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Trump expected to tap Exxon’s Tillerson for State Dept. post

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump moved closer to nominating Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson as his secretary of State Saturday, meeting privately with the business leader for the second time in a week. Trump’s transition team cautioned that no announcement was expected during the weekend.

Trump has privately signaled that he plans to tap Tillerson for the powerful Cabinet post, but had not formally offered him the job as of Saturday afternoon, according to people who have spoken with Trump and his transition team. Some advisers worry that Tillerson’s ties to Russia would lead to a contentious Senate confirmation hearing and keep alive questions about Trump’s own relationship with Moscow.

The CIA has assessed with “high confidence” that Russia sought to influence the U.S. election on behalf of Trump, who spoke throughout the campaign about improving Washington’s relationship with Moscow. Tillerson rose to prominence through Exxon’s Russian energy business and was awarded Russia’s Order of Friendship.

The president-elect’s deliberations over his pick to lead the State Department — particularly his consideration of Mitt Romney for the post — have exposed anew the deep rivalries within Trump’s team.

EFFECTS OF SPORTS ON LOCAL SCHOOLS, STUDENTS

# A small price to pay

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The total expenses and total revenues don’t balance, but are high school athletics a major expense on school districts? The answer is “no” if you ask Dana Fall, Sumter School District’s assistant superintendent for school and student services, who is also over the district’s athletic program for the three high schools and seven middle schools.

According to Fall, the district’s total athletics budget is \$250,000. It breaks down to be an estimated \$100,000 for Sumter High School, \$50,000 each for Crestwood and Lakewood — which are both about

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## HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS BY THE NUMBERS

3  
Public high schools  
Sumter, Crestwood and Lakewood

63  
Total teams (includes varsity and junior varsity teams, boys and girls)

1,150  
Total estimated athletes

\$250,000  
Total school district athletics budget for high schools and middle schools — Sumter: \$100,000; Crestwood: \$50,000; and Lakewood: \$50,000. Football budgetary costs as percentage of total athletics budget: roughly 50 percent. Basketball budgetary costs as percentage of total athletics budget: 15 to 20 percent. Other sports’ total combined budgetary costs as percentage of total athletics budget: 30 to 35 percent. Separate Middle Schools’ athletics budget: \$50,000 for 7 district middle schools.

— Source: Sumter School District

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A Sumter High helmet and shoulder pads wait on a bench in the school’s locker room recently. Local schools spend big money on sports and cite big returns from doing so.

More goes into school sports than practice and cheering

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Much more goes into a high school football or basketball game than selling tickets and hot dogs, and rooting for the home team.

In fact, for Sumter High School, enjoying the game-day experience at a varsity football game costs about \$5,150 and about \$1,500 is spent to make a varsity basketball game happen.

Dana Fall, Sumter School

District assistant superintendent for school and student services, said the football games have the added expense of field maintenance, which increases operation costs by about \$1,000 each game.

He said the difference in costs and revenues between football and basketball is also related to the amount of attendance for both sports. Football tends to bring in more revenue for the schools, he said.

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Shirley Wells prepares an order of nachos in the Crestwood High School concession stand during their recent game against Orangeburg-Wilkinson. Wells has worked in the stand for 20 years.

Sports a valuable tool for educators

BY JIM HILLEY  
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Sports are important tools for keeping kids in school and on track academically, according to those interviewed by *The Sumter Item* concerning the value of athletics in schools.

“People don’t understand how important athletics is to the kids in school,” said Dana Fall, assistant superintendent for school and student services. “Not just to the kids that they keep in school, but also the culture and the climate.”

Sumter School Board Trustee Johnny Hilton

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Wayne Norman Eldridge  
George Beck

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Lee County Council set to meet on Tuesday

The Lee County Council will meet for a public hearing and a regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the main court room of Lee County Courthouse, 123 S. Main St., Bishopville.

Council will have public hearings concerning amendments to the Lee County Zoning Ordinance involving outdoor shooting ranges as a permitted use in rural districts and a regulation concerning such facilities, as well as an ordinance concerning summons procedures for county code enforcement.

In the regular meeting, Council will consider the second reading of the ordinances concerning the shooting range use exception and the third reading of an ordinance concerning summons procedures for code enforcement.

Council will also listen to committee reports and take public comments.

Individuals who need aid to attend the meeting should call Julie Atkinson, Clerk to Council at (803) 484-5341 Ext. 323.

### Sumter School Board to meet Monday

Sumter School District board of trustees will hold its regularly scheduled board meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday at Bates Middle School, 715 Estate St.

- Open session will include:
- Bates Middle School presentation;
  - 2017-18 calendar;
  - 2015-16 audit; and
  - Superintendent's update
- Executive session will include:
- Individual student matter(s)/appeal(s);
  - Personnel report (elections, resignations, retirements); and
  - Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements
- Action required will include:
- Any action related to executive session item(s); and
  - High school diploma petitions.

### Performing Arts for the Holidays this Monday

South Sumter Resource Center will host its fifth Performing Arts for the Holiday event on Monday at Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St.

Doors will open at 7 p.m. Musical guests will include Lakewood High School Chorus, Gary & Green Ensemble and other local talents performing praise dances and vocal solos.

Goody bags and pictures with Santa will be available for children.

For more information, call South Sumter Resource Center at (803) 436-2276.

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# CCTC names Booth interim president

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Central Carolina Technical College's Area Commission recently named Terry Booth interim president of the college, replacing Tim Hardee, who was named president and executive director of South Carolina Technical College System in September.

Booth, a Sumter native, served as vice president for business affairs at CCTC since 1999, for which she was responsible for the college's human resources, information systems, capital projects, physical plant, accounting and budgeting, purchasing, security, auxiliary and internal services.

Earlier, she served as accounting director at the college from 1990 to 1999.

She is a certified public accountant and a certified government finance officer, and she is a graduate of College Business Management Institute in Lexington, Kentucky, Association of Physical Plant Administrators Institute for Facilities Management and Leadership Sumter.

She holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Troy State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from University of South Carolina.

She's been a member of Government Finance Officers Association since 1992.

Booth also served as treasurer and fi-

nance chair of Dalzell United Methodist Church for more than 21 years, and previously as treasurer of Sumter Sunrise Rotary Club for five years.

Booth said she will most likely serve through summer of 2017, when the college expects to name a new president.

She said she wants to build on the programs developed by Hardee.

"I want to assure you that I will strive to work with the executive leadership team to ensure we continue to provide the same quality services to our students and other service area constituents," she said.

This includes the scholars program, which offers free tuition to qualifying college students from the four counties of Clarendon, Sumter, Lee and Kershaw.

The program began in fall 2015, with high school graduates from Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw, and added students from Sumter County this fall.

Currently, 226 students from the four counties are enrolled in the program, Booth said.

As a result, the percent of recent high school graduates enrolled at the college increased this fall by 10 percent, from 16 percent to 26 percent.

The average age of students has also decreased from 28 to 26, she said.



BOOTH

## Heart-to-heart donation



Members of Sumter's General George L. Mabry Jr. Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 817 recently donated \$1,000 to Shaw Air Force Base active-duty personnel in need of assistance during the Christmas holidays. To accomplish this, Walmart gift cards were presented to Ivette Bohannan-Bagnato, second from left, Shaw Air Force Recovery Care Coordinator, who will distribute the cards. From left are Chapter Adjutant LeRoy Thompson, Chapter Commander Dave Nesbitt, Senior Vice Commander Bob Fisette and Public Affairs Officer Don Kellum.

PHOTO PROVIDED

# Dalzell man charged with child pornography

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter County Sheriff's Office Drug Unit charged a Dalzell man with 11 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor after files containing child pornography were found on electronic devices in his home on Wednesday.

According to an incident report from the sheriff's office, county officers, along with agents with South Carolina Attorney General's Office, arrested 52-year-old Michael Wilson of 3325 Potts Lane, Dalzell, while executing a search warrant at his residence.

Sumter County officers began their investigation after a Florence County investigator, who is also a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, issued an affidavit to the attorney general's office stating that at least two files depicting the sexual exploitation of a minor came from an IP address assigned to Wilson.



WILSON

During the execution of the warrant, a forensic adviser found evidence of

child pornography on one of Wilson's hard drives, states the report.

Multiple items were seized from his residence for forensic examination, including flash drives, hard drives, computers and monitors.

Wilson is charged with 10 counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, third degree, and one count of second degree sexual exploitation of a minor.

He faces up to 10 years in prison for each charge.

He was transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center, where he is awaiting bond.



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# Charities tell Santa their wishes, needs

## Organizations seek help to serve disadvantaged

BY IVY MOORE  
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It's been a tough couple of years for local charities. The 1,000-year flood in October 2015 and Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 caused major setbacks to many. Damage to homes greatly increased the number of people needing help, while reducing others' ability to donate. The **Sandhills Chapter of the American Red Cross**, which serves Sumter, Lee, Clarendon and Kershaw counties even lost its own home to the flood, operating out of First Baptist Church for a time, as its staff continued to help those displaced by the flood or other disasters. The office has found a permanent home at the University of South Carolina Sumter on Miller Road; however, it still needs help in order to continue providing assistance to area residents in need. And during the holidays when people are driving a lot late at night, wrecks happen more frequently. Blood donors are especially needed this time of year.

With only two weeks left until Christmas, we asked several local charities what they'd ask for if they wrote letters to Santa or talked to him personally. Here's what they said:

**Palmetto Goodwill** each December distributes gifts of warm clothing, blankets and other necessities to needy seniors, so they'd ask Santa and local Santa's helpers to stop in at the Goodwill store on Broad Street to purchase a "Golden Angel" to benefit this program. Goodwill staff will be at Sumter Senior Services' holiday party at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday to distribute care bags, blankets and food to seniors and spend some time with them, said Palmetto Goodwill public relations officer Kaley Briesmaster.

**The Fireside Fund**, a project of *The Sumter Item* and Sumter United Ministries, accepts donations to help disadvantaged families and individuals pay heating bills or purchase fuel. *Item* publisher Jack Osteen said, "So far, the fund

### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Red Cross** – (803) 201-6457  
**Emmanuel Soup Kitchen**, 421 S. Main St., (803) 773-1624  
**Crosswell Home for Children**, 11 Crosswell Drive, (803) 778-6441  
**Christian Charities**, 110 S. Purdy St., (803) 773-2430  
**Fireside Fund**, 36 W. Liberty St., (803) 774-1200  
**Salvation Army**, 16 Kendrick St., (803) 775-9336  
**Sumter Senior Services**, 119 S. Sumter St., (803) 773-5508

is off to a good start as people in Sumter continue to be generous this time of year. That may be because Phil Edwards (in whose memory the fund is dedicated this year) was such a generous individual himself." Osteen said he'd ask Santa to continue the fund's success, so that the needy can stay warm throughout the cold season.

To donate, send a check or money order to Fireside Fund,



Alex Sanchez drops a donation into the Salvation Army's red bucket as Grayson Cottingham rings the bell to let shoppers know how easily they can contribute to the local Salvation Army.

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Sumter Item, P.O. Box 1677, 29151; or bring your donation to the Item office, 36 W. Liberty St.

Carey Player, a volunteer with **Christian Charities**, which has been providing food for the hungry for about 41 years, said the charity would ask Santa to continue to touch people to donate food or money. "We do only food," she said, "and we particularly need canned meats and fruits, and the basic foods." Player said the charity is equipped with freezers and a large refrigerator, so it can accept almost any kind of food, even fresh meats, fruits and vegetables. Donations come from schools, churches, Scout troops and individuals, and like other charitable groups, Christian Charities shares its larger donations with other food banks. Christian Charities is open from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday only, and its staff are all volunteers.

**Emmanuel Soup Kitchen** serves a hot lunch on weekdays and a bag lunch at 10 a.m. on Saturdays. Director Jean Williams said if she could talk to Santa, she'd ask for "some mats to go on the floor" to save her legs and those of the volunteers. "I've been looking for the longer ones."

She'd also like to have gift certificates to a grocery store. "We get mostly donations of canned goods," she said, "so this way I could buy some meat and paper products."

**Sumter Senior Services'** Janice Williams, who is also director of RSVP, Retired Senior Volunteer Program, said if she could ask Santa for one thing, it would be donations for meals and volunteers to deliver them.

"The frail elderly should never be hungry," she said. "Everybody deserves a full stomach. We need volunteers for heart and help for our elderly."

Volunteers currently deliver about 100,000 meals a year, Williams said. "As of this



Gloria Jean Hilton and Lucile Robinson prepare lunch for members of Sumter Senior Services who meet at the center on South Sumter Street. SSS depends on volunteers to assist with meals and many other services. Robinson has been volunteering for 11 years, while Hilton is a full-time employee.

month, we have 169 frail elderly on our waiting list."

It's easy to donate to **Salvation Army** if you're out shopping. Bellringers with their red buckets are out in front of many stores right now. Just drop your donation into the bucket, and you're done. Leniel Gonzalez, who was ringing his bell in front of Walmart on Wednesday, said he was getting a "good response" from customers.

Jean Ford, director of **The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club**, which has to keep a strict budget like the area's other charitable organizations, said she'd tell Santa "My Christmas wish for The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter is financial support for 100 at-risk youth at an annual cost of \$3,000. Any donations welcomed,

every penny counts."

Kelly Rowell, volunteer coordinator at **Crosswell Home for Children**, said each cottage has a wish list of items they're hoping Santa Claus will leave under the tree. General needs include DVD players and DVDs, batteries of all sizes, towels, washcloths, underwear, socks, new pajamas for toddlers and youth, flatware, sets of dinnerware, vacuum cleaner, gift cards, movie passes, etc. New linens, Wii and PlayStation games, clothing items in sizes from babies to teenagers are also needed.

The items do not need to be gift wrapped. To donate, drop them off at the Administrative Building from 9 a.m. to noon or 1 to 5 p.m. Call (803) 778-6441 for more information.

Dear Santa,

Some of our area's charitable organizations have been so overwhelmed trying to help the disadvantaged, they didn't have the time to write you. We know that, like other groups, they could use help with resources for the homeless, the physically and emotionally ill, and the economically needy.

If you or any of your elves would like to help them, here's their contact information for your convenience. This is not a comprehensive list, but since you're Santa, we know you'll find them.

- Sumter United Ministries, 36 S. Artillery Drive, (803) 775-0757
- Sumter Volunteers, 12 W. Liberty St., (803) 775-7423
- United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties, 215 N. Washington St., (803) 773-7935
- Sumter Habitat for Humanity, Bridge Court, 934-9749
- Santee Baptist Association Crisis Closet, 36 S. Artillery Drive, next to Sumter United Ministries, (803) 775-6524

Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

ENGAGEMENT

Foley-Bussman

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Foley Jr. of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Mae Foley of Anderson, formerly of Sumter, to Robert Ivo Bussman of Vienna, Virginia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Bussman of Vienna.

The bride-elect graduated from Clemson University. She is employed by Hospice of the Upstate.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Clemson University. He is a helicopter pilot with the South Carolina Army National Guard.

The wedding is planned for Jan. 28, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church, Sumter.



BUSSMAN, MISS FOLEY

EDUCATION NEWS

University of South Carolina Sumter

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The University of South Carolina Sumter campus will be closed Dec. 22 through Jan. 1, 2017, for the Christmas holiday. Enjoy this time with family and friends. — *Misty Hatfield*

Thomas Sumter Academy

SPELLING BEE

Thomas Sumter Academy held its annual Spelling Bee competition to determine which students would represent the school at the SCISA Regional Spelling Bee on Jan. 24, 2017. The following students earned the opportunity: third grade — Benjamin Kessinger and Abigail Rocheleau; fourth grade — Reed Dollard and Brandon Marshall; fifth grade — Connor Claus and Matthew Cross; sixth grade — Annie Kessinger and Aiden Owens; seventh grade — Sammy Kessinger and Ally Moses; and eighth grade — Philip Carino and Sydney Kindsvater.

CHRISTMAS SHOP

Fourth- and fifth-graders held their annual Christmas Shop on Dec. 3. The students made a wide variety of Christmas items which were sold to the Lower School students and teachers.

Each fourth- and fifth-grader has adopted an angel from the Salvation Army Angel Tree Project. Students will use the money earned from the shop to provide Christmas gifts for their adopted angel. Thanks to the generosity of TSA students and faculty, the Christmas Shop raised more than \$3,800. Each student will have \$80 to spend on their angel's Christmas gifts this year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HELPING HANDS

Thomas Sumter Academy sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders participated in the annual Helping Hands project on Dec. 1. The sixth-grade students visited Hopewell Nursing Home and Sumter Health East, while the seventh-graders visited McElveen Manor and National Health Care. They sang Christmas carols and handed out gifts while visiting and talking with residents.

The eighth-graders served the community by working at Crosswell Home for Children. Students put up fresh-cut Christmas trees in cottages and in the front lobby. After decorating the trees, students raked leaves, picked up trash around the grounds, cleaned the sand volleyball court and put up a manger scene and Christmas lights. — *BJ Reed*

Central Carolina Technical College

FESTIVAL OF TREES

This year, CCTC's Health Sciences Center is participating in the annual Tuomey Foundation Festival of Trees. CCTC's tree is sponsored by First Citizens Bank and benefits the Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice Services. The Health Sciences Center faculty, staff and students decorated the tree to pay homage to all health sciences programs offered at the college including: massage therapy, medical assisting, medical record coding, nursing, pharmacy technician, phlebotomy and surgical technology. Stop by the Health Sciences Center, 133 S. Main St., to see the beautiful tree.

REGISTER FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Beat the holiday rush and register for spring semester at CCTC now. CCTC has an average job placement rate of 91 percent and a transfer rate of 25 percent. With more than 50 programs of study to choose from, you'll be sure to find your perfect fit. Regardless if you are interested in learning a skilled trade and moving straight into the workforce or transferring to a four-year college or uni-

versity to continue your studies, CCTC delivers an affordable pathway to your success. Register now. Classes start Jan. 9.

For more information on enrollment, visit [cctech.edu/how-to-enroll-5-easy-steps/](http://cctech.edu/how-to-enroll-5-easy-steps/) and to view the classes offered visit [cctech.edu/academics/class-schedule-search/](http://cctech.edu/academics/class-schedule-search/). — *Becky H. Rickenbaker*

Lee County School District

BISHOPVILLE PRIMARY

Bishopville Primary School held a Veterans Day program to honor all of our service men and women. Family members, community members and local first responders were invited for a Veterans Day Program and a hot breakfast on Nov. 11.

Robert Ervin, veteran and former teacher and principal at Bishopville Primary School, spoke to students and guests. Fifth-grade students treated visitors to an outstanding percussion performance. BPS would like to thank all military personnel and veterans for their service.

