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**SPORTS**

**Tigers hand FSU worst home loss in 59-10 romp **B1****

**Sumter man could be on missing plane**

**Twin-engine aircraft went missing on Thursday 100 miles east of Charleston**

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A Sumter native is thought to be on an aircraft that went missing about 110 miles east of Charleston on Thursday.

The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center notified Coast Guard 7th District watchstanders of a "civilian aircraft emergency at 11:33 a.m." on Thursday, according to the U.S. Coast Guard. The Jacksonville Air Route

Traffic Control Center received a report from the aircraft of "an in-flight emergency, lost contact on radar and notified the AFRCC."

Several people have told *The Sumter Item* the Wilson Hall alumnus was a passenger in addition to posts on *The Sumter Item's* Facebook page and other social posts, including public posts from

family members. The Piper-PA 31, a twin-engine plane, was leaving South Carolina from Andrews in Georgetown County to the Bahamas.

As of noon Friday, Coast Guard crews had searched about 2,600 square miles.

The Coast Guard has two cutters and aircraft from the Elizabeth City, North Caroli-

na, air station searching, and a Navy P-3 Orion is also assisting.

There is no official word on the number of people on the plane and who they are. The Federal Aviation Administration will not release information about the plane's owner until it is found, according to The Associated Press.

**State SAT scores beat national average**

**Clarendon 3 district has highest scores in region**

**BY BRUCE MILLS**  
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South Carolina public school students who graduated from high school last spring outperformed the national average on the SAT college entrance exam by 15 points, according to scores released by the College Board on Thursday.

The 22,141 public school students who were part of the Class of 2018 and took the SAT at least once posted an average score of 1064 on the 1600-point test. The national average was 1049.

For perspective, the state's SAT average is just shy of the 1100-point threshold requirement that in-state students can use to qualify for the lottery-funded LIFE Scholarship.

The scores paint a different picture of the state's ranking in education compared with the Class of 2018's performance on the ACT college readiness test, which dropped on average in every subject area. There is one key difference in the test data: The results on the ACT come from a graduating class that was required to take the test, whereas the SAT was optional with about 50 percent participation by public high school seniors in the state.

In the tri-county area, student participation on the SAT was much less than 50 percent.

Only three area districts had 20 percent or more seniors in the Class of 2018 take the SAT: Sumter School District, Lee County School District and Clarendon School District 3.

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PHOTOS BY ADRIENNE SARVIS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Children enjoyed the annual Family Fall Festival at Alice Drive Baptist Church on Thursday night. Families ate dinner and were given treats, and kids played in bounce houses and danced. See more photos from the event on page A6.



**100,001 treats**

**BY ADRIENNE SARVIS**  
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Hundreds of children filled their candy coffers for the season and donned their best costumes during Alice Drive Baptist Church's annual Family Fall Festival on Thursday evening.

Family Fall Festival started in 2011, said ADBC lead pastor Clay Smith, as a gift to the community

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**HALLOWEEN BY THE NUMBERS**

**41.1 million**

The estimated number of potential trick-or-treaters, between ages 5 to 14, in 2017.

**120 million**

The number of potential stops for trick-or-treaters.

**40,411**

The number of employees of U.S. manufacturing companies that produced chocolate and cocoa products in 2016.

**3,430**

The number of U.S. confectionary and nut stores that sold candy in 2016.

**991**

The number of formal wear and costume rental businesses in the U.S. in 2016.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



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**DEATHS, B6**

Dea J. Wilder  
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 Nora F. Scott  
 Gabriel J. Fournier Sr.  
 Elouise A. Abraham

Chitquita L. Grant  
 Romie Conyers  
 Thornal Brunson  
 Lavonnetta Burgess  
 Lonnie A. Richardson  
 Charlie D. Holladay  
 Jessie May M. Weaver

**WEATHER, A12**

**BEAUTIFUL FALL DAY**

Mostly sunny and pleasant today and warm; tonight, clear and cool. No chance of rain.

**HIGH 68, LOW 51**

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Denny Stevens and his wife, Brandy, share a light-hearted moment on Friday. Denny must be on dialysis for nine hours per night, seven days per week.

## Sumter man searching for living kidney donor

BY DANNY KELLY  
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Denny Stevens, a local Sumter man who is originally from Lucknow, needs your help.

Stevens needs a kidney transplant and is willing to take on any possible donors.

"A transplant would offer me more freedom and the ability to live a long-term healthier, more normal life," Stevens said. "A transplant would also give me more time to do the fun things I enjoy most, like spending time with my family and friends."

Back in 2016, Stevens got on the transplant list but was taken off because of heart issues.

Stevens is now back on the list, but the problem is, so are about 95,000 other people.

That's why Stevens would rather have a living donor.

"A living donor is better for the time frame," Stevens' wife, Brandy Stevens, said. "The minimum is three to five years for a non-living donor."

Denny and Brandy Stevens know it can be hard to decide whether you want to donate a kidney.

"Asking a family member or a friend to consider donating a kidney to me is difficult, but it greatly improves my chances of getting a transplant," Denny Stevens said. "A living kidney donation typically lasts longer and has better function."

Denny Stevens can also do what's called a paired exchange through the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

"It guarantees Denny a kidney from a living donor if the kidney went to someone else because it wasn't a direct match," Brandy Stevens said.

So basically, if you pair up with someone who isn't a direct match (compatible blood type) and find another pair that's also not a direct match but would be a match with you, you can swap partners so both parties get kidney donors who are direct matches.

But for now, Denny Stevens must be on dialysis for nine hours per night, seven days per week.

"The dialysis is draining, and his immune system is compromised," Brandy Stevens said. "You just have to watch them live the best quality of life they can, which is not much."

Denny Stevens wants those considering donating to know some important information.

"You only need one kidney to live a healthy, long life," he said. "Most donor surgery is done laparoscopically, meaning through tiny incisions; the recuperation period is usually fairly quick, generally two weeks; the cost of your evaluation and surgery will be covered by my insurance, and the hospitals can give you extensive information on this; you will have a separate team of health care professionals to evaluate you as a living donor. Their job is to help you understand the risks and benefits and look out for your best interests."

Denny Stevens wants anyone who is interested in donating to call (843) 792-1594.

Those interested can also check out [kidney4dennystevens.com](http://kidney4dennystevens.com) or visit the "Help Denny Stevens find a Living Kidney Donor" Facebook page.

"If donating a kidney to me is something you would like to consider, I would be happy to tell you more about my story and explore the process of determining if you are a match for me," Denny Stevens said. "However, I know living donation may not be right for everyone, but you can still help. Consider being an organ donor after death, and also help me by sharing my story with everyone you know."

"At the very least, I want to bring awareness to kidney disease and living donation," he said. "I am hopeful my efforts will help me receive a kidney sooner and encourage others to consider helping the many people on the waiting list."

"If you can't help by donating, prayers are definitely necessary," Brandy Stevens said.

*If donating a kidney to me is something you would like to consider, I would be happy to tell you more about my story and explore the process of determining if you are a match for me.*

DENNY STEVENS

## Willow Drive employee allegedly assaulted by relative of student

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Sumter Police Department officers were dispatched to Willow Drive Elementary School on Tuesday afternoon after a school employee was allegedly attacked by the family of a student.

The reporting officer was dispatched to the school about 2:10 p.m. in reference to a fight that happened between a school employee and the parents of a child.

According to the incident report, the victim told officers he removed the child from a classroom for hitting the teacher earlier that day. The victim was reportedly approached by three adults — identified as Karon Martin, 25; Nyoka Martin, 40; and Juel Douglas, 41 — while he was directing traffic as students were leaving school. The child was also present.

The report does not clarify which adults are the parents of the child, whose age and grade were also not included.

An argument started during the interaction be-

tween the four adults, and Karon Martin allegedly picked up the school employee and dropped him on the ground.

The three suspects told officers they went to the school to talk to the principal and the victim about what happened earlier that day with the student. "They became heated in an argument with [the victim] and Karon picked up [the victim] and put him on the ground," the report states.

Multiple witnesses can attest to the information in the report, according to the reporting officer.

Karon Martin, Nyoka Martin and Juel Douglas were arrested, charged with disturbing schools and transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center. All three suspects have been released after posting bond — \$5,000 each for Karon Martin and Nyoka Martin and \$10,000 for Douglas. It is not stated why Douglas' bond was double that of the other two suspects.

The child was released to another family member after the reported incident.

## 4 fires Friday result in 1 injury

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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Four house fires Friday night in Sumter County resulted in damages, losses and one injury.

Sumter Fire Department Battalion Chief Joey Duggan said the blazes affected two single-family homes, a mobile home and one business office.

The first fire was at Clear Credit, 210 Broad St., and was called in at 6:18 p.m., according to an incident report. The business is housed in what appeared to previously be a two-story residential home.

Fire units arrived at 6:21 p.m., according to the report, to see heavy smoke and fire coming from the second floor. The fire also spread into the attic.

The cause of the blaze is still to be determined, Duggan said. Units had the fire under control at 8:50 p.m. No injuries were reported, but there was about \$80,000 in damage to the structure, and \$20,000 worth of contents to the business were lost.

About the time the first fire was under control, firefighters were called to a house fire a couple miles away at 322 N. Magnolia St. Units arrived at 8:55 p.m.,

according to an incident report, and the blaze was under control at 9:10 p.m.

An investigator determined the fire was caused by faulty wiring. No injuries were reported, but there was about \$20,000 in damage to the property, and \$5,000 worth of contents were reported lost.

A second residential fire occurred at 1031 Sweetbriar Drive in the Sumter High School area just before 10 p.m. Firefighters arrived on the scene within minutes and had the blaze under control. Sumter County Emergency Management Services transported one resident to Palmetto Health Tuomey with injuries, Duggan said. The fire was determined to be accidental, according to an incident report, and there was about \$8,000 in damage to the structure with \$1,000 worth of contents lost.

The final fire was at a mobile home at 45 Somerset Drive off Mason Road. Fire units arrived at 10:15 p.m. to heavy flames and smoke, according to the incident report, and the blaze was controlled at 10:49 p.m. Estimated damages to the mobile home totaled \$55,000, and Duggan said it was a total loss. No injuries were reported.

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# Parnell pledges support to veterans

Democratic nominee for 5th Congressional District stumps in hometown

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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A son of a U.S. Air Force veteran who served at Shaw Air Force Base, Archie Parnell pledges to do more for veterans if he's elected to Congress.

Parnell, a Sumter resident and the Democratic nominee for the state's 5th Congressional District in the Nov. 6 general election, made those comments Wednesday night in a campaign stop here at "home."

Before a crowd of about 25 supporters and other voters at USC Sumter's Arts and Letters Building, Parnell discussed veterans' medical care, specifically those who suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

According to statistics, Parnell said, 500,000 veterans across the U.S. who served in the War on Terror currently suffer from PTSD, but he claimed his opponent, incumbent U.S. Rep. Ralph Norman, R-SC, doesn't think the disorder is real.

While Norman was a member of the state House of Representatives, he voted against a bipartisan majority on several bills including one that would allow police offi-



Archie Parnell, right, the Democratic nominee for the state's 5th Congressional District, talks to Sumter High School student Alex Reardon on Wednesday night at University of South Carolina Sumter.

cers to be eligible for workers' compensation if they suffer from PTSD. In explaining his vote, Norman said officers shouldn't receive benefits for PTSD because they "knew it was coming," given their line of work, according to reports.

"Unlike my opponent, I realize that PTSD is real," Parnell said.

The disorder, along with other forms of mental illness, is the leading cause of veterans' homelessness, substance abuse and unemployment, he said.

He also referenced statistics revealing that veterans with PTSD are four times more likely to commit suicide than veterans without it and that veterans represent 20 percent of all the suicides in the U.S.,

despite only being 7 percent of the total population.

All those numbers translate to 20 veterans taking their lives per day, Parnell said.

"These are very bitter and sobering words," he said. "We've got to do something about it."

Parnell noted a 12-point pledge he has signed that, if elected, he will serve veterans in any way possible.

"I will do everything in my power to serve the veterans of my district, the state and the U.S.," Parnell said.

Those points include supporting the expansion of community-based outpatient clinics for veterans and supporting digitization of health care records for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Parnell has never served in political office. His career was as a tax attorney, and he worked for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington and also as a staff member on the House Ways and Means Committee before entering the private sector.

Parnell also said, if elected, he would try to work across

the aisle, similar to former 5th District Congressman John Spratt, D-SC. He said he would listen and encourage civility in Washington, something he said is lacking today.

Former state Sen. Phil Leventis, D-Sumter, was in attendance and described Parnell as someone who is available and objective and one who fairly evaluates the facts. He said the district needs someone in the mold of Spratt, who helped balance the national budget in the late 1990s.

"Archie is that kind of guy," Leventis said. "His background is taxes, and having worked in Congress as a staff member, he's ideally suited because he does not go there with the 'burden of party.' He's running as a Democrat, but he's no more beholden to a national party than any local voter is. That's the problem with the incumbent — Norman is going to vote with the party."

The 5th Congressional district includes portions of 11 counties, including Sumter and Lee counties.

## CONTINUING ELECTION COVERAGE

The Sumter Item will publish a special pullout section called Vote 2018 on Thursday, Nov. 1, that will include complete coverage of how the Nov. 6 general election affects voters in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties. The section will include information on when, where, how and what you need to vote and Q&A profiles on candidates in contested local races. All candidates of contested races in Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties have been invited to participate.

# Stocks slump again, putting S&P 500 back into the red

BY ALEX VEIGA  
AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks recovered some of their losses Friday after a steep slide in early trading, but the drop was enough to push the benchmark S&P 500 index back into the red for the year.

Despite the afternoon rebound, stocks were still on track to erase much of the market's gains from a big rally the day before and to finish a week of unusually turbulent trading with hefty losses.

Longtime market favorites like Amazon and Alphabet, Google's parent company, led the way lower after reporting weak results. Technology and consumer-focused companies accounted for much of the sell-off. Media and communications stocks, health care companies and banks also took heavy losses.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell more than 300 points and the S&P 500, the benchmark for many index funds, is now down 9.4 percent from its September peak. Bond prices rose, sending yields lower, as investors seek less risky assets.

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## What didn't happen this week

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The following is one of the most popular but completely untrue stories and visuals of the week. It is not legit, even though it was shared widely on social media. The Associated Press checked this out. Here are the real facts:

**NOT REAL:** Photos show Mexican federal police officers injured by migrants

in caravan

**THE FACTS:** A set of three photos of injured federal police officers in Mexico were not taken after confrontations with migrants making their way in a caravan from Central America to the U.S., as suggested on posts circulating on social media. In the most prominent photo, an officer is bleeding from a head

wound. Gustavo Aguado Butanda, a local photographer in the Mexican state of Michoacan, told The Associated Press that he took the photo on Oct. 15, 2012, in Tiripetio. Butanda said that police had entered a school in the town during a clash involving "normalistas," a group of students protesting modernization of curriculums. In another photo, an officer attempts to pull himself up onto a sidewalk after being injured in a clash with protesters in Chilpancingo, a city in the state of Guerre-

ro, ahead of a concert scheduled for that night. Cristopher Rogel Blanquet, who took the photo in December of 2014, said the concert was to honor 43 students who went missing that year. In the third photo, a police officer is bleeding from his nose amid a group of other officers in riot gear. Associated Press photographer Luis Alberto Cruz was present during the confrontation on Feb. 15, 2011. Cruz said the officer was injured in a clash with teachers in Oaxaca, Mexico.

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Kipper Ackerman, director of The Sounds of Grace, rehearses with Abney Rhodes for Thursday's Homegrown concert. Many local musicians will perform a wide variety of music to benefit the nonprofit organization that "seeks to provide peace and healing through music" to those in need of comfort. The concert will also honor the memory of Lexie Kinder, who benefited from the music ministry.

# Homegrown event supports local music ministry

## Peace, healing goal of Sounds of Grace

BY IVY MOORE  
Special to The Sumter Item

The highly anticipated concert by some of the community's most talented and giving musicians returns Thursday to the Sumter Opera House. Homegrown is a benefit concert for The Sounds of Grace, a non-profit group of volunteers whose mission is "to bring peace and healing through music by placing musicians in classrooms for those with special needs" and in hospital and health care set-

tings where comfort is needed.

Kipper Ackerman, founder and director of The Sounds of Grace, said the audience for Homegrown has grown steadily over the years, and "This year, we have a lot of our faithful crew of musicians returning."

Among them are Curt and Kipper Ackerman, Christi Brownlow, Michael Baier, Tripp Boykin, Mark Mitchiner, Dave Lovice, Jeff Wilson, Jay Hodge, Jock Hendricks, Sonny Jones, Kevin Jarvis, Allie and Blake Moseley, and Hank and Sandi Edens.

They will be joined by Caroline and Molly Prothro, Kristen Cote, Caleb Hermanson,

Linda Beck and Sean Hackett. Also new to the event will be more than 25 dancers from Dreamworks Dance Mini, Premier and Senior teams and Miss Libby's Senior Dance Company.

As always, the music per-



PHOTO PROVIDED

Mitch Mitchiner, Jeff Wilson and Dave Lovice are among the many returning musicians who will perform Thursday at the Sumter Opera House in support of The Sounds of Grace. Several other local musicians will also perform for the concert that benefits The Sounds of Grace.

formed during the concert is varied, Ackerman said.

"Selections will range from hits by Travis Tritt to the Indigo Girls, Don Williams, Billy Joel, Lionel Richie, the Zac Williams Band and favorites from musicals 'Tangled' and 'The Greatest Showman,'" she said.

Homegrown musicians will also honor the memory of Lexie Kinder, who was a recipient of The Sounds of Grace, Ackerman said.

Funds raised by Homegrown support the upkeep of instruments, transportation and other needs to support volunteer musicians. Ackerman herself often plays her harp for those in need of the comfort of music.

Homegrown will be presented at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at The Olive Tree/Doolallies, 600

Bultman Drive No. 6, at the Sumter Opera House box office or at the website <http://bit.ly/HomegrownNov1>.

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after the congregation moved to its current location at the corner of Loring Mill Road and Wise Drive. It was a way to say thank you, he said.

"We want something for Sumter," Smith said, "not from Sumter."

The festival is organized by Heather Merritt, ADBC's children's minister, who used to attend the event as a child, Smith said. She used to go as a child, and now she runs it, he said.

There were about 800 people the first year, and it has continued to grow, he said. A little more than 4,000 people are estimated to have attended the festival Thursday.

"I think people want a safe place for their family to come on Halloween," Smith said about the popularity of the festival.

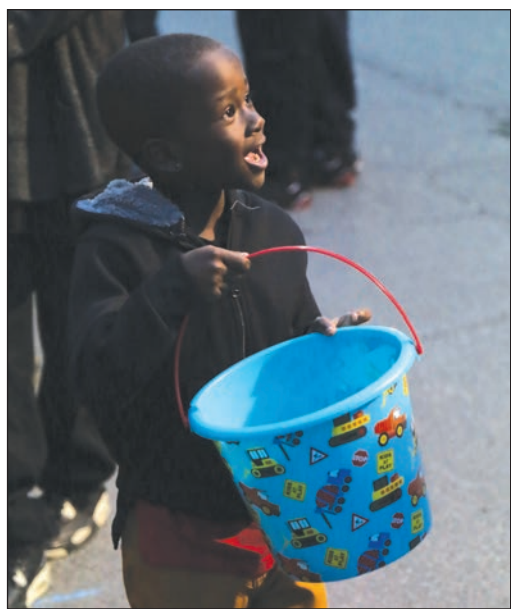
Each year the church collects about 100,000 pieces of candy for the festival and church members, along with volunteers from local business partners, hand it out. This way the church knows who is giving out the candy, Smith said.

The church's volunteers also prepared food — including about 3,000 hotdogs — and made sure guests were having a good time at various bouncy houses and the dance floor.

By the end of Thursday night, Smith said about 500 pieces of candy remained.



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Children and adults alike came to celebrate Halloween and have fun during the Fall Family Festival at Alice Drive Baptist Church on Thursday.



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# Congolese hospitals openly jail poor patients

LUBUMBASHI, Congo (AP) — The most surprising thing about the fact that Congolese hospitals detain patients who fail to pay their bills is that it's no secret: Administrators, doctors and nurses openly discuss it, and the patients are held in plain sight.

An Associated Press investigation found that only one of more than 20 hospitals and clinics visited in the copper-mining metropolis of Lubumbashi did not routinely imprison patients. Though government officials condemn the illegal practice, and say they stop it when they can, a Ministry of Health official in Kinshasa noted that "health officials cannot be everywhere."

The only ones who claim they don't know what's happening in Congo, it seems, are more than a dozen major health donors and agencies who invest billions of dollars in the country and have major operations there — including the European Union, UNICEF, the International Committee of the Red Cross, PATH, Save the Children, the U.S. Agency for International Development and World Vision. They all told the AP they had no knowledge of patient detentions or insufficient information to act.

But such imprisonment practices would be obvious to anyone who follows a long, dark corridor at the Katuba Reference Hospital to a grimy, roach-infested room that houses the hospital's longest-staying residents: Kimenua Ngoie, who has been there for nearly four months since losing her first baby in a complicated cesarean section, and Gabriel Mutamba, in his 80s, who arrived with a broken leg more than a year ago.

Though Ngoie and Mutamba are now healthy enough to be



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Gabriel Mutamba lies on his hospital bed at the Katuba Reference Hospital in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo on Aug. 13. Mutamba, in his 80s, was first brought to the hospital in 2017 by a church group that found him with a broken leg. Though doctors fixed his leg in surgery, he subsequently developed other problems. While he's now stable enough to leave, he's also racked up a substantial bill, and hospital officials have so far refused to discharge him.

discharged, they have been effectively imprisoned because they cannot pay. Ngoie's bill stands at \$360 while Mutamba's is \$1,477.

"There is a God, so I'm not afraid to give birth again," said Ngoie, 22. "But my deepest desire right now is just to leave the hospital."

Such detentions are not unusual, in Congo, across much of Africa or in places ranging from the Philippines to Bolivia.

"When we detain patients, this is not something that is unique to our hospital," said Leedy Nyembo-Mugalu, administrator of the Katuba Reference Hospital. "This happens everywhere."

For the hospitals, holding patients is mostly an act of financial desperation. Most lack basic drugs, running water and regular electricity. Bed shortages are often so severe that two patients must squeeze onto a single mattress. At the Katuba Reference Hospital, sterilizing surgical tools means placing them in a pot of boiling water.

"It's very hard when we have to detain somebody, but we have to recuperate the costs of the products we use, or else we can't treat other patients," said Dr. Veronique Kashala at the Centre Medicale de la Victoire.

Kashala recalled a baby girl

who was held for a month this spring after being treated for meningitis, when her family failed to pay \$63.

The infant's parents finally brought in their pastor, who contributed about \$50. That was enough to convince the clinic to release her.

Mike Ahern, Congo field coordinator for the International Rescue Committee, was touring a Goma hospital with which the IRC was partnering when he saw about a half-dozen women sitting on the ground in a room that had bed frames, but no mattresses. He asked why they were on the floor.

"The response was very simple: 'We make them sit on the floor to encourage them to pay,'" he recalled, adding that one woman had been there more than a month and all of them owed between \$50 and \$200.

Ahern arranged for the IRC to pay to get the women released, within the confines of its project. It was, he said, "only a Band-Aid solution"; once IRC left, the problem would inevitably resurface.

Given how brazenly transparent hospitals are about imprisoning patients in Congo, it is difficult to think that international agencies in Congo could be unaware of patient detentions.

# Mattis approves request to add troops at border

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon on Friday approved a request for additional troops at the southern border, likely to total several hundred to help the U.S. Border Patrol as President Donald Trump seeks to transform fears about immigration and a caravan of Central American migrants into electoral gains in the midterms.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis signed off on a request for help from the Department of Homeland Security and authorized the military staff to work out details such as the size, composition and estimated cost of the deployments, according to a U.S. official.

Mattis, who is traveling in the Middle East, is expected to approve the actual deployments after all the details are ironed out, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss planning that has not yet been completed or publicly announced.

The action comes as Trump has spent recent days

calling attention to the caravan of Central Americans slowly making their way by foot into southern Mexico, but still more than 1,000 miles from U.S. soil.

Trump, who made fear about immigrants a major theme of his 2016 election campaign, has been eager to make it a top issue heading into the Nov. 6 midterm elections, which will determine control of Congress. The president and senior White House officials have long thought the issue is key to turning out his supporters.

