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Arrest made in Lake Marion homicide

31-year-old suspect located in Richland

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A suspect has been arrested in Richland County in relation to a body that was



STINETTE

II, of Ithica Drive off Kolb

found in Lake Marion on April 25, Sumter law enforcement officials said.

A murder warrant was taken out for Stephen Wayne Stinnette

Road in southern Sumter County, on Thursday night, according to Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

The 31-year-old was detained by Richland County Sheriff's Department officers after a chase, Bell said.

Stinnette fled on foot from

deputies to a nearby wooded area after they approached him and learned he was wanted out of Sumter County, Richland County Deputy Cynthia Roldan said. A perimeter was established, and he was later spotted by a deputy and apprehended.

As of press time, there was

not a booking photo of Stinnette available because one was not taken at Alvin S. Glenn Detention Center in Richland as they waited for Sumter deputies to pick him up to transport him to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention

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Grown from home

Musicians bring comfort to those in need at Sumter Opera House concert

On Thursday, Homegrown was presented by Palmetto Health Tuomey at the Sumter Opera House. The event, a fundraiser for The Sounds of Grace music ministry, featured local musicians. Kipper Ackerman, harpist and vocalist who founded the ministry, said its mission is to bring peace and healing through music by placing musicians in classrooms and hospitals for those with special needs, as well as in other settings where comfort is needed. Among those joining Ackerman on stage were Palmetto Health's Curt Ackerman and Jeff Wilson, as well as Hank Edens, Mark Mitchiner, Matthew Eldridge, Brett Frasier, Kevin Jarvis, Allie Nance, Blake Moseley, Jock Hendricks, Jeff Wilson, Jay Hodge, Tripp Boykin, Allie Nance, Abney Rhodes and members of the award-winning Lakewood High School Choir. For more information about The Sounds of Grace, visit www.thesoundsofgrace.com or call (803) 491-5514.

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USC's Lattimore, others highlight Wilder's state testing pep rally

BY BRUCE MILLS
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To inspire students to perform their best on the big test, which starts this week, Wilder Elementary School hosted a pep rally Friday and brought out some big game stars, including University of South Carolina record-holder Marcus Lattimore.

Lattimore spoke Friday to students at Wilder Elementary, along with current USC running backs Ty'son Williams, a Sumter native, and Caleb Kinlaw, as the South Carolina College and Career Ready assessment testing begins Thursday for third- through fifth-graders at

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ADRIENNE SARVIS / THE SUMTER ITEM
S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster visited Sumter on Thursday.

S.C. governor talks election in Sumter

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Gov. Henry McMaster addressed his platform issues and questions during a stop at the Sumter County Republican Party's regular meeting at The Restaurant at Second Mill on Thursday.

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Sumter resident publishes children's book

Family physician inspired by daughter's hospital stay

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

Ashley Denmark has recently added "author" to her list of accomplishments, with the publication of her first book. The Missouri native lives in Sumter and works as a family medicine physician at McLeod Hospital in Florence.

"I recently wrote my first STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) children's book called 'Olivia's Doctor Adventures,' which was inspired by my daughter, who is a first-grader at Sumter Christian School," she said.

Denmark said her 6-year-old daughter Olivia had surgery when she was 3, "and she saw all different kinds of doctors in the hospital. As she got older she made doodles about her experience, and she said, 'You should make this a book.'"

And so her mother did just that.

Denmark said the book is filled with colorful illustrations by Mike Motz and text by herself "that teach children about different types of doctors, such as anesthesiologists, surgeons, pediatricians, dentists, ophthalmologists, obstetricians/gynecologists and much more."

"Olivia's Doctor Adventures" not only

teaches children about what doctors in different fields of medicine do, she said, but also "I wrote it to inspire them to dream."

The book is for everyone, not just girls, Denmark said. "It's for people like (the readers) to see it's possible to become whatever they dream for.

"My mission is to let the next generation of doctors know that no matter where you come from, your dreams can come true."

While kindergartners and first-graders can gain understanding of the roles of different medical specialties, Denmark said parents reading "Olivia's Doctor Adventures" to their children can pick up information, too.

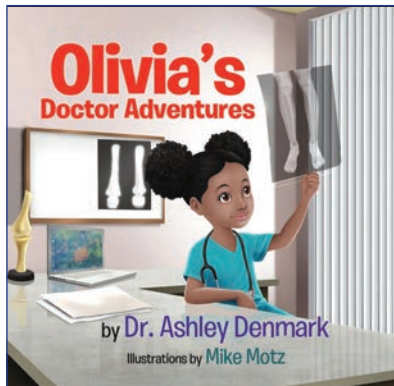
"Medical jargon can often be hard to understand," she said.

Denmark's husband is in law school in Charleston, so the couple decided to settle their family in Sumter, where they've lived for three years.

"It's got everything we need," she said, "... and if

I am able to plant the seed of endless possibilities in one child, in the place I call home, I will consider it a mission accomplished."

"Olivia's Doctor Adventures" can be purchased through Amazon.com and at www.oliviasdoctoradventures.com. More information about the book can also be found on the website.



Dr. Ashley Denmark's children's book teaches young people about different types of doctors.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

Denmark and her daughter Olivia, the inspiration for "Olivia's Doctor Adventures," are pictured.



Widow of fire chief honored for husband's service

Easterseals South Carolina presented Debbie Mathis, center, a plaque honoring the memory of her late husband, Chief Doug Mathis, for his 42 years of dedication, leadership and loyalty to the Sumter Fire Department and Easterseals on Wednesday afternoon at fire headquarters on Hampton Avenue. The group also presented the department a plaque recognizing them for their efforts in raising \$27,892.75 during this year's Lily Sale. Since 1978, the department has hosted the Lily Sale to help support children with disabilities in Sumter County. The money raised is used to create solutions for the challenges the children face in life.

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Free transportation available for Teen Health Summit

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"Explicit Truth: Leaving Nothing Merely Behind" is the theme of the 2018 Teen Health Summit being offered by Palmetto Health.

Teens and parents are both invited to the free event from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 8, at Dreher High School, 3319 Millwood Ave. in Columbia.

Free transportation is available from Sumter; registration is required.

Issues that teens battle during the school year and throughout the summer will be addressed. Students in grades six through 12 are invited. Registration and parent/guardian permission are required.

Since its inception in 2004, more than 5,500 stu-

dents have attended the summit. The event focuses on healthy relationships, bullying, college life, nutrition and more. Parents also are invited and can learn about specially designed parenting topics in a separate session.

Teens who register for the summit by Friday, June 1, will be entered into a drawing for a \$500 shopping

spree. A free lunch will be provided by Chick-Fil-A, and the day will conclude with an ice cream social courtesy of Baskin Robbins.

"We want students who attend this event to walk away feeling more empowered about their health, outlook and overall well-being," said Talarria Jackson, director, Palmetto Health Office of Community Health. "We be-

lieve that the students value the event and what they learn since some of the same students come back each year and leave empowered about making healthy life decisions."

For more information or to register, call (803) 296-CARE (2273). Online registration for the event also is available at www.PalmettoHealth.org/THS.

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2 couples, 2 approaches to turning recycled materials into art



Seen is a purse made from a vinyl record and its album cover by Jennifer Wozniak.
JENNIFER WOZNIAK / SHE'S A RAINBOW VIA AP



SUNDIE RUPPERT VIA AP

Seen is the Silver Penciled Rock Rooster artwork by Sundie Ruppert and her husband, Brad Ruppert. The mixed-media art includes hat maker's felt remnants, metal flashing and carved wood. At right is a close-up of the piece's detail.

BY JENNIFER FORKER
Associated Press

What have you not seen recycled into an art form? Everything from T-shirts to trash finds new life, as artists and crafters scramble to create something new out of something old.

Here's a look at two couples who have found interesting ways to turn recycling into art, and enjoy doing it together.

Jennifer Wozniak and Mark Serwinowski of Denver scour antique stores and record swaps for vinyl records and album covers, which they turn into purses in their garage.

Wozniak had been developing ideas for making a beautiful purse that was sturdy and could hold a lot of stuff. "It's been evolving, but when my husband figured out how to cut the vinyl, that's when this really got going."

Serwinowski uses a small Dremel saw with a diamond blade. Toward the end of the project, he drills the holes through which Wozniak hammers decorative rivets that help hold the purses together. Wozniak recycles leather belts picked up at thrift stores into the purse handles, and uses album liner notes to line the insides.

She recently started making mini purses with smaller 45s, or record singles, and she opened an Etsy online store. Otherwise, she sells her vinyl record purses in boutique shops and at summertime art markets.

Avid recyclers who work in parallel fields — Wozniak works for Xcel Energy and Serwinowski is a sustainability consultant — the couple tries to toss as little waste as possible.

"I have been passionate about recycling before recycling was the cool thing to do," said Wozniak. "It makes me sad that a lot of people have this throw-away mentality, and it's not a sustainable practice for our environment."

Wozniak often pieces the vinyl record purses alone in her heated garage, but she welcomes when Serwinowski is right there beside her.

"There are a lot of little plastic flecks flying around when he's using the saw, and if we're cutting a Bruce Springsteen record, we listen to Bruce Springsteen," she said.

"Music is such an important part of the fabric of our lives, and a song can take you back to a memory, like a smell can," Wozniak said. "It's very powerful."

Brad and Sundie Ruppert of Des Moines, Iowa, are longtime graphic designers who spent 15 years making folksy art pieces together before taking a turn toward fine art. They found their inspiration when, while installing a hand-crafted sign at the Greeley Hat Works shop in Greeley, Colorado, they stumbled on piles of thin felt strips trimmed from hand-built cowboy hats.

The felt "wasn't much to work with literally, it was the outline of a circle 1 inch wide," said Sundie Ruppert.

They took a pile of felt strips home, and Brad played with them in his workshop. He created a crow, then a feather, followed by a rooster. After the third sample, the couple knew they'd hit upon their own art form, and now they create a menagerie of mostly furry and feathered animals: birds of all colors and sizes, farm animals, and wild creatures like foxes and bears.

"Why do we do animals? I think it's because the material itself is fur-like," Sundie Ruppert said.

They sell their work at art fairs and on their website, Vintage Sculpture.

Sundie Ruppert designs the pieces and adds the details — eyes and beaks, for example, generally fashioned from metal — while Brad carves the wooden bases and builds up layers of colored felt to fashion the bird or beast.

The limitations of the material sometimes prove liberating. "The tiny pieces of felt force us to figure out, 'What in the world can you do with almost nothing?'" Sundie Ruppert said. "We don't have a big sheet of something to cut a shape out of, which would be the easier and faster way to accomplish a piece of art. That drives our art."

The Rupperts work closely together on a project, but not side by side. They have separate workspaces, but consult with one another.

"The fact that it goes back and forth between the two of us (a project) doesn't seem to get stuck as often," Sundie said.



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Thompson-Daylami

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Allan Thompson of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Lee Thompson of Columbia, to Taylor Francis Daylami of Columbia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Daylami of Summerville.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mahew Rabon of Sumter and Mr. and Mrs. Dixon Harold Gahnz of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin. She graduated from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in Marketing and from the University of South Carolina with a Master of Business Administration. She is employed as a project manager for the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mrs. Farideh Daylami of Anaheim Hills, California. He graduated from the University of South Carolina with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and is pursuing a Master of Business Administration at USC. He is employed as an estimator for Thompson Construction.



MR. DAYLAMI, MISS THOMPSON

The wedding is planned for Saturday, May 19, 2018, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Sumter.

The couple is registered at Naomi and Warner, Gallo-way and Moseley, and Sumter Lighting and Home.

Williams-Morris

Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Williams of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Courtney Elizabeth Williams of Charlotte, North Carolina, to Nathan William Morris of Charlotte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark A. Morris of Charlotte.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Carole Bell, the late Mr. and Mrs. Ansel C. Williams and the late Dorothy Bailey. She graduated from Winthrop University. She is employed as a theatre teacher by Union County Public

Schools, North Carolina.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Terry Morris of Charlotte and the late William Morris and the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is employed as an access and outreach specialist with Atrium Health.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 28, 2018, at Alexander Homestead in Charlotte.

The couple is registered at www.Amazon.com and www.Target.com.



MR. MORRIS, MISS WILLIAMS

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EDUCATION NEWS

Sumter School District

STAR TEACHER OF THE MONTH NAMED

Misty Roberson, a seventh- and eighth-grade math, Algebra I and pre-algebra teacher at Hillcrest Middle School, was named the April Star Teacher of the Month. The Star Teacher program is sponsored by Community Broadcasters and Staples. Misty was a guest on the Good Morning Sumter Show on WDXY AM 1240 and FM 105.9 with host Derek Burrell and Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm. In addition to appearing on the show, Misty received a gift bag from Staples.

Misty has been an educator for 21 years. Teaching is her passion, and she is dedicated to improving individual performance and helping students work toward their goals as they progress in math. During the last school year, she was awarded the Hillcrest Middle School Crystal Apple Award during the fourth quarter, which is an award selected by the students. She also serves as one of the Junior Civitan advisers, and she assists with Relay for Life.

According to her nomination, "Mrs. Roberson is a wonderful math teacher and a great person. She is always willing to help those in need. She encourages students to always do their best, and many of them have exceeded expectations. She has committed countless hours to her school and community. Misty Roberson is an inspiration to everyone."

WILLOW DRIVE PTA NAMED BEST IN THE STATE

Willow Drive Elementary School received the 2017-18 Award of Excellence in Family and Community Involvement from the South Carolina Parent Teacher Association at the state conference in Greenville. The purpose of this award is to recognize one school PTA unit that exhibits excellence in encouraging and engaging school/family/community volunteer partnerships as a means to increasing student achievement, promoting a healthy learning environment for students, empowering parents as advocates and promoting a spirit of fellowship within the school.

SUMTER HIGH STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN STEM SIGNING DAY

Tre'zjon Bell and Quintia Burns, students from Sumter High School, joined 90 other South Carolina high school seniors who were recognized by The Boeing Co., BMW Manufacturing Co. and the South Carolina Manufacturers Alliance at the 2018 Annual S.C. STEM Signing Day. Created by The Boeing Co. in 2017, S.C. STEM Signing Day recognizes students from across the state who have pursued STEM education during their high school tenure and plan to continue their STEM education at two- and four-year colleges. Students were identified through the SC Future Makers initiative using the STEM Premier platform. Tre'zjon plans to major in computer engineering at Clemson University, and Quintia plans to major in computer science at Francis Marion University.

GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS CONTINUE

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce held the Golden Apple Awards program at Mayewood Middle School. Nominated by their teachers, guidance counselors or administrators, 12 students were recognized for displaying exceptional citizenship and character. Each student received a certificate and a proclamation signed by Mayor Jo-

seph T. McElveen and County Council Chairman James T. McCain Jr.

Congratulations to the following students: Chase Tyner, Kaelyn Jackson, Reagan Shannon, Julian Nicholson, Deonna Wright, Tiahondra Lowery, Jayden Jones, Ashley Taylor, Nyla Davis, Jada Scarborough, Ty'Asia Nathaniel and Ty'Shaun Durant.

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

BATES STUDENTS NAMED FINALISTS IN PHOTO CONTEST

Bates Middle School students, Dominik Woods and David Tisdale, were chosen as finalists in the National MathCon Photo Contest. Their pictures and mathematical explanations were chosen to be in the top 25 finalists from the thousands of photos submitted from students around the country. — *Shelly Galloway*

Central Carolina Technical College

54TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES

On Friday, May 11, CCTC will hold its 54th Commencement ceremonies for the 2017-18 academic year. The ceremonies will both be held at the Sumter County Civic Center. The 10 a.m. ceremony is for students graduating from Business and Public Service programs. The 3 p.m. ceremony is for students graduating from General Education, Health Sciences and Industrial and Engineering Technology programs. This year's ceremonies will be streamed live on Facebook.

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Wilson Hall

ANDERSON A WRITING FINALIST

Junior Bridget Anderson is the only junior in Sumter County selected as a finalist in the South Carolina High School Writing Contest. The University of South Carolina Honors College partners with the university's School of Library and Information Sciences to present the contest. For the contest, students responded in the genre of their choice within a maximum of 750 words to the topic "How can we make South Carolina better?" The contest is open to juniors and seniors in public, private and home schools. Writings by the finalists will be included in an anthology published by the South Carolina Honors College.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As of April 18, 91 percent of the 69 members of the senior class received merit-based scholarship offers totaling \$3.7 million to a four-year college or university. The following is a partial list of scholarship recipients compiled from information submitted to the college counselor, Diane Richardson. Carly Cooper received an academic scholarship from Northern Arizona University, Katie Overby received a Tiger Legacy

Scholarship from Louisiana State University, Pitch Sinlapanuntakul received an International Student Scholarship from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Grace Tristan received an Achievement Scholarship from the University of Kansas. Anderson University offered a Baptist Scholarship to Jacob Cotton, a Provost Scholarship to Hayley DuBose, and a Founders Scholarship to Abby Thigpen. Clemson University offered an academic scholarship to Carly Cooper and a Palmetto Pact Scholarship to Chandler Curtis. Presbyterian College offered a Fellow Scholarship to Chandler Curtis and Meredith Johnson, West Virginia University offered an Engineering Achievement Scholarship to Pitch Sinlapanuntakul, and Winthrop University offered an Eagle STEM Scholarship to Crystal Moore.

FIELD TRIPS

The 4-year-old preschool classes visited Dorr Farms in Gable on April 17, and the first-grade classes visited on April 25. The students picked strawberries and learned about honey bees and farm life. The kindergarten classes visited Willard Farms in Gable on April 26 to pick strawberries. The second-grade classes attended the Safe Kids Fair held at Sumter County Civic Center on April 24. Students in Lee Gandy's English III class went kayaking on the Lynches River in Scranton on April 21. — *Sean Hoskins*

Lee County School District

BISHOPVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bishopville Primary School is pleased to announce that Lamont Moore officially became Dr. Lamont Moore on April 24. After years of studying and researching, he successfully defended his dissertation at Gardner Webb University in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Bishopville Primary School would like to congratulate Dominique Wells on being selected as it's 2018-19 Teacher of the Year. Wells, a product of the Lee County School District, serves as a teacher and chairman of the fourth-grade level team. He came back to Lee County to set an example for the young men as well as to be a mentor for the students of Lee County School District. Wells is a member of the Call me MISTER Organization.

Bishopville Primary School would like to congratulate Victor Rose on being selected as the Support Staff Member of the Year. Rose is a native of Elizabeth, New Jersey, and has been living in S.C. for the past 17 years. He played semi-pro basketball while living in New Jersey, which explains his passion for coaching basketball. Rose states that he loves working with kids.

Third-grade teacher, poet and motivational speaker Jasmyne Wright was the guest speaker at Bishopville Primary School's pep rally on April 20. The students, faculty and staff enjoyed Wright's motivational speech titled "Push Through the Test."

Wright is a professional educator and has a background in spoken word poetry. The phrase "push through" came to her as a natural artistic response to the everyday challenges she and her students face, from reading and comprehending lengthy texts, to dealing with discrimination. Wright has created affirmations, programs and international pen-pal projects that leave her students empowered and excited to learn.

LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Blue Carpet Awards for the third quarter were amazing. Lower Lee Elementary School's students were honored for making the honor roll for the third quarter. The students were also

recognized for perfect attendance, most improved and citizenship. Hats off to 5K teachers Capreshia McCall and Beauty Veney for spearheading the event to highlight the accomplishments and hard work of our students. Shelia Stukes, the principal at Lower Lee Elementary School, also recognized all faculty and staff for perfect attendance and presented them with a trophy.

On April 13, Valerie Atlas' and Jacqueline Helton's second-grade students took a field trip to EdVenture Children's Museum in Columbia. The students attended a lab class about plants, explored the inside of Giant Ed, became consumers at the grocery store and explored the fire truck pretending to be firemen and firewomen.

Last week, fifth-grade students at Lower Lee Elementary School did an excellent job on their projects on the Cold War. They are now preparing for their standardized state tests. The students are having fun working in their stations in an effort to focus more intently on the standards and the questions that are most commonly missed on benchmark assessments. They have been reviewing decimals, working on activities such as Decimal Hunt, Decimal Menus and using QR Codes. Last week, the students also worked on using the RACES Strategy in their stations.

Lower Lee Elementary School's fourth-graders are in preparation mode as they prepare for the SC Ready and SCPASS exams. Many of the students are focused and know which areas they need to work on.

The students are completing station activities. Station activities help reinforce tasks for the students.

In physical education class, all students are working on preparing for field day. The students are discussing the events and practicing two to three of them daily. Some of the scheduled events include the 40-yard dash, sack race and the two-person relay race. — *Shawnta McKenzie*

THE CITADEL

CHARLESTON — **Kody McCutchen of Bishopville** was recognized for commitment to service learning and civic engagement by South Carolina Campus Compact.

McCutchen was recognized as honoree of the South Carolina Student Organization Achievement Award for volunteer work as part of Tango Company. Tango Company is on track to break the school record for documented service hours in one academic year. Their thousands of hours of work, which includes mentoring younger students and assisting disaster victims, demonstrates their commitment to community service and service learning endeavors on campus and within the community.

SCCC is a coalition of 17 South Carolina colleges and universities that collaborate to promote and develop the civic purposes of higher education. As a SCCC member, The Citadel annually nominates candidates for the South Carolina Civic Engagement Leadership Awards.

All nominees were honored, and some won statewide awards, during the 2018 Civic Engagement Leadership Summit on April 13. The nominees were recognized on campus during an awards ceremony on April 20.

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Wayne Collier helped us work cows

after my father had died. I was 4 years old, riding my one-eyed Shetland pony, gathering up cows. I felt so big. Even a 4-year-old on a Shetland pony can move a cow.

Then I rode up too close to the herd and Wayne hollered at me, "Son, don't ride up on them cows. They'll scatter."

It was the first time I remember anyone calling me "son." "Son" is what older men in my neck of the woods called young boys when they needed to correct them, but not be harsh with them. Since my father died, I didn't hear "son" too often. Wayne that day gave me a word of affectionate correction when he called me "son." I'll never forget it.

My cousin, Tiny Durance, grew up with my Dad. His home in Chattanooga was halfway between Florida and Kentucky, where I went to school. Half a dozen times I stopped and spent the night. Tiny would start to tell stories about my Daddy. He would tell about the time Daddy overturned the truck with 15 men on back, when Daddy knocked out a man's eye in a juke joint across the county line and when Daddy's mare beat his cousin Floyd's colt in a horse race one Sunday after church.

Tiny gave me memories of my Daddy I didn't have. He gave me stories I needed to hear, stories I stored up in my soul to pass on to my children. I'll never forget those stories.

Doing graduate work at seminary was like living in a war zone. The competition was fierce, the expectations high. You never knew when a stray verse of Hebrew would be lobbed at you in class. Halfway through my PhD studies, I realized I did not have a scholar's temperament. I really didn't care how many variations of conjunctions there were in the book of 1 Chronicles. I decided to finish my degree anyway, but it was like giving birth to a watermelon. My supervisor, Dr. Marvin Tate, was patient beyond belief with my missed deadlines and immature conclusions.

After I left school and came to pastor Alice Drive, I



Clay Smith

sent a weekly newsletter to Dr. Tate (we mailed them in those days before the internet). One day my assistant told me a Dr. Tate was on line one and asked if I wanted to speak to him. I immediately broke into a cold sweat. Had I failed to turn in a paper? Were they revoking my degree?

Dr. Tate came on the line and told me a column I had written about women in ministry was the best summation of the issue he ever read. He asked permission to use it

with his Sunday School Class. Then he asked if I ever considered being a full-time writer. In that moment, I received an affirmation I never dreamed of. A simple phone call healed many of the scars I incurred during PhD wars. I'll never forget his call.

One day I felt this strange prompting to write a thank you note to John Ortberg. John's books have grown my soul through the years. He introduced me to Dallas Willard, who in turn challenged me to go deeper in my walk with Jesus. I met John once in a conference in the bathroom. It's an odd place to

meet a hero. We didn't shake hands.

John had added so much to my life, I felt the need to say "thanks." I wrote a note, sent it to his church, and felt like I had done what God wanted me to do. A few weeks later, I received a note back from John. It simply said, "Thank you Clay. Your note encouraged me. Appreciatively, John." It must have taken him 10 seconds to write. I keep it in my desk drawer to this day. I'll never forget that note.

Each of these men were people of influence in my life. In their circle of influence, they reached out and

communicated something positive. Their words and stories helped my soul.

There are people in your circle of influence. They need encouragement. They need something positive. They need your response. You are a person of influence, and your words and stories matter.

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Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church.



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More businesses are mellowing out over hiring pot smokers

BY CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

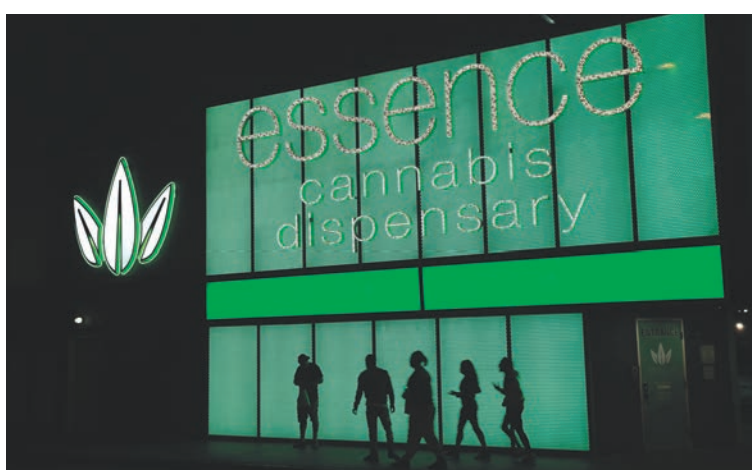
WASHINGTON — FPI Management, a property company in California, wants to hire dozens of people. Factories from New Hampshire to Michigan need workers. Hotels in Las Vegas are desperate to fill jobs.