November's Parent University was a special treat for the participants at Bishopville Primary School. Guests were treated to a full luncheon with service from students and staff. Lamont Moore, principal, spoke briefly to the group and gave each participant a S.C. African American History calendar.

Students were recognized for their excellent character and academic achievement before the Thanksgiving break. Parents and students were invited to watch their friends, family members and classmates be honored for their hard work and dedication.

LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Nov. 17, students at Lower Lee Elementary School participated in the Blue Carpet Awards Day for the first nine weeks of the 2016-17 school year. Congratulations to all students who received awards for A Honor Roll, A-B Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Good Citizenship, a Letter of Recognition, Most Improved and Highest Average in each core subject area. Keep up the awesome work.

After the Awards Day program and in conclusion of American Education Week, parents were invited to visit the Lower Lee Elementary School Parenting Room. Parents were able to enjoy the room as well as cookies and juice.

Congratulations to Alexis Wilson, who competed in the Lee County School District Holiday Card Competition. A panel of judges selected her card, which featured a cozy fireplace with stockings next to a Christmas tree, to be used by the district office for this year's Christmas card. Alexis was honored at the district's board meeting on Nov. 28.

WEST LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

During the first week in October, Jalee Lovely's 5K Class celebrated Fire Safety Week. Students participated in activities focused on fire prevention. Don't forget to stop, drop and roll for safety.

West Lee Elementary School celebrated Veterans Day in a special way. The kindergarten class sang "America," and fourth-grade students read letters that they wrote to veterans thanking them for their service. The veterans were served breakfast after the program.

Toretha Wilson's art class is working on "This is the season of giving, sharing and being grateful." Students in grades 2-5 will be completing lessons with connections to "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein. Students in 4K through first grade made hand-print turkeys and listened to the story "Thanksgiving Is" by Gail Gibbons.

During November, Melinda Spencer's GT and music classes have been working on their Christmas musical and learning about the music that may have been shared by the Wampanoags and the pilgrims during the first Thanksgiving. The Wampanoag were a friendly, nonviolent tribe who engaged in the Thanksgiving feast

with the pilgrims.

The Christmas musical is called "Get Up, Get Out!" It is about how others around the world celebrate Christmas. Spencer's class will present the musical on Wednesday at 6 p.m. in West Lee Cafetorium. Parents and the community are invited to support our talented students at this performance.

LEE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Warren Joye's class have become published authors thanks to Student Treasures. This company brings students' stories to life, enhances creativity and elevates pride. The project promotes student collaboration, builds self-esteem and is an easy way to incorporate educational standards. Each student will receive a copy of his or her published book.

Congratulations to seniors Kendrick Holloman and Alexis McMillian for being named one of the Top 5 Seniors in the 2A classification at the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association Preseason Banquet held Nov. 16 in Columbia. Lee Central boys' basketball team is preseason ranked No. 9, and the girls' basketball team is preseason ranked No. 3 in the 2A division.

Lee Central High School held a Career Fair on Nov. 18. Students spent time interviewing business representatives about the skills, training and other aspects of their work.

Thirty-three career fair presenters, each representing the 16 career clusters, were invited to participate in this event. Exposure to career fairs plays an important role in students' career development. The career fair presenters helped our students see that the school subjects they are studying now are relevant to their success in their future jobs.

DISTRICTWIDE

The December board meeting is scheduled for Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Lee County School District Administrative Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville.

On Friday, there will be early dismissal for all students. All elementary schools will dismiss at 11:30 a.m., and the middle school and high school will dismiss at noon.

Christmas break for all students will be from Dec. 19 to Dec. 30. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017.

FUNDING

Lee County School District has received additional funds under the Rural Recruitment Proviso, FY 16 Proviso 1A.73. These funds are for the recruitment and retention of teachers in rural districts. The first major fund allotment, which was approved for the district, was to allocate \$1,500 salary stipends for all special education, secondary math and secondary science teachers for the 2016-17 school year. The second major fund allotment, which has been approved for the district, is to allocate \$1,500 salary stipends for all secondary English and secondary social studies teachers for the 2016-17 school year.

The district will continue requesting funds from the Rural Recruitment Proviso, FY 16 Proviso 1A.73 and anticipates additional funding to be rolled out to promote teacher retention and recruitment. — *Kara Fowler*

Sumter Christian School

CHRISTMAS NEARS

As Christmas break nears, several classes have been busy not only finishing academic assignments, but also preparing for special events and projects along with planning parties. Students in the elementary classes always enjoy the Christmas crafts such as making ornaments and creating gingerbread houses.

On Tuesday, SCS held a special pep rally to retire the beloved Susan the Bear mascot and to reveal the new school mascot donated by the junior and senior classes. Students throughout the school will have the opportunity

to vote for the name of the new mascot.

Once again this year, the junior and senior classes are busy selling various types of personalized gifts just in time for Christmas. On Thursday, students in all grades will be presenting the school Christmas program titled "Klinkenschnell: The Christmas Bell." The K3 through fifth-grade classes will be singing throughout the program, the three band levels will perform songs, and various students and faculty will be acting. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. and is open to the public. — *Miriam Marritt*

Sumter School District

DISTINGUISHED LITERACY TEACHERS NAMED

The Sumter Area Reading Council's annual Distinguished Literacy Teacher competition began with a district-wide selection process. School principals, reading council representatives or reading and instructional coaches were asked to nominate one candidate from each school.

Nominees submitted packets outlining reading strategies used in their classrooms and additional information about themselves. Each nominee also submitted a tri-fold display to showcase how reading is integrated into his or her classroom.

From the packets and displays, finalists for the district winners were selected. The finalists were then interviewed in order to choose the overall winners.

The Reading Council recognized the 22 school-level Distinguished Literacy Teachers at their annual banquet held at Pocalla Springs Elementary School. The teachers competed for top honors in their category, and those teachers were announced at the banquet.

The elementary school level winners were Stefanie Joye, Alice Drive; Connie Brogdon, Cherryvale; Michele Kirkley, Crosswell Drive; Hadiya Henry-Johnson, F. J. DeLaine; Benita Duncan, High Hills; Ann Parrish, Kingsbury; Dawn Curlovic, Lemira; Kristina Marlowe, Manchester; Brandi Wescott, Millwood; Katara Stafford, Oakland Primary; Kendaley Ridgeway, Pocalla Springs; Julie Davidson, R. E. Davis; Angela Burley, Rafting Creek; Susan Faddis, Shaw Heights; Robbie Derk, Wilder; and Elizabeth Cole, Willow Drive.

From the middle school level, the winners were Patty Hansen, Alice Drive; Sydney Harner, Ebenezer; Melanie Stewart, Furman; and Kawana Harris, Hillcrest. High School winners were John Beck, Crestwood, and Adrian Wilkins, Sumter High.

During the banquet, the members of the Reading Council had an opportunity to vote, by secret ballot, for the best Distinguished Literacy Teacher display board. Connie Brogdon won the competition and received a \$25 gift card.

The Sumter School District Distinguished Literacy Teachers winners were Connie Brogdon in the elementary category and Patty Hansen in the middle and high category. They will receive a paid registration for the 42nd annual South Carolina Council of the International Reading Association conference. The conference will be held next semester at Hilton Head where Brogdon and Hansen will be recognized.

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To see a complete list of events, please visit our website at [www.summerschools.net](http://www.summerschools.net), and check out the December calendar of events. The site also has a link to all the schools which will have more comprehensive information about each particular school. The public is also encouraged to like our Facebook page for daily postings

The high school quiz bowl team, advised by Tom O'Hare, won the S.C. Independent School Association Region

Boys attended the class "Education of Young Gentlemen" while the girls attended "Lady of Genteel Refinement." Also dressed in period costume, parent volunteers and teachers

Chosen for both the SCISA North/South All-Star Volleyball Team and All-Region team were seniors Catherine Clark and Danielle deHoll and juniors Courtney Clark, Liza Lowder and Becka Noyes. Courtney Clark was named the Region Co-Player of the Year and Rip Ripley was selected as the Region Coach of the Year. — *Sean Hoskins*

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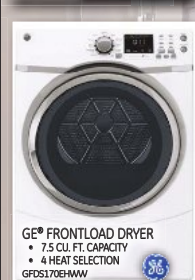
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Indulging in sweets or a rich meal on occasion may result in temporary weight gain that is generally fluid retention. Sugar and salt, which is found in many processed or commercial foods, act the same way in that they both cause cells to retain fluid. Eating more carbohydrates than normal also causes fluid retention. For every gram of

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Missy Corrigan

after an "off" day of eating should be expected. It shouldn't be a surprise. But during the holidays it's not just about what you eat. Exercise tends to take a back seat to other priorities and temptations that only occur during the holidays. Exercise is such a vital element of preventing excess weight and it can also help control the holiday stress that tends to lead to overindulging in high fat

foods. It is during these stressful times that we are less likely to eat healthy, exercise or take care of ourselves.

To keep the weight off this season, try to stick to your normal everyday habits. By doing this, the occasional indulgences will have less effect on your waistline. Make yourself a priority and schedule some down time. By doing

this, you can minimize holiday stress and better maintain self-control. If you know your schedule is going to be hectic modify it beforehand. Set yourself up for success. Eating a healthy meal before going out can reduce cravings and prevent unnecessary splurges. Exercise first thing in the morning to get it out of the way.

Knowing that the holidays are so hectic, make sure you have realistic expectations. Instead of planning to be perfect, accept that there will be times when you can't exercise or that you will eat more than expected. The holidays should be a joyous time. So take the healthiest steps possible and allow yourself to survive this holiday season.



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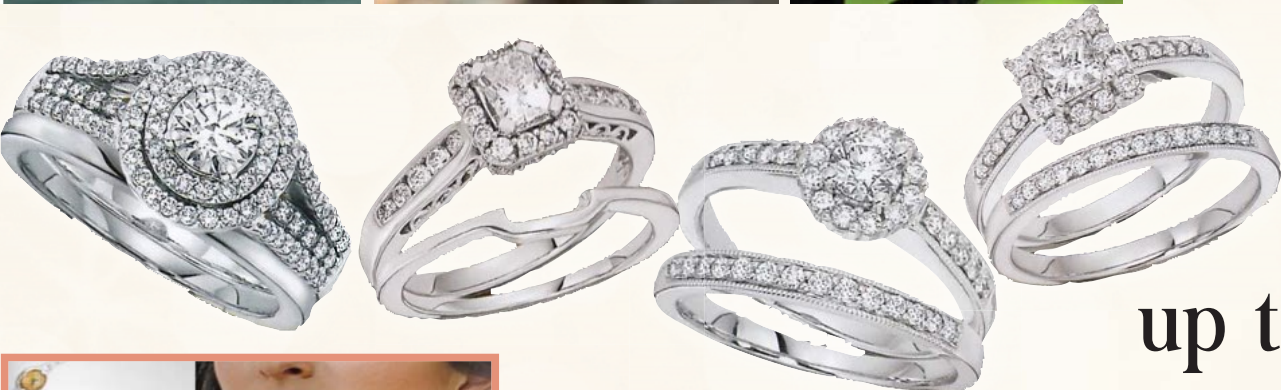


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# SPORTS

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half the size of Sumter High in enrollment and teams — and an additional \$50,000 total for the district’s seven middle schools.

There are also additional supplemental expenses as well for big-ticket items, such as when a new scoreboard is needed, and travel and costs associated when a team advances into the state playoffs. The district finds a way to cover these added costs, Fall said.

Ticket sales and concessions revenue from home football and basketball games go back into each school’s total athletics budget to help with numerous expenses across the board; but many times these may only cover the cost of referees, police security, various workers at those games to include ticket takers, cleanup crew and football field maintenance after the game. And most every other sport is considered a “non-revenue sport,” since they have very little attendance and concessions’ sales.

But a budgeted \$250,000 total, which represents about 0.2 percent from a

general fund budget of \$127 million for the district, is not too much to spend on the district’s athletics program, according to Fall.

Fall says he emphasizes trying to get more students to college — not just for athletics but for academics as well.

“Athletics should be opening up doors for our kids,” Fall said in an interview last week. “We’ve tried to give each school support for academic coaches for teams — usually a teacher — to review grades and records and start having one-on-one conversations with the student and their parents to let them know where they stand for college athletics’ academic qualifications and where they need to get to.”

Developing students’ character, drive and determination are also key elements of high school athletics.

“The emphasis is sports should be used as a tool to mold and shape our young men and women while we have them,” Fall said. “That’s the true value of high school athletics because not everybody gets to go play at the next level and the level after that. That’s a rarity.”

Fall said the district’s athletic budget is comparable with similar districts of the same size and demographics.

### FOOTBALL IS THE BIGGEST EXPENSE

Each high school athletic director and principal disperses the budget where it’s most appropriate based on the school’s annual needs, according to Fall. Priorities are uniforms and equipment needs for all sports.

Given the high equipment costs, football by far is the most expensive sport, covering about 50 percent of each high school’s athletic budget.

Boys and girls basketball ranks second in total costs generally, representing 15 to 20 percent of each school’s budget.

Following these major sports, all the other sports — which generate relatively small ticket sales — make up the remainder of the budget.

### HITTING THE ROAD

Considering the costs for home games with referees or officials, police security, cleanup, field maintenance after the game and other

needs, road games would seem like a breeze, right? Not so, says Fall.

“Transportation costs are a huge expense for us, one of the biggest, and we don’t have much control given fuel costs,” Fall said.

Fall calculated for a conference road football game at Carolina Forest High School in Myrtle Beach, the transportation costs alone to be \$2,400.

### THE PLAYOFFS AND BEYOND

If a team is successful and advances to the state playoffs, that can add up to be an extra expense for the school district if the school’s budget has run out.

Fall believes the rewards that student athletes get from the sports is far greater than the funding put into them.

“It teaches students to be ‘team players’ in life,” Fall said. “It’s keeping our kids off the streets every day because they are either playing a game or they’re at practice. And then when they’re not, they got to get their schoolwork done because they have to stay eligible to play.”

# ACADEMICS

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agrees, but says other extra-curricular activities are important as well.

“There’s no question, if it weren’t for sports or weren’t for the arts, students wouldn’t do as well,” Hilton said. “It is important in keeping kids in school as it gives the kids something to belong to.”

Sumter High School Principal Nicholas Pearson said remaining eligible for sports gives athletes an important benchmark, which students can strive for and gives educators additional opportunities to monitor a student’s progress. To remain eligible, students must achieve an overall passing grade average in addition to passing a minimum number of required classes.

He said it gives coaches the opportunity to help those students’ academic needs with assistance, such as after school tutoring and study hall.

“It also gives us another opportunity to catch kids who might be falling through the cracks as far as academics,” Pearson said. “We might start noticing some patterns in education that we can address.”

He said Sumter High School, the district’s largest school with approximately 2,400 students, has more than 800 students participating in 13 sports. With several sports having different levels of competition that includes about 30 teams, he said.

Many students who are not involved in sports are involved in other programs, Pearson said.

Hilton, well known in Sumter as a musician as well as an educator, said a lot of people are devoted to sports and a lot of people are devoted to the arts programs.

“When I was a student, I was in the band and didn’t play sports, but when I

was a teacher, both of those programs got a lot of support,” he said. “Sumter High is a big place, but if you belong to a small group in a big school, it gives you an identity.

“It allows them to be a part of a community,” Pearson said. “Most coaches help the kids feel like part of the family.”

Pearson said participation in sports allows coaches to teach accountability.

“The kids have to be at practice on time, leave on time and if you get in any kind of outside trouble there will be consequences, so the kids usually toe a good line to keep on the playing field.”

Connecting outside of a classroom is an important part of education, Hilton said.

“There’s no question participating in sports, whether its tennis or softball or baseball, it gives you a connection in a personal way with other kids and equally with adults that is different from a classroom teacher,” Hilton said. “A coach is a teaching role, of course, but in a different environment and there is no question that the relationship is different.”

Hilton said his daughter was in drama and dancing and his son was in sports.

“It was a big part of their identity,” he said.

Fall said many of the benefits of sports are especially evident when a team does well.

“If you have ever been to a school that’s in a state championship, go to the school that week,” he said. “You won’t have discipline problems, everybody is proud, everybody feels good.”

He said it affects people across the board regardless of whether they are directly involved in sports. It also helps connect schools and students to the community as a whole.

“The money, time and effort that’s put into it is so minimal that (what you get out of) it you can’t value it enough,” Fall said.

# EXPENSE

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On average, about 1,200 people attend a Sumter High varsity football game and about 200 people attend a varsity basketball game.

With tickets at \$7 for a football game and \$6 for a basketball game, the school collects about \$8,400 and \$1,200 per game, respectively.

He said the revenues from games go to the schools, which determine how the money will be used.

Fall said concessions are not a large portion of the school’s revenue and most of the money goes back into that service.

He said about \$2,000 is spent on concessions for a Sumter High football game while about \$300 is spent for basketball game.

Concession at football games are contracted out to restaurants while booster club members or volunteers operate concessions during basketball games, he said.

Other expenses for sports games include costs for security, referees and medical staff.

Fall said the three high schools work with Sumter Police Department or Sumter County Sheriff’s Office to determine costs for security at each game.

On average, security at a football game costs about \$1,000 and security at a basketball game costs about \$400.

Fall said the cost for security is much lower for a basketball game because of the smaller audience.

More security is needed at the high school football games, especially when the teams play rivals, he said.

There are about 12 officers for a

rivalry football game at Sumter High’s stadium and security decreases by about half for a low-profile game, he said.

As for medical staff, Fall said, Sumter High does not pay to have ambulances at football games because two local doctors volunteer to sit on the sidelines during each game.

The other high schools bring in ambulances, he said. An average cost for medical staff was not provided.

Fall said the schools offer athletic insurance to parents to cover the costs of any injuries caused during a game, but some parents stick with their regular insurance plans.

Depending on the cause of the injury, the school or the parents are responsible for the cost of transportation and treatment, he said.

If the student is injured because of negligence on behalf of the school or district then those entities are responsible for the medical expenses, he said.

Fall said the schools are also required to provide facilities for referees for each game. The facilities are for the referees to rest and also serve as a place for them to go if things get out of hand during the game, he said.

It can sometimes be a challenge for schools to provide a facility for referees if the stadiums are not at the school, Fall said.

If a school cannot provide a facility on campus, it has to rent a hotel room for the referees even if they do not go there or stay overnight, Fall said.

And finally, it costs about \$150 per game to have adequate lighting to see the players and about \$300 to keep the stadium and gym clean.

# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT MULDROW

BISHOPVILLE — Robert Muldrow entered eternal rest on Dec. 8, 2016, at Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville.

The family is receiving friends at 601 Fountain Hill Drive, Bishopville.

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

## JOHN H. BENNETT

BUFFALO, NEW YORK — John Henry Bennett, 80, departed this earthly life on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, at the home of his daughter in San Antonio, Texas.

