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District's finances heading on right path

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Sumter School District's financial picture is headed in the right direction with the help of its independent finance consultant and decisions made Thursday to give the board's finance committee more oversight on the district's budget, says two private business leaders who serve on the committee.

Sumter School District Finance Committee members Greg Thompson and William Byrd made their remarks Friday after the full committee had its regular monthly meeting Thursday with school finance consultant Scott Allan. The board's finance committee includes four local private-business owners

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Bill would expand Sumter school board

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Both state senators representing Sumter County introduced a bill Thursday to add two at-large board members initially appointed by the county legislative delegation to the Sumter School District Board of Trustees. State Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, said he introduced the legis-

lation with state Sen. Kevin Johnson, D-Clarendon, with the full support of the entire delegation, which consists of both senators and four representatives in the House of Representatives. McElveen said the delegation has considered introducing the legislation for a long time, but the recent

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Item wins 14 awards at S.C. press convention

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter Item staff won 14 awards, including four first places and sweeping first, second and third place in two categories at the South Carolina Press Association Awards Banquet held Saturday in Columbia.



GEDAMKE

The Sumter Item's biggest winner was photographer Keith Gedamke, who won five awards, including sweeping all three places in the feature photography category and finishing first and second in the pictorial photography category. Melanie Smith finished third in the pictorial photography category that completed The Sumter Item's sweep in that category. Smith is a page designer/copy editor who shoots photos in her spare time.

Jessica Stephens, a page designer/copy editor for The Sumter Item, won first place in feature page design portfolio, and the entire news staff won first place in reporting in depth for its coverage of Hurricane Matthew.

"What's significant about Jessica's win is that as our newspaper group takes on designing products for our other newspapers across the country, she has very few opportunities to work on The Sumter Item pages," said Rick Carpenter, managing editor of The Item.

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'WE GOT TO KNOW PEOPLE'S FEET PRETTY WELL'

Many mothers and fathers have taken their children, who have then taken their children, down to Jack's to be fitted for a new pair of shoes. After nearly 100 years, the Sumter mainstay, "which served people the way the big-box stores can't," is going out of business.

Jack's Shoes set to close doors



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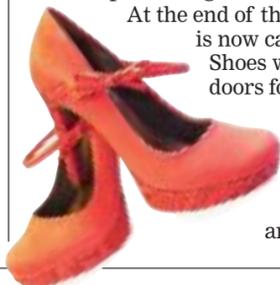
From the left, Jack's Shoes owner Darrell Thompson, former owner Abe Stern and retired employee Jenkins McElveen.

Longtime Sumter business will shutter at end of month

BY JIM HILLEY
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Jack's Department Store was first opened in Mayesville in 1922 by Jack Addlesburg and his brother Max.

Since that time, the business moved to Sumter and changed its business model from being a department store to specializing in shoes.



At the end of this month, what is now called Jack's Shoes will close its doors forever. Jack's Shoes owner Darrell Thompson said it is not because of any sort of business difficulty but that he is ready to retire.



Jack's Shoes, a Sumter institution, will close its doors toward the end of March and is currently reducing inventory with a 60 percent off sale.

"I turned 71 this month," Thompson said. "I am ready to relax." After its founding in Mayesville, the store was moved to Sumter in the late 1920s and within a few years was re-

located to the ground floor of the imposing Dixie Life Building. The store wrapped around the seven-story Dixie Life Building and had entrances on

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FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Lee County S.D. holding board meeting

Lee County School District Board of Trustees will hold its regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Quadplex, District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville.

On the agenda is a S.C. School Board Association Conference / Legislative update, announcement of S.C. School Boards Insurance Trust grand award of \$7,741.30, recognition of students and the superintendent's report.

For more information, call (803) 484-5327, extension 1002.

Paxville fundraising banquet Saturday

The Paxville Community Development Corporation Fundraising Banquet will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday at Manning Junior High School, 1101 W.L. Hamilton Road, Manning.

State Sen. Kevin Johnson, D-Manning, will be the guest speaker. Sumter native U.S. Rep. James E. Clyburn, D-S.C., is the honoree for the event.

Tickets are \$25 per person. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call Geneva Ziegler at (803) 452-5805.

Protest held outside Confederate convention

ROCK HILL — A South Carolina convention for the Sons of Confederate Veterans has drawn some protesters who object to the Confederate flag.

About 35 protesters peacefully held signs and recited slogans on Friday outside of the Rock Hill convention site, according to *The Herald*. Organizers that include members of area NAACP branches say they plan to protest Saturday as well.

The site of the convention, York Technical College, announced that it was closing its main campus and on-campus classes Friday and Saturday because of the convention and protests.

Leland Summers is commander of the South Carolina Division of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He said the group agreed with York Tech's request to keep its flags inside the venue.

Summers expected the convention to draw more than 150 members of the group.

Clarendon S.D. 1 will hold budget workshop

Clarendon School District 1 will hold a budget workshop at 6 p.m. Monday at 12 S. Church St., Summerton.

For information, call (803) 485-2325.

CORRECTION

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Jones sentenced for child porn

Ex-vice commander gets thrown out of Air Force, 1 year in jail

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS

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Military Judge J. Wesley Moore dismissed former Shaw Air Force Base 20th Fighter Wing Vice Commander Col. William Jones from the U.S. Air Force and sentenced him to 12 months incarceration during the final day of the court-martial sentence hearing at Shaw Air Force Base on Friday.

Jones pleaded guilty to wrongfully possessing child pornography between July 2015 and February 2016.

There is a difference in the testimony given by the accused and the evidence presented by the government, said Maj. Sarah Lyons of the trial counsel during closing arguments on Friday afternoon. While speaking, she showed the military judge some of the images found on the laptop seized from Jones' residence in February 2016.

Jones said he stumbled upon child pornography while attempting to look for pornography of young adults and his only crime is that he held onto the illegal images for too long, she said.

The accused would also like for the military judge to believe it is impossible to search the internet for pornography of young adults without finding child pornography but that defies common sense, she said.

Lyons said it is hard to believe that Jones, who has a background in computer science and is intelligent enough to reach the rank of colonel, cannot navigate the

internet to find what he is looking for.

And if he stumbled upon images that are clearly illegal, why did he do the same thing over and over again, and why did he organize, rename and hide the images, Lyons asked. A mistake happens one time, not multiple times, she said.

The only explanation is that he found and kept the images intentionally, Lyons said.

The trial counsel requested that Jones be dismissed from the Air Force and sentenced to nine years in prison.

Lyons said the requested sentence and dismissal would send the message that no matter a service member's rank, a crime will be dealt with appropriately.

The accused has a problem, and it is clear that rehabilitation will take a long time, she said.

Jones should be dismissed in order to distinguish him from service members who have served for many years without harming others, she said. Awards cannot make up for preying on children, some of the most vulnerable people in society, she said.

The defense counsel requested that Jones be sentenced to 12 months incarceration and remain in the Air Force.

Defense attorney Ernesto Gapasin said the military judge should take into account that Jones had already accepted responsibility for the crime. This has been a lesson learned for Jones and that is more than half of the battle, he said.



JONES

Cinderella Project offering prom outfits

BY IVY MOORE

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The Cinderella Project at First Presbyterian Church will help local high school girls attend their proms in style for the 16th consecutive year, making sure they'll be well dressed for what many consider an important rite of passage. Anna Moorman and Ashley Blum, co-chairwomen of the project, recognize the significance of the prom to many young girls, Moorman said.

"Our main goal is to make sure they don't have to miss it because their parents can't afford to buy a nice dress," she said. "Prom dresses can be very expensive."

The Cinderella Project collects new and gently used dresses, most donated by the public, and sets up a dress shop in the church's West Youth Building on N. Main Street. Girls interested in a nice ensemble for their proms are invited to come and find a dress, shoes, handbag and even jewelry, all at no charge to them.

"We don't ask for documentation to see who's qualified (financially)," Moorman said.

"Girls, their mothers and grandmothers can come in to shop and to try on the dresses on our shopping days. The girls can bring teachers or friends to help them, too."

She added that the project has "a wide variety of dresses in an array of colors, long and

short, and all are in good shape. There's a little bit of everything, current trends in all sizes, and we also offer dry cleaning at no charge."

The local Cinderella Project, sponsored by the Women of First Presbyterian Church, started in 2002 and assisted more than 200 women in its first 15 years. The project originated at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina, and has since spread across the country. Former First Presbyterian member Laura Moushey, a Meredith alumna, introduced the churchwomen to the project, and it has served Sumter's high school students ever since.

While the "shopping days" are coming up soon, Moorman said the church will still accept donations, particularly of larger-size dresses. They can be delivered to the First Presbyterian Church office, 9 W. Calhoun St., between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Dresses will be available in the church's West Youth Building — the white building with a screened porch in the back parking lot — on three days:

- 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, March 31;
- 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 1; and
- 2 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 2.

For questions, interested high school students should contact their guidance counselors.

For more information about the Cinderella Project, contact Moorman at (803) 446-9408 or afmoorman@yahoo.com.



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Anna Moorman, co-chairwoman of the Cinderella Project sponsored by the Women of First Presbyterian Church, assembles a sample outfit from the church's "dress shop," where high school students who can't afford expensive prom outfits can find dresses and accessories at no charge to them. Shopping days are coming up the last weekend of the month.

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Trump, Merkel try to sidestep differences in 1st meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though presenting a study in contrasts, President Trump and German Chancellor Angela Merkel took a similar tack Friday in sidestepping differences after their first meeting at the White House. Trump asserted with a smile they had at least one thing in common: being wiretapped by the Obama administration.

Trump, the celebrity real estate developer and former reality television star, repeated his contention that former President Obama may have tapped his phones in Trump Tower. He sought to turn the explosive charge into a light joke when asked about concerns raised by the British government that the White House is now citing a debunked claim that U.K. spies snooped on Trump.

“At least we have something in common, perhaps,” Trump said casually, referring to 2014 reports that the U.S. was monitoring Merkel’s cellphone conversations. As for the most recent report, Trump said he shouldn’t be blamed for quoting a Fox News analyst who had accused British intelligence of helping Obama spy on him. The German chancellor maintained her composure during the awkward diplomatic moment.

When a German reporter asked Trump if he regrets any of his commentary on Twitter, Trump said, “Very seldom.”

On another subject, Trump also pushed back against the notion in Europe that his “America First” agenda means he’s an isolationist, responding firmly, “I don’t believe in an isolationist policy.”

Merkel often attempted to project a more conciliatory approach, saying she and Trump had not yet had much time to discuss economic issues. She said the “success of Germans has always been one where the German success is one side of the coin and the other side of the coin has been European unity and Eu-



President Trump looks to German Chancellor Angela Merkel as she speaks Friday during a joint news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, D.C.

ropean integration. That’s something of which I’m deeply convinced.”

Those comments appeared aimed at making a case to Trump on the benefits of the European Union. Trump backed Britain’s departure from the EU and has expressed skepticism of multilateral trade agreements.

The two leaders tried to express their common bonds but showed minimal rapport in their first encounter, a departure from Merkel’s warm relations with Obama during his eight years as president. During a photo op in the Oval Office, the two did not shake hands before reporters. At the start of the news conference, Merkel sought to break the ice, saying that it was “much better to talk to one another than about one another.”

Merkel said delicately that while she represents German interests, Trump “stands up for, as is right, American interests. That is our task respectively.” She said they were “trying to address also those areas where we disagree but

tried to bring people together.”

“We need to be fair with each other,” Merkel said, saying both countries were expecting “that something good comes out of it for their own people.”

The meetings at the White House included discussions on strengthening NATO, fighting the Islamic State group, the conflict in Afghanistan and resolving Ukraine’s conflict, all matters that require close cooperation between the U.S. and Germany.

The talks, postponed from Tuesday because of a snowstorm, aimed to represent a restart of a relationship complicated by Trump’s rhetoric on the campaign trail. As a candidate, Trump frequently accused the chancellor of “ruining” Germany for allowing an influx of refugees and other migrants from Syria and accused his campaign rival, Hillary Clinton, of wanting to be “America’s Angela Merkel.”

During the news conference, Trump predicted that a new health care law would be passed by a substantial mar-

gin and “pretty quickly,” expressing optimism for his top legislative priority.

The new president reaffirmed the United States’ “strong support” for NATO but reiterated his stance that NATO allies need to “pay their fair share” for the cost of defense. Trump said many countries owe “vast sums of money” but he declined to identify Germany as one of the nations.

Before his inauguration, Trump declared NATO “obsolete” but has since modified his stance, telling European leaders the alliance remains of strategic importance. Only the U.S. and four other members currently reach the benchmark of spending 2 percent of GDP on defense. Germany currently spends 1.23 percent of its GDP on defense, but it is being increased.

Both leaders pointed to their work on the conflict in Afghanistan and efforts to combat terrorism.

When the topic moved to trade, Trump said the U.S. would do “fantastically well” in its trade relations with Germany. The president has been deeply critical of foreign trade and national security agreements but suggested he was only trying to revise trade deals to better serve U.S. interests, rather than pull back from the world entirely.

Trump said trade agreements have led to greater trade deficits. The U.S. trade deficit with Germany was \$64.9 billion last year, the lowest since 2009, according to the Commerce Department.

“The negotiators for Germany have done a far better job than the negotiators for the United States, but hopefully we can even it out. We don’t want victory, we want fairness,” Trump said.

Merkel emphasized the need for trade deals that fairly benefit both countries.

“That is the spirit I think in which we ought to be guided in negotiating any agreement between the United States of America and the EU,” she said.

3 Monopoly game tokens replaced

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The boot has been booted, the wheelbarrow has been wheeled out, and the thimble got the thumbs down in the latest version of the board game Monopoly.

In their place will be a Tyrannosaurus rex, a penguin and a rubber ducky.

More than 4.3 million voters from 146 countries weighed in on which tokens they wanted to see in future versions of the property-acquisition game, which is based on the real-life streets of Atlantic City. Pawtucket, Rhode Island-based Hasbro announced the winners Friday morning.

Jonathan Berkowitz, Hasbro’s senior vice president of marketing, grew up playing the game with his family.

“While I’m sad to see the iconic thimble, boot, and wheelbarrow tokens go, it will be fun to have some new, fan-sourced tokens in the mix,” he said. “Personally, I’ve always especially liked the boot token, but I’m excited to move onto the T. rex.”

There were 64 contenders, including a winking emoji, a hashtag, a clunky ‘80s-style cellphone and a pair of bunny slippers.

The existing Scottish Terrier, battleship, racecar, top hat and cat tokens will carry on.

The Scottie was top dog in the competition, leading all contenders with 212,476 votes. The T. rex was second with 207,954, and the hat was third with 167,582. The car was



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Hasbro Inc. revealed the results of voting on Friday for the eight game tokens that will be included in upcoming versions of Monopoly board game in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

fourth with 165,083; the ducky was fifth with 160,485; the cat was sixth with 154,165; the penguin waddled into seventh place with 146,661; and the battleship made the final cut with 134,704 votes.

The closest unsuccessful candidate was the tortoise, which fell nearly 5,700 votes short.

A rain boot got the least support, with 7,239 votes. The next version of the game will go on sale with the new tokens in the fall.

The board game was “born” on March 19, 1935, when Parker Brothers acquired the rights to it. In the decades since, an estimated 1 billion people have weighed the mer-

its of buying up utilities and railroads or trying to hit it big with Boardwalk hotels.

The original 10 tokens were an iron, purse, lantern, racecar, thimble, shoe, top hat, battleship, cannon and a rocking horse.

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Know your fat cells

Whether it is for health reasons or aesthetic purposes, most individuals are on a mission to lose weight. Fluctuating weight in small numbers is generally nothing more than a change in water retention based on food choices or activity level.

But it is the weight gain that sticks that needs to be addressed. For most individuals the source of their permanent weight gain is increased body fat.

Fat cells are broken into two categories: brown fat and white fat. Brown fat is metabolically active, helping the body to make heat.

It is something humans are born with to keep babies warm. Brown fat begins to disappear once babies start eating and layers of white fat cells develop.

Brown fat converts food to energy unlike white fat that stores energy.

White fat cells originally develop in the fetus during the third trimester of pregnancy and continue developing at the onset of puberty.

This type of fat is found under the skin, surrounding organs or in the muscles. It is important in energy metabolism and heat insulation. After puberty, the number of your fat cells generally stay the same unless a large weight gain is experienced in adulthood.

Scientists believe that increasing brown fat activation can help promote weight loss.

A recent study by the National Institutes of Health shows that you can increase your energy expenditure and brown adipose tissue (BAT) activity.

The study reported that individuals who slept overnight in a room that was nine degrees cooler, at 66 degrees instead of 75 degrees, increased their energy expenditure by 5 percent and BAT activity by 10 percent.

Until the magic solution for developing more brown fat comes about, we must understand how the body stores fat and breaks it down.

When you eat, the food is broken down and absorbed from the blood into the organs, muscles and fat cells.

Protein is broken down into amino acids, carbohydrates into glucose and fat into fatty acids.

The unused protein, carbohydrates and fats get stored in the fat cells, as well as in the blood vessels of muscle and heart tissues.

However, converting and storing excess protein or carbohydrates as fat in a fat cell isn't as energy efficient as storing dietary fat, meaning that it is easier for the body to store fat in the fat cells.

When you exercise, reduce your food intake or skip eating altogether, the body draws on stored energy. Regardless of your activity level, the body is always using energy to stay alive.

Because the body's primary source of energy is glucose, the body first breaks down carbohydrates. Glucose is the sole energy source for some vital cells such as brain cells. After this, the body then breaks down fat for energy.

Since fat cells grow and shrink based on food intake and activity level, it is recommended that you consume a balanced diet that contains adequate amounts of protein, carbs and fats and exercise most days of the week.

Falls taking huge toll on elderly brains

NEW YORK (AP) — Elderly people are suffering concussions and other brain injuries from falls at what appear to be unprecedented rates, according to a new report from U.S. government researchers.

The reason for the increase isn't clear, the report's authors said. But one likely factor is that a growing number of elderly people are living at home and taking repeated tumbles, said one expert.

"Many older adults are afraid their independence will be taken away if they admit to falling, and so they minimize it," said Dr. Lauren Southerland, an Ohio State University emergency physician who specializes in geriatric care.

