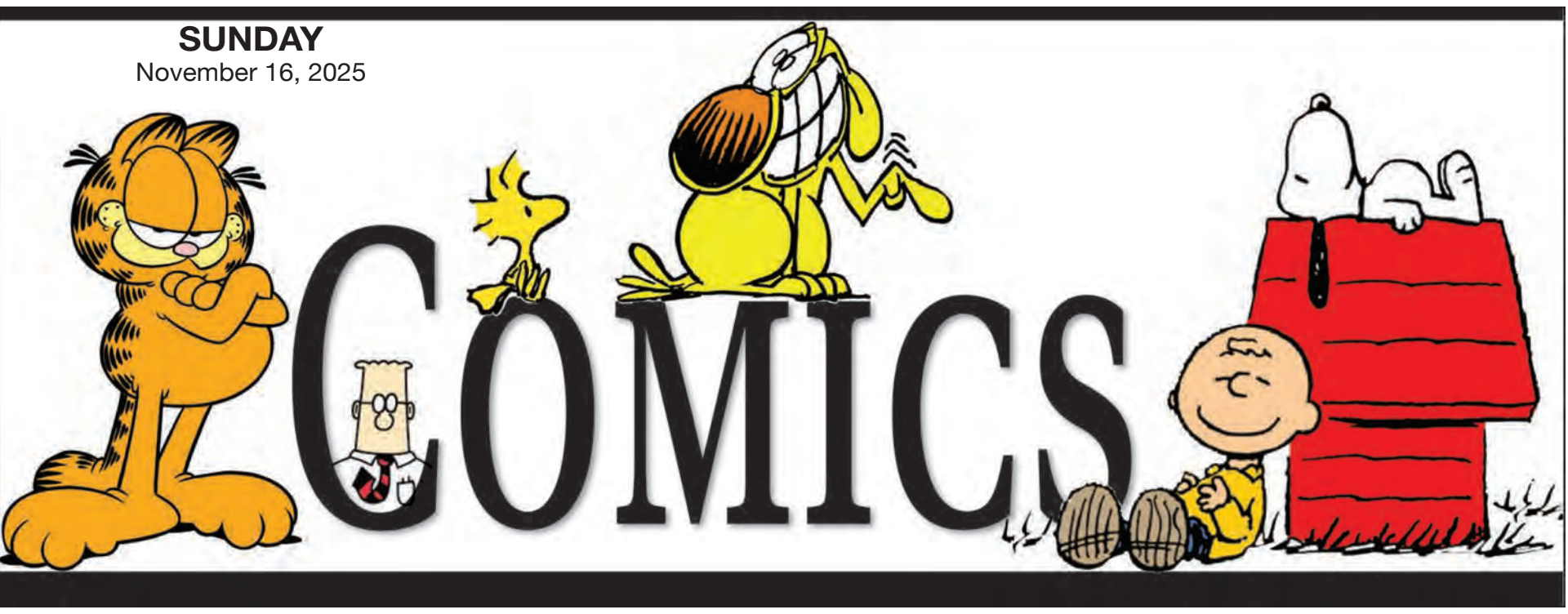
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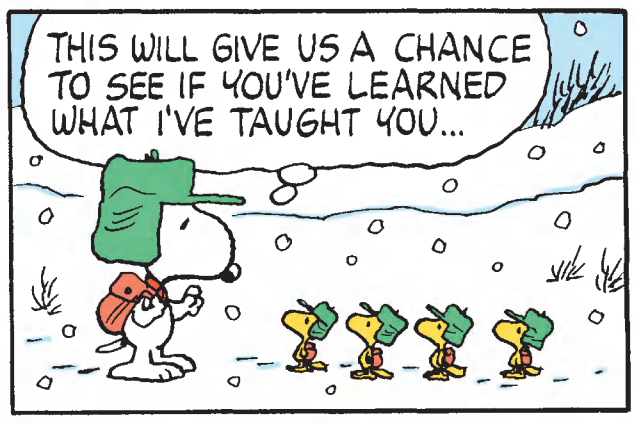
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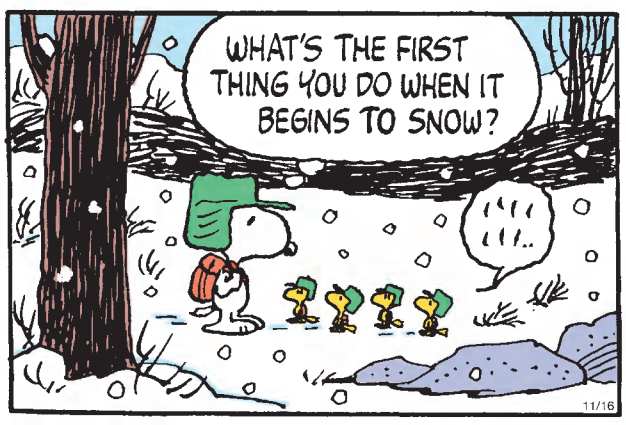




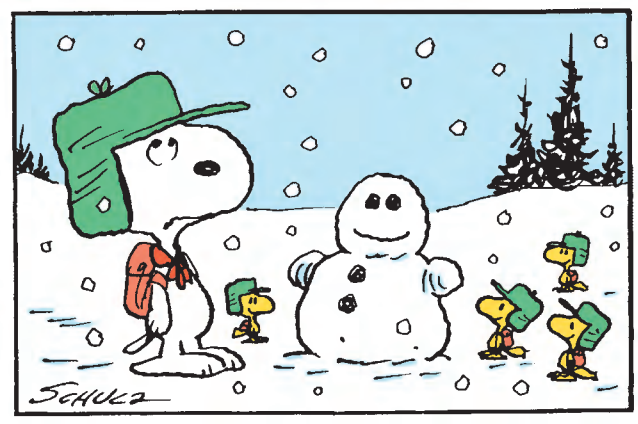




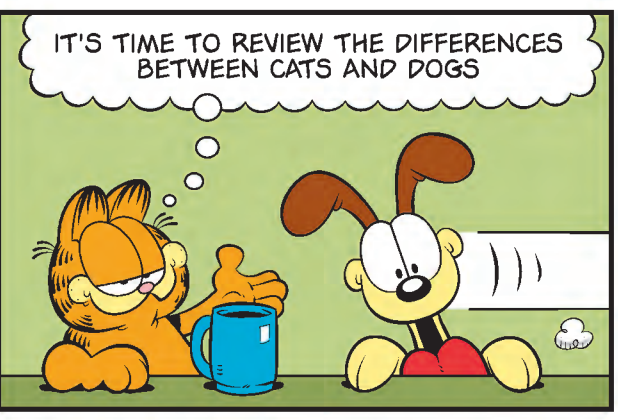