He was the husband of Sister Rebecca Banister Bennett.

A service of remembrance will be held on Wednesday at St. Luke AME Church, 314 E. Ferry St., Buffalo.

Thomas T. Edwards Funeral Service, 995 Genesee St., is in charge of these services.

Mr. Bennett was a brother of Sister Julia T. Lang of Rimini.

He will be missed by many others including his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and many friends.

Courtesy announcement of Job’s Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter.

## SHERYL B. SINGLETARY

TURBEVILLE — Sheryl Billups Singletary, 50, died on Thursday, Dec. 8, 2016, following a vehicle accident.

She was born on June 10, 1966, in Manning, a daughter of the late John E. Billups Sr.

and Ernestine Cubit Billups Baker Watkins.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 4233 Turbeville Highway, Olanta.

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

## JONATHAN S. DAVIS

Jonathan Shirod Davis, 32, died Dec. 6, 2016. Born Nov. 18, 1984, in Newark, New Jersey, he was the son of James and Thomasena Sweat.

Survivors include his parents; one brother, Tyrell Charles; two sisters, Shawn-tay Davis and Nikki Davis; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Public viewing will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Monday at Greater Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Miller Road.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Tuesday at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church with Pastor Larry C. Weston officiating.

Burial will follow at St. Paul AME Church cemetery.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of his parents, 1010 Acres Ave., Sumter.

JP Holley Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

## KATRINA PEARSON-WEBB

MANNING — Katrina Pearson-Webb, died Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her niece and her husband, Elizabeth and Charles Dacus, 1298 Meadowbrook Drive, Manning.

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

## TYRONE CARTER

Mr. Tyrone Carter entered eternal rest on Dec. 10, 2016, in Bishopville.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Lee Carter, 512 Davis St., Bishopville.

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

## WAYNE NORMAN ELDRIDGE

Wayne Norman “Big Guy” Eldridge, 61, entered eternal rest on Friday, Dec. 9, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on April 30, 1955, in St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, he was a son of Ronald G. Eldridge Sr. and the late Mildred Leeman Eldridge.

Eldridge was a member of Westside Baptist Church.

Wayne led a dynamic life and was committed to carrying out his position as a greeter and usher.

He actively participated in Special Olympics, affording him numerous awards and recognition.

Wayne knew his spiritual gift was being an ambassador of Christ and without hesitation he extended warm and loving hospitality wherever he went and in all that he was purposed to fulfill.

He attended St. Jude Catholic Church School and was employed as a landscaper with the NISH Program and Sumter Special Needs and Disabilities Board for more than 20 years.

He served Shaw Air Force Base and the Sumter community.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Magdalena Eldridge of Sumter; two brothers, Robert Eldridge of Toronto, Canada, and Ronnie Eldridge, Jr. of Sumter; three sisters, Linda Thomas (Dean), Patricia Eldridge and Barbara Richburg, all of Sumter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held held at 2 p.m., today at Westside Baptist Church with the Rev. Aaron Reed officiating.

Burial will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be deacons of Westside Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends from 1 until 2 p.m. today at Westside Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to Westside Baptist Church Building Fund, 554 Pinewood Road, Sumter, SC 29154, or to a charity of one’s choice.

The family would like to thank the entire nursing staff of Palmetto Health Tuomey for their gentle care, compassion and love to their son and brother.

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.

## GEORGE BECK

George Lester “Buddy” Beck, Jr., 49, husband of Amanda Sanford Beck, died, Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, at home.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of Patricia Kirven Chavis and the late George Lester Beck Sr.

Mr. Beck was retired from Lowe’s.

Surviving are his wife of Alabama, along with his mother and stepfather, George Chavis of Sumter; one son, Brandon Beck of Orlando, Florida, one daughter, Brittney Beck of Turbeville, one brother, David Beck, one sister, Amy Meeks, his maternal grandmother, Margaret Kirven and a special aunt, Margaret Gainey, all of Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the chapel of the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Betty Gainey officiating.

Burial will follow in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home of his mother, 2052 Columbia Circle.

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

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## Such evil as this

CHARLESTON — A deep stillness settled over the federal courtroom as graphic photos were shown of the nine people murdered last year at Mother Emanuel A.M.E. Church. The defendant, 22-year-old Dylann Roof, sat motionless throughout, as he has since his death penalty trial began last Wednesday. Behind him sat his paternal grandparents, media and members of the general public. Although Roof has pleaded not guilty, his attorney David Bruck, a renowned anti-death penalty advocate, told jurors that he didn't expect them to find his client not guilty. At stake is whether Roof deserves to die or spend the rest of his life in prison.

Roof, who posed in online pictures with the Confederate battle flag, allegedly told his victims he had to kill them because blacks were taking over and were "raping our women."

In a serendipitous display of unwanted irony, the South's racial divisions that Charleston, especially, has worked so hard to bridge were refashioned by happenstance and logistics in the courtroom itself. Reserved seating placed the victims' family and friends, primarily black, on one side of the room and the defendant's family and the mostly white media on the other. This imposed segregation was purely circumstantial but painful, nonetheless.

Before the photo display, U.S. District Judge Richard Gergel repeatedly warned family members that the pictures were graphic, saying there was no shame in sitting out this portion of the trial. The quiet was profound and leaden as each person in the room tried within his or her own space to convey respect for the dead and the bereaved. The pin-drop silence was interrupted only once when a young black man, upon seeing the body of 70-year-old Ethel Lance, bolted from the courtroom.

Most striking of the photographs was that of Rev. Clementa Pinckney, who seemed to have been running toward the altar when he was felled by three bullets, according to the autopsy report. He had pitched headfirst toward the raised lectern in a prone position reminiscent of reverential prostration. A wide ribbon of blood streamed away from his head for several feet before disappearing from the frame.

Those who have followed the events of June 17, 2015, and thereafter are familiar with Pinckney and the eight black parishioners who died. Over time, we've learned their names and faces, and feel as though they were friends or people we'd like to



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have known. Seeing their photos in the courtroom, their bodies labeled with a number as the only way to identify them initially, refreshed a sense of the killer's anonymous presence among them that night and the deft, dispassionate brutality with which he dispatched them.

From the evidence, it was easy to discern how the shooter went about his business. Shell casings and empty magazines were found around the perimeter of the room, indicating that the killer was moving around while shooting. One magazine was left on one of three round tables in the center of the room where the Bible study group was meeting and where most of the victims were found. This particular table was draped with a bright yellow-and-green-patterned cloth. Next to the dark, empty magazine was a large, opened Bible and a piece of paper.

Bullet holes in another of the tablecloths and an indentation in the metal frame underneath suggested that the shooter deliberately aimed under the tables to kill those crouched below. The precision of his execution, at once heartbreaking and unconscionable, would deliver a staggering psychic blow to any decent human being.

For almost an hour, according to previous reports, Roof sat among these welcoming people, pretending to share their spiritual purpose, and then opened fire in a blaze of resigned fury. When a wounded Tywanza Sanders begged him to stop, Roof kept firing until four bullets riddled Sanders' body. How could he? How could anyone?

By anyone's definition, Roof is a racist, but surely this is too facile an explanation. The rational mind wants more. Insanity? Not according to a psychiatrist who examined him. What then?

The "what" will be the focus of defense attorneys who will try to persuade jurors to spare Roof's life. If they do, he still faces another death penalty state trial next year. Whatever is decided here — and again later — it may be difficult to get beyond the way survivor Felicia Sanders described the assailant as the prosecution's first witness. Looking directly at Roof, she said, "Evil, evil, evil."

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## New offices, Pentagon waste and a good movie

Ho. Ho. Ho. Christmas is coming, like it or not, so you better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout, etc.

We're not crying here at the new offices of *The Sumter Item* at 36 West Liberty St. because — while we're nostalgic about leaving our "home" for 64 years of our company's 123-year history — we're definitely happy to be in a freshly renovated building in downtown Sumter.

We'll be up and running officially tomorrow morning — Monday Dec. 12, 2016 — so come by and say hello.

The Sammy Way Archive and Research Center won't officially open to the public for a while longer because we've got a lot of great material that will take some more time to move, process and catalogue. But please be patient because we'll soon be welcoming visitors "upstairs."

... If you haven't read *The Washington Post's* recent investigative report on Pentagon waste, do yourself a favor and check it out here: <http://wapo.st/2gmn1YX>.

My college advisor was the late Clark Mollenhoff, one of the greatest investigative journalists in American history. This is the sort of well-researched story he was passionate about, and any American taxpayer who cares about this country should be too. The investigative reporters are Craig Whitlock and Bob Woodward, as in "Watergate" Bob Woodward.

In short, the Pentagon "buried an internal study that exposed \$125 billion in administrative waste in its business operations."

"The report, issued in January 2015, identified 'a clear path' for the Defense Department to save \$125 billion over five years," the story reports. "The plan would not have required layoffs of civil servants or reductions in military personnel. Instead, it would have streamlined the bureaucracy through attrition and early retirements, curtailed high-priced contractors and made better use of information technology."

I've been following *The Post's* "Reader Comments" on this story all week, and they are remarkably enlightening and entertaining to read. The biggest open secret in Washington has always been how

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wasteful and unaccountable the federal government, in general, and the Pentagon, in particular, are. That whole waste, fraud and lack of accountability to taxpayers has continued to grow exponentially over the years, but we as normal American taxpayers (and business owners) have

never had any recourse. We just keep paying up, or else.

I suppose the election of Donald Trump was a step in a different direction as far as giving Washington the proverbial finger and possibly "draining the swamp" of corruption, but my natural cynicism as a journalist prevents me from being hopeful about this administration doing anything different than the ones before.

I do know for certain that Professor Mollenhoff would be happy to see "those greedy, crooked bastards" get what they deserve, as he liked to say.

Think about it this way: If the Pentagon can save \$125 billion in taxpayer dollars simply by implementing the same sort of basic, efficient business practices that American small businesses use just to survive, how much better could America be?

Imagine the investment in infrastructure, or social and educational improvement programs such a financial swing might provide across this entire country.

... Finally this week, if you're looking for a good movie to watch, I'd recommend "Hell or High Water" starring Jeff Bridges. It's a modern Western, and one of that new genre of movies addressing the harsh economic conditions that have plagued so much of America in the past decade. It certainly explains the populist anger that was such a driving force in the 2016 election, and Bridges is great as the philosophical Texas Ranger trying to sort it all out. Another American classic for "The Big Lebowski."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT MADE DON CHESTNUT SHOW A SUCCESS

The Manning Council of Garden Clubs presented The Heart of Christmas with Don Chestnut: Decorations for the Home & Music for the Heart at Weldon Auditorium on Nov. 10. Don transformed a bare stage into a Christmas Wonderland. Along with Don's magnificent and creative decorations, the audience was entertained by spectacular acting, dancing, singing, storytelling, piano playing and of course Santa Claus. The evening was a huge success and was enjoyed by all.

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On pointe dancers: Elana Bench • Eva Eaddy • Addie Laney • Countney Wearden

Dancers with The Dancer's Workshop, directed by Donna Prothro: Abby and Anna Richburg

Songs from the Heart: Bella Land

Stage crew: Taylor Boykin • Claudette Elliott • Anders Land • Shawn Lemmon

A special thanks to Weldon Auditorium staff who were so generous with their time and knowledge.

PEGGY BENTON  
President, Manning Council of Garden Clubs

# Shooting suspect arrested in Dorchester County after fleeing

## FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Sumter man was charged Saturday with attempted murder in connection to a shooting incident that occurred Friday morning on U.S. 15 South near Old Manning Road.

Marcus Evans, also known as Tony Evans, 41, of 1760 Nicholas Road, is in custody at the Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

Evans was apprehended Friday evening in Dorchester County by Dorchester County Sheriff's Office deputies. Sumter County authorities learned that Evans had previously lived in Summerville and sent a "be on the lookout" alert to Dorchester County authorities after the shooting, said Ken Bell, Sumter County Sheriff's Office spokesman.

Evans was held overnight

Friday in Dorchester County and transported to Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center on Saturday, Bell said.

He was charged with attempted murder and other charges are pending, Bell said.

The chain of events unfolded about 11:20 a.m. Friday when deputies responded to a call that a man had been shot beside the roadway on U.S. 15 South near the intersection with Old Manning Road.

The 21-year-old victim suffered an injury that did not appear to be life-threatening, Bell said. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he underwent surgery for his wounds.



EVANS

According to witnesses, the two men were fighting beside the roadway when one of the men pulled a gun and shot the other man before fleeing in a vehicle, Bell said.

Lakewood High School, located about 1.5 miles from where the shooting occurred, was on lockdown for about 20 minutes after the shooting, said Shelly Galloway, spokeswoman for Sumter School District.

"We'd like to thank the people who provided us with tips as well as commend the diligence of Dorchester County authorities in apprehending Mr. Evans," said Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis. "This is just another example of the public and law enforcement working together to get criminals off our streets."



KEITH GEDAMKE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Rick Ferst talks with a Sheriff's deputy about the shooting he witnessed at the corner of Old Manning Highway and U.S. Highway 15 South on Friday morning.

## KKK, other racist groups disavow label 'supremacist'

PELHAM, N.C. (AP) — In today's racially charged environment, there's a label that even the KKK disavows: white supremacy.

Standing on a muddy dirt road in the dead of night near the North Carolina-Virginia border, masked Ku Klux Klan members claimed Donald Trump's election as president proves whites are taking back America from blacks, immigrants, Jews and other groups they describe as criminals and freeloaders. America was founded by and for whites, they say, and only whites can run a peaceful, productive society.

But still, the KKK members insisted in an interview with The Associated Press, they're not white supremacists, a label that is gaining traction in the country since Trump won with the public backing of the Klan, neo-Nazis and other white racists.

"We're not white supremacists. We believe in our race," said a man with a Midwestern accent and glasses just hours before a pro-Trump Klan parade in a nearby town. He, like three Klan compatriots, wore a robe and pointed hood and wouldn't give his full name, in accordance with Klan rules.

Claiming the Klan isn't white supremacist flies in the face of its very nature. The Klan's official rulebook, the Kloran — published in 1915 and still followed by many groups — says the organization "shall ever be true in the faithful maintenance of White Supremacy," even capitalizing the term for emphasis. Watchdog groups also consider the Klan a white supremacist organization, and experts say the groups' denials are probably linked to efforts to make their racism more palatable.

Still, KKK groups today typically renounce the term. The same goes for extremists including members of the self-proclaimed "alt-right," an extreme branch of conservatism mixing racism, white nationalism and populism.

"We are white separatists, just as Yahweh in the Bible told us to be. Separate yourself from other nations. Do not intermix and mongrelize your seed," said one of the Klansmen who spoke along the muddy lane.

The Associated Press interviewed the men, who claimed membership in the Loyal White Knights of the KKK, in a nighttime session set up with help of Chris Barker, a KKK leader who confirmed details of the group's "Trump victory celebration" in advance of the event. As many as 30 cars paraded through the town of Roxboro, North Carolina, some bearing Confederate and KKK flags.

Barker didn't participate, though: He and a Klan leader from California were arrested hours earlier on charges linked to the stabbing of a third KKK member during a fight, sheriff's officials said. Both men were jailed; the injured man was recovering.

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HEISMAN TROPHY

# Cardinal rules

Louisville quarterback Jackson tops Clemson's Watson to become youngest-ever winner of Heisman Trophy



Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson holds up the Heisman Trophy after winning Saturday in New York. Clemson quarterback Deshaun Watson was runner-up.

BY RALPH D. RUSSO  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lamar Jackson was trying to remember the last time he cried. He was pretty sure it involved losing a football game.

On Saturday night, Louisville's spectacular sophomore quarterback found out

winning can get a guy choked up, too.

Jackson became the first Louisville player to win the Heisman Trophy, beating out preseason favorite Deshaun Watson of Clemson despite some late-season struggles.

Watson, who finished third last season, was a distant second. Baker Mayfield

finished third and Oklahoma teammate and fellow finalist Dede Westbrook was fourth. Michigan's Jabrill Peppers was fifth.

Jackson, wearing a red velvet blazer with shiny black lapels, said he could feel his heart pounding in his chest right before his name was announced, and he barely held it together

while giving his speech with the former Heisman winners standing behind him on stage.

"I almost cried," Jackson said. "I never get emotional, but to have my name called and see all those great players ..."

Early in the season,

SEE HEISMAN, PAGE B6

USC SUMTER LEGENDS DINNER

## Panel changes don't deter success of USCS' Legends Dinner

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS  
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You have to deal with real life sometimes, University of South Carolina Sumter head baseball coach Tim Medlin said.

Such was the case on Saturday at the Nettles building on the USCS campus for the 2016 Legends Dinner and Fire Ant Bash. The Legends panel was supposed to feature New York Yankee great Bobby Richardson, former Clemson All-Americans Billy McMillon and Billy O'Dell along with Chicago Cub reliever and World Series champion Carl Edwards Jr.

But O'Dell's health was not doing well and he was unable to make it -- and neither did Edwards Jr., who had another commitment he could not make it back in time from, Medlin said.

"He committed (to come here), but unbeknownst to him, he was scheduled for a cruise," Medlin said. "...Obviously we're disappointed about C.J. not getting here, but we're going to take care of our people that were here tonight. We're going to give them an opportunity to sit down with him. It might be three days, it might be 10 days, but they're going to get their chance."

In spite of the last-minute changes, Medlin couldn't have been happier with how the event went.

"Tonight was a huge plus for the pro-



Sumter native and former New York Yankee great Bobby Richardson, right, talks about his early days in baseball prior to a short highlight film being shown at 2016 Legends Dinner and Fire Ant Bash on Saturday at Nettles building.

gram," he said. "We made enough money tonight to pay for our scholarship budget for a year. People were very kind and very generous."

"...I can't say enough about the people in Sumter stepping up for us."

The silent auction also went well along with the evening's meal and door

prizes that were handed out. But the main event featured Richardson, the Sumter native, reflecting on his career with the Yankees and as head baseball coach at the University of South Carolina.

SEE LEGENDS, PAGE B6

PREP FOOTBALL

## Sumter DE Johnson shines in N-S game

BY DAVID SHELTON  
Special to The Sumter Item

MYRTLE BEACH — Sumter High defensive end Raymond Johnson showed why he is one of the state's best in Saturday's Touchstone Energy North-South all-star game at Myrtle Beach High School.

Johnson was a one-man wrecking crew for the South defense, totaling seven tackles, including six for loss and two sacks in a losing effort. The North all-stars won, 21-14.

"It's all about hard work and staying humble," said Johnson, a Georgia Southern verbal commitment. "It was exciting to have an extra opportunity to play a high school game. I had a great time all week. It was a lot of fun."

Sumter High was eliminated from the playoffs a month ago and Johnson says preparing to play in the all-star game took some effort.