The additional troops, possibly numbering 800 or more, would provide logistical and other support to the Border Patrol, said the official. This likely would include military engineers, aviators and perhaps military police to assist with security. No combat forces are to be deployed, but because some troops may be armed for self-defense, Pentagon lawyers were working out rules governing the use of force before final deployment decisions are made, the official said.

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# Richland Northeast QB recovering after open-heart surgery

COLUMBIA (AP) — A week after undergoing open-heart surgery, Josh Boyd was back at a familiar place — football field. The Richland Northeast quarterback was with his teammates at Harry Parone Stadium on Oct. 19 for their game against York.

"I just cherish life more now that I have been closer to death. I take things more differently now," said Boyd, who was wearing a sling on his left arm as a precautionary measure.

Boyd suffered a heart attack while playing a pick-up basketball game Oct. 10 at Sonny's SportsPlex in Columbia. He had open-heart surgery two days later at MUSC in Charleston.

Boyd said he doesn't remember much about that day, only waking up around a lot of people with tubes in his mouth. Joyce Boyd, Josh's mom and a nurse, remembers getting the call and arriving at the hospital where she saw members of the RNE crying thinking that her son might have passed away. Boyd was fortunate to be playing basketball that day with members of the Columbia Fire Department. Those members sprung immediately into action.

Members of the Columbia Fire Department joined Boyd on the field and were honored before the game.

"They saved my life," Josh Boyd said of the firemen. "I can't thank them enough."

Boyd had open-heart surgery and had a defibrillator put in Oct. 12. He came home earlier this week.

Boyd said he has been mainly resting in between visits from friends and family. Boyd's mother said the doctors said her son is recovery has been quicker than expected.

"Doctors said the type of surgery said he never seen a person recover that fast, less than seven days. It is a miracle," Joyce Boyd said. "Josh is the type of kid he never lets anyone down. He is motivated and humble and jumped back up real quick."

The junior will have to make about three trips a week to Charleston during the rehab process. As of now, Joyce Boyd said doctors have ruled out her son playing competitive sports.

Boyd can't go back to school but will have a teacher from RNE assigned to come to the house and home school him.

"We have a long way to go to make sure that this doesn't happen again because it was unexpected," said Joyce Boyd who said her son has never had any

health problems until now.

There has been an outpouring of support for Boyd in the Midlands and beyond. Members of the York football team, Oct. 19's opponent, raised more than \$4,000 to go toward Boyd's medical bills. The team presented RNE with a check before the game.

Fellow Richland Two school Ridge View also presented the Boyd family with a monetary gift.

Josh has gotten countless texts and calls from other high school and college coaches. Clemson assistant coach Kyle Richardson sent Boyd a handwritten letter.

"I am so grateful and thankful for everyone that has been involved raising money to help me and my family," Josh Boyd said.



In this Oct. 19 photo, Richland Northeast quarterback Josh Boyd, right, talks with York coach Bobby Carroll before a high school football game in Columbia. Boyd suffered a heart attack while playing a pick-up basketball game Oct. 10 at Sonny's SportsPlex in Columbia. He had open-heart surgery two days later at MUSC in Charleston.

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A rainbow is seen over Fenway Park before Game 2 of the World Series baseball game between the Boston Red Sox and the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday in Boston.

## Bomb scare rattles those touched by past political violence

BY DAVID CRARY  
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — No one has been hurt or killed. But the wave of mail bombs targeting prominent Democrats this week has angered and dismayed some of the people affected personally by past acts of political violence in the United States.

In the past 60 years alone, there have been scores of deadly incidents motivated by ideology. The perpetrators range from Ku Klux Klan racists to members of the far-left Weather Underground to anti-abortion extremists who killed abortion-providing doctors.

On Friday, federal authorities took a Florida man identified as Cesar Sayoc, 56, into custody in connection with the package bombs. Court records show Sayoc has a history of arrests for theft, illegal possession of steroids and making a bomb threat.

The mail-bomb scare reopened old wounds for Lisa McNair, whose life was shaped by a deadly blast that occurred a year before she was born: the Klan bombing that killed four black girls at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, on Sept. 15, 1963. Her sister, Denise, just 11 years old, was the youngest victim.

"It's like, 'Ugh, again.' When are we going to get this right?" McNair said. "It's been 55 years since Denise was killed. Why do we keep going there in America? Why do we keep going there as a world and human beings?"

The United States, founded in a war that began as a political rebellion, likes to pride itself on a political system that discourages violence and emphasizes dialogue — no matter how loud and contentious. But in times of deep division throughout American history, angry words have occasionally turned to angry acts and left devastated citizens in their wakes.

The Rev. Rob Schenck was a fiery leader in the anti-abortion movement 20 years ago when an extremist's bullet killed abortion provider Dr. Barnett Slepian as he heated soup in the kitchen of his home outside Buffalo, New York.

The killing changed Schenck. He concluded that the language of his cause — "innocent, deliberately hyperbolic rhetoric meant to drive home a point" — produced deadly consequences.

Schenck said he'd thought in recent weeks about sending a memo to President Donald Trump, to convey the lesson he'd learned firsthand and recommend a toning down of vitriolic oratory.

"The president may honestly believe that no one who supports him is capable of acting with lethal violence, but the sad fact is he can never know that," Schenck said.

Hearing about the pipe bombs "sickened" him.

"My first thought was, 'Here we go again.' In the worst possible way," he said.

Another abortion provider,

Dr. George Tiller, was shot dead by an abortion opponent in Wichita, Kansas, in 2009.

One of Tiller's colleagues, Julie Burkhart, currently operates abortion clinics in Wichita, Oklahoma City and Seattle. She says the mail-bomb scare has prompted her to double-check security measures.

"I'm scared to death for this country," Burkhart said in a telephone interview.

"The gulf between Republicans and Democrats, pro-

choice and anti-choice — it's a huge canyon now," she said. "There's all this pent-up anger and frustration, and we're going to be taking it out on each other even more."

Similar concerns came from U.S. Rep. Steve Scalise, a Louisiana Republican wounded last year by a gunman who attacked a GOP baseball practice. He lamented "the disturbing frequency of politically motivated threats and violence."

"Too many Americans are becoming isolated and obsessed by what divides us," Scalise wrote in an opinion piece for Fox News. "If we are to stem the tide of violence and violent rhetoric, then it is crucial we all do our part to break down the divisions in our country and reach out to those with different beliefs than our own."

Optimism is elusive for Andrea Chamblee, the widow of sports writer John McNamara.

He was one of five employees of *The Capital* newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland, who were killed in June by a gunman with a history of harassing the paper's journalists.

"We allow ourselves to be misrepresented by politicians who are too divided and blinded by hatred, greed and self-interest to work together," she said. "We're making it harder for people in the middle to be heard, not easier, and I don't see how it can get any better."



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Clarendon 2, based in Manning, posted an average score of 1031, but only 16 of 182 seniors took the test in high school. Only three of 47 seniors in Clarendon 1 took the SAT while in high school.

A total of 53,743 South Carolina graduates took the ACT in 2018, according to the Department of Education. The state's composite score dropped from 18.7 in 2017 to 18.3 and ranked 16th of the 17 states that required all students take the ACT.

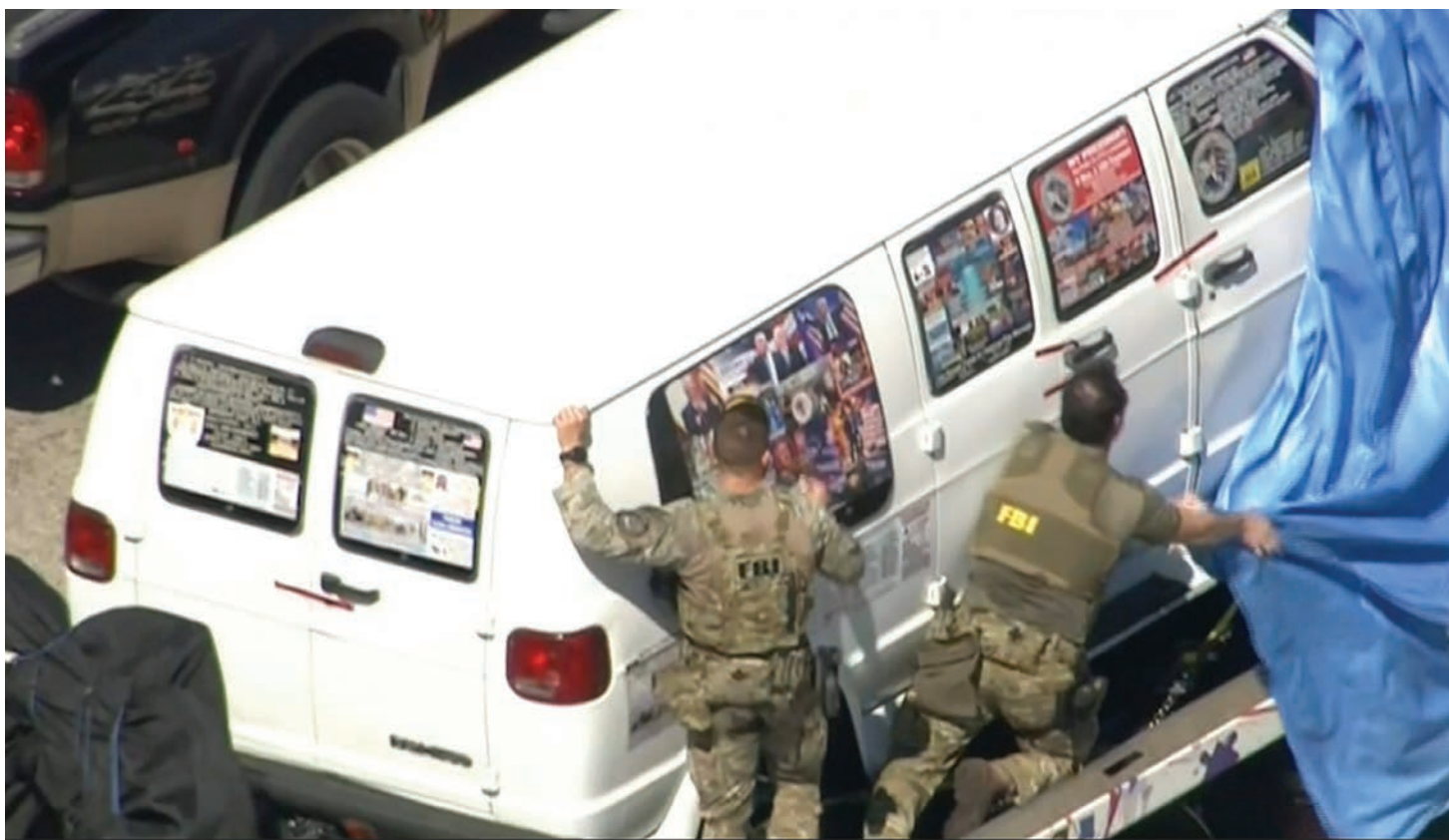
State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman was pleased with the SAT results and the state scoring above the national average. Also, on the same day the state Department of Education released Advanced Placement exam data, which showed state students exceeding the national average on eight out of the top 10 tested subjects.

"These results illustrate the importance of an education system that is based off multiple measures," Spearman said. "While there is still work to be done in other areas, the data from these two rigorous national assessments prove that South Carolina students can surpass their peers nationally and that our schools are moving in the right direction."

### AREA DISTRICT SAT SCORES\*

Clarendon 3: 1006  
Sumter: 970  
Lee: 828

\* Only three districts had at least 20 percent of seniors take the SAT in high school.



This frame grab from video provided by WPLG-TV shows FBI agents covering a van after the tarp fell off as it was transported from Plantation, Florida, on Friday. Federal agents and police officers have been examining the van in connection with package bombs that were sent to high-profile critics of President Donald Trump. The van has several stickers on the windows, including American flags and decals with logos and text.

## Bomb suspect described as 'loner' with arrest record

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Florida man charged with sending more than a dozen package bombs to Democratic political figures is described as a troubled loner who showed little interest in politics before the rise of President Donald Trump.

Cesar Sayoc, 56, of Aventura, has been an amateur body builder and male stripper. He has a history of financial problems and extensive record of past arrests, including a stint served on probation for making a bomb threat. He was born in New York City and attended college in North Carolina before moving to the Miami suburbs in the late 1980s.



SAYOC

Florida voter records show he first registered in March 2016 as a Republican and cast a ballot in that November's heated presidential election. Sayoc's social media accounts are peppered with memes supporting Trump, denigrating Democrats and promoting conspiracy theories about George Soros, the billionaire political donor who was the first targeted this week by a package bomb.

At the auto parts store in Planta-

tion, Florida, where Sayoc was taken swarmed by officers and arrested on Friday, authorities towed away a white van covered with stickers supporting Trump and criticizing media outlets that included CNN, the news channel also targeted by a mail bomb this week.

"I know the guy is a lunatic," Lenny Altieri, Sayoc's cousin, told The Associated Press on Friday. "He has been a loner." He confirmed that Sayoc had been a stripper.

Court records in Florida show that Sayoc was arrested in 2002 and served a year of probation for a felony charge of threatening to throw or place a bomb. Court records available online did not immediately provide further details about the case, but his lawyer in the case told The Associated Press the case involved a heated conversation with a Florida utility representative.

Ronald Lowy, a Miami attorney, said Sayoc became frustrated about a lack of service and told a Florida Power and Light employee "something to the effect that you're not taking care of my problem, and I bet you would if I threw a bomb at you." Lowy said Sayoc showed no ability at the time to back up his threat with any bomb-

making expertise.

The lawyer went on to describe Sayoc as "a confused man who had trouble controlling his emotions."

Lowy said Sayoc displayed no political leanings at the time except for plastering a vehicle he owned with Native American signs. Lowy said Sayoc told him his father was Native American.

Sayoc was also convicted in 2014 for grand theft and misdemeanor theft of less than \$300 and in 2013 for battery. In 2004, he faced several felony charges for unlawful possession of a synthetic anabolic steroid often used to help build muscles. He also had several arrests for theft in the 1990s and faced a felony charge for obtaining fraudulent refunds and a misdemeanor count of tampering with physical evidence.

Lowy said he recalled that Sayoc also had a run-in with authorities over possession of steroids and another case in Broward County where he was charged with possessing a fake driver's license after altering his birthdate to make him appear younger.

"His mind doesn't seem to operate like most peoples'," Lowy said. "It shows in his anger, his emotion and his behavior."

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## COMMENTARY

# Trump's nuclear-treaty withdrawal sends a message

**W**ASHINGTON — In announcing his decision to withdraw from the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty, President Trump cited Russia's repeated violations and the fact that the treaty does not bind China, which is engaged in the world's most ambitious ballistic missile development program. But Trump's



**Marc Thiessen**

withdrawal may also be designed for another purpose. It sends a subtle but unmistakable message to North Korea: If you refuse to denuclearize, we can now surround your country with short- and medium-range missiles that will allow us to strike your regime without warning.

At the moment, the Trump administration appears to be

making little progress in nuclear talks with Pyongyang. The threat of deployment of intermediate-range missiles in Asia could change the dynamics of those negotiations. Recall that in 1983, President Ronald Reagan announced plans to deploy hundreds of U.S. intermediate-range Pershing II missiles in Western Europe in response to the Soviet Union's deployment of SS-20 nuclear missiles. The U.S. deployment sparked mass protests throughout Europe, but it also put enormous pressure on Moscow — and in so doing laid the groundwork for a series of arms control breakthroughs, including the INF Treaty.

By withdrawing from the INF Treaty, Trump can now put similar pressure on Pyongyang. The treaty barred both conventional and nuclear land-based missiles with a range of 300 to 3,400 miles. Freed from the treaty's constraints, the United States can now de-

ploy hundreds of conventional short- and medium-range missiles to bases in Asia, including in Guam (2,100 miles from North Korea) and Japan (650 miles). There would no longer be a need to send U.S. aircraft carriers on temporary deployments to waters off the Korean Peninsula as a sign of military strength. The deployment of intermediate-range missiles in the region would put North Korea permanently in our crosshairs.

Pyongyang certainly does not want these U.S. missiles on its doorstep. Neither does Beijing, which knows such a deployment would restore U.S. military supremacy in the Pacific. According to Adm. Harry Harris, former commander of U.S. Pacific Command, China possesses the "largest and most diverse missile force in the world" — and 95 percent of its missiles "would violate the INF [Treaty] if China was a signatory." The fact that Beijing has such

missiles, while the United States does not, puts the United States at a strategic disadvantage in any conflict with Beijing. As my American Enterprise Institute colleague Dan Blumenthal pointed out in *The Washington Post*, our only possible response would be to strike China with intercontinental ballistic missiles — an unacceptable escalation. By contrast, the U.S. withdrawal from the INF Treaty allows deployment of conventional mobile ground-based missiles in Guam and Japan, improving our ability to deter Chinese aggression.

Trump can deploy Tomahawk cruise missiles on ground launchers to the Pacific almost immediately after withdrawal from the treaty. Withdrawal would also pave the way for U.S. development and deployment of new missiles banned by the treaty, as well as new hypersonic weapons — which travel five times faster than the

speed of sound — to compete with China's massive investment in these capabilities. This would be a massive strategic setback to both China and North Korea.

So by withdrawing from the INF Treaty, and clearing the way for such deployments, Trump has given the United States a massive new bargaining chip. North Korea now has a new incentive to denuclearize, and China has a new strategic interest pressuring them to do so.

It still may not work. But if those negotiations fail, Trump's INF Treaty withdrawal has given the United States a fallback option that will allow Washington to more effectively deter both Beijing and Pyongyang — and reassert American military primacy in the region.

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## EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

Recent editorials from South Carolina newspapers:

### THE POST AND COURIER

Oct. 24

## S.C. mourns loss of 2nd officer after ambush attack

South Carolina has lost another courageous law enforcement officer.

On Monday, Florence County sheriff's investigator Farrah Turner died following weeks in the hospital and multiple surgeries related to an Oct. 3 shootout that killed another officer and wounded five others.

Sgt. Terrence Carraway of the Florence Police Department died during the shooting. Four of the wounded officers have been released from hospitals. The seventh remains in recovery.

Ms. Turner's friends and family described her as "selfless" and "a hero" who "devoted her life to protecting others" in messages on social media and a GoFundMe page that had been set up to help pay for her medical expenses and recovery.

Florence County Sheriff Kenney Boone called her "the ultimate professional" and said "she dedicated her life to serving the victims of the worst crimes imaginable."

Indeed, Ms. Turner reportedly filed the warrant that led Florence County deputies to the house of accused shooter Frederick Hopkins in order to

investigate sexual assault allegations against his son, Seth Hopkins.

The younger Mr. Hopkins has been charged with one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor under 11 years old and one count of second-degree criminal sexual conduct with a minor between 11 and 14 years old.

Ms. Turner and her colleagues were planning to interview him and search his room for "mementos" of those alleged assaults, according to a report last week by *The Post and Courier's* Angie Jackson.

The elder Mr. Hopkins now faces a murder charge in Turner's death, Richland County Sheriff Leon Lott said. Previously he was charged with one count of murder and six counts of attempted murder.

After what officials described as an "ambush" in which hundreds of rounds of fire were exchanged between officers and the alleged shooter, law enforcement officers found 129 guns in his home. Fred Hopkins apparently had been waiting on police to arrive and opened fire from the second story when they stepped out of the car, according to officials.

There is likely little that South Carolina lawmakers or law enforcement professionals could do to prevent that kind of cold-blooded carnage in the future. Mr. Hopkins apparently acquired his arsenal legally. The officers arriving at his house seem to have responded as quickly and effectively as they could in a chaotic situation.

Still, as the investigation continues, state officials should be open-minded to any policy change that

might protect the lives of law enforcement officers without unduly burdening South Carolina's many law-abiding gun owners. Making it easier for police to know when legal weapons are present in a home could protect both officers and gun owners, for example.

In the meantime, South Carolina mourns the loss of a brave woman who gave her life for her community.

### INDEX-JOURNAL

Oct. 24

## Lawmakers should return tax dollars to local governments

It is a message that is heard throughout the state from every city and county. It is the message taxpayers will hear when word comes from their elected councils that their property taxes are going up.

The message? State lawmakers have reneged on their promise to send local governments funding amassed from taxes paid locally. Back in 2008, when the economy essentially tanked and the state found itself in a financial pinch, tax dollars that were to be allotted to local governments remained tucked away in Columbia.

Meanwhile, of course, the costs for governments to provide even the most basic of services municipal and county taxpayers want and expect continues to rise. That essentially

leaves the local governments three options: cut expenses by eliminating jobs and some services, raise taxes to meet the rising costs or a combination of the two.

Taxpayers will understandably get irate when saddled with a property tax hike, and they certainly are right to hold the elected and appointed officials accountable in such cases. The councils certainly owe it to the taxpayers to share what cost-saving measures are being implemented and what, if any services, are being curbed or cut.

That said, however, taxpayers ought not hold employees hostage in an effort to avoid a tax hike. When possible, most employers do try to give employees a decent cost of living pay hike. The same is true with city and county employees. They work for the taxpayers and are paid by the taxpayers, but they do, by and large, deserve adequate pay adjustments. Without such, the employees will find work elsewhere, and anyone in business knows the difficulties that accompany the revolving employee door.

So we certainly would hope the city and county leaders are putting pencil to paper and looking for cost-saving measures, something they have already implemented via shared staff and other means, but we are not so naive as to think rising costs will not eventually lead to tax hikes.

If you want to complain, that's fine, but you should probably complain the loudest in Columbia. Tell lawmakers to make good on their promise of returning tax dollars to local governments.

FYI

The Evening Optimist Club is accepting applications for the annual Sumter Christmas Parade. The parade is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 2, on Main Street. The theme for the 2018 parade is "Joy to the World." If your school, civic club, church or business would like to participate, contact Parade Chair Gail Hyatt at (803) 983-3916 or gailhyatt@sc.rr.com for an application. Deadline for entry is Friday, Nov. 9.

Temple Sinai Jewish History Center is seeking docents. Docents must be 18 years of age or older and willing to attend educational training prior to starting. This is a volunteer position and you will be asked to commit a few hours a week (Thursday or Friday afternoon or Saturday morning) for a minimum of three months. The museum will work with students who want to arrange class credit through their college. The Center covers South Carolina and Sumter Jewish history, the Holocaust and Sumter's

ties to the Holocaust. Docents must be friendly and comfortable engaging with both children and adults. Contact Diana Roof at (803) 468-8630 or at temple@sumtercountymuseum.org or Annie Rivers at (803) 775-0908 or at arivers@sumtercountymuseum.org.

The Christian Golfers' Association (CGA) meets at 8 a.m. each Tuesday for Bible study. The group meets at the CGA office in Dillon Park. Refreshments provided and golf after Bible study. Call (803) 773-2171.