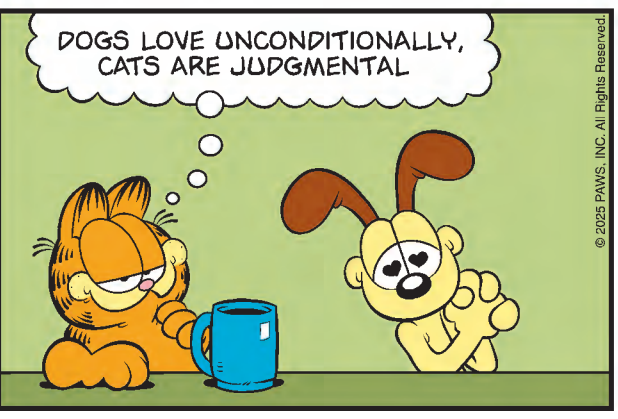


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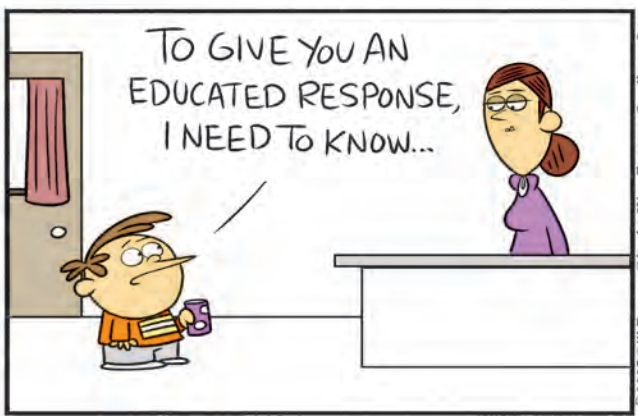
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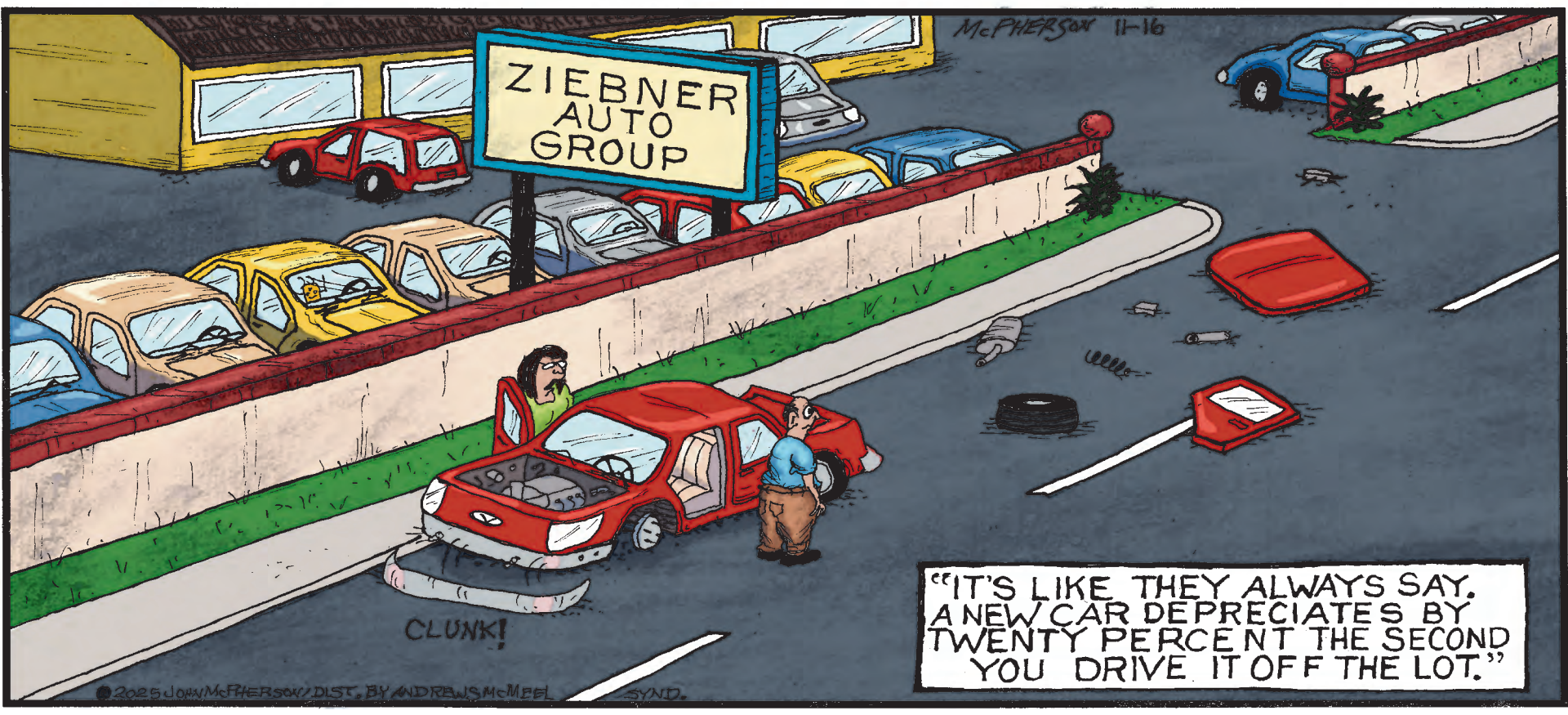






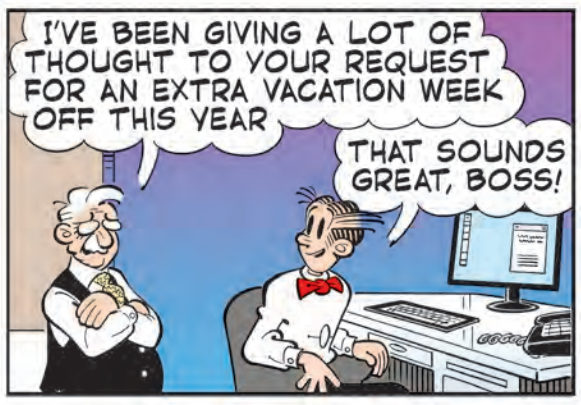


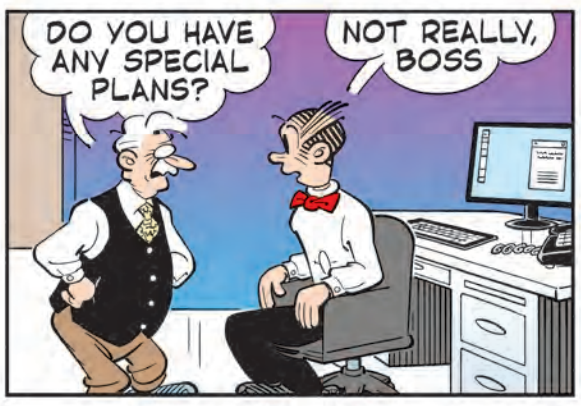