"The week of practice was like fall camp all over again because I had not played in a



JOHNSON

SEE JOHNSON, PAGE B5



PREP BASKETBALL

## Sumter boys edge Crestwood; Lady Knights win to remain unbeaten

From staff reports

Sumter High School's varsity boys basketball team outscored Crestwood 23-17 in the final quarter to earn a 63-57 victory on Saturday at the SHS gymnasium and hand the Knights their first loss of the season.

Ahmad Peoples and Ryan Missildine combined for 13 points in the final stanza to lead the charge as the now 2-2 Gamecocks earned the win in what had been a close contest. The score was tied 22-22 at the half and 40-40 at the end of three quarters.

Peoples finished with nine points as did Tylik Sibbles-Simon. Isaih Moore led Sumter with 16 points — 14 of which came in the first half.

Crestwood, who fell to 8-1, was led by Ja Morant who topped all scorers with 22 points. Trevion Webber followed with 12 and Dakota Jennings had eight.

In the girls contest, Jah'Che Whitfield scored 23 points as the Lady Knights improved to 9-0 with a 58-30 victory over Sumter.

Tamerah Brown led the Lady Gamecocks, who fell to 1-3, with 11 points and seven rebounds.

Sumter returns to action on Monday when it will host A.C. Flora. Crestwood travels to Orangeburg-Wilkinson on Tuesday.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

**TODAY**  
**5:20 a.m.** – International Soccer: FIFA Club World Cup Quarterfinal Match from Osaka, Japan (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**6:55 a.m.** – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – West Brom vs. Chelsea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:10 a.m.** – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Tottenham vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Mainz vs. Borussia Monchengladbach (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**11 a.m.** – International Soccer: Portuguese League Match – Porto vs. Feirense (UNIVISION).  
**11:20 a.m.** – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Bayer Leverkusen vs. Schalke 04 (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**11:25 a.m.** – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – West Ham vs. Liverpool (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**Noon** – College Basketball: Mississippi at Virginia Tech (ESPN).  
**Noon** – College Basketball: LIU (Brooklyn) at St. John's (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**1 p.m.** – NFL Football: Pittsburgh at Buffalo (WLTZ 19).  
**1 p.m.** – NFL Football: San Diego at Carolina (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**1 p.m.** – Women's College Basketball: Arizona State at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** – College Soccer: NCAA College Cup Championship Match from Houston (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** – Women's College Basketball: Connecticut at Kansas State (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**3 p.m.** – Professional Golf: Father/Son Challenge Day Two from Orlando, Fla. (WIS 10).  
**3 p.m.** – College Basketball: Hofstra vs. Kentucky from Brooklyn, N.Y. (ESPN).  
**3 p.m.** – Women's College Basketball: Tulsa at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**3 p.m.** – Professional Basketball: NBA Developmental League Game – Teams To Be Announced (NBA TV).  
**3 p.m.** – Women's College Basketball: Minnesota at South Carolina (SEC NETWORK, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**4 p.m.** – NFL Football: New Orleans at Tampa Bay (WACH 57).  
**4 p.m.** – College Basketball: Florida at Florida State (ESPN).  
**4:30 p.m.** – Women's College Basketball: Tennessee at Texas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**5 p.m.** – College Basketball: Tennessee at North Carolina (ESPN).  
**6 p.m.** – College Basketball: Alabama at Oregon (ESPN).  
**6:30 p.m.** – International Swimming: FINA World Championships from Windsor, Ontario (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8:20 p.m.** – NFL Football: Dallas at New York Giants (WIS 10, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**8:30 p.m.** – Figure Skating: ISU Grand Prix Final from Marseille, France (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**MONDAY**  
**6:05 p.m.** – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** – College Basketball: Under Armour Reunion from New York – Auburn vs. Boston College (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** – College Basketball: Jacksonville State at Maryland (ESPN).  
**7:30 p.m.** – NBA Basketball: Washington at Miami (NBA TV).  
**8:15 p.m.** – NFL Football: Baltimore at New England (ESPN, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**9 p.m.** – College Basketball: Under Armour Reunion from New York – South Carolina vs. Seton Hall (FOX SPORTS 1, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**10:30 p.m.** – NBA Basketball: Portland at Los Angeles Clippers (NBA TV).

NFL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	10	2	0	.833	319	207
Miami	7	5	0	.583	255	278
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	305	274
N.Y. Jets	3	9	0	.250	206	307
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	6	6	0	.500	207	257
Indianapolis	6	6	0	.500	311	311
Tennessee	6	6	0	.500	308	296
Jacksonville	2	10	0	.167	224	313
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	5	0	.583	256	207
Pittsburgh	7	5	0	.583	290	236
Cincinnati	4	7	1	.375	245	259
Cleveland	0	12	0	.000	197	352
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	302	255
Oakland	10	3	0	.769	358	320
Denver	8	4	0	.667	286	229
San Diego	5	7	0	.417	334	319
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
EAST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	11	1	0	.917	333	228
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	245	237
Washington	6	5	1	.542	303	295
Philadelphia	5	7	0	.417	268	245
SOUTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	386	331
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	277	285
New Orleans	5	7	0	.417	347	335
Carolina	4	8	0	.333	283	321
NORTH						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	275	251
Green Bay	6	6	0	.500	295	302
Minnesota	6	6	0	.500	233	209
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	204	270
WEST						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	8	3	1	.708	264	194
Arizona	5	6	1	.458	276	251
Los Angeles	4	8	0	.333	180	262
San Francisco	1	11	0	.083	234	370
x-clinched playoff spot						

**THURSDAY'S GAME**  
Kansas City 21, Oakland 13

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Denver at Tennessee, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
Arizona at Miami, 1 p.m.  
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
San Diego at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 4:25 p.m.  
Seattle at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.  
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 4:25 p.m.  
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAME**  
Baltimore at New England, 8:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15**  
Los Angeles at Seattle, 8:25 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 17  
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 8:25 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 18**  
Philadelphia at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

San Francisco at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.  
New England at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
Oakland at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, DEC. 19**  
Carolina at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE			
ATLANTIC DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Toronto	16	7	.696
Boston	13	10	.565
New York	13	10	.565
Brooklyn	6	15	.286
Philadelphia	5	18	.217
SOUTHEAST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Charlotte	14	9	.609
Atlanta	12	12	.500
Orlando	10	14	.417
Washington	8	13	.381
Miami	7	16	.304
CENTRAL DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Cleveland	16	5	.762
Chicago	12	10	.545
Milwaukee	11	10	.524
Detroit	13	12	.520
Indiana	11	12	.478
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
SOUTHWEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
San Antonio	18	5	.783
Houston	16	7	.696
Memphis	16	8	.667
New Orleans	7	16	.304
Dallas	5	17	.227
NORTHWEST DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Oklahoma City	14	9	.609
Utah	14	10	.583
Portland	12	12	.500
Denver	8	15	.348
Minnesota	6	17	.261
PACIFIC DIVISION			
	W	L	Pct
Golden State	20	3	.870
L.A. Clippers	16	7	.696
L.A. Lakers	10	15	.400
Sacramento	8	14	.364
Phoenix	7	16	.304

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
Charlotte 109, Orlando 88  
Cleveland 114, Miami 84  
Toronto 101, Boston 94  
Atlanta 114, Milwaukee 110  
Detroit 117, Minnesota 90  
Houston 102, Oklahoma City 99  
Dallas 111, Indiana 103  
New York 103, Sacramento 100  
Phoenix 119, L.A. Lakers 115

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Denver at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Washington, 7 p.m.  
Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Golden State at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
Brooklyn at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Sacramento at Utah, 9 p.m.  
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
Boston at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Golden State at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
New Orleans at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.  
New York at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
Washington at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
Brooklyn at Houston, 8 p.m.  
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.  
Portland at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

By The Associated Press

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
Washington 4, Buffalo 1  
St. Louis 4, New Jersey 1  
Columbus 4, Detroit 1  
Minnesota 3, Edmonton 2, SO  
N.Y. Rangers 1, Chicago 0, OT  
Anaheim 3, San Jose 2

**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
Philadelphia 4, Dallas 2  
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.  
Colorado at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
Vancouver at Florida, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.  
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Arizona, 8 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Calgary, 10 p.m.  
Carolina at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY'S GAMES**  
Ottawa at Anaheim, 4 p.m.  
Vancouver at Washington, 5 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Detroit, 5 p.m.  
St. Louis at Minnesota, 6 p.m.  
Colorado at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
Arizona at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.  
Boston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.

NCAA FCS PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

**QUARTERFINALS**  
FRIDAY'S GAMES  
Sam Houston State (12-0) at James Madison (11-1), 7 p.m.

SATURDAY'S GAMES  
South Dakota State (9-3) at North Dakota State (11-1), Noon  
Wofford (10-3) at Youngstown State (10-3), 2 p.m.  
Richmond (10-3) at Eastern Washington (11-1), 4 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL

Chargers, Panthers hoping late struggles behind them

BY STEVE REED

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — There's potential for the fourth quarter of Sunday's game between the San Diego Chargers and Carolina Panthers to be a wild one.

That's because neither team has particularly shown a penchant for finishing games this season.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Army snaps 14-game skid against Navy

BY DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Army football team and its fans around the world can finally rejoice.

No longer will they have to listen to barbs from Navy or lament another missed opportunity in the biggest game of the year.

At long last, The Streak is over.

Army ended a 14-year run of frustration against the Midshipmen, using an overpowering running game and opportunistic defense to carve out a long overdue 21-17 victory Saturday.

With future commander in chief Donald Trump looking on, the Black Knights blew a 14-point lead before quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw scored on a 9-yard run with 6:42 left to give Army the win it had been waiting for since 2001.

The Black Knights' 14-game losing streak was the longest by either academy in a series that began in 1890. Army (7-5) now trails 60-50-7 in one of the nation's historic rivalries.

"We heard for a long time here at West Point about the streak and all that," Army coach Jeff Monken said. "It feels good to be a part of the team that put that to an end."

Navy (9-4) was coming off a physical 34-10 loss to Temple in the American Athletic Conference title game and had only one week to prepare for Army with a new quarterback, sophomore Zach Abey, who was making his first college start.



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Army quarterback Ahmad Bradshaw, second from right, helped Army snap a 14-game losing streak against Navy with a 21-17 win on Saturday in Baltimore.

Abey took over Will Worth, who broke his foot against Temple.

Abey ran for two touchdowns but passed for only 89 yards and was intercepted twice. Navy had four turnovers, three in the first half.

"I take a lot of responsibility for the game," Abey said. "Obviously, in the first half I made some bad decisions. I feel horrible for the seniors."

This senior class at Navy has accounted for 37 wins, most ever at the Academy over a four-year period. But they'll never forget this defeat.

"It hurts a little bit. It hurts a lot

a bit," senior receiver Jamir Tillman said. "We will take this loss into the offseason and use this as inspiration and run with it."

That was a mantra chanted by the Black Knights for the past 14 years. Not anymore.

"I'm just happy for our seniors," Monken said. "The sense of pride that they'll have to go on, having beaten Navy, having beaten our biggest rival in their senior year. It's great for everybody in that locker room. I want them to enjoy it."

By halftime, Army led 14-0 and owned a 14-1 advantage in first downs.

# Wofford falls 30-23 to Youngstown State in 2 OT in FCS playoffs

The Associated Press

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio — Trevor McCaster scored on a 2-yard run, Youngstown State made two defensive stands in overtime and the Penguins defeated Wofford 30-23 in double overtime on Saturday in the FCS quarterfinals.

Wofford turned the ball over on downs on the first overtime possession, failing twice to gain 1 yard from the 2-yard line. The Penguins then missed a 37-yard field goal before McCaster capped their second possession.

On the Terriers final possession, the Youngstown defense stuffed two running players before two pass attempts that weren't close to being completed. Wofford only attempted three passes in the game.

The Penguins (11-3) play either second-seeded Eastern Washington or Richmond in the semifinals next weekend. They would play Richmond at home, where they are 8-0.

Hunter Wells threw three touchdown passes for Youngstown and Jody Webb had 213 yards on 34 carries, both career highs, and a school-record 327 all-purpose yards.

Joe Newman ran for 125 yards and a touchdown and Lorenzo Long had two touchdown runs for Wofford (10-4).

Zak Kennedy made just one of four field goals but it was his 32-yard with 5:04 to play that forced overtime.

The Penguins also had a punt blocked and missed an extra point in the game.

Wofford, which had won six straight, came up short on a 53-yard field goal on the last play of regulation.

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AREA ROUNDUP

# WH tops Palmetto Christian 56-39 at Baron Classic

Courtney Clark scored 21 points and had seven rebounds as Wilson Hall’s varsity girls basketball team earned a 56-39 victory over Palmetto Christian on Saturday during the Baron Classic at Nash Student Center.

Diamond Crawford and Cameron Duffy each added eight points for the Lady Barons, who improved to 6-2. Duffy also had four rebounds and four assists. Liza Segars finished with six assists and five rebounds for WH.

On Friday, Wilson Hall fell to First Baptist 44-35 in the Baron Classic. Mary Daniel Stokes led the team with 10 points followed by Clark with eight points, seven rebounds and four assists.

The Lady Barons return to action Friday when they will travel to Heathwood Hall in Columbia at the Heathwood Hall Classic at 7 p.m.

**THOMAS SUMTER 60**  
**NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 19**

LEXINGTON — Bree Stoddard scored 19 points to lead Thomas Sumter Academy to a 60-19 victory over Northside Christian School on Friday at the NCS gymnasium.

Caetlyn Martin added 12 points for the Lady Generals. Aubrey Stoddard added eight points while Sydney Daniel had seven points, six rebounds and five assists. Logan Morris had eight steals and four points.

TSA plays host to Pee Dee Academy on Monday.

**LAURENCE MANNING 48**  
**CAROLINA ACADEMY 44**

Brooke Ward led three Laurence Manning Academy players in double figures with 15 points as the Lady Swampcats topped Carolina Academy 48-44 on Saturday in the Baron Classic at Nash Student Center.

Cora Lee Downer added 13

points for LMA followed by Olivia Coker with 10.

On Friday, Laurence Manning lost to Veritas Christian 45-42 in the Baron Classic. Brooke Bennett and Ward both had 11 points to lead LMA. Coker added eight.

On Thursday in Florence, Brooke Bennett scored 17 points as LMA defeated The King’s Academy 54-8. Downer added nine points.

**JV BASKETBALL**  
**THOMAS SUMTER 26**  
**NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 9**

LEXINGTON — Lindsay Daniel and Karleigh Young each had five points as TSA earned a 26-9 victory over Northside Christian on Friday at the TSA gymnasium.

Daniel also had seven rebounds and four steals while Young had six rebounds. Maci Willetts had four points and five rebounds while Alyssa Law finished with six rebounds for the Lady Generals.

TSA is now 2-1 and will host Pee Dee Academy on Monday.

**LAURENCE MANNING 27**  
**THE KING’S ACADEMY 12**

FLORENCE – Brennan Boykin scored 10 points as the LMA JV squad earned a 27-12 victory over The King’s Academy on Thursday at the TKA gymnasium.

Katherine Burns added nine points for the Lady Swampcats, who are now 3-0 and will travel to Ben Lippen on Tuesday.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL**  
**ALICE DRIVE 40**  
**FURMAN 8**

Stevye Sinkler had 18 points, five rebounds and five assists to lead Alice Drive to a 40-8 victory over Furman on Thursday at the Furman gym-

nasium.

Tajanique Johnson added 10 points and five assists for the Lady Hawks, who improved to 4-0. Inga Colclough scored six points and Markia Wilson had five points and five rebounds.

**BOYS**  
**VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
**FIRST BAPTIST 51**  
**LAURENCE MANNING 50**

Jerrell Kelley and Terrell Houston each had 11 points for Laurence Manning Academy, but First Baptist came away a 51-50 winner on Saturday at the Baron Classic at Nash Student Center.

**MANNING 64**  
**C.E. MURRAY 53**

GREELEYVILLE – Jkaild Lackings scored 25 points to lead Manning High School to a 64-53 victory over C.E. Murray on Friday at the CEM gymnasium.

Jarvis Lee added 17 for the Monarchs, while David Fulton had nine.

**JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL**  
**SUMTER 49**  
**CRESTWOOD 41**

Kwaleek Jones had 13 points as the Sumter JV team defeated rival Crestwood 49-41 on Saturday at the SHS gym-

nasium.

Jaylen Johnson added 10 points for the Gamecocks followed by Cody McCoy with eight and Omar Croskey with seven.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL**  
**MANNING 61**  
**BATES 38**

MANNING – Manning Junior High School improved to 3-1 with a 61-38 victory over Bates on Thursday at the MJHS gymnasium.

Corey Graham led the Monarchs with 26 points, while Gerkedz Sharpe had 16 and Ja’Quan House had 10.

LOCAL PREP SCHEDULE

MONDAY

VARSITY BASKETBALL  
A.C. Flora at Sumter, 6 p.m.

VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL  
Pee Dee at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.  
Marlboro Academy at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.  
Williamsburg at Clarendon Hall, 4 p.m.  
Grace Christian at Sumter Christian (No JV Girls), 4 p.m.

JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL  
Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
Manning at Lakewood, 6 p.m.  
Lee Central at Buford, 6 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL  
Ebenezer at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.  
Mayewood at Bates, 5 p.m.  
Manning at Chestnut Oaks, 5 p.m.  
Furman at Hillcrest, 5 p.m.

VARSITY BOWLING  
Laurence Manning vs. Thomas Sumter (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.

TUESDAY

VARSITY BASKETBALL  
Hartsville at Sumter, 6 p.m.  
Crestwood at Orangeburg-Wilkinson, 6 p.m.  
Manning at Lakewood, 6 p.m.  
Buford at Lee Central, 6 p.m.

VARSITY AND JV BASKETBALL

East Clarendon at Scott’s Branch, 4 p.m.  
Laurence Manning at Ben Lippen, 4 p.m.  
Maranatha Christian at Florence Christian (No JV Girls), 4 p.m.

B TEAM BASKETBALL  
Eau Claire at Sumter (Boys Only), 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

VARSITY BASKETBALL  
Manning at Berkeley, 6 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL  
Ronald E. McNair at Lee Central, 5:30 p.m.  
East Clarendon at Timmonsville, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY


JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL  
Sumter at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
Lakewood at Camden, 6 p.m.  
Chesterfield at Lee Central, 6 p.m.

B TEAM BASKETBALL  
Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Sumter (Boys Only), 5 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL  
Hillcrest at Alice Drive, 5 p.m.  
Chestnut Oaks at Bates, 5 p.m.  
Furman at Ebenezer, 5 p.m.  
Manning at Mayewood, 5 p.m.  
Lee Central at Spaulding, 5:30 p.m.  
Kingstree at Scott’s Branch, 5:30 p.m.