But what may seem like a mild initial fall may cause concussions or other problems that increase the chances of future falls —

and more severe injuries, she said.

Whatever the cause, the numbers are striking, according to the new report released Thursday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One in every 45 Americans 75 and older suffered brain injuries that resulted in emergency department visits, hospitalizations, or deaths in 2013. The rate for that age group jumped 76 percent from 2007. The rate of these injuries for people of all ages rose 39 percent over that time, hitting a record level, the CDC found.

The report, which explored brain injuries in general, also found an increase in brain injuries from suicides and suicide attempts, mainly gunshot wounds to the head. Brain injuries from car crashes fell.

But the elderly suffered at far higher rates than any

other group.

It's well known that falls among the elderly are common. Older people are more likely to have impaired vision, dizziness and other destabilizing health problems, and are less likely than younger people to have the strength and agility to find their feet once they begin to lose their balance. The CDC had already reported that falls were the top cause of injuries and deaths from injury among older people; an estimated 27,000 Americans die each year from falls.

But even experts on elderly falls said the new numbers were striking.

Health officials have been increasing their focus on brain injuries among all ages, especially younger people. CDC investigators thought the overall rise in brain injuries might be mainly caused by rising awareness of sports-related

head injuries in kids and young adults, and more diagnosis of injuries in that group that in the past were not recorded.

"But when we dug a little bit more into the numbers, we found the larger driver is older adult falls," said the CDC's Matt Breiding, a co-author of the new report.

The toll from elderly falls has been under-recognized by physicians and by seniors themselves, Southerland said. When falls do occur, older people tend to downplay it, she said.

But one fall can quickly lead to others. In a study published last year, Southerland and other Ohio State researchers found that more than a third of older adults with minor head injuries end up back in the ER within 90 days.

Even when they see a doctor, the future risk may be missed.

Focus on healthy eating with tips from Palmetto Health Tuomey

FROM PALMETTO HEALTH TUOMEY

Is there something you have wanted to change about the way you eat but have not made the time for it yet?

March is National Nutrition Month, and it is the perfect time to think about the small changes you can make to your eating habits to improve your overall health.

"The dictionary defines nutritious as being nourishing or healthful," said Scott Crosier, Palmetto Health Tuomey's dietitian specialist. "Fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains and le-

gumes are naturally packed with nutrition, making them the ideal foods to choose when deciding on positive lifestyle changes."

When eating to be healthy, it is important that your meals include a variety of your favorite healthy foods. A fun way to incorporate better choices is by cooking more meals at home instead of eating out. To complement your healthy eating choices, get moving.

These things will help you manage your weight and help create a healthy lifestyle for you and your family.

Here are tips to help you get started:

- Eat at least four servings of vegetables on at least five days of every week;
- Become a more mindful eater by eating away from distractions (TV, cell phone, laptop, etc.) for at least one meal per day;
- Observe Meatless Monday every Monday;
- Consume at least 20 grams of protein at breakfast to feel more satisfied until lunch time; and
- Commit to trying a new fruit or vegetable each week.



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Sumter Volunteers names 3 to Women's Honor Roll

BY IVY MOORE
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Sumter Volunteers Inc. has announced the 2017 class of the Women's Honor Roll of Sumter County. In celebration of National Women's History Month, the organization will add Sumterites Edna Davis, the late Myrtis Julia Logan and Annette Jeter Hill Mathis to the roll for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Jo Anne Morris, executive director of Sumter Volunteers, said the public is invited to a 3 p.m. induction ceremony and reception for the honorees on Tuesday, March 21, during Women's History Month, at Swan Lake Visitors Center. The date also marks the 25th year of the Women of Honor program.

It was only 39 years ago that the national celebration of Women's History

Month began as Women's History Week, an educational project intended solely for schools in Sonoma County, California.

Congress passed a resolution making National Women's History Week official in 1981. Six years later, the recognition of women's contributions to history had grown so much that Congress expanded the celebration to a month.

The month has been observed in Sumter since 1991 under the leadership of the YWCA of the Upper Lowlands. In 1993, Sumter Volunteers established The Women's Honor Roll of Sumter County to recognize women who have made outstanding contributions to the area's culture and history. Initially, 20 women were honored posthumously, and Lady Banksiae roses were planted in their honor on the pergola in Volunteer Park, located originally at the corner of North Magnolia and East Calhoun streets.

Since the first observance, 111 additional women have been honored and a permanent rose planting installed on the east and west sides of the Sumter Civic Center on West Liberty Street. Morris said these roses serve as living monuments to all the honorees.

In addition, all honorees' names are listed on the Honor Roll of Outstanding Women of Sumter County, a plaque that hangs in the foyer of Patriot Hall in the Sumter County Cultural Center on Haynsworth Street. Names are added to the list only during Women's History Month.

With the addition of this year's honorees the honor roll will number 114, Morris said.

The public is invited to attend Tuesday's recognition ceremony and reception for the 2017 Sumter Volunteers Women of Honor at the Swan Lake Visitors Center on West Liberty Street. For more information about Sumter Volunteers Inc., the Women's Honor Roll of Sumter County or Tuesday afternoon's ceremony and reception, call Morris at (803) 775-7423.

EDNA LOUISE DAVIS

Dr. Edna Louise Davis was born in Sumter to the late Dr. Thomas B. and Edna Lowery Davis. The family moved to Tuskegee, Alabama, a few years later and lived on the Government Reservation,

where she began school in the Children's House of Tuskegee Institute.

After graduating the high school of Tuskegee Institute as valedictorian, Dr. Davis studied music on the college level for two years in the Institute's music department. At Oberlin Conservatory of

Music, she earned her Bachelor of Music degree, membership in Pi Kappa Lambda National Honor Society in Music and Master of Music Education degree; she had also earned credits at Juilliard School of Music in New York City. She received her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at Boston University.

Following the receipt of her bachelor's degree, Dr. Davis joined the staff at Jackson State College (now University) in Jackson, Mississippi, where she accompanied the choir, gave piano instruction and taught music classes in the Department of Creative and Recreative Arts. As a member of the Harmonia Music Club in Jackson, she performed often as a pianist.

After 10 years on the Jackson State faculty, Dr. Davis left in 1955 to teach at Elizabeth City, North Carolina State College, where her first duties were the same as they had been at Jackson. She became head of the Music Department in 1964, with mostly administrative duties, a few piano students and taught Music Theory.

Within the community, Dr. Davis became active with the Posquotank County Arts Council, the Albemarle Museum, the National Council of Negro Women as president, the Federated Women's Club, the Music Club, the Elizabeth City Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority as president, and Antioch Presbyterian Church as musician.

She was promoted to the rank of professor and became chairwoman of the Music Department as the college became a university. Upon her

retirement from ECSU after 30 years, Dr. Davis was made professor emerita.

Returning to Sumter as a retiree, she became active with several community organizations, including the Sumter-

Shaw Community Concert Association as board member; she was also instrumental in reorganizing the Sumter Music Guild, serving as vice president.

Over the following years, she has been elected president of the Mary McLeod Bethune Section of the National Council of Negro Women, the

One More Effort Federated Club of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, the Sumter County Gallery of Art and the YWCA of the Upper Lowlands; vice president of the Sumter County Museum and treasurer of the Walker Cemetery Association.

Dr. Davis was a member of the Sumter County Cultural Arts Commission, served on the planning committee for the Bicentennial of the City of Sumter, and Sumter Volunteers Inc. projects of My Community and Me and Make a Difference Day.

She played piano for programs of Church Women United of the Greater Sumter area and was accompanist of the Sanctuary Choir at Goodwill Presbyterian Church, where she is a deacon and former trustee.

Dr. Davis' many awards and citations for her services to community include a 1993 Woman of Achievement award from the YWCA, recognition as Humanitarian of the Year in 1997 by Sumter County NAACP and as Homecoming Honoree at Goodwill Presbyterian Church in 2011. In 2002, the S.C. Senate and House of Representatives cited her for distinguished services to the citizens of Sumter County.

Her 50 years of membership have been recognized nationally by the American Association of University Professors and the Music Educators National Conference. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has recognized Dr. Davis on both the local and national levels, and she has been a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in education for 53 years.



ANNETTE JETER MATTHEWS

Annette Jeter Hill Matthews is the daughter of the late Rowland Glenn Hill and Letitia Walker Hill of Union. She graduated from Columbia College with a degree in Piano Performance and English Literature. She was elected into Alpha Kappa Gamma leadership fraternity and into Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. It was at Columbia College where she met Professor Guthrie Darr and began accompanying all of his college choral groups. She later became his accompanist for the Columbia Choral Society and the Carolina Chorale for many years.

She did graduate study in piano at Columbia University in New York where she studied with the renowned teacher, Dr. Thomas Richner.

Mrs. Matthews came to Sumter to teach music at McLaurin Junior High School. It is here in Sumter that she met her beloved husband, James Eugene Matthews, and they were happily married for 54 years until his death. Their oldest son, Dan Matthews, is the principal of Camden High School. He is married to Lynn Rabon Matthews and they have a son, Roland and daughter, Meg Matthews.



Their younger son, Gene Matthews, is a lawyer in Columbia and a captain in Naval Intelligence as a reservist. His wife is Beth Whetsell Matthews. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Anne, and two sons, Hamilton Matthews and Madison Matthews.

Mrs. Matthews' family is and has always been the most important part of her life.

She is an accomplished pianist who gives generously of her time and talent to her church, Trinity United Methodist, and her community. She has accompanied musicals at the Sumter Little Theatre and many vocal soloists. She has performed solo and duo piano recitals throughout the Southeast

with her partners Mary Tatum and Eddie Huss.

Mrs. Matthews has taught piano for many years and judged numerous piano competitions in South Carolina and Georgia. She is a past board member of the South Carolina Music Teacher Association and also a member of The Music Teacher National Association. She is a member of the Woman's Afternoon Music Club, The Sumter Art Association, The Sumter Piano Teachers and The Book Club.

MYRTIS BAKER LOGAN

Myrtis Julia Baker Logan was born in Culverton, Georgia, in 1909. She graduated from Winthrop College in 1930 and received the Mary Mildred Sullivan Award for outstanding alumnae in 1972.

Following her graduation from Winthrop, Mrs. Logan taught school in Johnsonville and then in Sumter until her marriage to Joe Logan in 1935. The Logans had three children — Agnes, who is deceased, Joe and Gordon.

Active in First Presbyterian Church for many years, Mrs. Logan also taught Bible lessons at Miller School in the 1940s, and she was a Red Cross Safety instructor during World War II.

A longtime active member of the PTA at Willow Drive Elementary, she also served as president of the Sumter County PTA Council in 1959 and was a member of the Sumter School District 17 school board in the late 1950s and early '60s.

An active member of the Sumter Altrusa Club, Mrs. Logan also received the Service to Mankind Award from Sumter Sertoma Club in 1970. That same year, she was named Sumter's Mother of the Year, and in 1972, she was selected as South Carolina Merit Mother of the Year.

Mrs. Logan was an active member in the Poinsett Garden Club, which she served as president and Garden Therapy chairwoman, was a nationally accredited flower judge and served as district Garden Club of South Carolina chairwoman. She was also a life member



of those organizations and a patron of Sumter Little Theatre, the Sumter-Shaw Community Concert Association and the Sumter County Gallery of Art.

Some of Mrs. Logan's most significant contributions to the community were through the Mental Health Association, which she served as president and state coordinator of volunteer services. In that capacity, she established a social club for patients released from the state mental hospital.

Another of her interests was a camp for children near Clemson, which was later named Camp Logan in her honor. Mrs. Logan died in 1976.

In 2015, the Logan Foundation, which Mrs. Logan established in the 1970s,

funded a building at the new Santee-Wateree Mental Health Outpatient Clinic campus in Sumter, 2015.

Most recently, the Logan Foundation pledged its largest gift ever to be used for the construction of a free-standing Training and Conference Center to be built on the same property that will also have a new facility that will house the administrative operations for the Santee-Wateree Community Mental Health Center, as well as a new outpatient mental health clinic to serve the residents of Sumter. The Training and Conference Center will be adjacent to the Center's main facility and will be named the "Myrtis Logan Training and Conference Center" in honor of Mrs. Logan. Both facilities will be located on North Pike West at the former site of the "Skyview Drive-In" movie theater.

ENGAGEMENT

Somheil-Richey

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Lee Somheil of Sumter announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Margaret Somheil of Sumter, to Eric Allen Richey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Ray Richey of Florence.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Carolyn Earnhardt Somheil and the late Mr. Ralph Arnold Somheil and the late Mr. and Mrs. James Mack Cabbage Sr., all of Sumter. She graduated in 2015 from Clemson University with a Bachelor of Science in language and international health with an emphasis in Spanish and community development and plans to graduate in May with an associate's de-

gree in nursing from Central Carolina Technical College.

The bridegroom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Edward Lippincott of Murrells Inlet and Mr. Vernon Ray Richey and the late Mrs. Mary Sue Richey of St. Joseph, Missouri. He graduated from Clemson University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in computer science. He is employed by Boeing in Charleston as a computer software developer.

The wedding is planned for July 22, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter.

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The couple is registered at www.theknot.com/us/mary-margaret-and-eric; Naomi's;



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Sumter Lighting and Home; Belk, www.belk.com; Bed, Bath and Beyond, bedbathandbeyond.com; Silver Paper; and Nicole Norris.

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EDUCATION NEWS

Sumter Christian School



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Amanda Kish's second-grade class dressed up for Lorax Day at Sumter Christian School.

DR. SEUSS CELEBRATED

During March, the elementary classes are celebrating the beloved children's author Dr. Seuss with colorful Seuss-themed decorations, activities, snacks, and, of course, reading. Each day, March 6-10, the students and teachers celebrated a different Dr. Seuss book by dressing up, reading the book and doing fun activities.

On Monday's Red Fish, Blue Fish Day, students dressed in red and blue, and everyone wore crazy socks on Fox in Socks Day on Tuesday. On Wednesday, students and teachers wore orange and made yellow feather mustaches for Lorax Day. The elementary building was full of fun hats on Thursday for Cat in the Hat Day, and Green Eggs and Ham Day was celebrated on Friday with plenty of rhyming and food. — *Miriam Marritt*

Wilson Hall

MULDROW A BOYS STATE SCHOLAR

Senior Patrick Muldrow received a Boys State Scholarship from Wofford College. The scholarship is valued at \$80,000 and covers 50 percent of tuition. Muldrow was invited to visit the college's campus for Wofford Scholars Day during which time he was interviewed by college representatives. The scholarship is awarded to students who have a minimum SAT score of 1250, rank in the top 10 percent of their graduating class, have an outstanding academic record and have demonstrated leadership potential.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As of March 9, 90 percent of the 57 members of the senior class received merit-based scholarship offers totaling more than \$2.5 million to a four-year college or university. The following is a partial list of scholarship recipients compiled from information submitted to the college counselor, Diane Richardson. Clemson University offered an academic scholarship to Katie Duffy, Tripp Herlong, Sean Jackson, Drew Reynolds and Brad Russell. Wingate University offered Emily DuRant a Trustee Scholarship and Elizabeth Piasecki an Academic Merit Scholarship. Wofford College offered a Merit Scholarship to Paige Anderson, Katie Duffie, Lauren Elizabeth Elmore, Hunter Hendrix and Mary Daniel Stokes.

SPECIAL ATHLETIC RECOGNITION

Several basketball players received special recognition at the conclusion of the winter athletic season. Junior Courtney Clark and senior Drew Talley were named the S.C. Independent School Association Region II-AAA Players of the Year. Selected for the girls All-Region Team with Clark were seniors Diamond Crawford and Mary Daniel Stokes and sophomore Liza Segars. Named to the boys All-Region Team with Talley was junior Greyson Sonntag. Talley was chosen for the SCISA/Georgia Independent School Association All-Star Team, and Sonntag and senior Easton Ward were selected for the SCISA North/South All-Star Team. Chosen for the girls' All-Star team were Clark, Crawford, Segars, Stokes and sophomore Cameron Duffy. Glen Rector, the girls' basketball team head coach, was named the Co-Region Coach of the Year.

FIELD TRIPS

The third-grade classes, as part of their study of South Carolina history, visited the Statehouse in Columbia on March 8. In addition to a tour, the students met with Gov. Henry McMaster; Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, a 1996 Wilson Hall graduate; and Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, a 1986 Wilson Hall graduate. The kindergarten and first-grade classes visited Patriot Hall to see the Columbia City Ballet production of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" on March 10. — *Sean Hoskins*

University of South Carolina Sumter

COMIC ARTS SYMPOSIUM

USC Sumter is proud once again to be a part of the Sumter Comic Arts Symposium, which will take place at the university on Friday, March 31, and at Patriot Hall on Saturday, April 1.

On March 31, author and illustrator Max Miller Dowdle, author and illustrator Sophie Goldstein and cartoonist Carl Antonowicz will discuss their past and current projects beginning at 11 a.m. in the USC Sumter Arts and Letters Lecture Hall. A question-and-answer session will follow each presentation.

The event is sponsored by the Korn Trust and the USC Sumter Cultural Events Committee and is free and open to all. For more information, visit uscsumter.edu or contact Andrew Kunka at (803) 938-3718 or ajkunka@uscsumter.edu.

The second day of the Comic Arts Symposium is sponsored by the Sumter County Cultural Commission and will be on Saturday, April 1, at Patriot Hall. Saturday's event is an all-day comic extravaganza with multiple artists, presentations, vendor tables and more. — *Misty Hatfield*

Thomas Sumter Academy

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Each month, the Generals at Thomas Sumter Academy focus on one character trait that should be instilled in the lives of all young people. This is done through class discussions, Scripture, posters and daily living. These Lower School Generals were recognized for exemplifying the February trait of individuality: K4, Hudson Laney; K5, Braeden Stevens and Lela Reilly; first, Juli Tupper and Eden Stokes; second, Sophia Miranda; third, Lucy Gore and Grayson Smith; fourth, Phoenix Evans and Sylvia Burrows; fifth, Dolly O'Connell and Austin Foddrill — *BJ Reed*

Morris College

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL WEEK

Morris College will celebrate Fine Arts Festival week Monday through Friday. The event will kick off with an art exhibit at 9 a.m. Monday in the Neal Jones Auditorium lobby. This event will be open to the public.