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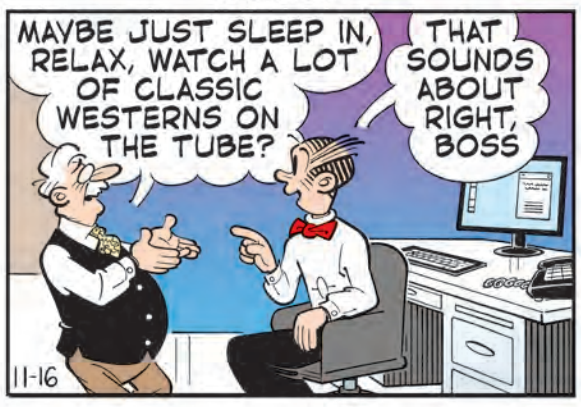
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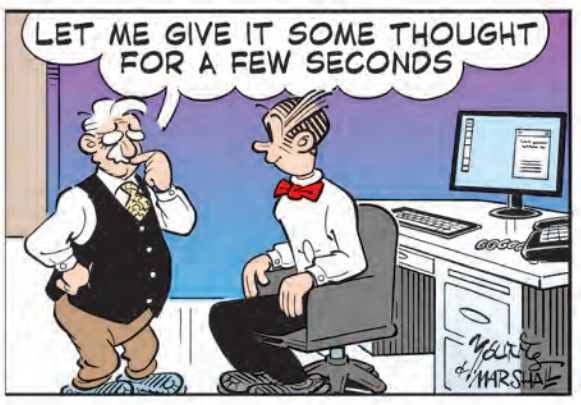
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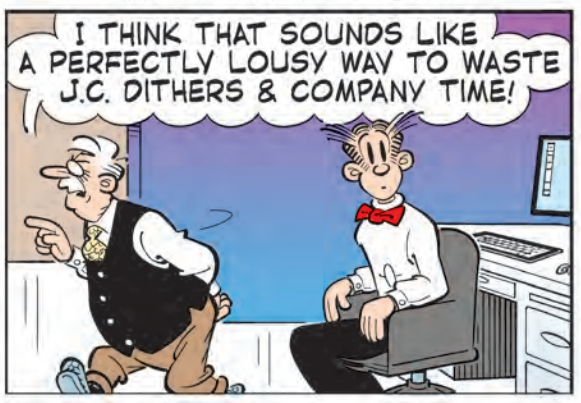


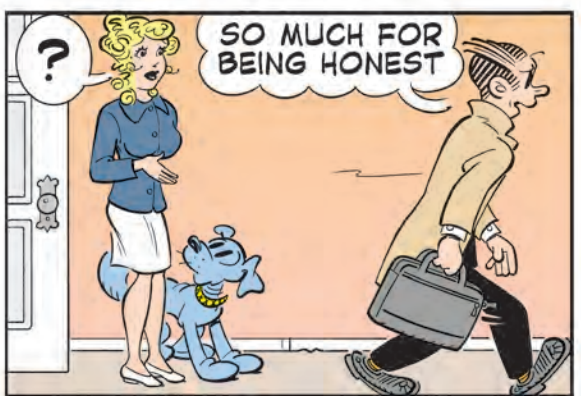