The Sumter Combat Veterans Group holds weekly peer to peer meetings at 11 a.m. every Tuesday at the South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. These meetings are designed for veterans to help other veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims, benefits, therapeutic counseling sponsored by the Columbia VET Center at 11 a.m. each Tuesday, and one-on-one counseling 9 a.m.-3 p.m. every other Wednesday. Open to all area veterans. Call James Thomas at (803) 765-9944.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go over what's been said and done. Look to someone you trust to fill you in on particulars that may change a decision you want to make. Call in a favor or collect an old debt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Time is on your side. Refuse to let anyone push you into something before you are ready. Set the pace that feels comfortable and savor every moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may not be able to change someone's mind, but you can protect your interests by keeping your distance and taking detailed notes as to your whereabouts and dealings. Honesty will be crucial.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): An emotional situation will draw your attention and help you work through some problems you face. Physical improvements will make you feel good and result in a compliment from someone special. A romantic evening will enhance your personal life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take time to think matters through before you proceed. How you handle others will determine what transpires. If you don't agree with someone, walk away without getting into a dispute.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't trust

what you hear. Go to the source and get the facts firsthand. Once you know what you are up against, you'll outshine anyone who wants to step on your toes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a day trip or go someplace or do something that makes you happy or that you find entertaining. This will help your overall attitude. Do what's best for yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trying to help others while keeping up with your responsibilities will be challenging. Don't let the little things or someone trying to start a fight get to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your emotions hidden when dealing with someone you cannot trust. You'll be given a false impression by someone who wants something from you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Make alterations at home that will improve your life and please the ones you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): If you allow someone to make you angry, you'll waste time that should be used to hone skills or develop something that will help you get ahead. Choose your battles wisely.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Keep looking forward. A joint venture will pay off and change your life forever.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

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

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

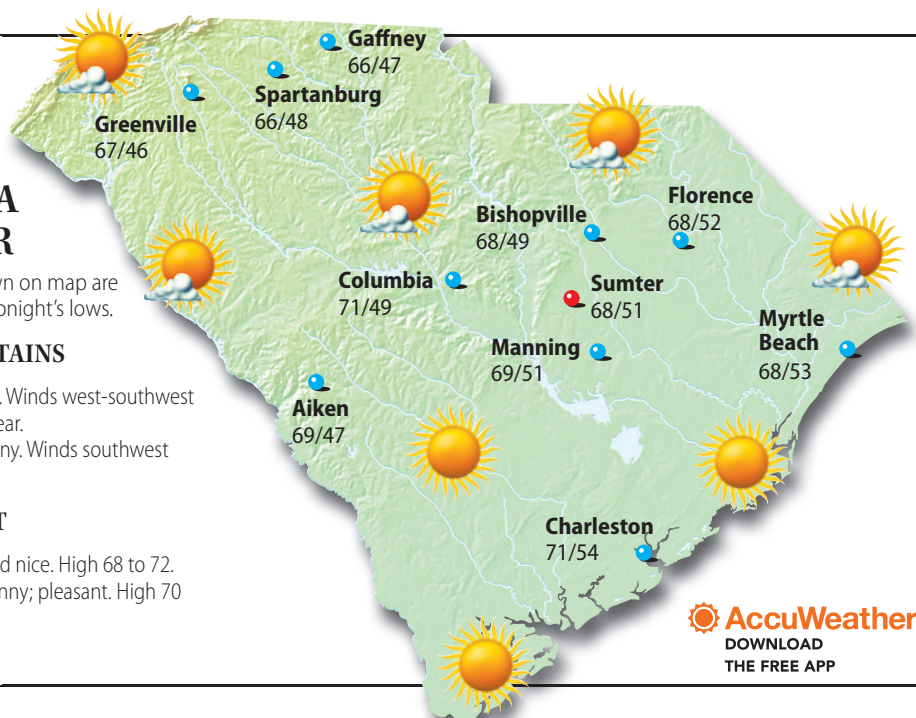
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Partly sunny. Winds west-southwest 6-12 mph. Mainly clear. Monday: Partly sunny. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Sunshine and nice. High 68 to 72. Monday: Mostly sunny; pleasant. High 70 to 76.



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LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature table with columns: High, Low, Normal high, Normal low, Record high, Record low.

Precipitation

Precipitation table with columns: 24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest., Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Last year to date, Normal year to date.

LAKE LEVELS

Lake Levels table with columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

RIVER STAGES

River Stages table with columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 7:38 a.m. Sunset 6:33 p.m. Moonrise 9:59 p.m. Moonset 11:31 a.m.

Table with columns: Last, New, First, Full and corresponding moon phases.

TIDES

Tides table with columns: High, Low and times for AT MYRTLE BEACH.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W.

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

SUMTER COUNTY DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS BOARD

CREATIVE ENVIRONMENTS, INC. INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC. ABILITIES UNLIMITED, INC. ADAPTIVE LIFESTYLES, INC. MAGNOLIA MANOR OF SUMTER, INC. FIRST FLIGHT, INC. Monday, Oct. 29, noon, 750 Electric Drive. Call (803) 778-1669, extension 119.

MID-CAROLINA COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m., Bultman Conference Room 201, University of South Carolina Sumter, 200 Miller Road.

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 5:30 p.m., Sumter County Courthouse Room 114

Advertisement for 'We have a NOSE for NEWS' featuring a cartoon dog detective and contact information for The Sumter ITEM.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-33 across and 1-109 down.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-109 down.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-109 down.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Grid of crossword answers.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid.

JUMBLE

VOCAL RUMMY AVENUE FRIGHT When he refused to wear his hearing aids, his wife - GAVE HIM AN EARFUL

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-33 across and 1-109 down.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-109 down.

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## PREP FOOTBALL



# Rally 'Cats

TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Laurence Manning running back Brewer Brunson (3) makes the Wilson Hall defense miss during the Swampcats' 16-13 overtime victory on Friday at Billy Chitwood Field in Manning.

## Laurence Manning survives Wilson Hall in overtime 16-13

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Wilson Hall had archival Laurence Manning Academy on the ropes for most of Friday's varsity football game at Billy Chitwood Field.

The Barons were poised to

pull what would have to be considered an upset win, leading 10-7 about midway through the fourth quarter with the Swampcats taking over at their 32-yard line.

LMA got what had been a sputtering offense for a good part of the night clicking just in time, taking 12 plays to

drive to the Wilson Hall 6. While the Barons' defense held, LMA was close enough to set up a game-tying 24-yard field goal by Jackson Lee with 2:14 to go in the game.

Regulation would come to an end with the game still tied and, fittingly for the Swampcats, would end on a 1-yard

Brewer Brunson touchdown run as LMA rallied for a 16-13 overtime victory over the Barons.

With the Swampcats missing seven starters, many of whom played on both sides of the ball, Brunson was the workhorse for LMA, rushing 26 times for 118 yards and two

second-half scores. Brunson's effort was key on a night that saw many fumbles due to wet conditions as most of the first half was played through steady rain.

"Any time that you get a victory against them it's al-

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## PREP FOOTBALL



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Sumter High quarterback Ontra' Harvin (12) flips a forward pass to wide receiver Tony Dinkins-McCall (12) during the Gamecocks' 27-9 victory over Irmo on Thursday at W.C. Hawkins Stadium in Irmo. The win kept Sumter undefeated on the season and wrapped up the Region IV-5A title.

## Sumter defeats Irmo 27-9, wins Region IV-5A

BY DANNY KELLY  
danny@theitem.com

IRMO — The Sumter High School football team locked up the Region IV-5A title with a 27-9 win over Irmo on Thursday at W.C. Hawkins Stadium.

The win kept the Gamecocks undefeated on the season as they improved

to 9-0. They finished 4-0 in region play. The region title sets Sumter to be at home in the first three rounds of the state playoffs.

"That was one our three goals: to win (Sumter) county (over Crestwood and Lakewood), region and state," Sumter head coach Mark Barnes said. "We had an opportunity to do something (go undefeated) for the first time since 2004.

We're 9-0; a lot of people would like to be where we are."

"It feels good, it's a blessing," senior wide receiver Keshawn Croskey said. "We put in the work, and thanks to God, we had a good outcome. I would do anything for these boys."

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## PREP CROSS COUNTRY

# Lady Generals win SCISA 2A cross country championship

BY WORTHY EVANS  
Special to The Item

COLUMBIA — Thomas Sumter Academy's girls cross country team had one goal after their third-place finish in the SCISA 2A state championship meet last year: be on the field for the awards ceremony in 2018.

With returning runners Bella Crowe and Aubrey Stoddard leading the pack, the Lady Generals did indeed

Saturday at Heathwood Hall.

"We gotta do it," Thomas Sumter head coach Rob Coursey said. "I told The Item last year, and everything just worked.

We've got seventh and eighth graders running with our two seniors (Crowe and Stoddard). We made a comment about tradition starting here, and they all hit their marks and they all did great."

Crowe, with a time of 19 minutes, 24.28 seconds, was the top finisher in the girls race. Not far behind was her running mate, Stoddard. She finished second with a time of 20:01.37.

"It's definitely a group effort," Crowe said. "She (Stoddard) has the speed, I have the distance. We always say that there's this invisible rope that pulls us together, and if one of us goes faster, the other goes fast as well."

Jordan Thornton took fifth with a time of 20:40.41, and Reese Distelzweig rounded out the top-10 finishers with a time of 21:11.30.

"It was just super exciting," Stoddard said. "With us finishing third we thought that was

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## CLEMSON FOOTBALL

# Clemson hands Florida State worst home loss, 59-10

BY BOB FERRANTE  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — No Atlantic Coast Conference off Florida State for four straight years. Clemson spent the week making sure it would be the first.

Trevor Lawrence threw four touchdown passes, and No. 2 Clemson handed Florida State its worst home loss in program history with a 59-10 victory on Saturday.

"This was an awesome accomplishment for our seniors," coach Dabo Swinney said. "This was something they really wanted to do ...

be that first ACC senior class to go 4-0 on these guys."

Florida State routed Clemson 51-14 in 2013, a victory that was part of the Seminoles' undefeated run to the national title. But since then, the Tigers have been the class of the ACC — and owned their rivalry with Florida State.

"I'm definitely honored," defensive tackle Christian Wilkins said. "Just speaks volumes of our program and the special guys we have, the special group of seniors we have."

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clemson wide receiver Amari Rodgers (3) keeps an eye on Florida State defensive end Walvenski Aime (94) after a reception in the first half of the Tigers' 59-10 victory in Tallahassee, Florida, on Saturday.

WORLD SERIES

# Dodgers top Boston 3-2 in 18 to win longest Series game

BY BETH HARRIS  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Exhausted yet exhilarated, the Dodgers headed home for a catnap. The Red Sox may well toss and turn thinking about one that got away.

Max Muncy's home run leading off the bottom of the 18th inning finally ended the longest World Series game in history early Saturday and gave Los Angeles a 3-2 victory over Boston that drew the Dodgers to 2-1 in the best-of-seven matchup.

Muncy homered to left-center on a full-count pitch from Nathan Eovaldi, jolting the remaining fans to their feet at 12:30 a.m. A grinning Muncy tossed his helmet aside as he headed for third in the final scene of a pivotal game that lasted 7 hours, 20 minutes.



The Los Angeles Dodgers' Max Muncy celebrates after his walk-off home run that gave the Dodgers a 3-2, 18-inning victory in Game 3 of the World Series on Friday in Los Angeles.

"The feeling was just pure joy and incredible excitement," he said.

The Dodgers mobbed Muncy at home plate, celebrating the solo shot that

pulled them back from the brink of a potential 3-0 Series deficit that no team has ever recovered from.

The Red Sox could only rue their near-miss.

They were oh-so-close in the 13th to taking a commanding Series lead. But veteran second baseman Ian Kinsler's wide throw on a two-out grounder by Yasiel Puig let Los Angeles score the tying run.

"Had the last out in my glove and couldn't get it over there. It's tough to swallow," Kinsler said.

"I feel like I let the team down right there," he said.

Said Red Sox manager Alex Cora: "It was just a bad night."

"We had some situations that we could have put them away and then we didn't. And at the end we paid the price,"

he said.

Evoking memories of Kirk Gibson's winning pinch-hit homer in Game 1 of the 1988 World Series, Muncy came within feet of ending it in the bottom of the 15th. But his shot to right sailed just foul and he ended up striking out.

"I really thought I had it," Muncy said. "That was kind of defeating at that point, but I was able to get back and get another shot."

The battle of attrition had a bit of everything: 46 players, including 18 pitchers, and 561 pitches. Never before had a Series game gone more than 14 innings.

Two games in one, really. And a fall classic, indeed.

"It was a must-win for us. Our guys just persevered," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

8 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Erste Bank Open 500 Championship Match and Swiss Indoors Basel Championship Match (TENNIS).

8:20 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Eintracht Frankfurt vs. FC Nurnberg (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).

9:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Crystal Palace (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

9:30 a.m. — NFL Football: Philadelphia vs. Jacksonville from London (NFL NETWORK, WNKT-FM 107.5).

10:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. RB Leipzig (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).

11:30 a.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: USTA Pro Circuit Championship Match from Macon, Ga. (TENNIS).

Noon — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. Manchester United (WIS 10).

12:55 p.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Bayer Munich vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).

1 p.m. — NFL Football: Baltimore at Carolina (WLTX 19, WWFL-FM 100.1).

1 p.m. — NFL Football: Washington at New York Giants (WACH 57).

1 p.m. — International Soccer: Italian Serie A Match — Sampdoria vs. AC Milan (ESPN).

1 p.m. — CFL Football: Toronto at Montreal (ESPN2).

1 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Pittsburgh at Duke (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

2 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Game (SEC NETWORK).

2 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Navy at Loyola (Md.) (STADIUM).

2:30 p.m. — NFL Football: Mexican Grand Prix from Mexico City (WOLO 25).

2:30 p.m. — PGA Golf: Sanderson Farms Championship Final Round from Jackson, Miss. (GOLF).

2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series First Data 500 from Martinsville, Va. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

4 p.m. — Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix Skate Canada from Laval, Quebec (WIS 10).

4 p.m. — NFL Football: Green Bay at Los Angeles Rams (WACH 57).

4 p.m. — Men's College Soccer: Michigan State at Indiana (ESPN).

4:30 p.m. — Major league Soccer: Los Angeles at Kansas City (FOX SPORTS 1).

4:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Toronto (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

4:30 p.m. — Women's College Soccer: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Game (SEC NETWORK).

5 p.m. — NHL Hockey: New York Islanders at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).

5:30 p.m. — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions QQQ Championship Final Round from Thousand Oaks, Calif. (GOLF).

6 p.m. — Women's College Volleyball: Mississippi at Alabama (ESPN).

8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: World Series Game 5 — Boston at Los Angeles Dodgers (WACH 57).

8:20 p.m. — NFL Football: New Orleans at Minnesota (WIS 10, WNKT-FM 107.5).

9 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Taiwan Championship Final Round from Tayouan, Taiwan (GOLF).

11 p.m. — International Wrestling: UWW World Wrestling Championships from Budapest, Hungary (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

MONDAY

6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Paris Masters Early-Round Matches from Paris (TENNIS).

Noon — Professional Tennis: Paris Masters Early-Round Matches from Paris (TENNIS).

3 p.m. — College Golf: East Lake Cup Individual Championship from Atlanta (GOLF).

3:55 p.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester City vs. Tottenham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

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

8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Minnesota (NBA TV).

8:15 p.m. — NFL Football: New England at Buffalo (ESPN, ESPN2).

2 a.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: Elite Trophy Zhuhai Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

MLB POSTSEASON

WORLD SERIES

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

All Games on FOX  
Boston 2, Los Angeles 1  
Tuesday, Oct. 23: Boston 8, Los Angeles 4  
Wednesday, Oct. 24: Boston 4, Los Angeles 2  
Friday, Oct. 26: Los Angeles 3, Boston 2, 18 innings  
Saturday, Oct. 27: Boston (Rodriguez 13-5) at Los Angeles (Hill 11-5), 8:09 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 28: Boston (Sale 12-4) at Los Angeles (Kershaw 9-5), 8:15 p.m.  
x-Tuesday, Oct. 30: Los Angeles at Boston, 8:09 p.m.  
x-Wednesday, Oct. 31: Los Angeles at Boston, 8:09 p.m.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	5	2	0	.714	214	179
Miami	4	4	0	.500	174	219
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	182	176
Buffalo	2	5	0	.286	81	175

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	5	3	0	.625	197	167
Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	106	127
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	116	146
Indianapolis	2	5	0	.286	189	185

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	3	2	1	.583	171	154
Cincinnati	4	3	0	.571	184	203
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	176	101
Cleveland	2	4	1	.357	151	177

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	6	1	0	.857	260	182
L.A. Chargers	5	2	0	.714	195	163
Denver	3	4	0	.429	165	164
Oakland	1	5	0	.167	110	176

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	4	2	0	.667	126	121
Philadelphia	3	4	0	.429	154	138
Dallas	3	4	0	.429	140	123
N.Y. Giants	1	6	0	.143	137	185

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	5	1	0	.833	204	163
Carolina	4	2	0	.667	142	131
Tampa Bay	3	3	0	.500	167	196
Atlanta	3	4	0	.429	190	212

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	4	2	1	.643	177	165
Green Bay	3	2	1	.583	148	144
Detroit	3	3	0	.500	157	158
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	170	134

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	7	0	0	1.000	235	128
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	143	117
Arizona	1	6	0	.143	92	184
San Francisco	1	6	0	.143	158	218

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Houston 42, Miami 23

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia vs Jacksonville at London, UK, 9:30 a.m.  
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Washington at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
Seattle at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
Baltimore at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Denver at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
Green Bay at L.A. Rams, 4:25 p.m.  
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.  
New Orleans at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.  
Open: Dallas, Tennessee, L.A. Chargers, Atlanta

MONDAY'S GAMES

New England at Buffalo, 8:15 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	6	0	1.000	—

SEVENTH ROUND

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	3	3	.500	—
Miami	2	2	.500	—
Atlanta	2	2	.500	—
Orlando	2	3	.400	½
Washington	1	4	.200	1½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	5	0	1.000	—
Detroit	4	0	1.000	½
Indiana	3	2	.600	2
Chicago	1	4	.200	4
Cleveland	0	5	.000	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Orleans	4	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	2	2	.500	2
Memphis	2	2	.500	2
Dallas	2	3	.400	2½
Houston	1	4	.200	3½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	4	1	.800	—
Portland	3	1	.750	½
Utah	2	2	.500	1½
Minnesota	2	4	.333	2½
Oklahoma City	0	4	.000	3½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	5	1	.833	—
L.A. Clippers	3	2	.600	1½
Sacramento	3	3	.500	2
L.A. Lakers	2	3	.400	2½
Phoenix	1	3	.250	3

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Charlotte 135, Chicago 106  
Golden State 128, New York 100  
Toronto 116, Dallas 107  
L.A. Clippers 133, Houston 113  
Milwaukee 125, Minnesota 95  
New Orleans 117, Brooklyn 115  
Sacramento 116, Washington 112

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Utah at New Orleans, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Portland at Miami, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Orlando at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Golden State at Brooklyn, 5 p.m.  
Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Utah at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Brooklyn at New York, 7:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 8 p.m.  
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
New Orleans at Denver, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

SATURDAY FOOTBALL

National Football League  
NFL — Fined Tampa Bay S Jordan Whitehead \$26,739 for unnecessary roughness against Cleveland QB Baker Mayfield. Fined Carolina S Eric Reid \$10,026 for unnecessary roughness for his hit on Philadelphia TE Zach Ertz. Fined Cincinnati S Shawn Williams, \$20,054 for unnecessary roughness for a helmet-to-helmet hit against Kansas City. Fined Philadelphia TE Dallas Goedert and Dallas G Connor Williams \$10,026 each for chop blocks.

DETROIT LIONS — Signed TE Jerome Cunningham to the practice squad. Released RB Joel Bouagnon from the practice squad.  
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed OT Storm Norton. Waived DT David Parry. Signed DT Curtis Cothran to the practice squad. Released CB Jalen Myrick from the practice squad.

AUTO RACING

## Kyle Busch wins pole as 3rd round of playoffs begin

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP)— Kyle Busch's road to the championship round was made a little bit easier when he won the pole at Martinsville Speedway.

Busch turned a lap at 96.254 mph around the Virginia paperclip to earn the top starting spot in Sunday's race,

the first of the third round of NASCAR's playoffs.

Eight drivers remain eligible for the title, but only four will advance to the season finale shootout.

A win in any of the three races in this round of the playoffs earns a driver an automatic berth.

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# TIGERS

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Lawrence completed 20 of 37 passes for 314 yards before staying on the sideline for good late in the third quarter. Amari Rodgers had six catches for 156 yards and two touchdowns, and Tee Higgins also had two TD receptions.

Clemson (8-0, 5-0) scored 28 points in the second quarter and opened a 45-0 lead before Florida State got on the board on Ricky Aguayo's 35-yard field goal with 4:35 left in the third quarter.

The Tigers moved to 8-0 for the seventh time in school history, including the third time in the last four seasons. Clemson also recorded back-to-back wins in Tallahassee for the first time.

Florida State (4-4, 2-4) couldn't get out of its own way, suffering its most-lopsided defeat at home — surpassing a 58-14 loss to Southern Miss in 1981. It was also the most points allowed by the Seminoles at Doak Campbell Stadium.

"I felt like we had some guys that quit on our football team and that's can't be tolerated," Florida State coach Willie Taggart said. "You quit, you don't play."

Defensive end Brian Burns, who had a tackle and a quarterback hurry, agreed with Taggart's assessment.

"Most definitely," Burns said. "The effort level wasn't there. The energy wasn't there."

Florida State had not allowed 30 points in 11 straight games, dating to the 2017 loss at Clemson. But that streak was snapped less than a minute into the third when Lawrence connected with Rodgers on a 58-yard catch and run.

Deondre Francois completed 17 of 36 passes for 180 yards and an interception for the Seminoles before departing due to injury. James Blackman came in and had a 73-yard touchdown pass to Keyshawn Helton.

Florida State was one-dimensional on offense, rushing 35 times for minus-21 yards. Clemson forced the Seminoles to punt 12 times, including Florida State's first five possessions.

"Our defense set the tempo for the day right out of the gate," Swinney said.



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Clemson's Christina Wilkins (42) celebrates his touchdown in the Tigers' 59-10 victory over Florida State on Saturday in Tallahassee, Florida.

### A MAN OF MANY TALENTS

Clemson defensive tackle Christian Wilkins has wreaked havoc on quarterbacks in his career. He can play a little on the offensive side, too.

Wilkins had a 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter. He also had a 1-yard touchdown reception against Troy on Sept. 10, 2016.

Swinney said Wilkins scored from the "Fridge Package," a jumbo I-formation that was named after former Clemson defensive lineman William "Refrigerator" Perry (who scored a touchdown for the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XX). Wilkins lined up behind defensive tackle Dexter Lawrence and plunged across the goal line.

"The guys did a great job with just clearing it open for me, whether it was the o-line or Dex," Wilkins said. "I really didn't have to do much. But I had to dive for style points, just to make it fun out there and show my athleticism a little bit."

### KEEPING LAWRENCE CLEAN

Florida State came into the

game with 25 sacks, ranking 8th in the FBS. But Clemson held the Seminoles without a sack on 44 pass attempts (Lawrence dropped back 37 times, and Chase Brice threw seven times).

"They've been playing their butts off the whole season," Lawrence said of the offensive line. "We're growing together. Getting closer."

### HIT THE EJECTED BUTTON

Florida State lost three players to ejections. Safety Hamsah Nasirildeen was ejected for targeting in the first half. Wide receiver Nyquan Murray and linebacker Zaquandre White were tossed for separate incidents where they punched Clemson players in the second half.

"We'll discipline," Taggart said. "That's unacceptable. That's mentally weak."

### THE TAKEAWAY

Clemson: The Tigers have cruised the last three weeks by a combined 163-20.

Florida State: Florida State is 0-5 against ranked teams since the start of the 2017 sea-

(2) CLEMSON 59, FLORIDA ST. 10

Clemson	0	28	24	7	-59
Florida St.	0	0	3	7	-10

Second Quarter  
CLE\_Higgins 7 pass from T.Lawrence (Potter kick), 13:19  
CLE\_Higgins 3 pass from T.Lawrence (Huegel kick), 7:49  
CLE\_Wilkins 1 run (Huegel kick), 3:34  
CLE\_G.Williams 2 run (Huegel kick), 1:07  
Third Quarter  
CLE\_Rodgers 58 pass from T.Lawrence (Potter kick), 14:12  
CLE\_FG Potter 24, 10:18  
CLE\_Rodgers 68 pass from T.Lawrence (Potter kick), 7:50  
FSU\_FG Aguayo 35, 4:35  
CLE\_Chase 5 pass from Brice (Potter kick), 2:10  
Fourth Quarter  
CLE\_Choice 15 run (Potter kick), 13:50  
FSU\_Helton 73 pass from Blackman (Aguayo kick), 4:43  
A\_68,403.