GOSPEL CHOIR CONCERT

The Morris College Gospel Choir will host a concert in the Neal Jones Auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday. This event is open to the public.

RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL

Morris College has been nominated for the 2017 ReTool Your School competition. The Sumter community is encouraged to vote for Morris College at www.retoolyourschool.com or by using the hashtag #Morris_RYS17 on social media. — *Anika Cobb*

Clarendon School District 1

SUMMERTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The local Pilot Club presented a puppet show to students of SECC on March 9. The show centered on ways families and friends can practice BrainMinders safe behaviors. The Pilot International Foundations' BrainMinders program is designed to help prevent brain injuries. The students were presented individual

certificates and workbooks on safe practices such as wearing a helmet when riding a bike, playing on grass or wood chips and not starting the car until all passengers are safely buckled in place.

Summerton Early Childhood PTO/SIC will sponsor Movie Night at 6 p.m. Friday in the multi-purpose room and the media center. Admission is free. Snacks will be available for students to purchase. The movies that will be played are "Trolls" and "Swing."

Report Card Pick Up/Parent Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 28.

SCOTT'S BRANCH MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL

On March 10, students who made the honor roll came to the cafeteria for the quarterly honor roll breakfast. Serving breakfast to these students was Principal Gwendolyn Harris; art teacher, Tarleton Blackwell; and Gear-up coach, Makeba White. Students were served a healthy, nutritious meal. During breakfast, Harris challenged the students to continue performing at high levels as they prepare to face a world of challenges. Commenting on the breakfast and servers, seventh-grader Zakee Rendell said, "It felt awesome, plus the food was good." Senior Symera Scott said, "I appreciate Mr. Blackwell, Mrs. White and Dr. Harris serving us and honoring us for our accomplishments." — *Beverly Spry*

Sumter School District

BREAKFAST WEEK SUCCESSFUL

National School Breakfast Week was held recently all across the United States, and Sumter School District was no exception.

The theme for this year's celebration was "Take the School Breakfast Challenge." The theme encourages parents, students and school district employees to start their morning with a healthy breakfast. The cafeteria managers and their staff members decorated their cafeteria for the event. The District Food Services Department visited the participating schools and judged the competition and will announce the elementary, middle and high school winners for the best breakfast-related activities.

Schools celebrated in a variety of ways. For example, Cherryvale Elementary School hosted a food drive during the week and presented non-perishable food items to Mark Champagne, director of United Ministries. Rafting Creek Elementary School's step team performed for students and guests during their event. High Hills and Shaw Heights elementary schools both celebrated all week. High Hills had a race car day, a healthy foods day, a reading day, a milk day and a fitness day. At Shaw Heights, different invited guests read to the students daily during breakfast.

Ebenezer Middle School hosted Alex English, former University of South Carolina basketball star from 1972 to 1976 and 15-year veteran of the NBA. He visited with students in the cafeteria during breakfast, and then the entire student body went to the gym to hear him give a motivational speech. English began by telling stories of his childhood, growing up with his grandmother and many siblings and cousins, and how they ate a nutritious breakfast every morning. He reminded students a healthy breakfast keeps them alert and ready to learn. He said leaving home with no breakfast makes one sluggish.

English then moved from breakfast to life lessons. He talked to the middle school students about the effects of peer pressure, both good and bad. He said they were living in exciting times, referenced the strides made in science and technology during his lifetime and challenged them to imagine what the next 15 years will bring. He encouraged the students to learn from their teachers, develop a love for reading and to have big voices.

SUMTER HIGH JAZZ BAND EXCELS

The Sumter High School jazz band earned a superior rating at the S.C. Jazz Performance Assessment recently at Newberry College. Under the direction

of Tori Stoudenmier, the band received perfect scores from the panel of judges. This annual event assesses the ability and progress of middle and high school jazz bands throughout South Carolina and is judged by a panel of nationally recognized adjudicators.

BATES FBLA STUDENTS ACTIVE

Bates Middle School's Future Business Leaders of America participated in the FBLA-Middle Level's national Go Green Project. This project is a great way for members to help preserve the environment while exploring the influence energy and conservation have on the business world.

The Go Green Project was based on three sections and activities that the members of FBLA participate in to receive national recognition. Bates students chose to plant a tree, prepare posters to display in the schools to encourage individuals to "Go Green" and to visit a senior living facility to donate items.

TEACHER CADETS IN THE NEWS

A brand-new S.C. Teacher Cadet National Honor Society, Region 4, held its inaugural induction ceremony recently at Francis Marion University. High school students enrolled in the Teacher Cadet program at their home schools were chosen for the National Honor Society based on their GPA, character, leadership ability and service to community.

Students inducted from Sumter School District were Zaleiah Billie, Lauren Beam, Christian Compton, Madison Harris, Faith Pringle, Caitlin Sanderson and Naomi Tellez-Duran from Lakewood High School and Ashleigh McElveen from Sumter High School. Lakewood High School had the most students inducted from any school in Region 4.

Crestwood and Lakewood high school Teacher Cadets attended a Teacher Cadet College Day at Francis Marion on March 1. The students met the S.C. Teacher of the Year, toured the campus and were given Francis Marion ID cards.

Teacher Cadet teachers in the district are Melissa Jackson, Crestwood High School; Lisa Sanderson, Lakewood High School; and Tammy Achziger, Sumter High. — *Mary B. Sheridan*

Central Carolina Technical College

COME SEE ME AT COLLEGE DAY

On March 8 and 9, Central Carolina Technical College held "Come See Me at College Day." The two-day program invited area high school students to CCTC to learn about admission and financial aid requirements, as well as discover the 50-plus academic programs the college offers. Attendees were also introduced to Central Carolina Scholars, CCTC's initiative that provides qualifying high school seniors the first two years at CCTC tuition free. Day one was divided between the Health Sciences Center and Legal Studies Center in downtown Sumter, while day two was split between the Main Campus, Advanced Manufacturing Technology Training Center and the Natural Resources Management Center.

CENTRALBRATION

On March 9, Central Carolina Technical College held Centralbration to show its appreciation to its students. There was free food, music, games, popcorn, cotton candy, fellowship and dancing. The weather was beautiful, and there was a great turnout.

GRADUATION FAIR

Central Carolina Technical College will host a Graduation Fair on Tuesday on Main Campus in the building M500 Atrium from 10 a.m. to noon and from 4 to 6 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to have graduation portraits taken, gather information about job searching, view class rings and check the status of their graduation applications. Graduation applications for May and August graduates are due by April 1. — *Nicole D. Ouellette*



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Sierra Leone's President Ernest Bai Koroma holds a diamond during a meeting on Thursday with delegates of Kono district, where the gem was found, at the presidential office in Freetown, Sierra Leone. A pastor in Sierra Leone has discovered the largest uncut diamond found in more than four decades in this West African country and has turned it over to the government, saying he hopes it helps to boost recent development in his impoverished nation.

Sierra Leone pastor discovers 706-carat diamond in village

BY CLARENCE ROY-MACAULAY
Associated Press

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — A pastor in Sierra Leone has discovered the largest uncut diamond found in more than four decades in this West African country and has turned it over to the government, saying he hopes it helps to boost recent development in his impoverished nation.

Pastor Emmanuel Momoh found the 706-carat alluvial diamond in Yakadu village in Sierra Leone's diamond-rich east, and it was presented to President Ernest Bai Koroma on Wednesday, said presidential spokesman Abdulai Bayraytay.

The gem, a bit smaller than a hockey puck, is the second largest diamond found in Sierra Leone. In 1972, the 968.9-carat Star of Sierra Leone was found by miners and sold for about \$2.5 million.

Momoh told The Associated Press that he turned in the diamond because he was touched by the development being undertaken in Kono

District, where the gem was found. He cited road construction and improvements to electricity after almost 30 years of blackouts.

"I believe the government can do more, especially at a time when the country is undergoing some economic challenges," he said.

Sierra Leone's diamond wealth fueled a decade-long civil war that ended in 2002. Despite its mineral wealth, the country remains one of the poorest in the world.

It was not immediately clear how the pastor came across the diamond.

The president expressed appreciation that there was no attempt to smuggle the gem out of the country, and encouraged others to emulate the pastor's example. He promised the diamond would be sold to the highest bidder and whatever is due to the owner and government would be distributed accordingly.

"A gift from God, and it will be a terrible thing if anyone tries to do something criminal with it," the president said.

Spokesman Bayraytay said

the diamond has not yet been valued and has been placed in the Bank of Sierra Leone.

The president has given "clear instruction to the Ministry of Mines that the evaluation, sale and distribution of the proceeds must be done in the most transparent manner," he said.

U.K. authorities seek owner of gold trove stashed inside piano

LONDON (AP) — British officials are trying to trace the owner of a trove of gold coins worth a "life-changing" amount of money found stashed inside a piano.

A coroner investigating the find on Thursday urged anyone with information to come forward.

When the piano's owners took it to be tuned last year in Shropshire, central England, it was found to contain a hoard of gold sovereigns minted between the mid-19th and early 20th centuries.

Investigators have determined that the piano was built in London in 1906 and sold to a pair of piano teachers in Saffron Walden, eastern England. They are seeking information on its ownership before 1983.

Anyone wanting to make a claim has until April 20, when coroner John Ellery will conclude his inquest. If the gold's owner or



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An undated handout photograph shows part of a hoard of gold coins discovered hidden in an upright piano.

heirs cannot be traced, it will be declared treasure, and the piano's current owners will reap the reward.

Officials have not disclosed how much the coins are worth. Peter Reavill, who assesses finds for the British Museum's Portable Antiquities Scheme, said "it's a hoard of objects which is potentially life-changing for somebody to receive."

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 <p>820 E. GLOUCESTER CT. Deerfield Courtyard. 4BR/2.5BA, laminate hardwood, ceramic tile, covered patio, brick fence, sprinkler, 2 car garage, one owner custom home! \$259,000. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023</p>	 <p>919 BORS Fabulous 3 bed 2 bath house comes furnished. High ceilings, eat in kitchen, fenced back yard, and 2 car garage. House is move in ready \$123,500 Call Jessica Pomichalek. 803-468-6324</p>	 <p>5 ALBERT SPEARS DRIVE Good Brick Home! Better price! Big lot, 3BR/2BA, Hardwood floors throughout. \$69,500. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	 <p>216 WILLOW STREET 4BR/1BA Fixer upper for sale! Make an offer! Needs TLC and sold as is Investors welcome! \$22,000. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062</p>	 <p>723 BAY SPRINGS DRIVE Fabulous front porch, entry foyer, DR, GR w/Cathedrals & FP, lg kitchen w/island & breakfast room. 2 car side load garage, fenced, all on acre. \$135,000. Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>14 BUFORD 2500 sqft house featuring 3BR/2.5BA, FP, refinished HW throughout, sun rm, front/back sprinklers. Finished/heated basement with kitch & BA must see. \$220,000. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>
 <p>17 FRANK CLARKE 4BR/3BA , elegant & custom home! Circular drive, screen porches, fountain, updates galore, FP, built ins, Outbuilding is potential MAN CAVE!!! \$269,900 Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>1343 DAVIS ST. Nice 3BR/2BA Doublewide underpinned in Isaac Levy Subdivision. All furniture and appliances stay. Hot tub. Nice long pier overlooking Eagle Point Subvn. \$199,900. Call Mary Alice at 803-491-4969</p>	 <p>123,125,129 LAVERNE ST. 3BR/1BA bungalow. LR/kit/DR, Laundry rm, dark room carpet, kitchen appliances stay. Needs updating. Price includes 2 addtl lots. \$59,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969</p>	 <p>1787 GLENMORANGIE 1.5 story 3BR/2BA 2 split FP. HW floors, kitchen w/ granite, SS appliances, & corner pantry. Master BR, master bath, walk in closets. \$186,131 MISC CHANGE. NEW FRONT PICS FOR: 1787 Glenmorangie</p>	 <p>3701 KATWALLACE Fabulous NEW 5BR/3BA, 2 story brick home on the pond! Granite, covered back porch, 3 car garage, 9ft smooth ceilings, fireplace! \$269,900. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>1781 RUGER DR. NEW! Two story, Craftsman style, 4BR/2.5BA home located in Hunters Crossing. SS appliances, lg Kitchen, granite, landscaped. \$179,789. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628.</p>
 <p>1786 RUGER DR. The Remington B by Mungo. 2 story Charleston style home in Hunters Crossing. 4BR/2.5BA. Granite, SS, Lg MBR w/his and hers closets. \$190,275. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	 <p>3205 MITCHUM Fantastic 4BR/2.5BA home with huge bonus room. HW, Ceramic Tile, fresh paint, open floor plan, balcony, looks brand new. \$200,000. Call Retta Sanders @ 803-968-3925</p>	 <p>1775 GLENMORANGIE 2 Story 4BR/2.5BA, MBR on main, vaulted ceilings, dbl sink, garden tub shower combo. Lofted area would make great upstairs LR. Granite. \$149,369. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	 <p>1310 MORRIS WAY 3BR/2BA brick home in Morris Way Subdivision. Great kitchen! Great area! Great Price! SS appl., granite, ceramic tile floor, mud rm. Abv grnd pool/deck \$145,500 call Gwen @ 803-464-5904</p>	 <p>2145 INDIAGRASS CV. Two Story Home w/5BR/3.5BA Open FP w/FR, DR, eat in kitchen, Office. Lg bonus rm. HW floors, FP, comm. pool & clubhouse. \$263,796. Call Jessica Pomichalek 803-468-6324</p>	 <p>1763 GLENMORANGIE 2 story 3 bed 2.5 bath features master on main with vaulted ceilings, WIC, garden tub shower combo. Kitchen w/granite, open to family room. \$155,917. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>
 <p>423 LORING DR. Investors special. Priced to sell 3 bed 1.5 bath 1138 Sqft on .20 acres. Makes for an great investment. Home is currently being rented by contractual tenants. \$34,900 Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	 <p>115 NAUTICAL The Bellamy built by Mungo! 5BR/4.5BA split floor plan, FR, Master suite downstairs, Coffered ceilings, 3 Car garage. Must see! \$347,275. Call Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	 <p>6690 HIDDEN HAVEN ROAD 5BR/3BA , HW, granite, dark high kitchen cabinets, french doors, cer. tile, SS appl., walk-in closets, auto, sprinklers, sec. system, gas FP, cvd patio. \$299,900 Call Pamela @ 702-266-7450</p>	 <p>3560 GREENVIEW PKWY 4BR/3BA in Lakewood Links golf course subdivision. 1.89 acres partially wooded, vaulted ceilings, gas FR, HW floors, granite, some appliances stay. MUST SEE!! \$235,000 Call Jessica 803-468-6324</p>	 <p>273 MASTERS DRIVE 2 story 4BR/2.5BA Home features DR, Large FR, Laundry rm upstairs. Lg MBR w/his & hers closets. Kitchen w/granite, island & SS appl. \$186,491 Call Jessica 803-468-6324</p>	 <p>2165 INDIAGRASS \$234,900. 4BR/2.5BA beautiful brick home in the newest phase of Beach Forest! Comm. Pool & Clubhouse! Hwd floors throughout, SS appl., granite, oak stairway! Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628</p>
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 <p>1 LEWIS CIRCLE 5BR/4.5BA. Beautiful 5,576 sqft home. Gameroom, li-brary/office, basketball court, fenced, landscaped yard. HW floors, lg MB suite, Wrought iron gate. \$494,900. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409</p>	 <p>1675 N. KINGS HWY. Beautiful New construction on 1.48 acres. Backs to trees! Split plan, open, patio, smooth ceilings, granite counter tops, SS appliances. \$165,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>1685 N. KINGS HWY. New construction, open split plan with smooth ceilings, granite counter tops, SS appliances, patio, backs to trees, all on 1.28 acres! \$145,000 Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>1705 N. KINGS HWY. 3BR/2BA NEW brick home. Split plan with his and hers walk in closets, cathedrals, smooth ceilings, open kitchen w/pantry closet. \$145,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>1738 RUGER DRIVE New two story home with 4BR/2.5BA Lots of space. SS appl, granite, built in surround sound, spacious Master BR, covered bk porch & landscaped yard. \$177,653. Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	 <p>870 PERRY BLVD. Great starter home! 3BR/1BA house on corner lot has fenced in front & back yard. A lot of updating has been done to the house. New Metal Roof & Vinyl siding in 2014. \$88,700. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>
 <p>3321 RED HILL RD. Priced to sell! Remodeled in 1990. 2BR/1BA only \$48,500 and being sold AS IS. Needs TLC. Investors Welcome. Make an offer! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062</p>	 <p>578 NATIONAL STREET 3BR/1BA all brick home on a huge lot. Garage shed with electricity. House is in Move In condition. All appliances convey. Washer & dryer too! Sold AS IS. \$73,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	 <p>1115 VANBOLKEN 4BR/2BA Brick home located on 3.8 acres in Eastover. Updated w/new kitchen, HW, BA, heat pumps, ST, Steel appl., roof & windows. USDA eligible. \$135,000. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925</p>	 <p>1012 CUTLEAF 2MBR/2BA. Lovely screened porch, bk patio overlooks private space. Micro, range, ref, convey. Carport, mature trees & location make this a must see! \$99,000 Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>250 TRILLIUM LANE In popular Trailwood SD. 4BR/2.5BA wonderful split BR plan. Bonus rm is 4th BR. Fenced yard with built in BBQ, screened porch, 2 car garage. \$193,000. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023</p>	 <p>8A-8B WOODBINE Unique duplex. Great investment with tenants! Sold AS IS! Make an offer! \$62,500. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062</p>