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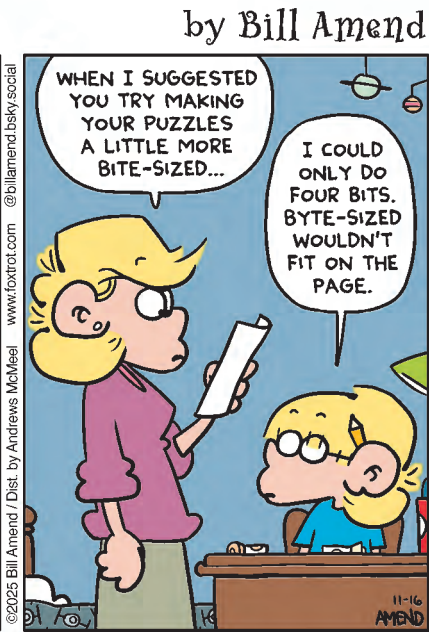


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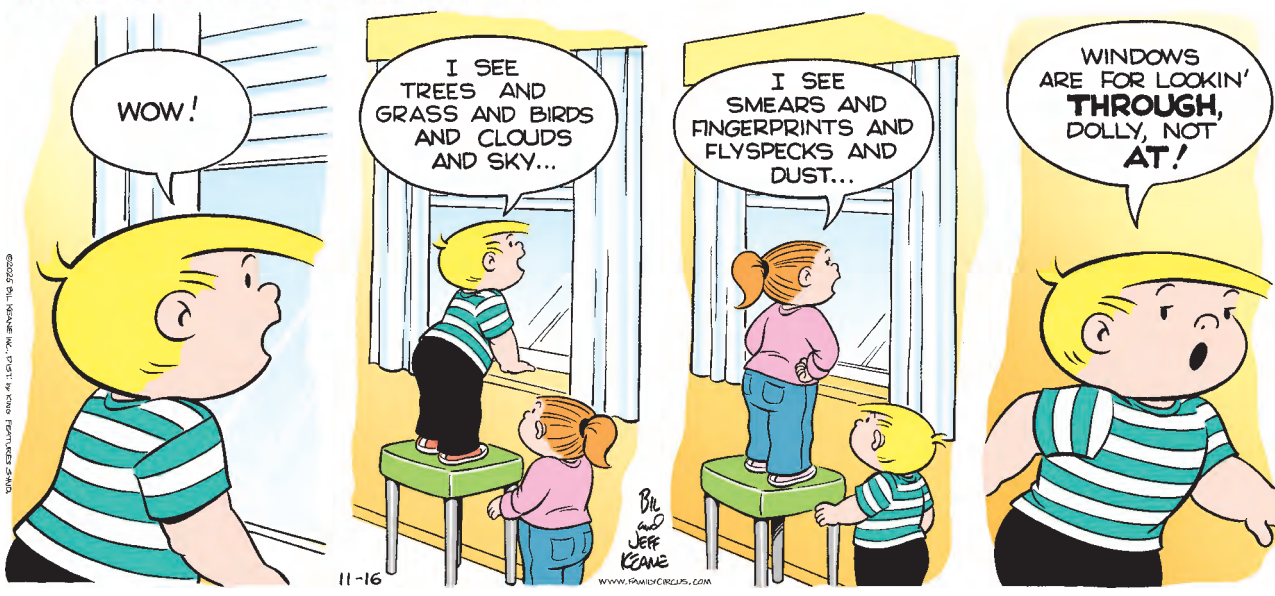
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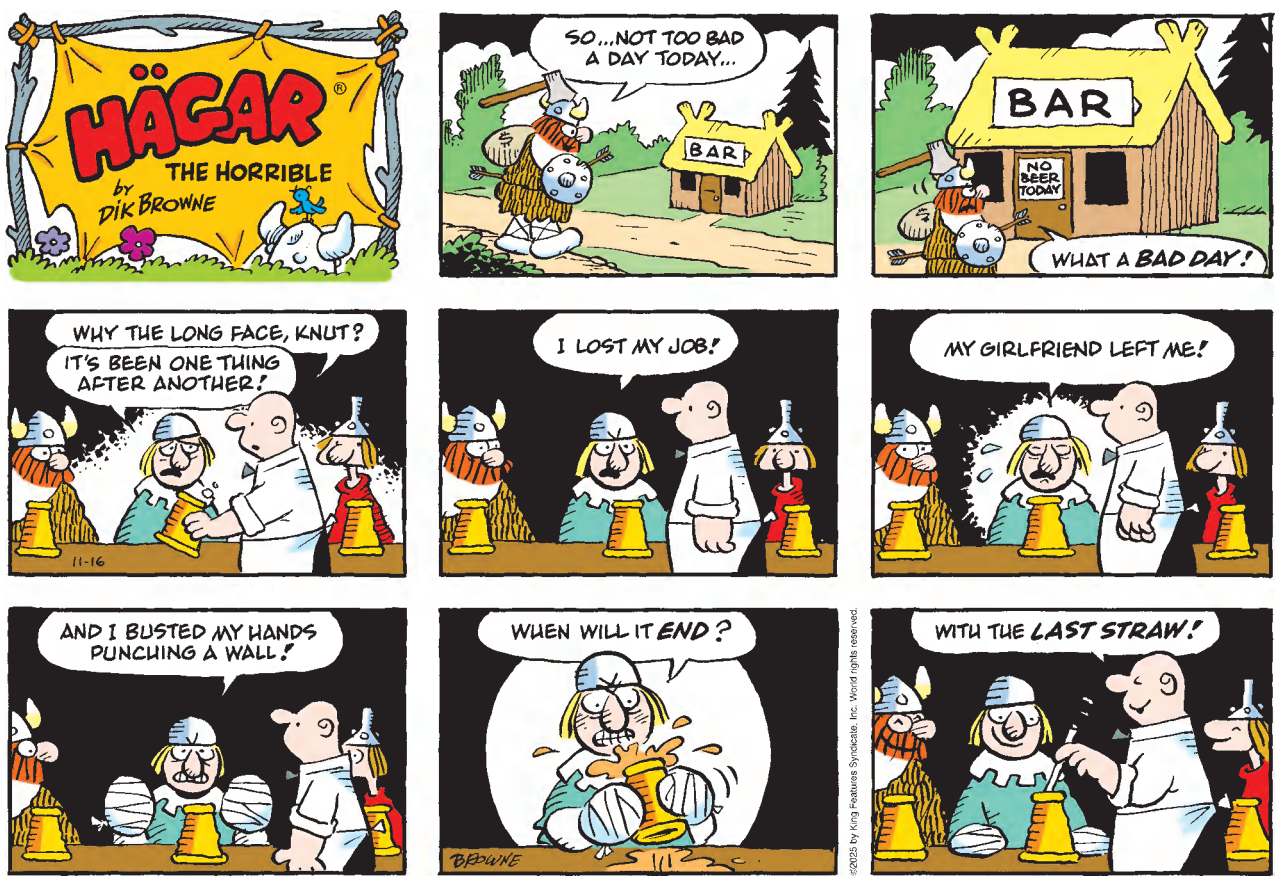