First downs	CLE 25	FSU 15
Rushes-yards	33-120	35-(min)
Passing	404	268
Comp-Att-Int	24-44-1	20-40-1
Return Yards	88	54
Punts-Avg.	5-34.6	12-36.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	5-50	16-134
Time of Possession	28:44	31:16

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING\_Clemson, Etienne 10-45, Choice 3-20, L.Dixon 6-18, Rencher 2-15, Feaster 3-10, T.Lawrence 1-6, Brice 2-5, G.Williams 1-2, Batson 1-2, Wilkins 1-1, (Team) 1-(minus 1), Kendrick 2-(minus 3), Florida St., Patrick 7-17, Akers 11-7, Grant 4-1, Minshe 0-0, Blackman 3-(minus 5), Francois 8-(minus 16), (Team) 2-(minus 25).  
PASSING\_Clemson, Brice 4-7-1-90, T.Lawrence 20-37-0-314. Florida St., Francois 17-36-1-180, Blackman 3-4-0-88.  
RECEIVING\_Clemson, Rodgers 6-156, Higgins 6-62, H.Renfrow 4-28, Overton 2-75, Ross 1-41, T.Thompson 1-17, Kendrick 1-13, Ca.Smith 1-11, Chase 1-5, Feaster 1-(minus 4), Florida St., N.Murray 5-49, Terry 4-55, Helton 3-100, Akers 3-14, Nabers 2-37, McKitty 1-5, Patrick 1-4, Harrison 1-4.  
MISSED FIELD GOALS\_None.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCORES

<b>STATE</b> Saturday (2) Clemson 59, Florida 10 Tennessee at South Carolina (late) Coastal Carolina 37, Georgia State 34 Furman 28, Citadel 17 Wofford 42, Mercer 21 S.C. State 27, Howard 21 Kennesaw State at Charleston Southern (late) Monmouth 24, Presbyterian 14 Wingate 31, Newberry 17 Catawba 43, Limestone 6 West Florida 26, North Greenville 10 Albany State 21, Benedict 0	<b>SEC</b> Saturday (7) Georgia 36, (9) Florida 17 (12) Kentucky 15, Missouri 14 (16) Texas A&M at Mississippi State (late) Vanderbilt 45, Arkansas 31	<b>TOP 25</b> Thursday (13) West Virginia 58, Baylor 14 Georgia Southern 34, (25) Appalachian State 14 Friday (23) Utah 41, UCLA 10 Saturday (3) Notre Dame vs. Navy (late) (6) Texas at Oklahoma State (late) (8) Oklahoma 51, Kansas State 14 (14) Washington State at (24) Stanford (late) (15) Washington at California (late) (17) Penn State 30, (18) Iowa 24 (19) Oregon at Arizona (late) Northwestern 31, (20) Wisconsin 17 Houston 57, (21) South Florida 36
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son. Four of those losses are by double digits, including a 31-14 loss at Clemson last fall.

### UP NEXT

Clemson: Hosts Louisville on Saturday.

Florida State: Visits No. 22 North Carolina State on Saturday, the second of three straight ranked opponents on the schedule. Florida State also plays at No. 3 Notre Dame on Nov. 10.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# No. 7 Georgia beats No. 9 Florida 36-17

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jeremiah Holoman, Terry Godwin and Mecole Hardman were among the first wave of Georgia players to jump into the stands.

They screamed, danced and posed for pictures, frolicking in the aftermath of a second straight victory against rival Florida in the "World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party."

Their Jacksonville leap was a huge turnaround after their Baton Rouge flop.

Jake Fromm threw three touchdown passes, ending speculation about freshman Justin Fields supplanting him in the starting lineup, and No. 7 Georgia beat ninth-ranked Florida

36-17 on Saturday.

The Bulldogs (7-1, 5-1 Southeastern Conference) took advantage of Florida's three turnovers and an injury to cornerback C.J. Henderson to bounce back from a 20-point loss at LSU and beat the Gators for the fifth time in the last eight years.

"There's no other way to say it. We had to get better all around, including myself," Fromm said. "We wanted to come out and make a statement. We had to win this football game. Our backs were kind of against the wall, and we had to win to keep every goal we want."

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PREP FOOTBALL



BY DANNY KELLY / THE SUMTER ITEM

The Thomas Sumter Academy defense tries to bring down Dillon Christian John Rourke (10) during the Generals' 19-14 loss on Friday at General Field.

# Generals fall 19-14 to Dillon Christian

BY DANNY KELLY  
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**DALZELL** — The Thomas Sumter Academy varsity football team came up a little bit short on Senior Night as they fell to Dillon Christian School 19-14 on Friday at General Field. "I found out we were hungry to finish third (in SCISA Region I-1A)," said Generals head coach Randy Stogner said. "We played our tails off. We have no reason to hold our heads down. We came up a little bit short."

The loss dropped Thomas Sumter to 2-7 overall and 1-3 in region play. This guarantees Thomas Sumter the No. 4 seed from the region and a road matchup against Region II No. 1 seed Thomas Heyward Academy next week in the first round of the playoffs.

On the other side, Dillon Christian finished the season 3-5 overall and 2-1 in region play. The Warriors will be the No. 3 seed from Region II.

After a scoreless first quarter, Thomas Sumter finally broke through with a 2-yard touchdown run from sophomore quarterback Jarrett Poole with 8:27 to go before halftime. Junior placekicker Matthew Daily's extra point was good to put the Generals up 7-0.

However, the Warriors struck back with a 9-yard touchdown run from senior tight end John Rourke with 1:04 to go before the half. However, a bad snap on senior kicker Gage Bazemore's extra point attempt led to sophomore quarterback Austin Heasley running the ball and getting tackled by the Generals, leaving Thomas Sumter up 7-6.

Thomas Sumter senior defensive lineman Landon Rose capped off the first half with an interception as time expired.

However, things would start to go south for the Generals in the third quarter.

With 8:20 to go in the quarter, Rourke threw a 29-yard touchdown pass to Heasley. "We didn't tackle as well as we needed to,"

Stogner said of his defense. However, Dillon Christian was unsuccessful on its 2-point conversion try when Rourke threw an incomplete pass, leaving the score at 12-7, Warriors.

Dillon Christian padded its lead with 2:08 to go in the third quarter after a 2-yard touchdown run from junior offensive lineman Walt Bailey. Bazemore's extra point made it 19-7.

Thomas Sumter's woes continued after Rose fumbled and Dillon Christian fell on the ball with 1:05 to go in the third quarter.

However, the Generals recovered a fumble of their own when junior defensive lineman Graham Campbell fell on the ball at the Thomas Sumter 6-yard line with a little over eight minutes to go in the game. TSA was unable to do anything though and was forced to punt.

On the ensuing Warriors drive, the General defense came up big and forced Dillon Christian to punt.

With 1:54 to go in the game, the Generals got back in it after a 30-yard touchdown run from senior running back Mason Warren. Daily's extra point was true and Thomas Sumter cut Dillon Christian's lead to 19-14.

Thomas Sumter then attempted an onside kick, but it was recovered by the Warriors. After effectively using its timeouts and having its defense come up with a stop, Thomas Sumter was able to force the Warriors to punt with a little over a minute left in the game.

However, the punt was muffed and Dillon Christian recovered it, ending Thomas Sumter's chances at a comeback.

Despite the loss, Stogner was proud of the way his team performed.

"Our seniors played for the underclassmen," he said. "They (the seniors) wanted to win their last game at home, and the leadership tonight was phenomenal. We're looking forward to going to Thomas Heyward."

## SHS FROM PAGE B1

The Gamecocks defeated a Yellow Jackets squad led by former Sumter head coach Reggie Kennedy.

"I'm happy for Sumter, Coach Barnes and his staff," said Kennedy, who led Sumter to the 4A Division I state championship game in 2013, his only season. "It's a tradition and a first class program. Sumter has a special place in my heart."

Sumter started off slow to begin the game.

With 9:10 to go in the first quarter, senior quarterback Ontra' Harvin was intercepted by Irmo junior defensive back EJ Grigsby. This led to a 25-yard field goal by Irmo placekicker Angel Camarena to put the Yellow Jackets up 3-0 with 5:40 to go in the quarter.

Later in the quarter, Irmo junior running back Kendrell Flowers broke off a 39-yard run, which ended up leading to another Irmo field goal from Camarena, this one from 33 yards out, to put the Yellow Jackets up 6-0 with 10:32 to go before the half.

Sumter blocked a punt which led to a six-yard touchdown run on the next play. Junior placekicker Dyson Roberts tacked on the extra

point to put the Gamecocks up 7-6 with 7:35 to go before the half.

Sumter senior defensive back Melvin Lundy returned a punt to the Irmo 30-yard-line. This led to a 30-yard touchdown pass from Harvin to junior wide receiver Tylee Craft. Roberts' extra point made it 14-6 Sumter with 1:14 to go before the half.

The Sumter special teams came up big by blocking a 32-yard field goal attempt by Camarena on the final play of the first half.

"We have a good defense," Barnes said. "We haven't given up two touchdowns (in a game) since the first two weeks of the season."

Early in the second half, Irmo cut into the Sumter lead with a 28-yard field goal from Camarena to make it 14-9 with 8:02 to go in the third quarter.

However, Sumter struck right back with a touchdown involving senior running back Jonathan Henry pitching the ball to Harvin on a flea flicker, who found Croskey in the end zone for a 9-yard score. Roberts' extra point made it 21-9 with 5:21 to go in the third quarter.

"The defensive back played in," Croskey said of the score. "I caught it and put it in for the team."

The Gamecock defense came up big again by forcing Irmo to come away with no point on its ensuing drive after a missed 38-yard field goal by senior placekicker James Dooley with 1:45 to go in the third quarter.

Sumter scored another touchdown late in the fourth quarter, this time a 1-yard touchdown run from Henry on fourth down and goal to go with 2:09 to go in the game. However, Roberts' extra point was blocked, which left the score at 27-9.

Sumter senior defensive lineman Keishawn Brown put a ribbon on it the win by intercepting a pass from Irmo senior quarterback John Ragin, a former Sumter High player, with 1:29 left.

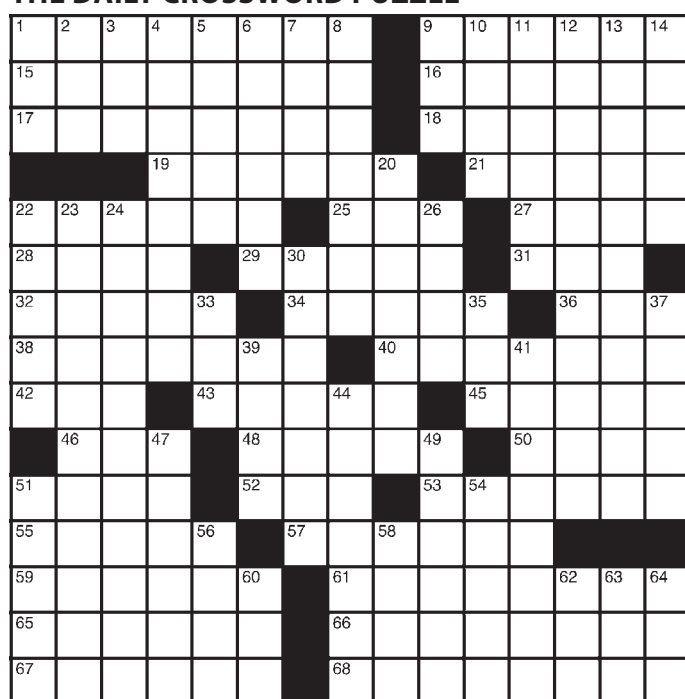
"We had effort on a short week," Barnes said. "Irmo played good. Our constants are we have a great defense and can run the ball, but we have to develop some type of passing game."

On the other side of things, the loss dropped Irmo to 2-2 in region play and 5-4 on the season.

"I was worried about our problems in the past versus physical football teams," Kennedy said. "It will help us moving forward; I don't think we'll see a team as physical as this group here."

## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Michael Ashley 10/27/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 "Grab that guy!"
  - 9 Indonesian dyed fabrics
  - 15 Speaking to a TV audience, say
  - 16 Name attached to 14 Grand Slam tennis titles
  - 17 Ultimate degree
  - 18 Pick up
  - 19 Urgent event
  - 21 Agitated states
  - 22 Only driver to win Indy and Le Mans in the same year
  - 25 2017 NLDS player
  - 27 Gaelic tongue
  - 28 School closing?
  - 29 Link with
  - 31 Music with expressive lyrics
  - 32 Offering from your server
  - 34 Corn containers
  - 36 Malamute pair?
  - 38 Principal aluminum ore
  - 40 Habitual surfer
  - 42 Red Cross provision
  - 43 California's Beach
  - 45 Mississippi river to the Mississippi
  - 46 Green target
  - 48 Besmirch
  - 50 Single-channel
  - 51 Stock trader's option
  - 52 Cop to
  - 53 Put down
  - 55 Real estate basics
  - 57 Title for Versace
  - 59 Pressured, in a way
  - 61 Defies all logic
  - 65 Ran the show
  - 66 Service companies
  - 67 Fly to flee
  - 68 Ashley's twin
  - 8 Venus probe craft
  - 9 Rock's Harper or Folds
  - 10 Forum greetings
  - 11 Just right
  - 12 Brahms piano pieces
  - 13 Had an in
  - 14 Intuit
  - 20 Attended casually
  - 22 Microscopic specimen
  - 23 Island spirits
  - 24 Deceit
  - 26 Hamlet's first choice
  - 30 Sharp winter tools
  - 33 Rim
  - 35 Home near a cote, perhaps
  - 37 Hair net
  - 39 Former Yugoslav leader
  - 41 Final cut on the "Sounds of Silence" album
  - 44 A luge driver might wear one
  - 47 Revolver?
  - 49 1977 Australian Open winner
  - 51 VMI student
  - 54 Like a pretty lass
  - 56 Matches in Hold 'em
  - 58 Lady of song
  - 60 '50s ticket initials
  - 62 Maria
  - 63 One might be made on the nose
  - 64 Canton ending

### DOWN

- 1 Family business partner
- 2 Fangorn Forest dweller
- 3 Goethe's "I"
- 4 1960s pioneer in counter-cultural strips
- 5 Atlanta university
- 6 "60 Minutes" creator Don Angers

### Previous Puzzle Solved



## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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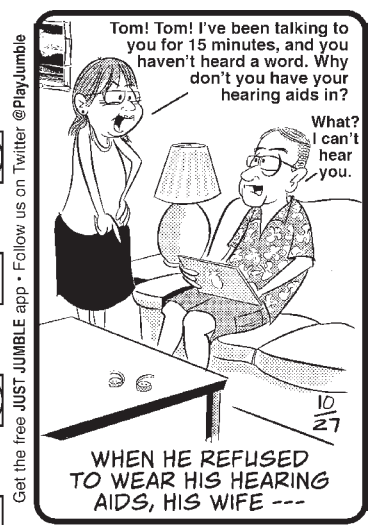
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ADOPT GOOSE SLUDGE STRONG  
Answer: With the movie being so popular, the long lines — STOOD TO REASON

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

### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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



## PREP FOOTBALL

## Knights get 1st win, beat Gators 45-28

Roosevelt Nelson finally got to see on Thursday what he thought was possible for his Crestwood High School football team.

"The offensive team you saw tonight is what we envisioned it being after spring ball," Nelson said after the Knights knocked off Sumter School District rival Lakewood 45-28 at J. Frank Baker Stadium to pick up their first win of the season.

Quarterback Anthony Bradley, suspended for the first seven games of the season after being arrested for armed robbery, passed for 194 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 157 yards and two more scores as Crestwood piled up 474 yards of total offense.

Now Nelson hopes it's not too late to get the Knights into the 4A state playoffs. According to Nelson, if 7-2 North Augusta beats 1-7 Aiken in a game rescheduled for Sunday, then Crestwood can earn an at-large berth with a win over winless Darlington next Friday in Dalzell.

"We knew we had a good team; we've just kept shooting ourselves in the foot," said Nelson, whose team is 1-8 on the season and finishes 1-4 in Region IV. "We've lost five games by one score. There has never been any quit in this team. They've kept battling, and we feel like we've got some games left to play."

Unfortunately for the Gators, they don't have any games left to play. After winning their first three games of the season, they lost their final six and were winless in five region contests.

"When you're trying to turn a program around, it's going to be hard going over that mountain," said second-year Lakewood head coach Larry Cornelius. "It takes time, but I feel like we're very close to doing that."

And it looked like the Gators would put themselves in a position to earn an at-large spot in the playoffs. They were up 14-0 less than seven minutes into the contest. Senior quarterback Malik Richardson hooked up with wide receiver Juwan Perdue on the game's second play for a 55-yard touchdown pass and then connected for a 27-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Quentin Hodge with 5:30 left in the first quarter. Placekicker Frankie Gonzalez added the extra point each time to make it 14-0.

Richardson had a big game, completing 17 of 22 passes for 250 yards and three scores and rushing for 101 yards and one TD on 31 carries.

The momentum was short-lived though. Bradley, who kept plays alive all night with his ability to scramble, connected with wide receiver Montrell White for a 39-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 14-7. Running back Damontae Furman, who ran for 109 yards on 17



Crestwood quarterback Anthony Bradley (2) throws a pass during the Knights' 45-28 victory over Lakewood on Thursday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.



Lakewood wide receiver Juwan Perdue (5) hauls in a pass reception between Crestwood cornerbacks Zeke Workman (7) and Quinton Harrison (6) during the Gators' 45-28 loss on Thursday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

carries, scored on a 2-yard run to tie it with 1:11 left in the first quarter.

Gavin Zimmerman booted a 36-yard field goal early in the second quarter to put the Knights up 17-14. The Gators answered with a 72-play drive that ended with Richardson connecting with Perdue on a 22-yard TD pass. The Knights answered with a 32-yard touchdown pass to White with 4:44 left in the first half.

Crestwood took a 24-21 lead into halftime and scored on the first possession of the second half. Bradley had a 37-yard on the first play from scrimmage and ended the drive two plays later with a 15-yard scoring run to go up 31-21.

"We let it turn into a shootout, and we just couldn't keep up with them," Cornelius said of Crestwood. "We missed a lot of tackles, but their quarterback was able to prolong a lot of plays with his scrambling."

The one time Lakewood did stop the Knights in the second half came when a high snap over the punter's head set Crestwood up at the Lake-

wood 24-yard line. The Gators eventually took over on downs at the 24 and put together a 12-play scoring march that ended with a 1-yard run by Richardson to cut the lead to 31-28 with 1:15 left in the third quarter.

Lakewood couldn't handle Bradley though. He led Crestwood on a 61-yard scoring drive, going 3-for-3 including a 14-yarder for a touchdown to wide receiver Joshua Simon to make it 38-28 with 10:06 left in the game. When the Gators couldn't answer, Crestwood went 68 yards with Bradley going the final four for the score with 3:20 remaining.

Bradley completed 13 of 24 passes and picked up his rushing yards on just 12 attempts.

"We believe in giving second opportunities to these young men, whether a starting quarterback or a fifth quarterback," Nelson said.

White had six catches for 114 yards, and Simon had four receptions for 57 yards.

Perdue had six catches for 135 yards for the Gators.

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCORES

## FRIDAY

A.C. Flora 55, Dreher 14  
Abbeville 38, Ninety Six 8  
Augusta Christian, Ga. 20, Pinewood Prep 13  
Baptist Hill 28, St. John's 27  
Barnwell 21, Bamberg-Ehrhardt 20  
Beaufort 34, Colleton County 13  
Beaufort Academy 34, Patrick Henry Academy 0  
Belton-Honea Path 42, D.W. Daniel 21  
Ben Lippen 34, Cardinal Newman 27  
Berkeley 42, Cane Bay 7  
Bethesda Academy, Ga. 38, Dorchester Academy 16  
Bethune-Bowman 34, Branchville 24  
Blacksburg 32, St. Joseph 28  
Blackville-Hilda def. North, forfeit  
Bluffton 29, Hilton Head Island 18  
Burke 22, Philip Simmons 14  
C.E. Murray 22, Scott's Branch 14  
Charleston Charter 41, Military Magnet Academy 6  
Clarendon Hall 58, W. Wyman King Academy 0  
Colleton Prep 14, John Paul II 6  
Crescent 48, West Oak 24  
Dillon Christian 19, Thomas Sumter Academy 14  
Dorman 56, Riverside 25  
First Baptist 38, Porter-Gaud 16  
Florence Christian 42, Williamsburg Academy 6  
Gray Collegiate Academy 40, C.A. Johnson 6  
Greer 63, Blue Ridge 6  
Hanahan 41, Waccamaw 7  
Hillcrest 6, Mauldin 4  
Hilton Head Prep 35, Hilton Head Christian Academy 19  
James Island 35, Wando 28  
Jefferson Davis Academy 36, Calhoun Academy 0  
Laurence Manning Academy 16, Wilson Hall 13  
Laurens 42, Easley 12  
May River 35, Wade Hampton (H) 14  
Nation Ford 36, Chapin 29  
North Augusta 41, Aiken 19  
Oceanside Collegiate Academy 35, Garrett Academy of Technology 21  
Palmetto Christian Academy 80, Summerville Faith Christian 52  
Pee Dee Academy 35, Carolina Academy 20  
Pickens 29, Palmetto 27  
Ridgeland-Hardeeville 40, Lake Marion 18  
Silver Bluff 14, Fox Creek 3  
Spartanburg Christian 40, Northside Christian 0  
Spring Valley 10, Blythewood 3  
Stratford 32, Goose Creek 14  
T.L. Hanna 41, Woodmont 7  
Timberland 47, North Charleston 0  
Travelers Rest 52, Berea 0  
Trinity Byrnes School 38, Robert E. Lee Academy 21  
West Florence 56, South Florence 20  
Westside 50, Wade Hampton (G) 7  
Whale Branch 23, Battery Creek 0  
Woodruff 35, Clinton 14

## THURSDAY

Thursday's Scores  
Andrew Jackson 14, Lee Central 6  
Ashley Ridge 66, R.B. Stall 10  
Aynor 51, Lake City 20  
Buford 21, North Central 0  
Camden 57, W.J. Keenan 8  
Carolina Forest 20, Conway 7  
Carvers Bay 33, Kingstree 0  
Chapman 48, Chesnee 20  
Chesterfield 63, Lewisville 24  
Clover 41, Fort Mill 28  
Columbia 35, Eau Claire 14  
Dillon 55, Cheraw 7  
Dixie 43, Calhoun Falls 0  
Dutch Fork 63, White Knoll 0  
East Clarendon 27, Johnsonville 0  
Gaffney 42, Spartanburg 22  
Georgetown 33, Academic Magnet 10  
Gilbert 35, Pelion 7  
Green Sea Floyds 63, Creek Bridge 8  
Greenville 55, Eastside 23  
Greenwood 45, J.L. Mann 20  
Greenwood Christian 61, Oakbrook Prep 33  
Hammond 42, Heathwood Hall 7  
Hannah-Pamplico 32, Andrews 27  
Hartsville 48, Darlington 0  
Indian Land 13, Fairfield Central 7  
James F. Byrnes 55, Boiling Springs 21  
Lake View 39, Hemingway 21  
Lamar 47, McBee 7  
Liberty 21, Powdersville 13  
Loris 36, Marion 14  
Lower Richland 8, Orangeburg-Wilkinson 0  
Manning 51, Bishop England 12  
Marlboro County 26, Wilson 25  
McCormick 43, Ware Shoals 18  
Mullins 50, Latta 21  
Myrtle Beach 17, North Myrtle Beach 14  
Newberry 44, Mid-Carolina 6  
Richard Winn Academy 49, Francis Hugh Wardlaw Academy 34  
Ridge Spring-Monetta 33, Hunter-Kinard-Tyler 0  
Ridge View 45, Lancaster 20  
River Bluff 35, Lexington 14  
Rock Hill 28, Northwestern 21  
Saluda 24, Batesburg-Leesville 21  
South Aiken 52, Midland Valley 27  
Southside Christian 31, Landrum 0  
St. James 28, Socastee 20  
Sumter 27, Irmo 9  
Swansea 22, Edisto 16  
Timmonsville 32, Great Falls 0  
Union County 51, Emerald 48  
Wagener-Salley 46, Estill 0  
Westwood 38, Richland Northeast 3  
Williston-Elko 46, Denmark-Olar 26  
Woodland 42, Allendale-Fairfax 6  
Wren 63, Walhalla 0

## AREA ROUNDUP

## East Clarendon gets 1st 2A win; Manning blasts Bishop England

JOHNSONVILLE — East Clarendon High School's varsity football team picked up its first win ever as a 2A school as it beat Johnsonville 27-0 on Thursday at the JHS field.

Tyhjai Calvin scored three touchdowns to lead the Wolverines, who improved to 1-7 on the season and 1-4 in Region VII-2A. Marques Webb scored EC's other touchdown.

Johnsonville fell to 1-8 overall and 0-5 in region play.

East Clarendon plays host to Andrews next Friday.

MANNING 54  
BISHOP ENGLAND 12

MANNING — Manning High School clinched second place in Region VIII-3A with a 54-12 triumph over Bishop England on Thursday at Ramsey Stadium.

The Monarchs finished the regular season with a 7-3 overall record and a 4-1 mark in region play. BE finished the regular season 3-6 overall and 2-3 in region play.

Bishop England fumbled the opening kickoff and that set up a 23-yard field goal by Mason Dingle for a 3-0 Manning lead. Darius Williams had a 6-yard scoring and quarterback Jack Owens had a 1-yard TD run in the first half. Keilah Dupree blocked a punt and Zion Phillips recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown, and Damontae Dennis returned a kickoff 70 yards for a score as Manning led 29-6 at halftime.