Those employers and many others are quietly taking what once would have been a radical step: They're dropping marijuana from the drug tests they require of prospective employees. Marijuana testing — a fixture at large American employers for at least 30 years — excludes too many potential workers, experts say, at a time when filling jobs is more challenging than it's been in nearly two decades.

"It has come out of nowhere," said Michael Clarkson, head of the drug testing practice at Ogletree Deakins, a law firm. "I have heard from lots of clients things like, 'I can't staff the third shift and test for marijuana.'"

Though still in its early stages, the shift away from marijuana testing appears likely to accelerate. More states are legalizing cannabis for recreational use; Michigan could become the 10th state to do so in November. Missouri appears on track to become the 30th state to allow medical pot use.

And medical marijuana users in Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island have won lawsuits in the past year against companies that



People stand outside April 16 after shopping at the Essence cannabis dispensary in Las Vegas. Some companies are dropping marijuana from the drug tests they require of prospective employees.

rescinded job offers or fired workers because of positive tests for cannabis. Before last year, courts had always ruled in favor of employers.

The Trump administration also may be softening its resistance to legal marijuana. Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta suggested at a congressional hearing last month that employers should take a "step back" on drug testing.

"We have all these Americans that are looking to work," Acosta said. "Are we aligning our ... drug testing policies with what's right for the workforce?"

There is no definitive data on how many companies conduct drug tests, though the Society of Human Resources

Management found in a survey that 57 percent do so. Nor is there any recent data on how many have dropped marijuana from mandatory drug testing.

But interviews with hiring executives, employment lawyers and agencies that help employers fill jobs indicate that dropping marijuana testing is among the steps more companies are taking to expand their pool of applicants to fill a near-record level of openings.

Businesses are hiring more people without high school diplomas, for example, to the point where the unemployment rate for non-high school graduates has sunk more than a full percentage point

in the past year to 5.5 percent. That's the steepest such drop for any educational group over that time.

Excluding marijuana from testing marks the first major shift in workplace drug policies since employers began regularly screening applicants in the late 1980s. They did so after a federal law required that government contractors maintain drug-free workplaces. Many private businesses adopted their own mandatory drug testing of applicants.

Most businesses that have dropped marijuana tests continue to screen for cocaine, opiates, heroin and other drugs. But James Reidy, an employment lawyer in New Hampshire, says companies are thinking harder about the types of jobs that should realistically require marijuana tests. If a manufacturing worker, for instance, isn't driving a forklift or operating industrial machinery, employers may deem a marijuana test unnecessary.

"Employers are saying, 'We have a thin labor pool,'" Reidy said. "'So are we going to test and exclude a whole group of people? Or can we assume some risks, as long as they're not impaired at work?'"

Yet many companies are reluctant to acknowledge publicly that they've dropped marijuana testing.

"This is going to become

the new don't ask, don't tell," Reidy said.

In most states that have legalized marijuana, like Colorado, businesses can still, if they wish, fire workers who test positive. On the other hand, Maine, which also legalized the drug, became the first state to bar companies from firing or refusing to hire someone for using marijuana outside work.

Companies in labor-intensive industries — hoteliers and home health care providers and employers with many warehouse and assembly jobs — are most likely to drop marijuana testing. By contrast, businesses that contract with the government or that are in regulated industries, such as air travel, or that have safety concerns involving machinery, are continuing marijuana tests, employment lawyers say. Federal regulations require the testing of pilots, train operators and other key transportation workers.

Dropping marijuana testing is more common among employers in the nine states, along with the District of Columbia, that have legalized pot for recreational use. An additional 20 states allow marijuana for medical use only.

But historically low unemployment is driving change even where pot remains illegal.

ARREST FROM PAGE A1

Center. Roldan said deputies circulated the photo seen here on their social media pages when they were searching for him.

Bell said Sumter investigators had issued a notice for Richland to be on the lookout for the suspect based on knowledge he may be in the area.

Law enforcement from Sumter, Clarendon and Orangeburg counties had been investigating what had been deemed a homicide after the body of 24-year-old Jerry Lamars Johnson was found in Lake Marion in Orangeburg County's jurisdiction. He had been reported missing the day before. Bell said the body was found with a gunshot wound.

As of Friday evening, there were still several others who remained persons of interest or who were suspected to be involved. No one else had been charged, Bell said. The investigation remains ongoing.

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The City of Sumter will be conducting a Public Hearing Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, Fourth Floor Conference Room, 21 North Main Street, Sumter, SC to receive comments from citizens on its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is a report on how the City utilized its Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$291,838.00 for period 4/1/17-3/31/18. This report will be available for review from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, May 21, 2018 through June 21, 2018, in Office H of the Liberty Center, 12 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC. Handicapped and/or disabled individuals needing transportation are encouraged to call the Community Development Office at 774-1649 or our Voice Line for hearing impaired persons which is the same number. Persons needing Spanish or other interpretation may have someone call the same telephone number on their behalf in advance of the hearing. Entrance to the Opera House is handicap accessible. Citizens may direct questions to Clarence Gaines at 774-1649.

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Police across U.S. plead for end to 'paintball wars'

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Police across the country have responded to hundreds of paintball fights in recent weeks, a trend that authorities say began around the time an Atlanta rapper began posting YouTube videos encouraging people to trade real guns for paintball weapons.

But what started as an attempt to reduce gun violence has become anything but harmless. Police thought the phenomenon led to shooting deaths last month in Greensboro, North Carolina, and near Atlanta. The fast-moving paintballs have also injured bystanders caught in the crossfire and caused property damage in Milwaukee, Detroit and Atlanta.

"The message we want to put out is that while there's a movement to curb violence, this particular activity is a nuisance, and it causes significant damage. And we strongly believe this particular activity led to the death of a young

man," said Capt. Nathaniel Davis of the Greensboro Police Department.

When officers responded to an April 20 report of a shooting, they found 19-year-old Zyquarius Shalom Quadre Bradley with gunshot wounds and paintball damage around his car. Police also found paintball guns and a mask. The investigation continues. No one has been arrested, Davis said.

A few weeks earlier, on April 1, a 3-year-old boy was killed in Dekalb County, Georgia, when a teenager shot a real gun at his attackers during a paintball fight. One of the bullets struck the boy, police said.

Greensboro police have responded to nearly 40 reports of paintball fights since the start of April.

The numbers are larger in bigger cities. Milwaukee police received at least 65 calls about paintball battles over the past week and arrested one person. Hours after Milwaukee officers held a

news conference Monday to alert the public, a 32-year-old bicyclist was shot in the eye with a paintball.

During the news conference, police emphasized that paintballs can do serious damage on the streets because they travel up to 300 feet per second. At venues where people pay to play, participants shield themselves with face masks and other protective gear, including padded vests.

Police have not said conclusively what sparked the trend. But in Atlanta, one of the cities where paintball fights were first reported, the calls began near the end of March — around the same time that rapper 21 Savage began posting YouTube videos with the message "Guns Down, Paintballs Up," according to Sgt. John Chafee. In the videos, the rapper and his friends record themselves having "paintball wars" around the city.

"We do not consider this a game and

have been taking it very seriously," Chafee said in an email. "There are venues suitable for playing appropriate paintball games. We will not tolerate this activity in public areas, and we stand ready to make arrests when needed."

Atlanta police could not immediately say how many people they have arrested or how many calls they have received about paintball battles. Before last month, incidents involving paintball guns were so rare they were not specifically tracked, police said.

21 Savage, whose real name is Shayaa Bin Abraham-Joseph, did not respond to an email from The Associated Press.

In Detroit, police received 145 calls about paintball fights in just the past week. During one of those fights, a Detroit police captain's car was struck 11 times. One injured bystander is at risk of losing his eye, Detroit Police Chief James Craig said.

S.C. abortion ban bill to be returned to committee

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina's Senate has effectively killed a ban on almost all abortions in the state, voting early Friday morning to return the bill to committee.

Five Republicans joined Democrats in the 24-21 vote, which came after Democrats held the Senate floor for an hours-long filibuster. The measure, now dead for this year, would only have allowed abortions in cases of rape, incest or risk of the mother's life.

It was a rare legislative win for Democrats in a state where Republicans have had control of both the House and Senate since the turn of the 21st century.

"The filibuster and debate regarding the ban on safe and legal abortion yesterday painted a stark contrast in leadership and priorities in the South Carolina Senate, and we could not be prouder of our women's health champions," South Atlantic Planned Parenthood spokeswoman Vicki Ringer said.

The bill initially only banned a procedure called dismemberment abortion, which was performed 22 times out of 5,736 abortions in 2016 in South Carolina.

But a Democrat who has spent years fighting restrictions against abortions took a risk. State Sen. Brad Hutto of Orangeburg suggested changing the bill to ban all abortions except in cases of rape, incest or threat to the life of the mother. Republicans agreed on a

24-1 vote with most Democrats sitting out.

The change galvanized the debate. Supporters and opponents of the ban flocked to Columbia as Democrats started a filibuster. Sen. Marlon Kimpson of Charleston held the floor close to eight hours and when he mentioned he was hungry for Chinese food, one supporter drove to the Statehouse with eggrolls.

Democrats also pointed out the broad proposal could also be read as banning many forms of birth control including intrauterine devices and birth control pills.

Sen. Gerald Malloy of Harts-

ville said the Democrats' strategy was carefully planned and, like a relay team, they had other senators ready to help if the filibuster went into the weekend. All 45 senators were in the Statehouse for the decisive vote around 12:45 a.m. Friday. Republicans had hoped some Democrats would go home.

"We were right there on pins and needles until the very end," Malloy said.

"Once the debate shifted from stopping the savage, uncivilized dismembering of living unborn children, and was turned into a specious and untruthful argument over Repub-

licans wanting to outlaw birth control, the dismemberment abortion ban bill was doomed," said Holly Gatling, executive director of South Carolina Citizens for Life.

Republicans in the even more conservative House had serious reservations about the proposal.

House Majority Leader Gary Simrill of Rock Hill said his chamber's leaders could not support the nearly full abortion ban until the U.S. Supreme Court takes up another state's case and erodes or overturns the 1973 Roe v. Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision that over-

turned state bans on abortions.

The filibuster over abortion came toward the end of a session in which senators have been accused of putting off several pressing issues. Those issues include bills dealing with a \$9 billion debacle after two utilities abandoned 10 years of planning and construction of two nuclear reactors.

The South Carolina Senate will return at 11 a.m. Tuesday with just three days left in the session, meaning any legislation not passed is wiped away and must start all over again next January.



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Gates pumps \$158M into push to combat U.S. poverty

BY SALLY HO
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Bill Gates launched a new fight against systemic poverty in the U.S., with his private foundation on Thursday announcing millions of dollars toward initiatives ranging from data projects to funding for community activists.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation said it will spend \$158 million combating American poverty over the next four years. It comes as the foundation moves deeper into U.S. issues after largely focusing on global health and development. Critics have long challenged Gates to do more to help the poor at home in the U.S.

Specific programs and grants to combat poverty have not been identified, but the foundation's work will be informed by the U.S. Partnership on Mobility from Poverty, an ideas-oriented task force.

The Gates Foundation, the world's largest philanthropic organization, funded the task force to kick-start its entry into American poverty issues. The partnership is housed within the Urban Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based liberal-leaning think tank, and said it has worked to create ideas over the past two years that philanthropic groups, businesses and government could carry into action.

Members of the task force have issued proposals as broad as "confront racism" in neighborhood planning and as specific as urging an expansion of the child tax credit and eligibility for housing assistance vouchers to help families with children under 6.

In addressing the income gap, they advocate for better jobs and

more workers' rights through wage subsidies, community college access and a gig-economy benefits system, among other concepts.

How the Microsoft co-founder's money will make it all happen is unclear, but the foundation is expected to fund pilot projects and research that will help support such ideas.

Foundation CEO Sue Desmond-Hellmann said data and analysis are needed to root out possible answers at the core of poverty. But she also acknowledged that studying the problem would be the easy part.

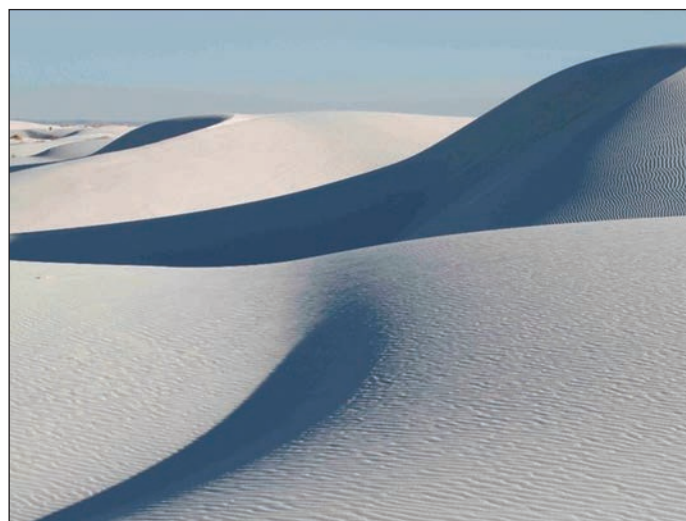
"It's easier to generate data than it is to make an impact," Desmond-Hellmann said.

The Seattle-based foundation, which was established in 2000 and has an endowment worth over \$40 billion, has been turning its attention to U.S. poverty, with Gates publicly discussing a trip to Atlanta last year as a "searing portrait of American poverty."

In the U.S., the foundation has primarily focused on trying to reshape American schools, making itself the largest benefactor of school reform in the country. Desmond-Hellmann said its new strategy on poverty issues will complement its existing education work.

In an interview this year with The Associated Press, the Gateses talked about broadening their agenda to look at other problems that hinder children in the classroom.

"Poverty is like education, where there's not enough philanthropic resources to take on responsibility, but if you can show how to have a lot more impact, then the policies will benefit from that," Bill Gates said at the time.



Seen are the shifting dunes of White Sands National Monument near Alamogordo, New Mexico.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill seeks park status for white sand dunes of N.M.

BY SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN
Associated Press

A vast expanse of shifting white sand dunes in southern New Mexico would be elevated from a national monument to a national park under legislation proposed Friday by one of the state's senators.

U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich, a Democrat, made the announcement while visiting the state as part of a multi-day tour that also included looking at the potential for more outdoor recreation elsewhere as New Mexico and other western states promote their wide open spaces in hopes of attracting more tourists and more money.

White Sands already brings in about a half-million visitors each year, and Heinrich said designating the area as a national park has been something that community leaders and local elected officials have been pursuing for years.

"Everyone who visits White Sands marvels at its remarkable geology, spectacular scenery and outstanding recreation experiences," he said in a statement. "And the broad regional

support we've received for what could be our state's second national park demonstrates the endless opportunities this designation would offer to communities and local businesses across southern New Mexico."

With national park status, supporters hope the destination would get more recognition. Entrance fees and access would remain the same.

A study released Friday by the nonprofit research group Headwaters Economics found re-designation of White Sands could result in more than \$6 million in new spending and dozens of additional jobs.

The group looked at eight re-designated national parks in California, Colorado, Arizona and Utah and found visits increased on average by about 20 percent within five years. The parks also had more overnight visits and spending per visitor than monuments.

The study also suggests that the uptick in visitation at national parks following the recession will persist as long as the national economy continues to grow.



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the school in English language arts and math. All elementary and middle schools in Sumter School District will begin administering SC READY this week for third-through eighth-graders.

Friday's event at the South Sumter school was like a full-scale football pep rally for the students. Some teachers dressed up as cheerleaders. Principal David Wright donned a Gamecocks jersey. Several Sumter High School football players also showed up in their uniforms, and the Lakewood High School band's drum line also performed for the school's 480 students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.

Lattimore and his Gamecock protégés emphasized to the students that life begins



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Former University of South Carolina standout Marcus Lattimore talks to students Friday at Wilder Elementary School.

now in elementary school, encouraging them to do their best each day in the classroom and to respect their teachers.

"We have to take control of our future," Lattimore said. "Everybody in this crowd has a story every single day with how you are going to

approach life. You may not understand that right now, but you will understand it later because there is going to be a day when you are going to go through something hard, something tough, and you're not going to feel like getting up. But your attitude is what you can control."

Back-to-back severe knee injuries ended Lattimore's professional football career. He was drafted by the San Francisco 49ers in the 2013 NFL Draft, but he never played a game for the 49ers and retired from playing football at the age of 23.

Wright, in his sixth year as principal at Wilder, said he was pleased with the pep rally and that he hopes it can build momentum heading into this week.

He said the upcoming testing for the students is like

playing in a big game.

"Even though we don't have sports teams in elementary school, this is our time to perform and do well, show improvement and gains," Wright said. "This event is all about drawing attention to the important things in life and preparing yourself for the important things you face."

As far as testing tips for parents of schoolchildren, Wright emphasized the importance of getting their kids to bed early, ensuring they have breakfast in the morning and making sure their kids are aware of the importance of the tests and giving their best effort.

Wilder reading interventionist teacher LaKechia Levy also emphasized the importance of parents reviewing reading and math skills with their children and arriving to school on time.

McMASTER FROM PAGE A1

Before his governorship, McMaster has served as state attorney general and lieutenant governor.

Endorsed by President Donald Trump, McMaster said he is confident his backing by the commander-in-chief and background working alongside law enforcement will allow him to continue the work he started nearly two years ago.

"I'm the only candidate running that's got a background in law enforcement," McMaster said.

From 1983 to 1986, McMaster worked as part of a federal drug task force that went after drug smugglers and traffickers during Operation Jackpot where more than 100 people were arrested. The operation was successful because of communication and collaboration, he said.

McMaster was elected attorney general of South Carolina in 2002 and 2006, during which time he helped speed up the court process regarding domestic violence offenders and organized teams to crack down on internet predators

targeting children.

He said the state needs someone with a background in law enforcement in the governor's office to make decisions that will benefit the state.

SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

"We're not going to have these shooters coming into our schools," he said.

The way to prevent an incident like that is to have a trained law enforcement officer who knows how to fight and knows how to go toward somebody who is shooting at him in every school in South Carolina, McMaster said.

"If we do that, we'll keep our children safe," he said.

ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAWS

"We're not going to have any sanctuary cities in South Carolina now or ever," McMaster said.

Criminals will be attracted to any city in the country where they know immigration laws are not enforced, he said.

If that happens, "you develop a reputation for lawlessness," he said, and once a city gets that reputation it goes into a downward spiral it may never recover from.

"We're going to let the world know," McMaster said, "that we are not tolerating law breakers in South Carolina."

PROPOSALS REGARDING TAXES

McMaster said he has proposed to the Legislature that a 15 percent cut on income tax be implemented, leaving approximately \$2.2 billion in the pockets of employed residents in the state. He also proposes that retired military, law enforcement officers and first responders — whom he calls the backbone of the state's strength — pay no income tax on their retirement income.

"We can't pay them enough," McMaster said.

He said he would also like to see retired law enforcement officers go back into the schools to provide security without having a \$10,000 cap on their income during retirement.

Also involving tax money, in August 2017, McMaster directed the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to seek waivers from the federal government to exclude abortion clinics from the state's Medicaid provider network.

"We're not going to have any tax money going to Planned

Parenthood in South Carolina," he said Thursday evening.

MEDICAID

McMaster mentioned blocking Medicaid payments for able-bodied recipients who can work but do not.

"We're not going to pay any money to people who are able to work but not doing it," he said.

If he is reelected, McMaster said, he would like to continue working on his plan to require able-bodied Medicaid recipients to work before receiving benefits.

FUTURE ECONOMIC GROWTH

"We're on the edge of great prosperity," he said.

He said the state's economy has an opportunity to continue to grow as long as residents

continue to champion education and bring in new industries.

McMaster said he plans to keep taxes down to encourage more manufacturing companies to come to the state and that he hopes to see more high schools and technical colleges working together to prepare students for jobs with those companies.

McMaster is running against seven other candidates: Republicans Lt. Gov. Kevin Bryant, former Lt. Gov. Yancey McGill, Catherine Templeton and John Warren; and Democrats District 72 state Rep. James Smith, Phil Noble and Marguerite Willis.

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COMMENTARY

National Lynching Museum is open in Montgomery

An astonishing new museum has opened in Montgomery, Alabama, which provides evidence there were about 4,400 lynchings of African-Americans in 800 counties across the South from the Civil War up to the Civil Rights era.

Officially, it is called the National Memorial for Peace and Justice (<https://eji.org>). Informally, it is known as the National Lynching Museum. There are 800 weathered steel columns hanging from the roof — each of which represents one of the counties where blacks were lynched. Each lists the names of those who could be identified, plus others whose names were unknown.

The columns, which are about the size of coffins, meet visitors at eye level as they walk in. They are like the headstones that victims were rarely given. As a visitor walks past the columns, the floor descends so that they soon appear overhead.

Visitors can look through the columns, down to the Montgomery skyline, dominated by the Capitol, which was once the Capitol of the Confederacy.

There could be no more appropriate place for the National Lynching Museum. In fact, it stands on ground where slaves were once bought and sold.

To its credit, the *Montgomery Advertiser* published a front page editorial, the headline of which was “Our Shame.” Its opening words: “We were wrong.”

“On the day when people from across the globe come to our capital city to consider the sordid history of slavery and lynching, and try to reconcile the horrors of our past, the *Montgomery Advertiser* recognizes its own shameful place in the history of these dastardly murderous deeds,” the editorial read.

“The *Advertiser* was careless in how it covered mob violence and the terror foisted upon African-Americans from Reconstruction through the 1950s.”

“We dehumanized human beings. Too often we characterized lynching victims as guilty before proved so — and often assumed they committed the crime.”

I am unaware of any newspaper which so clearly acknowledged its sordid culpability with lynchings. It deserves credit for belatedly acknowledging its sordid role of encouraging this horrific violence against African-Americans.

In the 1950s, I lived in Montgomery and delivered the *Advertiser*'s sister paper, *The Alabama Journal*. From 1955-57, I was proud to have increased my route from 51 papers to 152 subscribing customers. I read the paper every day so that I could market it to potential customers.

Dr. Martin Luther King was a local pastor who inspired a boycott of city buses which forced black passengers to sit at the back of the bus. I remember seeing hundreds of African-American maids walking to work — rather than ride the buses. The boycott began Dec. 5, 1955, and lasted until the bus company gave in a year later on Dec. 20, 1956, and removed the racial line in the buses.

However, I do not remember stories in the *Journal* or *Advertiser* about King's leadership of this movement — his first major civil rights initiative. Clearly, his leadership was ignored.

One inspiring aspect of the new museum honoring the 4,400 people who were lynched is that it has created a replica of each county's steel column that lists the names of those who were lynched. The museum will give the replica to every county whose leaders ask for one.

For example, there were 23 blacks lynched in Iberia Parish (County), Louisiana. It was the fifth-largest number lynched among the state's counties. I suggest that the elected leaders of Iberia Parish ask for its replica of the column in the museum that it could place in front of the county courthouse to educate current residents.

I asked Don Shoopman, the editor of *The Daily Iberian*, which publishes my column, what he thinks the reaction would be of Iberia's leaders to such an initiative. He told me, “I think it will be well received by our Iberia Parish government.”

Wonderful! That is what should happen in each of the 800 counties where there were lynchings.

It is time to educate the descendants of those who carried out lynchings — what happened in their community.

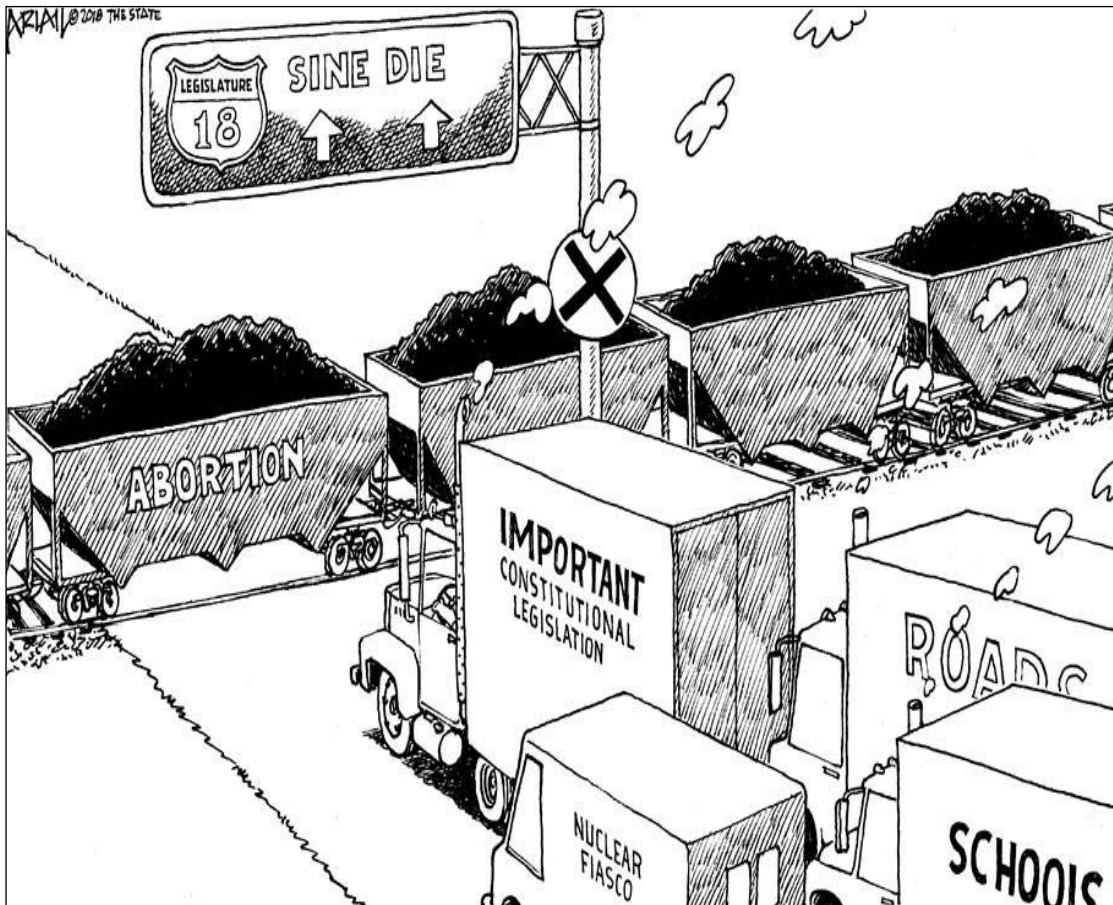
It will be an important learning experience.