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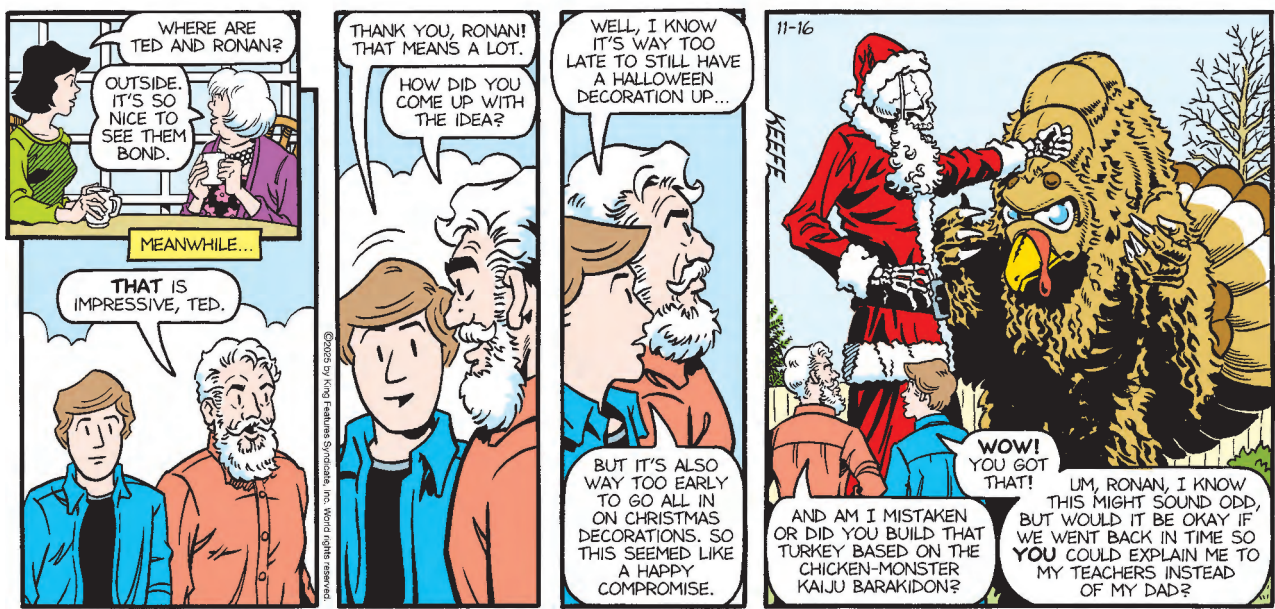


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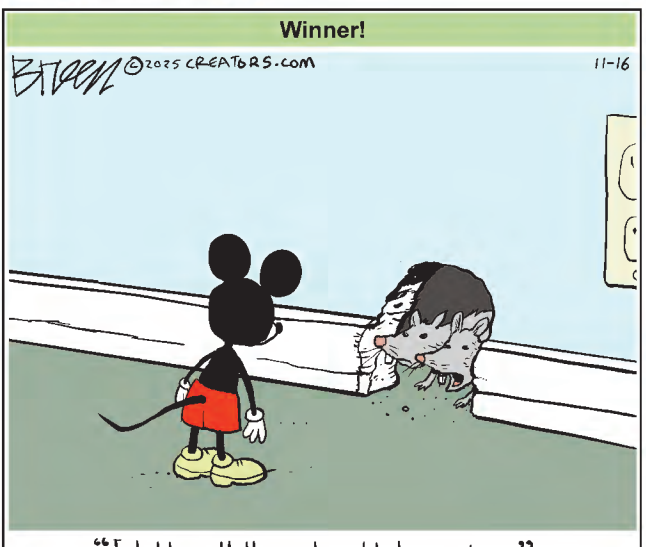
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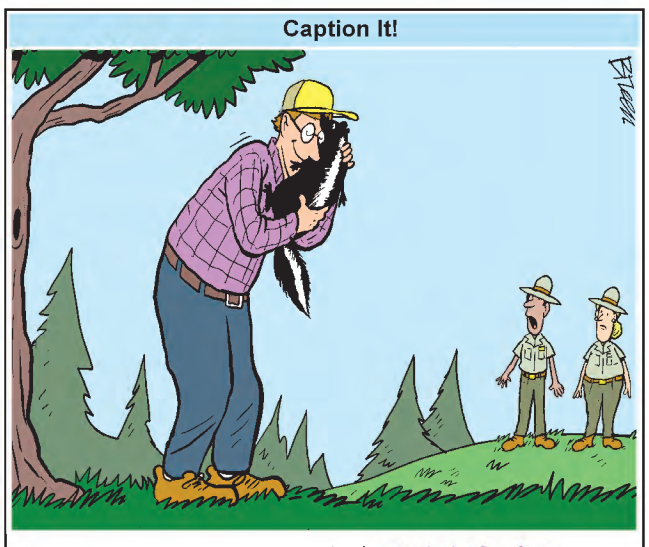
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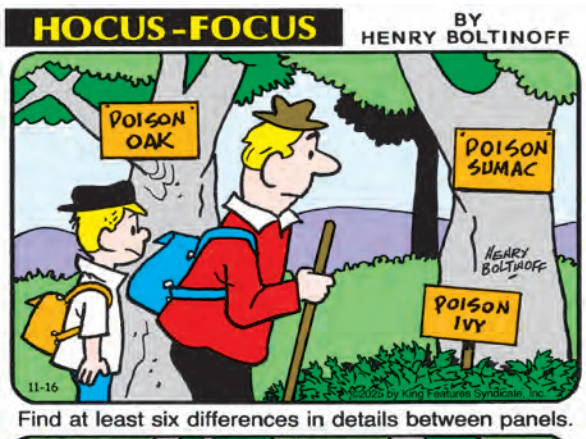