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- Rabbit Den Road** - 33 Acres for Sale! Great for hunting and Timber. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 \$99,000
- 900 Andiron Drive** - 1.34ac beautiful wooded lot - priced to sell. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 \$64,900
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- 409 E. Calhoun Street** - .88 acre available for commercial use. Great location. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961
- 915 Club Lane** - Great buildable lot close to Sunset Country Club. Call Renee Baird @ 491-8023..... \$39,000
- Wedgfield Road** - 11.6 acres. Beautiful wooded tract. Great home site. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 \$79,000
- 1718 Hubb Kelly Road, Cassatt SC** - 25.5 Acres. All necessary utilities on property. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 6230 Fish Road** - 15.22 Acres, zoned res. Ideal for home. 485 feet on Fish Rd. Call Retta @ 968-3925..... \$54,000
- 1105 Summit Drive** - .89 acres located in a Prestigious Gated Community! The Summit offers private executive housing, large lots all on a gated cul-de-sac! \$64,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 1135/1145 Tiger Lane** - 2 Lots available across from Shaw AFB! Good business location near heavy traffic area. Dwelling on property is not livable. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 6045 Brookland**. Wooded 2.44 acre lot in Brookland Subdivision. Front of lot is effectively level, back slopes down to stream. Great area to build 1500 SqFt home. No Mobile Homes. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324
- 355 Albemarle** Vacant lot in Patriot Village Subdivision off of Patriot Parkway. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409 \$33,000
- Waterfront lot with permission for a pier**. Lot 14 is owned and deeded outright, lot 14 is 1/7 acre and is leased from Santee Cooper for less than \$400 per year. \$94,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900
- 6340 Sylvia Rd.** \$6,950. 1 acre lot perfect for a mobile home! Priced to sell quickly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961
- 0 Hwy 521 N.** Beautiful corner wooded lot waiting for you to build your dream home! \$17,500. Call Gwen 803-460-9154
- 505 Torrey Pines.** Beautiful lot in Lakewood Links at the end of a cul-de-sac. \$29,900. Call Gwen 803-460-9154
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- 6760 Camden Hwy.** Large lot available. 1.32 Acres. \$7,950. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961

- 1065 Jonte Drive.** Beautiful Airport level Prime .77 acre lot located in fabulous Palmetto Air Plantation! Gated community w/large pond, recreational area & postal center. \$19,900. Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154
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- 974 Meadowbrook Rd.** Wooded lot in Green Acres subdivision off of Red Bay - Good home site. \$12,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 956 Meadowbrook.** 9 Acres of land with frontage on Red Bay Rd. Possible Church Site. \$50,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
- 3595 Preserve Ct.** 16.49 best tract in Lee's Preserve. Great home site, very private. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409
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<p>110 STUBBERFIELD Extremely nice 5BR/3BA house in beautiful neighborhood. Lg live oaks everywhere. Spacious rms. HW, granite, island, open floor plan, Two Master BRS. \$210,000 Call Retta 803-968-3925</p>	<p>2807 BROWNFIELD WAY Beautiful Executive home w/3car gar., lg pool, Florida rm., formal, lg FR off kitchen. Huge master & den/ office. 2 staircases, granite, upscale! \$450,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>1769 GLENMORANGIE 2 Story 6BR/3.5BA home, open floor plan, lots of Softage. Kitchen features granite & eat in area. MBR on main W/WIC & garden tub shower combo. \$178,895. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p>1612 RUGER 2 story 3BR/2.5BA home, located between Sumter and Shaw. Kitchen appliances convey MBR up, lg closet, 2 car garage. Beautiful home, a must see!! \$129,900. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p>2245 CANADIANGEESE DRIVE Built by Mungo! Charming 2 story all brick home! 5BR/3.5BA, FDR w/coffered ceilings, open FR w/gas FP. Beautiful HW floors, Granite, SS, community pool! \$275,921 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>15 FOLSOM STREET \$79,000. Charming 3BR/2BA home. LR, Kitchen w/pantry. Breakfast Nook, enclosed glass porch, landscaped back yard and 2 storage buildings. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961.</p>
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Restored PT boat from WWII rides old test course

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Engines growling, its bow high above the water and a rooster-tail of spray rising in its wake, the nation's only fully restored combat veteran PT boat traced the course where it was tested in 1944 on the tidal basin that forms New Orleans' shoreline.

"The wake is amazing! I didn't think the rooster-tail would be that high," project historian Josh Schick told curator Tom Czekanski, shouting to be heard above the three 1,500-horsepower Packard engines.

Volunteers at the National World War II Museum put in more than 100,000 hours to restore the boat made in New Orleans, and five of them made up its crew Thursday.

Capt. George Benedetto said boats have been a hobby for most of his life, but he took Coast Guard-required training to qualify as master of this one. Other crewmembers took a week-long safety course.

They've also spent time over the past several months learning the ways of the U.S.S. Sudden Jerk — a name that PT-305 received from the first crew to serve on it during World War II.

"She doesn't like to go slow," Benedetto said before the trip. "She's like a thoroughbred — she likes to run. She likes to get up on top of the water. She likes her speed."

PT stands for patrol torpedo. As one of the display panels in the Sudden Jerk's 100-foot-long boathouse notes, these craft were designed for "patrolling enemy-held coastlines at night, launching attacks on enemy shipping, then vanishing into the darkness."

Once the torpedoes were loosed, speed was essential for a getaway, Benedetto said.

PT boats were the Navy's fastest vessels of their day and, pound for pound, the most heavily armed vessels, according to a display panel.

Perhaps the most famous was PT-109, captained by John F. Kennedy,



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Crew members, left to right, Dave Finney, Frank Curry and Warren Blackwell, chat Thursday after a media ride of the PT 305, which was restored by the National WWII Museum, on Lake Pontchartrain, where she was originally tested by Higgins Industries more than 70 years ago, in New Orleans. The U.S. Navy PT boat that sank three vessels and saw action in Europe in World War II is back in New Orleans where it was built, what historians describe as the nation's only fully restored combat ship of that type from the era.

then a naval lieutenant who got 10 crewmen through grueling tribulations to safety after a Japanese destroyer ran over the boat in the night.

Museum staffers say the 78-foot Sudden Jerk is the only fully restored and operational U.S. patrol torpedo boat that took direct part in the conflict. It made more than 70 patrols, sank three enemy ships and participated in two invasions in the Mediterranean theater.

"Normally, exhibit items are behind a piece of glass. This one you can see, feel and hear," Schick said Wednesday. "I always say you can't smell history in a museum. You can smell it now. You've got the exhaust going, the electrical systems, old-ship smell, a healthy vibration."

One surviving member of the crews who served on the PT-305 and a man who served on a sister boat, the PT-

308, are expected to attend the boat's dedication March 25, said museum spokeswoman Michelle Moore.

The vessel is to begin offering \$15 docked tours and \$350 rides on April 1.

Paying guests will sit on seats designed to look like ammo cases, though with inauthentic padding. Other non-period touches include a GPS navigation system and four 6-person life rafts.

Closed prisons a tough sell

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Perched atop an Adirondack mountain, the 325-acre site for sale seems to have everything a developer could want: spectacular views, a man-made lake and close proximity to the tourist destination of Saratoga Springs. Oh, and former President Ulysses S. Grant lived out his final days in a home next door.

But the property on Mount McGregor was also a former New York state prison, and if history is any guide, it will be a tough sell.

States have found out the hard way that stunning views and good locations are not enough to overcome the baggage that comes with former prison sites. Massive, thick-walled cell blocks, dormitories and infirmaries tend to be too expensive to tear down and too restrictive to turn into viable enterprises.

Nationwide, at least 22 states have closed or announced plans to close 94 state prisons and juvenile facilities since 2011, and only a handful have been sold or repurposed, according to a December report by The Sentencing Project, a criminal justice reform advocacy group.

"This is new territory in a lot of respects," said Nicole Porter, the report's author. "This will require some creativity from developers for what to do with these spaces."

Mount McGregor Correctional Facility, on the market for a second time in two years,

is among 13 prison and incarceration camps in New York that have closed since 2011. Only four have been sold.

Some of the more than 60 buildings sprawled across the mountain date a century or more to when a tuberculosis sanitarium operated here. New York state bought the property in 1945 for a rest-and-recreation camp for servicemen returning from World War II. In 1960, the state turned it into a center for developmentally disabled people. Sixteen years later, it was repurposed yet again as a state prison.

New York state's economic development agency didn't list an asking price. Jack Kelley of the Albany-based Prime Companies real estate called it a "unique property" but said "if somebody pays more than \$1 million for that property, they're being taken to the cleaners." William Moore, a Saratoga Springs real estate executive, predicted that whoever buys it will have "somewhat of a nightmare to deal with."

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In sect that shuns medicine, case against pastor is novel

READING, Pa. (AP) — A pastor in a fundamentalist Christian sect that rejects doctors and drugs has been charged in the death of a child — his own granddaughter — from medical neglect. The novel prosecution is raising hopes among some advocates that it might spur change in a church that has resisted it.

Faith Tabernacle Congregation has long told adherents to place their trust in God alone for healing. As a result, dozens of children, mostly in Pennsylvania, have died of preventable and treatable illnesses. Church members reject modern medicine as a bedrock tenet of their faith, even as some have faced manslaughter charges in child deaths dating back 35 years.

Until now, though, no leader in the sect has ever faced charges.

"It could be a new tool to save the lives of these children," said Rita Swan, one of the nation's top experts on faith-based medical neglect. She leads the group Children's Healthcare is a Legal Duty, which works to eliminate religious exemptions in state laws requiring parents to provide appropriate medical care.

With a routine course of antibiotics, 2-year-old Ella Foster would have almost certainly beaten the pneumonia that took her life in November. But her parents refused medical care, and she succumbed shortly after they asked the Rev. Rowland Foster to anoint her.

Foster, 72, pastor of a Faith Tabernacle Congregation church district in eastern Pennsylvania, was charged with a felony this month under a state law requiring clergy members, teachers and other "mandated reporters" to turn the names of suspected child abusers over to authorities for investigation. The law makes no exception for clergy who happen to be related to the abused child, as Foster was to Ella.

Most states have similar laws that require clergy to report abuse.

"He was well aware of the fact that



Faith Tabernacle Congregation pastor, the Rev. Rowland Foster, has been charged in connection with the pneumonia death of his granddaughter. The church is located in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

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this child was in need of medical treatment and he never reported it, nor do I believe that he ever had the intention to report it," Berks County District Attorney John Adams, whose office is prosecuting Foster, said in an interview.

Cathleen Palm, of the Pennsylvania-based Center for Children's Justice, said she hopes the prosecution, at a minimum, will spur action in the Legislature to protect children whose parents don't seek necessary medical care based on religion.

"What the district attorney has done is clearly pivotal," she said.

Neither the Rev. Foster nor his attorney returned calls for comment. Foster is due in court next month for a preliminary hearing that will likely attract a heavy presence of church members.

Ella's parents, Jonathan and Grace Foster, were charged earlier with involuntary manslaughter and await

trial. Police have said Jonathan Foster attributed Ella's death to "God's will."

The reclusive sect, founded in Philadelphia more than a century ago, does not give media interviews. At the Faith Tabernacle church and school campus in Mechanicsburg, where Rowland Foster is the pastor, an Associated Press reporter who entered the building was quickly ordered to leave. An older man who accepted a letter seeking comment from church officials promised to shred it.

Outside, dozens of Faith Tabernacle kids played during recess.

"People are making them out to be monsters, like they don't care. They do care. They're devastated" by Ella's death, said Denise Houseman, 49, who left the church as a teenager after nearly dying of complications from untreated Crohn's disease. "This is the last thing they want to happen."

But Houseman isn't sure the felony

charge against the pastor will deter the faithful or alter teachings.

"You have to start somewhere, but it's not going to be an easy fix," she said. "I think it's going to make them dig in deeper."

Even Adams, while encouraging other prosecutors to follow his example, is skeptical it'll make a wider impact.

"I am concerned that because of their teachings, because of their beliefs, they will continue to violate the law," he said.

Nationally, some two dozen religious sects oppose all or most forms of medical care, according to Swan's group, CHILD. The group has documented more than 300 deaths but says the number is almost certainly far higher because most are not investigated.

In Pennsylvania, more than 25 Faith Tabernacle children have died over the years.

The church operates three schools in Pennsylvania — in Philadelphia, Altoona and Mechanicsburg — that together enroll several hundred students. Teachers at the schools are required by law to report suspected abuse to Pennsylvania's ChildLine system for investigation, but it's unclear whether ChildLine has ever fielded a report from the schools.

One hindrance for prosecutors seeking accountability from Faith Tabernacle pastors and teachers is a lack of clarity in Pennsylvania's child protective services law, which was revamped after the Jerry Sandusky sex abuse scandal at Penn State.

Withholding medical care due to religious belief isn't considered child abuse under the law, which makes a charge of failure to report in that situation legally problematic, said Adams' chief deputy, Jonathan Kurland.

The DA's office was able to pursue a charge against Foster because the religious exemption does not apply if medical neglect causes a child's death, Kurland said.

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Sen. John Courson faces 3 ethics charges

COLUMBIA (AP) — One of South Carolina's longest-serving senators has been indicted on ethics charges tied to veteran Republican powerbroker Richard Quinn.

Prosecutor David Pascoe announced Friday that a state grand jury indicted Republican Sen. John Courson of Columbia on misconduct in office and using campaign donations for personal expenses. All three charges are tied to Courson's payments to Quinn's political consulting firm.

Citing his ongoing investigation, Pascoe declined to comment further.

"This is a political, partisan witch hunt," said Courson's attorney, Rose Mary Parham, a former prosecutor. "Courson is a man of unquestionable integrity who would never use his public office for personal gain in any way."

Courson is eager to fight the charges in court, she said. "Thank goodness for the American jury system where 12 people use their common sense to sift through the smoke, the mirrors and the politically motivated accusations in order to ferret out the truth."

A bond hearing has not yet been scheduled.

Courson, a 72-year-old Marine veteran, has been in the Senate since 1985 and is the longtime chairman of the Senate Education Committee. He was the Senate's top leader from March 2012 to June 2014.

The indictments allege Courson gave Quinn's firm nearly \$248,000 and received back nearly \$133,000 for personal use. They say the payments were made between December 2006 and December 2012.

Quinn said the allegations are false but declined to say more. The indictments represent the first time the GOP strategist has been publicly named in court documents during Pascoe's investigation into corruption charges at the Statehouse.

In the Republican-dominated state, Courson represents parts of a county that's otherwise a Democratic stronghold. He is one of just three Republicans among 17 legislators representing Richland County. He was re-elected last November with 75 percent of the vote.



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Keith Gedamke swept the feature photo category starting with this first place photo of Brandon Osborne kissing his new bride Lindsay Osborne after getting married on the Finish Line of the Fire Ant 5k Color Run.

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"For her to win in a very competitive field shines a light on her outstanding talent."

Carpenter also praised the team effort the editorial, photography and page design staffs went through with not only planning for Hurricane Matthew coverage but also executing the plan in a professional manner during a stressful time not only resulting from their coverage, but also because many of their own properties were affected. Most residents in the city were without electricity for at least two or three days and some much longer, he said.

Gedamke, a consistent winner during his 25-year career with *The Sumter Item*, died on Jan. 21 after a battle with lung cancer. During the awards ceremony, his awards were given posthumously but highlighted his many years of accomplishments and service.

Jack Osteen, editor and publisher of *The Sumter Item*, said his awards illustrate his commitment to the newspaper up until the week before he died.

"Whether he was going through chemo or just having another tough day, he still

found comfort and took pride in producing some of his best work, even though he didn't know how much longer he had with us," Osteen said.

"Keith is missed every day among the dedicated employees of *The Sumter Item* and his loyal community friends as well."

Besides Gedamke's second-place finishes, other second-place awards went to Adrienne Sarvis for beat reporting for her coverage of courts and cops reporting; Jim Hilley for breaking news reporting for his story about dogs killing goats at a Dalzell farm; Dennis Brunson for spot sports story for a story on Manning High School hiring former Sumter High School quarterback Keith West as head coach; and Justin Driggers in sports feature for a story about Lakewood High School football player Zaire Cain, who came back to play in 2016 after collapsing during practice a year earlier.

Besides Smith's third place award, Carpenter finished third in business beat reporting and in humorous photography.

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SHOES FROM PAGE A1

both Liberty and Main streets.

Thompson and his associate Jenkins McElveen, who retired in February, both credit Abe Stern with the store's success. The story of Jack's Shoes is the story of Stern, they said.

Donna Magaro, Stern's daughter, recalled some of her father's remarkable tale.

"He's a survivor," she said. A member of a Jewish family in Poland, her father was imprisoned in a Nazi concentration camp as a teenager, she said. His mother and father and a brother all perished during the Holocaust, she said.

Forced to work in a mine underneath the camp, she said he recalled hearing gunfire on the day he was liberated but didn't know whether it was friend or foe. She said one of the liberators took photos of the horribly emaciated inmates found at the camp, some alive, some dead. No pictures were taken of her father, she said, because they had not yet emerged from underground.

As with most detention camp survivors, he was taken to a hospital to recover.

"This is not the place for me," he said, and decided he wanted to return to Poland with some of his fellow survivors to look

for family members.

Returning to Poland, Stern found his three sisters still alive. He set up housekeeping in a building used by the Nazis, Magaro said, and soon Stern took in another girl who had lost her entire family.

The family moved to New York City, but Stern said the New York life "wasn't for him."

Still accompanied by a fellow concentration camp survivor, he traveled to California, she said.

Not knowing how to speak English very well, and not having any money, they saw a government poster.

"Uncle Sam wants you!" it said.

Stern joined the U.S. Air Force and ended up stationed at Shaw Air Force Base.

One day, Toby Addlesburg, Max's wife, noticed a couple of young men in Jack's Department Store.

"They were wearing painted ties," Magaro said. "My grandmother knew they were servicemen."

One of them was Stern, and Addlesburg decided she would introduce the young man to her daughter, Rhea, who was then working in New York.

When Rhea was in town, Mrs. Addlesburg invited the

young men to meet her daughter, but the plan almost went astray.

Stern's friend was trying very hard to attract Rhea's attention. Mrs. Addlesburg had to pull her daughter aside.

"No not that one," Mrs. Addlesburg told her, "the other one."

As was customary in the Jewish community at the time, Stern was invited over for a Sunday dinner. Soon Mrs. Addlesburg's plan succeeded. Rhea became Mrs. Stern in 1950.

Stern was soon to get out of the service, and Max Addlesburg, who was by then running the business because of Jack Addlesburg's health issues, asked his son-in-law if he wanted to become a partner in Jack's Department Store.

He accepted. Magaro said it took her father 17 years to pay off her grandfather.