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CLEMSON BASKETBALL

# Grantham fuels Clemson's rout

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Donte Grantham knows too well Clemson's bad reputation for early season stumbles. He's glad he and his teammates are getting the chance to quash that with their strong play.

The Tigers (6-2) did it again Saturday, blowing past Mercer 90-47 to win their fourth straight and second in a row by 40 points or more.

Grantham scored 19 points off four 3-pointers.

"We just wanted to come out here and make a statement that we're a good team," said Grantham, the 6-foot-8 junior. "We believe that, but we have to show-case that."

It was fully on display against the Bears (5-5), who

have lost four of five since opening 4-1.

Grantham had two 3-pointers and a 3-point play as the Tigers led 18-11. He closed the first half with a 3 that put Clemson ahead 49-25 and Mercer could not dent the lead.

The Bears settled for too many outside shots — 14 of 23 first-half attempts were from behind the arc — instead of going strong against Clemson's defense, Mercer coach Bob Hoffman said.

"You can't win that way and that's not how we're going to win," he said.

Jaron Blossomgame had 16 points as the Tigers had five players finish in double figures. Grantham also added six rebounds, two assists and block and a steal.

It's the first time Clemson has won consecutive games by at least 40 points since the start of the 2009-10 season when it beat Presbyterian by 43 points and Liberty by 40

next time out.

Ria'n Holland had 12 points to lead the Bears, who have lost four of their past five games after opening 4-1.

The Tigers took care of another typically troublesome early season opponent in fast fashion, a strong sign for what they might achieve. Clemson hasn't been to the NCAA Tournament since coach Brad Brownell's first season in 2010-11, a huge reason because of pre-ACC season losses. The Tigers won 10 ACC games last season, yet only seven against non-league opponents as they missed the postseason.

"We needed to play well during this time and we have so far," Brownell said.

Clemson is getting closer to adding Texas A&M transfer, 6-foot-9 Elijah Thomas, to the lineup. Brownell said Thomas, who sat out since last winter, would be eligible to play for the Tigers at Alabama on Dec. 18.

BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# No. 1 Wildcats rally past Irish

NEWARK, N.J. — Josh Hart scored a career-high 37 points and No. 1 Villanova rallied from an 11-point deficit to beat No. 23 Notre Dame 74-66 on Saturday at the Prudential Center.

Hart was the only Villanova (10-0) player to score in double figures. He was 10 of 14 from the field, including 3 of 4 from behind the arc, and he made all 14 of his free throw attempts.

Matt Farrell and Steve Vasturia had 18 points each for Notre Dame (9-1).

Villanova took its first lead of the game at 57-56 after Eric Paschall blocked Vasturia's 3-pointer with 9:15 left. Hart assisted on a layup by Jalen Brunson at 9:09 to give the Wildcats the lead.

The teams exchanged the lead from there until Villanova pulled away in the final minute.

(3) KANSAS 89

NEBRASKA 72

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Frank Mason III had 18 points and seven assists without a turnover, and Josh Jackson and Svi Mykhailiuk added 15 points apiece for Kansas in a victory against Nebraska (5-5).

The Jayhawks (9-1) had no trouble despite playing without forward Carlton Bragg Jr., who is suspended. Bragg was charged Friday with misdemeanor battery.

(5) DUKE 94

UNLV 45

LAS VEGAS — Grayson Allen shot 75 percent from the field — including a perfect 7 of 7 in the second half — en route to a career-high 34 points to lead Duke past UNLV (5-4) in the first college basketball game ever played at T Mobile Arena.

Luke Kennard had 16 points for the Blue Devils (10-1), while Jayson Tatum had 13 points. Amile Jefferson had 10 points and

12 rebounds.

(9) INDIANA 103

HOUSTON BAPTIST 61

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — James Blackmon Jr. scored 18 points and Robert Johnson added 16 for Indiana in a rout of Houston Baptist (3-5).

The Hoosiers (8-1) had 19 assists on 33 field goals.

(11) LOUISVILLE 102

TEXAS SOUTHERN 71

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Quentin Snider scored 15 points, V.J. King added 13 and No. 11 Louisville (9-1) overcame a cold shooting start to beat Texas Southern (4-5) and give Hall of Famer Rick Pitino his 400th victory as the Cardinals' coach. He won his 750th game last month.

(13) XAVIER 77

UTAH 69

CINCINNATI — J.P. Macura emerged from his shooting slump by scoring 18 points, and RaShid Gaston had 11 points and 14 rebounds to lead Xavier (8-2) past Utah (6-2).

(15) WEST VIRGINIA 90

VMI 55

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Daxter Miles Jr. scored 20 points and West Virginia (8-1) overcame an early lull to give coach Bob Huggins his 799th career win in a win over VMI (1-7).

(16) BUTLER 75

(22) CINCINNATI 65

INDIANAPOLIS — Kelan Martin scored 20 points and was the catalyst in two key second-half runs for Butler (9-1) in a victory over Cincinnati (7-2).

(17) WISCONSIN 93

MARQUETTE 84

MILWAUKEE — Bronson Koenig scored 18 points, and Ethan Happ scored all 11 of his in the second half for Wisconsin (9-2) in a win over Marquette (7-3).

fensive lineman Khalil Moore, also participated on the South team. Manning linebacker Jabril Wilson started on the South defense and finished with five total tackles. Crestwood receiver Julius Pearson did not record a catch.

The North all-stars out-gained the South 407-307 in total yards. The South was hampered by 11 penalties and five turnovers — all interceptions. The teams combined for 15 punts and only 11 of 40 on third-down conversions.

The North took a 14-0 lead after a 27-yard touchdown pass from Airport High School's Brett Burnett to Chester's Malik Williams in the first quarter, and a 57-yard pass connection from

Camden's Devin Beckley to Cedric Smith of Richland Northeast in the second quarter. Beckley is a baseball signee with The Citadel.

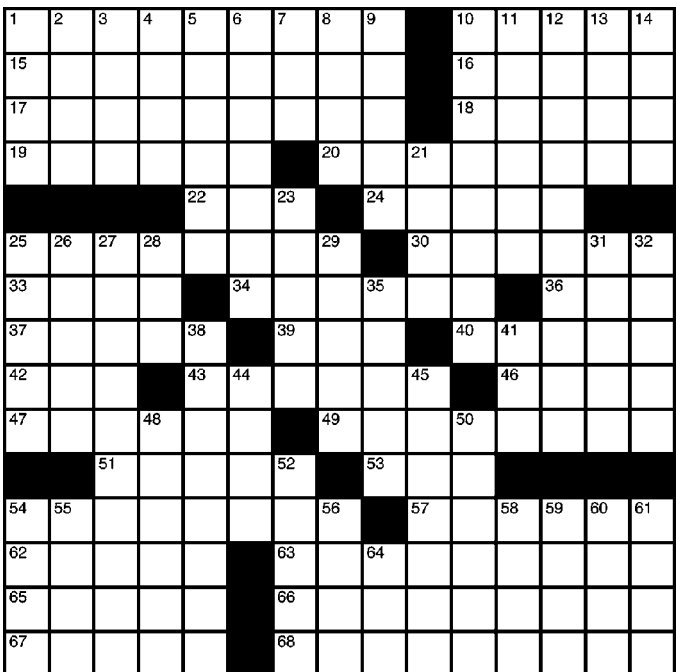
Conway quarterback Peyton Derrick threw a 12-yard touchdown pass to Strom Thurmond's Tyrece Nick just before halftime to cut the North lead to 14-7.

North running back Ant Foster of Lancaster gave the North a 21-7 lead with a 6-yard third quarter touchdown run.

The South made a late run with a 51-yard pass from Derrick to Lake City's Jalen Barr to cut the lead to 21-14 with 6:02 left in the game but committed their fifth turnover with just over a minute to play to end any hopes of tying the game.

# SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Doug Peterson and Patti Varol

12/10/16

ACROSS

- 1 Sole proprietor?  
10 Spiffy  
15 Only pitcher whose jersey number was retired by the Mets  
16 Certain internet chatter  
17 Headache source  
18 Lopez who played Jimenez in "The Dirty Dozen"  
19 Bear fruit  
20 Company whose old factory had a water tower shaped like the company's product  
22 One of the gang  
24 Get the word out?  
25 "Wrong call, I suppose"  
30 Test ban subjects  
33 Coloratura Gluck  
34 Crow heard on tracks  
36 Keats wrote on one  
37 Mount, as a comeback  
39 Santa \_\_ winds  
40 The blahs  
42 New England sch. in Kingston  
43 1980 film with the #1 hit "Magic"  
46 Like the Kara Kum  
47 Goddess on whose bust Poe's raven perched  
49 Droning  
51 Target  
53 Bad check letters  
54 It takes a licking  
57 Bargain for  
62 Canceled a reservation, maybe  
63 Tossing and turning  
65 Death in Venice  
66 Bright one in a school  
67 Hebrew letters  
68 Montana's has a plow, a pick and a shovel

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3 Sign  
4 Brand on the Alcan Highway  
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6 Tam patterns  
7 Some gametes  
8 Journalist Whitelaw \_\_  
9 Orange half of a comic duo  
10 Like some appetites  
11 To a greater extent  
12 2013 literature Nobel  
13 Eye care brand  
14 Touch off  
21 Letter between Whiskey and Yankee  
23 "Herbie: Fully Loaded" star  
25 Get ready to hit the road  
26 Modern opening?  
27 Smartphone notification  
28 Sink

29 Latish wake-up time

31 TD Garden skater

32 Snarky

35 Odorless gas

38 Scrutinizes

41 Styron's Turner

44 Hustler's request

45 Still saved

48 Demon

of Semitic lore

50 In recent times

52 Stops on a

commuter train

54 Souvlaki choice

55 Plains native

56 Painter Mondrian

58 Dazzles

59 Electoral analyst

Silver

60 Cajun staple

61 Sci-fi author

Stephenson

64 1988 film noir remake

Friday's Puzzle Solved



# JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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Former Clemson All-American and current Boston Red Sox outfield instructor Billy McMillon, left, talks about his playing days as USC Sumter head coach Tim Medlin, center, and New York Yankee great Bobby Richardson listen during Saturday's Legends Dinner and Fire Ants Bash at the Nettles building.

LEGENDS

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Richardson told some stories and a couple of short videos were shown highlighting some of his biggest moments with the Yankees -- including the 1960 and 1962 World Series and Bobby Richardson Day at Yankee Stadium.

"I was excited to be back because I see these young boys in a place that I was growing up," Richardson said. "I did sign out of high school, these boys are in their first or second year of college, but they're very excited about the possibility of baseball. They're also going to be doctors, lawyers and businessmen. So I'm excited when I meet a coach that's working with the boys as far as baseball is concerned. but also teaching some of the principles in life that they'll need.

"I was sorry that a couple didn't show up, but I was glad to be here and I was glad Billy was able to be here."

Aside from taking photos and signing autographs, Richardson and McMillon also took part in a question and answer segment that provided a unique, cross-generational baseball perspective with top-

ics ranging from facing Los Angeles Dodgers Hall of Fame pitcher Sandy Koufax all the way to the outfield throwing program of University of South Carolina standout and current Boston Red Sox star Jackie Bradley Jr.

"I've become good friends with coach Medlin over the years, so anything I can do to help this program, I'm willing to do," said McMillon, the former Bishopville standout who is now an outfield instructor with the Red Sox organization.

"I feel out of place on the stage with Bobby. He's so humble and has had a remarkable career.

"But I've had some experiences that these kids or someone else might be able to draw upon, and if it made a difference in somebody's life, then I'm happy."

HEISMAN

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Jackson leapt over a loaded field of Heisman contenders that included five of the top seven vote-getters from 2015 to become the front-runner. By the time he slowed down nobody could catch him.

Jackson outdid them all in his first season as Louisville's full-time starter, accounting for 51 touchdowns and averaging 410 yards per game in total offense.

"He surpassed everything I thought he could do," Louisville coach Bobby Petrino said.

Jackson ultimately won the Heisman going away, with 2,144 points to Watson's 1,524. By percentage of possible points received, Jackson's victory was the seventh largest in Heisman history, and he became the youngest winner at 19 years, 337 days, a few days younger than 2013 winner Jameis Winston of Florida State.

Jackson credited his mother, Felicia Jones, and said the trophy will go anywhere she decides to put it. Jones raised Jackson as a single mom and would put on football pads to help her son work on his game when he was a kid.

"Everything I do is for my mother," Jackson said.

Jackson is the first Heisman winner to play on a team that lost its last two games of the regular season since Tim Brown of Notre Dame in 1987. He's the first to enter the postseason without a chance to win the national title since Johnny Manziel of Texas A&M in

HEISMAN FINALIST VOTING				
Finalist voting for the 2016 Heisman Trophy, with first-, second- and third-place votes and total points (voting on 3-2-1 basis):				
Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Lamar Jackson, Louisville	526	251	64	2,144
Deshaun Watson, Clemson	269	302	113	1,524
Baker Mayfield, Oklahoma	26	72	139	361
Dede Westbrook, Oklahoma	7	49	90	209
Jabrill Peppers, Michigan	11	45	85	208

2012.

No matter. Jackson did so much before November it was difficult to deny him the award because of a couple of missteps at the end.

He provided a signature moment against Syracuse, hurdling a defender on his way into the end zone, and then played his best against Louisville's toughest competition.

In a romp over Florida State and a close loss at Clemson, Jackson threw for 511 yards, ran for 308 and accounted for eight touchdowns. After ripping apart Florida State in September, he earned the stamp of approval from his idol, former Virginia Tech and NFL star Mike Vick.

"Each and every game should be a Heisman moment," Jackson said.

Jackson left that Oct. 1 game in Death Valley as a threat to run away with the Heisman, but losses to Houston and Kentucky, when he committed four turnovers, in late November provided an opportunity for others to sway voters.

Watson made the biggest surge, but ultimately fell short.

Jackson continues a re-

cent trend of breakout stars winning the Heisman. He is the sixth player to win the award as either a redshirt freshman or sophomore, all since 2007, joining Manziel (redshirt freshman), Winston (redshirt freshman), Mark Ingram (sophomore), Sam Bradford (sophomore) and Tim Tebow (sophomore).

Jackson came to Louisville as a three-star recruit from Boynton Beach High School in Florida. Some colleges were not sold on him as a quarterback, but Jackson was such a dynamic talented Louisville coach Bobby Petrino altered his offense to accommodate Jackson's speed and elusiveness.

Jackson flashed brilliance as a freshman and showed what was to come in the Music City Bowl against Texas A&M. He had 453 total yards and led Louisville to a victory.

Still, with so many well-established stars from Watson and Mayfield to running backs Christian McCaffrey of Stanford, Dalvin Cook of Florida State and Leonard Fournette of LSU, Jackson entered the season without much fanfare.

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According to SunTrust's annual Holiday Financial Confidence survey:  
▶ **43%** of Americans feel pressure to spend more than they can afford this holiday season.  
▶ **57%** of Americans with a child under age 18 feel pressure to spend more than they can afford.  
▶ **64%** plan on spending about the same as last year on gifts, decorations, travel, food/drink, etc.  
▶ **66%** admit they experience stress this time of year.

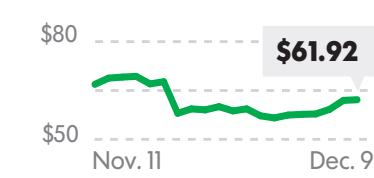
  
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ON THE MOVE

STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

**TYSON FOODS**

The food-processing company on Monday made \$150 million available to a venture capital fund to create alternate forms of protein and to eliminate food waste. Shares reversed an early dip.



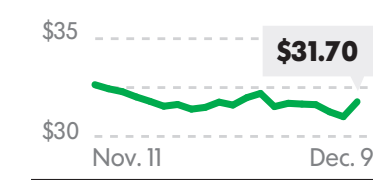
**BOEING**

The aerospace company dipped early on Tuesday as President-elect Donald Trump called for a cancellation of the U.S. government's Air Force One deal. "Costs are out of control," Trump tweeted.



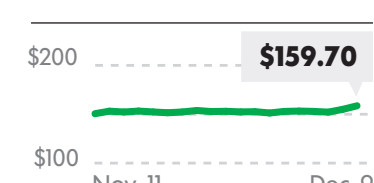
**PFIZER**

A U.K. regulator slapped the pharmaceutical company with a record \$107 million fine Wednesday for overcharging for an epilepsy treatment, which saw a hike of 2,600%.



**COSTCO**

The wholesaler had a mixed quarter, but analysts were positive about raising membership fees and a new credit card. As it works to improve online experiences shares Thursday hit highest point since September.






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# 5 THINGS TO DO 5 YEARS BEFORE YOU RETIRE

Reaching your goal means asking some hard questions now

Alyssa Oursler | Special for USA TODAY

Whether you view retirement as a finish line or starting line, one thing's for sure: You don't want the line moving as you approach. According to Billy Lanter, a fiduciary investment adviser at Unified Trust Co., the last five years before retirement come with some specific to-do's to make sure all goes as planned:

- ▶ Lower your risk capacity.
- ▶ Prepare your portfolio for the distribution phase.
- ▶ Map out several retirement scenarios.
- ▶ Make post-career plans.
- ▶ Have a cushion.

"Most people theoretically know they should be taking less risk as they get closer to retirement, but that's a vague concept," he explained. To make it more tangible, it's important to determine your risk capacity about five years before retirement — not in terms of how much risk you're willing to take, but in terms of how much is appropriate for your goals and the market.

"Low interest rates for the last several years have driven many retirees to take on more equity risk in hopes of achieving better returns," Lanter added.

"Don't forget to monitor your risk capacity as return expectations change."

Risk capacity is just one aspect of the broader transition from the "accumulation" phase of investing to the "distribution" phase. In a nutshell, all the assets you've accumulated over the years will actually get paid out in retirement. It's important to have a picture of how this will work. "Review what you can expect to receive from guaranteed income sources, such as Social Security, pension in-

**"Don't forget to monitor your risk capacity as return expectations change."**

Billy Lanter, a fiduciary investment adviser at Unified Trust Co.

come, annuities and so on," Lanter said. "Then review strategies regarding how you can maximize these benefits."

This, too, should be a dynamic planning process. In fact, Zaneilia Harris, president of Harris Wealth Group, recommends clients have several plans prepared, showing different spending patterns, for example.

Of course, not all lifestyle planning is necessarily financial. Both Harris and Lanter emphasized the importance of making post-career life plans. "The idea of sleeping in and golf every day only goes so far," Lanter said. "An active lifestyle and mental engagement is an essential part of a successful retirement plan."

## HOW TO PERSONALIZE YOUR RETIREMENT PLANNING

Different personalities will face different challenges as they prepare for retirement. Here are some questions to ask yourself, and some tailored advice depending on your general mind-set.