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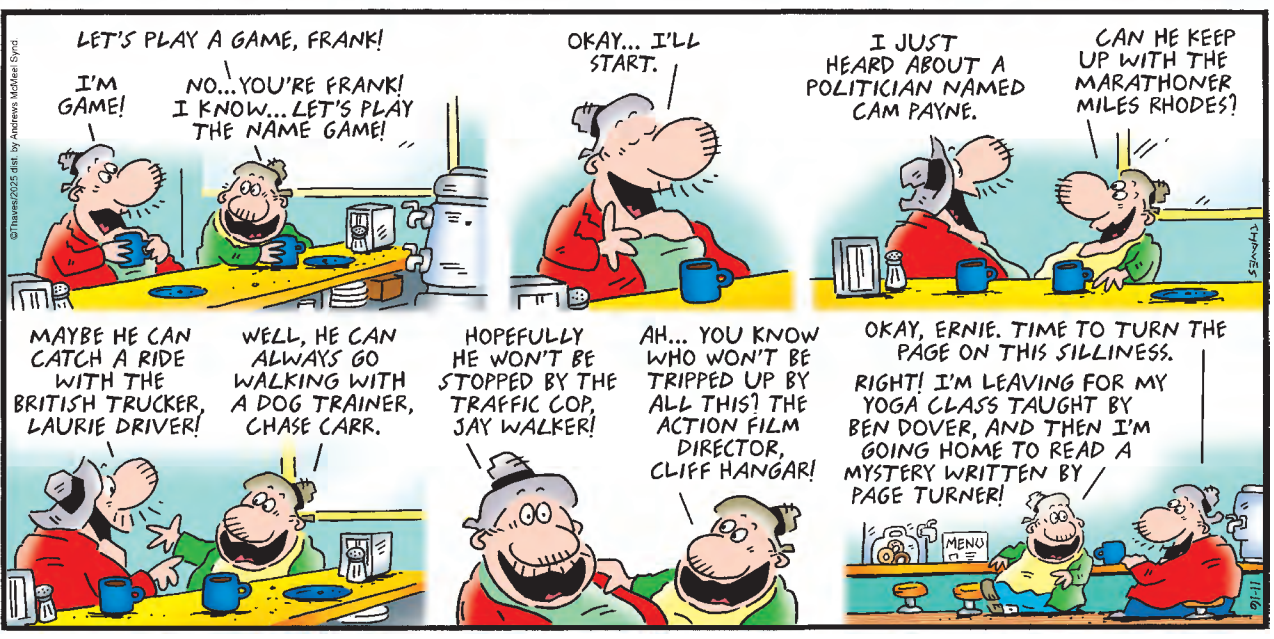


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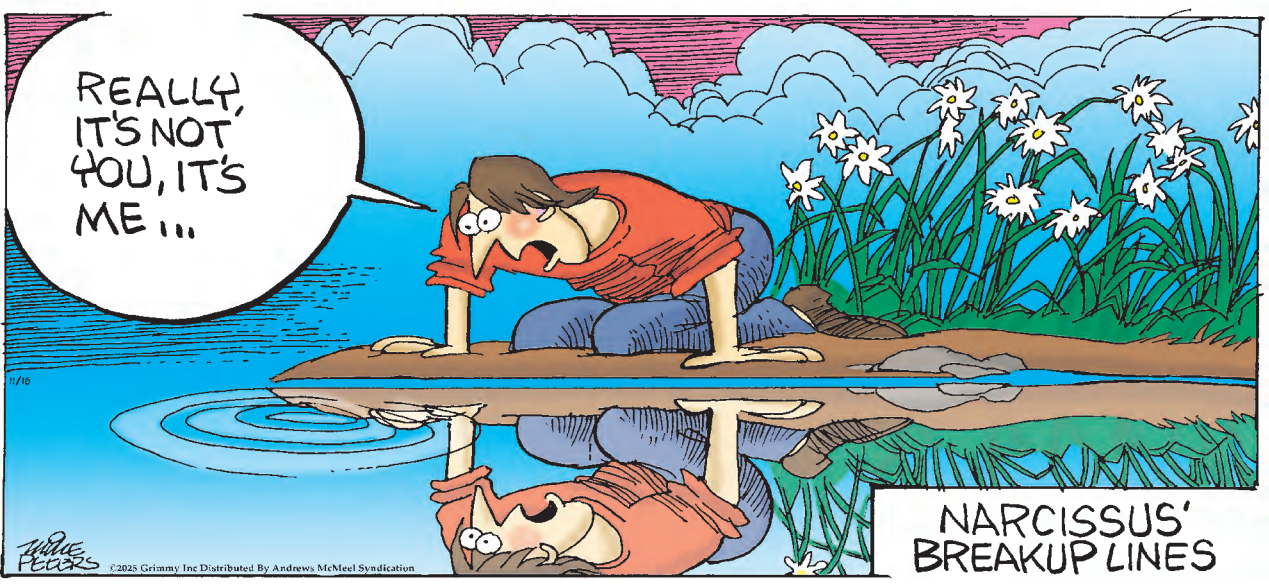
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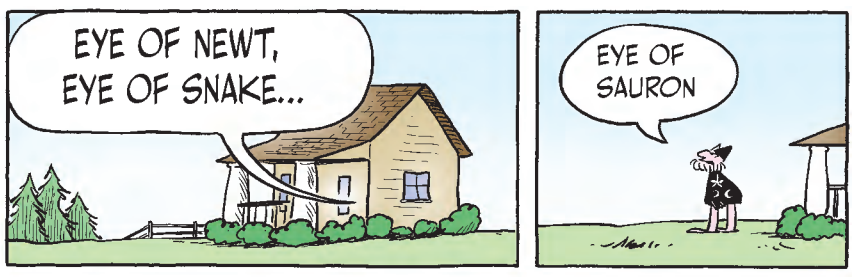