As the *Montgomery Advertiser* put it, “We were wrong.”

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COMMENTARY

On North Korea, the president should refuse to take the bait

WASHINGTON — The prospect of winning the Nobel Peace Prize is understandably tantalizing for President Trump. After all the contempt he has faced from the political establishment, watching liberal heads explode at the suggestion by South Korean President



Marc Thiessen

Moon Jae-in that he deserves the award must be gratifying. It would be even more gratifying to watch the collective meltdown as he delivered his Nobel acceptance speech.

Moon understands this, which precisely is why he dangled the prospect of a Nobel Prize in front of Trump. He is flattering Trump in the hopes that this will make him more flexible in his negotiations with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un. Trump should refuse to take the bait.

To his credit, Trump seems to not be taking the Nobel talk too seriously. At a rally in Michigan, Trump smiled while the crowd chanted “No-bel! No-bel! No-bel!” and said, “That's very nice, thank you” before adding “I just want to get the job done.”

Getting the job done could very well mean walking away from the negotiating table, just as Ronald Reagan walked away at his 1986 Reykjavik summit with Soviet leader Mikhail

Gorbachev — a move that was derided by foreign policy elites but proved pivotal to the collapse of the Soviet Union five short years later. Trump has made clear that he, like Reagan, is willing to walk away. “If we don't think it's going to be successful, we won't have it,” the president said of a summit with Kim. “If the meeting when I'm there isn't fruitful, I will respectfully leave the meeting.”

This is exactly the right approach. Trump needs to go into his summit not with visions of Nobel prizes but with eyes wide open. As Director of National Intelligence Daniel Coats pointed out last May, “Pyongyang's enshrinement of the possession of nuclear weapons in its constitution, while repeatedly stating that nuclear weapons are the basis for its survival, suggests that Kim does not intend to negotiate them away at any price.” Just last year, an American college student, Otto Warmbier, died after being detained by North Korea, and Kim was promising to fire missiles at Guam. Now he is on a charm offensive designed to buy him breathing room, lift sanctions, extort money from the West and “decouple” the United States from its ally South Korea.

To get these things, Kim will lie to Trump just as his father lied in 1994 when he promised the Clinton administration that he would abandon his nuclear program in exchange for light-water reactors and fuel oil.

If Trump wants to succeed, he must want a deal less than Kim does. He must be willing to walk away and to make Kim understand that he is serious about a military option if negotiations fail. He can't do so if he is even remotely thinking about a Nobel.

Winning a Nobel Prize is irrelevant. Reagan never got a Nobel, but he is remembered as the president who brought about the peaceful collapse of the Soviet Union and won the Cold War. Barack Obama, by contrast, won a Nobel Prize just nine months after taking office for doing nothing (except not being George W. Bush). Simply by forcing North Korea to the negotiating table, Trump has already done more to deserve the prize than Obama did.

History will judge Trump not by whether he won a Nobel, but by whether he was able to stop North Korea from deploying the capability to destroy an American city with a nuclear intercontinental ballistic missile. If he fails, no prize will make up for the fact that millions of Americans will now be hostages to one of the world's cruelest tyrants. If he succeeds, he will be remembered as one of the greatest foreign policy presidents in American history.

And then, the accolades will take care of themselves.

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The 12th Annual Art in the Park will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, at Memorial Park. Art and craft vendor fee is \$50. Art and craft, community corner and children's craft center vendor applications can be downloaded at HSNASumtersc.com.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. meets at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, 25 Community St.

PUBLIC AGENDA

- Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments Board of Directors
Monday, noon, Central Carolina Technical College Advance Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St.
League of Women Voters Board Meeting
Monday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Sheriff's Office conference room

- Lynchburg Town Council
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Teen Center on Magnolia Street, Lynchburg
Sumter County Council
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers
Summerton Town Council
Tuesday, 6 p.m., town hall

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't be tempted by someone or something that sounds too good to be true.

your hands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll begin to see a positive path if you are true to your beliefs and willing to take action to reach your goals.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Listen to the voice of reason and to those much older or who have more experience than you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will surface when dealing with an older relative or spouse.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do something creative or that can broaden your awareness or help you improve your skills or qualifications.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Personal change can be implemented. Whether it is physical, emotional or includes a partner, enjoy the moment, share your intentions and make plans that will improve your personal life and future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will be difficult to control. Distance yourself from someone who is unpredictable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Emotional impulse will get you into trouble. Keep your distance from anyone who appears to be unpredictable or who takes too many risks.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Simplicity and moderation will be required. Focus inward and do what you can to make the self-improvements that will result in more confidence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A lot will be going on behind closed doors. Put your efforts toward finding out the truth, not overreacting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A day trip, retreat or time spent relaxing with the people you love most will do you good and help you gain perspective.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to let indecisive individuals stand between you and something you want. Charming, persuasive tactics must be recognized as a ploy to distract you from doing what you should be doing.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

GROUCHO SAYS: Quips from Mr. Marx for you to complete By S.N.

- 42 Where the world's lowest land is
43 qua non
44 Top Chef array
46 "I was born ..."
50 Simile or metaphor
52 Battleground
53 Early color TVs
54 Investor's concern
56 Foment
59 Chinese stew
63 Slalom, say
64 Platypus claim to fame
66 123 Down analysis
68 Italian hot spot
69 "I don't want to belong to any club that ..."
75 Ristorante's "in the style of"
76 Pretty expensive
77 Kit Kat bar

- competitor
78 What sit-ups build
79 Fuses together
82 Slowpokes
85 Rush off
87 Research report info
89 Salon sounds
91 Swedish banknotes
93 "I'll do anything you say. In fact I'll even stay."
99 Obligated
100 Escalator name
101 Dreadful
102 Moves towards
104 Fr. women
105 Champagne sample
106 Puts into slots
109 Rotisserie rods
111 "Slippery" spot
113 Retail venues
115 Fit for con-

- sumption
120 "Ever since I met you, ..."
125 Goose eggs
126 Wide domain
127 Two-dimensional
128 Blows one's top
129 Prepare, as peapods
130 Peaceful
DOWN
1 No longer fizzy
2 Silver State city
3 Boundaries
4 Bad mood
5 Emphatic refusal
6 Water and rust
7 Hibachi residue
8 "Don we now our ___ apparel!"
9 Skin soother
10 Brownish gray
11 Wore
12 "Beat it!"
13 Small battery
14 Alphabetical trio
15 Green taps
16 German article
17 Inability to smell
18 British meganovelist
20 December temp
24 That and that
25 Fits to
30 Airy farewell
31 Video arcade pioneer
33 Truth twister
34 Pine family tree
36 New England catch
37 Zealous excess
38 Soldiers' wake-up call
39 Sort of shirt
41 Balanced
43 Orderly scheme

Crossword grid with letters filled in for the newsday crossword.

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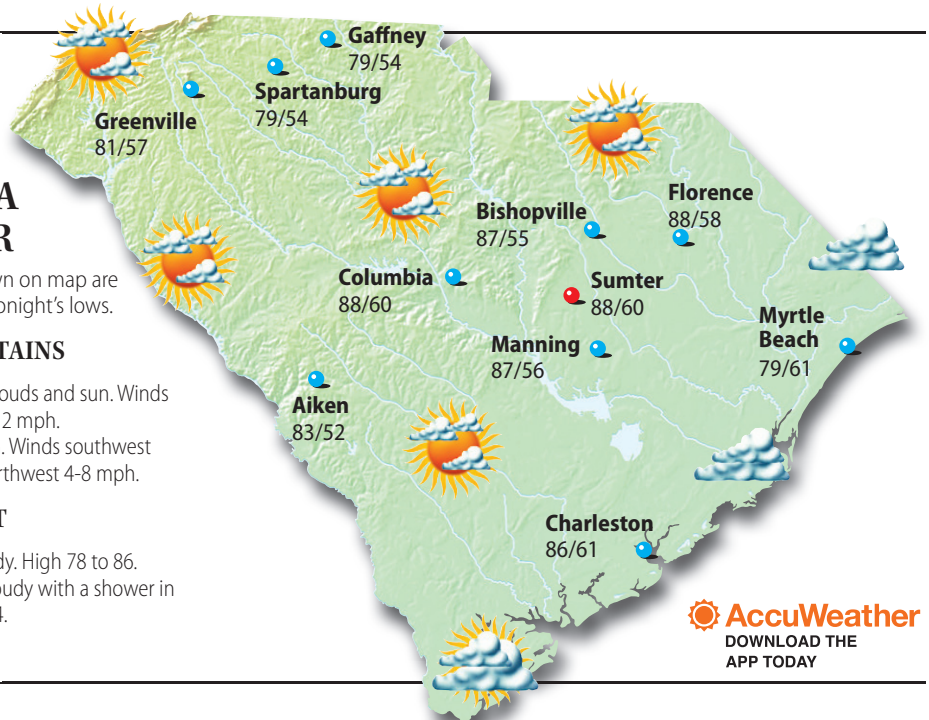
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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Periods of clouds and sun. Winds north-northwest 6-12 mph. Monday: Some sun. Winds southwest becoming north-northwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly cloudy. High 78 to 86. Monday: Rather cloudy with a shower in places. High 78 to 84.

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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

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

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for May 7, 15, 21, and 29.

RIVER STAGES

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

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, and tide heights for AT MYRTLE BEACH.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and Houston.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, and Charleston.

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SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Crossword grid with answers filled in for Saturday's crossword.

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers filled in for Saturday's sudoku.

JUMBLE

RODEO ELUDE VOLUME THRASH
Sleepy Hollow's legendary horseman loved his new boots and was — HEAD OVER HEELS

- 45 Diver's gear
47 Pitching tents
48 Heighten
49 Southeast Asian language
51 Greenland explorer
55 MLB semi-final
57 Screeners' org.
58 Vane reading
60 Partner of James A. Bailey
61 In single file
62 Sailors, informally
63 Sailor, informally
65 "I think we should"
67 Veers at sea
70 Animal House director
71 Farm structure
72 Needle
73 Sir Jagger
74 Certain commuters' community
80 Current stopper
81 Ornate buttons
83 Ford Field footballer
84 Undercover operatives
86 Leeway
88 Sale stipulation
90 Something simple
92 Hwys., for instance
93 Supervisor
94 Draw on
95 Capsize
96 Defeat decisively
97 Rebuked
98 Annoyance, so to speak
103 "Forever" purchase
106 "Sour grapes" storyteller
107 Daring component
108 Timetable listings
110 Fashion sense
112 Andes land
114 Befit
116 Miles away
117 Prefix for diction
118 Tend (towards)
119 French being
121 Sopping
122 Half a figure eight
123 Raw mineral abbr.
124 Gender abbr.
FRESNO (1 Across) is within 75 miles of three national parks: Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon. The quote at 93 Across, from the song "Hello, I Must Be Going," is sung by Groucho upon his arrival in the film Animal Crackers. Total worldwide sales of the Harry Potter novels of J.K. Rowling (18 Down) exceed 400 million.

PREP BASEBALL



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall's Trent Elmore digs for third base during the Barons' 10-9 victory over Pinewood Prep last week at Baron Field. Wilson Hall will be facing Cardinal Newman in a SCISA 3A state playoffs semifinal series beginning on Monday.

LMA, Wilson Hall, REL need semifinal series victories to play for state titles

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The SCISA baseball state playoffs resume on Monday with Laurence Manning Academy, Wilson Hall and Robert E. Lee Academy playing in their respective semifinal series.

LMA, the 2-time defending 3A state champion, will try to keep alive its hopes of a 3-peat when it plays host to Ben Lippen on Monday at Tucker Belangia Diamond beginning at 6 p.m. in the first game of the best-of-3 series. The Swampcats are 17-4 on the season after sweeping

Hammond in their first-round series. Ben Lippen comes in off a sweep of First Baptist. The series will move to Columbia on Tuesday with a 6 p.m. start. If a third game is needed, it will be played in Manning on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. The teams did not meet dur-

ing the regular season. Wilson Hall is 10-8 and will open its 3A semifinal series in Columbia against Cardinal Newman on Monday at 6 p.m. The Barons go in with a 10-8 record after sweeping Pinewood Prep. Cardinal Newman swept Porter-Gaud. The second game of the se-

ries will be played on Tuesday in Sumter at Baron Field. If a third game is needed, it will be back in Columbia, also beginning at 6 p.m. WH and the Cardinals didn't face off in the regular season.

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PREP TRACK AND FIELD

Thomas Sumter girls place 2nd

Lakewood lands 5, Crestwood 3 in next week's 4A state meet

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The Lakewood High School boys track and field team qualified for five spots in next weekend's 4A state meet while Crestwood qualified for two positions among the boys and one for the girls in the 4A state qualifier on Saturday at Sumter High's Memorial Stadium.

Meanwhile in the SCISA state championship meet at Porter-Gaud in Charleston, the Thomas Sumter Academy girls finished second in the 2A/1A meet for the second straight year.

Qualifiers for the Lakewood boys were Malik Richardson in the 100-yard dash, Jalen Clea in the high jump, Dajon Howard in the 200, Jamal Anderson in the discus and Keith Anderson in the shot put.

Crestwood's 4x100 boys relay team of Carl Benjamin, Nyjiel Lindsay Montrel White and Nivelle Wright qualified. Benjamin made the field in the 400 low hurdles.

The Lady Knights' Sedajah Rembert



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Two athletes come over the hurdles during the 4A state qualifier on Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Lakewood's boys team qualified for five spots in the state meet, while Crestwood qualified for two boys spots and one girls spot.

clinched a spot in the triple jump.

The state meet will be held in Columbia at Spring Valley High's Harry

Parone Stadium.

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AUTO RACING

Jimmie Johnson hopes Dover is answer to worst losing streak

BY DAN GELSTON
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DOVER, Del. — Jimmie Johnson wore a helmet painted in tribute to boyhood race hero Cale Yarborough. He then went out and tied the Hall of Famer on NASCAR's career wins list last year at Dover.

For Johnson, winning at Dover had become the norm — his 11 wins on the mile track are easily the record. His victory was already his third of the season and the hunt for a record eighth championship was roaring ahead.

Until it stalled. He had just two top-10s over the next 12 races, fell out of title contention and never finished a race better than third. He opened this season by wrecking out of the Daytona 500 and has just one top-five in 10 races.

The 42-year-old Johnson is used to racking up the kind of milestones that have made him a surefire Hall of Famer. But his return to Dover marks a rather ignominious distinction — he's riding the longest losing streak of his career at 33 races.

Is it over at Dover? "We'll get it close, and history shows that," Johnson said. "Hopefully we get it perfect and we can have the day that we really want to have and get back to victory lane. But it does take a little pressure off me knowing that this is my best track and knowing that this is my favorite track."

The Hendrick Motorsports driver swept Dover in 2002 and 2009 and won races in 2005, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2017. He also joined NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty (Martinsville-15, North Wilkesboro-15, Richmond-13, Rockingham-11) and Darrell Waltrip (Bristol-12, Martinsville-11) as

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KENTUCKY DERBY

Justify wins sloppy Derby, Baffert takes 5th title

BY BETH HARRIS
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Justify splashed through the slop to win the Kentucky Derby by 2½ lengths on Saturday, becoming the first colt in 136 years to wear the roses after not racing as a 2-year-old.

The chestnut colt that began his career in February improved to 4-0 — winning his races by a combined 21½ lengths — and gave Bob Baffert his fifth Derby victory. It snapped a tie and left the 65-year-old trainer trailing only Ben Jones with six.

Apollo in 1882 was the last colt to win without racing as a juvenile.

Mike Smith earned his second Derby victory. The 52-year-old jockey crossed the finish line at Churchill Downs with only a few specks of mud on his white and green silks in the rainiest Derby in the race's 144-year history. Nearly 3 inches fell on the crowd of 157,813 throughout the day.

"Amazing horse," Smith said. "He's got that 'it' factor. He is so above average, he's got unbelievable talent and



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Mike Smith rides Justify to victory during the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Kentucky.

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AUTO RACING

Allgaier holds off teammate Sadler to win Xfinity at Dover

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Justin Allgaier won a \$100,000 bonus by holding off teammate Elliott Sadler in a door-to-door race through the final turn at Dover International Speedway to win the Xfinity Series race on Saturday.

Sadler used lapped traffic to set up his attempt to snatch the lead from Allgaier and played it perfectly as he pulled alongside Allgaier. The two Chevrolets touched and Allgaier wiggled but held on for the victory.

"That race, you couldn't ask for anything better," Allgaier said. "You can never think about these finishes, about



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Justin Allgaier (7) takes the checkered flag in front of Elliott Sadler (1) to win the NASCAR Xfinity series race on Saturday at Dover International Speedway in Dover, Delaware.

how they are going to come. When we were coming to the checkered and we were in the

fence, I was thinking how disappointed I would be (if we didn't win)."

He's the 10th different Xfinity Series winner in 10 races this season. Dating to last year, a record 13 different drivers have won.

Allgaier collected the \$100,000 bonus from series sponsor Xfinity with the victory. His first win of the season was also his first at the Delaware mile and came during a year in which he'd finished second three times already this season.

Sadler led 33 laps and finished .306 seconds behind his JR Motorsports teammate.

"I have three great teammates and the amount of respect Elliott showed me out

there was great," Allgaier said. "Obviously, we got together coming to the checkered, but I expected that. He had to do what he had to do and we did what we had to do.

"This whole team is incredible and to be part of this group is something special. I think we have a great shot at a championship."

Daniel Hemric finished third, Christopher Bell was fourth and Tyler Reddick completed the top five.

NASCAR started the race one hour earlier than scheduled to avoid rain and completed the event without interruption.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: BMW Open Singles and Doubles Championship Matches from Munich and Madrid Open Early-Round Matches from Madrid (TENNIS).

7:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour GolfSixes Day 2 from St. Albans, England (GOLF).

8:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Huddersfield vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: BMW Open Singles and Doubles Championship Matches from Munich and Madrid Open Early-Round Matches from Madrid (TENNIS).

11:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Liverpool vs. Chelsea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

11:30 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Burnley vs. Arsenal (CNBC).

Noon — Women's College Lacrosse: Patriot League Tournament Championship Match (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).

Noon — College Lacrosse: Ivy League Tournament Championship Match from New York (ESPN).

Noon — College Baseball: Mississippi at South Carolina (SEC NETWORK, WNKT-FM 107.5).

1 p.m. — College Baseball: Florida at Texas A&M (ESPN).

1 p.m. — PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship Final Round from Charlotte (GOLF).

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland at New York Yankees or Toronto at Tampa Bay (MLB NETWORK).

1:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

2 p.m. — College Softball: Penn State at Minnesota (ESPN).

2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series AAA 400 Drive for Autism from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).

3 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Semifinal Series Match 5 — Boston at Tampa Bay (WIS 10).

3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship Final Round from Charlotte (WLTN 19).

3 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Insuperity Invitational Final Round from The Woodlands, Texas (GOLF).

3 p.m. — College Softball: Florida at Missouri (SEC NETWORK).

3 p.m. — College Baseball: Texas at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

3 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Istanbul Open Singles and Double Championship Matches from Istanbul (TENNIS).

3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 4 — Golden State at New Orleans (WOL 25).

4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego from Monterrey, Mexico (ESPN).

4 p.m. — College Softball: Arkansas at Louisiana State (ESPN2).

4 p.m. — College Baseball: Mississippi State at Alabama (ESPN).

4 p.m. — College Baseball Florida State at Clemson (WJLM-FM 93.1).

5:30 p.m. — LPGA Golf: LPGA Texas Classic Final Round from The Colony, Texas (GOLF).

7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Semifinal Series Match 6 — Vegas at San Jose (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis (ESPN).

8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 4 — Houston at Utah (TNT).

9 p.m. — College Lacrosse: NCAA Division I Tournament Selection Show (ESPN).

MONDAY 6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Early-Round Matches from Madrid (TENNIS).

Noon — Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Early-Round Matches from Madrid (TENNIS).

2 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Pro Series East from Hampton, Va. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 4 — Boston at Philadelphia (TNT).

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

7 p.m. — College Baseball Florida State at Clemson (ESPN2, WJLM-FM 93.1).

7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Semifinal Series Match 6 — Washington at Pittsburgh (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Minnesota at St. Louis (ESPN).

8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 4 — Toronto at Cleveland (TNT).

9:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Semifinal Series Match 6 — Nashville at Winnipeg (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

11 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at San Diego or Houston at Oakland (MLB NETWORK).

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Boston, New York, Toronto, Tampa Bay, Baltimore.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Cleveland, Detroit, Minnesota, Kansas City, Chicago.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Los Angeles, Houston, Seattle, Oakland, Texas.

FRIDAY N.Y. Yankees 7, Cleveland 6 Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 2 Boston 5, Texas 1 Minnesota 6, Chicago White Sox 4 Kansas City 4, Detroit 2 Houston 8, Arizona 0 Oakland 6, Baltimore 4 L.A. Angels 5, Seattle 0

SATURDAY N.Y. Yankees 5, Cleveland 2 Detroit at Kansas City, 4:15 p.m. Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m. Minnesota at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m. Boston at Texas, 8:05 p.m. Houston at Arizona, 8:10 p.m. Baltimore at Oakland, 9:05 p.m. L.A. Angels at Seattle, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY Cleveland (Clevinger 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (German 0-1), 1:05 p.m. Toronto (Estrada 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Archer 2-2), 1:10 p.m. Minnesota (Gibson 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-3), 2:10 p.m.

Detroit (Boyd 1-2) at Kansas City (Junis 3-2), 2:15 p.m. Boston (Sale 2-1) at Texas (Fister 1-2), 3:05 p.m. Baltimore (Cobb 0-3) at Oakland (Triggs 2-1), 4:05 p.m. Houston (Verlander 4-0) at Arizona (Koch 1-0), 4:10 p.m. L.A. Angels (TBD) at Seattle (Hernandez 4-2), 4:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES Detroit at Texas, 8:05 p.m. Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m. Houston at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE East Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Atlanta, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Miami.

Central Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: St. Louis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati.

West Division

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Rows: Arizona, Colorado, San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego.

FRIDAY Washington 7, Philadelphia 3 Cincinnati 4, Miami 1 Colorado 8, N.Y. Mets 7 San Francisco 9, Atlanta 4 Pittsburgh 6, Milwaukee 4 St. Louis 3, Chicago Cubs 2 L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 0 Houston 8, Arizona 0

SATURDAY Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m. Philadelphia at Washington, 4:05 p.m. Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers vs. San Diego at Monterrey, 7:10 p.m. Miami at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m. Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m. San Francisco at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m. Houston at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.

TODAY Colorado (Freeland 1-4) at N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 2-1), 1:10 p.m. Philadelphia (Arrieta 3-1) at Washington (Scherzer 6-1), 1:35 p.m. San Francisco (Suarez 0-1) at Atlanta (McCarthy 4-0), 1:35 p.m. Pittsburgh (Kuhl 3-2) at Milwaukee (Anderson 3-2), 2:10 p.m. Houston (Verlander 4-0) at Arizona (Koch 1-0), 4:10 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-1) vs. San Diego (Lauer 0-1) at Monterrey, 4:10 p.m. Miami (Straily 0-0) at Cincinnati (Finnegan 0-2), 4:10 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Lester 2-1) at St. Louis (Wacha 4-1), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m. Miami at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m. Minnesota at St. Louis, 8:10 p.m. Washington at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

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

Eastern Conference

Cleveland 2, Toronto 0

Tuesday, May 1: Cleveland 113, Toronto 112, OT Thursday, May 3: Cleveland 128, Toronto 110 Saturday, May 5: Toronto at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 7: Toronto at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m. x-Wednesday, May 9: Cleveland at Toronto, TBA x-Friday, May 11: Toronto at Cleveland, TBA x-Sunday, May 13: Cleveland at Toronto, TBA

Boston 2, Philadelphia 0

Monday, April 30: Boston 117, Philadelphia 101 Thursday, May 3: Boston 108, Philadelphia 103 Saturday, May 5: Boston at Philadelphia, 5 p.m. Monday, May 7: Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m. x-Wednesday, May 9: Philadelphia at Boston, TBA x-Friday, May 11: Boston at Philadelphia, TBA x-Sunday, May 13: Philadelphia at Boston, TBA

Western Conference

Houston 2, Utah 1

Sunday, April 29: Houston 110, Utah 96 Wednesday, May 2: Utah 116, Houston 108 Friday, May 4: Houston 113, Utah 92 Sunday, May 6: Houston at Utah, 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 8: Utah at Houston, 8 p.m. x-Thursday, May 10: Houston at Utah, TBA x-Monday, May 14: Utah at Houston, TBA

Golden State 2, New Orleans 1

Saturday, April 28: Golden State 123, New Orleans 101 Tuesday, May 1: Golden State 121, New Orleans 116 Friday, May 4: New Orleans 119, Golden State 100 Sunday, May 6: Golden State at New Orleans, 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8: New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. x-Thursday, May 10: Golden State at New Orleans, TBA x-Monday, May 14: New Orleans at Golden State, TBA

NHL PLAYOFFS

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

Eastern Conference

Washington 2, Pittsburgh 2

Thursday, April 26: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2 Sunday, April 29: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1 Tuesday, May 1: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 3 Thursday, May 3: Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5: Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m. Monday, May 7: Washington at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. x-Wednesday, May 9: Pittsburgh at Washington, 7:30 p.m.

Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1

Saturday, April 28: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2 Monday, April 30: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2 Wednesday, May 2: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1 Friday, May 4: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT Sunday, May 6: Boston at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m. x-Tuesday, May 8: Tampa Bay at Boston, TBA x-Thursday, May 10: Boston at Tampa Bay, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Winnipeg 2, Nashville 2

Friday, April 27: Winnipeg 4, Nashville 1 Sunday, April 29: Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4, 2OT Tuesday, May 1: Winnipeg 7, Nashville 4 Thursday, May 3: Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1 Saturday, May 5: Winnipeg at Nashville, 9:30 p.m. Monday, May 7: Nashville at Winnipeg, 9:30 p.m. x-Thursday, May 10: Winnipeg at Nashville, TBA

Vegas 3, San Jose 2

Thursday, April 26: Vegas 7, San Jose 0 Saturday, April 28: San Jose 4, Vegas 3, 2OT Monday, April 30: Vegas 4, San Jose 3, OT Wednesday, May 2: San Jose 4, Vegas 0 Friday, May 4: Vegas 5, San Jose 3 Sunday, May 6: Vegas at San Jose, 7:30 p.m. x-Tuesday, May 8: San Jose at Vegas, TBA

PGA SCORES

Saturday At Quail Hollow Club Charlotte, N.C.

Purse: \$7.7 million Yardage: 7,554; Par: 71

Third Round

Table with columns: Golfer, Score, Thru. Lists names like Jason Day, Nick Watney, Peter Uihlein, Bryson DeChambeau, Paul Casey, Aaron Wise, Sam Saunders, Charl Schwartzel, Johnson Wagner, Phil Mickelson, Adam Hadwin, Talor Gooch, Patrick Reed, Luke List, Rickie Fowler, Rory McIlroy, Chesson Hadley, Francesco Molinari, Michael Thompson, Cameron Tringale, Emiliano Grillo, Charles Howell III, Kyle Stanley, Peter Malnati, Graeme McDowell, Daniel Berger, Jonas Blixt, Greg Chalmers, Troy Merritt, Joel Dahmen, Tiger Woods, Brandon Harkins, Harold Varner III, Austin Cook, Ted Potter, Jr., Justin Thomas, Alex Cejka, Tyrrell Hatton, Sam Burns, Seamus Power, Brian Harman, Corey Connors, J.B. Holmes, Beau Hossler, Byeong Hun An, Ross Fisher, Webb Simpson, Vaughn Taylor, Martin Kaymer, Jason Dufner, Shawn Stefani, Robert Streb, Blayne Barber, Mackenzie Hughes, John Peterson, Sean O'Hair, Ollie Schniederjans, Xinjun Zhang, T.J. Vogel, Grayson Murray, Shane Lowry, Brooks Koepka, Jonathan Randolph, Stewart Cink, Rory Sabbatini, Bud Cauley, Tony Finau, Chris Stroud, Martin Flores, Xander Schauffele, Tom Lovelady, Patrick Rodgers, Jhonattan Vegas, Brice Garnett, Keith Mitchell, Adam Scott, Tom Hoge, Hideki Matsuyama, Keegan Bradley, C.T. Pan, Billy Hurley III, Tyrone Van Aswegen, Andrew Putnam, Tyler Duncan, J.J. Henry, Ryan Blaum, Fabián Gómez.

LPGA RESULTS

Texas Classic Leaderboard Friday after suspended play At Old American GC The Colony, Texas

Purse: \$1.3 million Yardage: 6,475; Par: 71

First Round Leaders

Table with columns: Golfer, Score, Thru. Lists names like Sung Hyun Park, Jenny Shin, Sei Young Kim, Sandra Gal, Jane Park, Daniela Darquea, Su Oi, Emily K. Pedersen, Jackie Stoelting, Kim Kaufman, Laura Davies, Ariya Janutanagam, Lydia Ko, Ayako Uehara, Alison Walshe.

PGA CHAMPIONS SCORES

INSPIRITY INVITATIONAL SCORES

Saturday At The Woodlands CC The Woodlands, Texas

Purse: \$2.2 million Yardage: 7,002; Par: 72

Second Round

Table with columns: Golfer, Score, Thru. Lists names like Bernhard Langer, Tom Pernice Jr., Miguel Angel Jiménez, Mark Calcavecchia, Scott Dunlap, Bart Bryant, Jeff Maggert, Kenny Perry, Lee Janzen, Paul Goydos, Olin Browne, Corey Pavin, Mike Gooches, Joe Durant, Russ Cochran, Kevin Sutherland, Todd Hamilton, Marco Dawson, Brandt Jobe, Tom Lehman, Sandy Lyle, Wes Short, Jr.

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drivers to win 11 races at a single track. His 83rd career victory tied him with Yarborough for sixth on the career victory list. Waltrip and Bobby Allison are next at 84.

"I think we have created an environment of very high expectations because of the success we've had and I think people forget how special our run has been," Johnson said. "We certainly want to get back into those ways and have it happen again. But history shows it doesn't happen very often. And we're very fortunate to harness lightning for a long stretch of time."

His biggest loss, though, has been his sponsor. Lowe's is leaving the sport after 18 years as the only Cup Series sponsor Johnson has had. His rights are for sale for the first time.

Then there is the question of his manufacturer — Chevrolet switched its car body to the Camaro. Austin Dillon's win in the Daytona 500 is the only one for a Chevy driver this season and Kyle Larson's pole run on Friday was just the second for Chevy of the season.

Toyota won eight of the final 10 races in 2017, including the championship with Martin Truex Jr. and Furniture Row Racing.

"I think we have been the benchmark or that high watermark for so many years, that other manufacturers and teams invested a couple of years in figuring out how to beat us," Johnson said.

Johnson, who starts 19th, hopes the turnaround truly starts at Dover.

Other items of notes at Dover:

NOT SO FAST?

Larson, who won his fifth career pole, isn't quick to blame the Camaro for the Chevy drivers' collective funk.

"I've never been one of the guys that has said we've been behind where we were last year with the new Camaros," he said. "I've felt like our team has done a really good job of taking what we had last year with the SS and then putting everything that we learned through that into the Camaro and been just as fast."

THUMBS UP

Daniel Suarez starts a solid seventh as he tries to build on consecutive top-10 finishes. The second-year Joe Gibbs Racing driver broke his left thumb in a race last month at Texas.

AAA 400 DRIVE FOR AUTISM LINEUP

- After Friday qualifying; race Sunday At Dover International Speedway Dover, Del. Lap length: 1 miles (Car number in parentheses) 1. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 158.103 mph. 2. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 157.494. 3. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 157.432. 4. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 157.226. 5. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 157.006. 6. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 156.733. 7. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 156.542. 8. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 156.447. 9. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 156.284. 10. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 155.993. 11. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 155.898. 12. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 155.703. 13. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 155.871. 14. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 155.743. 15. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 155.655. 16. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 155.513. 17. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 155.514. 18. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 155.300. 19. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 155.219. 20. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 155.166. 21. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 155.025. 22. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 154.679. 23. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 154.500. 24. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 153.224. 25. (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 154.467. 26. (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 154.209. 27. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 154.110. 28. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 154.011. 29. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 153.951. 30. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 153.459. 31. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 153.178. 32. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 152.588. 33. (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 152.228. 34. (55) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 149.836. 35. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 149.701. 36. (99) Derrick Cope, Chevrolet, 144.671. 37. (51) Cody Ware, Chevrolet, 141.498. 38. (72) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 0.000.

PRO BASEBALL



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Los Angeles Angel Albert Pujols singles against the Seattle Mariners in the fifth inning of their game on Friday in Seattle. The hit was his 3,000th career hit.

Angels' Pujols becomes 32nd player to join 3,000-hit club

SEATTLE — Los Angeles Angels slugger Albert Pujols got his 3,000th hit, reaching the mark with a broken-bat single Friday night against Seattle and becoming the 32nd player in major league history to join the exclusive club.

Pujols dumped the single into shallow right field in the fifth inning against Mike Leake. It came on Pujols' sixth attempt after getting to 2,999 a day earlier.

Pujols received a standing ovation from the crowd at Safeco Field and was given the baseball and first base as a memento. His teammates all greeted him on the field before action resumed. The Angels won the game 5-0, and Pujols collected hit No. 3,001 in the ninth inning with a two-run single.

"I was really excited, but at the same time you still have a game you need to play and you still need to focus to win that

game," Pujols said. "That's what I told those guys. Let's go win that game so it can taste a little better with a win."

The 38-year-old Pujols nearly got the mark in the first inning, but his hard liner was right at shortstop Jean Segura. Pujols walked on a 3-2 pitch leading off the fourth inning after fouling off four two-strike pitches.

Pujols joined Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Alex Rodriguez as the only players in baseball history with 3,000 hits and 600 homers. He's the first player to reach the mark since Adrian Beltre last year against Baltimore.

"I'm aware of the legacy and the people that I tie and am on the same page right now," Pujols said. "But at the end of the day it's about winning a championship. Nothing would be more special than in September and October and playing in the playoffs and bring-

ing a championship back to the city of Anaheim."

Pujols reached the precipice of the milestone earlier this week in Anaheim, getting two hits against Baltimore on Wednesday night — including his 620th career homer — before getting No. 2,999 on a second-inning double Thursday night.

He then came to the plate three times with the chance to hit the mark in front of his standing home crowd. But Pujols couldn't quite do it, eventually flying out to right and deflating his eager home fans in the eighth inning of the Angels' 12-3 win.

"Trust me I wanted to do it last night. But it didn't happen last night. It just happened tonight," Pujols said.

Ichiro Suzuki reached 3,000 hits in 2016 and also accomplished it on the road. He was in the Seattle clubhouse on Friday night when Pujols joined the club.

MLB ROUNDUP

Bautista debuts, Acuna draws fans but Braves lose to Giants

ATLANTA — Braves manager Brian Snitker liked what he saw from Jose Bautista, Atlanta's new third baseman.

Even though the Braves' five-game winning streak was snapped, Snitker watched Bautista double off the wall in his first at-bat and cleanly handle his three chances in the field.

"He made the plays," Snitker said, "and I thought he looked all right."

Bautista doubled in his first at-bat of the season and Atlanta set a SunTrust Park attendance record in Ronald Acuna Jr.'s home debut, but the San Francisco Giants beat the Braves in a 9-4 victory on Friday night.

Freddie Freeman put Atlanta ahead 2-0 with a two-run homer in the first, then Bautista followed with a double off the center field wall, thrilling a crowd of 41,807 on hand to see the division-leading Baby Braves following a stellar road trip. That's the most fans since the Braves opened their new park last season.

ALL SET FOR SUNDAY

RHP Mike Soroka will make his second career start Sunday, but Snitker wouldn't commit beyond that. The 20-year-old Soroka won his debut Tuesday at New York, beating the Mets 3-2 giving up no walks, one run and six hits in six innings.

YANKEES 5 INDIANS 2

NEW YORK — Shortstop Francisco Lindor's double error led to a pair of runs in a four-run fifth inning off previously unhittable Trevor Bauer, Sonny Gray

won for the first time in a month and the New York Yankees beat the Cleveland Indians 5-2 Saturday for their 14th win in 15 games.

New York is in its first 14-1 stretch since 1998 Yankees won 114 games during the regular season and then the first of three straight World Series titles. The Yankees have won eight straight home games for the first time since 2010.

Gray (2-2) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings, working with more poise and polish to backup catcher Austin Romine than he has with All-Star starter Gary Sanchez. Gray has a 3.72 ERA in five starts with Romine this year; his ERA is 15.63 ERA in two starts with Sanchez.

RAYS 6 BLUE JAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Relief pitcher Ryan Yarbrough made his case for a spot in Tampa Bay's injury-depleted rotation by throwing five scoreless innings in a 6-2 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Friday night.

Johnny Field homered off J.A. Happ (4-2) and Brad Miller added a two-run shot to put it out of reach in the eighth. Wilson Ramos, Denard Span and Adeiny Hechavarria also drove in runs for the Rays, who've won 10 of 13 after a slow start.

Yarbrough (2-1) is a 26-year-old rookie who may wind up in the rotation after allowing a single to the first batter he faced — Dalton Pompey in the third inning — then retiring 15 in a row.

From wire reports

PRO BASEBALL

Buehler, Dodgers' bullpen combine to no-hit Padres

BY CARLOS RODRIGUEZ
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MONTERREY, Mexico — The Dodgers have the most no-hitters in the majors — and now the most in Mexico, too.

Rookie Walker Buehler and a trio of Los Angeles relievers combined for the franchise's 23rd no-hitter in a 4-0 victory over the San Diego Padres in the opener of a neutral-site series Friday night.

Mexico had waited since 1999 to host a regular-season big league game, and it got a historic one: the first no-hitter ever outside the U.S. or Canada and the 12th combined no-hitter in major league history. "It was awesome," Buehler said. "It's one of those things, to pitch in a place like this, an atmosphere like this. It was awesome."

A crowd of 21,536 at Estadio de Beisbol Monterrey saw Buehler stay steady despite early rain. In just his third start in the majors, he went six innings before Tony Cingrani, Yimi Garcia and Adam Liberatore closed it out.

Buehler, a 23-year-old taken in the first round of the 2015 amateur draft, struck out eight and walked three. After 93 pitches, the highly touted right-hander was pulled. Cingrani walked two in the seventh, but the lefty kept the bid intact.

"It's probably one of the toughest conversations I ever had, I wanted to keep going," Buehler said. "But they made the choice and the guys finished out and it was cool."

Buehler overcame wet conditions — the hardest rain fell in the second inning.

"I threw one in high school, but I gave up two runs in the first inning, so that one doesn't really count," Buehler said.

Garcia struck out two in a



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Los Angeles Dodger relief pitcher Adam Liberatore clenches his fist as teammates run onto the field after he completed a no-hitter in a 4-0 win over San Diego on Friday in Monterrey, Mexico.

perfect eighth and Liberatore threw a 1-2-3 ninth, striking out Franchy Cordero to end it with the Dodgers' 146th pitch.

That ended a festive night that began with a ceremonial

first pitch thrown by Dodgers great Fernando Valenzuela, who became a star in the U.S. and Mexico and set off "Fernandomania" when he became a fan favorite in the 1980s.

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Atlanta's Jose Bautista follows through on a double in the first inning of the Braves' 9-4 loss to the San Francisco Giants on Friday in Atlanta. It was Bautista's first plate appearance with the Braves.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Rockets blast Jazz 113-92 to take 2-1 series lead

SALT LAKE CITY — When Houston's offense gets going, the Rockets are nearly impossible to beat.

James Harden had 25 points and 12 assists to lead Houston to a 113-92 win over Utah in Game 3 of their Western Conference semifinals series on Friday night.

Eric Gordon added 25 points and Chris Paul had 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists for the Rockets. Houston beat Utah in Salt Lake City for the third time this season to take a 2-1 series lead. Game 4 is today.

The Rockets attacked the Jazz everywhere en route to rolling up 70 points before halftime. When Utah drove Houston off the perimeter, it yielded repeated slashes to the rim for layups. When the Jazz dropped back in to shore up the interior, the Rockets came up with well-timed 3-pointers to keep the heat on.

"We're just not going to force anything," Harden said. "Whatever they give us, we're going to take and we're going to have confidence in our guys and we're going to make shots."

Royce O' Neale scored 17 points. Alec Burks chipped in 14 points while Rudy Gobert added 12 points and nine rebounds for the Jazz.

Utah never got on track on offense. The Jazz shot poorly over the first three quarters and committed 16 turnovers. Houston scored 19 points off those miscues.

"I thought our defense was superb," Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni said. "We were hitting shots all over the place."



Houston center Clint Capela (15) dunks over Utah forward Jonas Jerebko (8) during the first half of the Rockets' 113-92 victory in Game 3 of their NBA second-round playoff series on Friday in Salt Lake City.

We just got a hold of it, kept the crowd out of it and kept them on their heels. You could see the guys feeding off good defense after good defense. When you do that and your energy is right, the shots start to go down and good things happen."

Houston could not have scripted a much better start than what the Rockets produced on Friday night.

A listless first-half effort ultimately sealed Houston's fate in Game 2. The Rockets avoided enduring another slow start by clamping down

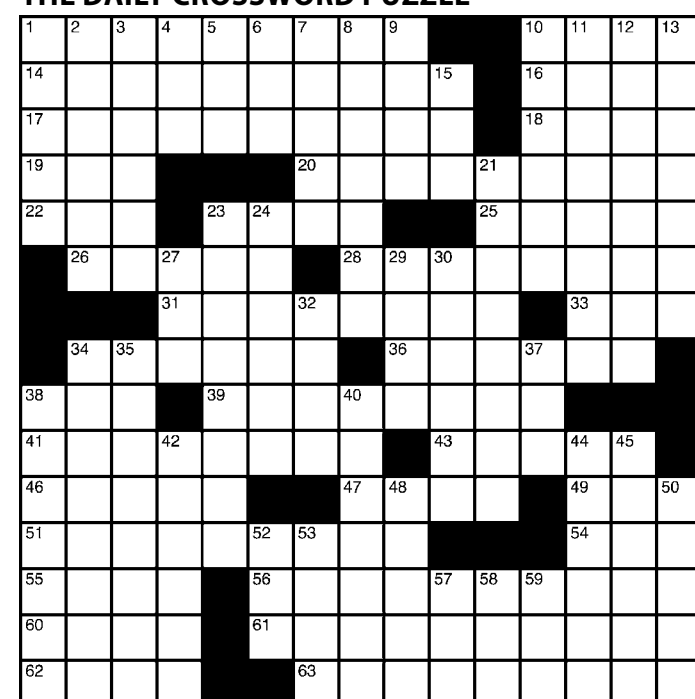
on defense and playing efficient offense.

Houston picked apart Utah's defense practically from the opening tip. The Rockets opened the game by scoring baskets on six of their first seven possessions. Harden capped the flurry with his first basket to put Houston up 15-5.

It only grew worse for the Jazz from there. The Rockets led by as many as 22 in the first quarter, taking a 37-15 lead on back-to-back baskets from Harden and Gerald Green.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

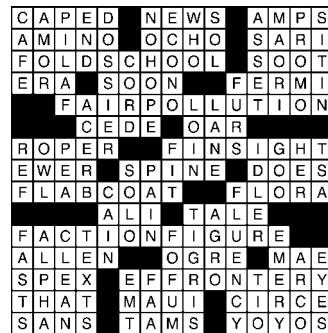
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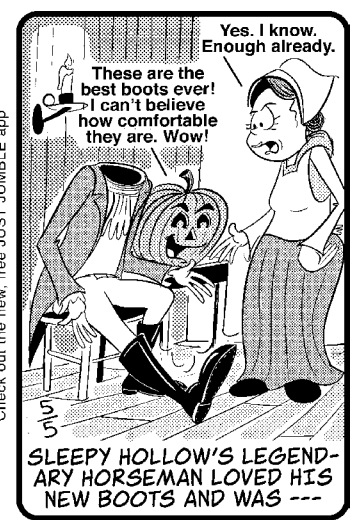
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 By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Pelicans win 119-100, trim Warriors' lead

BY BRETT MARTEL
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — Rajon Rondo told Anthony Davis to "take a nap and think about 50" in the hours leading up to playoff game New Orleans all but had to win to have any hope of staging a playoff upset of defending champion Golden State.

Davis didn't quite score 50, but his dominance around and above the rim got the Pelicans back in the series.

Highlighted by dunks of the driving, put-back or alley-oop variety, Davis had 33 points to go with 18 rebounds and four steals, and the Pelicans defeated the Warriors, 119-100, on Friday night to trim Golden State's series lead to 2-1.

"He came out aggressive. He set the tone on both ends of the floor," Rondo said. "He attacked the rim strong to-night."

Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry added that he "felt real good" during a time out when he heard Davis say, "We're not losing this game."

Davis' determined play around the basket helped New Orleans outscore the Warriors 54-36 in the paint and rebound Golden State, 54-44.

The Pelicans five-time All-Star said "aggression" had more to do with his team's victory than any tactical adjustments they made.

The Warriors have been known to erase large deficits in a hurry, but each time they tried to do so in Game 3, the Pelicans responded en route to a resounding victory. The Warriors never led by more than a single point and trailed by double digits for almost the entire first half, going down by 25 points in the third quarter and 26 in the fourth.

Golden State shot uncharacteristically poorly from outside, missing 22 of 31 3-point attempts and finishing at 38-percent shooting (35-of-92) overall.



New Orleans guard Ian Clark (23) dunks during the second half of Game 3 of their second-round NBA playoff series against the Golden State Warriors in New Orleans on Friday. The Pelicans won 119-100.

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

PRO FOOTBALL

Griffin ready to focus on football in Seattle

RENTON, Wash. — The number was different on Friday — No. 49 instead of No. 18. So were the colors, trading black and gold for dark blue and white.

The effort and excitement from Shaquem Griffin? That remained the same.

"We had to slow him down on some stuff early. In the walk-through he was going too hard. We had to chill him out a little bit," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

The next chapter of Griffin's football career got underway with the first day of Seattle's three-day mini-camp for rookies. In a way, it was a welcome return to normalcy for Griffin after months where the focus was strictly on what he's overcome missing his left hand and whether he would be given a chance in the NFL.

For one afternoon — even if it was simply in shorts, his new jersey and a helmet — Griffin could just be a football player.

"It's kind of fun to be honest. I was ready to get back to football. I'm pretty sure all the guys that are here were ready to get back to

football," Griffin said.

"When you're away from football, you have to do all the drills and the combine and the pro day. The only thing you are really here to do is play football. So when you get a chance to go to the draft and that part is over with, and you get signed on to a team and you're ready to go, now it's back to everything you've been doing to get to this point and that's play football."

The day was filled mostly with basics, as Griffin and the rest of Seattle's draft class and rookie free agent signings learned how Carroll runs things in Seattle. Considering how the past week has been, even the mundane fundamentals were welcomed by Griffin.

Outside of the quarterbacks drafted in the first round, there was no bigger story in the draft than where Griffin would go. He was a star in college at Central Florida and deserving of a shot in the NFL, especially after stealing the spotlight with his performance at the scouting combine.

PRO FOOTBALL



Oakland's Maurice Hurst (73), P.J. Hall, and Arden Key (99) wait to perform a drill during practice on Friday at the team's training facility in Alameda, California. Read the full story at www.theitem.com.

Raiders' rookie Hurst happy to talk about football, not heart

BY JOSH DUBOW
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALAMEDA, Calif. — After months of questions about the health of his heart sent him tumbling down the draft board until being taken by the Oakland Raiders in the fifth round, Maurice Hurst was happy to get on the practice field and turn the conversation to football.

Hurst took part in his first practice as a pro Friday when the Raiders opened their rookie minicamp with three promising pass rushers they hope can bolster their defense.

"Just trying to get all of that stuff behind me, try to get people to stop talking about it," Hurst said. "You know, some sort of issue or all of those kinds of things — just try to move past that and

focus on playing football and just having fun out there."

Hurst was one of the most productive defensive players in the country last season at Michigan. He had 5½ sacks as an interior rusher and led all nose tackles and defensive tackles with 49 total quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus.

Hurst was sent home from the combine after a heart issue was detected. Hurst said it was something he has dealt with for a long time and hadn't impacted him on the field. He said he has been cleared by doctors at Harvard and Michigan but that didn't prevent every team passing on a player projected as a first-rounder until the Raiders got him at 140th overall.

"I'm not going to answer any more health questions on Hurst," coach Jon Gruden

said. "I realize there are a lot of ghost stories out there about unnamed sources that have their opinion on why we shouldn't have drafted him. This man played at Michigan. I know the head coach there. They've looked after him carefully. We're happy to have him in any round, and I'm excited for him and I'm really excited for him because he's an Oakland Raider and he's a great kid. I hope you just judge him on the field. He's been cleared medically and I'll just leave it at that."

The additions of Hurst, second-round defensive tackle P.J. Hall and third-round defensive end Arden Key give the Raiders help on a defensive front that has ranked near the bottom of the NFL in sacks in recent years despite the presence of edge rushers Khalil Mack and Bruce Irvin.

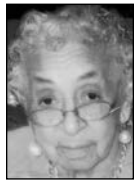


Seattle linebacker Shaquem Griffin takes part in a drill on Friday during the Seahawks' camp in Renton, Washington.

OBITUARIES

RUBY J. JAMES

SUMMERTON — Ruby Johnson James, 80, wife of Booker T. James, died on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at Lake Marion Nursing Home, Summerton.