Thompson said he went to work for Stern in about 1962.

"He was in his 30s, and I was 16," he said. "I couldn't keep up."

Magaro said her father worked seven days a week. "Sunday was inventory day," she said.

With Jack's stores in Florence, Columbia, Sumter and Charleston, loading up the back of the station wagon with shoes to crisscross the state was a common occur-

rence, she said.

"Stern trained all of us," Thompson said. "He is the reason we are here."

Thompson said Jack's was kind of like the old service stations, when attendants would come out and pump the gas, clean windows and check under the hood.

"We served people the way the big-box stores can't," he said.

McElveen, Stern's associate, said they would check the size of people's shoes to make sure they were wearing the correct size.

"We got to know people's feet pretty well," he said. "We took pride in fitting our customers in the right kind of shoes and getting to know our customers over the years."

McElveen said he started working for Stern as a high school student in 1968. He left for a while to go to school, but Stern offered him an opportunity he liked better.

"He said he could teach me what I needed to know to make a living," McElveen said. "He was successful."

Jack's Shoes moved to its current location on Liberty Street in 1970, Thompson said, two years before the Dixie Life Building was torn down. As Stern began to age, he sold the business to Thompson.

"(Jack's Shoes) is like an institution in Sumter," he said.

"We've served a lot of long-time customers and their children and their children."

Thompson's and McElveen's respect for Abe Stern is unmistakable.

"He is the finest man I have ever known," Thomson said.

"I would like to thank Abe and Darrell for letting me be a part of Jack's," McElveen said. "It is like a family."

Stern, who is now 88 and has symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, was brought to the store by his daughter so he could be in the photograph accompanying this story.

He was very impressed by the cleanliness of the store and the recently installed flooring.

Several customers came up to greet him while he was there.

As he listened to his daughter tell the story of his life, he leaned over.

"Make sure you only write the good things about me," he said. "If they can't think of anything good, they can make stuff up. I was a good boy and a good father."

"And a great mentor," Thompson added. "He always had a lesson to teach."

Magaro said survivors like her father have a certain attitude about them.

"Every day is a good day," she said. "He has already been to hell."

FINANCES FROM PAGE A1

in Thompson of Thompson Construction Group; Byrd of William Levan Byrd, CPA, PC; Ben Griffith of State Farm Insurance; and Bobby Anderson of Green Savannah Nursery.

Also serving on the committee are three school board members and the district's superintendent and executive director of finance.

According to Thompson, starting next month the committee will hold its regular monthly meeting about a week before the board's regularly scheduled meeting and review the district's monthly financial report at that time.

If committee members have any questions or concerns with the report, those can be addressed to Superintendent Frank Baker at that time and the committee can provide recommendations to the board for its ensuing meeting.

Previously, the committee and the board received quarterly financial reports.

"The finance committee will be the tool that the board needs," Thompson said. "In other words, you have four private-business sectors represented there; all of us know how to run a business, set a budget and live within a budget."

He said the committee will now work hand-in-hand with the district's administration to get a good budget to put before the board.

"We have three voting board members also on the finance committee, and we're going to make financial recommendations to the board to take action on at their next meeting," Thompson said. "I think this decision was the most positive thing that came out of Thursday's meeting."

Thompson and Byrd also said they are pleased with the work Allan has done so far with the district.

Allan was hired Jan. 9 by the board to help guide the

district through its current financial straits.

In December, the fiscal year 2016 audit report was released and revealed the district overspent by \$6.2 million last fiscal year and had an ending general fund balance on June 30, 2016, of \$106,449 — a critically low level, according to auditor Robin Poston.

The district's fiscal year begins each July 1 and ends June 30 and is referred to as the fiscal year in which it ends. The current fiscal year is 2017 and ends June 30.

Allan's work to date has revealed that 37 unbudgeted hires and drastically under-budgeting expenditures for other existing personnel greatly contributed to the overspending last fiscal year. He has also worked with district staff to fix this year's budget and implement safeguards to prevent unbudgeted hiring in the future.

"I think what Scott has done has put fundamental processes in place to give the administration control over making commitments," Thompson said.

Byrd, a CPA himself, shared similar sentiments.

"If we speak to what he has reported out in terms of his findings, I think that's been a tremendous step in the right direction to correct this matter," Byrd said. "I think Scott is doing an outstanding job of helping us get through this crisis."

Thompson also said he believes Allan was helping the district budget responsibly for its revenue.

Thompson said an important next step will be for Allan to project costs for the fourth quarter; so the committee and board can better know how it's going to finish the fiscal year.

He said, historically, district administration has not done well at projecting costs.

BOARD FROM PAGE A1

financial crisis of the school district pushed the need for the legislation to the forefront.

"With the issues the school district is having, if we can put more eyes, more discussion and more community-wide participation toward those issues, then I think you have a better chance of solving them and moving forward," McElveen said Friday. "That's why I think now is as good a time as any if you are going to make changes to the school district that are going to benefit it for the long run."

The board of trustees currently includes seven elected positions representing different areas of the district and one honorary, non-voting position representing Shaw Air Force Base.

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During last Monday's regularly scheduled board meeting, the Rev. Ralph Canty, representing area six on the board, and Johnny Hilton, representing area four, said Sumter residents are losing trust of the board following recent financial problems within the district.

After being initially appointed by the delegation, McElveen said both appointees will serve on the board until the next scheduled school district election, which will be in November 2018. Both board-member appointees will be eligible to run for election.

According to the filed bill, one at-large member elected to the board in 2018 will be elected to a two-year term, and the other will be elected to a four-year term in order to stagger the seats.

Thereafter, all at-large elections will be for a four-year term.

As far as a timetable, McElveen said if the legislation passes second and third reading in the Senate, it will go to the House. If it passes the House, then it will go to Gov. Henry McMaster. In case of a veto, an override can occur with two-thirds majority vote in both the House and Senate.

McElveen said the bill could become law by the end of the regular session in May. He said the local delegation will then be expedient in fillings the two at-large seats.

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COMMENTARY

Greatest Sumter Basketballers returns for 2017

It's March Madness, that glorious time of year when college basketball reigns supreme and we discover incredible players we've never heard of and will likely never see again.

One of the best, most visceral parts of the game are the sounds of sneakers on the hardwood, and a *New York Times* article asks, "Why Are Basketball Games So Squeaky?"

Turns out there are a lot of complex scientific reasons shoes squeak, but author John Branch boils it down to the fact that the sounds are really just "a persistent reminder that, for as much as the game evolves, there is one part of its tradition that will not be silenced." Amen.

As noted last week — <http://bit.ly/2nDuetL> — it's been three years since we've rolled out the ever-popular "Greatest Sumter Basketballers" lists, so today it's back and the floor is open for new submissions.

Just email me at graham@theitem.com or drop your information off at *The Sumter Item* offices, 36 West Liberty St., in the heart of beautiful downtown Sumter. And remember to slow down at the pedestrian crossings.

Without further ado, here's the current list of men through the ages that's been carefully crafted by our readers since 2009.



Graham Osteen

Wilbert Singleton, Ray Allen, Clarke Bynum, Will Bynum, Kenneth "Mooch" Richardson, Lee Anderson, Vincent Wilson, Ernest Session, Dean Johnson, Trey Harvin, Calvin Goins, Raymond Pringle, Walter Wheeler, Reggie Holmes, Roger McFaddin, Terrance Scriven, Terry Kinard, Odell Reuben, Ronnie Motley, Randy Weston, Humzie Way, Tony Mincey, Danny Ramsey, Sam Hunter, Barry Holzbach, Barry Parker, John McArthur, Craig Singleton, Art Beasley, Ricky Curtis, Brant Bahnmuller, Woody Lathan, Doug Lightbody, Skip Seebeck, Claude Burns, Tracy Oxendine, Marshall "Bucko" Edens, Byron Kinney, Spencer Player, Phil Sutton, Ed Bynum, Mark Kuhn, Robbie Davis, Ronnie Fiorini, Kelvin Green, Marcus Wilson, Ernest Rosenburg, Darren McDuffie, Cooper Wilson, Matt Talley, Mike Robinson, Greg Puckering, Tommy Hughes, Mike Towery, Kenny Rosefield, Floyd Vaughn, Manning Pringle Jr., Rhuel Pringle, Tony Wilson, Eric Parker, John Lewis, David Stone, Joe Spann, Fred Brogdon, Tip Kirby, Willie Anderson, Harry Lee Fulwood, Leroy Gary, Richard Singleton, Leon Rawlinson, Coley

White, Lindberg "The Bird" Moody, Calvin McCroy, Bobby Baker, John Baker, Troy Baird, Chip Humphries, Will Dinkins, Hamilton Davis, Kevin Kieslich, Adam McClain, Terrence Kinard, Billy "Tex" Trembley, Ernest Stroman, Philip Mouradjian, Tommy "Cotton" Williams, Booth Chilcutt, Bobby Richardson, Tommy Edens, Ray Ardis, Henry Clarke, Tommy Martin, Charles "Pap" Propst, Charles "Flop" Shaw, Al Golden, James Robinson, Derrick Wright, Ronnie Mayrant, Harry Lee Cabbagestalk, David Jackson, Henry Holmes, Lee Rust Wells, David Allen, Terry Johnson, LeRoy Martin, Ed Cuttino, Jud Cuttino, Justin Porter, Paul Fer, Ricardo Wilson, Wesley Talley, Claude Lathan, Jackie Amos, Arthur Abbott and Stephon Blanding.

Here's the complete women's list, in no particular order:

Elizabeth Bultman, Frances (Burns) Hogan, Jeannie Richardson, Christie Richardson, Wesley Shaw, Margaret Shaw, Mikaela Hopkins, Karen Weishuhn, Tina Milford, Kappy Price, Susan Creech, Danielle (Weible) Taylor, Kaye (Watts) Chase, Sheila (Steele) Thacker, Suzanne (Steele) Sears, Tracy Montgomery, Laura Brailsford, Michelle Akers, Nichelle Akers, Tiffany Mayes, Beth (Ballard) Kinney, Margaret Hunter, Lucy Harris, Teresa (O'Hare) Alexander,

Susanna Crosson, Bess DuRant, Lauren Davis, Elizabeth Moses, Emily Bland, Kelly Ross, Julia Gee Muldrow, Abbie Floyd Kirby, Susie Lowry Reynolds and Mary Lou Reynolds Lee; Elaine (Maggie) Watts Hanisch, Kay (Morris) Shugart, Judy (Epting) Shuping; Frances Fields; Lillian McGill; Ra'Quitta Lundy, Chris Mitchum, Valerie Allen, Christy Burroughs Kelly, Ashley (Evans) Harper, Meri (Jones) DesChamps, Caroline (Erter) Burns, Heather Eldridge, Mollie (Simpson) Matthews, Heather Rowland, Kendra Rowland, Brennan Long, Meg (Brogdon) Hill, Allison Jackson, Shawna Waters, Lynn Finney, Shelia Hodge, Kathy Flaten, Tonya Williams, Julie Larson, B.J. Thames, Naretta Simon, Alene Fleming, Yvonne Lockwood, Lakisha Wright, Nicole Gamble, Marsha (Cabbage) Somheil, Chris Edens, BeBe Karvelas (aka Judge Aphrodite Konduros); Annette and Jannette McFadden, Sarah Segars Barnes, Ann Norris, Joy Galloway Causey, Deborah Buford, Nichelle Akers, Marina Akers, Ansley Ard, Chris Mitchum Vandevander, Laura McLaughlin, Kappy Price and Naomi (Farmer) VanPatten.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT TRUMP ON SOCIAL SECURITY

Dear President Trump,

I need your help. The American people need your help.

This is about a critical subject: the fate of Social Security.

As you may know, the House passed the Social Security Lock-Box Bill and has sent it to the Senate.

But some rogue senators refuse to allow the bill to be voted on and passed. They want to continue to steal money — the people's money — from the Social Security Trust Fund. They have been doing this for so many years, just giving the fund an IOU.

Over the many years, they have stolen millions and millions of dollars of our hard-earned payments to the fund.

The only income millions of older citizens have is their Social Security check.

We hear all the time about how bad off the Social Security trust fund is. Why? Because Congress and especially Senate has stolen untold millions of dollars from the fund for their own private pet projects.

Mr. President, the crucial question is how much of that missing money has ever been paid back?

Sir, I and all Americans ask you to put pressure on the Senate to pass the Social Security Lock-Box Bill. The wanton stealing of money from the trust fund must stop and be prevented from happening any more.

We all need your personal intervention in this critical matter.

CHARLIE PITTS
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COMMENTARY

Trump administration's vision: Death by a thousand cuts

WASHINGTON — From Ronald Reagan's "welfare queen" to Donald Trump's "Detroit single mom," the unmarried mother remains a constant fascination to Republicans wielding budget-cutting scalpels.

Whereas Reagan was propagating a stereotype of the fraudulent abuser of public largesse when he popularized the term in 1976, framing welfare policy thereafter, Trump's budget blueprint purportedly is aimed at helping single mothers (in Detroit, for some reason) by building a better military.

If you're having trouble connecting the dots, welcome to the fracas.

The budget, which includes massive cuts to spending in the arts, sciences (including medical research) and diplomacy — mostly in the interest of increasing military spending by \$54 billion and subsidizing that blasted wall — was designed by asking: Can we ask the single mother in Detroit to pay for this?

This is how White House budget director Mick Mulvaney explained the administration's calculations on MSNBC's "Morning Joe." Apparently cognizant of diversity's fealty to both sexes (not to be confused with genders), Mulvaney also mentioned coal miners (with apologies to Barbara Burns, noted groundbreaking female miner).

"One of the questions we asked was,



Kathleen Parker

can we really continue to ask a coal miner in West Virginia or a single mom in Detroit to pay for these programs?" Mulvaney queried. "The answer was no. We can ask them to pay for defense, and we will, but we can't ask them to continue to pay for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting."

Are there really no single mothers in Detroit listening to NPR's "Fresh Air"? Or, whose kids watch "Sesame Street"? Although the CPB receives \$450 million annually in federal funds, much of that money is distributed to local television and radio stations and producers. NPR, long an object of GOP contempt, probably will be fine thanks to donor support, but not so the local shows, which often are educational and/or public safety-oriented. The end objective, Mulvaney said, is to keep Trump's campaign promises while not increasing the budget deficit. Among those promises: Build the wall (delete: I will make Mexico pay for that wall); and beef up national security.

And, of course, the ultimate goal in whittling away programs that serve the poor or protect the environment is to Make America "Great" Again. As Inigo Montoya said in "The Princess

Bride," *You keep using that word, I do not think it means what you think it means.*

Before we parse the meaning of the word "great," a few facts: The proposed budget, which is really just a collection of bad ideas or suggestions, doesn't stand a chance of congressional approval as is. To pass the Senate, over which Republicans hold a relatively slim majority (52-48), it would require Democratic support. The blueprint's strong emphasis on defense and security, notwithstanding cuts in airport policing, at the expense of domestic programs is a no-go.

Although many Republicans also oppose some of the more draconian cuts, others want yet more defense spending. Both Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, and John McCain, R-Ariz., chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, respectively, want \$640 billion rather than the measly \$603 billion proposed.

Given Trump's commitment to a military buildup — and the formerly silent Secretary of State Rex Tillerson's recent remarks that military action may be necessary to end North Korea's nuclear games — investing in defense might not be a bad gamble.

But hope for a cancer cure might be. The National Institutes of Health — the nation's premier research institution — is threatened with losing about 20 percent of its budget. And bets on

climate-related concerns would be long shots. Among many related cuts, the budget would eliminate four NASA missions, including the Deep Space Climate Observatory, which monitors climate change from its position a million miles from Earth. Collect information that might suggest the need for environmental regulations? LOL.

By tragic coincidence, we learned the day before Trump's budget was released that vast portions of Australia's iconic Great Barrier Reef, one of Earth's largest organisms, are dead from overheated seawater caused by greenhouse gases emitted via the burning of fossil fuels.

But never mind. Greatness, like beauty, is in the eye of the beholder — and Trump's idea of both tends toward reactionary excessiveness unburdened by history's future judgment. Besides, what do NASA missions have to do with coal miners or single moms?

Not one thing, other than a future for all those fatherless children in Detroit — and the coal miner's daughter, who probably needs essential social services more than she does that blasted wall.

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Climber, clothing company founder Royal Robbins dies at 82

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — U.S. rock climbing icon Royal Robbins, who founded the outdoor clothing company bearing his name, has died after a long illness, the company's chief executive officer said Wednesday. He was 82.

Company CEO Michael Millenacker said Robbins died Tuesday at his home in Modesto, California, surrounded by his family.

Robbins was part of the Golden Age of Yosemite, a post-WWII time from roughly 1955 to 1970, when a vagabond group of climbers lived in Yosemite and devoted their lives to climbing. They claimed a number of first ascents that were once deemed impossible, such as El Capitan and Half Dome.

He was also a major promoter of clean climbing techniques and equip-

ment to avoid rock damage.

In 1967, Robbins and his wife, Liz, made the first ascent of the Nutcracker route in the Yosemite Valley using only removable gear for protection. It was the first climb of its kind in the United States. Afterward, Robbins published a seminal article in Summit magazine where he advocated using removable protection rather than

damaging pitons into the granite cracks. His advocacy of clean climbing influenced generations of climbers since. Also that year, he and his wife climbed Half Dome on the 10th anniversary of his first ascent, making her the first woman to climb the famous formation.

Royal Robbins climbed well into his 70s, friends said.

OBITUARIES

WILLIE L. HARDY SR.

Funeral services for Willie Lee Hardy Sr. will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Wayman Chapel AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway,



HARDY

Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Dennis Broughton Jr. officiating and the Rev. Charlie Howard presiding. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The public may view today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter.

Mr. Hardy transitioned on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Mamie Pinckney Hardy and Nathaniel Hardy. Willie was educated in the Sumter County public schools. He was married to Christine M. Hardy. He was first employed by Brunswick Hospital in Amityville, New York, and after returning to Sumter, he worked at Tuomey Hospital.

Mr. Hardy was a faithful member of Wayman Chapel AME Church of Sumter.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers, Nathaniel Jr., Edward, Walter, Allen and Freddy Allen; and one sister, Mary Marine.