Owens threw three touchdown passes. Two went to Corey Graham on passes of 50

and 40 yards, respectively. The other was a 10-yarder to Caleb Wright. Chandler Brunson added a 60-yard touchdown pass.

Manning will be at home in the first round of the 3A state playoffs on Nov. 9.

ANDREW JACKSON 14  
LEE CENTRAL 6

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School saw its playoff hopes come to an end with a 14-6 loss to Andrew Jackson High on Thursday at Stallions Stadium.

Lee Central fell to 2-7 overall and 1-4 in Region IV-2A. AJ improved to 6-4 and 2-4.

Quarterback JaQuaze Myers threw for 140 yards to lead the LC offense. Running back Jalen McCray scored the touchdown on a 25-yard run.

Trey Robinson led the defense with six tackles and a sack. DeAblo Halley had an interception, and Derrick Joye and Lamont Solomon combined on a sack.

Lee Central will close out its season with a home game against Central next Friday.

TRINITY-BYRNES 38  
ROBERT E. LEE 21

BISHOPVILLE — Robert E. Lee Academy fell to 7-3 on the season as it lost to Trinity-Byrnes 38-21 on Friday at McCutchen Field.

Jett Smith threw two touchdown passes for the Cavaliers. He threw an 8-yarder to Keaton Price and a 39-yarder to Josh Kirven.

REL will go on the road next Friday to face Hilton

Head Prep in the first round of the 2A state playoffs.

C.E. MURRAY 22  
SCOTT'S BRANCH 14

GREELEYVILLE — Scott's Branch High School lost to C.E. Murray 22-14 on Friday at the CEM field.

Scott's Branch fell to 2-7 on the season and 1-3 in Region V-1A.

Scott's Branch will close out its regular-season schedule on Friday at home against Military Magnet.

CLARENDON HALL 58  
W.W. KING 0

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall closed out its regular season with a 58-0 victory over W.W. King on Friday at L.A. Robinson Field.

The 8-1 Saints will be a home in a first-round game in the 8-man state playoffs next Friday.

JUNIOR VARSITY  
FOOTBALLLAURENCE MANNING 35  
WILSON HALL 14

Laurence Manning Academy finished its season with a 6-1 record after a 35-14 triumph over Wilson Hall on Thursday at Spencer Field.

Bryce Acord caught a 55-yard touchdown pass from Brandon King, and Mikey Jordan caught 15-yard TD pass from King. In turn, King caught a 99-yard touchdown pass from Acord.

Nolan Osteen and Connor Smith both ran for TDs. Josh Sharp was perfect on all five

extra point attempts.

Alex Petty and Collin Cribb led the defense with five tackles apiece. Dalton Brown had four tackles. Jackson Campbell, Smith, Jordan and Petty each recovered a fumble. Gray Barrineau had a sack.

CLARENDON HALL 24  
ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN 14

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall finished its season with a 4-3 record after beating St. John's Christian 24-14 on Thursday at L.A. Robinson Field.

Wilder Robinson led the Saints by rushing for 69 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries and caught a 9-yard TD pass. He also had a 2-point conversion.

Darius Aiken rushed for 68 yards and a score on 16 carries and added a 2-point conversion. Ray McIntosh had 53 yards on 13 carries and caught two passes for 50 yards. Carter Judy ran for 38 yards and had a 2-point conversion.

Robinson and Aiken led the defense with six tackles apiece.

## B TEAM FOOTBALL

WILSON HALL 20  
LAURENCE MANNING 14

Laurence Manning Academy finished its season with a 5-1 record after beating Wilson Hall 20-14 on Thursday at Spencer Field.

Quarterback Tyler June passed for 165 yards to lead the Swampcats. Jackson Brunson had 90 yards in receiving and ran for 55 yards

and a touchdown. Noah Tanner returned a kickoff 75 yards for a score and Bryson Smith had a 10-yard touchdown.

Bryson Hodge led the LMA defense with 5½ tackles, including two tackles for loss and one quarterback sack.

Smith had 3½ tackles and Bennett Lee and Reid Moore combined for a tackle on a safety.

Clark Kinney led the Barons, who finished 5-4, with touchdown runs of 70 and 3 yards. He also connected with Blake VanPatten for a 2-point conversion.

Dylan Jones had 70 receiving yards and Harry Waynick recovered a fumble.

## VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

WANDO 6  
SUMTER 0

MT. PLEASANT — Sumter High School saw its season come to an end with a 6-0 loss to Wando on Wednesday in the first round of the 5A state playoffs at the WHS courts. The Lady Gamecocks finish the year with a 6-10 record.

## SINGLES

1 — Kelsey Sinclair (W) defeated Whitney Crawford 6-0, 6-1.  
2 — Abby Sinclair (W) defeated Burgess Dubose 6-0, 6-0.  
3 — Lily Zimmerman (W) defeated Windsor Pittman 6-0, 6-0.  
4 — Grace McKellar (W) defeated Carmen Carrigan 6-0, 6-0.  
5 — Ellie Zimmerman (W) defeated Andrea Clarke 6-0, 6-0.

## DOUBLES

1 — Did not play  
2 — Adelia Phillips/Emma Chadwick (W) defeated Kady Dickerson/Madelyn Jordan 6-0, 6-0.

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cool but we were losing some seniors, so we didn't know what to expect this year. But seeing how hard the middle schoolers worked. They all came together and really pushed each other."

Crowe said that seeing the underclassmen working was the most impressive thing.

"We have a really really young team, but we did a lot of training during the summer," Crowe said. "Just seeing them coming out when they absolutely didn't have to. A lot of that early work has a lot to do with our improvement."

Coursey was jubilant with the results of younger runners, veteran runners, current and former coaches, administrators, parents and volunteers coming together to support the program.

"It's been a 5-year process,

and every year we get stronger," Coursey said. "We knew Bella and Aubrey were going to do every year, but it was just a matter of getting into the hallways and finding some kids to come out to cross country and put in the dedication and miles throughout the summer and throughout the year. It just worked out so well this year. It's amazing. I'm ecstatic."

In the boys race, Thomas Sumter finished in seventh place, with Josh Fugate being the top General. Fugate finished 12th with a time of 17:43.70. Greenwood Christian claimed the 2A boys title.

In 3A action, Wilson Hall boys took 10th overall with James Hiott being the top Baron. He finished 42nd. The Lady Barons finished seventh, with Emily Reynolds' team-high 33rd place finish.

Ben Lippen won the boys race, while Porter Gaud claimed the girls



WORTHY EVANS / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

The Thomas Sumter cross country team celebrates its SCISA 2A state title on Saturday at Heathwood Hall in Columbia.

## OBITUARIES

### DEA J. WILDER

Dea Jean Henderson Wilder, 76, wife of Robert Wayne Wilder, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Holland, Michigan, she was a daughter of the late Harold Henderson and Buena Homefield Henderson.

Mrs. Wilder was a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church. She was a retired activities director at Cypress and Hampton Nursing Homes.

Mimi, as she was known by her grandchildren, was a loving mother, grandmother and friend that will be missed by many. She enjoyed fishing, going to yard sales with her friends and her annual Caribbean cruises with her daughters.

Surviving are her husband of Sumter; three daughters, Wayne Wilder Lynch (Albert) of Sumter, Julie Wilder Marshall of Stafford, Virginia, and Dea Denise "DeDe" Ethridge (Robbie) of Lexington; one brother; four sisters; six grandchildren, Webster Lynch (Marybeth), Christopher Lynch and fiancé Katherine Vendley, Spencer Lynch (Hayley), Zachary Marshall, Sara Ethridge and Wilder Ethridge; and one great-grandson, Tripp Lynch.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with Dr. Clay Smith officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the home, 2833 Porcher Drive.

Memorials may be made to the Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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



### JOHN D. CARLTON JR.

SUMMERTON — John David Carlton Jr., 89, widower of Barbara Kay McCraw Carlton, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at Magnolias of Santee.

Born June 22, 1929, in Blacksburg, he was a son of the late John David Carlton Sr. and Norma Irene Goss Carlton. He was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and was employed with IBM in Huntsville, Alabama, where he worked with the NASA Space Program and also worked with IBM in Japan, where he was a special consultant. He was a member of the Clarendon County Gideons and Summerton Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and trustee.

He is survived by a son,

John David Carlton III (Terry) of Summerton; two daughters, Jane Carlton Mills (Knox) of Summerton and Kaye Carlton Collins (Paul) of St. Matthews; seven grandchildren, Lucy Taffoni, Sarah Stutts (Brad), John Ours II (Nicole), Cooper Collins, Kallie Collins, Rachel Carlton and Pride Collins; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by an infant granddaughter, Rachel Collins; a brother, Flake Carlton; and two sisters, Norma Clark and Marilyn Hopper.

A graveside service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Summerton Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends immediately following the graveside service at the Summerton Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Memorials may be made to the Clarendon County Gideons, P.O. Box 593, Manning, SC 29102.

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

### ROBERT E. MARSHALL SR.

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Edward Marshall, Sr., 82, husband of Ethel Brown Marshall, departed this life on Monday, Oct. 23, 2018, in Clarendon County.

He was born on Monday, July 27, 1936, to the late James Cook and Alberta Chestnut Richardson in Elgin.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Ethel Brown Marshall, of the home; his children, Janice M. Spruill, Tony (Barbara) Marshall, Tina (George) Marshall-Bradley and Cheryl A.M. (Randy) Waymer; 10 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Clarendon One Community Resource Center, 1154 Fourth St., Summerton.

The family is receiving friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the home, 1578 Governor Richardson Road, Summerton.

Command Sgt. Maj. Marshall's Mortal Frames rest in the professional care of King-Fields Mortuary, Summerton. 803-485-5039.

### MICHAEL R. PIVER

Michael Ray Piver, age 65, died on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Stuttgart, Arkansas, he was the son of the late Talmadge M. Piver and Florence Holzhauer Piver. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He enjoyed watching the Sharknado movie series. He loved spending time with his family and was always checking in on them. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

Surviving are one son, Patrick Piver of Camden; three sisters, Teresa P. Veasey and her husband Chuck of La Plata, Maryland, Crystal P.

Reed of Dalzell and Karen R. Piver of Bishopville; one brother, Marion Dale Piver and his wife Lillian of Indianapolis, Indiana; one special niece, Amber Lowder of Sumter; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his niece, Melissa Joy Bailey, and brother-in-law, Ernie Reed Jr.

A funeral service will be held Monday at 3 p.m. in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow in the Piedmont Cemetery, Bishopville.

The family will receive friends Monday from 2 to 3 p.m., one hour prior to the service at Bullock Funeral Home.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



### NORA F. SCOTT

BISHOPVILLE — Ms. Nora "Granny" Frierson Scott, 96, passed at her residence on Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018.

Born in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Julius and Rosa Newton Frierson.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 132 Shaw St., Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville.

### GABRIEL J. FOURNIER SR.

Gabriel John "Gabe" Fournier Sr., 70, husband of Carol Youngblood Fournier, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at his home.

Born July 21, 1948, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, he was a son of the late Gustave Fournier and Blanche Fournier. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church where he was a former deacon. He retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. He also retired from Giant Resource Recovery.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years; a son, Gabriel John Fournier Jr. of Sumter; a daughter, Jean F. Brown (Travis) of Sumter; a granddaughter, Kelly Sims; a brother, Archie Fournier (Marilyn) of North Carolina; and two sisters, Theresa Denny of Florida and Jeannie Fournier of Vermont.

A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. today in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Ashley Cheek officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2:30 p.m. today at the home, 863 Twin Lakes Drive.

Memorials may be made to the Early Autism Project, 1345 Companion Court, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

### ELOUISE B. ABRAHAM

Ms. Eloise Baker Abraham entered eternal rest on Oct. 24, 2018, at the McLeod Hospice House, Florence. The family is receiving friends and

relatives at 37 Cardinal Lane, Bishopville. Visitation will be held today from 3 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the Mechanicsville United Methodist Church, Sumter, with the pastor, the Rev. Annie H. Sistrunk officiating. Interment will follow at the churchyard cemetery. Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville is in charge of arrangements.

### CHITQUITA L. GRANT

Ms. Chitquita La'Net Grant, the daughter of the late James Grant and the late Carolyn Parrott Grant, entered eternal rest on Oct. 25, 2018, at the Agape Hospice House and Suites, Lexington. The family is receiving friends and relatives at the home of her brother, Antonio Grant, at 528 S. Calhoun St., Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

### ROMIE CONYERS

MANNING -- Romie Conyers, 71, husband of Camilla Aiken Conyers, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, in Columbia. He was born May 28, 1947, in Manning, a son of the late Frank Conyers and Hattie Mae Nelson.

The family is receiving friends at 216 Packard Lane, Manning.

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

### THORNAL BRUNSON

MANNING -- Thornal "Sonny" Brunson, 68, husband of Lillie Dingle Brunson died Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning. He was born June 21, 1950, a son of Julia Gaymon Brunson Pleasant.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his daughter, Tieka Brunson, 211 Dickson St., Apt. 1-J, Manning.

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

### LAVONNETTA BURGESS

MANNING -- Lavonnetta Burgess, 77, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence. She was born Jan. 29, 1941, in Manning, a daughter of the late General Lee Burgess and Willie Carter Burgess.

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

### LONNIE A. RICHARDSON

Lonnie Alvin Richardson, 74, widower of Lucille "Tobi" Mosier Richardson, died Friday, Oct. 26, 2018, at his home.

Born in Brittons Neck, he was a son of the late Lonnie L. Richardson and Julia Bell Atkinson Richardson.

Mr. Richardson was a member of Westside Baptist Church. He was the retired owner and operator of Richardson Builders.

Surviving are a daughter, Julie Karen Richardson Rivera, of Sumter; two brothers, Donnie Richardson (Cheryl) of Seneca and Larry Richardson of Brittons Neck; three sisters, Evelyn R. Phillips of Bennettsville, Inez Richards of Brittons Neck and Annette R. Hicks (Gerald) of Pamlico; three grandchildren, Hannah

Rivera, Jordan Rivera and Joseph Tarte; and a step-grandchild, Harley Tarte.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Nikki Ryan Richardson.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Chapel of the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Aaron Reed officiating.

Burial will be in the Sumter Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Salt & Light Church, P.O. Box 2491, Sumter, SC 29150; Westside Baptist Church, 554 Pine-wood Road, Sumter, SC 29154; or to Lakewood Baptist Church, 3140 Nazarene Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

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



### CHARLIE D. HOLLADAY

Charles "Charlie" David Holladay, 75, died Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018.

Born in Greenwood, he was a son of the late David Deschanel Holladay and Annie Myrtle Baker Holladay.

"Charlie" retired from Bill's Exxon Station after 35 years of service and enjoyed talking and visiting with customers and loved to talk about Jesus. He also loved his Beagle dogs. He was a friend to many.

Surviving are two sons, George Holladay of Florence and Donald Holladay of Colorado; two brothers, Jerry Holladay of Sumter and Daniel Holladay of Pinewood; three sisters, Peggy Thomason, Gayle Holladay and Elaine Donaldson, all of Sumter; and numerous grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Promise Land Ministries with the Rev. Jamie McElveen officiating.

Memorials may be made to Promise Land Ministries, 1880 Myrtle Beach Highway, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

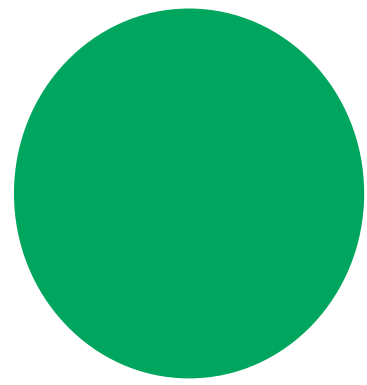
Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of the arrangements. 803-775-9386.



### JESSIE MAE M. WEAVER

LYNCHBURG -- Mrs. Jessie Mae Martin Weaver, widow of Wallace James Weaver, died on Oct. 26, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center. The family will receive visitors at 507 N. Darlington St. in Timmonsville.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Jefferson Funeral Home Service Inc. of Lynchburg.



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## STUDENT DEBT BURDEN

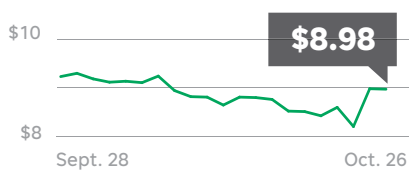
Student loans can have long-lasting consequences for millennials, according to a study from Magify Money. The net worth of millennials with student loans is 75 percent less than of those without. They also have half as much money in the bank and \$19,000 less in retirement savings than their peers who aren't saddled with college debt.

## ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

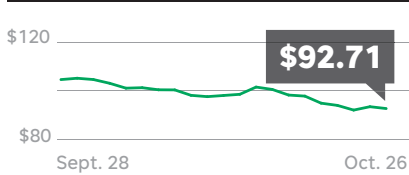
### FORD MOTOR

The automaker criticizes the metals tariffs and says it sustained a roughly \$1 billion hit to its profits, even though it gets most of its materials from the United States.



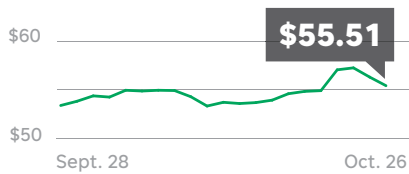
### HASBRO

Still struggling with the demise of Toys R Us, which contributed to a 12 percent drop in third-quarter revenue, the toymaker fell the most in a year.



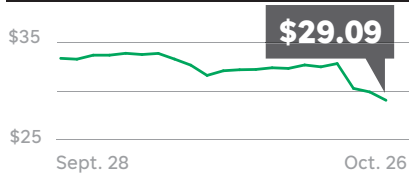
### VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS

The telecommunications company posted its sixth straight quarter of subscriber growth Wednesday, and the results pushed shares to an 18-year high.



### AT&T

The telecom company tumbled after a loss of subscribers last quarter, sparking fears for investors after Verizon Communications' strong quarter.



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"Dare to Lead" Brene Brown	10
"Atomic Habits" James Clear	9.9
"Extreme Ownership" Jocko Williams and Leif Babin	3.5
"StrengthsFinder 2.0" Tom Rath	3.4
"Life After Google" George Gilder	2.0

1— For every 10 copies of "Dare to Lead" sold, "Atomic Habits" sold 9.9 copies. SOURCE USA TODAY Best-Selling Books JAE YANG, VERONICA BRAVO/USA TODAY



# DATING? IT'S GOING TO COST YOU

## People spend more when they're looking for long-term love

Daniel B. Kline The Motley Fool

If you want to find love or keep it going, you better be ready to open up your wallet. Single people spend the most money on dating, followed by those in a relationship, with married couples in last place, according to a new study from GiftCards.com.

Single people spend an average of \$146 per month on dating, according to the poll of just over 1,000 people. People in a relationship spend a little less at \$139 a month, while married couples spend only \$130.

It's not all unromantic news for married couples, however, as they spend more per date (\$54) than people in a relationship (\$44) or single people (\$43).

"People in relationships (who are not married) probably go on more dates but spend slightly less on each outing," according to the report. "Single individuals, by contrast, spend the most per month but the least per date. Perhaps that's because people often think of dating as a numbers game but don't want to break the bank with a large ticket per date."

### Are you marriage material?

People in relationships spend more money on special occasions (birthdays, holidays and Valentine's Day) if they believe the person they are dating is marriage material. For example, couples spend an average of \$155 on birthday gifts if they see marriage as being in the cards versus \$99 if it's unlikely.

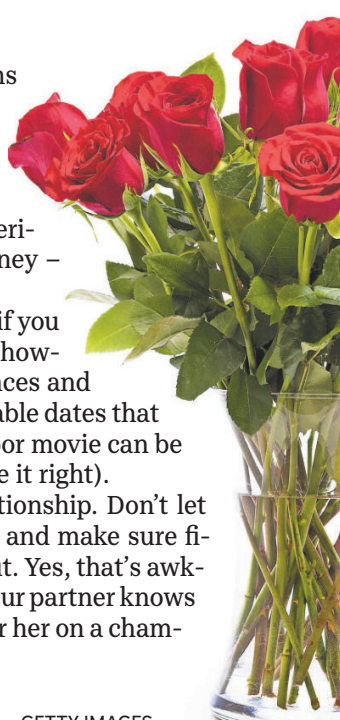
The same logic holds true for major holidays like Christmas, where the disparity is \$166 when marriage is likely and \$129 when it's not. There's an even greater disparity when it comes to anniversaries: Couples who believe marriage is likely spend \$144 compared with \$50 for those who expect to break up before getting married.

### Do you have to invest in love?

"Money may not buy happiness, but it seems to correlate quite strongly with relationship satisfaction," according to the study. "Of course, it's possible this apparent connection is due to indirectly related factors. Individuals under financial strain, for example, might experience tension with their partners related to money — and spend less on dates as well."

Obviously, you should not "invest" in dating if you have other financial concerns. If that's the case, however, as a couple you should discuss your finances and finds ways to have meaningful, mutually enjoyable dates that fit your budget. (A picnic dinner and free outdoor movie can be just as nice as spending big bucks if you handle it right).

Money can be a breaking point in any relationship. Don't let that happen. Only spend what you can afford, and make sure finances are something you can openly talk about. Yes, that's awkward in a new relationship, but it's important your partner knows you have a pizza budget even if you value him or her on a champagne and caviar level.



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## How to dispose of a credit card securely

Gregory Karp NerdWallet

Disposing of unwanted items in our lives often means simply throwing them into the garbage or recycling bin — or, if they're still useful, giving them away. It's different with old credit cards and other payment cards, which should be destroyed so nobody can use them fraudulently.

But how to destroy a payment card properly is not obvious. Here's how to get rid of an old card — no burning or burying required.

### First, contact the issuer

If closing the account is your goal, you'll have to call the number on the back of your card — although closing an account may not always be a good idea.

If your card is a rewards card, remember to first redeem points or cash back. Change any automatic payments to a different card, and be sure to pay the final card bill. Skip this step if you're simply replacing an expired or compromised card.

### Cut up plastic cards

Sturdy scissors and smart trimming will do the job here.

"We recommend that consumers cut through the EMV chip, then further cut the card a few times along the short side, and dispose of the sections in more than one trash bag," said Sarah Grano, a spokeswoman for the American Bankers Association.

Or feed plastic cards into a paper shredder designed to handle them.



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### Send back metal cards

Destroying a metal card by yourself is harder and potentially dangerous. Contact your issuer. Typically, you can mail it back for disposal.

When American Express sends a replacement card, it also sends an addressed return envelope to mail back an old metal card for destruction, spokeswoman Heather Norton said.

### Check back on your account

Don't obsess about identity theft of an old credit card. You generally won't be responsible for fraudulent charges anyway, although you could endure some hassle. Take extra care with debit cards and other plastic where fraud means you might actually be missing money, even if temporarily. It's a good idea to check your account statement — even your last one on a closed account — to be sure there's no fraud.

### Closing an account can hurt you

Closing a credit card account can lower your credit rating. Credit scores consider your "credit utilization ratio," or how much of your available credit you're using. A lower ratio is better. And when you close an account, you have less available credit. Scores also consider the length of time you've had the card open.

## MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▼3.0% week ▼6.4% month   ▼3.0% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▼3.9% week ▼8.5% month   ▼5.7% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▼3.8% week ▼10.3% month   ▼7.4% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▼4.0% week ▼9.1% month   ▼6.5% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▲0.6% week ▲3.2% month   ▲0.8% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▼2.2% week ▼5.6% month   ▼1.6% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▼0.0098 week ▼0.0350 month   ▼0.0244 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼0.75 week ▼1.00 month   ▲0.85 3 months
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# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## Prep your yard as a safe haven for local birds

BY COLE'S WILD BIRD PRODUCTS INC.

Ready or not, bad weather is on its way. Before snow or ice falls, take some time to transform your backyard into a safe refuge for winter-weary birds before unpredictable, harsh weather begins. The experts at Cole's Wild Bird Products suggest timely tips to encourage birds to seek sustenance and shelter in your backyard this winter.

Start by taking an inventory of your existing feeders. Inspect each for damage and replace if necessary. Consider adding new feeders to attract even more birds and allow for fewer trips to refill them during especially cold and stormy days.

### FIGURING OUT FEEDERS

Different species of birds not only prefer different types of feed, but they also prefer different types of feeders. Consider providing a variety of feeder types to increase the diversity of your avian visitors.