### Do you consider yourself detail-oriented?

If "yes," Lanter says you should stop checking your investment account balance every day, or even every week. "When you're in the distribution phase of life, you can't be worried about whether the market was up today or down last week," he says.

If "no," Lanter says it's time to build good habits and start budgeting. "Begin tracking your expenses, reviewing spending habits and thinking about what expenses will be in retirement. Odds are you won't start monitoring your spending more in retirement if you're not doing so already."

### Do you consider yourself generally bullish or bearish?

If you're more of a perma-bull, which means you generally think stocks go up and assume at least 10% annual returns, it's time to rein in that optimism. "Liquidity needs are looming," he explained.

If you always think the next major market downturn is just around the corner, make sure you aren't overly conservative.

"Your very best friend those final three to five years before retirement is compound interest," Lanter said. "Don't let fear cause you to miss out on these crucial compounding years."

# 'Fiduciary standard' now faces GOP rule

Even if removed, new rule's goal may already have been achieved

Jeff Reeves  
Special for USA TODAY

In early 2016, the U.S. Department of Labor passed tougher rules around some kinds of investment advice.

The buzz phrase is a "fiduciary standard," but in a nutshell it simply means financial professionals need to put their clients' best interests before any personal benefits, such as commissions on the products they sell.

While the new regulations were crafted months ago, some new standards won't be in force until April 2017. And with Washington welcoming President Donald Trump and a firm Republican majority in Congress come January, some are questioning whether these recently passed rules will survive the transfer of political power.

The recent Department of Labor rule change isn't the only regulation in the finance sector that is up in the air, says Jamie Hopkins, a professor at the American College of Financial Services. "While it is unclear exactly where President-elect Trump stands on these issues, there have been multiple comments made by his advisers and other Republicans that show a strong desire to remove the DOL rule and at least modify or gut most of Dodd-Frank," Hopkins said.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was signed into law in 2010 in response to the financial crisis. Supporters say it added much-needed protections for investors and consumers, while opponents say all it added was cost and regulatory complexity. There are a few ways to either undo existing regulations such as the new fiduciary rules or previously passed legislation such as Dodd-Frank. New guidance from a Trump-led Labor Department or Treasury Department could change how previous guidelines are enforced, or new legislation passed by Congress could replace these standards with new ones.

Regardless of any action, financial professionals are preparing for the existing Department of Labor guidelines, Hopkins said.

"Even if the rule is withdrawn, it has already had a lasting positive impact on the retirement-planning profession," Hopkins said. "In many ways the rule has already had a profound impact on the retirement-planning community, causing many firms to re-tool their offerings, lower fees and modify business practices."



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**President-elect Donald Trump**

## Q WILL STOCKS 'PAY FOR' THE GREAT NOVEMBER THEY HAD?

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**A** Some investors might think the solid gains of November, sparked after the election, can't last. But history shows the gains weren't actually all that great, and they don't have any bearings on what happens in December anyway.

Seeing a 3.4% gain in the Standard & Poor's 500 is certainly a welcome increase for the market, which had been treading water as election rhetoric heated up. But

the gains were below those of 24 other Novembers since World War II, says Sam Stovall, strategist at CFRA. For instance, the S&P 500 jumped 10.2% in November 1962 on relief the Cuban Missile Crisis ended. Now that's solid and still the record for the best November gain.

Some investors might also think solid gains in November would take some of the gas out of the market and reduce future gains in December. That's not the case, either. Following the 24 best months of November since World War II, stocks gained 71% of the time in December by an average of 1.2%, Stovall says.

If there was a gain that was unusual this past November, it was

the one in shares of small-company stocks. The S&P SmallCap 600 index jumped 12.4% in November, which topped the indexes' previous record gain of 8.8% in November 1982.

Strong Novembers in small company stocks hasn't hurt gains in the same stocks in December, either. After gains in November ranking in the all-time 25% best, small-company shares rose an average 2.7% in December. December, historically, has been a bullish time for small company stocks anyway, as the S&P SmallCap 600 gained 76% of the time and posted average gains of 2.6%.

That's not to say that stocks could run into trouble in December.

But don't blame November.

USA TODAY markets reporter Matt Krantz answers a different reader question twice a week. To submit a question, e-mail Matt at mkrantz@usatoday.com or on Twitter @mattkrantz.

MARKET ROUNDUP									
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PETE THE PLANNER

‘Season of giving’ has personal finance implications

Money, like time, can be used to support things important to you

What would the season of giving be without the season of asking? That’s a question thousands of charitable organizations ask themselves this time of year.

The height of asking was on Giving Tuesday. “We’d like you to support our charitable cause,” hundreds of emails read. “It’s the holidays — we need your money,” the emails continued. The meteoric rise of charity solicitations has been no less explainable than the omnipresence of the Elf on the Shelf.

Naturally, the asking increases this time of year for tax purposes. Money you donate to registered 501(c)(3) organizations is tax deductible. As the thinking often goes, people would rather give their money to their community than to the government. But it’s the sudden increase in solicitations that has charity feeling more like another obligation than it does the opportunity to strengthen your community.

A challenging aspect to philanthropy comes when you attempt to prioritize the needs of your favorite organizations alongside your own earthly household needs and goals. It’s not easy. If your primary goal is to pay for your daughter’s college education, does the \$100 you donate to cancer research impact your underfunded goal? Technically, yes. I think that’s why so many people struggle to give to charity when their own goals aren’t even being met. The reluctance to give increases when you are simply

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fielding requests for your money.

Most of us are reactive givers. We give when someone asks, and we don’t really have much of a connection to the organizations we support. We buy cookies from Girl Scouts, popcorn from Boy Scouts, and we donate \$50 to a friend running a 5K for charity. I’m not suggesting you stop doing these things. I know I’m not going to stop buying Tag-alongs and Samoas.

But I am imploring you to explore the benefits of thoughtful and proactive giving.

CAUSES YOU CARE ABOUT

The first place to start is to answer the question — does my community need my help? If you answered yes, then the next questions revolve around what causes you care about and what you have to offer. Consider picking one particular cause to support, and then dig deep to understand their needs. Does your \$250 provide a certain number of mammograms for women in need? Does your \$300 provide a year’s worth of tutoring for a disadvantaged child? Maybe your monthly \$75 contribution pays for the Internet ser-

vice for your favorite small charitable organization. It’s easier to take ownership in the cause when you know exactly what your money is doing. That way you don’t walk around thinking “I gave \$300.” Instead, you’re able to visualize the child receiving necessary tutoring for an entire year.

My Ideal Household Budget, the core of healthy expense decisions, has 5% going to charity. There will be times when it is impractical for you to give money to your community. If that happens to be the case, then understand your time is just as valuable to many organizations.

I believe an important element of charitable giving is for the giver to get something in return. That something is ownership in the cause and a deepened connection. If you donate warm socks to a homeless shelter, you know that you are helping keep a person’s feet warm in the winter. If you donate your child’s old baby crib to an organization which helps victims of domestic violence, you know you’re giving a mother and child some peace during an awful moment in their life.

The good news is you care about different causes that I do. I don’t particularly have an affinity for the Dachshund Literacy fund, whereas maybe you do. Perhaps you’re into making scarves for

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zoo animals. Great. It’s our different interests which makes this whole idea work. Fund a small scholarship at your high school and follow the recipients’ career paths. Pick up unused food from restaurants on your way home from work and drop it at the local charitable organization which distributes it to the hungry. Use the call from your local charitable organization looking for household goods as an excuse to clean your garage and help.

Your relationship with money is ever-evolving. Money, like time, is a tool which you can use to support things that are important to you. Great joy can come with using your tools appropriately.

Writing a column about chari-

ty in the business section of a newspaper may seem out of sorts, but I can assure you that leveraging your economic resources appropriately to fund the causes you care about is a vital lesson in understanding the power of money. The last thing I want to do is to tell you how to spend your money. However, if you haven’t taken the time to get involved in a cause which you care about deeply, you should give it a try.

You’ll be surprised how satisfying and addictive it can be.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Free state tax e-filing options introduced

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Tax prep companies are coming to grips with an age-old business convention: Once you give it away for free, no one will want to pay for it ever again.

The industry is offering more free online options for do-it-yourself tax filers, providing financial relief to cash-strapped consumers but also triggering data security and privacy concerns.

Free e-filing of federal tax returns has been around for years. The companies that offered the service generated revenue by charging extra for more complex forms and state tax filings. Innovations were slow as tax prep companies enjoyed hefty profit margins on consumers willing to pay \$40 or more for their annual tax obligation.

But the preponderance of consumers clamoring for free options was eventually going to widen. Innovative start-ups have entered the sector, making a business of marketing consumers’ data to other financial services companies. And in the last week, at least three financial services companies announced new products or features. Among the options now available:

► **IRS’ Free File.** The federal agency runs a partnership with 13 tax prep companies, offering free federal and state filings for Americans whose annual income is \$62,000 or less. Forms are free regardless of complexity. While most companies in the program support free state filings, the IRS warns that “some may not.”

► **Credit Karma.** The San Francisco-based company, known for free credit reports, will introduce free federal and state tax filing options on its site in 2017. It will not charge extra for complex



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The industry is offering more free online options for do-it-yourself tax filers, providing financial relief to cash-strapped consumers but also triggering data security and privacy concerns.

IRS forms or other fees, and users will not be required to input their credit card number, CEO Ken Lin says. For now, Credit Karma is placing interested users in a reservation queue.

“We don’t know if we’re going to get a million users or hundreds of millions,” Lin says. “We hope we can cover everyone.”

Credit Karma makes money by suggesting its users consider new mortgage loans, credit cards and other financial products that match income data.

► **H&R Block.** Known for its brick-and-mortar stores, H&R Block introduced last week its first free online state filing option for customers who file federal returns using 1040EZ and 1040A, which are simpler forms. Consumers with additional complexities will have to pay more for other forms.

► **TaxAct.** The company said this week that its TaxAct’s Online 2016 Free Edition allows users who file simple federal returns (1040 EZ/A) to file state returns for free. “Bait and switch tactics have become a common pattern in the do-it-yourself online tax preparation industry,” says Rob Gettemy, TaxAct’s COO. “It is not customer-friendly.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

Likely Fed rate hike may lead to busy week

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There’s little doubt the Federal Reserve will raise interest rates this week for the first time this year. But economists will scour the Fed’s postmeeting statement for clues on whether policymakers foresee a faster pace of hikes in coming years in light of some signs pointing to higher inflation ahead. The week also features the latest reports on inflation, retail sales and industrial production.

Retail sales broke out of a mini-slump with a vengeance in October, with both headline and core readings climbing 0.8%. Consumers are on solid footing as a result of steady job and income growth, cheap gasoline and reduced debt. But sales likely moderated in November after the prior booming gains, Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says. Economists estimate the Commerce Department will report **Wednesday** that overall sales rose 0.3% last month while the core measure — which excludes volatile categories such as autos, gasoline and building materials — increased a still-healthy 0.5%.

Industrial production has stabilized this year after serving as a drag on the economy in 2015. Oil prices have partly rebounded, prompting crude producers to resuscitate some shuttered wells and place orders for steel pipes. And the strong dollar, which had been hurting exports, was easing until a recent rally. But while manufacturers are treading water, other industrial sectors have been mixed. Mining production is up, but warm weather has tempered utility output, PNC Financial Services Group says.

Economists expect the Fed to announce that industrial production fell 0.2% in November after a



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Federal Reserve policymakers this week are expected to left interest rates for the first time this year.

flat reading the previous month.

The Fed will have the benefit of reviewing the retail sales and industrial production figures before completing a two-day meeting Wednesday. But they’re unlikely to move the needle. Last week’s solid jobs report for November further cemented its expected decision to raise its key interest rate by a quarter percentage point — which would be just the second hike since 2006. It has been signaling the move for months now that payroll growth has stabilized and the economy rebounded in the third quarter. President-elect Donald Trump’s fiscal stimulus plan and a recent OPEC decision to cut oil production to support prices could mean higher inflation and faster rate hikes in coming years. But economists say the Fed is unlikely to account for those developments in its forecast, and will continue to predict gradual rate increases.

**Thursday**, the Labor Department releases its consumer price index for November. Rising gasoline prices have pushed up headline annual inflation from 1.1% in August to 1.6% in October. Core inflation, which excludes volatile food and energy costs, dipped to 2.1% in October as airline fares tumbled. Higher pump prices should spur an uptick in overall inflation to 1.7% as core inflation rebounds to 2.2%, economists estimate.

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# 5 TIPS TO BECOMING AN ENCORE ENTREPRENEUR

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO JOIN THE CLUB OF SELF-EMPLOYED SENIORS?

They go by various names — encore entrepreneurs, senior entrepreneurs and elder entrepreneurs. But no matter the label, at least one thing seems certain: Self-employment among seniors is rising.

In fact, the percentage of individuals age 62 and over who were self-employed increased from 4.2% in 1988 to 5.4% in 2015, according to a recent report from the Small Business Administration (SBA).

So, what might you need to know if you've got designs on joining the ranks of the self-employed? Donald Smith, director of the SBA's Office of Entrepreneurship Education shed some light on the subject in a recent interview with USA TODAY.



Donald Smith



Robert Powell  
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### 1. IS ENCORE ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR YOU?

Not everyone is cut out to be an encore entrepreneur. There are, however, resources that can help you assess whether you have what it takes to be an encore entrepreneur. Some of those resources: SCORE, which provides free or low-cost training for business owners, SBA's Small Business Development Centers, the SBA's Office of Women's Business Ownership and AARP.

### 2. KNOW YOUR PRODUCT/SERVICE.

High on the to-do list, encore entrepreneurs should have a "great understanding" of the product or service they want to deliver into the marketplace.

Plus, encore entrepreneurs should focus less on developing a business plan and more on pursuing something called a lean start-up. Yes, encore entrepreneurs need to have a sense of their expenses and revenue potential; they need to do a break-even analysis; and they need to know how to make their business operational.

But mostly, Smith says, they need to have "a minimally viable product or service" that will give them the entryway into the market. "For many encore entrepreneurs, they need to just give it a try," he says.

Encore entrepreneurs should also try to "find a perfect alignment between their skill set and the market opportunity."

### 3. UNDERSTAND THE RISKS.

Getting a sense of the risks you'll face in becoming an encore entrepreneur is critical.

"That's the biggest thing we have to explain," Smith says. "Most entrepreneurs are sole proprietors so their money is their business' money. They have to understand that they are taking on a risky proposition to begin a new business."

They also have to consider what happens if their business fails. "There are financial risks and risks to their quality of life, especially since many small businesses owners are sole proprietors," Smith says.

### 4. FIND A MENTOR.

There may not be much of a learning curve if you become an encore entrepreneur in a field where you have years of experience, knowledge and skills. But if you pursue a passion, something you've always wanted to do, there's likely to be a steep learning curve. If that's the case,



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4. Dallas
5. Denver
6. Minneapolis
7. Phoenix
8. Seattle
9. Washington, D.C.
10. West Palm Beach, Fla.

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consider using a resource such as SCORE, which can provide one-to-one mentorship. And that mentoring could mean the difference between success and failure for an encore entrepreneur.

"More often than not, the best indicator of success is not only the idea and its viability, but whether the entrepreneur has ongoing mentoring," Smith says. "Entrepreneurs who have mentors are more successful than those who don't."

### 5. FINANCING IS LOCAL AND GLOBAL.

Smith recommends taking advantage of every financing tool — be it equity investments, loans, or crowdfunding — available.

Start by seeking small business financing from the bank or banks that you currently use. Consider,

### Should you use a crowdfunding service to launch your business?

Most people don't use a service such as Kickstarter to launch a business, according to Justin Kazmark vice president of communications at Kickstarter.

"They're here to launch a specific creative project, like a film, or album or book or tabletop game or gadget, and the like," he says.

"But some of those creative projects do go on to lead to businesses." Kickstarter doesn't have any information on the age of its users, but Kazmark has words of advice for senior entrepreneurs who might want to use Kickstarter. "With Kickstarter, creators enjoy the freedom to create on their own terms and the ability to build community of support around an idea," he says. "Backers enjoy the agency to voice the kind of culture they want to see exist and a closer connection to the creative process. And, culture enjoys a greater diversity of funding options, which means more ideas get funded and more imaginative, ambitious and colorful ideas come to life."

### COMMON THREADS

A few things thread through projects that reach their funding goal:

"They often tell a compelling and visually engaging story," Kazmark says. "The creator articulates clearly and sincerely what they're trying to bring to life and how people can join them on that journey. And, they offer thoughtfully crafted rewards that draw backers in more closely to the creative process. One thing an aspiring creator should consider before launching a project is explore Kickstarter, find a project they're inspired by, and back it. Get a sense of the whole experience."

too, financial help from family and friends and the SBA. Also, use — if it makes sense — crowdfunding service such as Kickstarter to fund a proof of concept for your business.

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# Bank-owned properties offer options

Lenders are eager to unload, giving would-be buyers a chance to own or sell for a profit

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Home prices are still rising — they're currently averaging just below all-time highs set in 2006, according to the Case-Shiller Home Price Indices.

Combine that with slim housing inventory in many markets, and you might think you've missed the opportunity to buy your first, or your next, home.

But bank-owned properties, also known as real-estate owned houses, could be an affordable option for first-time or move-up homebuyers. Lenders are eager to unload repossessed properties, and without emotional ties, they're often more inclined to sell a property below market value.

**A 'GREAT INVESTMENT'**

"I was kind of homeless," Sheila Asseline of South Lake Tahoe, California says, laughing as she recounts her housing situation of five years ago. "I was living with my daughter and her husband because I had sold a house and hadn't found a replacement property."

But then she got a call from her real estate agent, telling her about a bank-owned house that had just been listed on the market.

"I just jumped on it because I thought it was going to be a good investment. And it turned out to be a great investment."

With cash in hand from the sale of her previous home, Asseline acknowledges she was at an advantage. In fact, her offer on the house was accepted over a higher offer from another would-be buyer because that bid was contingent on financing.

"I found the process extremely



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simple," she adds. "I put in an offer, and (the bank) countered back, and I accepted it. It turned out to be really easy." Two weeks later, the sale closed.

After a few years — and kitchen and master bath updates — she sold the house and "did very well."

**WHERE TO FIND BANK-OWNED PROPERTIES**

Real-estate owned houses aren't found only in the most depressed real estate markets. In October 2016, the five markets that saw the highest REO sales on Hubzu, a home-auction website that sells lender-foreclosed homes, were:

1. Chicago
2. Baltimore
3. Washington, D.C.
4. New York City
5. Tampa-St. Petersburg, Fla.

But with the housing crisis fading, are the best deals gone?

After declaring the foreclosure

crisis over in September, real estate research firm Attom Data Solutions noted a 27% increase in foreclosure activity the next month. In addition, at the end of the third quarter, vacant bank-owned properties were up 67% from one year ago.