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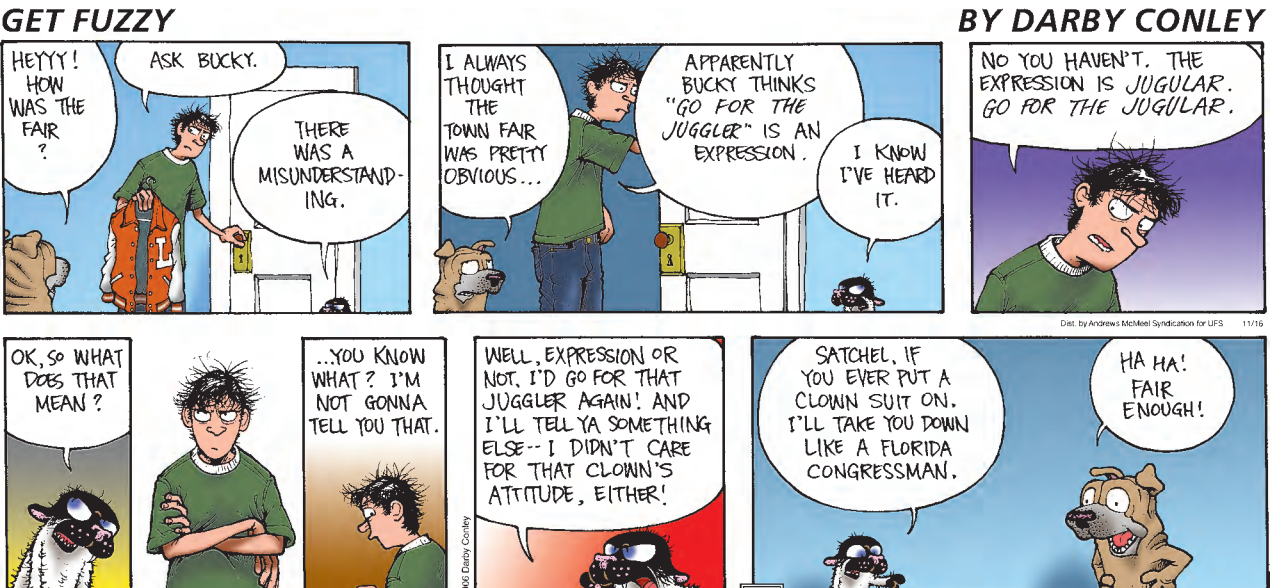
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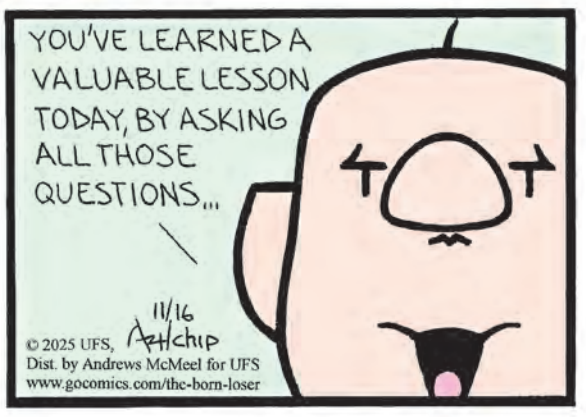
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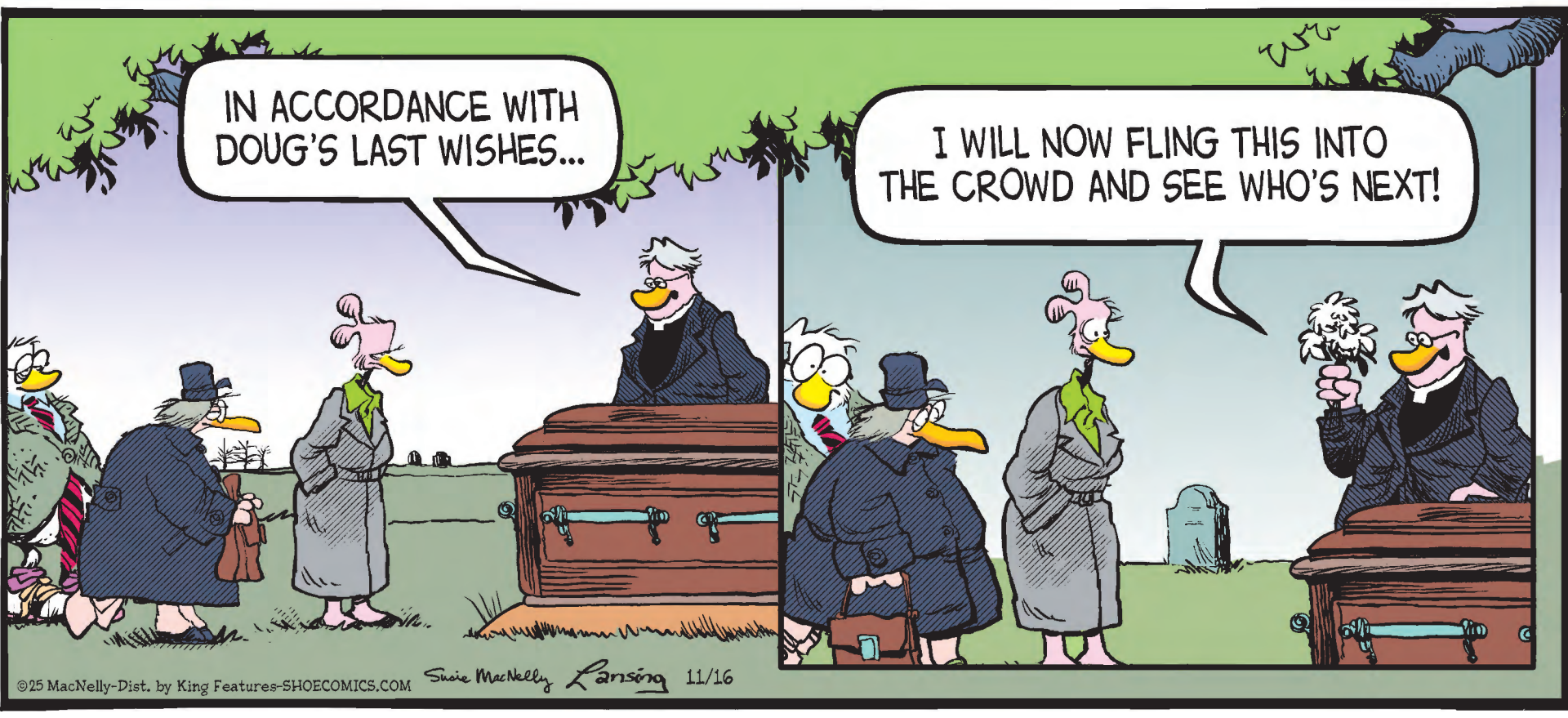