She was born on Sept. 9, 1937, in Davis Station, a daughter of the late Thomas and

Blanche Carrigan Johnson. Funeral services for Mrs. James will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Taw Caw Missionary Baptist Church, 1130 Grandy Lane, Summerton, with Minister Ivorydell Tindal, the Rev. Dr. W.T. Johnson officiating, Minister Lee Burgess, Minister Earnistine Oliver and Minister Terrance Tindal assisting. Burial will follow at the churchyard cemetery.

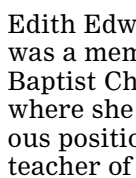
The family is receiving friends from 3 to 9 p.m. daily at the home of Deacon Preston and Bertha Johnson, 2340 Brogdon Circle, Sumter.

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

LINDA KAY TODD

Linda Kay "Nana" Todd, 77, wife of Henry W. Todd Sr., died on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

Born on Oct. 3, 1940, in Thomasville, North Carolina, she was a daughter of the late Austin and Edith Edwards Copple. She was a member of Eastside Baptist Church for 47 years, where she served in numerous positions, including teacher of the Ladies' Sunday School Class for more than 25 years, WMU president for more than 20 years, choir member, GA's and



Acteens leader, and Intermediate Youth teacher. She was the owner and operator of Magic Touch Cleaning for more than 30 years.

She put her family first in everything. Nothing pleased her more than to cook Sunday dinner for her family and anyone else they happened to bring. She was the perfect example of what a Christian wife, mother, "main-law," grandmother and great-grandmother should be. She was a loyal servant to her friends, family and her Lord.

She leaves behind her precious family to mourn her passing, but to look forward to seeing her again because of the hope of heaven in Jesus Christ, including her husband of 60 years; three children, Lenora Schwabenbauer (Ken), Crystal M. Mullen (Timmy) and Henry W. "Hank" Todd Jr. (Denise), all of Sumter; three grandsons, Richard W. Kirby (Suzie), Timothy L. "Tim" Kirby (Stephanie) and Timothy "T.J." Mullen (Heather), all of Sumter; great-grandchildren, Payton, Hailey, Lawton, McKinley, Anniston and Reed Kirby, and Camdyn Mullen, all of Sumter; step-grandchildren, T.J., Hunter and Lakin Floyd, all of Sumter; a sister, Nancy O'Hearn of Florida; special niece and nephew, Sabrina "Beanie" Priske and Steve Pontillo; and special friends, Miriam "MeMaw" Hodge and Carolyn Price.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Grady Copple.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Eastside Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Jim Palmer and the Rev. George Smith officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Ronnie Hodge, Pete Mixon, Lee Pack,

Kenny Newman, Steve Pontillo and George Ferguson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Francis Watford and the Men's Sunday School Class of Eastside Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Eastside Baptist Church, 701 Boulevard Road, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

JAMES LEE SMITH

SUMMERTON — Our dearly beloved brother James Lee Smith died on Monday, April 30, 2018.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at the chapel of Summerton Funeral Home.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summerton, phone (803) 485-3755.

FELTON CARTER

Felton Carter, 78, husband of Deborah Carter, died on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at his home.

Born on May 12, 1939, in North Carolina, he was a son of Arthur and Mollie Moore Carter.

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

NATHAN CONYERS

Nathan Conyers, 72, husband of Lynda Jackson Conyers, departed this life on Friday, April 27, 2018, in Milwaukee.

He was born on Nov. 15, 1945, in Paxville.

The family will receive friends at the home of his sister, Lula Washington, 232 W. Williams St., Sumter.

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

LISA M. WHITFIELD

Lisa "Penny" Michelle Whitfield, 48, of Sumter, departed this life on April 23, 2018.

She was a daughter of Holly McCoy and Dorothy Billups and was reared by her aunt, Gladys Billups Nathaniel.

Services were held on Friday in Las Vegas.

Bunkers Mortuary was in charge of the arrangements.

Courtesy announcement of Job's Mortuary Inc.

ELIZABETH MCQUILLAR

Elizabeth "Beth" McQuillar, 80, widow of Eugene McQuillar, departed this life on Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on April 10, 1938, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Julius and Hannah Loney. Elizabeth became a member of Union Baptist Church after moving back to South Carolina from New York.

She leaves to mourn her passing: two daughters, Joann McQuillar (Herbert Colcough) of the home and Betty Jackson (James Tucker) of Brooklyn, New York; three granddaughters, Ky Carpenter of New Jersey, Kim Carpenter of New York and Ronnette Lashay Jackson of Brooklyn; one great-grandson, Kyle Noah Keys of New York; her sisters, Carrie Lee Council of Dalzell, Eva Dease of Sumter, Caroline Dennis (Harvin) of Columbia, Clara Loney of Rembert, Genevieve Ellington of Tampa, Florida, and Virginia Lowery (James) of Dalzell; one brother, Richard Loney of Camden; two sisters-in-law, Ethel McQuillar and Ethel Loney, both of Rembert; one brother-in-law, Lewis McQuillar (Betty) of Virginia; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 2820 Frierson Road, Dalzell.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Union Baptist Church, 5840 Springhill Road, Rembert,

with the Rev. Walter Robertson III, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at noon.

The funeral procession will leave at 12:20 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Union Baptist Churchyard Cemetery.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

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

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

LOUISE VAUGHN

Louise Vaughn, 88, widow of William Vaughn Sr., died on Friday, May 4, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Feb. 10, 1930, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Sarah Wright.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 3775 Oswego Highway, Sumter.

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

ROBIN N. DAVIS

Robin Nicole "Squeaky" Davis, 31, daughter of Shirley Davis and Robert Sims, was born on Sept. 1, 1986, in Sumter.

She departed this life on Saturday, May 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Family will receive friends at the home, 1121 Jordan St., Sumter.

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

PHILIP B. WHISNANT JR.

Mr. Philip B. Whisnant Jr., 81, died on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday in Evergreen Memorial Park, Sumter. Brown-Pennington-Atkins, Hartsville, is serving the family. www.bpafuneralhome.com

SPORTS ITEMS

Celtics take 3-0 series lead with OT win over 76ers

PHILADELPHIA — Al Horford scored the go-ahead basket for Boston late in overtime in a wild Game 3 where the Philadelphia 76ers gave away the basketball and the confetti, leading the Celtics to a 101-98 win on Saturday night.

The Celtics go for the sweep on Monday.

The ending to regulation was about as wild as it gets for both teams. JJ Redick threw away the basketball on an errant pass to no one that was scooped by Terry Rozier who threw to Jaylen Brown for the basket and an 89-87 lead.

Seconds later, Marco Belinelli stunned everyone with a falling 22-footer in front of the 76ers bench as time expired that sent the game into overtime — and confetti mistakenly blasted from the cannon. There was about a seven-minute delay while team employees scrambled to clean up the mess on the court. Some players even scooped up confetti as everyone waited for the start of overtime.

Belinelli opened OT with a 23-footer and Redick followed with a 3 that appeared to take him off the hook.

But the Celtics wouldn't let them pull away and Horford escaped for a layup with 5.5 seconds that gave Boston a 99-98 lead. Ben Simmons then threw the ball away after a timeout and Horford sealed the win with two free throws.

JASON DAY SEIZES CONTROL AT QUAIL HOLLOW

CHARLOTTE — Jason Day sputtered at the start and hit his stride on the back nine for a 4-under 67 to build a two-shot lead going into the final round of the Wells Fargo Championship and a chance for his second victory this year.

Peter Uihlein, Phil Mickelson and Rory McIlroy all showed early Saturday that it was a softer, gentler Quail Hollow under an overcast sky. Uihlein had a 62, one off the course record. Mickelson had a 64, his lowest score this season.

Day did his part with five birdies on his last 10 holes and a daring shot on the 18th when he stood barefoot in the creek to play a shot onto the green. He was at 10-under 203.

Nick Watney had a 66 and was two behind.

LANGER HANGS ONTO 1-SHOT LEAD AT INSPERITY INVITATIONAL

THE WOODLANDS, Texas — Bernhard Langer plodded his way to an even-par 72 on Saturday, good enough to maintain the lead at the Insuperity Invitational as the leaderboard bunched up behind him.

Langer was at 9-under 135 and had a one-shot lead over three players after he followed up his course-record-tying opening-round 63 by making just two birdies and two bogeys at The Woodlands Country Club. The second bogey was especially painful, following his birdie on the par-5 15th with a missed 2-footer on the par-3 16th.

The 60-year-old German, a three-time winner of the Houston-area event, is seeking his first victory of 2018 after seven wins last year.

Tom Pernice Jr. (68), Miguel Angel Jimenez (69), Mark Calcavecchia (69) and Scott Dunlap (70) were one stroke behind. Bart Bryant (67) and local favorite Jeff Maggert (71) trailed by two.

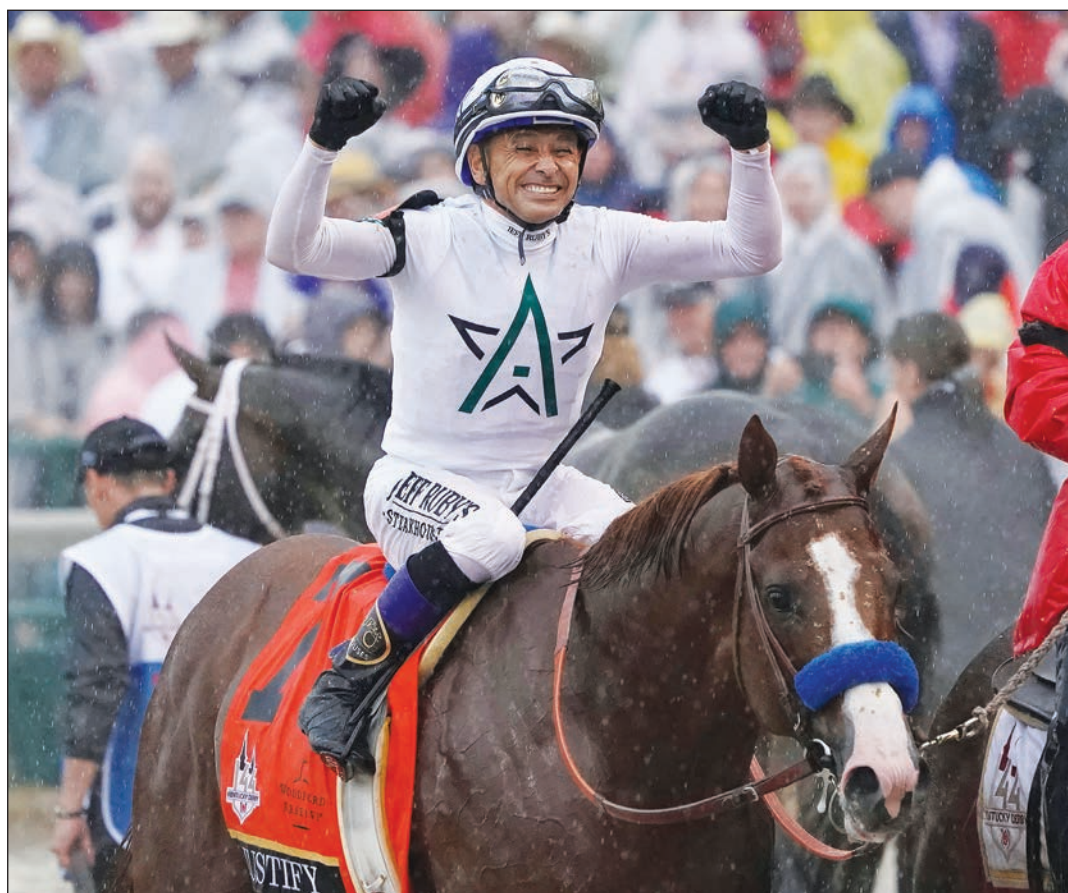
Kenny Perry birdied four of the final five holes for a 65, the low round of the day, and was one of eight players sitting three shots back.

P-15'S HOME SCRIMMAGES SET

The Sumter P-15's have set their home scrimmage schedule at Riley Park for the upcoming American Legion baseball season.

The first scrimmage will take place on Monday at 7 p.m. followed by a May 9 scrimmage, also at 7. There will also be single-game scrimmages on May 11 and May 15, both at 7 p.m. On May 19, Sumter will have a double-header scrimmage beginning at 10 a.m.

From staff and wire reports



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Mike Smith celebrates after riding Justify to victory during the 144th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Kentucky.

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he's got a mind to go with it. He was loving this stuff."

Smith's silks were nearly spotless after he kept Justify near the lead throughout the race. He gunned Justify out of the No. 7 spot in the starting gate — something Baffert said had to happen — and the colt's early speed helped hook leader Promises Fulfilled from the start.

"When he got away clean, then I thought we had a chance," Baffert said. "We had to get away. Then Mike took his time."

They set a blistering pace through the muck, going a half-mile in 45.77 seconds.

Entering the final turn, Justify took the lead and kept on going to the finish under Smith's left-handed whip.

Justify, the 5-2 favorite in the field of 20, ran 1 1/4 miles in 2:04.20. He paid \$7.80, \$6 and \$4.40.

Good Magic returned \$9.20 and \$6.60, while Audible was another head back in third and paid \$5.80 to show.

Good Magic was the only horse to have a serious shot at Justify turning for home.

Good Magic, under Jose Ortiz, drifted out while Justify and Smith kept a clear

and straight inside path.

Now, Baffert is in position to make another run at the Triple Crown. Three years ago, he trained American Pharoah to the first sweep of the Derby, Preakness and Belmont in 37 years.

Instilled Regard, an 85-1 shot, was fourth, followed by My Boy Jack, Bravazo and Hofburg. Lone Sailor was eighth, followed by Vino Rosso, Solomini, Firenze Fire, Bolt d'Oro, Flameaway, Enticed, Promises Fulfilled, Free Drop Billy, Noble Indy, Combatant and Magnum Moon. Mendelssohn, trying to become the first Europe-based horse to win the Derby, finished last, beaten by 73 1/4 lengths.



Sprinters running the anchor leg on one of the girls relay events come down the stretch in the 4A state qualifiers on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

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Wilson Hall pitcher Tanner Epps delivers a pitch during the Barons' victory over Pinewood Prep last week at Baron Field in the SCISA 3A state playoffs.

SCISA FROM PAGE B1

REL, which is 21-3, will take on Marlboro Academy in a 2A semifinal series. The first game will be played on Monday in Bishopville beginning at 6 p.m.

The series will moved to Bennettsville on Tuesday with a 5 p.m. A third game, if need-

ed, will be played in Bishopville on Thursday.

The Cavaliers swept St. Andrew's in their first-round series while Marlboro swept Greenwood Christian.

Lee and Marlboro did not meet during the regular season.

MEETS FROM PAGE B1

The TSA girls finished with 99 points while Palmetto Christian finished with 139.

Taja Hunley led the Lady Generals with first-place finishes in the long jump and the triple jump. She was second in the 100 high hurdles.

Bella Crowe won the 1,600 run for TSA and Carmen Silvester claimed the shot put. The 4x400 relay team of Aubrey Stoddard, Jordan Thornton, Sumter Thornton and Crowe also won.

The Wilson Hall girls finished fourth in the 3A meet with 67.50 points. Heathwood Hall won with 134.50 followed by Porter-Gaud

with 101 and Ben Lippen with 80.50.

Kayla Porter led the way for the Lady Barons. She won both the 200 and 400 dashes and was third in the 100. She also ran a leg on the fourth-place 4x100 relay team along with Lindy Watford, Ainsley Morton and Liza Segars.

Emma Bradley finished second in the 400 hurdles for WH, while the 4x800 relay team of Cameron Duffy, Gracyn Coker, Emily Reynolds and Chandler Curtis finished second.

In the boys 3A meet, Wilson Hall was fifth with 34 points. P-G won with 139.50 followed by Ben Lippen with

129, Cardinal Newman with 79 and Orangeburg Prep with 59.50.

Laurence Manning Academy finished with 18 points, all of them coming from Grayson Gamble. He won the discus and finished second in the shot.

Noah Harvin finished second in the 400 dash to lead the Barons.

The TSA boys finished fifth in the 2A/1A meet. Palmetto Christian won with 104 followed by Bethesda Day with 100, Greenwood Christian with 46 and Carolina Academy with 36.

Ed Lee won the discus to pace the Generals. Bill Colquitt was second in the 200, while Tristan Furrow was second in the shot and third in the discus.

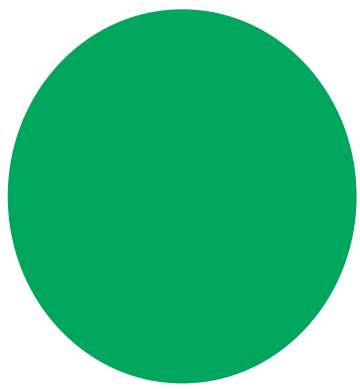
LOCAL SCISA STATE TRACK MEET RESULTS

GIRLS
Wilson Hall
 Kayla Porter: First: 200 dash (27.34 seconds), 400 dash (1 minute, 00.43 seconds) Third: 100 dash.
 Chandler Patrick: Fourth: 100 hurdles.
 Chandler Curtis: Sixth: 1,600 run.
 Emma Bradley: Second: 400 hurdles.
 Kaitlyn Smith: Fifth: 400 hurdles.
 Natalie Ford: Third: high jump.
 Ainsley Morton: Sixth: high jump.
 Liza Segars: Sixth: long jump.
 Becca Noyes: Third: shot put.
 4x100 Relay: Fourth: (Lindy Watford, Ainsley Morton, Segars, Porter).
 4x400 Relay: Fifth: (Bradley, Emily Reynolds, Gracyn Coker, Curtis).
 4x800 Relay: Second: (Cameron Duffy, Coker, Reynolds, Curtis).
Laurence Manning
 Kate Johnson: Sixth: discus.
 4x100 Relay: Fifth: (Katherine Burns, Olivia Coker, Alexis Bryan, Sydney Ardis).

BOYS
3A
Wilson Hall
 Noah Harvin: Second: 400 dash
 Bryce Lyles: Fifth: 400 dash
 Chandler Scott: Fourth: 110 hurdles;
 Doc Walker: Fifth: 400 hurdles;
 Grey Holler: Fourth: shot put, discus.
 4x100 Relay: Fifth: (Paul Choe, Landon Van Patten, Tyler Luedke, Harrison Hudson).
 4x400 Relay: Fourth: (Walker, Graham Van Patten,

Lyles, Harvin).
 4x800 Relay: Fourth: (Alex McLeod, Gavyn Mathes, Layton Creech, Lyles).
Laurence Manning
 Grayson Gamble: First: discus (134 feet, 10 inches);
 Second: shot put.

2A/1A
Girls
Thomas Sumter
 Aubrey Stoddard: Fourth: 400 dash.
 Bella Crowe: First: 1,600 run (5:29.48); Second: 800 run.
 Taja Hunley: First: long jump (17 feet, 0 inches), triple jump (33-03.75); Second: 100 hurdles.
 Carmen Sylvester: First: shot put (32-00); Second: discus.
 Allie Lindler: Third: triple jump; Sixth: long jump.
 4x400 Relay: First: (Stoddard, Jordan Thornton, Sumter Thornton, Crowe) (4:30.31).
 4x100 Relay: Third: (Julie Lego, Hunley, Sydney Daniel, Lindler).
 4x800 Relay: Second: (Crowe, Stoddard, Jordan Thornton, Sumter Thornton).
Boys
Thomas Sumter
 Ed Lee: First: discus (133-08).
 Billy Colquitt: Second: 200 dash; Fifth: 100 dash;
 Tristan Furrow: Second: shot put; Third: discus.
Robert E. Lee
 Ty Smith: Second: 110 hurdles.



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YOUNGER SMARTPHONE USERS

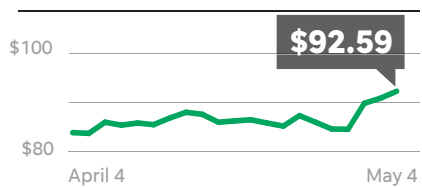
Decluttr.com surveyed 1,007 U.S. parents about how they deal with children and smartphones. It found:

- 20% of kids under age 6 own a smartphone.
- 50% of parents agree the most appropriate age for a child to own a phone is 10 to 13 years old.
- 83% say their children spend up to 21 hours per week on their phones.
- 68% of parents have not placed limitations on their children's smartphones.

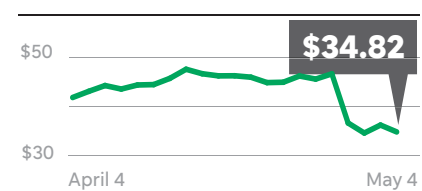
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Stock stories of the week

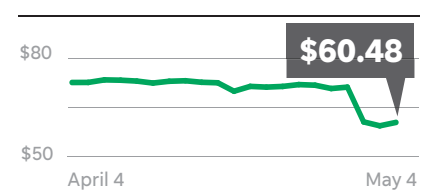
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The automotive technology company will launch 30 autonomous BMWs in Las Vegas. Interested customers will use a normal Lyft app.



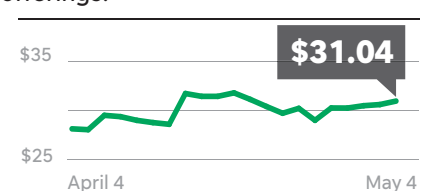
MATCH GROUP
Stock of the parent company of The Match, OKCupid and Tinder plunged after Mark Zuckerberg said Facebook is developing its own dating feature.



MOLSON COORS BREWING
The brewing company's stock suffered its worst drop in 13 years after quarterly results fell short of expectations and sales to wholesalers declined.



TWITTER
The social network signed more than 30 deals with publishers such as Walt Disney and NBCUniversal to step up its video offerings.



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A wedding party member spends

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How average Americans spend their paychecks

90% of income leaves wallets; top outlays are housing, transportation

Matthew Frankel | The Motley Fool

The average American household's pretax income is nearly \$75,000, but not surprisingly, most of this amount gets spent. In fact, when you add up the money that's paid for goods and services or taxes, the average household spends more than 90% of their income. With that in mind, here's a breakdown of where the average American's income goes and how much is left to save, invest and pay down debt. How do your spending habits compare?

Average household income

The average American household brings in a yearly income of \$74,664 before taxes, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) 2016 Consumer Expenditure Survey, the latest full year for which finalized data is available. This includes wages and salaries, as well as income from self-employment, Social Security and other retirement sources, interest, dividends, rental income and more.

Average expenditures

According to the latest BLS data, this is the breakdown of how the average household's salary is spent. Some categories, such as "tobacco products and services," are self-explanatory, but others are broader and include several different subcategories:

- Food: \$7,203, which can be further broken down into \$4,049 of food at home and \$3,154 away from home.
- Alcoholic beverages: \$484.
- Housing: \$18,886, which includes mortgage payments or rent, property taxes, maintenance, utilities, household services and products, furnishings and appliances. On a monthly basis, this implies that the average household spends \$1,573 on all of these expenses combined.
- Apparel and services: \$1,803.
- Transportation: \$9,049. In addition to the cost of vehicles, this includes gasoline, finance charges, maintenance, insurance and public transportation expenses.
- Health care: \$4,612, which includes the cost of health insurance, medical services, prescription drugs as well as other medical supplies.
- Entertainment: \$2,913. This includes in-home entertainment costs,

The average household's net worth increased by \$8,721 in 2016.

as well as outside-the-home entertainment ventures. Certain other expenses, such as your pets, are included here.

- Personal care products and services: \$707.
- Reading: \$118.
- Education: \$1,329.
- Tobacco products and supplies: \$337.
- Miscellaneous: \$959.
- Cash contributions (charity, for example): \$2,081.
- Personal insurance and pensions: \$6,831. The largest expense in this category is Social Security payroll tax.
- Personal taxes: \$10,489, which includes the average household's \$8,367 federal income tax bill, as well as state and local income taxes.

What's left?

If we subtract all of these expenditures from the average household's \$74,664 annual pretax income, we find that there's \$6,863 left over. However, keep in mind that this doesn't include interest on consumer debts such as credit cards or gifts, so this isn't necessarily the amount of money that the average household saves. Including non-cash sources, such as the principal paid on owned property and increases in market value of owned homes, the average household's net worth increased by \$8,721 in 2016.

Moving to a new state? Pare down price of move

Sean Pyles
NerdWallet

Moving to a new state can bring opportunity, adventure — and increased financial strain. From packing boxes to settling into your new home, moving costs can add up. But you can cut costs each step of the way and maybe even make a little money.

1. Before you go

As you prepare to move, downsizing will allow you to earn some money as well as cut costs on packing. Still hanging onto an old couch from college? Haven't touched those clothes in the back of your closet in a while? Try selling them on apps such as Let-go, Nextdoor and Craigslist, and you can turn old possessions into cash that'll give you a cushion for moving. To save money on packing, one moving tip holds up: Get free boxes wherever you can. Ask your workplace, neighbors or retailers for their unwanted boxes.

2. On the road

Transportation is one of the most expensive parts of moving, especially if you hire a moving service. But if you're willing to do some work yourself — and shop around — you might be able to save hundreds of dollars. Think beyond your standard rental truck. The price of rental trucks can vary greatly by city, depending on demand. In cities facing an exodus, such as San Francisco, rentals of a U-Haul to move items for a one-bedroom apartment can be more than \$1,400. A rental minivan, on the other hand, can cost less than \$300 and haul a comparable amount. For bulkier furniture, look into budget moving companies. Some, such as U-Pack or Pods, make their services more affordable by renting out packing pods that are loaded onto a shared semi-truck and delivered to you. This may be a good option for longer, cross-country moves. If you have flexibility, try to move during off-peak months. Many families move during late spring and summer as schools let out, driving up demand.