Survivors include his wife of the home, Christine M. Hardy; four daughters, Minister Willodene (Alvin) James, Tanya (Michael) Smith, Caitlin Hardy and Lauren Hardy; six sons, Timothy (Vertina) Dinkins, Willie Jr., (Christine) Hardy, Darryl (Dorian) Hardy, Lamont (Anjuli) Fletcher, Nathaniel (Cherita) Hardy and Jonathan (Karla) Hardy; 37 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; six sisters, Geneva Singleton, Margaret Maple, Evola Gilbert, Katherine (Perry) James, Lizann Witherspoon and Pamela Hardy; two brothers, Calvin (Josephine) Hardy and Ross Hardy; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Condolences may be made on their tribute page found at: www.palmermemorialchapel.com.

Professional services are rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

CECIL G. SCOTT SR.

PAXVILLE — Cecil Gunter "Lucky" Scott Sr., 74, husband of Linda Mae Davis Scott, died Friday, March 17, 2017, at his home.

Born Nov. 20, 1942, in Paxville, he was son of the late Willie Gunter and Mary Esther Hair Scott. He was a U.S. Army veteran, owner and operator of Lucky's Bait Center, and a member of Paxville Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years; a son, William Hampton Scott (April) of Camden; a daughter, Mary Michelle Cantey (Steve) of Blythehood; a daughter-in-law, Rachel Lynn Scott Thompson (Dave) of Sumter; a sister, Vickie Carrigan of Sumter; seven grandchildren, Christopher Brian Scott (Kayla), Cecil Gunter "Trey" Scott III, Katie Elizabeth Harrison, Aaron Michael Harrison, Colby Brian Cantey, Austin Scott Cantey and Emily Catherine Cantey; three great-grandchildren; a niece; and several nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Cecil Gunter "Scottie" Scott Jr.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at

Paxville Baptist Church with the Revs. Jim Johnson and Eugene Mosier officiating. Entombment will follow in the Paxville Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Donnie Brown, Randy Rhodus Sr., Rod Mosier, Wade McLeod, Raymond McCarthy and Tad Broadway.

Honorary pallbearers will be Don McLeod, Stanley Scott, F.D. Scott, Jimmy Brunson, Tee Carrigan, Anthony Carrigan, Lawrence Carrigan, Timmy Adams and Billy Adams.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 10655 Scott Ave., Manning.

Memorials may be made to Paxville Baptist Church, 10278 Lewis Road, Manning, SC 29102.

The family would like to thank Regency Hospice for all of their loving care and attention.

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

BEATRIX B. BAGNAL

Beatrice Bailey Bagnol, 52, died on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland.

She was born in the city of Singen, Germany, a daughter of Bernie Floyd, deceased, and Rita Anna Bailey. She became a citizen of the United States in October 2003. She was a nurse at Mariner Healthcare of Sumter for many years. She was later employed by the federal government as a nurse and worked at the 20th Medical Group of Shaw Air Force Base and at Moncrief Army Hospital of Fort Jackson. She was a wonderful nurse and she loved her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Special thanks to her lifelong best friend, Linda P. "Gail" Reid and her close friend, Maureen "Moe" Toomey. Additional thanks to: her nephew, Dr. Jon H. Docherty Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth Docherty; sister-in-law, Jeanine Watts; and her many nieces, nephews and friends.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are five sisters, Marina Gullard, Susanne Hafley, Alexandra Homeister, Carol Ann Lloyd of Lexington, and Berniece Wolf of Vancouver.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, in the Bullock Funeral Home Chapel. The family will receive friends immediately following the service at Bullock Funeral Home. Interment will be held in the Sumter Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alice Drive Baptist Church Benevolence Fund, 1305 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

You may go to www.bullockfuneralhome.com and sign the family's guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



BETSIE A. BRYAN

Mrs. Betsie A. Bryan, 77, of Sumter, entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia. She was born in Chicago, Illinois. She was the wife of the late Kenneth R. Bryan.

She was survived by a

daughter, Deneen Fioritto, and a son, Patrick Lanning.

Services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Palmetto Health Richland Hospice.

Brown's Funeral Home, Camden, is assisting the family. Memories and condolence may be shared online at www.brownsfhcamden.com.

BERTRAND WARING

Bertrand "Bert" Colclough Waring went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 17, 2017.

Mr. Waring was 91 years old, and he was the son of the late Thomas S. and Mary Colclough Waring. He was married to the late Virginia Corbett Waring.

He is survived by a son, Thomas B. Waring; his daughter-in-law, Linda K. Waring; his two grandchildren, Alex T. Waring and Elizabeth W. Long; and his two great-grandchildren, Cokleigh K. Long and Corbett J. Long. He is also survived by one sister, Mary Bailes of Sumter.

Two sisters, Margaret Kirk of North Carolina and Jennie Griffith of Florida, preceded him in death.

He was educated in the Sumter city schools and joined the U.S. Army in 1943. Having served his country during World War II, he was the recipient of the Combat Infantry Badge, Bronze Star, Presidential Citation, Europe-an Theater of Operations Medal with five battle stars, Good Conduct Medal and Victory Medal.

He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, and he retired from Carolina Power and Light Co. after 44 years.

Graveside services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Monday at St. Phillips Episcopal Church Cemetery at Bradford Springs in Lee County with military honors.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

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

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



PAULINE W. JACKSON

Pauline Walker Jackson, 84, wife of the late Albertus Jackson, died Thursday, March 16, 2017, at her residence in Sumter. Born in Ehrhardt, she was the daughter of the late Thaddeus Walker and Allefair Hal-yard Walker.

The family will receive friends at 971 Houck St., Sumter, SC 29150

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

VIOLA W. BRAYBOY

MANNING — Viola Watson Brayboy, 72, widow of Willie "Billie" Brayboy, died Thursday, March 16, 2017, at MUSC, Charleston. She was born Aug. 4, 1944, in Manning, a daughter of the late Generett Watson and Ethelea Brunson Watson.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Lennette Brayboy, 312 Canal St., Manning.

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

PEGGY R. ROBERTS

Peggy R. Roberts, 86, widow of George Edward Roberts,

died Friday, March 17, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born Sept. 18, 1930, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. She was a U.S. Air Force veteran.

Survivors include: a daughter, Kim Gainey of Sumter; 11 grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; and a sister, Barbara Collins (Anthony) of Charleston.

She was preceded in death by three children, Robin Lyn Watford, Roy Daniel Roberts and Samuel David Roberts; and a son-in-law, Earl Gainey Sr.

Services will be held at a later date.

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

WILLIE M. LOWDER

COLUMBIA — Willie Mae "Billie" Lowder, 84, beloved wife of the late Wilfred Oakley Lowder, passed away on March 17, 2017. Born in 1932 in Alcolu, she was the daughter of the late Henry McLaurin Ridgeway and Pearl Rebecca Prescott Ridgeway. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Columbia. Mrs. Lowder grew up in Sumter where she was married and raised her family. In 1973, they moved to Hendersonville where she worked for House of Towels and was well known for her monogramming. In 2000, Mrs. Lowder moved to Columbia.

Surviving are her daughters: Becky L. Cheek (Craig) of Columbia, Lynnette L. Taylor (Tommy) of Conyers, Georgia; son, Oakie Lowder (Phyllis) of Tavernier, Florida; sisters, Elizabeth "Sis" Wood and Sarah Bryant; sister-in-law, Lib Ridgeway; brother, Felton Ridgeway (Linda); eight grandchildren, Laura Rogers (Tim), Matthew Cheek (Amy), Ashlea Dalik (Tom), Brooks Lowder (Kelly), Blake Lowder (Marci), Meredith Thompson (Jody), Mariette Taylor and Mallory Thornton (Nathan); 14 great-grandchildren, Addison, Sydney, Whitman, Natalie, Teddy, Nicole, Tyler, Isaac, Oakleigh, Nadia, Fisher, Reynolds, Rhett and Jackson.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 48 years, Wilfred, and her brothers, Boyd, Richard, Julian and Reuben.

The funeral service for Mrs. Lowder will be held at 3 p.m. today at Temples Halloran Funeral Home Chapel, 5400 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC, 29212. The Rev. Richard Humphries will officiate. Burial will be on Monday at Forest Lawn Memorial Park, 538 Tracy Grove Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina, 28792. The family will receive friends from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gideon's International, 5106 B Two Notch Road, Columbia, SC 29204 and Agape Hospice, 141 Stoneridge Dr, Columbia, SC 29210.

Online condolences may be sent to www.templeshalloranfuneralhome.com.

PATRICIA S. SUMPTER

REMBERT — Mrs. Patricia Stavis Sumpter, 62, the daughter of the late Mary M. Stavis and Douglas Wells and wife of the late, Nathaniel Sumpter Jr., was born Feb. 8, 1955, in Sumter County.

She departed this life on Friday, March 10, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Funeral Services will be held today at 1:30 p.m. at the Greater Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, 609 Miller Road, Sumter, with bishop Marvin Hodge Sr. as pastor and officiant.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 5252 Mattie McDaniel Road Rembert, SC.

Funeral services have been entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

LOULENDEN MCBRIDE MOSES

LouLenden McBride Moses, 59, wife of Harold Moses and daughter of the late Hazel Toney and Mary Elizabeth McBride Greene was born on May 30, 1957, in Lee County. She departed this life on Friday, March 17, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland.

Family will receive friends at the home of her husband, 1964 Gion St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

ANNIE BAXTER SINGLETON

Annie Baxter Singleton, 65, entered eternal rest on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at Palmetto Richland Hospital. She was the daughter of the late John P. and Bessie L. Baxter.

On Feb. 28, 1970, she was joined in a holy matrimony to the late Benjamin Singleton Sr.

Born on July 6, 1951, she attended the public schools of Sumter County. Annie was a devoted member of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church where she served in many capacities. She served faithfully as the President of the Usher's Ministry, YWA Ministry, Pastor's Aid Ministry, Widow and Widower's Ministry and Missionary Circle #3.

Annie's precious memories will be forever cherished by her loving children, two daughters, Beverly (John) Osborne of Rembert and Stephanie Bradley of Atlanta, Georgia; one son, Benjamin (Regina) Singleton of Atlanta; six grandchildren, Angela (Cedric) Halley, Michael, Skyy, Xavier, Cameron and Erial; four great-granddaughters, Jaden, Jordan, Justice and Journey; seven sisters, Pastor Joann (Charlie) Aiken of Charleston, Mary Clark, Debra Johnson, Lillie Smith, Helen (Perry) Edwards, Jacqueline Holiday and Loretta Black all of Sumter; two brothers, Lawrence Baxter and Robert (Deloris) Baxter of Sumter; two aunts, Minnie R. Johnson and Margie Garrette of Sumter; four sisters-in-law, Rhett Sanders and Carrie M. Prioleau, of Sumter, Darcus Stewart of Woodbridge, Virginia, and Sarah A. Griggs of Columbus, Georgia; four brothers-in-law, William and Gayman Singleton of Sumter, Albert Singleton of Greenville and Lewis Singleton of Harts-ville; two special friends, Temple Waiters Pickney and Carolyn Pearson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by three brothers, John Baxter, Prince Baxter and Henry Holliday Jr.; mother-in-law, Delia Singleton; and two nieces, Yolanda Holliday and Debra Rhodes.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Ms. Singleton will be placed in the church on Monday at noon for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3255 US-15, Sumter, SC 29150, with the Rev. Leroy Blanding officiating and pastor Willie A. Wright Jr., eulogist.

Interment will follow in Bradford Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at the home, 30 Athena Court, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com or visit us on the web at www.jobsmortuary.net.

FYI

The National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina is in need of unwanted vehicles — even ones that don't run.

ly Foundation Inc. (MDFP), a non-profit organization, accepts vehicle contributions.

The Muscular Dystrophy Family

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1 Monday, 6 p.m., district office, Summerton

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

MANNING CITY COUNCIL Monday, 6:30 p.m., second floor of Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION Tuesday, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES Monday, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2 Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., district office

TAX ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY BOARD Tuesday, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center

SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION Wednesday, 3 p.m., fourth floor, Sumter Opera House, Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make things happen if you are

unwanted pressure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't wait around. Take the reins and pursue what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Update your resume and look at what the job market has to offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Host an event or make plans to share your time with someone you adore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Choose your destinations wisely. Get involved in something that you feel passionately about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put your reputation first. Build strong relationships with the people you enjoy and respect.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Share your thoughts and feelings when dealing with personal matters.

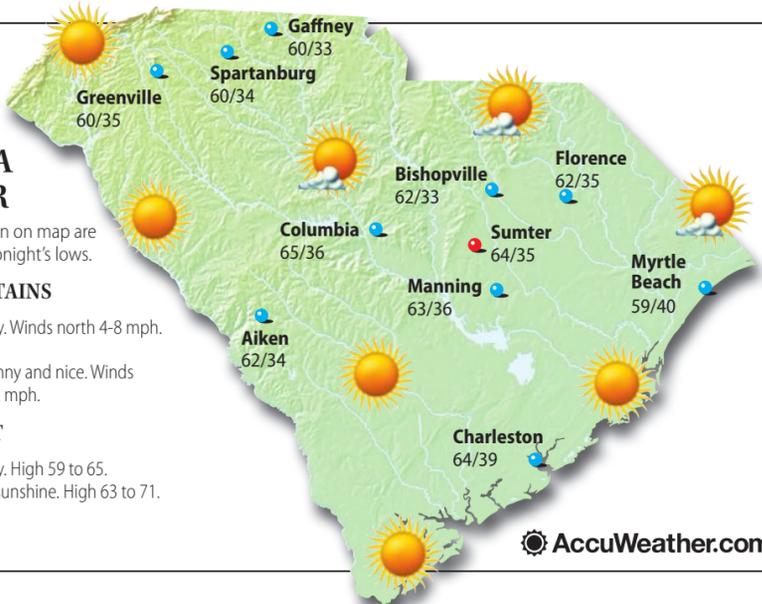
WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

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

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny. Winds north 4-8 mph. Clear. Monday: Mostly sunny and nice. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny. High 59 to 65. Monday: Plenty of sunshine. High 63 to 71.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Temperature (High, Low, Normal high, Normal low, Record high, Record low) and Precipitation (24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest., Month to date, Normal month to date, Year to date, Last year to date, Normal year to date).

LAKE LEVELS

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

SUN AND MOON

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

RIVER STAGES

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

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, and corresponding times for Today and Mon. at Myrtle Beach.

NATIONAL CITIES

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

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, Beaufort, Cape Hatteras, etc.

Advertisement for Jimmy's Heating and Air, LLC celebrating 10 years in business. Includes photos of Jimmy and Chris Mathis, contact info, and Trane logo.

THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for PLAY TIME, ACROSS, and DOWN.

Completed crossword puzzle grid with filled-in letters.

CREATORS SYNDICATE © 2017 STANLEY NEWMAN

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-126.

Clues for the large crossword puzzle, including 43 Flat hat, 44 Culpability, 47 Tach reading, etc.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD grid with answers filled in.

SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9.

JUMBLE

LATCH LINER MASCOT ALLEGE He erased the formula from the chalkboard to start over with a — CLEAN SLATE



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South Carolina forward A'ja Wilson (22) and North Carolina Asheville center KJ Weaver (31) battle for a rebound during an NCAA women's tournament first-round game on Friday in Columbia. USC advanced to face Arizona State today.

USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Much different South Carolina, Arizona State teams set to meet

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Like all teams, South Carolina and Arizona State are watching a lot of film to get ready for their second round NCAA Tournament game Sunday.

But all that scouting might not help much. The top-seeded Gamecocks are getting smaller and more aggressive after losing all-Southeastern Conference second team center Alaina Coates to a foot in-

jury this month, while the No. 8 seed Sun Devils finally have all their players healthy and are suddenly a threat from the outside.

Sunday's winner advances to the Sweet 16 in Stockton, California, a round South Carolina has made it to three years in a row but Arizona State has been to just once since 2009.

Both teams seemed to adjust well to their new circumstances. South Carolina beat UNC Asheville by 50 by most-

ly playing four guards. Alisha Gray provided the rebounding help — her 12 boards exceeded Coates' Southeastern Conference leading 10.7 rebounds a game — and Bianca Cuevas-Moore provided the pressure with four steals and 15 of her 18 points coming off fast break layups.

"You would think, 'oh my gosh, Coates is out, woohoo' But they really don't appear to have missed a beat. They

SEE USC WOMEN, PAGE B6

USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bigger test on horizon

Gamecocks set to face perennial title contender Duke in second round

BY DAVID CLONINGER
The State

GREENVILLE — "The best unheralded great player in the United States."

"He's a talented basketball player. And I know he's going to bring it, and the rest of their squad is going to bring it as well."

"Scores the ball, rebounds, blocks shots, gets steals. And so he's going to be a very tough matchup for us."

Those statements could describe any one of Duke's massively talented players, from Jayson Tatum to Luke Kennard to Grayson Allen to Frank Jackson.

But instead, Duke's players and Hall of Fame coach were describing South Carolina's Sindarius Thornwell.

Thornwell cooked Marquette for 29 points, 11 rebounds, two assists, two blocks and three steals on Friday, setting up an NCAA tournament second-round matchup with the Blue Devils today. He was drawing Duke's attention before the buzzer sounded.

"He's really good. He's an old player, he's very tough," Allen said. "And he does a bunch of different things for their team."

"I think he's him, you know?" Mike Krzyzewski said, declining to compare him with anybody. "And he leads their team in everything."

Duke (28-8) was wary of Thornwell and the rest of USC's

SEE USC MEN, PAGE B6



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South Carolina's Sindarius Thornwell (0) shoots over Marquette's Sam Hauser (10) during the Gamecocks' 93-73 victory on Friday in the men's NCAA tournament in Greenville. Thornwell and USC face off against Duke today in the second round.

PREP BASEBALL

Swampcats top Wilson Hall 3-1

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
justin@theitem.com

MANNING — With the epic 3-game state championship series Laurence Manning Academy and Wilson Hall played to close out last season, it seemed only fitting that the two rivals open SCISA Region II-3A play against one another.

Friday provided the first encounter of the year and lived up to the billing — with a familiar outcome for Swampcat fans.