A tube feeder is a "must-have," since these all-purpose feeders keep seed dry while allowing a wide variety of birds to feed from multiple ports. Specialty wire-mesh tube feeders, designed for birds that cling, can easily dispense tiny, oil-rich niger seeds, protein-packed dried mealworms and other specialty feed. Mesh feeders allow clinging birds like woodpeckers to grasp the side of the feeder while selecting food — and prevent larger, more aggressive birds from hogging the feed.

If you want an easy-to-use, one-size-fits-most feeder, select a bowl style with a protective dome that can be raised and lowered to thwart large birds and squirrels from getting to the feed while helping to protect seed from rain and snow. Easy to hang and fill, bowl feeders accommodate any seed, suet or even chopped fruit. Also, be sure to include at least one suet cage in your feeder array because suet provides a critical source of energy for birds in cold weather.

### CLEAN TO PREVENT DISEASE

As you prepare your feeders, a necessary chore is to clean out any residue before filling with fresh seed. Use soapy water and a bottlebrush to scrub, then rinse with cool water. This ensures that mold or mildew aren't present and helps prevent disease.

### SELECT TOP-QUALITY FEED

You may not realize that some commercial birdfeed is treated to prevent spoilage or packed with cheap "filler" seeds like milo, wheat or red millet — that birds seldom eat. Offering top-quality feed means less waste and ensures an increase in birds at your feeders.

Your seed choices should provide birds with the biggest energy boost possible. Sunflower is a great seed option for winter because it's rich in oil, which attracts birds and provides plenty of energy. Cole's Oil Sunflower is the highest-grade black oil sunflower seed, at over 99 percent pure. Peanuts are another high-energy option. Choose hulled varieties that are whole — and more nutritious than peanut pieces.

And don't forget high-fat foods, like suet, the solid fat rendered from beef, or vegetables that provide concentrated energy to help birds maintain their increased meta-



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Goldfinches and a house finch eat from a tube feeder, which keeps food dry.

bolic rate during winter when their normal food sources are scarce. Or, try a suet-seed mix like Nutberry Suet Blend, an energy-packed, powerhouse feed mix of premium fruits, preferred nuts, suet kibbles and whole kernel sunflower meats.

### PROVIDE WATER AND SHELTER

Birds need fresh water, especially in cold weather. Choose a heated birdbath and place it in a sheltered spot for safe access. And because birds may unwisely choose the coldest days to take a bath, consider placing a few rocks inside to discourage bathing, while still allowing birds room to drink.

Birds also appreciate warm, dry shelter from wet, snowy conditions. Offering well-insulated nest boxes will provide them with a cozy place to harbor.

Preparing for birds now will enable you to continue to enjoy them throughout the winter, and birds will benefit from your extra-special care.

## Hunting the reserve

The sky was cloudy and gray, and the morning light was coming slowly to the woods. There was no visible wind. Songbirds were beginning to stir and call softly. Out in the flooded hardwoods I could hear wood ducks squealing on the water. Turkeys yelped in the distance.

To the southwest, I could hear the hum of fans on a grain silo. To the southeast, dogs were barking in the sleepy town. Behind me — civilization. To my front — wildness.

This land is my homeplace. My parents lived here, and I grew up here. I've hunted it very little. Kept it mostly in reserve. I've hunted all over the Midlands and the Lowcountry. Made hunting trips to Arkansas and Texas, but nothing has been as satisfying as hunting my own place.

I've had trouble with trespassers and poachers lately, but law enforcement is working on that. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources has a program available to landowners that provides assistance in enforcement of natural resource laws. It is known as the Property Watch Program.

Participants in the program agree to post the enrolled property with the recommended signs and issue cards to people that are allowed to use the property. The agreement gives the SCDNR Law Enforcement Division authorization to prosecute violations of trespassing in the event of the landowner's absence.

Recent events of theft and trespassing on the property are under investigation by SCDNR and are not yet resolved. I've made an increased effort to keep an eye on the place, and family members in the area are also helping with that effort.

Any day in the woods is a good day, and on this good day my son Clayton and I were sitting in stands about 200 yards apart, looking for a buck. Daylight was illuminating the shadowy woods around us. It is my favorite time of day.

I'm not a very patient person, and after about an hour of squirrel watching, I texted Clayton, "I don't have my wind checker with me, but it seems like it's just swirling."

He answered, "It is, but for me it's good. From left to right." A few minutes later I texted again, "Have you seen or heard any ducks?" He answered, "I thought I heard some fly over."

The deer just weren't moving, but we weren't ready to give up yet. I sent another text, "Have you used the grunt call?" He answered, "Yep, I was about to ask if you have heard me." My answer, "I think I heard you a few minutes ago." It just goes on. We discussed the corn and how the stands sit — gunshots we could hear in the distance. Ducks in the flooded woods.



Dan Geddings

"My legs are getting sore, I think I'll stand up and stretch," I offered. Clayton answered, "I just want to see a deer." My answer was "they must have slept in." We kept it up for a while, but the morning was

winding down. When I texted Clayton later that I was getting down, he answered, "Yeah, I'm getting hungry."

We met back at the truck and made a trip to the store for some snacks and a drink. I had some corn to put out on the stands. Clayton was in no hurry and offered to help. We took a bag of cob corn to the stand that I had sat in earlier and spread it in an open lane about 70 yards from the stand. The stand that he had sat in didn't need more corn.

We have two stands at the back of the property that require a long walk to get to. I've been putting shelled corn on those stands. I pour about a quarter of a bag of shelled corn on each. I have a back pack that can hold two quarter-sized bags. That's about as much as you want to carry for a distance. Of course, I let Clayton take the loaded back pack.

We walked in to those stands and spread the shelled corn. It was getting warm, and we had worked up a sweat by the time we got back to the truck. Cooler weather is on us now, and we'll hunt those stands more when we don't work up a sweat just getting to them.

Clayton and I will go to the Lowcountry on some dog drives, but we'll also hunt our land here. It is our special place, our Reserve.

Reach Dan Geddings @[cdgeddings@gmail.com](mailto:cdgeddings@gmail.com).

## Family asks S.C. hunters to spare adopted deer

CHESTER (AP) — A South Carolina family is asking area hunters to spare their adopted seven-point buck named George.

Kena Lucas Funderburk posted the plea on Facebook on Monday, saying, "Please don't shoot the 7pt with the yellow tape around his antlers ... it's George!" Funderburk told *The State* her family adopted George in 2016 after his mother was killed by a car when he was just days old.

She said the family began leaving George outside by himself when he was about 6 months old. But he stayed by their property, and they provided food and shelter.

She said George wanders around the area but always returns home healthy. Funderburk said her family wants to ensure he comes home this season and that her plea has received positive feedback from area hunters.

## Drivers should watch for deer on state roads

BY CHARLES RUTH  
SCDNR Big Game Program coordinator

Motorists throughout the state need to be constantly aware of roaming white-tailed deer. Despite a persistent rumor, neither the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources nor any other state agency will compensate motorists for injuries or damages resulting from deer collisions. Besides practicing safe and defensive driving techniques, each motorist should carry adequate collision and comprehensive insurance.

South Carolina Department of Public Safety reported approximately 2,400 deer-vehicle collisions in 2016, similar to figures from the last few years. These figures are lower than those reported in the late 1990s when the incidence of deer-vehicle collisions seemed to peak in the state.

Sound deer management through regulated annual harvest is the most effective way of curtailing deer-vehicle

collisions, as well as following some common-sense rules for driving defensively in deer country.

When deer are sighted well ahead of the vehicle, sound the horn several times, flicker the headlights (if no oncoming traffic is present) and reduce the vehicle's speed. If deer are sighted only a short distance in front of the vehicle, these same collision-avoidance techniques may spook the deer into running across the road, thereby increasing the likelihood of a collision.

In this instance, it's best to just slow down. Always anticipate another deer if you see one or more crossing the highway, and do not expect the deer to get out of the way. Fortunately, deer-vehicle collisions typically involve damage to the vehicle rather than human injuries. Most serious injuries occur when the motorist loses control of the vehicle and hits an immovable object such as a tree or embankment while attempting high-risk maneuvers to avoid a deer. If a collision with a deer is imminent, it is



### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU HIT ONE?

Report the incident to South Carolina Highway Patrol or local law enforcement, as well as to your insurance company. Many people wonder if they can keep the deer for consumption. This is not a problem if there is an incident report demonstrating that the deer was killed by a vehicle and not illegally shot.

best to hit the deer rather than risk losing control of the vehicle.

Motorists should understand that deer-crossing signs — diamond-shaped signs bearing the silhouette of a deer — mark a stretch of road where deer have been hit previously. However, these signs do not mark specific deer trails. Deer may frequently cross for several miles where the signs are posted. Studies show that about 45 percent of deer-vehicle collisions occur in roughly a 60-day period that corresponds with the deer-breeding season. In South Carolina, the deer-breeding season, or "rut," is generally during October and November.

# REFLECTIONS

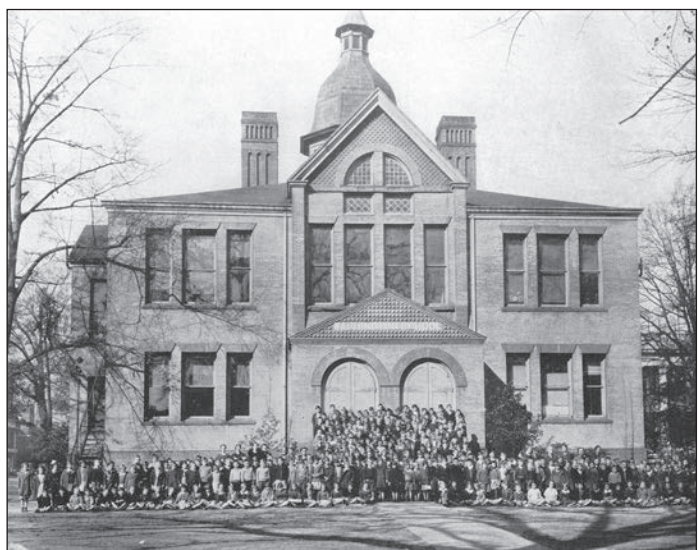


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This overhead photo looking northwest shows the block between Hampton Avenue (6) and Liberty Street (7), between Washington Street (out of the photo to the right) and Church Street (out of the photo to the left). Three school buildings once occupied this block, 1) Washington School, 2) Hampton School, and 3) Central School, along with the old Carnegie Library (4) and Temple Sinai (5).

## Sumter's early schools stood together

Single city block was home to 3 schools, the city's first Carnegie public library and Temple Sinai



1) Washington School



2) Hampton School



3) Central School

**R**eflections takes a look back at the history of a single city block, bounded by Liberty Street, Hampton Avenue, Church Street and Washington Street, which was the site of three early schools, the city's first public library and Temple Sinai.



Sammy Way  
REFLECTIONS

### 1) WASHINGTON SCHOOL

Opened on Sept. 12, 1892. The Washington School continued as a part of the Sumter skyline until 1978 when it was removed; a branch of Wachovia Bank (now Wells Fargo) was constructed on the site.

### 2) HAMPTON SCHOOL

In the spring of 1903, the Sumter School Board was given permission to raise \$15,000 in bonds. The idea was to construct a new building to help with overcrowding at the Washington School. The northeast corner of Monument Square was purchased, and plans were made to build a structure to house high school students.

### 3) CENTRAL SCHOOL

In 1914, the schools in the Sumter School system were so overcrowded that Dr. Edmunds proposed a \$50,000 bond to build Central School. The plans were drawn and approved in 1916. The construction on this new school built on "The Green" was complete in 1917. The school was constructed in line with the Hampton School and faced the Confederate Monument.

### 4) CARNEGIE LIBRARY

"In 1915, the Carnegie Corp. of New York agreed to provide \$10,000 for the construction of a library for Sumter, provided that the city would agree to furnish the site for the building and pledge \$1,000 for annual maintenance. The papers were signed on Oct. 7, 1915. Records show that in December 1917, there were 53 members of this library with 104 books in circulation."

### 5) TEMPLE SINAI

The first house of worship was a wooden structure built on the corner of Hampton Avenue and Church Street. This structure was replaced by a brick building which was dedicated in 1913.

### 6) HAMPTON AVENUE

### 7) LIBERTY STREET



4) Carnegie Library



5) Temple Sinai

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## DJs 'in jail' to raise money; industrial batteries dumped into Sumter pond

75 YEARS AGO — 1944  
May 20 — May 26

• Lt. H. George Huettig, whose wife, the former Miss Bea Sharpton, resides in Sumter, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism of an extraordinary nature while on aerial flight. The award was made May 8, only a month after Lt. Huettig received the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight. The pilot of a B-24 bomber and a member of the 15th Air Force which operates in the Mediterranean theater, Lt. Huettig received his basic training at Shaw Field and later won his wings at Stuttgart, Arkansas.

• Mayor F. B. Creech, who has served the City of Sumter as mayor for the past 12 years, announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election for a fourth term. In a letter to *The Item*, which was addressed to the citizens of Sumter, Mayor Creech said, "I feel that I have served long enough. I appreciate the many kindnesses shown me." A mayor and three members of City Council must be elected this year. No candidates have announced for mayor or city council.

• Memorial services for Pvt. Pete Way of Summerton, who was killed in action on the Italian front a few weeks ago, will be held at 5 o'clock at Andrews Chapel Methodist Church.

• The graduation for Shaw Field's 26th class of aviation cadets, 44-C, will be held at the armory here. Dancing will get under way at 8:30, and music will be furnished by the post orchestra. A formal review will be staged at the field and a banquet, at which awards to the outstanding members will be made the following night.

• Parents of pupils who will enter the first grade in the city schools next fall are asked to register these pupils in the principal's office in Central School on Tuesday and Wednesday between the hours of 9 and 4. Birth certificates should be presented when a child is registered. Children who are not six years old prior to Dec. 1, 1944, will not be registered. Parents are urged to attend to this matter promptly, as it is impossible for school authorities to plan wisely for next year unless it is known how many children will enter first grade.

• Charter members of the YMCA Health Club have been invited to meet at the Y at 6:15 this afternoon to inspect the club's facilities and hear explanation of its plans for operation. Beginning soon the club will open for operation daily from 3 to 9 p.m. Letters from J. Cliff Brown, chairman of the Health Club committee, inviting those who already have signed up as members to the open house were mailed out. "The Health Club committee is delighted to welcome you as a charter member," the communication read in part, "and urges you to come regularly to this modern health center. It will add zest and physical security."

• Shaw Field's Fliers, with a new shortstop and a band to inspire them, will seek to hit the comeback trail at Municipal Park when they take on the 347th Infantry nine from Fort Jackson. The Shaw band, under the baton of Chief Warrant Officer Robert Simpson, will play from 7:45 until game time. A loud speaking system will be in operation. The 347th, which recently joined the Servicemen's League, holds third place among the

loop teams.

• Joe Ramsey, Robert Gallo-way and Russell Hurst led the top-place Dragons to an 11-4 victory over the Eagles in the YMCA Centennial Softball League. Hugh Humphries rapped out a homer for the Dragons in the third inning. George Nichols and Harold Swann played well for the Eagles.

• A city baseball team, given the support of city officials and leading businessmen, will soon be seen in action in Municipal Ball Park. The team is rounding into first-class playing condition and should be ready to go all out within another week, one of the organizers said. Money to finance the organization and additional players, however, are being sought.

• Construction of Tuomey Hospital's new wing is scheduled to begin on July 3. If all goes well, the job will be completed by Nov. 4, six months from the date the FWA grant was made, May 4. Robert LaFaye and George LaFaye Jr., architects of Columbia who are designing the wing, were in the city yesterday.

• Swan Lake-Iris Gardens were very beautiful last week and were at the peak of bloom Sunday when crowds thronged the place. Throughout last week there were many visitors daily. Last Sunday the attendance was at its maximum, many coming from other sections of the state, especially Columbia, Camden, Florence and other comparatively nearby communities. The gasoline and tire shortage worked against the customary overflowing throng of flower lovers.

50 YEARS AGO — 1969  
Jan. 19 — 25

• Edmunds High School's girls and junior varsity boys suffered defeats at the hands of Lower Richland teams. The girls were defeated by 55-38 while the junior varsity fell in another close contest, 41-35. Betty Stuckey flipped in 14 points and Carol Catoe 12 to lead the Lady Gamecocks in the loss. Art Beasley was the only player in double figures for the J. V. Team with 16.

• Sumter swimmer Cindy Ogle turned in an exceptional performance, setting two new state age group records while leading her team to a fourth-place standing after one week of competition in the S.C. Indoor Age Group Swimming Championships. Both of Cindy's marks were in the freestyle for 9-10 swimmers. In the 50-yard freestyle, she snapped the old record of :32.7 with a time of :32.0. Then she was second in the 100-yard free style event but still broke the state record of 1:13.5 with a time of 1:11.8.

• Antiwar demonstrators, holding their own inauguration, have elevated Richard M. Nixon to the position of No. 1 target for their protests. Even before taking the oath as the 37th president, Nixon was made sharply aware of what life in the bull's-eye is going to be like. Nixon masks and effigies were featured in a counter inaugural parade by 5,000 demonstrators.

• Formal groundbreaking ceremonies for 300 new housing units at Shaw Air Force Base will take place soon. Expected to attend the ceremonies and deliver the main address is First District Congressman L. Mendel Rivers, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee. The new housing costs \$5,531,100 and is being constructed by Lake McDonald Co. of Vidalia, Geor-



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

1993 — Sixth-graders Crystal McDowell, left, and Ann Douglas talk about the concept of their "pig house" — which has a loft for guests — that was designed as part of a gifted and talented class taught by Leslie Roberts. Students were creating a lifestyle for pigs in a fun exercise to expand their thinking process.

gia. Completion date is June 1971.

• Two WDXY disc jockeys are "going to jail" from noon Friday through noon Saturday in front of the police department on Main Street to help raise funds for the March of Dimes. Billy Williams and Ken Martin have been "sentenced" to the March of Dimes jail by Tom Winstead, campaign director, for forgetting to contribute to the March of Dimes campaign last year. Bond for the two has been set at \$1,440, or a dollar a minute for 14 hours.

• The Sumter County Heart Fund Campaign has begun its annual drive. Doran A. Bramlett, president of the Sumter County Heart Unit, announced that the campaign will be conducted throughout February. Bramlett will be assisted by Col. Hugh Knight as general city chairman and Sheriff I. Byrd Parnell as general county chairman.

• The National Commander of the Salvation Army, Commissioner Samuel Hepburn, will speak at the annual Advisory Board meeting. Commissioner Hepburn, who has filled this position since 1966, also serves as a chairman of the Salvation Army Commissioners' Conference, the national body within the Salvation Army which establishes policy in this country.

• Mrs. Louise M. Beard recently was named administrator of the Hillhaven Convalescent Center according to Fred C. Diamond of Tacoma, Washington, president of Hillhaven Inc. Mrs. Beard, born in Dalzell, has been a resident of Durham for more than 31 years. She graduated from Hillcrest High School and Duke University School of Nursing.

• St. Jude's Padres snapped a three-game losing streak by defeating Dennis, 78-58. Ronald Pickering pumped in 19 points, Frasier Eperson 23 and Calvin Glisson 12 to spark the winners. In jayvee action, Dennis defeated St. Jude 37-35 in three extra periods. Francis Gilliard topped the St. Jude scoring with nine points and also led in rebounding with 12.

• Turning up the heat in the second half, Summerton bombed Manning here 76-34, in a non-conference high school cage game. Summerton outscored the Monarchs in every period and enjoyed a huge cushion the entire contest. Manning was never in the game after the first period. Johnny Touchberry scored 21, Wayne Martin 22 and Danny Chewing and Timms Walker 10 apiece for the winning Blue Streaks.

• Bob Cherry, a coaching veteran here of four years, will be the new head track coach at Edmunds High School. Forty-six candidates turned out for the first regularly scheduled practice for the team which has dominated the sport in the state for the past two years. Cherry, who has been an assistant in jayvee football, was formerly the track assistant to Bill Painter, who will be changing jobs.

• After four hectic months of planning layouts, features

and photography, the staff of the EHS Literary magazine will distribute WINTER SIGNATURE, a masterpiece unequalled by any previous school publication. This year the magazine is more creative, featuring a symbolic collage centered about a hornet's nest, a pictorial essay of awareness, tombstone rubbings and a handlettered list of patrons and advertisements.

• Despite a hot performance by William Blyther, the Lincoln Bulldogs suffered their fourth defeat in 16 games, losing to Burke, 79-59. Blyther, a 6-2 senior, scored 23 points and hauled down 10 rebounds to spark the Bulldogs in the losing cause.

• Ah! What a relief it is to be rid of those horrible semester examinations. Last week, the faces of many Lincolinites were so "long" with worry and anxiety that they were almost unbearable to look upon. All over the school the million-dollar question was, "Do you think you passed your test?" But now semester exams are over (until the end of the year) and with the exception of report cards, there is no foreseen element which will destroy the happiness of the school family.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993  
Oct. 22 — 28

• Sumter School District 17 may soon build a much-needed third middle school at the intersection of U.S. 401 and U.S. 378/76, in the easternmost area of the district. District 17 Superintendent Dr. Andrena Ray said that district officials are considering buying a large plot of land on the southeast side of the intersection as a possible construction site. The district needs to build a new middle school because overcrowding at its seven elementary schools is expected to quickly affect its two existing middle schools. The district serves nearly 10,000 students.

• Sumter School District 2 trustees met in executive session to discuss contractual matters related to school construction. Trustees met with five small groups for about 30 minutes each during the first part of the meeting. One member of one of the groups did not identify the firm for which he works but said the firm is interested in acting as site manager for the district's construction project. District 2 voters approved a \$38.5 million bond referendum that will finance the construction of two new high schools and the re-roofing of 10 other schools.

• Planning consultants bent over backward to convince owners of property around Shaw Air Force Base that a plan to stop new development that encroaches on the base won't prevent them from using their land. The plan recommends changing the zoning designation of some areas around the base and Pointsett Weapons Range, located south of the base off S.C. 261, to lower the maximum allowable density of house construction. Developers would be allowed to finish building existing, platted subdivisions if new

houses are built to specifications that would reduce the volume of jet noise audible inside them.

• Hudgens head football coach Bill Pate won a big game in his career thanks to Cougar running back Brandon Campbell. Campbell ran for 271 yards and two touchdowns, and Pate picked up his 200th career victory as Hudgens rolled to a 46-0 win over Wilson Hall at Spencer field.

• A tractor-trailer carrying industrial batteries from a Sumter plant flipped over on U.S. 15 north of Sumter, dumping two of the batteries into Whites Mill Pond. The batteries each contained about a gallon of sulphuric acid, which leaked into the pond, said Ronnie Driggers, an environmental specialist with the state Department of Health and Environmental Control. Driggers said, however, the spill was not large enough to threaten wildlife or residents in the area.

• Jimmy McDuffie Jr. is a friend of the city of Sumter and a lover of children. That explains why he's a tireless promoter of the flora and fauna of Swan Lake. He's also the newest recipient of the Mayor's Community Service Award. Sumter Mayor Steve Creech surprised McDuffie with the award during a ceremony at the Opera House. McDuffie came to the opera House for another reason. He had Swan Lake on his mind again and had come to ask Creech and Sumter City Manager Talmadge Tobias if they had made any progress in getting permission from the state highway department for either a tunnel or a catwalk across Liberty Street that would connect the south and north ends of Swan Lake.

• It is a known fact that turnovers can hurt a football team. Sumter coach Tom Lewis learned that lesson again the hard way as his Gamecocks fumbled three times in a 13-7 loss to Irmo. The cold and rainy weather may have had something to do with the turnovers, but Irmo coach Joe Turbeville credited good defense by his Yellow Jackets.

• In the past eight years, Michael and Cheryl Bennett have visited a lot of churches in South Carolina. Big ones on busy roads and small ones on back roads, apparently unknown to anybody but their congregations — churches representing dozens of denominations and even one of a faith the Bennetts still haven't quite figured out, but which seemed to them vaguely Christian. The Bennetts are Bennett's Church Furniture, a small Sumter County company on U.S. 76/378 west of Shaw Air Force Base that for the past eight years has been making custom-ordered, hardwood pews, pulpits, tithing stands, chairs for pastors and deacons, communion tables, offering tables — almost anything any church needs, including the low chair-side table holding the water pitcher and glass for the sweat-stained preacher who has just finished a righteous sermon.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcements

**DENTAL INSURANCE.** Call Physicians Mutual Insurance Company for details. NOT just a discount plan, REAL coverage for 350 procedures. 855-397-7030 or <http://www.dental50plus.com/60Ad#6118>

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Tuesday, October 30, 2018 is the last day to redeem winning tickets in the following South Carolina Education Lottery Instant Games: (SC965) RAPID 7 DOUBLER, (SC907) MONEY CLIP

**HEAR AGAIN!** Try our hearing aid for just \$75 down and \$50 per month! Call 800-937-2218 and mention 88270 for a risk free trial! FREE SHIPPING!