3. Upon arrival

At your new home, you now need to establish your new life. That could mean making some big purchases. If you have good credit and a steady income, using a 0% APR credit card can allow you to buy what you need without paying interest. Using one of these can be particularly useful when buying furniture, since many retailers charge interest on payment plans. Take advantage of furniture store coupons the U.S. Postal Service offers when you change your address. A 10% discount can add up to big savings. If you're on a tight budget, get furniture and home goods from the same apps where you sold your stuff before the move. Used furniture can be inexpensive, and you might even meet a new neighbor. NerdWallet is a USA TODAY content partner providing general news, commentary and coverage from around the Web. Its content is produced independently of USA TODAY.

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Dow Jones industrial average ▼0.2% week unch. month ▼4.9% 3 months	S&P 500 ▼0.2% week ▲0.7% month ▼3.6% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▲1.3% week ▲2.4% month ▼0.4% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▼0.1% week ▲1.0% month ▼3.2% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▼0.7% week ▼1.6% month ▼1.4% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▲2.4% week ▲10.0% month ▲6.5% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro ▼0.0159 week ▼0.0318 month ▼0.0489 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▲0.09 week ▲2.37 month ▼1.17 3 months
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When is it safe to drop term life insurance?



Peter Dunn
Columnist
USA TODAY

Dear Pete: I'm 57 years old, my kids are grown and out of the house, and I don't really feel like I need all the life insurance I once carried. I currently have \$500,000 worth of life insurance, but once the kids moved out and I fully funded my retirement income strategy, the half-million amount seems excessive. It's just my wife and me now, and we have plenty of money set aside for retirement. Should I keep it, just in case? It's term insurance, and it's about to increase in price. — **Michael from Houston**

Dunn: You wouldn't be the first person excited about not needing life insurance. Most people need it but don't want it. They manufacture all sorts of reasons why life insurance isn't right for them and (all too commonly) ignore the obligation altogether.

Looking at your situation, I think you're potentially in a position to reduce the amount of coverage you have, but you still need some coverage.

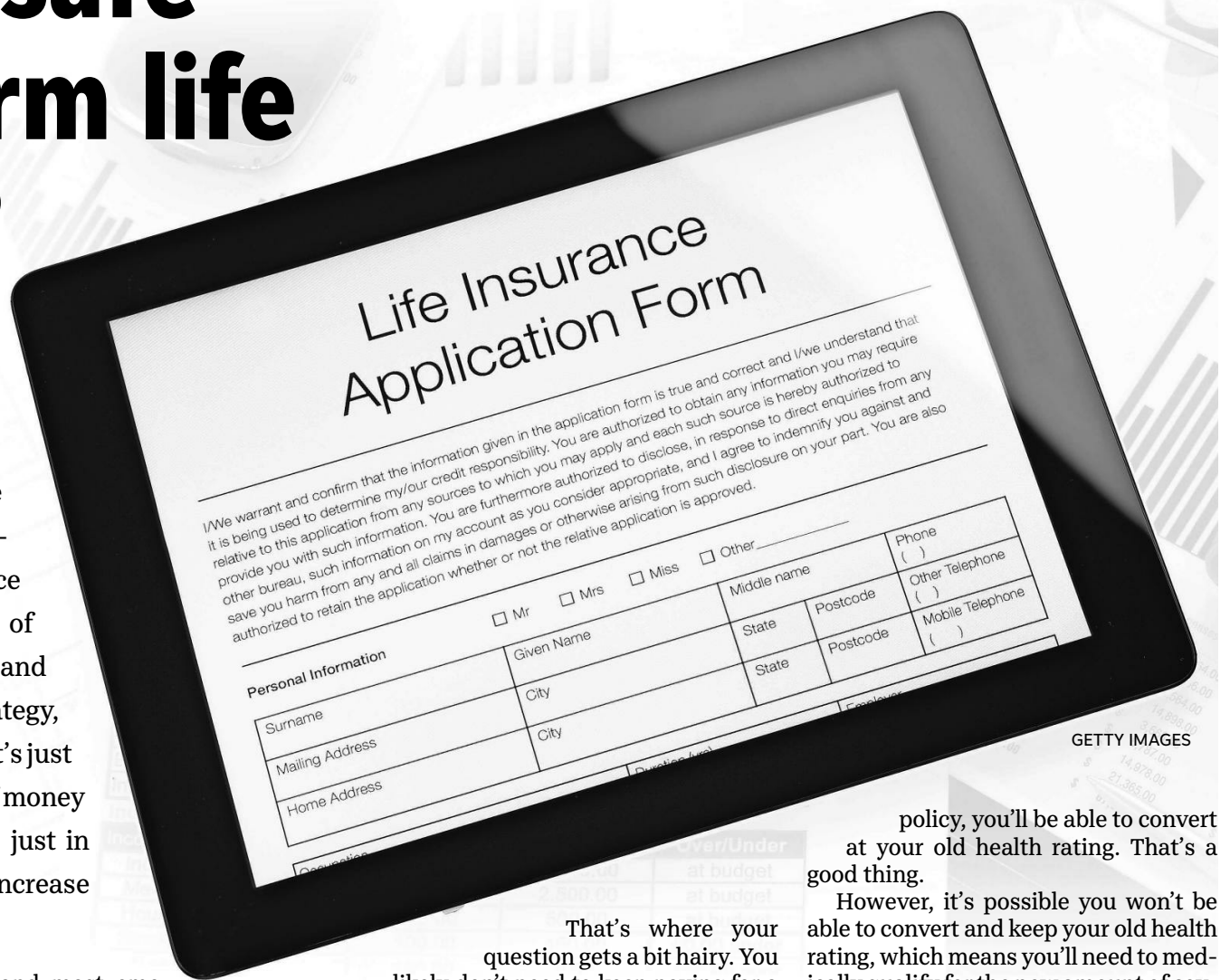
Life insurance is meant to help your family accomplish your financial goals, whether you're there or not. When you were younger, with a growing family, you didn't have the assets you do now. That meant that if you died without life insurance, the only option to pay for your kids' education was student loans, and your wife's retirement would have suffered a tremendous setback, too. Not to mention the web of complexities you would have left for a widow trying to raise young children after arguably the

worst and most emotional time of her young life.

The death of a young parent (or any loved one for that matter) is not a blip on the financial radar. I've been there to help pick up the pieces for those with life insurance and for those without life insurance. Both situations are awful, but the ones with life insurance at least allow the survivors to breathe.

It's important to think through the reasons why a person needs life insurance. I've already addressed survivor needs and goal completion. But there is also covering debts, tax planning strategy, charitable giving, wealth transfer and those uncomfortable-to-discuss end-of-life and funeral expenses. It's the end-of-life expenses that somehow always get overlooked.

We don't really know how our last chapter will be written. We don't know if it will be long and drawn out, short and quick, expensive or cheap.



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policy, you'll be able to convert at your old health rating. That's a good thing.

However, it's possible you won't be able to convert and keep your old health rating, which means you'll need to medically qualify for the new amount of coverage. Depending on your current quality of health, that might not be great. In some cases, if your health has changed significantly, you may be asked to pay more premium for your smaller permanent policy than your bigger term policy. Certainly a frustrating outcome, but it's not frustrating enough to ignore the realities of your permanent life insurance need.

Don't be so excited to get rid of life insurance that you ignore some level of need you may still have. Grab some permanent coverage and be glad that you've been there to celebrate your family's monumental moments.

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That's where your question gets a bit hairy. You likely don't need to keep paying for a \$500,000 term policy in perpetuity. But it could make sense to secure a more modest amount of permanent coverage, if a long and drawn-out final chapter could compromise your wife's financial security.

If you're confident you don't need to continue your current coverage at its current face amount, and some of the other strategic reasons to maintain significant life insurance coverage don't resonate with you, consider converting your \$500,000 term policy into a smaller permanent policy. If your policy is still in the allowable conversion period, you'll be able to simply switch a portion of your coverage to a permanent plan without the need for medically re-qualifying.

This is important. Your body has gotten older. You might be less healthy than you were when you purchased the term policy years ago. By converting your

THE WEEK AHEAD



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Will inflation heat up or continue to warm slowly?

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Inflation is at the center of the U.S. economy these days, with the Federal Reserve closely monitoring whether consumer price increases will accelerate and force it to raise interest rates more sharply this year. The latest inflation reading highlights this week's economic news.

Consumer credit has been growing solidly as strong job and income growth make Americans feel more comfortable about using their credit cards to make purchases. Outstanding credit-card debt hit a record in November. That's a positive sign for consumer spending but could spell trouble down the road, with delinquencies edging up. After outstanding consumer credit — which also includes student and auto loans — rose by a moderate \$10.6 billion in February, economists estimate the Federal Reserve will report **Monday** that it increased by \$16 billion in March.

The labor market turned out a disappointing 135,000 job gains in March, a dud largely blamed on quirky weather effects. But what was going on beneath the headline total (which represents net additions after accounting for things such as layoffs and retirements)? The Labor Department's Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey for that month,

out **Tuesday**, will reveal the number of openings, hires and quits. Job openings, at 6.1 million, hovered near an all-time high in February, but hires of 5.5 million continued to lag as employers struggled to find workers with unemployment then at a 17-year low of 4.1%. The 3.2 million people quitting jobs remained near a 17-year high but was down from 3.3 million in December. A pickup in quitters in March would be a good sign, showing that despite modest employment gains, many workers were confident enough in the labor market to switch jobs.

On **Thursday**, Labor releases its consumer price index for April. Overall inflation jumped 2.4% annually in March, but that was largely traced to the fading effect of a drop in cellphone prices in March 2017, which held down price increases for a year. Still, hotel and hospital prices, along with rent, have climbed recently. A jump in gas prices probably pushed up the overall price index in April while a core measure that strips out volatile food and energy items likely was tempered by weak used-car prices, Nomura economist Alexander says. Economists estimate the overall price index increased 0.3% last month, pushing annual inflation to 2.5% from 2.4%. They figure the core reading rose 0.2%, nudging the annual gain to 2.2%.

DIGITAL DOLLARS

Privacy notices rise ahead of EU changes

Inboxes are filling up as companies carry over data rules to U.S.

Rob Pegoraro
Special to USA TODAY

Almost everybody who uses an online service or app that handles their data has been getting a flood of emails advising of privacy-policy changes.

And it's not the U.S. behind the tech industry's recent flurry of updates. Instead, the European Union has been driving these changes with a sweeping set of privacy rules that will go into effect May 25 — and which are also yielding benefits on this side of the Atlantic.

The EU's General Data Protection Regulation will require companies that handle the data of EU residents to provide them with far more control over that data.

Among the key provisions of this roughly 54,000-word document:

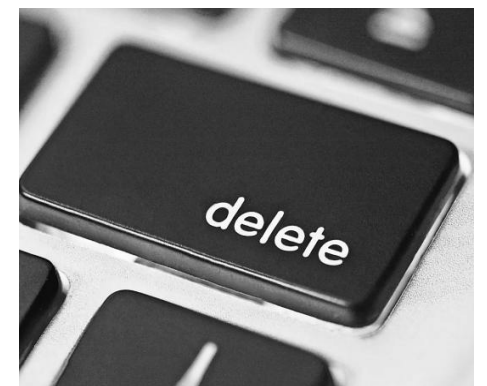
- Companies have to obtain users' permission in much more detail before using their information for marketing or advertising.

- They have to let users inspect the data they've collected and correct it on request — then delete it when it's no longer needed.

- They must allow users to download their data in a format they can then take to a competing service — what's called data portability.

- People can challenge algorithmic decisions that affect them significantly and ask that humans make them instead.

The GDPR says nothing about how companies treat customers in other countries. But many U.S. firms that have had to rewrite privacy policies for Europe to avoid fines that could cost them billions of dollars are carrying over these changes to the States for the sake of simplicity. That has American privacy advocates pleasantly surprised.



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"I, like most consumers, have been getting a series of notifications from a lot of the apps that I use that they're updating their privacy policies effective May 25 — that must not be a coincidence," laughed Terrell McSweeney, who on Friday wrapped up a four-year term on the Federal Trade Commission. "One of the things that I'm noticing is that as an American consumer, I'm getting a lot more options in these new policies."

Indeed, many GDPR-driven privacy-policy rewrites take more care to describe how a company handles your data and offer clearer opt-outs to some of those uses. Another frequent change: simpler interfaces to adjust these settings, such as the revised privacy center Facebook will soon ship.

But for American users, the GDPR's greatest gift is its data-portability mandate. When you can take your data and your business elsewhere, you have much more leverage as a customer.

Recently Instagram added an option to download your data, finally catching up to the data-export feature its corporate parent Facebook rolled out in 2010. Apple added its own data-portability feature as part of a round of GDPR-driven changes.

Expect more changes such as this. *Rob Pegoraro is a tech writer based out of Washington, D.C. To submit a tech question, email Rob at rob@robpegoraro.com. Follow him on Twitter at twitter.com/robpegoraro*

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The "Turf Pounders" are seen in their team photo.

First row, kneeling: J.L. Mooneyhan, end; Julian Buxton, guard; Nickie Nichols, back; Eldridge Reynolds, end; James Skinner, tackle; Bryan Griffin, manager.
Second row, standing: Dick Warren, back; Frank James, back; Sambo Roddey, guard; Burke Watson, end; Thomas Cutter, tackle; Raymond Baker, guard; Marion Quattlebaum, center; Whit Wells, tackle; Bill Hughes, back; Thomas Turner, back; John D. McMillan, coach.
Third row, sitting: Clifford Hodge, end; Tommy Hughes, back; Gordon Gullede, guard; Harry Commins, tackle; Ed Gibson, back; Otis Moore, end; David Burket, guard; Ed Dew, guard.
Fourth row, standing: Charles Penney, end; Scriven Brunson, back; Russell Timmons, back; Ed Dunlap, back; Graham Moses, center; T.W. Mitchell, back; Billy Hirschberg, back; Charles Nabers, end. Harold Hartell, assistant coach, and Neill Commins, center, were absent when the picture was taken.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

Downs and touchdowns: The 1943 SHS football team

Reflections remembers the 1943 Sumter High football team. This unit consisted of a small, inexperienced group of young men who played football during one of the most trying periods in American history. The seniors on this team realized that at the end of their final year they would become eligible to

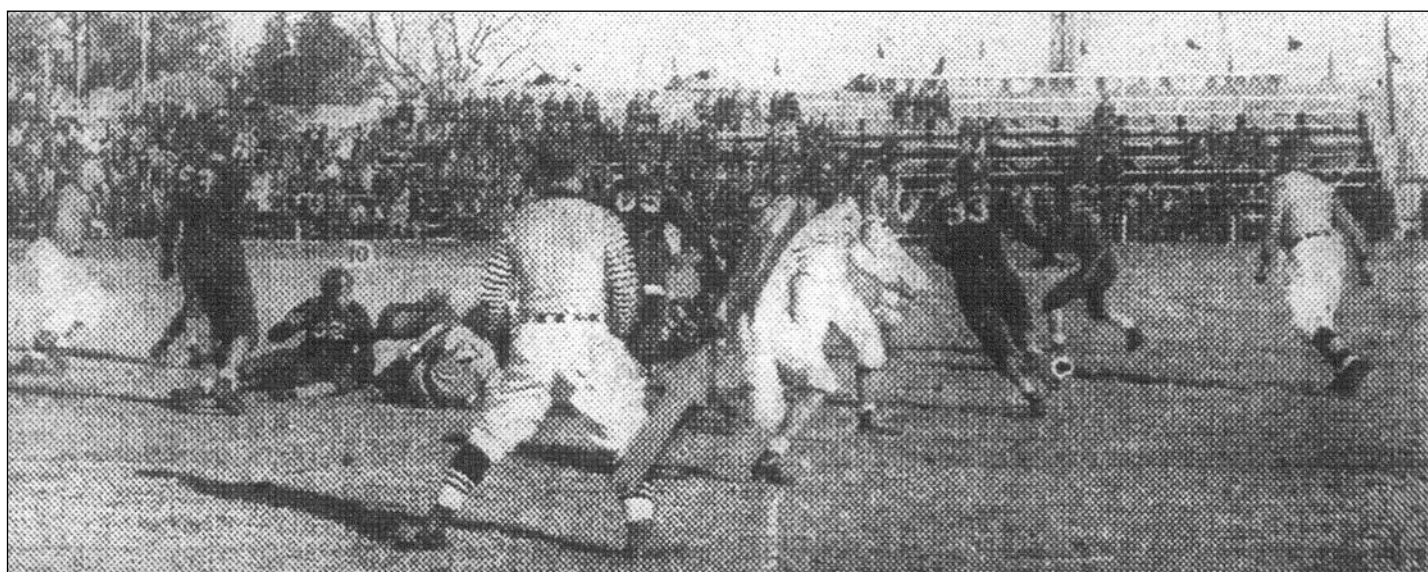


Sammy Way
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enter the most devastating world conflict in history. They began the season facing one of the school's most difficult schedules without any proven stars to lead them. What they accomplished borders on the incredible. The intent of this article is to review the season and allow the reader to witness the development and maturing of these young men into a successful and cohesive unit.

The season began on a difficult note as the Gamecock 11 faced a "hard-driving and considerably larger Lake View football team and lost by a score of 14 to 6. Glynn Goodson and Randy Pressley caused some anxious moments for the visiting Gators. Johnnie McMillan, Sumter's young coach, realized in short order that things had to change or this could be a long season.

"Sumter tackled the Rock Hill



Above, a touchdown is made against Charleston with Harry Commins hitting the line for a score in 1943.

Bearcats on their home field in their second game and much to the surprise to the large group of loyal fans who made the trip shut out the highly favored Rock Hill players 12 to 0. They were pleased that their hard work had paid dividends.

"The birds were led by the efforts of Tommie Hughes and Glynn Goodson who continued to lead the squad in overall play. The team ventured to Columbia, and the Columbia High Caps lived up to their billing by overpowering the Gamecocks 20-7. Poor punting hurt the birds as they were forced to fight with their backs to the wall on numerous occasions. This game would prove to be the turning point of the season for the Gamecock 11.

"The Sumter team would next play Olympia High and go on a scoring binge running up 39 points to Olympia's 6. Many loyal fans suspected that Sumter was looking ahead to the game against the Charleston Bantams who were perennial state champions.

"The game was a team effort as the entire team shared in the scoring and defense.

"The Gamecocks, before a crowd estimated to exceed 4,300 fans, outplayed the Charleston unit 27-0. The win was a total team effort and delighted students as well as the thousands of fans who attended the County Fair.

"The young players could hardly wait to make the trip to Orangeburg to play their traditional rival in the Edisto City. The final score saw Sumter score 29 un-

answered points for their second consecutive shutout.

"The Gamecocks would end their season defeating arch-rival Florence High 26-12 before 4,000 fans.

"The Sumter team put on an offensive display, gaining 387 yards on the ground and through the air while amassing a total of 22 first downs. One of the highlights of the season was the selection of Coach McMillan and Tommy Hughes along with Lynwood Vaughn to participate in the North Carolina-South Carolina Shrine All-Star Football Game held in Charlotte. Hughes and Vaughn would be picked to start the game which South Carolina lost 20-7 before a crowd of 12,000 fans.



Coach Johnnie McMillan, left, and Manager Bryan Griffin were in charge of boys' sports for the year.

Cadet dance held at Shaw Field; P-15's entered in playoff

75 YEARS AGO — 1943

Nov. 27 — Dec. 3

• The Presbyterians and Baptists emerged victorious in opening games of the Sunday School Basketball league at the YMCA, while the Pine-wood cagers, composed of a number of veterans, trounced the Sumter Triangles in an added attraction, 65 to 47. The Presbyterians downed the Catholics 29 to 20, and the Baptists defeated the Methodists 35 to 10. There are only four teams in the loop, and some players are performing on teams other than their denomination so that the league can function. All the games, despite the scores, were interesting to watch. They were under the supervision of Carl Link, executive secretary of the YMCA, and Ed Dunlap, physical director.

• Pvt. Lever Gleaton, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Gleaton, 407 W. Bartlette St., who has seen foreign service and is now in Italy, has been commended by Col. Vernon T. Anderson, commanding officer of the field artillery unit of which Gleaton is a member. Col. Anderson sent a letter of commendation to the men of that unit.

• State officers Dollard, McKinson and Griffith raided two stills in Darlington County, one of them described by Dollard as the largest he had seen in some time. Three operators were arrested when that outfit was seized, and a 1941 Oldsmobile sedan was also confiscated. The men have been manufacturing rye whiskey with white sugar and rye meal. Twenty-three gallons of the finished product were seized. The distillery was discovered about six miles out of Hartsville. The other Darlington County still, near Darlington, was not in operation when it was found. Sixty gallons of whiskey were discovered nearby, however.

• Members of the North Carolina and South Carolina high school all-star football teams begin practice in Charlotte next Saturday. Personnel of the teams were announced Saturday night. John McMillian, coach of Sumter; Tommy Hughes, back; and Lynwood Vaughn, end, were also Sumter members named to the South Carolina team.

• Boyle Construction Co. of Sumter has been awarded an Army contract of \$40,585.54 for the construction of buildings, roads, parking area, drainage and facilities at Florence Army Air Field, according to an announcement from headquarters of the Army's Fourth Service Command. Contractors in seven southeastern states have been awarded 22 construction contracts at a total cost of \$1,082,757.69, it was announced.

• Lt. Weldon James of Horatio, United States Marine Corps public relations officer in London and a former war correspondent, was married at the Chelsea Registry office to Lady Margaret North, widow of the 13th Baron North. James was a Nieman Fellow at Harvard in 1939-40 and worked on the Greenville, S.C., Piedmont before becoming a correspondent for the United Press in China and Spain and for the New York newspaper *PM* in London. Mrs. James is the daughter of R. H. W. Glennie of Cape Town and has been secretary at the United States embassy for the past year. Her first husband lost his life while serving as a lieutenant on the cruiser Neptune, which was sunk off Tripoli in 1941.

• There will be a cadet dance at Shaw Field at the cadet recreation hall. Girls who attend the dances are requested to meet at Mrs. Leland Moore's home on West Calhoun Street promptly at 8 o'clock. It is very important to be on time, as the bus can-



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1943 — W.A. Boykin, president of Wateree Hunt Club, guides soldiers of the 723rd Sanitary Company, Fort Jackson, in their search for Aviation Cadet Gerald Held, a Shaw Field flying student thought lost in the Wateree swamp after his plane crashed.

not wait for those girls coming late. Music for the dance will be furnished by the post orchestra under the direction of Sgt. Charlie Marino.

• Three amphibious Fort Jackson jeeps to patrol the Wateree River and its tributaries have joined the search for Shaw Field Aviation Cadet Gerald T. Held, 22, of Chappaqua, New York. The hunt for the youth, missing since his plane crashed and was found near the Wateree swamp last Wednesday, is now in its seventh day.

• Mr. and Mrs. J. E. White have received a letter from the head of the casualties and allotments section of the Navy Department in Washington, informing them that their son, Joseph Eugene White Jr., aviation machinist's mate third class, USNR, who had been reported missing in action, was now presumed dead. The plane on which the Sumter boy had been serving disappeared on a routine operational flight in the Atlantic area July 15, and an extensive search of the area revealed pieces of wreckage but no trace of personnel.

• How every bit of meat can be utilized, and how the correct methods of meat cooking will help the housewife to make the most of her meat, will be shown in a "Pointers of Stretching the Meat Points" program to be held at 3:30 at the Agriculture Building by Miss Ruth Chambers, home economist of the National Livestock and Meat Board, Chicago. Miss Chambers is brought to Sumter by the Extension Service, Miss Sallie Pearce, home demonstration agent.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

July 27 — Aug. 3

• Activities of several of the Sumter Clubs — Community-wise and Otherwise was the subject of a program presented by the Community Service Committee to the Pilot Club. Representing the Day Lion's Club, Linwood Driver, president, explained the primary work of that club. Their primary service is Sight Conservation of the Blind — giving financial assistance for education of the blind in the city schools and participation in the state-sponsored eye bank. Mrs. Marion Hill, president of the Business & Professional Women's Club, gave an interesting account of their work. Their main objective is to elevate the standard in business and profession. This club has sponsored the award for the Sumter Women of the Year and a forum for girls who do not plan to attend college.

• Action was fast and nerve-racking at Sumter Speedway, and it would have taken many tranquilizers to calm the drivers and fans after the four-event program finally ended. With threatening skies overhead, it was decided to run only main events in all divisions, and that meant a total of 25 cars starting the Jalopy main event. When the green flag was dropped, the fender banging started and contin-

ued for the next three hours. Billy Elliott drew the pole position with Pressley Haley alongside for the Jalopy event and took off in the lead. Elliott crashed his car but took over driving another and hung on for the win.

• Prompt action by Cameron Harvin, 14-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Harry T. Harvin of Sumter, was credited with saving a 12-year-old boy from drowning in Murrells Inlet. The boy, Thomas China, was swimming in the inlet with Lee Harvin, 8, and Graham Osteen, 7, when he got in trouble after diving off the dock. Mrs. Harvin was first to notice that the boy was having difficulty remaining afloat. Cam Harvin was on shore at the time but dived in and was the first to reach young China. He was able to keep China afloat until further help arrived.

• A \$70,000 Office of Economic Opportunity grant for a Health Training and Family Planning Program in Sumter County has been approved, local OEO Executive Director Morgan B. Moyer announced. The grant application, made through the local OEO office by the Sumter Economic Opportunity Corp., was approved and will be operated by the Sumter-Kershaw Health Department.