Four LMA pitchers combined to allow five hits and one unearned

run and that, coupled with a few key hits and a Wilson Hall miscue, provided all the support the Swampcats needed in a 3-1 victory at Tucker Belangia Diamond.

Laurence Manning is 8-2 on the year and 1-0 in region play and will travel to Florence Christian on Tuesday. The Barons fell to 4-2 overall and 0-1 in the region and will play host to Orangeburg Prep on Tuesday.

"With the experience that we have coming back and the pitching

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RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Laurence Manning Academy's Dawson Hatfield drops down a bunt during the Swampcats' 3-1 victory over Wilson Hall on Friday at Tucker Belangia Diamond in Manning.

Big inning lifts SHS past West Florence

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

Sumter High School's varsity baseball team sent 15 men to the plate and scored 11 runs, including nine with two outs, in the third inning and Jordan Holladay closed with a 3-hit as the Gamecocks thrashed West Florence 13-1 in five innings on Friday at Gamecock Field.

The Sumter third opened with the top of the lineup at the plate and it was the top four batters that did

most of the damage against the Knights. Leadoff hitter Ryan Moore was a perfect 3-for-3 with a double, two singles, a run batted in and three runs scored. Caleb Larrimore hit grounders to advance Moore into scoring position before being hit by a pitch in his second at-bat of the third, coming around to score his lone run of the night.

Holladay drew two of three intentional walks, with

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6 a.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: Boston vs. Minnesota (MLB NETWORK).
7:55 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Manchester United vs. Middlesbrough (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Southampton vs. Tottenham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 a.m. - Road Racing: Los Angeles Marathon from Los Angeles (WGN).
10:30 a.m. - International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match - Schalke 04 vs. Mainz (FOX SPORTS 1).
Noon - College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game - Belmont at Georgia Tech (ESPN).
Noon - College Hockey: NCAA Hockey Championship Selection Show (ESPNU).
12:30 p.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Liverpool vs. Manchester City (WIS 10).
12:30 p.m. - PGA Golf: Arnold Palmer Invitational Final Round from Orlando, Fla. (GOLF).
1 p.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: St. Louis vs. Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
1 p.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: Minnesota vs. Boston from Fort Myers, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
1 p.m. - Professional Basketball: NBA Developmental League Game - Teams To Be Announced (NBA TV).
1 p.m. - College Baseball: Missouri at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. - College Baseball: Buffalo at Texas (Rio Grande Valley) (TIME WARNER 1250).
1 p.m. - College Baseball: Virginia at Clemson (WPUB-FM 102.7).
1:45 p.m. - International Soccer: Mexican League Match - America vs. UNAM (UNIVISION).
2 p.m. - Professional Tennis: BNP Paribas Open Men's and Women's Final Matches from Indian Wells, Calif. (ESPN).
2 p.m. - College Baseball: South Carolina at Tennessee (ESPNU, WNKT-FM 107.5).
2 p.m. - College Baseball: Kansas at Texas Christian (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST).
2:30 p.m. - PGA Golf: Arnold Palmer Invitational Final Round from Orlando, Fla. (WIS 10).
2:30 p.m. - Women's Professional Golf: Ladies European Tour World Ladies Championship Final Round (GOLF).
3 p.m. - Professional Basketball: Euroleague Game - CSKA Moscow vs. Baskonia Vitoria Gasteiz (NBA TV).
3:30 p.m. - NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Camping World 500 from Avondale, Ariz. (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).
4 p.m. - College Baseball: Vanderbilt at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
4:30 p.m. - Senior PGA Golf: Tucson Conquistadores Classic Final Round from Tucson, Ariz. (GOLF).
5 p.m. - College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game - Texas Christian at Iowa (ESPN2).
5 p.m. - College Lacrosse: Denver at Ohio State (ESPNU).
6 p.m. - International Baseball: World Baseball Classic Second-Round Tiebreaker Game from San Diego (If Necessary) (MLB NETWORK).
6 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Indiana at Toronto (NBA TV).
7 p.m. - Women's College Basketball: Stockton Regional Second-Round Game from Columbia - South Carolina vs. Arizona State (ESPN, WNKT-FM 107.5).
7 p.m. - Major League Soccer: New York at Seattle (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. - PGA Golf: Bank of Hope Founders Cup Final Round from Phoenix (GOLF).
7 p.m. - College Softball: Kentucky at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. - College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game - Oakland at Richmond (ESPNU).
7:30 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Carolina at Philadelphia (FOX SPORTS SOUTHWEST).
8:45 p.m. - College Basketball: NCAA Tournament East Regional Second-Round Game from Greenville - South Carolina vs. Duke (TNT, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
9:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Cleveland at Los Angeles Lakers (NBA TV).
10 p.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs (MLB NETWORK).
1 a.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: Cincinnati vs. San Diego (MLB NETWORK).

MONDAY
6 a.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Yankees vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).
9 a.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: Philadelphia vs. Tampa Bay (MLB NETWORK).
1 p.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Yankees vs. Washington (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: Cincinnati vs. Kansas City (MLB NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:45 p.m. - High School Softball: Indian Land at Camden (WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. - College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game - Central Florida at Illinois State (ESPN).
7 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Atlanta at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7 p.m. - College Softball: Kentucky at Georgia (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Buffalo at Detroit (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. - College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game - Akron at Texas-Arlington (ESPNU).
8 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Golden State at Oklahoma City (TNT).
9 p.m. - College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game - Boise State at Illinois State (ESPN).
9 p.m. - International Baseball: World Baseball Classic Semifinal Game from Los Angeles (MLB NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: New York at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT).
11 p.m. - International Gymnastics: World Cup from Stuttgart, Germany (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11:15 p.m. - College Basketball: National Invitation Tournament Second-Round Game - Cal State-Bakersfield at Colorado State (ESPN2).
1 a.m. - Major League Exhibition Baseball: Texas vs. San Diego (MLB NETWORK).

MLB SPRING TRAINING

By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
New York	16	6	0.727
Seattle	14	8	0.636
Baltimore	12	8	0.600
Minnesota	11	8	0.579
Oakland	10	8	0.556
Los Angeles	11	9	0.550
Chicago	11	9	0.550
Tampa Bay	10	9	0.526
Kansas City	11	10	0.524
Cleveland	10	11	0.476
Boston	10	11	0.476
Houston	9	10	0.474
Detroit	9	13	0.409
Texas	7	13	0.350
Toronto	6	13	0.316

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh	14	7	0.667
St. Louis	12	7	0.632
Colorado	11	9	0.550
Milwaukee	11	10	0.524
Arizona	12	10	0.524
New York	12	11	0.522
Los Angeles	12	11	0.522
Chicago	8	9	0.471
Washington	8	9	0.471
Cincinnati	10	12	0.455
Philadelphia	9	11	0.450
San Francisco	9	12	0.429
San Diego	7	12	0.368
Miami	5	11	0.313
Atlanta	6	15	0.286

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Boston 12, Minnesota 5
 Detroit (ss) 7, Atlanta 5
 Houston 5, Washington 4
 Detroit (ss) 5, Miami 4
 N.Y. Mets 5, St. Louis 4
 Pittsburgh 13, Philadelphia 8
 Tampa Bay 3, Toronto 2
 Cleveland (ss) vs. Texas, 4:05 p.m.
 Japan vs. Chicago Cubs (ss), 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Milwaukee, 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (ss) vs. Kansas City, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox, 4:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. Oakland at 4:05 p.m.
 Texas (ss) vs. Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.
 Netherlands vs. Arizona, 4:10 p.m.
 Colorado vs. L.A. Angels, 4:10 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Seattle, 4:10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Detroit vs. Baltimore, 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Boston, 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Houston, 1:05 p.m.
 Philadelphia vs. Tampa Bay, 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto vs. Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. Miami (ss), 1:05 p.m.
 Miami (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Cleveland, 4:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 Seattle vs. Texas, 4:05 p.m.
 TBD vs. L.A. Dodgers, 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Angels, 4:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. San Diego, 4:10 p.m.
 Oakland vs. Colorado, 4:10 p.m.
 Kansas City vs. Chicago Cubs, 10:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Baltimore vs. Boston, 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Atlanta, 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets vs. Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Washington, 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Tampa Bay, 1:05 p.m.
 Minnesota vs. Toronto, 1:07 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Kansas City, 4:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. Cleveland, 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox, 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado, 4:10 p.m.
 St. Louis vs. Houston, 6:05 p.m.
 Arizona vs. Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 Texas vs. San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	25	.638	—
Toronto	40	29	.580	4
New York	27	42	.391	17
Philadelphia	25	43	.368	18½
Brooklyn	13	55	.191	30½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	42	26	.618	—
Atlanta	37	31	.544	5
Miami	34	35	.493	8½
Charlotte	29	39	.426	13
Orlando	25	45	.357	18

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	45	22	.672	—
Indiana	35	33	.515	10½
Milwaukee	34	34	.500	11½
Detroit	33	36	.478	13
Chicago	32	37	.464	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	52	15	.776	—
x-Houston	47	22	.681	6
Memphis	39	30	.565	14
Dallas	29	39	.426	23½
New Orleans	28	41	.406	25

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	43	26	.623	—
Oklahoma City	39	29	.574	3½
Denver	33	35	.485	9½
Portland	30	37	.448	12
Minnesota	28	40	.412	14½

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Golden State	54	14	.794	—
L.A. Clippers	40	29	.580	14½
Sacramento	27	41	.397	27
Phoenix	22	47	.319	32½
L.A. Lakers	20	49	.290	34½

x-clinched playoff spot

z-clinched division

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 116, Dallas 74
 Washington 112, Chicago 107
 Boston 98, Brooklyn 95
 Toronto 87, Detroit 75
 Miami 123, Minnesota 105
 New Orleans 128, Houston 112
 Orlando 109, Phoenix 103
 Milwaukee 107, L.A. Lakers 103

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 3 p.m.
 Portland at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at L.A. Clippers, 8:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Memphis, 9 p.m.
 Utah at Chicago, 9 p.m.
 Houston at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Brooklyn, 12 p.m.
 Boston at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Phoenix at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
 Portland at Miami, 6 p.m.
 Sacramento at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	70	39	23	8	86	191	176
Ottawa	69	39	23	7	85	184	177
Boston	71	38	27	6	82	205	188
Toronto	69	32	23	14	78	211	206
Tampa Bay	70	34	27	9	77	191	192
Florida	70	31	28	11	73	180	200
Buffalo	72	29	31	12	70	180	210
Detroit	70	28	31	11	67	177	210

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Columbus	70	46	18	6	98	224	163
Washington	70	45	17	8	98	223	156
Pittsburgh	70	44	17	9	97	245	198
N.Y. Rangers	71	44	24	3	91	228	187
N.Y. Islanders	71	33	26	12	78	210	218
Philadelphia	70	32	30	8	72	182	210
Carolina	68	29	27	12	70	175	197
New Jersey	70	26	32	12	64	163	205

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	70	45	20	5	95	210	174
Minnesota	69	43	20	6	92	226	170
Nashville	70	35	24	11	81	207	197
St. Louis	70	37	28	5	79	194	193
Winnipeg	71	31	33	7	69	212	226
Dallas	71	28	33	10	66	195	233
Colorado	70	20	47	3	43	135	228

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	70	42	21	7	91	195	163
Anaheim	71	37	23	11	85	184	177
Calgary	71	40	27	4	84	196	191
Edmonton	70	37	24	9	83	205	186
Los Angeles	70	34	29	7	75	173	174
Vancouver	70	28	33	9	65	161	205
Arizona	70	26	35	9	61	172	224

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh 6, New Jersey 4
 Florida 4, N.Y. Rangers 3, SO
 Calgary 3, Dallas 1
 Buffalo 2, Anaheim 1, SO

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Detroit 5, Colorado 1
 Columbus 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
 Washington at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m.
 Vancouver at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
 Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Columbus at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
 Florida at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
 Minnesota at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.
 Colorado at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
 Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Buffalo at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 Arizona at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 San Jose at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Gamecocks slip past Vols 6-4 in 10 innings

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jonah Bride walked on a 3-2 pitch with the bases loaded and two outs in the top of the 10th inning to score a run and Jacob Olson was hit by a pitch to add a run as well as seventh-ranked South Carolina defeated 24th-ranked Tennessee 6-4 on Saturday.
 The Gamecocks are 13-5 and 2-0 in the SEC with Tennessee 12-4 and 0-2 in league play. The win extends Carolina's winning streak to six games.

On Friday, Jacob Olson broke a 1-1 tie with a 3-run homer in the top of the seventh inning and South Carolina added three more runs in the eighth inning as the Gamecocks defeated Tennessee 7-1.

CLEMSON 7

VIRGINIA 6

CLEMSON — Ninth-ranked Clemson scored six runs in the first inning and held on for a 7-6 win over No. 11 Virginia at Doug Kingsmore Stadium on Saturday.
 The Tigers improved to 15-4 overall and 4-1 in the ACC. The Cavaliers fell to 15-4 overall and 2-3 in ACC play.
 The Tigers exploded for six runs in the first inning. Five of which came with two outs, including a 2-run single by Jordan Greene and a run-scoring single by Patrick Cromwell.
 Starter Alex Eubanks (3-1) earned the win, as he allowed eight hits, two runs and no walks with five strikeouts in seven innings pitched. Ryan Miller pitched the final 1 2/3 innings to record his first save as a Tiger.
 On Friday, Pavin Smith's leadoff home run in the seventh inning lifted Virginia to a 2-0 victory over Clemson.

Virginia did not advance a runner past first base until the seventh inning when Smith blasted a 3-1 pitch over the fence in right field for his fifth long ball of the year.
 It ended former Sumter High and Sumter P-15's standout Charley Barnes' streak of 27 2/3 innings pitched in a row without allowing an earned run. Barnes (1-2) suffered the loss despite surrendering just six hits, two runs and one walk with seven strikeouts in a career-long 8 1/3 innings pitched.

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SPORTS ITEMS



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Kevin Kisner, left, shares the lead with Charley Hoffman after three rounds of the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Saturday in Orlando, Florida.

Kisner, Hoffman share Bay Hill lead

ORLANDO, Fla. — Charley Hoffman finished a lot better than he started, closing with three straight birdies for a 1-under 71 that allowed him to catch Kevin Kisner for a share of the lead in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.
 Hoffman opened with two sloppy bogeys and his fourth bogey dropped him four shots behind. The last of his three straight birdies came after a chop-and-run from the rough left of the 18th fairway, and a 70-foot birdie from the

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

Floyd tosses pair of 3-inning perfect games as ECHS sweeps Hemingway

TURBEVILLE — East Clarendon High School's Marleigh Floyd tossed a pair of 3-inning perfect games as the Lady Wolverines swept Hemingway on Friday.

In its 12-0 win in the opener, Floyd struck out six of the nine batters she faced. In the 10-0 win in the nightcap, Floyd struck out eight of the nine batters.

In the opener, Gracen Watts was 2-for-2 with five runs batted in for East Clarendon, which improved to 7-5 overall and 3-0 in Region VI-1A. Olivia Singletary and Abby Reardon both went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

In the second game, Floyd was 2-for-2 with an RBI and Kinsley Driggers had a hit and an RBI.

WILSON HALL 11

NORTHWOOD 0

Drake Ives tossed a no-hitter in Wilson Hall's 11-0, 5-inning win over Northwood on Friday.

Ives struck out eight batters as WH improved to 6-8.

Danielle deHoll had two hits, including an inside-the-park home run, and three RBI. Kathryn Sistare had three hits, Liza Lowder scored three times and had an RBI and Madison Elmore scored twice.

SUMTER 6

WEST FLORENCE 3

Sumter High School picked up its first region win of the season with a 6-3 victory over West Florence on Friday.

Hannah Bettencourt picked up the victory in the circle, striking out six batters. She also had two hits.

Tara Rhodes had two hits and an RBI, while Chelsea Logan had two hits. Gabby Kirkman and Keeley Hulse both had a hit and two RBI and Erin McCaffrey had a hit and an RBI.

THOMAS SUMTER 14

CALHOUN 1

DALZELL — Logan Morris hit two home runs and Carmen Silvester hit a grand slam to help lead Thomas Sumter Academy to a 14-1 victory over Calhoun Academy on Friday.

Morris finished with three RBI as well. Silvester had two hits and drove in five runs. Diamond Gibson was 2-for-4 with an inside-the-park homer and three RBI, Riley DeLavan hit a homer and Ellie Hunter had two hits and an RBI.

Hunter was the winning pitcher.

LAURENCE MANNING 12

ROBERT E. LEE 0

BISHOPVILLE — Baylee Elms and Ashton Rogers both hit home runs to lead Laurence Manning Academy to a 12-0 victory over Robert E. Lee Academy on Thursday.

Elms was 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, two runs scored and two RBI. Rogers was 2-for-4 with the homer, four RBI and two runs.

Taylor Lee and Cora Downer both had two hits, while Hannah Truett had a triple and three RBI. Abbie Beard and Trinity Harrington both had a double and scored twice.

Liz Hussey tossed a 3-hit, 7-inning shutout to get the win.

VARSITY SOCCER

WEST FLORENCE 4

SUMTER 0

Sumter fell to 0-3 in Region VI-5A with a 4-0 loss to West Florence on Friday.

The Lady Gamecocks are 3-4 overall.

JV SOFTBALL

SUMTER 13-19

SOUTH FLORENCE 10-14

Sumter's offense shined in a doubleheader sweep of South Florence on Thursday by the scores of 13-10 and 19-14.

Morgan Berry was the winning pitcher in both games, totaling 13 combined strikeouts. She also had five total hits and drove in three runs in the second game.

Kadyn Dickerson and Anna Lowder each went 2-for-4 in each game and collected an RBI in the nightcap. Kailin Hodge had seven hits, including a 5-for-5 outing in the second game along

with three runs batted in.

Also in the second game, Braelynn Durham and Katlyn Moore each went 3-for-4 with Durham picking up three RBI. Josie Self and Anna Hatfield each drove in a run while Emily Deas went 2-for-4 with an RBI.

CLARENDON HALL 15

DORCHESTER ACADEMY 0

SUMMERTON — Amberly Way had a hit and two RBI and also picked up the win on the mound with five strikeouts as Clarendon Hall earned a 15-0 victory over Dorchester Academy in three innings on Thursday.