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### Financial Service

**GATES FINANCE & TAX SERVICE, INC.**  
803-774-7600



We are making loans that you do not have to have perfect credit. People have problems from time to time and we are here to try to help. Our loans are from \$400 - \$1,200 and are set to pay back in less than a year. Call me, Wayne Greene or Terri Gagnon to get started today.

### Home Improvements

**SBC Construction of Sumter**  
Metal /Shingle Roofs • Porches • Concrete & Windows  
•Water Problems •Tree removal  
Call BURCH 803-720-4129

### Roofing

**All Types of Roofing & Roofing Repairs** All work guaranteed. 30 yrs exp. SC lic. Virgil Bickley 803-316-4734.

### Tree Service

**Newman's Tree Service** Tree removal, trimming, topping, view enhancement pruning, bobcat work stump grinding, Lic & insured. Call 803-316-0128

**Ricky's Tree Service** Tree removal, stump grinding, Lic & ins, free quote, 803-435-2223 or cell 803-460-8747.

## PETS & ANIMALS

### Cats

**FREE KITTENS** to a good home. 6 weeks old. Litter box trained Call 803-983-3264

## MERCHANDISE

### Want to Buy

Used in gd. cond. lawn mwr. storage bldg. Call 803-499-3225

### Auctions

**AUCTION:** Great Moncks Corner Rentals (4 Units) Val \$300K+ WILL SELL >\$99K! On-Line Only Nov 9-15. Preview Nov 4 & 11 Mike Harper 843-729-4996 (SCAL 3728) [www.HarperAuctionAndRealty.com](http://www.HarperAuctionAndRealty.com) for details.

### Auctions

**ADVERTISE YOUR AUCTION** in 99 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 2.1 million readers. Call Alanna Ritchie at the S.C. Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

### Farm Products

**Produce For sale**  
**New Crop Sweet Potatoes**  
Call 803-473-3355.

### Firewood

**TONS & TONS** of fire wood premium seasoned oak. U haul \$50 per pick up load, delivered 1 cord \$130. Collins Tree Service 803-499-2136

### Garage, Yard & Estate Sales

**One Day Estate Sale:** Sun. Oct. 28th 12-5 at 121 Chappell St. Sumter. Antiques, washer & dryer.

**103 N. Pike West.** Church fundraiser! Sunday - Wednesday, 10 am - 2 pm. Rain or Shine!

### For Sale or Trade

**Wood Mizer saw mill** (model LT40), exc. cond. New HP motor (200 hrs) 30 spare blades. \$10,000. Call 803-499-2136

**New & used Heat pumps & A/C.** Will install/repair. Call 843-992-2364

**Earthlink High Speed Internet.** As Low As \$14.95/month (for the first 3 months.) Reliable High Speed Fiber Optic Technology. Stream Videos, Music and More! Call Earthlink Today 1-877-649-9469

**Evergreen Cemetary,** Fountain Garden Three - 2 plots & 2 vaults. \$8,000 for all. Call 843-607-4887.

**DISH TV \$59.99 For 190 Channels** \$14.95 High Speed Internet, Free Installation, Smart HD DVR Included, Free Voice Remote. Some restrictions apply. Call 1-877-542-0759

**Everything Kenmore:** up-right freezer \$200, dryer \$150, 2 new pedestals \$125 a piece, washer & refrigerator \$50 a piece. Call 803-464-1674

**DIRECTV CHOICE All-Included Package.** Over 185 Channels! ONLY \$45/month (for 24 mos.) Call Now -Get NFL Sunday Ticket FREE! CALL 844-624-1107 Ask Us How To Bundle & Save!

**NEW AT&T INTERNET OFFER.** \$20 and \$30/mo. plans available when you bundle. 99% Reliable 100% Affordable. HURRY, OFFER ENDS SOON. New Customers Only. CALL NOW 1-855-825-2669

**For Sale:** Total gym Paid \$350 asking \$175. Some accessories and tapes included. Call 803-506-4686 leave mess.

**Viasat Satellite Internet.** Up to 12 Mbps Plans Starting at \$30/month. Our Fastest Speeds (up to 50 Mbps) & Unlimited Data Plans Start at \$100/month. Call Viasat today! 1-866-463-8950

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## EMPLOYMENT

### Help Wanted Full-Time

**Maintenance Worker**  
**Water & Sewer Department**  
The City of Sumter is seeking qualified applicants. If interested see details at [www.sumtersc.gov](http://www.sumtersc.gov)

**Nesbitt Transportation** is now hiring Class A CDL Drivers. Must be 23 yrs old and have 2 yrs experience. Home nights and weekends. Also hiring diesel mechanics. Call 843-621-0943 or 843-659-8254

**HVAC Service Tech** position & install person avail. F/T w/ benefits. Apply in person Gene's Heating & Air, LLC, 4035 Raccoon Rd. Manning

**Heavy Equipment Operators**  
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**Customer Service Representative**

FTC is seeking a Customer Service Representative to join our team at the Call Center in Sumter. The successful candidate must meet the following requirements: high school diploma; working knowledge of computers; data entry skills; two years experience in customer service; excellent verbal communication skills; personality for dealing with the public; excellent organizational skills.

The following requirements are desired: associate degree or minimum of two years of college; proactive selling skills.

Excellent benefits package. Send resume to: Human Resources Representative, P. O. Box 588, Kingstree, SC. 29556, or apply online at [ftc-i.net](http://ftc-i.net). FTC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

### Help Wanted Full-Time

**Newman's Tree Service**  
Now hiring tree workers, climbers, bucket truck operators, and groundsmen. Driver's license and experience is required. 803-316-0128

**Sewer Camera Truck Operator**  
**Water & Sewer Department**  
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### Help Wanted Part-Time

**CITY OF BISHOPVILLE**  
**Job Title: Bldg Code Enforcement Officer**  
**(PART-TIME POSITION NO BENEFIT PACKET)**

**PURPOSE:** Performs work in the enforcement of the Code and Ordinances of the City of Bishopville to include investigations and enforcement actions related to violations of said Codes and Ordinances.

**QUALIFICATIONS OF JOB**

1. Requires a high school diploma or GED equivalent
2. Two years experience related to inspection, law enforcement, building inspection, land use, public administration or a related field
3. Any equivalent combination of education and experience
4. Valid S.C. Driver's License
5. Must have ability to establish effective working relationships with property owners, general public, supervisor and co-workers including the ability to communicate effectively, orally and in writing; interpret, explain, and apply applicable codes, inspection methods, relevant laws, Codes and Ordinances

Applications deadline: Friday, November 2, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. or send resume to:

City of Bishopville  
Administration  
P. O. Box 388  
Bishopville, SC 29010  
803-484-5948

The City of Bishopville is an Equal Opportunity Employer

### Trucking Opportunities

### Truck / Trailer Service Technician / Welder

Immediate opening for a general service technician to perform general maintenance and PM services. Experience with general repair, brakes, lights along with welding/fabricating experience preferred. Benefit package includes medical, dental, life, prescription and 401K plan. Company supplied uniforms, paid vacations, paid holidays and accrued PTO time. Salary based on experience and \$1,000.00 sign-on bonus. Applicants can apply in person at Freehold Cartage 132 Myrtle Beach Hwy Sumter, SC 29153 or call 803-773-2611ext 25. Resumes can be e-mailed to [tkrigbaum@freeholdcartage.com](mailto:tkrigbaum@freeholdcartage.com). Hourly rate commensurate with experience.

**Local Contract Drivers** needed in Sumter. Jumpstart/fuel deliveries/tire changes. Vehicle required, no experience necessary Call Amera at 267-270-5225

### Medical Help Wanted

**Optician / Frame Stylist** Busy optometric office looking for an experienced Optician / Frame Stylist to join our team. Primary responsibilities include assisting and educating patients with selection of eyeglass frames, lenses and lens enhancements. Also must be able to adjust and repair frames. Qualified candidate will have at least three years experience in similar position. Fax resume to (803) 773-4314 or mail to Attn: Office Manager, 127 Broad Street, Sumter SC 29150.

### Statewide Employment

**ADVERTISE YOUR DRIVER JOBS** in 99 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Your 25-word classified ad will reach more than 2.1 million readers. Call Alanna Ritchie at the S.C. Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

## RENTALS

### Rooms for Rent

**Large mens room for rent, all amenities included.** Call Stephen 803-565-7924.

### Unfurnished Apartments

**Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income)**  
Shiloh-Randolph Manor  
125 W. Bartlette.  
775-0575  
Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available EHO

**Newly remodeled nice** 1 br, 1 ba, apt. in Historical Dist. refig & stove, hardwood floors, C/H/A, downtown area. No Pets. No Smoking. \$400 mo. + dep. 803-491-5375.

### Unfurnished Homes

**Houses for rent 2 & 3 bedrooms**  
Call 803-773-7789

**106 Agnes** 2BR MH \$425 mo +Dep. No pets. Call 803-481-4013

### Mobile Home Rentals

**Scenic Lake**  
**2 Br/2 ba, No pets, housing accepted** (1 child). 499-1500 /469-6978 betw. 9am-5pm

**American MHP,** 2 & 3/BR, lot rentals, water/sewer/garbage pickup inc'd. Sec. 8 ok. 803-494-4300.

### Vacation Rentals

**ADVERTISE YOUR VACATION PROPERTY** FOR RENT OR SALE to more than 2.1 million S.C. newspaper readers. Your 25-word classified ad will appear in 101 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Call Alanna Ritchie at the South Carolina Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

### Commercial Rentals

**1000 sq. ft. retail,** former beauty shop, McCrays Mill Rd. Call Bobby Sisson at 803-464-2730.

## REAL ESTATE

### Homes for Sale

**3BR/2BA home,** all appliances, some furniture, country setting, fenced yard, Manning area. No pets & no smokers. \$300 a month. Call Mike 803-410-4981

### Homes for Sale

**For Sale by Owner! Save reality costs!** 3BR/2BA DW on half acre, furnished or unfurnished Fish Rd. Dalzell Call for info 803-512-0386

### Land & Lots for Sale

**Land For Sale** Wedgefield, 4.5 Acres w/well & septic on paved road. Buy, rent, or lease! Call 803-481-8314

## TRANSPORTATION

### Mopeds / ATVs / Motorcycles

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## WE WILL BUY YOUR CAR OUTRIGHT!

Regardless of year, make or model, we will pay you good money for your current vehicle. We can give you a fair price appraisal in 15 minutes. Call Dealer For An Appointment **855.223.5023**



# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

the Sumter ITEM

# Going on vacation?

## Don't Miss A Thing!

Let your carrier save your paper for you while you are on vacation!

**CALL** 803-774-1258  
Customer Service  
Dept. Hours  
Mon-Fri 8am - 5pm

the Sumter ITEM 36 W. Liberty Street  
803-774-1258

## LEGAL NOTICES

### Beer & Wine License

### Notice Of Application

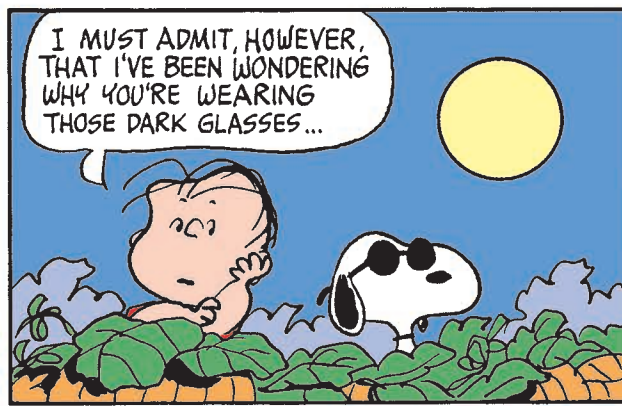
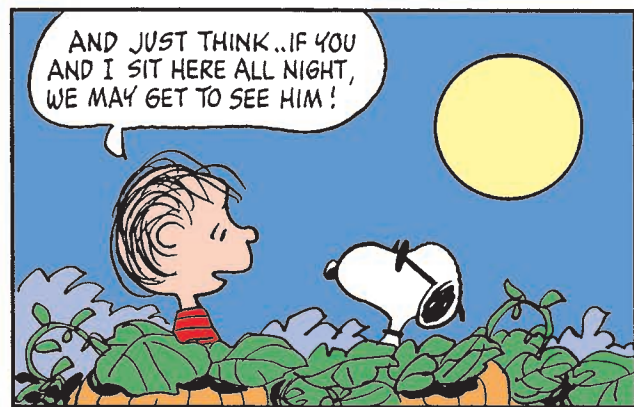
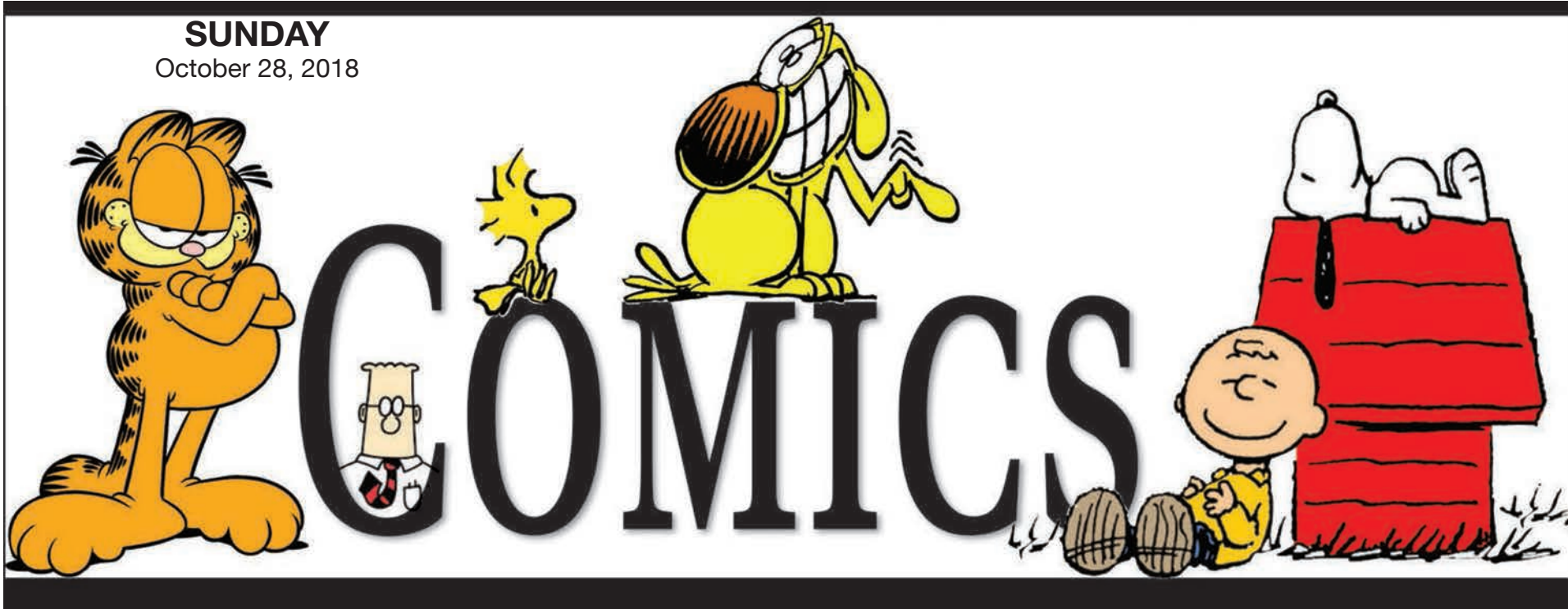
Notice is hereby given that **SSRV of Sumter, LLC dba A and P Coastal Mart** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and OFF premises consumption of Beer & Wine at **501 Boulevard Road, Sumter, SC 29153**. To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **November 13, 2018**. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

### Debt Notice

**DEBT NOTICE**  
I, **Mary Ann Rhames** will not be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself. Name: Mary Ann Rhames Address: 885 Promise Lane Sumter, SC 29153

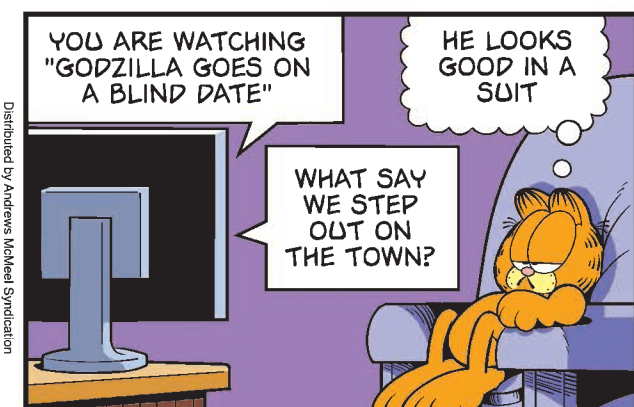
Park it in the **CLASSIFIEDS** and watch it go fast!





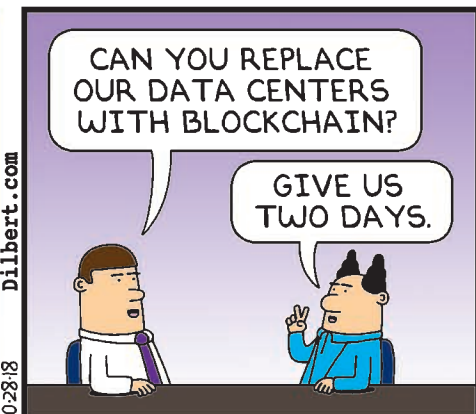
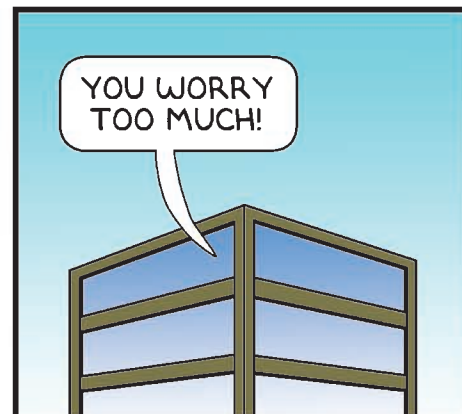
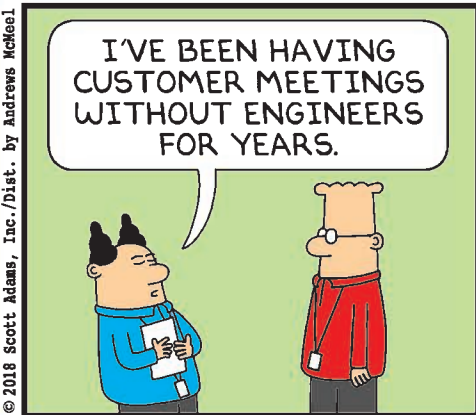
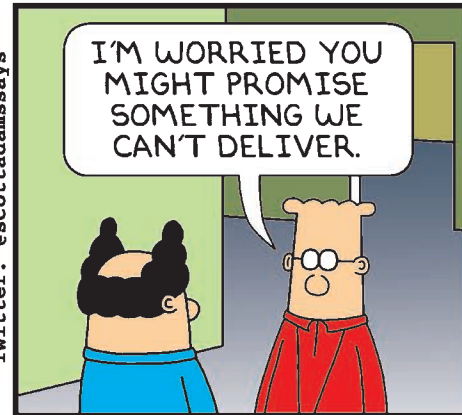
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BY JIM DAVIS