"Even in the best of times, there is some percentage of homes that get foreclosed," says Steve Udelson, president of Altisource Online Real Estate, which operates Hubzu.com.

For buyers who aren't finding affordable homes in their target neighborhoods, it's well worth their time to investigate foreclosed homes, he adds.

REO properties are often found on multiple listing services. Websites such as Hubzu.com, RealtyTrac and Auction.com list REO homes for sale and are good sources for hopeful homebuyers to tap.

It's also worth asking your real

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estate agent about REO homes in your area.

**A NOTE ABOUT TIMING**

While buying "distressed" properties can seem complicated, it's really a matter of getting into the process at the right time. There are basically three stages:

- **Preforeclosure** is when the owner of a property who has become late on mortgage payments receives a notice of default from the lender.
- **A public auction** is held if the loan defaults. This is when professional investors battle it out, making lowball offers. Many times, because the bids are too far below market value, the bank will simply repossess the property.
- **A bank-owned sale or auction.** This is where Udelson says potential homebuyers have the greatest opportunity. At this point, you have a seller who is motivated to sell. Banks want to get these properties off their books as soon as possible, he says.

**ONE LOAN TO BUY AND REHAB**

In recent years, financing has become more flexible.

One federal loan program now allows you to buy a qualifying house and finance improvements and repairs as a part of the loan package to purchase the property; the Federal Housing Administration-backed 203(k) loan allows the mortgage to be based on the home's value after the rehab, or the home's purchase price and cost of repairs, whichever is less. Mortgage loan limits vary by location.

Many banks also offer conventional purchase-and-renovate loan packages.

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## The ‘Cut Down’ duck call

This is a story of a unique duck call, green timber duck hunting and old friends. The “Cut Down” duck call was developed on public ground in Arkansas more than 30 years ago. Its unique design was refined and brought to the market recently by Kirk McCullough of Pine Bluff, Arkansas.

My old duck hunting buddy, Jimmy Jackson, organized a trip to Arkansas back in the early '90s. He had met Robin Jones at the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition in Charleston. Robin was a Columbia native who guided duck hunters in Arkansas. Robin invited our group out to Arkansas and introduced us to the “Cut Down” call.

Our first trip to Arkansas was a duck hunter’s dream. We stayed at a motel in Stuttgart, the “Rice and Duck Capital of the World,” and hunted the famed Bayou Meto WMA for three days. Right across the street in a small metal building was Mack’s Sport Shop. It was just your average sporting goods store that eventually grew into the mega outdoors store, Mack’s Prairie Wings.

Robin used a call that we had never seen. It was a regular P.S. Olt duck call that had been modified. It was very loud and required a lot of breath to blow but was very effective on mallard ducks in the flooded timber. All the guides used this call.

We all bought Olt calls at Mack’s and made the cut-down modifications. Our regular calls didn’t even begin to compare to the Olt’s. We met Robin’s friend Kirk McCullough on that first trip. Robin had hunted with Kirk and Lester Capps and learned about the “Cut Down” call from them. Lester was the first to modify and cut down the Olt call and was a legend among duck hunters in the local area.

Our core group consisted of me, my brother-in-law Johnny Harrington, Jimmy and his twin brother Bobby, Cody Palmer and Dwight Beavers. We hunted Lake Marion, Sparkleberry and a small private impoundment that we leased near Goat Island. We made annual trips to Arkansas for many years.

On one of our early trips, we met Dennis Campbell from Little Rock. Dennis was Robin’s friend and also guided duck hunters. He was a master with the “Cut Down” call. Arkansas outlawed guides from out of state, so we eventually lost contact with Robin. Arkansas also outlawed



Dan Geddings

guides using public lands, but we kept in touch with Dennis and Kirk.

The greentree duck hunting in Arkansas is legendary. Bayou Meto near Stuttgart is the crown jewel with more than 33,000 acres. We hunted Bayou Meto when it flooded and held ducks. We checked on local conditions with Dennis and Kirk. They scouted and kept up with the ducks. We also hunted Shirey Bay-Rainey Brake WMA in northeast Arkansas. We hunted the White River NWR and Hurricane Lake WMA.

My most memorable hunt out there was in the late '90s on Bayou Meto. We typically hunted out of the Upper Vallier Landing along the Blue Line. The Blue Line was just a flooded logging road marked with blue paint. Logging decks offered openings in the flooded hardwood timber.

My brother-in-law Johnny and I found a small opening in the timber that we hunted on our last day. It was blue-sky clear and very cold. The sky was crowded with mallards, and they all wanted to pitch into our small hole. Big flocks of 200 or more piled into the decoys. The “Cut Down” calls worked their magic, and our group of nine limited out in the 30 minutes between legal shooting time and sunrise. We named that spot “The Johnny Hole.”

Recently, I got an email from Jimmy. He and Bobby would be at Simpson Hardware on Oct. 29 demonstrating Kirk McCullough’s “Cut Down” duck calls. I had seen Jimmy recently at a store in Santee but had not seen Bobby in years. It would be a chance to catch up on old times.

They have strong ties to the Sumter community. Their father, W.S. Jackson, was an educator and principal at the old Edmunds High School. Their mother, Mary, and sister Evelyn still live in Sumter.

Jimmy is a retired banker and lives in Summerville. Bobby is retired from the South Carolina Baptist Convention and lives in Irmo. They are good people, and I’m proud to call them my friends.

They still go out to Arkansas.

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## Shooting range opens in January



Matt Blankenship watches as his son Matthew Blankenship fires at a skeet launched at the new public shooting range planned for the site of the old Indigo Gun Club just west of the Wateree River on U.S. 76/378. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is renovating the club to national standards and allowed area students to use the shotgun range to help calibrate its equipment.

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## Spread by trade and climate, bugs butcher America’s forests

PETERSHAM, Mass. (AP) — In a towering forest of centuries-old eastern hemlocks, it’s easy to miss one of the tree’s nemeses. No larger than a speck of pepper, the Hemlock woolly adelgid spends its life on the underside of needles sucking sap, eventually killing the tree.

The bug is one in an expanding army of insects draining the life out of forests from New England to the West Coast. Aided by global trade, a warming climate and drought-weakened trees, the invaders have become one of the greatest threats to biodiversity in the United States.

Scientists say they already are driving some tree species toward extinction and are causing billions of dollars a year in damage — and the situation is expected to worsen. “They are one of the few things that can actu-

ally eliminate a forest tree species in pretty short order — within years,” said Harvard University ecologist David Orwig as he walked past dead hemlocks scattered across the university’s 5.8-square-mile research forest in Petersham.

This scourge is projected to put 63 percent of the country’s forest at risk through 2027 and carries a cost of several billion dollars annually in dead tree removal, declining property values and timber industry losses, according to a peer-reviewed study this year in Ecological Applications.

That examination, by more than a dozen experts, found that hundreds of pests have invaded the nation’s forests, and that the emerald ash borer alone has the potential to cause \$12.7 billion in damage by 2020. Insect pests, some na-

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tive and others from as far away as Asia, can undermine forest ecosystems. For example, scientists say, several species of hemlock and almost 20 species of ash could nearly go extinct in the coming decades. Such destruction would do away with a critical sponge to capture greenhouse gas emissions, shelter for birds and insects and food sources for bears and other animals. Dead forests also can increase the danger of catastrophic wildfires.

Today’s connected world enables foreign invaders to cross oceans in packing materials or on garden plants, and then reach American forests. Once here, they have rapidly expanded their ranges.

## FISHING REPORTS

Information on fishing trends provided courtesy of [www.AnglersHeadquarters.com](http://www.AnglersHeadquarters.com), South Carolina’s premier fishing report source. Customers of the Angler’s Headquarters online tackle store have access to daily updates and full-length reports on its site.

DHEC Fish Consumption Advisories: [www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/fish](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/fish).

### Freshwater Fishing Report:

#### Santee Cooper (12/4)

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

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

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

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

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

#### Lake Wateree (12/2)

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

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

#### Lake Murray (11/30)

Lake Murray water levels are down to 353.97

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

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

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

#### Lake Monticello (11/28)

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

has been very effective.

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

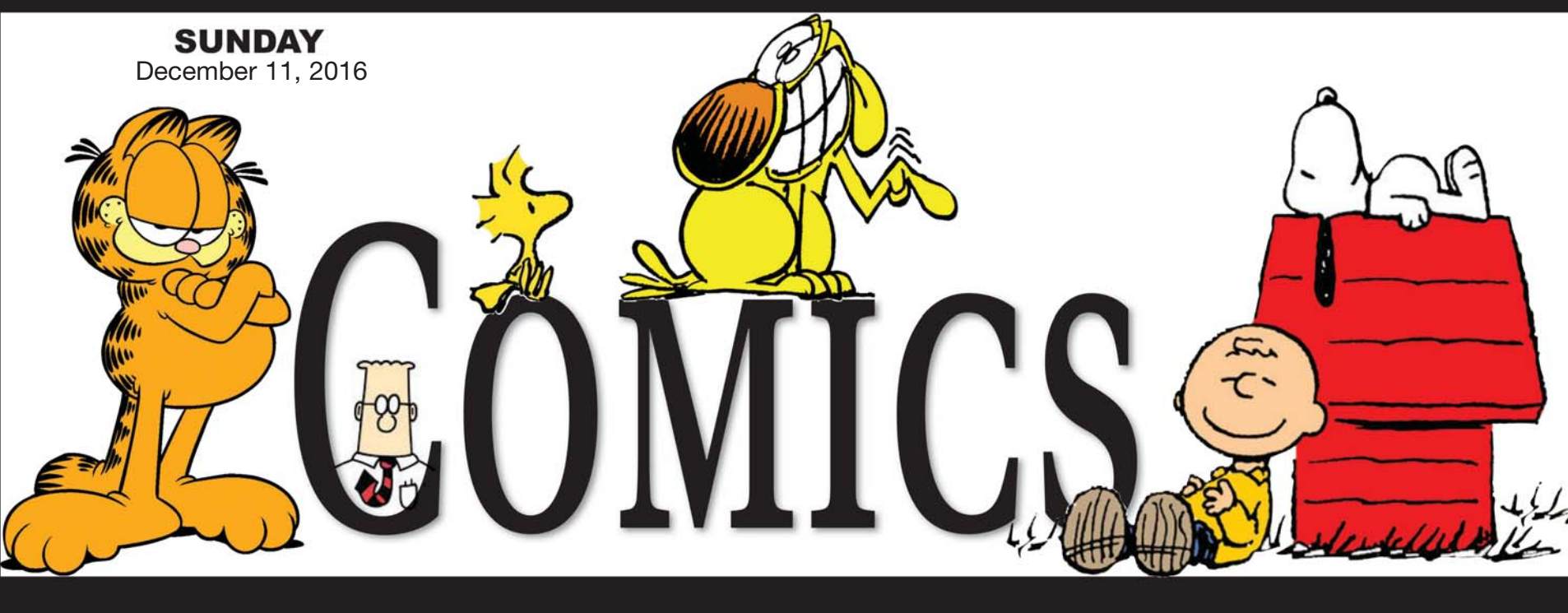
#### Lake Wylie (12/4)

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

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

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





PEANUTS  
featuring  
"Good ol'  
Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

Dear Santa,  
Dear friend,  
Dear Mr. and  
Mrs. Claus,

READY?

READY..

"DEAR SANTA CLAUS"  
NO, CHANGE THAT TO  
"MY DEAR MR. CLAUS"

THAT'S  
KIND OF  
FORMAL..

OKAY, HOW ABOUT,  
"DEAREST SANTA"?

HOW ABOUT,  
"DEAR CHUBBY"?

DON'T GET FUNNY... JUST WRITE  
WHAT I TELL YOU..

"DEAREST SANTA,  
I HAVE BEEN PERFECT  
ALL YEAR..."

PERFECT?!

POW!

I HAVE AN OPENING HERE  
FOR A NEW SECRETARY...  
ANYONE CARE TO APPLY?

FORGET  
IT...

GARFIELD  
BY JIM DAVIS

JON, THAT'S NOT MISTLETOE. THAT'S  
A LEAF OF ROMAINE LETTUCE DUCT  
TAPED TO THE CEILING!

CLOSE  
ENOUGH

JOY  
TO  
THE  
WORLD!

DILBERT  
BY SCOTT ADAMS

CAN YOU TAKE A CALL  
WITH OUR ELBONIAN  
CUSTOMERS AT 6 A.M.  
TOMORROW?

SURE. ALL I NEED  
TO DO IS PUT MY  
HEALTH AT RISK BY  
NOT GETTING ENOUGH  
SLEEP TONIGHT.

OF COURSE, I'LL  
HATE YOUR GUTS  
FOR MAKING ME  
COME TO WORK SO  
EARLY.

AND I WOULD EXPECT  
MY BAD ATTITUDE TO  
INFECT MY CO-WORKERS  
AND MAKE THEM LESS  
PRODUCTIVE, TOO.

MY LACK OF SLEEP  
WILL AFFECT MY  
DECISION-MAKING,  
OBVIOUSLY.

AND I'M WORKING ON  
IMPORTANT PROJECTS,  
SO THE RIPPLE EFFECT  
COULD BE CAT-  
ASTROPHIC.

SO, DO YOU STILL  
WANT ME TO BE  
HERE AT 6 A.M.  
TOMORROW?

YES.

YOU DON'T HAVE  
TO BE A SOCIOPATH  
TO BE A MANAGER,  
BUT IT HELPS.

CLOSE TO HOME

BY JOHN McPHERSON

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DASHER? CHECK. DANCER? CHECK. PRANCER? CHECK. VIXEN? CHECK. CUPID... WHAT THE?...

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BLONDIE

BY DEAN FURTE & JOHN MARSHALL

HONEY, EXCUSE ME! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR THAT BOOK

OH, GOODY! HERE IT IS!!

FLIP FLIP

A FEW MONTHS AGO, I STASHED SOME MONEY INSIDE IT AS AN EMERGENCY RESERVE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

ENJOY THE REST OF THE BOOK, DEAR

I DIDN'T REALIZE HOW CLOSE I WAS TO THE GOOD PART!

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FoxTrot

by Bill Amend

CHECK OUT WHAT EILEEN GOT ME!

WHAT'S THAT?

AN OPENING DAY TICKET TO SEE "ROGUE ONE"! IT'S THE NEW STAR WARS MOVIE!

IT SAYS "ROUGE ONE."

HUH. MUST BE A TYPO.

ARE YOU SURE? MAYBE SHE'S TAKING YOU TO A MOVIE ABOUT REBEL MAKEUP ARTISTS STEALING PLANS FOR THE ULTIMATE BLUSH.

HA HA. YOU'RE JUST SOOOOOO FUNNY!

PAIGE, GET OFF THE COMPUTER! I NEED TO CHECK IMDB NOW!

...I LIKE TO THINK SO.

STOP CLAWING, YOU PSYCHO!

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The FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

GUESS WHAT, DADDY! TODAY'S THE DAY EVERYBODY'S PUTTIN' UP THEIR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS!

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HÄGAR THE HORRIBLE

by DIK BROWNE

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I DON'T KNOW!

WHEREVER THAT AROMA LEADS ME!

YOU LOOK HAPPY!

NOTHING GIVES ME MORE PLEASURE THAN MY GREAT PASSION FOR COOKING!

WHILE OTHERS PLAY, I LABOR AND SWEAT OVER MY CULINARY CREATIONS

I SUFFER FOR MY ART!

GROAN OOOH... GACK

SO DO WE!

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SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE

WELL, WE FOUND EVERYONE A PLACE TO SLEEP.

AND WITHOUT CASUALLY HINTING HOW MUCH FUN IT WOULD BE TO CAMP OUT IN OUR BACKYARD IN DECEMBER.

YOU STILL THINK IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO INVITE BOTH OUR FAMILIES OVER FOR CHRISTMAS?

TED, OUR FOLKS ARE GETTING UP THERE.

PLUS, THERE'S THE GUILT OVER NOT SEEING ANY OF THEM FOR THANKSGIVING. BUT MOSTLY IT'S THE FORMER...

YOU'RE RIGHT, SAL. YOU'RE RIGHT.

THOUGH I NOTICE NEITHER ONE OF US WOKE UP OUR FOLKS WHEN THEY NODDED OFF AT 6 P.M.

WE STILL HAVE A LOT TO DO FOR THE HOLIDAY AND IT'S JUST EASIER WHEN THEY'RE NAPPING.

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# REFLECTIONS

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## The building of Sumter High School

This issue of Reflections examines one of the largest construction projects undertaken in Sumter County, the building of Sumter High School.

The problem of accommodating a large student body which had outgrown the Haynsworth and Council streets sites was daunting. The options for the Sumter School District 17 board were two-fold: the first was to renovate and upgrade the facilities; the other was to secure the necessary funds and build a new high school.