• The fifth and final session of the Sumter YMCA Day Camp is scheduled for Aug. 5-17 at Camp Mac Boykin in the Manchester section of Sumter County. Camp director Bob Partin urges parents to sign their children up for the last session as soon as possible. Camp Mac Boykin has been attended by more than 240 boys and girls in its eight weeks so far this summer.

• Sumter School District 17 is waiting for a decision from Washington on whether a school desegregation plan for 1969-70 the district submitted earlier is acceptable to the U.S. Office of Civil Rights. District officials say the plan they have proposed will not take effect until the fall of 1969. This fall, students in the district can expect to attend the school they chose under the district's freedom of choice plan last spring, unless Washington insists on immediate transition to the new plan. This, say school officials, is not anticipated.

• "The attitude in Germany today is pretty favorable toward the United States. Americans, from what I've seen in South Carolina, are friendly, but your Southern slang is difficult to understand," commented Johanna von Reden-leutcheck, who speaks almost faultless Oxford English. Johanna is a graduate of a language gymnasium (a German School where she studied English for nine years). She is visiting Polly Harritt, a rising sophomore at the University of South Carolina, during the first leg of a five-month visit to the United States.

• Sumter's P-15's will play as host team in the American Legion Southeastern Regional Tournament to be held at Riley Park. The decision to

enter the P-15's in the tournament was made at a joint meeting of the Sumter P-15 Baseball Committee and the Southeastern Regional Tournament Baseball Committee. At the meeting, results of a telephone survey made by the baseball committee were presented. The committee had asked the public to call in opinions on whether the P-15's should be entered in the tournament or not. Callers voted 10-1 in favor of entering the P-15's in the playoff, and all but one member of the Baseball Committee approved the P-15 entry.

• As a result of new selective reenlistment policies, first term airmen in grade E-4 or above may now reenlist and "go career" after completing as little as 30 months of service. Also, the selective reenlistment board will meet four times per year to consider first termers for reenlistment rather than two times yearly as was previously done. The board will consider for reenlistment first-term E-4s and above who will complete 28 months' total active federal military service before the last day of the selection month. Selectives will be notified of their selection status and permitted to reenlist any time after completing 30 months' service.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

April 30 — May 6

• Manning High School girls track coach Gwen Hudson was looking for some tough competition for the Lady Monarchs in the Region VII-3A meet at Ramsey Athletic Stadium. The competition was there but not from the source she expected. Manning rushed out to a big lead through the first 12 events and held on down the stretch to win the region title, outscoring Stall High School 117-105. Fort Dorchester and Holly Hill-Roberts finished with 72 points apiece, Garret had 62 and North Charleston 26.

• Sumter's city and county officials ideologically support a move to save the historic Shelley-Brunson Funeral Home on East Liberty Street from demolition. But the home's owner, who hopes to sell the 170-year-old Georgian mansion to a grocery store developer, says it will take more than ideas to replace the thousands of dollars his family has poured into the empty building. "My wife and I are very conscious of Sumter history," owner Neal Compton of Sumter said. "We're very history-minded. I hate to see anything with a history go by the wayside like that. But purely and simply, it's economics."

• Sumter County 4-H's recently got the chance to show their stuff. Miriam Roman, the Sumter County 4-H volunteer coordinator, said 67 youth — ages 8 to 19 — took part in the 109th-annual 4-H Project Fair. Displays and demonstrations included public speaking, rifle competition, performing arts, bicycle rodeo and compact tractor and archery. Miriam said 4-H senior winners qualify for activities at the state 4-H conference. Cloverleaf and junior 4-H project winners will go on to compete district-wide.

• Sumter County residents who live near Shaw Air Force Base or the Poinsett Weapons Range can expect increased jet noise. Shaw flight crews are taking part in an increased flight schedule, which starts at 7 a.m. and continues until 7 p.m. There will be increased flying activity at Poinsett Weapons Range, which is located off S.C. 261, seven miles south of the base. Pilots from Shaw and other bases in four Southeastern states practice bombing and strafing runs at the range. The increased flights are in support of an Operational Readiness Inspection.

• Sumter High pulled into a tie atop the Region IV-4A standings with a 5-1 baseball win over Irmo. Chad Hoshour hurled a two-hitter for the Gamecocks, striking out seven and walking none. After allowing an infield single to Donovan Harrison with one out in the second, the junior right-hander retired 15 consecutive batters before giving up an infield single to Adam Easterling.

• The four-star general who is the commander of all six of the nation's numbered Air Forces will be at Shaw Air Force Base, where he will speak at a breakfast for members of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. Gen. John Michael "Mike" Loh, commander of Air Combat Command, which is headquartered at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, will speak at the Chamber's Red-Carpet Breakfast.

• One-hundred sixty professional golfers will begin arriving in Sumter for the third-annual Lakewood Links Classic, a T.C. Jordan Professional Golf Tour tournament. The 73-hole tournament will have a week full of activities. Monday, open qualifying will be held to fill available slots in the field. The American Lung association of South Carolina is sponsoring a pro auction in which ladies may bid for dinner with a pro. All proceeds benefit the American Lung Association. Ladies pro-am will be held on Tuesday, following a pairing session. The men's pro-am will begin on Wednesday.

• Palmetto Towers, a five-story apartment complex for the elderly and handicapped, located behind K-Mart, opened in March 1992. When you walk in the door, the first impression is of a genteel residence hotel. Queen Anne furniture and a beautiful Oriental rug belie the fact that this is a government-subsidized complex for people on a fixed income. The occupants of the 95 one-bedroom apartments are a close-knit group that look out for one another. A reputation of friendliness, yet independence, has made Palmetto Towers a special place to live.

• More than 2,000 people put on their walking shoes and took to Sumter's streets to raise \$53,000 for WalkAmerica — the March of Dimes' largest fundraising event. "This was the biggest year we've ever had — money-wise and walker-wise," said Betty Trantham, community director of the Pee Dee-Wateree Division of the South Carolina Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. The March of Dimes WalkAmerica is a walk-a-thon in which individuals and teams walk a predetermined route. Sponsors are recruited by the walkers and donate the accomplishment of the walk.

• The Artists Guild Awards Exhibit, a mixed-media show, will be featured at the Sumter Gallery of Art. The exhibit will present works by professional artists Mike Williams of Columbia; Rose Metz and Ruth Martin, both of Sumter; and the winning pieces of amateur artists Kathleen Rogers, Ruby McGown and Lee Cox. The exhibit is sponsored by Nations Bank.

• Sumter School District 17's REACH students (grades 4-12) showcased their dance, vocal, instrumental, drama and visual arts talents at the Opera House. The results were not only entertaining, but comforting as well. REACH is an acronym for "Reflecting Excellence and Creative Heights." The showcase, using "Reflection" as its theme, was the culmination of the 1992-93 year for students involved, their instructors and the coordinator of instruction, Mildred L. Unger.

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The making of a poacher

“Mr. Dan, they took my daddy’s deer,” the little blond-headed boy said. He was only six or seven years old. Too young and innocent to know that



Dan Geddings

he was probably telling me something that his daddy would have liked to be kept quiet.

“Who took your daddy’s deer?” I asked.

“Those people that live out by the road,” he answered. “They saw daddy shoot, and when he left to go to work, they went over there and got his deer.”

This little boy’s daddy was not a member of our club. He was at a club dinner as a guest. I knew him well and was aware of his reputation as a renegade hunter. We were standing around talking after the dinner, and the little guy had approached me with the news. His dad

was standing nearby and overheard the exchange.

He walked over and interrupted before his son could say any more.

“Daaaa-n, what he’s talking about happened the other day. He’s just heard us talking about it.” He went on, “what happened was that I was headed to work the other morning and saw a nice buck standing on the edge of a beanfield.”

He told me the location, then continued. “I stopped to look him over, and he didn’t run. Just stood there about a hundred yards from the road. I pulled out my rifle and shot him from the highway, and he dropped in his tracks.”

I knew the farmer, and I knew that he didn’t let anyone hunt his land. I was surprised to hear this admission from the dad. And, it got worse.

“I was headed to work and didn’t have time to mess with him, so I went on, intending to come back that afternoon. There were some people standing around in the yard of a nearby house. They must have seen me shoot. When I came back that af-

ternoon the deer was gone, and I saw drag marks where someone had pulled him to the road.”

“Well I’m glad they got him,” I answered. “He would have been spoiled by that afternoon.”

“I know,” he answered, “but all I wanted was the horns anyhow.”

I was stunned by that admission and angered by the whole episode. His brazen admission was troubling, but he knew he could easily dispute anything that I had been told.

A few days later I talked to a friend of mine who was a game warden. He was not surprised, but there was little he could do without some hard evidence. It would just be my word against his, and I didn’t see anything. I just heard the story.

Later that year I overheard the little boy’s uncle telling someone about a youth turkey hunt on a local game management area. The uncle’s idea of turkey hunting was to ride around and get close enough to shoot a turkey from the road. He and the little blond-headed boy rode around until they spotted a turkey

on some private land joining the game management land. They parked on the state land and sneaked down a ditch bank onto the private land, where the little boy shot and killed the turkey.

The next year the little boy’s dad bought him a four-wheeler and just turned him loose on it. There was apparently no supervision. They didn’t own any land, so the little boy just rode on everybody else’s land. Highways, dirt roads and farm fields were his playground. Most of the time he rode with a shotgun across the handlebars.

The examples that the youngster had from the men in his life were a total disregard for the law and a lack of respect for the game that was pursued. There was no guidance and no supervision. Over the years I heard more and more stories of trespassing, poaching and criminal activity by the young man. I was not surprised.

I don’t think that people are born poachers, but they can certainly be made.

Spruce up your pool landscaping with some smart choices

BY DEAN FOSDICK
The Associated Press

Landscaping around an outdoor swimming pool requires no-muss, no-fuss plant selections. The pool can be a flowery focal point, but don’t open it to litter from leaves and limbs.

“Both in- and above-ground pools offer unique design challenges and opportunities,” said Tim Moloney, an instructor in landscape design at the University of Missouri. “In-ground pools offer the ability to provide screening with lower height plants” but may have more issues with litter falling into the pool.

“Above-ground pools are somewhat sheltered from ground debris but are more of a challenge for visually softening the walls of the pool and (adding) privacy from outside viewers,” Moloney said.

Start by considering plant needs — sun or shade. Then decide what you want your poolside landscaping to achieve.

“Privacy screening versus sun exposure is typically the strongest pool-owner concern,” Moloney said. “This is

followed closely by litter and tracking of grass clippings and mulch materials.

“After function is addressed, we focus on form,” he said. “Making the space as enjoyable as possible.”

Brightly colored flowers attract pollinators, and that could mean bee stings. Some of the most attractive ornamental plants have thorns. Both are obviously annoying to thinly clad and barefoot bathers.

“Typically, I have found that insects will generally ignore us if we ignore them,” Moloney said. “Just the mere presence of bees in the landscape does not initiate attack. However, if severe allergies or phobias of bees exist, I recommend concentrating on other ways to brighten up the landscape — brightly colored foliage, for example.”

Or turn to marigolds, chrysanthemums, mint, foxglove, geraniums and zinnias whose blooms don’t typically attract stinging insects.

And thorns? “Cacti are very climate specific but can offer huge aesthetic benefits for arid environments,” Moloney said. “Roses offer us what few other plants can — an entire



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A photo provided by Grunder Landscaping shows a contrasting mix of long-flowering plants separated from the pool water by a walkway in Dayton, Ohio, in 2017. Poolside landscaping is a bit more demanding than the usual. Container plants can be moved to follow the sun while trees are kept well in the background to help prevent leaf litter.

summer of repeat blooms. In my opinion, the benefits of these plants outweigh the hazards as long as the plants are positioned an appropriate distance from well-trafficked areas.”

Some other poolside gardening do’s and don’ts:

- Watch where you stockpile organic materials such as pine straw or bark. “They can blow or be tracked into the pool by wet feet on pool decking,” Moloney said.
- Select plants for year-round interest, even in cold

weather when the pool is closed. Think evergreens.

- Choose trees and shrubs that produce a minimum of litter. “Almost any organic material that falls from trees — needles, leaves, spent blooms, fruit — has the potential to stain hardscape elements like pool decks and patios,” Moloney said. “I simply try to balance the benefits with the concerns and reach a compromise we can all live with.”
- Think about both day and night use. “Evenings can be

accented by soft peripheral lighting or featuring tree trunks with up-lights,” said Robert Brzuszek, a landscape architecture professor with the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

- Eliminate the use of dark-colored pavement around the pool; it adds reflected heat to plants, especially in hotter, drier climates. “Plants that have smaller or waxy leaves will also lose less water than large, thin leaves which dry out quickly,” he said.

Scientists hope bug experiment fattens Colorado River fish

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) — Any great fishing hole depends on the health and well-being of its bugs.

In a key stretch of the Colorado River below a dam on the Arizona-Utah border, anglers have been pulling out long, skinny trout that don’t give up much of a fight with a hook in their mouths.

Turns out, they don’t have enough to eat, scientists say.

Researchers with the U.S. Geological Survey are hoping a monthslong experiment to release low, steady flows of water from Glen Canyon Dam will give the eggs that bugs lay just below the water’s surface a better chance at survival. It starts this weekend.

“For whatever reason, downstream of Glen Canyon Dam really lacks diversity,” said Scott VanderKooi, who oversees the U.S. Geological Survey’s Grand Canyon Monitoring and Research Center in Flagstaff.

Scientists are anticipating a 26 percent increase in black flies and midges by next summer and the eventual return of bigger bugs seen in other

stretches of the Colorado River that largely have disappeared from a prized fishery known as Lees Ferry. When insects thrive, so do fish, bats, birds and other predators, scientists say.

Insects attach their eggs to hard surfaces such as rocks, wood or cattails near the river’s shore. Fluctuations in the water for hydropower create artificial tides that can expose the eggs and dry them out.

If they’re not back underwater within an hour, they die, said Jeff Muehlbauer, a research ecologist with the Geological Survey.

The so-called bug flows are part of a larger plan approved in late 2016 to manage operations at Glen Canyon Dam, which holds back Lake Powell. The plan allows for high flows to push sand built up in Colorado River tributaries through the Grand Canyon as well as other experiments with the flow that could help non-native trout.

“It’s an ongoing endeavor to understand first, what’s the status of all these different resources — the fish,

the sandbars, the cultural resources — and then making adjustments based on how the ecosystem is changing,” John Hamill said, a volunteer with Trout Unlimited who helped work on the plan.

The flows won’t change the amount of water the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation must deliver to three states and Mexico. The lower water levels on the weekend would be offset by higher peak flows during the week, the agency said.

Still, hydropower is expected to take a \$335,000 hit.

“We’re not wasting water or anything in the name of bugs,” agency spokesman Chris Watt said. “We’re using the flows that we’re required to send down the river. We’re just fluctuating when they go to

possibly assist the insects.”

Scientists say they are hoping to see positive responses from Glen Canyon Dam to Lake Mead on the Arizona-Nevada border.

Anglers typically fish a 16-mile stretch of the Colorado River below the dam, either in a walkup area or by taking a boat upstream closer to the dam. While they have caught fish that were hearty and longer than 14 inches, Hamill said the “sorry condition” of the fish at times has driven anglers elsewhere.

“That’s been a challenge,” he said. “It hasn’t been a very dependable fishery.”

A damselfly nymph, about 1 inch long, that was collected from Hermit Creek, a tributary to the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon, is seen. Aquatic insects serve as food for fish, bats and birds in the Grand Canyon.



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5BR 4BA house, Garden City SC. Sleeps 12-14 Approx 100 Yds to beach, pier, pavilion. Bike week May 12th- May19th \$2000, other weeks during Summer \$1800 per week. Call 803-460-2567



Homes for Sale

Price Reduced! 2220 Alston Rd. Rembert. 3 br 1 ba on 7/10th acre lot. Financing available with low down payment to qualified buyer. Call 1-855-847-6807 ask for Ronnie.

Land & Lots for Sale

11.3 acres of farmland near St. Charles. Owner financing. Call or text 803-464-5813.

Campers / RV's / Motorhomes



2005 Keystone Cougar, 28 ft 5th wheel, camper, exc. cond. \$8,000. Call 983-2454

TRANSPORTATION

Mopeds / ATVs / Motorcycles



2007 Honda Rebel, 5900 miles, Sandgrid red, comes with helmet & saddle bags. \$2500. Call 803-983-2454

Autos For Sale

CHEAP CARS, TRUCKS & VANS Starting at \$1395 Price is Right Auto Sales 3210 Broad St 803-494-4275

For Sale: 1948 Chevy 4 door. Fully restored. 24ft RV Call 803-236-6426

2007 Jeep Liberty, power everything, excellent condition, hands free phone, runs great \$4200. Call 803-481-4600

LEGAL NOTICES

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As a continuation of the Woodrow Community Transportation discussion that began in July 2017, two Public meetings are scheduled to be held for the Woodrow areas to obtain community input. The input will assist the Santee Wateree RTA in determining how the current Lee County Trans Route may be modified to provide passengers additional opportunities to access various, recreational, social, employment, medical and educational venues that the Cities of Bishopville SC and Sumter SC has to offer as previously

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expressed by community residents.

You are invited to come and share your thoughts on how the current Lee County Trans Route might be modified to better serve the needs of the Woodrow Community.

PUBLIC MEETING INFO DATE: Tuesday May 15th &- May 29th, 2018 TIME: 6:30PM-7:30PM LOCATION: Franklin Store 2831 Woodrow Rd. Woodrow SC 29040

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

As a continuation of the Lynchburg Community Transportation discussion that began July 2017, two Public meetings are scheduled to be held for the Lynchburg and surrounding areas to obtain community input. The input will assist the Santee Wateree RTA in determining how the current Lee County Trans Route may be modified to provide passengers additional opportunities to access various, recreational, social, employment, medical and educational venues that the City of Florence or Sumter South Carolina has to offer as previously expressed by community residents.

You are invited to come and share your thoughts on how the current Lee County Trans Route might be modified to better serve the needs of the Lynchburg Community.

PUBLIC MEETING INFO

DATE: Tuesday May 8th &- May 22nd, 2018 TIME: 6:30PM-7:30PM LOCATION: Lynchburg Police Department 106 Main Street Lynchburg SC 29080

Bid Notices

The Sumter County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) is requesting REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS DETENTION CENTER for Commissary/Canteen Services as set forth herein. Proposals shall be submitted as follows:

Sumter County Administration Building Purchasing Department 2nd Floor 13 East Canal Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150

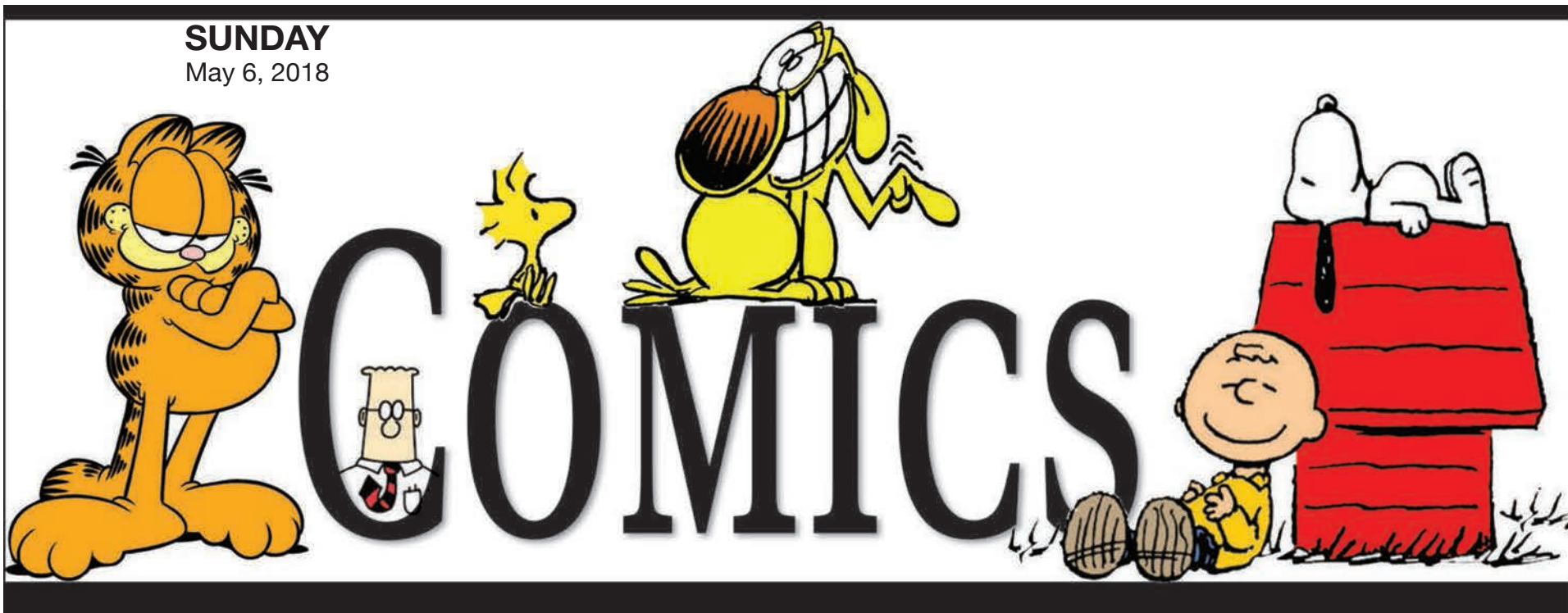
Proposals shall be received by the Sumter County Purchasing Director by 2:00 p.m., May 21, 2018. Proposals received after the time set for closing will be returned unopened. Offerors mailing their proposal must allow a sufficient mail delivery period to insure timely receipt of their proposal. Neither SCSO nor Sumter County is responsible for proposals delayed by mail and/or delivery services of any nature. At the time of closing of the solicitation, the proposals shall be opened and the names of the responding offerors shall be read aloud. Review, evaluation and award will subsequently be made in accordance with the provisions of this RFP. The Detention Center Commissary/Canteen contract will be fulfilled at the Sumter/ Lee Regional Detention Center located at 1250 Winkles/Road, Sumter, SC 29153, a facility operated by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. Request for Proposals for Detention Center Commissary/Canteen Services may be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (803) 436-2110.

Park it in the CLASSIFIEDS and watch it go fast!

1 Bedroom Apartments for 62 YEARS AND OLDER. Includes refrigerator, central heat & air, community room, range, handicap, coin operated, blinds, accessible laundry room, carpet, emergency call, ceiling fans system. Rent based on 30% of adjusted income. Utility allowance given. Southview 60 Hilliard Drive • Sumter, S.C. 29150 For application or information, please call 803-934-1449 TTY 800-735-8583

CONTRACTORS WANTED MAYESVILLE LYNCHBURG, ELLIOTT & ST. CHARLES HOME & RACK DELIVERY. If you have good, dependable transportation, a phone in your home, and a desire to earn extra income Call REDA at 774-1257 the Sumter ITEM 36 W. Liberty St. • Sumter, SC

PUBLIC AUCTION SURPLUS TO THE ONGOING NEEDS OF APEX TOOL GROUP 1150 CLIPPER ROAD RD IN SUMTER, SC 29154 TIMED, ONLINE-ONLY BIDDING CLOSES: WED, MAY 9th at 10AM EDT Inspection: Day prior to auction from 9AM-4PM STAMPING, FORGING, HEAT TREAT, CNC, TOOLROOM & FINISHING EQUIPMENT (16) Presses, New As 2007 - Forging (to 1,300-Ton), Straight Side (to 220-Ton), OBI (to 200-Ton), Gap Flywheel, Gap Frame Trim & 500-Ton Hydraulic Die Assembler • (7) JOHNFOR SV32 VMCs • HEAT TREAT - Furnaces and Tempering Ovens (34) Vibratory Finishing Bowls • Pad Stamper Printers, New As 2004 •(4) TORIT Dust Collectors • BLANCHARD 20" Rotary Surface Grinder • HANSFORD Die Handler • Rotabs • Lathes • Inspection • (20) Skids of Tooling • Vises • Hoists • Bridge Cranes • (160+/-) Corrugated Metal Tubs 18% Buyer's Premium w/bidspotter.com Myron C. Bowling - 3416 • Myron Bowling Auctioneers, Inc. - 4122 MYRON BOWLING AUCTIONEERS, INC. 513/738-3311 | myronbowling.com



PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ

THAT CHUCK...HE'S SOMETHING ELSE...

I DON'T KNOW WHY I EVEN THINK ABOUT HIM...

CHUCK JUST DOESN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND A GIRL'S EMOTIONS...

IN FACT, CHUCK DOESN'T SEEM TO UNDERSTAND GIRLS AT ALL..

CHUCK IS HARD TO TALK TO BECAUSE HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LIFE..

HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LAUGHING AND CRYING

HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND LOVE, AND SILLY TALK, AND TOUCHING HANDS, AND THINGS LIKE THAT..

HE PLAYS A LOT OF BASEBALL, BUT I DOUBT IF HE EVEN UNDERSTANDS BASEBALL...

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

I DON'T THINK YOU UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, CHUCK!

I DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS I DON'T UNDERSTAND

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS

HEY, LIZ!

LIZ! LIZ!

LIZ! LIZ! LIZ!

WHAT IS IT, JON?

WATCH THIS!

BWOINNNNG DONK

OW!

MEN

DO IT AGAIN!

DILBERT

BY SCOTT ADAMS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BUY AN INSURANCE POLICY TO PROTECT AGAINST A HUMOROUS DEATH?

WHY WOULD I NEED IT?

WELL, LET'S SAY YOU'RE AT THE ZOO AND YOU DROP YOUR SUNGLASSES INTO THE LION PIT.