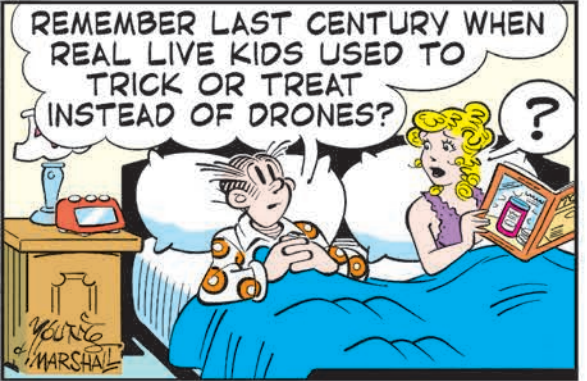
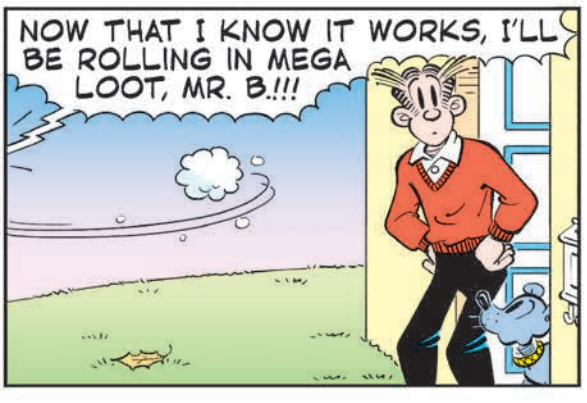
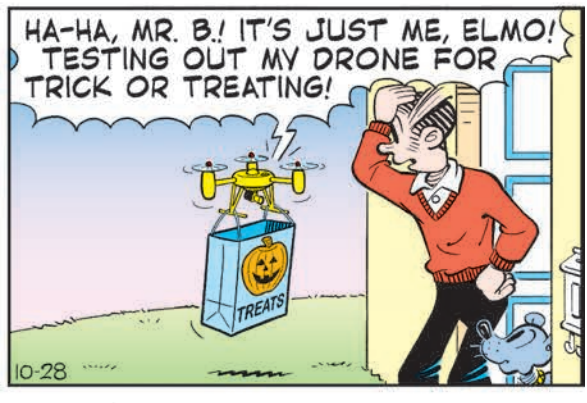
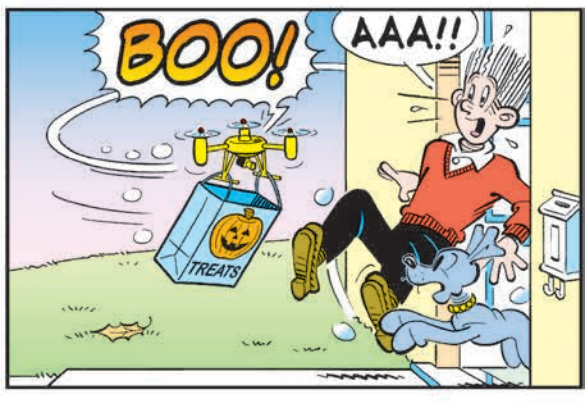
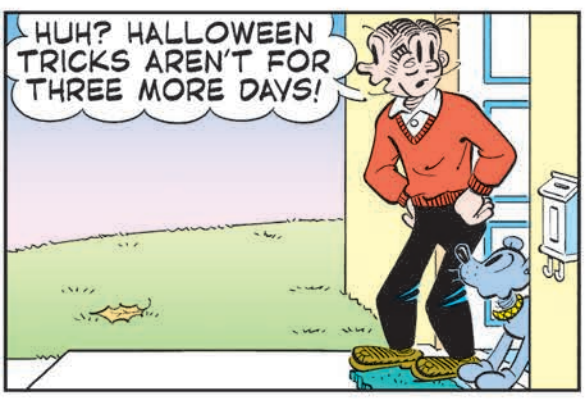
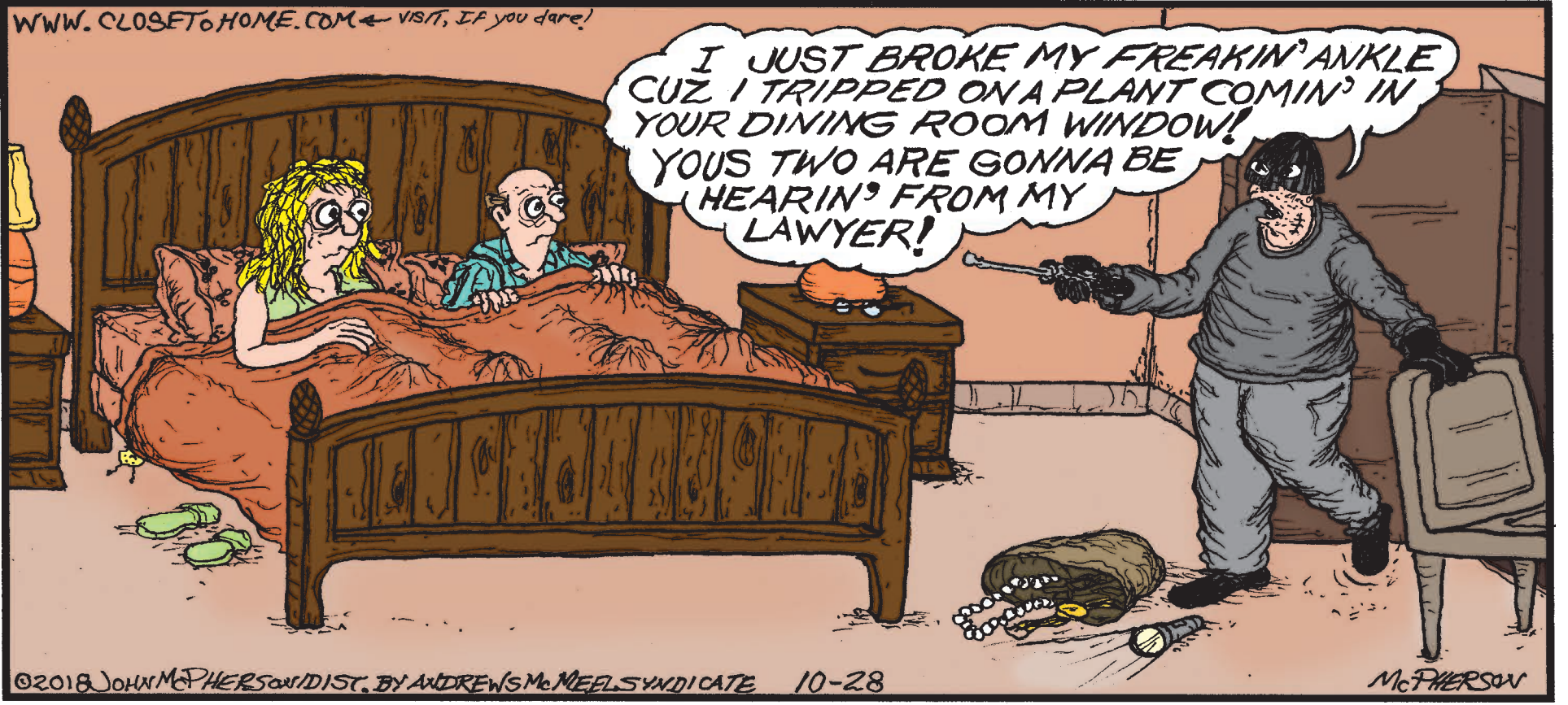
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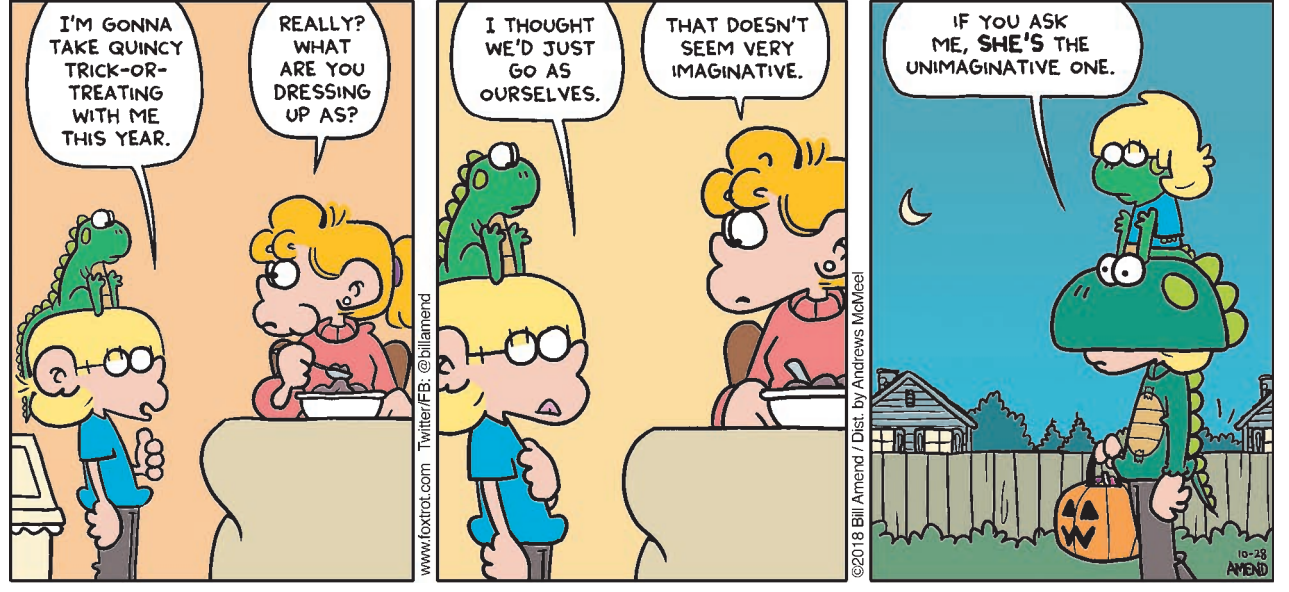
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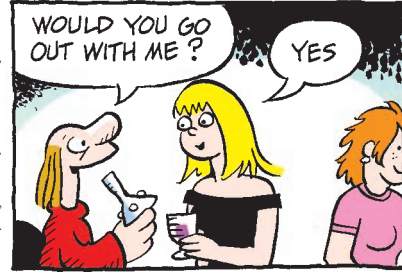
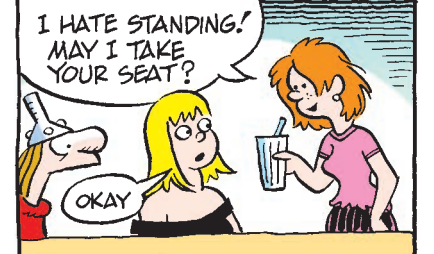
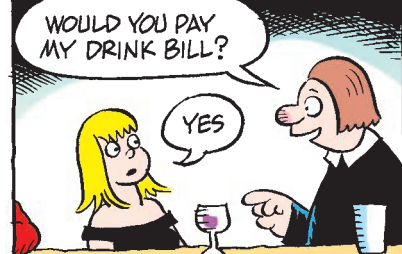
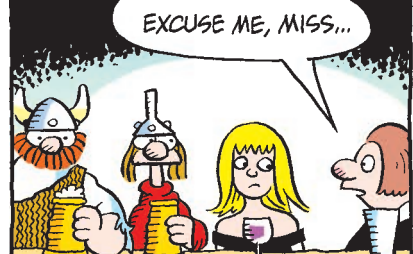
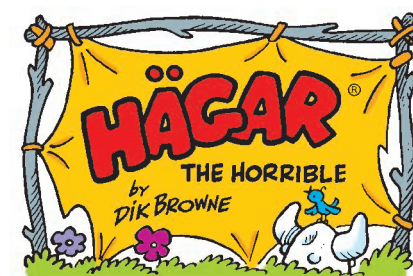
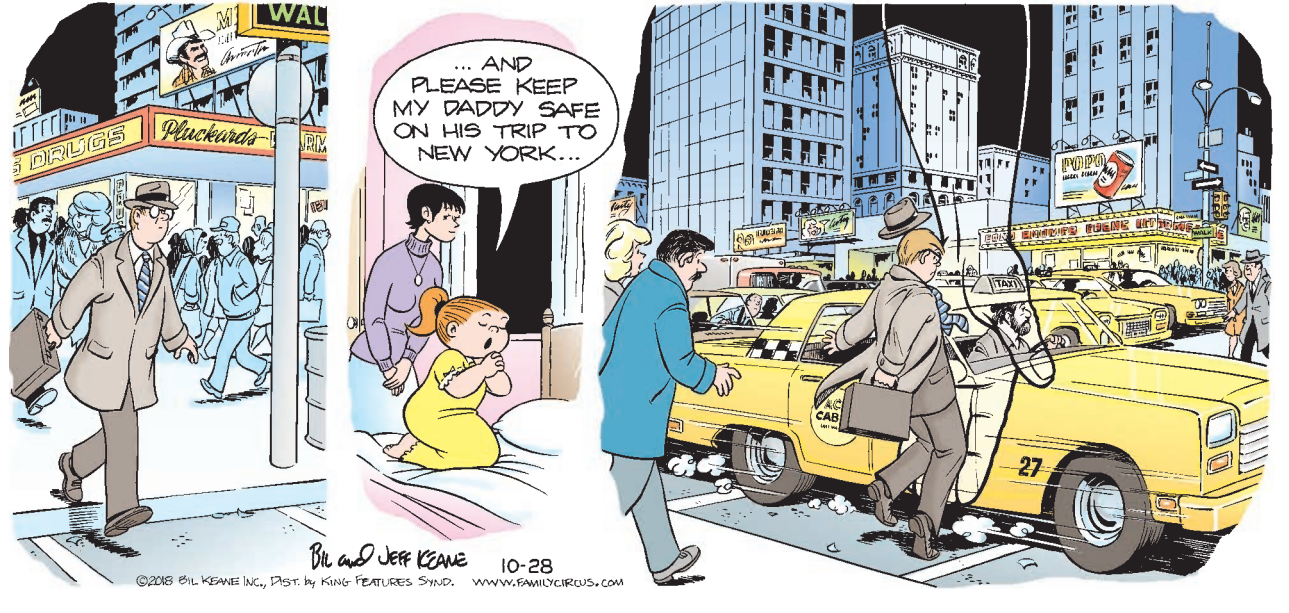
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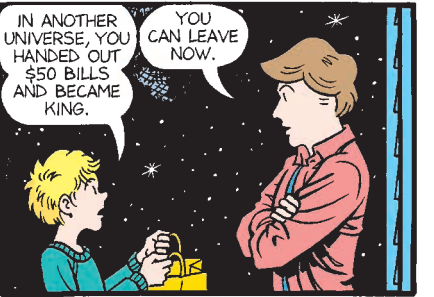
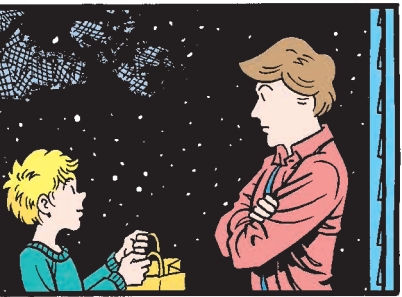
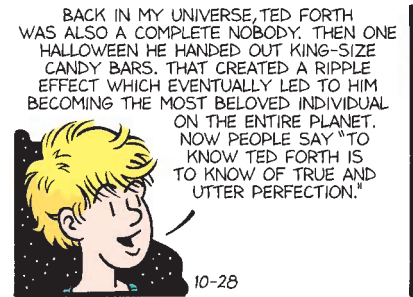
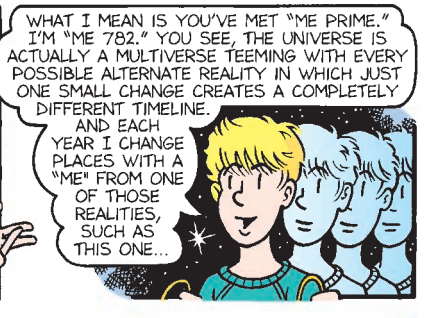
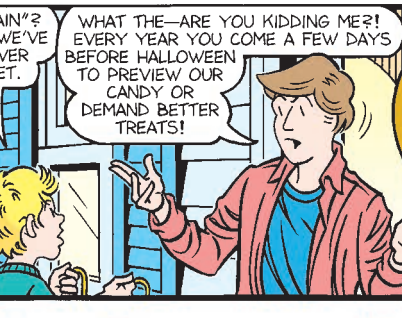
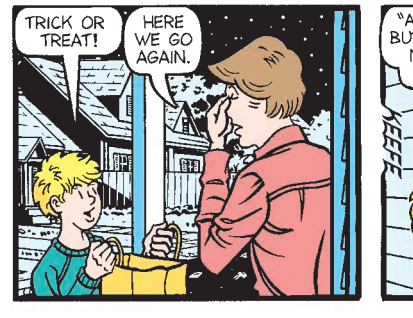
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



**DOODLES** By Foote & Sacko

HELP US TIPTOE PAST THESE ANGRY PRAIRIE DOGS!

COULD YOU PLEASE INTERVENE? THESE PRAIRIE DOGS LOOK KIND OF MEAN!

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**Doodle Zoo**

DO VEGETARIANS EAT ANIMAL CRACKERS?

**Draw!!** DRAW A PRAIRIE DOG!

**Riddles!!!**

Q. WHAT DO YOU CALL A MONKEY THAT FLIES?  
A. A HOT AIR BABOON.  
Jan Richards, San Antonio, TX

Q. DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SKUNK THAT WROTE A BOOK?  
A. IT WAS A BEST-SMELLER.  
Steven Quinn, Alexandria, VA

MY 2 CENTS WORTH

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Tree trunk is different. 2. Girl's hand is showing. 3. Fingers are different. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Moon is lower. 6. Bush is larger.

**FRANK AND ERNEST**

HEY, ERNIE, YOU'RE TRYING ON COSTUMES FOR THE HALLOWEEN PARTY!

NO, I'M FINDING CLOTHES FOR MY JOB AT THE STORE.

I NEED TO FIT IN WITH THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS THERE. THEY'VE BEEN UP FOR WEEKS.

IT'S TOO SOON! I DON'T LIKE THE DECORATIONS GOING UP SO EARLY!

CUPID'S ANOTHER WAY I COULD DRESS FOR WORK. THE VALENTINE'S DAY DECORATIONS ARE GOING UP RIGHT NOW!

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**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art & Chip Sansom

I LOVE SHOPPING AT THE MALL...

BRILLINGER MALL

**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM** BY MIKE PETERS

NO, ATTILA... I SAID DO YOU KNOW THE "HEIMLICH" MANEUVER?

THE ONLY BAD THING ABOUT IT IS TRYING TO FIND YOUR CAR IN THE VAST EXpanse OF THE PARKING LOT, WHEN YOU'VE FINISHED SHOPPING!

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN—IT CAN BE LIKE TRYING TO FIND A NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK!

**WIZARD OF ID** by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

I ALWAYS FEEL SO NERVOUS WHEN I LEAVE HIM HOME ALONE ALL DAY

WIZARD! GIANT TARANTULA!

OH, THAT'S FLOYD... HERE TO HELP WITH HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS

RIGHT, BUT I'VE COME UP WITH A BACKUP PLAN—I MAKE A NOTE TO MYSELF BEFORE I LEAVE THE CAR!

OH, YOU WRITE DOWN THE SECTION AND ROW YOU PARKED IN? GREAT IDEA!

**GET FUZZY** BY DARBY CONLEY

WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T WANT ANY MILK? YOU GOT SOMETHING AGAINST MILK?

NO, I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE IT RIGHT NOW.

SATCHEL, I'M OFFERING YOU SOME OF MY PRIVATE STOCK... YOU DON'T TURN A CAT DOWN WHEN HE OFFERS YOU MILK FROM A BOTTLE! YOU TURN MILK DOWN IN GREECE AND YOU'RE IN TROUBLE, MY FRIEND.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU TURN GREASE DOWN IN MILK?

WHAT?

WHAT?

LOOK, ARE YOU GOING TO ACCEPT MY GRACIOUS OFFER OF MILK OR NOT?

NO, BUT I'LL TAKE SOME GREASE IF YOU HAVE IT.

WELL, CLEARLY YOU'RE ANTI-MILK. YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE LACTOSE INTOLERANTS.

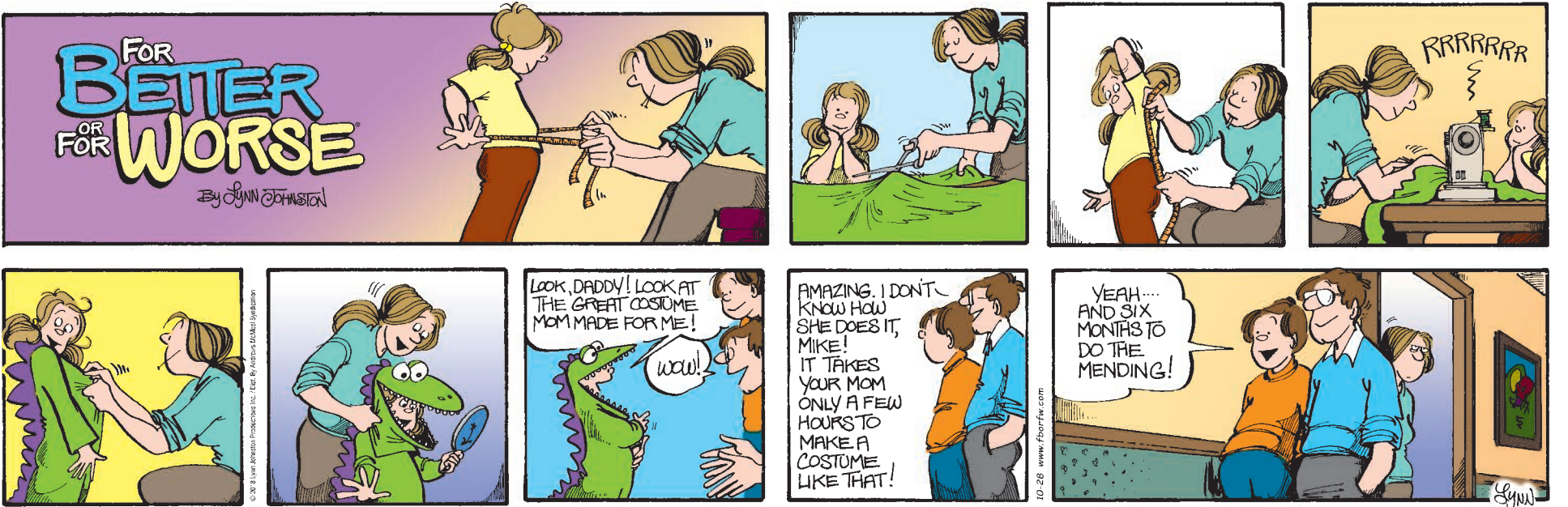
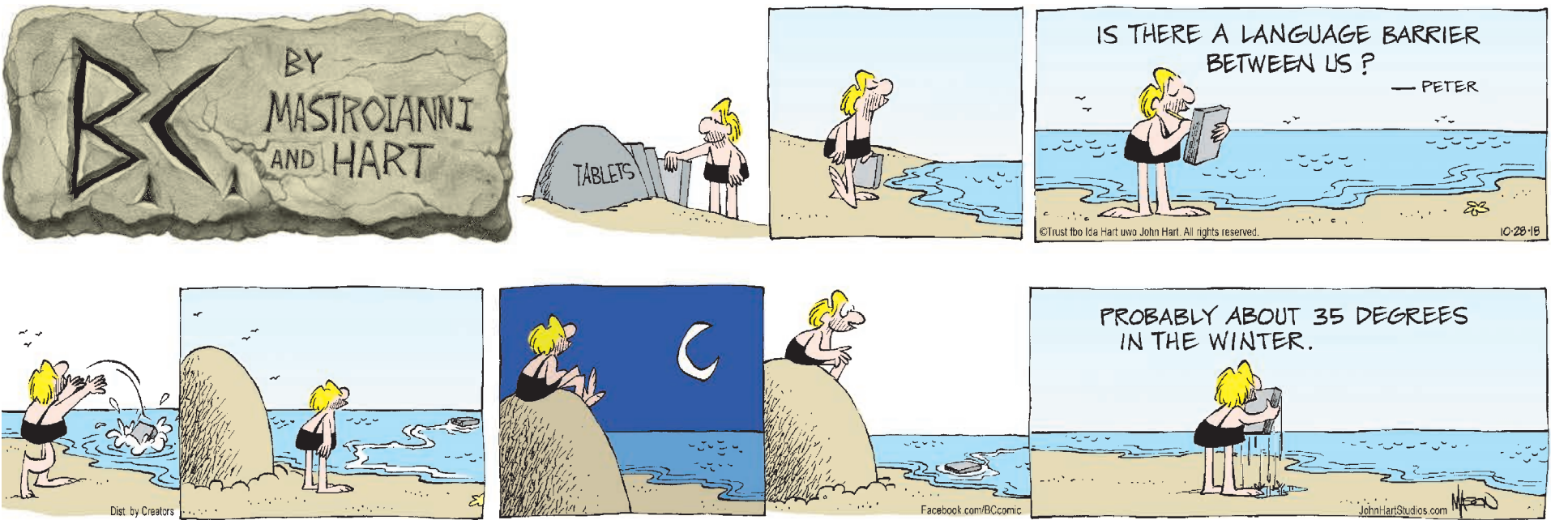
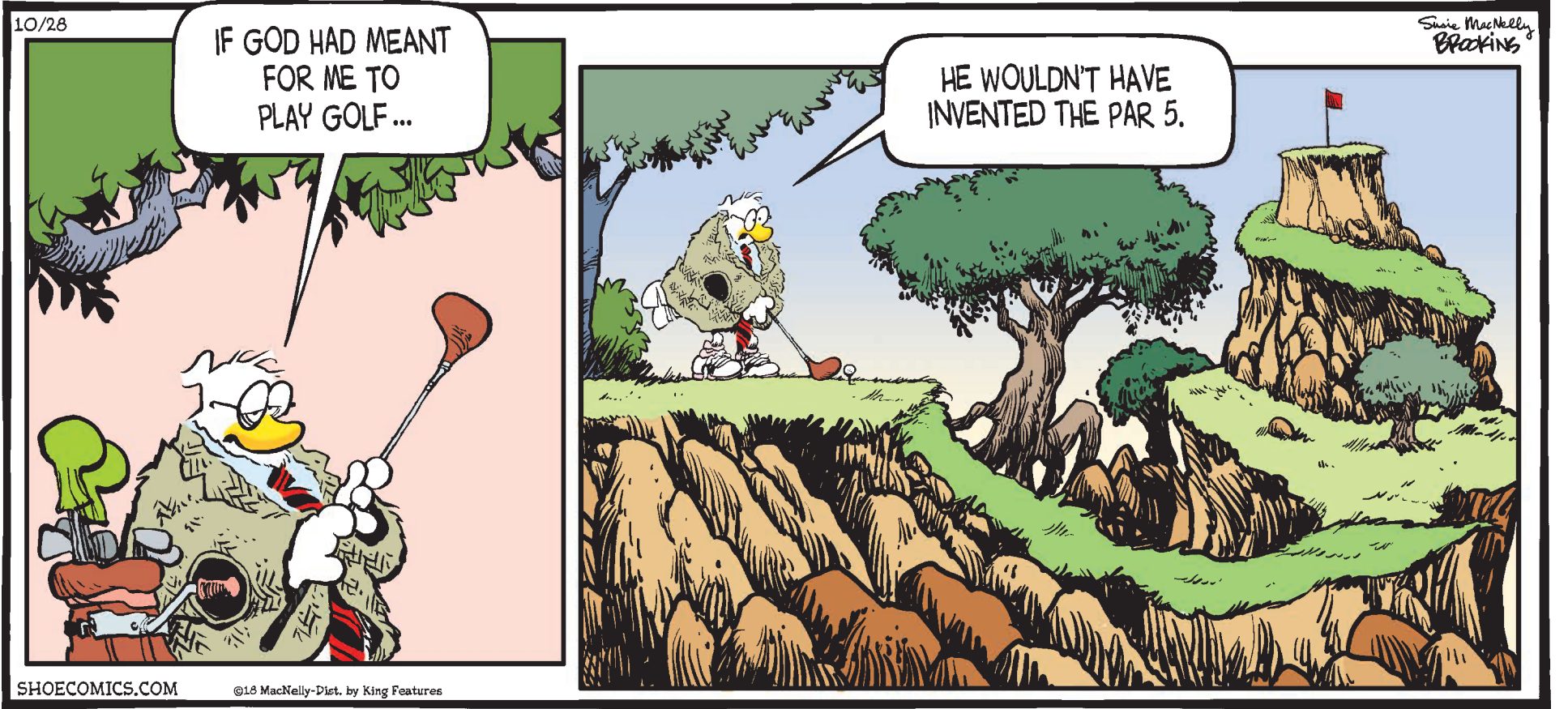
NO—I WRITE MYSELF A REMINDER THAT MY CAR IS A BLUE FORD!

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