The school board began studying the feasibility of passing a bond referendum during the early 1970s. This effort was defeated, not once but three times. The board was faced with the possibility that the State of South Carolina and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools would withdraw the district's accreditation because of its inadequate facilities. This led the board to

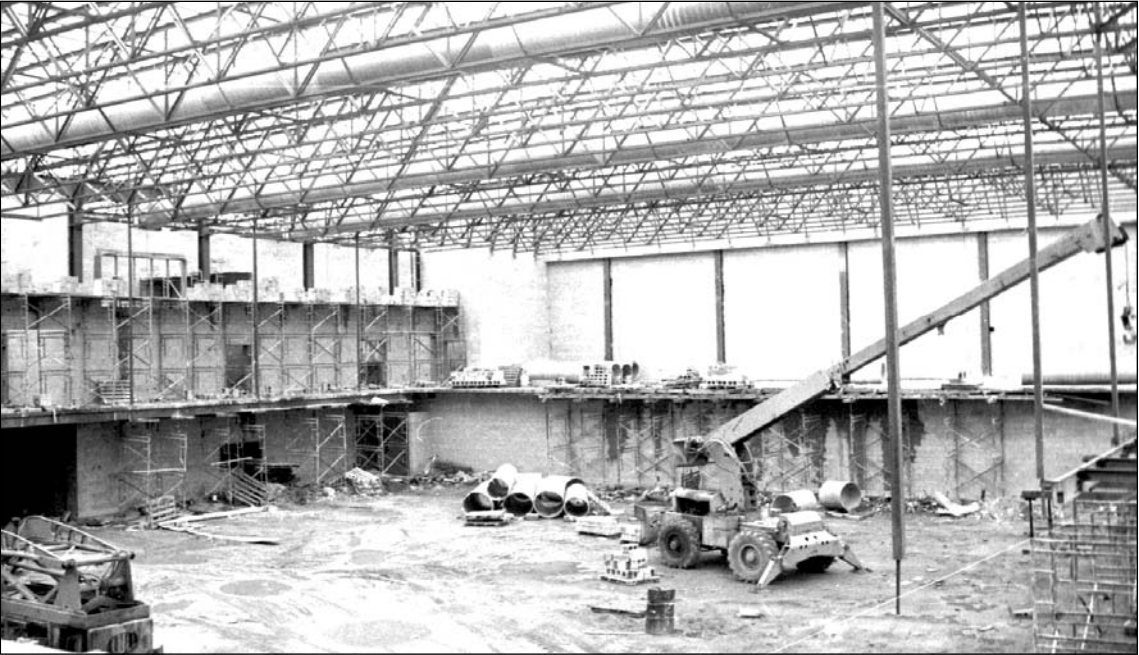


Sammy Way  
REFLECTIONS

“proceed with a three-phase construction plan at the McCrays Mill site. Financing for this undertaking was possible by utilizing existing legal bonding capacity that could be issued on the authority of the board, future bonding capacity within the board’s capability and pledging state funds for capital construction through fiscal year 1984. Through this means of financing, central facilities (library, gymnasium, food services and offices) for a complete physical plant for 3,000 students, plus permanent classrooms for one-half that number were included in Phase I. Ground was broken in 1981; construction was scheduled for completion in the summer of 1983, opening in the fall of 1983 with the upper two grades (11 and 12). However,



ABOVE and BELOW: Construction of Sumter High School is seen in 1982. The building, considered to be the most modern structure in the state, measured 254,000 square feet in Phase I at a cost of \$12,373,503.



the local board decided, based on the recommendation of the administration and the high school faculty, to move the upper three grades to the new campus by using the portables at the Council Street campus.” Sumter High School ranked as one of the leading educational institutions in South Carolina, offering a curriculum of 142 courses. Its location adjacent to the Sumter County Career Center would eliminate the need for special

transportation for some students. The new building, considered to be the most modern structure in the state, measured 254,000 square feet in Phase I at a cost of \$12,373,503. The energy efficient structure proved relatively inexpensive to operate. The site provided adequate parking facilities for staff and students, and football, band, soccer, softball, baseball and tennis practice facilities were available to the sports teams. The additional

phases of the project included construction of another class wing, an auditorium and an additional gymnasium and included necessary upgrades for existing facilities.

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## City reviews blighted area of Shannontown

75 YEARS AGO — 1942  
April 28 — June 4

“Sumter is one of ten counties in the state selected for trial plantings of cork oaks,” stated Director D.W. Watkins of the state extension service. “It is thought that these trees will thrive in some parts of the Southeast, and these plantings are in line with endeavors to make this country as self-sustaining with necessary raw materials as possible,” he concluded. County Agent J.M. El-eazer received the ten little



Yesteryear  
in Sumter

SAMMY WAY

cork oak trees last week, and they have been planted at four places in the county by the following: Dr. Sidney Burgess, 2; H.C. Bland, 5; John Tindal, 2; and Loring Lee, 1.

• Roses at the Sumter Ice and Fuel Co. on Commerce Street are approaching their peak, and Mr. E.H. Moses Sr. has extended his usual invitation to the flower lovers of Sumter to come down and pay him a visit. Mr. Moses has made a hobby of climbing roses during the last six or eight years and has dozens of different varieties growing on the steel fence surrounding the coal yard.

• Big Jim Farmer’s brilliant three-hit pitching, combined with several timely hits on the part of his mates, provided Sumter High’s baseball team with a 10 to 2 victory over Darlington under the lights of the Municipal Stadium. Farmer turned in his best pitching performance of the season. The husky speed-baller fanned fifteen Darlington batters and was tagged for three hits.

• A total of 36,060 bass have been placed in the Burnt Gin rearing pools. The fish in four of the pools will be kept for about eight weeks and then placed in the streams of Sumter County.

• 1st Lt. Harold Moise II, of Sumter, has completed his basic training course at Shaw Field and leaves immediately for the advanced training school at Moody Field, Valdosta, Georgia.

• Four members of the staff of Sumter Flash, publication of the elementary schools of this city, received cups which were awarded to the paper at the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association, convention held in Florence. Those receiving awards were Ed Hartin Jr.; Augustus Middleton Jr., editor-in-chief; Patsy Williams; and Nancy Phifer. One trophy was for improvement and the other for general merit. Miss Abbie Bryan and Miss Caroline Anderson are sponsors for the paper. Other members of the staff are Bobby Broadwell, Frances Cuttino, Thomas Mickle, Shirley Green, Betty Anne Brunson, Peggy Beckworth, Alvin Saunders, Hugh McLaurin, Elizabeth Reynolds, Jack Lewis, Frank Strange, Tony Bowman and Bill Housand.

• Persons having dogs that run after bicyclists should confine the canines to their yards, city officials announced, and the police department will investigate each complaint it receives. An ordinance prohibits vicious dogs running at large,



1942 — Four members of the staff of The Sumter Flash, publication of the elementary schools of Sumter, are seen with the cups which were awarded to the paper at the South Carolina Scholastic Press Association convention in Florence. From left are Ed Hartin Jr.; Augustus Middleton Jr., editor-in-chief; Patsy Williams; and Nancy Phifer. One trophy was for improvement and the other for general merit.

and the increased use of bicycles makes enforcement of the ordinance necessary.

• Sumter County mothers whose sons died in world War I will be the guests of Shaw Field on Mother’s Day. Officials of the basic flying school announced that plans are underway to honor the Gold Star Mothers of Sumter County at a Mother’s Day dinner to be held at the cadet mess on the post. They will also be invited to attend a special Mother’s Day service at the post chapel and then take a tour of the field.

• Robert Earle Lee, of Alcolu, has enlisted for Naval aviation training and will soon be learning how to fly the Navy’s warplanes against the Axis. Lee, 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Lee. He is a graduate of Manning High School and is now a student of Clemson College, where he has attended for three years. He has three years of ROTC training and primary and advanced CPT flight instruction.

• On Sunday evening with appropriate ceremonies, the national flag and the papal flag were blessed and installed in the sanctuary of St. Anne’s Catholic Church by the Rev. John P. Clancy, pastor. The procession formed in the church gardens was led by the cross-bearer Robert Bauman, followed by the Acolytes, Tech. Sgt. Larry W. Robinson and Corp. Domenic Rosa of Shaw Field; national color bearer Pfc. Charles H. Dabbs Jr., papal flag bearer Pvt. George F. Jennings, Lt. Commander P. Emery Huth, M.D., Lt. Gerald J. Whelan and the color guard, who were followed by the Rev. J.P. Clancy and Rev T.J. McGarth. Preceding the sermon by Lt. G.J. Whelan, Catholic chaplain at Shaw Field, Pvt. Charles H. Dabbs and Pvt. George F. Jennings, parishioners of St. Anne’s Parish and now members of the United States Marine Corps, unveiled the Parish Honor Roll on which is listed the names of 29 members of the parish, now serving in the armed forces of their country.

• One hundred and twenty-five Shaw Field officers will be the guest of A.T. Heath at a stag dinner at the Coca-Cola Community Room. The list of officers attending the dinner is headed by Col. Burton M. Hovey Jr., commanding officer; Lt. Colonel James W.

Gurr; Maj. Theodore E. Baker; Maj. Norman C. Veale; Maj. Arthur W. Snow; Maj. Charles S. Seamans II; and Captain W.A. Thompson.

50 YEARS AGO — 1967  
Nov. 28 — Dec. 4

Several close decisions were the highlights as Sumter boxers managed to take only seven of 17 fights during the 15th annual Optimist-sponsored Boxing Shoe staged at the Edmunds gym Saturday night. ... A good crowd attended the three hour plus show and were highly entertained by the game’s fist-swinging nine-year-olds on through the hard-slugging heavyweights. The two biggest and most exciting wins were recorded by local boxers Eddie Johnston and Alva Locklair.

• Francis Belton, a Lincoln High School senior, returned a \$650 check to its rightful owner and was rewarded for his honesty by the National Bank of South Carolina. The bank added \$25 to Belton’s regular savings account.

• Cablevision of Sumter early Wednesday morning will inaugurate a continuous 24-hour weather-time report on channel 8. By tuning in on the channel at any time of the day or night subscribers, in 60 seconds, will be able to get a complete weather report, including a local forecast and the correct time of day.

• The Parks and Recreation Department announced the opening of a new program for senior citizens of Sumter. According to the 1960 census there were 1,531 elderly persons in the city. “The department,” says a spokesman, “feels that these neglected citizens justify further educational, recreational, cultural and leisure-time programs to make happier and useful individuals so they may enjoy more fully their declining years. This is an ambulatory program to promote the general welfare of the members doing for others less fortunate.”

• The slum-ridden, blighted area in the southern sector of Sumter known as Shannontown was reviewed by city planning director Ed Gussio before city council. Gussio described the situation in Shannontown as “very disturbing.” Appearing in behalf of the city and county planning bodies, Gussio presented a suggested improvement plan for the 268-

acre area that would provide public housing, a new school, a shopping center, zoning for light industry and public parks.

• Miss Ethel Burnett, acting principal of Edmunds High School, announced that Lucy Reuben and Carmen Owens were among some 292 outstanding Negro students nationwide winning four-year college scholarships in the third National Achievement Scholarship Program. The 1967 Achievement scholars, coming from 34 states and the District of Columbia, will share awards valued at \$1.4 million. The aid given to each student is individually determined according to his or her need and may range from \$250 to \$1500 per year.

• Brown’s 5-10-25c store in Lafayette Shopping Center celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. Mayor Robert E. Graham wielded the scissors while H.B. Mahoney, vice president and store manager; T.M. Brown Jr., vice president and merchandise manager; T.M. Brown, president and general manager; Jim Eaves, manager of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce; held the ribbon.

• Construction has started on the new \$345,000 Cherryvale Elementary School, which is being built across from Shaw Air Force Base on Furman Drive. The schedule calls for completion of the 14-classroom building, which will have a cafeteria and related facilities, by Sept. 20, 1967. The contract for construction of the school was recently awarded to Avery Lumber Co., which was low bidder at \$345,681.

• The Home Insurance Co. of New York gave recognition to Herbert A. Moses, president of Henry P. Moses Co., for continuous representation for more than 50 years. The agency founded by the late Henry P. Moses for which it is named has represented the Home Insurance Co. since 1908. Herbert Moses has been licensed agent for the company since 1914.

• The Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart and three Sir Medals were presented posthumously to Capt. John Weger Jr. in ceremonies at Ninth Air Force Headquarters. The awards were accepted by his widow, Mrs. Marilyn L. Weger. The awards were presented by Maj. Gen. Lawrence F. Tanberg, vice commander of Ninth Air Force.

25 YEARS AGO — 1991  
Nov. 29 – Dec. 4

Sumter School District 2 School Trustee Clarence A. McLaughlin, 72, died at his home after an extended battle with cancer. Mr. McLaughlin served for the past five years as chairman of the board of directors for the Dalzell Water District and since Nov. 1990 as a member of the Board of Trustees for Sumter School District 2.

• Former Sumter County Sheriff Hazel F. Reeves was remembered today as a professional law officer and a God-fearing man by friends and former colleagues. “He showed his religious conviction in his work and through his passion for other people,” said former Sumter Police Chief Leslie Griffin Sr. Mr. Reeves, who died after an illness, was elected as sheriff of Sumter County in 1980.

• In the contest between Sumter High School and Marlboro County, Jody Dean’s catch of a 33-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Wally Richardson with 2:58 to play, and with the defense stopping the Bulldogs when it had to, gave SHS a 36-29 victory allowing them to advance to the state championship game for the second straight year.

• Rose Marie Pack, a pre-school teacher at Pocalla Springs Primary School has been invited to join 30 early childhood educators from the United States as a citizen ambassador to Russia. People to People International sponsors Citizen Ambassador Programs annually to explore professional, scientific and technical changes in countries worldwide.

• The Air Force will continue to work with local government leaders to protect Shaw Air Force base from encroachment and keep the base off the military’s next closing list, said Lt. General Chuck Horner. But the commander of the 9th Air Force also warned this week that base officials could be forced to “make so many accommodations that you just say “the hell with it.” Air Force officials have made it no secret they’re pleased with Sumter County’s effort to enact countywide zoning that will limit — and in some cases prevent — residential, commercial and industrial development adjacent to the base’s landing and takeoff zones.

• Jamie Rembert hopped around with one shoe off and one shoe on. The loose shoe sat in a puddle of white paint in the grass. But now the tool storage shed had its first coat of paint, and Rembert, a student at Wilson Hall School, was on his way to another successful day of mandatory volunteer work. Although volunteer work that’s required doesn’t sound much like volunteer work, officials at Wilson Hall think volunteering is important enough to be a requirement for graduation. This year for the first time, students in all grade levels are donating their time and effort, and occasionally a shoe, to community service projects.

• Sumter School District 2 trustees announced today that Joe Leftt will be the district’s new superintendent. Leftt has served as the district’s interim superintendent since the summer, when former Superintendent Elijah McCants was placed on administrative leave. McCants later resigned.

• Several fires at the Sumter County Landfill on Brewington Road in recent days have kept firefighters hopping to keep the blazes from spreading to nearby homes and wooded areas. The fires were apparently started after someone dumped “something hot” in the landfill and ignited waste materials over the weekend, Sumter Fire Department Battalion Chief Richard Newman said.

• The final concert of the country music duo The Judds was written and is being produced by former Sumter resident Bud Schaetzle. The concert will be broadcast live on pay-per-view television from Middle Tennessee State University’s Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, with an immediate replay at midnight.

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**Doodle Zoo**

THE SOFT DRINK CAN-CRUSHER QUIT HIS JOB BECAUSE IT WAS SODA PRESSING.

**DRAW!!**

DRAW A PILGRIM!

**Riddles!!!**

Q. WHAT DO DOLPHINS HAVE THAT NO OTHER ANIMAL HAS?  
A. BABY DOLPHINS.  
Cindy Platt, Owatonna, MN

Q. WHAT IS CRAZY AND WALKS ON THE SIDES OF BUILDINGS?  
A. THE WALNUT.  
Max Rochelle, Lincoln, NE

**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is longer. 2. Doorway is shorter. 3. Mouth is not opened as wide. 4. Arm is lower. 5. Tie is missing. 6. Paper is added.

# FRANK AND ERNEST

I'M LOSING SLEEP! THE NAUGHTY-NICE STANDARD IS SO VAGUE AND CONFUSING!

MAYBE "GOOD" IS NOT AN OBJECTIVE FACT. IN "HAMLET" SHAKESPEARE SAID "THERE IS NOTHING EITHER GOOD OR BAD, BUT THINKING MAKES IT SO."

DOES SANTA TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT OTHER THINGS MIGHT BE AS IMPORTANT AS SIMPLY BEING GOOD?

YOU KNOW, OSCAR WILDE SAID "IT IS ABSURD TO DIVIDE PEOPLE INTO GOOD AND BAD, PEOPLE ARE EITHER CHARMING OR TEDIOUS."

KIDS TODAY WORRY TOO MUCH AND OVERANALYZE EVERYTHING. AS LONG AS THEY KEEP THEIR ROOMS TIDY AND EAT THEIR VEGETABLES, THEY WON'T BE GETTING COAL IN THEIR STOCKINGS.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

HI, I'M RALPH... THE DOG. WHAT DO YOU DO?

I'M A MARINE BIOLOGIST

DO YOU STUDY HOW MANY TATTOOS THEY GET?

**Wizard of ID**

by parker and hart

DID YOU HEAR THAT?

HEAR WHAT?

A SNOWFLAKE HIT THE ROOF.

IT SNOWED LAST NIGHT, SIRE!

YOU DON'T SAY?

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

PLAYIN' THESE GUYS AGAIN, EH?

R.E.M.? YEAH.

OK, HERE'S A QUESTION: WHO WOULD WIN BETWEEN R.E.M. AND THE SPICE GIRLS?

WHAT, IN SOME WEIRD COMPETITION?

NO, IN A FIGHT.

THEY... WHAT?

WHO'S MORE POWERFUL?

THAT'S NOT EXACTLY HOW MUSIC WORKS, BUCK.

OK, I'LL REPHRASE IT: WHO WOULD YOU LESS WANT TO MEET IN A DARK ALLEY, R.E.M. OR THE SPICE GIRLS? FAST!

WELL, I'D RATHER MEET R.E.M. NO MATTER WHERE I WAS.

INTERESTING. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE AFRAID OF THE SPICE GIRLS.

OK, SO THE COOKIE MONSTER AND EARNY GET INTO A STREET FIGHT. WHO SURVIVES?

**THE BORN LOSER**

by Art & Chip Sansom

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE OUR HOLIDAY CARDS ON TIME!

WE WON'T BE THE LAUGHINGSTOCK OF ALL OUR FRIENDS FOR OUR TARDINESS ANYMORE!

YES, AND I ALREADY STAMPED AND ADDRESSED ALL THE ENVELOPES, TOO!

I KNOW, I SAW THEM, SO I TOOK THE WHOLE STACK OF ENVELOPES TO THE POST OFFICE AND MAILED THEM, JUST NOW!

OH, SO YOU STUFFED ALL THE CARDS INTO THEIR ENVELOPES YOURSELF? GREAT! THANKS!

CARDS? OOPS!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY

I'M PUSHING HARD TO GET THAT WALL BUILT TO KEEP UNDESIRABLES OUT!

HOW ABOUT BUILDING A WALL AROUND WASHINGTON TO KEEP UNDESIRABLES IN?!

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BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

DAD, WHY CAN'T ANTS GO OUTSIDE IN THE WINTER?

WE HAVE VERY LOW FAT CONTENT.

WHERE'S THAT WARM CAVE PETER WAS TALKING ABOUT?

HE SAID IT WAS RIGHT HERE.

I CAN'T FEEL MY TOES!

IT SHOULD BE RIGHT BEHIND US.

WAIT! LOOK OVER THERE!

IT'S NOT LIKE PETER TO MAKE A MAPPING ERROR LIKE THAT.

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston

OK, CHRISTMAS... WE'RE READY!!

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

HEY! LET'S CALL MR. WILSON!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S FALLING ASLEEP!

YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT... IT'S PRETTY QUIET...

...AND THERE'S NO ONE FOR HIM TO YELL AT.

WELL, I CAN FIX THAT!

HEY MR. WILSON!

Mort Walker's beetle bailey

I SHOULD'NT BE IN A DARK OFFICE ON A DAY LIKE THIS

WHAT A GORGEOUS DAY!

THE CAMP SEEMS TO BE HUMMING ALONG NICELY

I LOVE THE SUN IN MY FACE

THE GENTLE BREEZE IN MY HAIR

THE BIRDS SINGING

THE STREAM GURLING

STREAM?!

HOW DID I GET OUT HERE?