YOU LOWER YOURSELF INTO THE PIT TO GET THE SUNGLASSES, BUT THE LIONS GET TO YOU FIRST.

YOU DON'T WANT THE HEADLINES TO READ "POINTY-HAIRED IDIOT MAULLED TO DEATH BY THE KING OF THE JUNGLE."

SO INSTEAD, THE MOMENT YOU DIE, MY AGENTS RUSH IN TO CREATE A NARRATIVE FOR THE MEDIA.

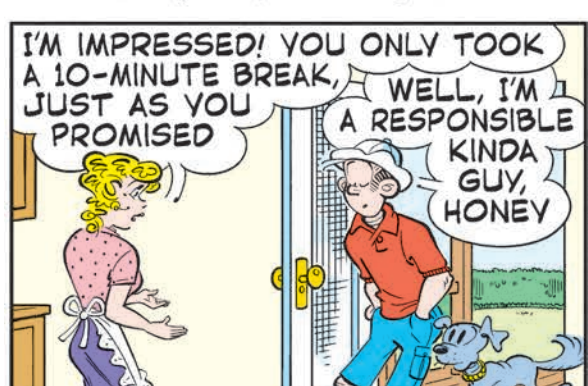
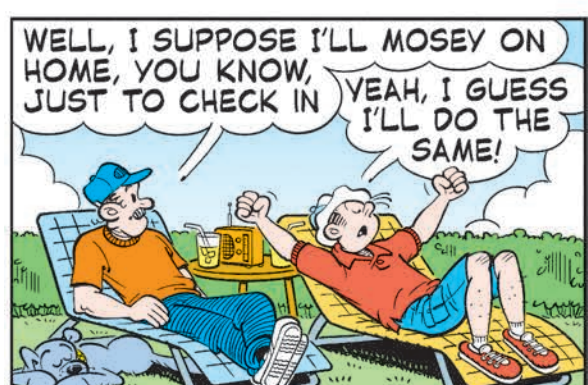
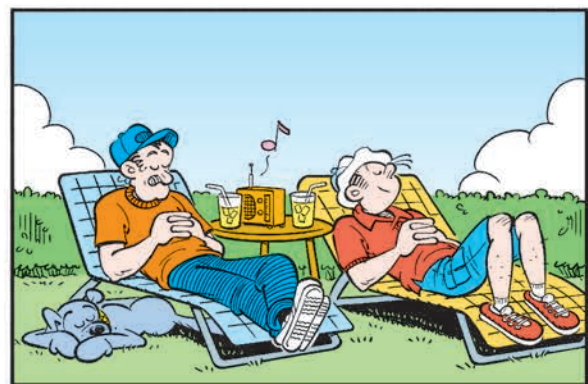
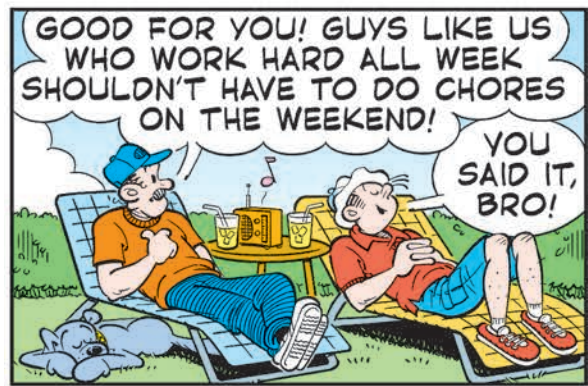
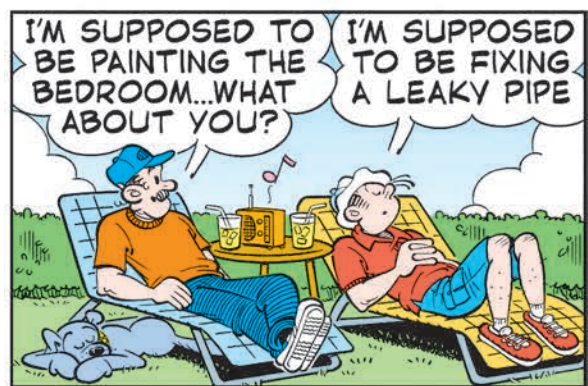
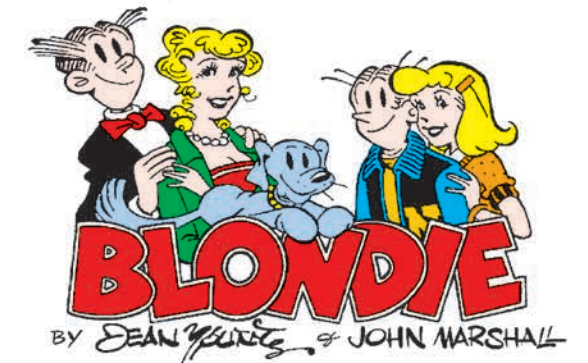
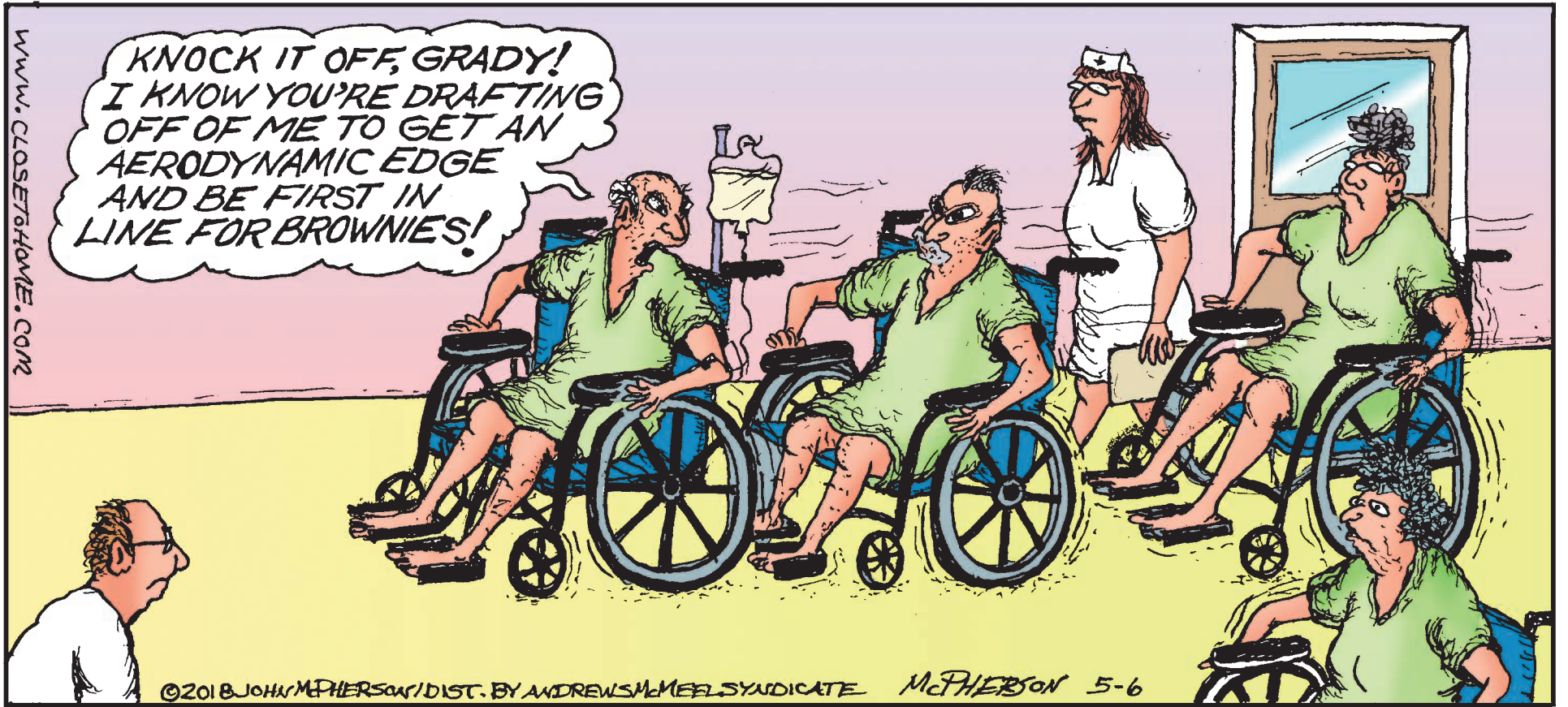
IN THIS CASE, WE MIGHT SPIN THE STORY AS "LOCAL MAN TEACHES ZOO HOW TO REDUCE FOOD COSTS."

ARE THE POLICIES AFFORDABLE?

YES, IF YOU WAIVE COVERAGE FOR MASCOT-RELATED DEATHS.

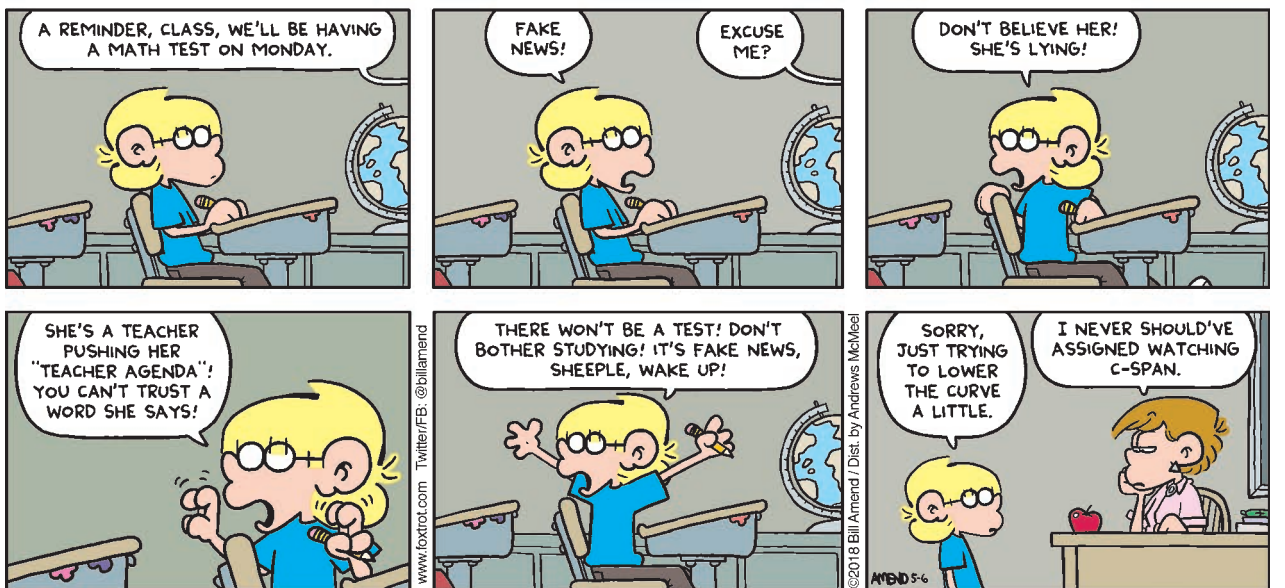
CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON



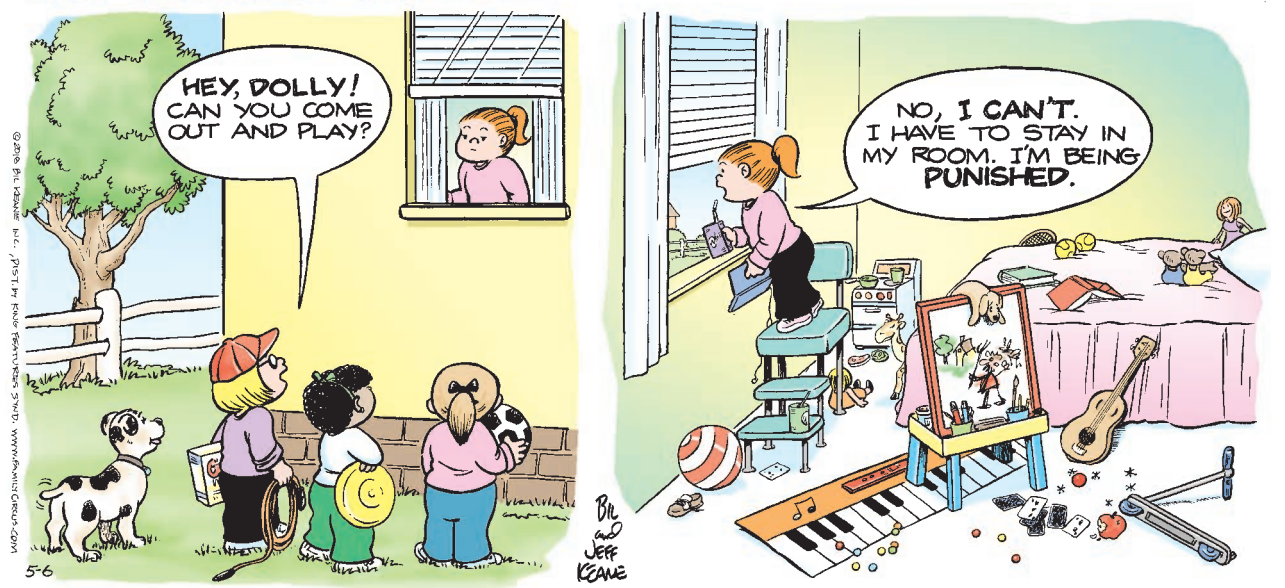
FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



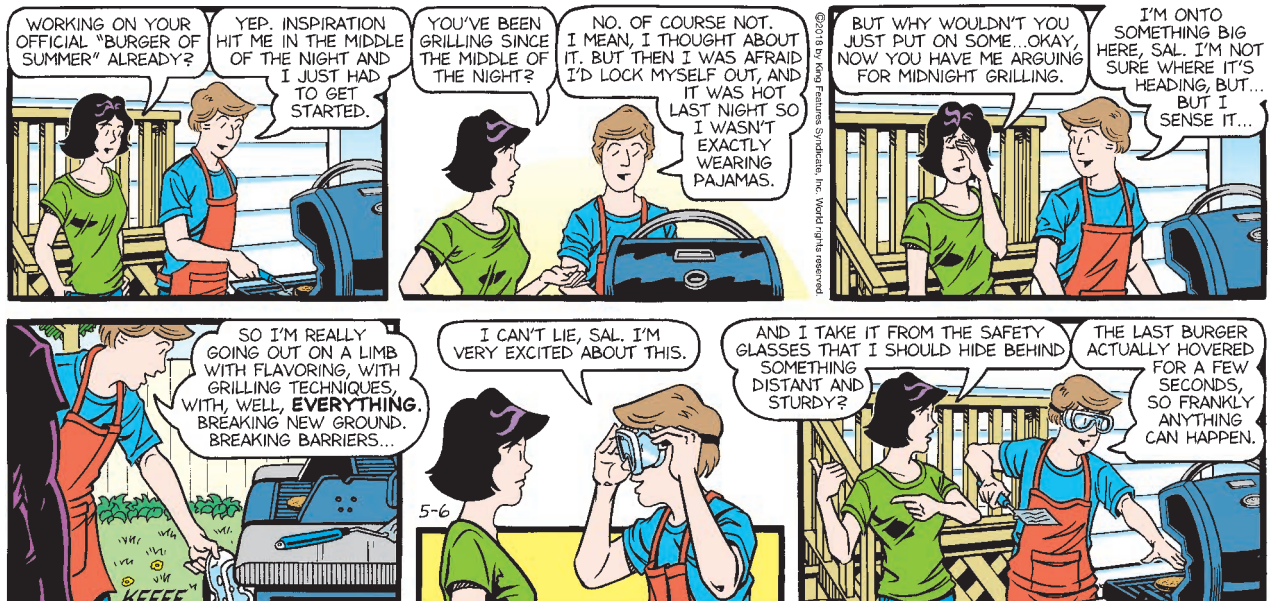
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES
By FOOLE & SACKO

I DUG UP THIS BIG OLD DINOSAUR BONE, BUT DOGGY WANTS TO TAKE IT HOME!

Give us 5 RHYMES FOR BONE!

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
more?

Send your riddles and puns to: Doodles, P.O. Box 105, Excelsior, MN 55331

DOODLE ZOO

YOU CAN LEAD A HORSE TO WATER, BUT A PENCIL MUST BE LEAD.

DRAW!!

DRAW A DOG!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT DO YOU CALL A PUPPY STUCK OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN?
A. A SOGGY DOGGY.
Richard Price, Dayton, OH

Q. WHAT'S GRAY AND GOES ROUND AND ROUND?
A. AN ELEPHANT IN A WASHING MACHINE.
Cheri Johnston, Santa Ana, CA

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Picture frame is different. 2. Cast is shorter. 3. Shovel handle is shorter. 4. Pillow is smaller. 5. Arm is shorter. 6. Man has less hair.

FRANK AND ERNEST

EXHIBIT THIS NATURE PHOTOGRAPHER IS OBSESSED WITH MONEY.

HE PHOTOGRAPHED CLAMS BECAUSE THEY WERE ANCIENT CURRENCY AND ARE NOW SLANG FOR MONEY.

HE'S TAKEN LOTS OF PICTURES OF THE GREENBACK TROUT.

"I CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY GREENBACKS," HE SAID.

HE FINDS PELICANS INTERESTING BECAUSE HE LIKES BIG BILLS.

AND NOW HE'S OFF CHASING SOME ANTELOPE TO PHOTOGRAPH.

HE'S GOING AFTER SOME QUICK BUCKS!

THE BORN LOSER



WE'RE GOING TO HAVE OUR OWN VEGETABLE GARDEN THIS YEAR!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

RALPH, LOOK AT THAT. IT'S ONE OF THOSE NEW SELF-WALKING DOGS!

WHY?

BECAUSE FRESH, HOME-GROWN VEGETABLES ARE THE HEALTHIEST THINGS YOU CAN EAT!

AND THE BEST PART IS YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME PLANT AND MAINTAIN THE GARDEN!

AW, GEE, IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT I HAVE TO EAT VEGETABLES...

NOW, YOU'RE GONNA PUT ME TO WORK MAKIN' THEM!

WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

SIGH

TURN

SIGH

TURN

SLIDE...

FUMP

YOU THERE! I'D LIKE TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE REMAINING GUARD TOWER

...ARE... YOU SURE, SIRE?

YOU HEARD ME!

RESPONSIBILITY: THE INSOMNIA CURE

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GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

LOOK WHAT I FOUND!

AND THEN... IN 2018, DOGS DISCOVERED DIRT.

NO, LOOK WHAT'S IN THE DIRT!

I CAN'T SEE IT...

REMEMBER THAT TIME YOU TRIED TO GROW CATNIP?

PF. NEVER SPROUTED. I THREW THE POT OUT THE WINDOW.

AND NOW IT'S GROWING OUT OF THE BROKEN POT IN THE BUSHES!

OH! IT'S A CATNIP MIRACLE! GIVE IT!

FINDERS KEEPERS. THAT'S THE WAY THE TREAT BOUNCES UNDER THE STOVE.

GIVE CATNIP!

NO, YOU THREW IT OUT THE WINDOW. IT'S DOGNIP NOW.

DON'T MAKE ME ANGRY... YOU WOULDN'T LIKE ME WHEN I'M ANGRY...

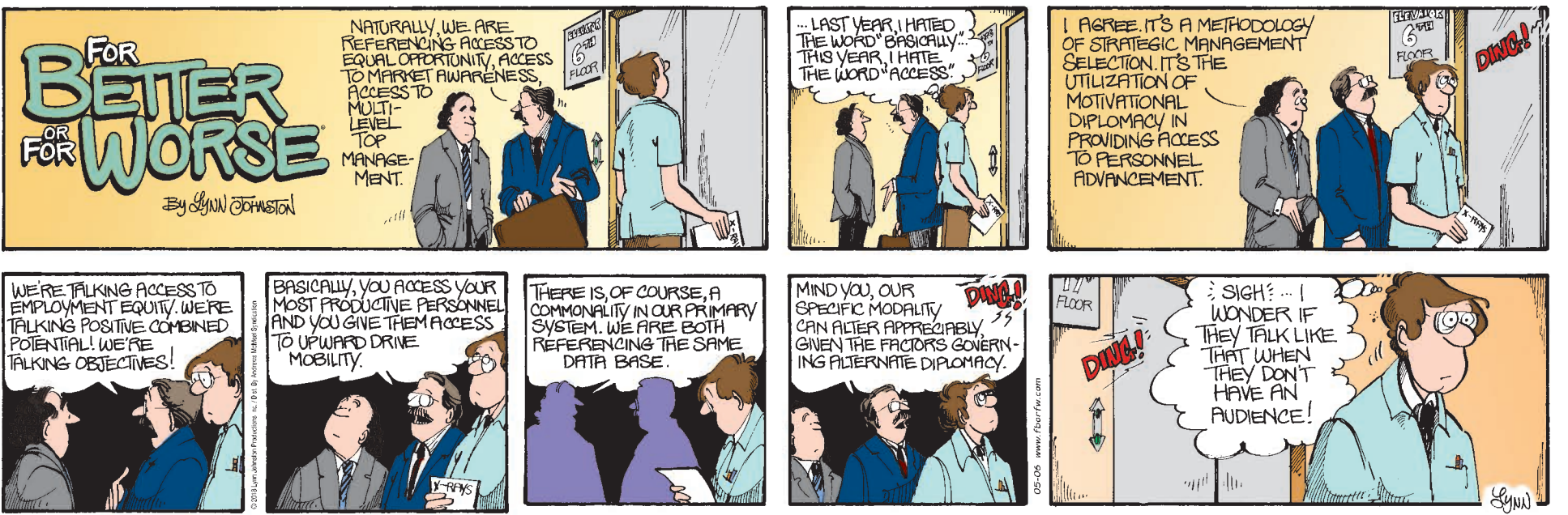
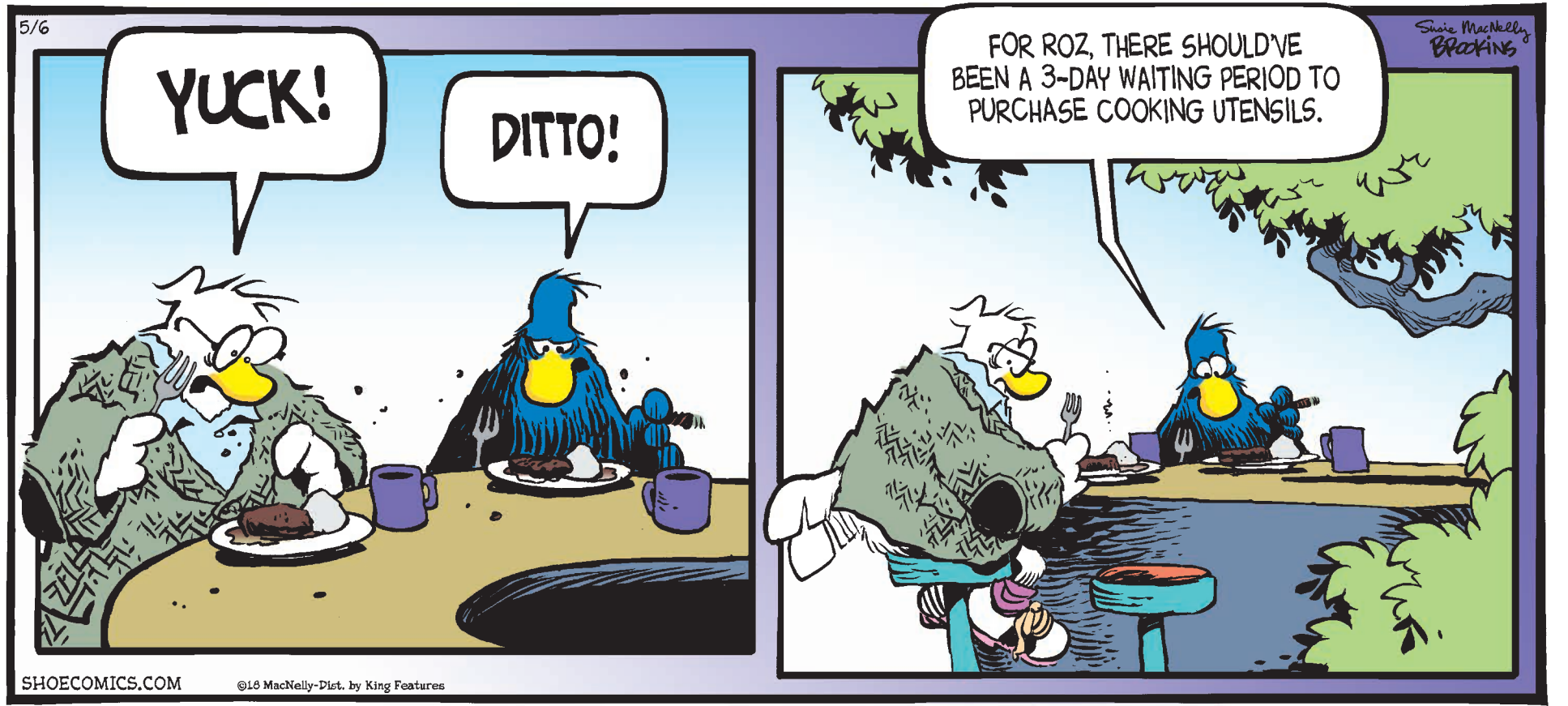
UH, NEWSFLASH, GRUMP NUGGET, YOU'RE NO BALL OF JOY WHEN YOU'RE GIDDY.

GIVE CATNIP! ME PLANT!

HA HA! YOU'RE THE WORLD'S FIRST AGGRO-CULTURALIST!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