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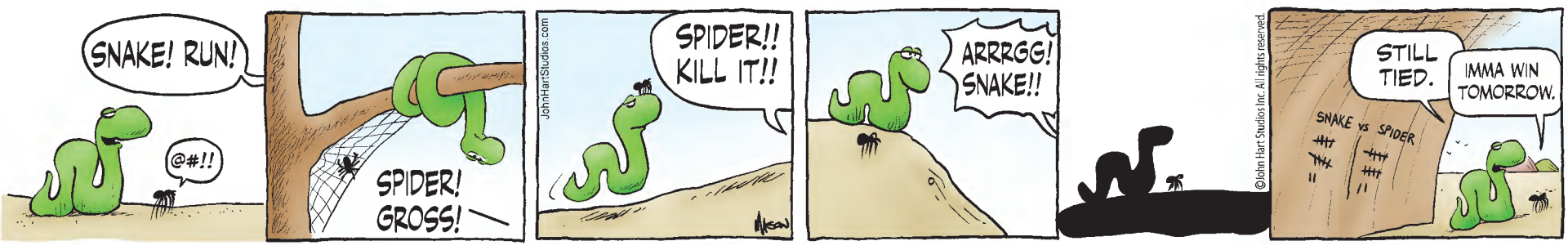
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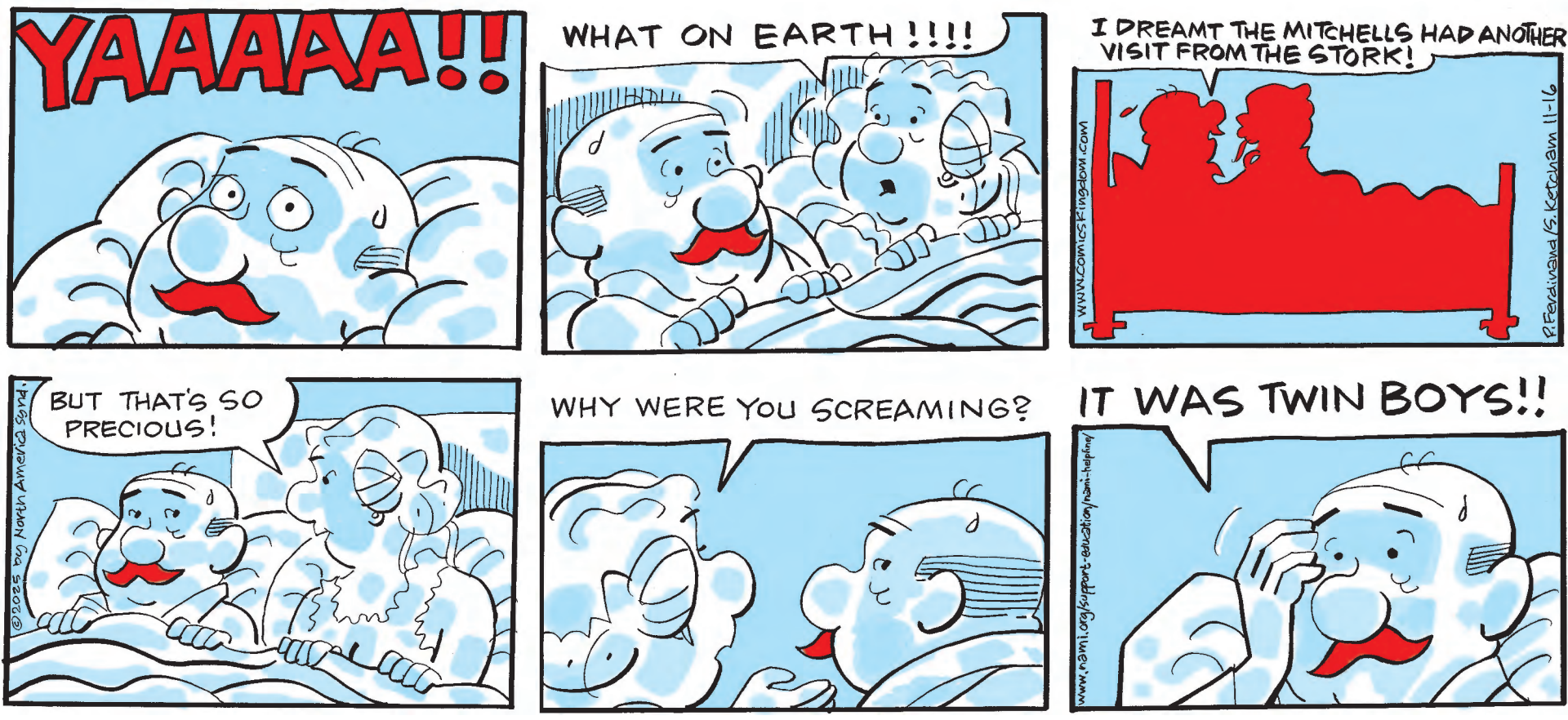
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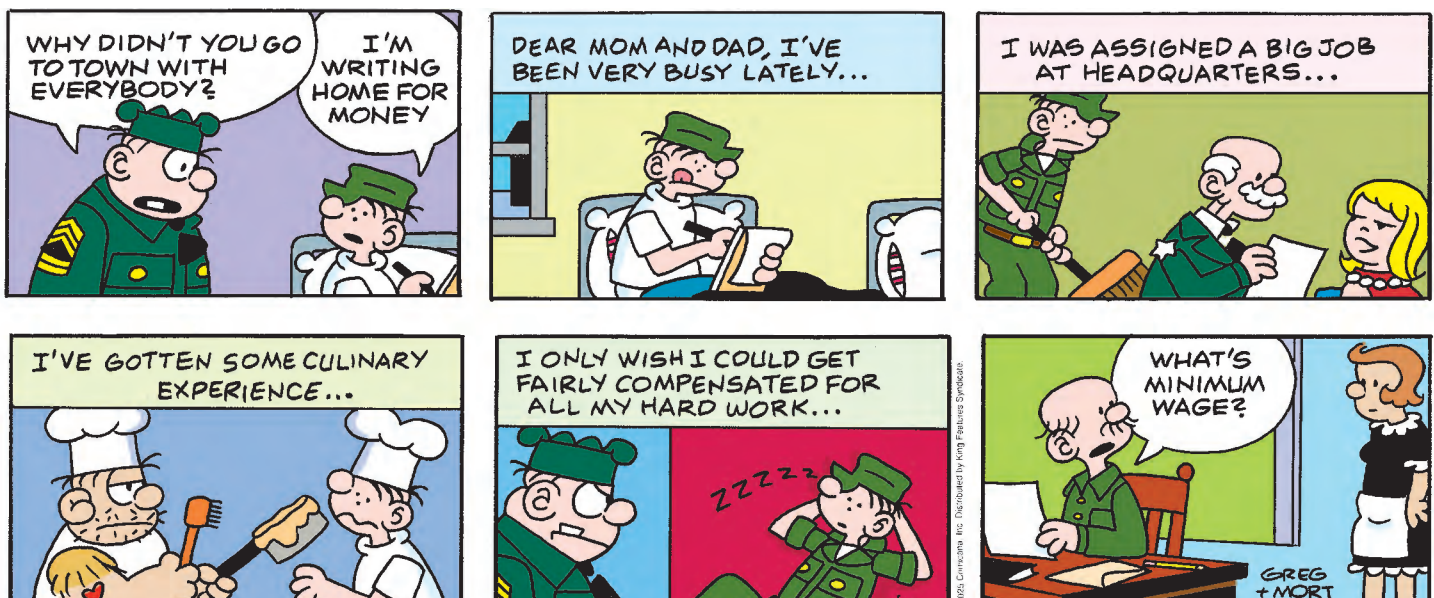
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