McKenley Wells also had a hit for the 6-0 Lady Saints.

LAURENCE MANNING 10

ROBERT E. LEE 8

BISHOPVILLE — Laurence Manning defeated Robert E. Lee 10-8 on Thursday.

Breanna Hodge had a hit and drove in three runs for LMA. Eaddy Osteen had two hits and scored three times. Randi Lynn Holcombe had two hits and two RBI, Cakhi Fowlder had two hits and two runs and McKenzie Truett had a double and an RBI.

Annalia Cook had two hits, including a home run, and scored three runs for the Lady Cavaliers. Emily Watson had two hits, including a triple and scored twice while McKenzie Watts had two hits, including a double, two runs and two RBI. Caleigh Barreitt had two hits and an RBI.

DARLINGTON 15

LAKEWOOD 0

Lakewood lost to Darlington 15-0 on Friday.

Savannah Jones had the only hit for the Lady Gators.

B TEAM SOFTBALL

FIRST BAPTIST 13

LAURENCE MANNING 3

CHARLESTON — Laurence Manning fell to 1-3-1 with a 13-3 loss to First Baptist on Thursday.

Payton Davis had two hits and an RBI for LMA. Bailey Moore also had an RBI.

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staff that we have, we're built for these type of games," LMA head coach Barry Hatfield said. "When we throw strikes and play defense, we usually put ourselves in position to win."

That was evident in the first inning as the Barons got back-to-back hits to lead off the game against Swampcat starter Braydon Osteen. However, the right-hander settled down to retire the next three batters and get out of the jam.

It was a continuing theme most of the night as LMA hurlers worked themselves out of trouble on a few different occasions. Osteen pitched around a leadoff hit in the second inning and Ryan Touchberry, who came on in relief, stranded two WH runners in scoring position in the top of the fourth with the 'Cats leading by a run.

"We don't really panic in those type of situations," Hatfield said. "We had (an error) early on that allowed them to get a run, but we came right back and retook the lead."

The flipside to that was a night of frustration with runners in scoring position for the Barons. Wilson Hall was 0-for-8 with the only run scored coming in the third on an LMA throwing error from the catcher to the mound after a pitch.

"We never really got the hits when we had guys in position," Barons head coach Adam Jarecki said. "You've got to take advantage, and we didn't do that, especially early. You've got to have a sense of urgency about getting those early runs in, especially in a game like this against a good team."

"We just didn't get the big hit when we needed it."

Charlton Commander wound up taking the loss for Wilson Hall despite going the distance. He allowed three runs, two earned, on nine hits with no walks and one strike-

out.

"Really proud of Charlton," Jarecki said. "He threw a great game. He was really starting to get more command of his pitches as the game went on. If we had tied the game up (in the seventh), I was going to send him back out there."

LMA got its first two runs without hitting the ball out of the infield. Trailing 1-0 in the third, Morgan Morris led off with a grounder in between third and short that wound up going for a hit. Taylor Lee followed with a perfectly placed bunt down the first base line to put two on, and then Osteen put down a perfectly placed bunt down the third base line to load the bases.

Buddy Bleasdale followed with what looked like a tailor-made double-play grounder. But after the out at second, the throw was wide and the ball bounced away from Drew Talley at first and into the stands to plate an unearned run and put LMA up 2-1.

The Swampcats never relinquished the lead — thanks in large part to a great play at the plate in the top of the sixth. A passed ball gave WH's Corbin Bruce the green light to try to tie the game up and score from third, but the throw back to LMA pitcher Jake Jordan was in time as Jordan made the swipe tag for the final out of the inning.

"Jake's a very good athlete and he just makes a great play right there coming from the mound," Hatfield said.

The play loomed even larger as the 'Cats tacked on an insurance run in their half of the sixth. Brent Jordan connected on a 1-out single and two batters later, pinch hitter Riley Nettles came through with the big 2-out RBI to put LMA up 3-1.

Bobby Crisp shut the door on the game with a 1-2-3 seventh inning.

BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

McAlister, Sumter soccer nip West Florence 3-2

FLORENCE — Sumter High School's varsity boys soccer team improved to 2-1 in Region VI-5A with a 3-2 victory over West Florence on Friday.

Connor McAlister led the Gamecocks, 5-2 overall with two goals. Chris Reyes scored a goal and had an assist and Dyonna Dingman also had an assist.

SHS plays at Conway on Tuesday.

CALHOUN 13

THOMAS SUMTER 12

ST. MATTHEWS — Calhoun Academy scored a run in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat Thomas Sumter Academy 13-12 on Friday.

Josh Galloway, Garrett Hasler and Dayton Ingram each had two hits to lead TSA.

VARSITY GOLF

SUMTER FINISHES SEVENTH

CONWAY — Sumter High School finished seventh out of 24 teams in The Hackler on

Saturday at The Hackler Course at Coastal Carolina University.

The Gamecocks had a team score of 317. They were led by Dixon Flowers, who shot a 74 to finish in a tie for seventh individually.

Evans Lewis was next for SHS with an 80. Brandt Toburen shot an 81, Bradley Coulter an 82 and Jenkins Dwight an 85.

VARSITY TENNIS

ASHLEY RIDGE 4

SUMTER 2

Sumter fell to 1-4 with a 4-2 loss to Ashley Ridge on Friday.

The Gamecocks will play two matches at Conway on Tuesday, the first one beginning at 3:45 p.m.

SINGLES

- 1 -- Witt (S) defeated Rabon 6-3, 6-2.
- 2 -- Berry (S) defeated Jones 7-5, 0-6, 10-7.
- 3 -- Seale (AR) defeated Smithhart 6-2, 6-3.
- 4 -- Price (AR) defeated McDuffie 6-2, 6-1.
- 5 -- Shmedeke (AR) defeated Gould

6-1, 6-0.

DOUBLES

- 1 -- Did not play.
- 2 -- Johns/Plyler (AR) defeated Black/Tomlin 6-2, 6-0.

JV BASEBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 3

WILSON HALL 0

MANNING — Aaron Carlton and Chase Lee combined to toss a 3-hit shutout as Laurence Manning Academy defeated Wilson Hall 3-0 on Friday.

JT Stanley had two hits to lead the LMA offense. Kyle Horton had a double.

Tanner Epps took the loss for the 1-3 Barons despite allowing just one earned run in four innings. Keaton Price pitched two hitless innings.

JV SOCCER

WEST FLORENCE 5

SUMTER 0

FLORENCE — Sumter lost to West Florence 5-0 on Friday. SHS dropped to 2-3.

ing error in the decisive inning.

WF starter Quincy Manning could not make it out of the third, ending with a final line of five hits, six walks, one strikeout and nine earned runs over 2 2/3 innings. Spencer Hare came on to close the third, surrendering a Moore single, the Holladay triple and the Williamson homer and hitting Larrimore and Price with pitches before finally inducing a Sykes fly ball to center to end the seemingly never-ending inning.

Holladay threw 68 pitches, striking out four and not allowing a hit through three innings. The Knights had two on in the third as Holladay walked two of the first three batters he faced before rallying for consecutive strikeouts of Jake Schwartz and Ethan White to end the threat.

WF's first hit was a single up

the middle from Ryan Florio to open the fourth. Florio would be wiped out in quick fashion as Price, Sykes and Williamson combined on a 5-4-3 double play. Cooper Wallace would follow with a single to right-center before Manning grounded out to third to end the frame.

The Knights finally got onto the scoreboard in the fifth, scoring one as Connor Smith drew a walk, took second on a Mason Shelor single to left, advanced to third as Carter Woodberry reached on an infield error and scored on a Schwartz grounder to first. Holladay would then induce grounders to first and third to end the game.

The Gamecocks continue region play on Tuesday, hosting Conway at 6:30 p.m.

PREP SCHEDULE

MONDAY

Varsity Baseball

South Pointe Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Baseball

Sumter at Manning, 5:30 p.m.

Lakewood at Crestwood, 6 p.m.

Lake View at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.

B Team Baseball

Ridge View at Sumter, 6 p.m.

Varsity and JV Boys Soccer

Camden Military at Wilson Hall, 4:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys Soccer

Hartsville at Lakewood, 6 p.m.

Varsity Boys Golf

Lee Central, Camden Military at North Central, 4:30 p.m.

Laurence Manning at Ben Lippen, 3:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Girls Soccer

Lakewood at Cane Bay, 6 p.m.

Varsity Softball

Lakewood at Lower Richland, 7:30 p.m.

South Pointe Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Softball

Sumter at Lake City (DH), 5 p.m.

Varsity Track and Field

East Clarendon at Johnsonville, 5 p.m.

Middle School Track and Field

Alice Drive, Ebenezer, Mayewood at Bates (at Sumter Memorial Stadium), 4:30 p.m.

Furman, Hillcrest at Chestnut Oaks, 4:30 p.m.

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the other going to Dawson Price, before ripping a bases-clearing triple to right when the Knights were forced to pitch to him in the third. Rylan Williamson followed with a home run to left that brought Holladay home for the third time as all three intentional walks would turn into runs for the Gamecocks.

Price put himself in line for an intentional pass with a 2-out, 2-RBI single to left in his first plate appearance, scoring Moore and Holladay as SHS led 2-0 after one inning. Other key hits in the third included back-to-back 2-run singles for Joshua Sykes and Hampton Rowe, with WF pitching walking four, hitting a batter and contributing a throw-

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Top seed 'Nova upset 65-62 by Wisconsin

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Top-seeded Villanova was bounced from the NCAA Tournament by eighth-seeded Wisconsin, which overcame foul trouble for two of its stars in the second half Saturday to upset the defending champions 65-62 in the East region.

Nigel Hayes scored 19 points, dropping a layup in traffic with 11.4 seconds left to put Wisconsin ahead 64-62, and Bronson Koenig added 17 for the tournament-toughened Badgers (27-9), who are going back to the Sweet 16 for the fourth straight year. They'll play next week at New York's Madison Square Garden after knocking off Villanova (32-4).

Josh Hart scored 19 to lead Villanova, but the senior guard was stripped by Wisconsin center Ethan Happ on a drive in the final seconds. Wisconsin's Vitto Brown then split a pair of free throws with four seconds left, but Villanova couldn't get off a final shot.

WEST REGION

GONZAGA 79

NORTHWESTERN 73

SALT LAKE CITY — Top-seeded Gonzaga fought off a wild Northwestern comeback for a 79-73 victory Saturday night with help from an untimely technical foul on Wildcats coach Chris Collins.

Northwestern trimmed a 22-point deficit to five and had the ball when Gonzaga's Zach Collins reached up through the basket to reject Dererk Pardon's shot with 4:54 left.

There was no call, and Collins, jawing with the officials all day, ran onto the court and was slapped with a technical foul.

Nigel Williams-Goss made both free throws, and eighth-seeded Northwestern (24-12), in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history, never got closer.

Williams-Goss led the Zags (34-1) with 20 points, eight rebounds and four assists, while Collins and Jordan Mathews had 14 points each.

Bryant McIntosh, who hit the go-ahead free throws in Northwestern's opening-round win, had 20 for the Wildcats and Vic Law had 18.

WEST VIRGINIA 83

NOTRE DAME 71

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Jevon Carter scored 24 points, and West Virginia is headed to the Sweet 16 for the third time since 2010 following a 83-71 win over Notre Dame.

Tarik Phillip added 12 points and Esa Ahmad had nine rebounds for the Mountaineers (28-8), the West region's fourth-seeded team.

Notre Dame's Bonzie Colson hit 10 of 15 shots, scored 27 points and had eight rebounds. The fifth-seeded



Wisconsin forward Nigel Hayes (10) goes to the basket against a slew of Villanova defenders during the Badgers' 65-62 upset victory in the second round of the men's NCAA tournament on Saturday in Buffalo, New York.

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Fighting Irish (26-10) were stopped from making their third consecutive Sweet 16 appearance after entering the tournament as the only school to reach each of the past two Elite Eight rounds.

Carter ended the game by bouncing the ball untouched atop the Fighting Irish key and then slamming it emphatically to the court as the final buzzer sounded, ending a matchup of former Big East rivals.

XAVIER 91

FLORIDA STATE 66

Trevon Bluiett scored 29 points and Kaiser Gates came off the bench to contribute 14 as the 11 seed Xavier pulled off its second upset of the NCAA Tournament with a 91-66 victory over third-seeded Florida State during Saturday's second round.

The Musketeers (23-13) advance to the West Region semifinal marking the second time in two years and the eighth time in program history they have made it to the Sweet 16. The Seminoles, the ACC runners-up, end their season at 26-9.

Florida State was the bigger program from a power conference, but Xavier came in as a tournament tested team and it showed. The Musketeers dominated the bigger and more athletic Seminoles inside and then put the game out of reach with their superior 3-point shooting.

SOUTH REGION

BUTLER 74

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE 65

MILWAUKEE — Kelan Martin scored 19 points, and Butler limited Middle Tennessee's athletic scorers with smothering defense in a 74-65 victory Saturday night to advance to the NCAA Tournament regional semifinals.

The Bulldogs (25-8) are going to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011, when they wrapped up back-to-back appearances in the national title game.

Andrew Chrabaszcz added 15 points for fourth-seeded Butler, including a 3 with 3:25 left that snapped a 7-0 run for Middle Tennessee to get the lead back to 62-56.

The senior forward played an even more important role in leading a sterling defensive effort for the Bulldogs.

Conference USA player of the year JaCorey Williams finished with 20 points, but had to work hard for nearly every bucket for No. 12 seed Middle Tennessee (31-5).

WOMEN

BRIDGEPORT REGION

CONNECTICUT 116

ALBANY 55

STORRS, Ct. — Napheesa Collier and Kia Nurse each scored 24 points as top-seeded UConn routed Albany 116-55

on Saturday for the program's 108th straight win and 25th straight in the NCAA Tournament.

Gabby Williams added 20 points for UConn. She and Collier each pulled down 10 rebounds for the Huskies (33-0), who are going for their fifth consecutive NCAA title. They haven't lost in the first round since 1993.

SYRACUSE 85

IOWA STATE 65

STORRS, Ct. — Brittney Sykes scored 28 points and Alexis Peterson added 25 to lead eighth-seeded Syracuse to a win over Iowa State.

Freshman Gabby Cooper added a season-high 24 points, all from 3-point range, for the Orange (22-10), who will face top-seeded UConn on Monday in a rematch of last year's national championship game.

OREGON 71

TEMPLE 70

DURHAM, N.C. — Ruthy Hebard hit a jumper with 5.5 seconds remaining to lift Oregon past Temple.

Hebard finished with 23 points and Sabrina Ionescu added 16 points to help the 10th-seeded Ducks (21-13) win a wild game that had three lead changes in the final 30 seconds and advance to Monday night's second round.

UCLA 83

BOISE STATE 56

LOS ANGELES — Monique

Billings scored 19 points and Jordin Canada had 15 points and 16 assists to help fourth-seeded UCLA roll to a win over Boise State.

The Bruins (24-8) opened the game with a 15-0 run and were never seriously threatened the rest of the way.

LEXINGTON REGION

STANFORD 72

NEW MEXICO STATE 64

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Alanna Smith had 19 points and 11 rebounds, Karlie Samuelson hit five 3-pointers and finished with 17 points, and No. 2 seed Stanford survived a spirited upset bid to beat No. 15 seed New Mexico State.

KANSAS STATE 67

DRAKE 54

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Breanna Lewis had 23 points and 11 rebounds, Kindred Wesemann added 16 points and seventh-seeded Kansas State beat No. 10 seed Drake.

OKLAHOMA CITY REGION

BAYLOR 119

TEXAS SOUTHERN 30

WACO, Texas — Kalani Brown scored 21 points and top-seeded Baylor overwhelmed much smaller Texas Southern in the most lopsided women's NCAA Tournament game ever.

LOUISVILLE 82

CHATTANOOGA 62

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Asia Durr scored 27 points to lead fourth-seeded Louisville to a victory over Chattanooga.

TENNESSEE 66

DAYTON 57

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Diamond DeShields scored 24 points to lead fifth-seeded Tennessee over Dayton.

OKLAHOMA 75

GONZAGA 62

SEATTLE — Vionise Pierre-Louis had 17 points, nine rebounds and nine blocked shots and No. 6 seed Oklahoma used its early hot shooting to hold off 11th-seeded Gonzaga.

STOCKTON REGION

QUINNIPIAC 68

MARQUETTE 65

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Jennifer Fay scored 20 points and 12th-seeded Quinnipiac held on in a frantic final minute to upset fifth-seeded Marquette.

MIAMI 62

FLORIDA GULF COAST 60

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Keyona Hayes scored 16 points, including the go-ahead basket inside with 1.5 seconds remaining, and fourth-seeded Miami rallied to beat 13th-seeded Florida Gulf Coast.

From wire reports

AUTO RACING

Blaney among fresh generation of drivers emerging on NASCAR circuit

BY BOB BAUM

The Associated Press

AVONDALE, Ariz. — The NASCAR kids keep coming on strong.

Five of the highest-starting eight drivers in NASCAR's lineup for its Monster Energy Series race on Sunday are 26 or younger.



BLANEY

Ryan Blaney, starting next to pole-sitter and teammate Joey Logano on the front row, is 23.

Kyle Larson starts in the second row, and he's all of 24.

Blaney finished second in this year's Daytona 500; Larson won at Michigan last year and finished second in the last two Cup races.

The age keeps dropping down the grid, and the fourth row consists of Chase Elliott, who is finally old enough to drink, and Erik Jones, who doesn't turn 21 until the end of May. Elliott was third last week in Las Vegas and won a preseason qualifying race at Daytona.

"Obviously there's a lot of talent out there," said Martin Truex Jr., winner last week in Las Vegas. "We've seen

CAMPING WORLD 500 LINEUP	
By The Associated Press	
Friday's qualifying; race today	
At Phoenix Raceway	
Phoenix (Car number in parentheses)	
1. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 137.321 mph.	19. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 135.166 mph.
2. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 136.877 mph.	20. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 135.019 mph.
3. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 136.783 mph.	21. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 134.973 mph.
4. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 136.654 mph.	22. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 134.821 mph.
5. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 136.302 mph.	23. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 134.469 mph.
6. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 136.193 mph.	24. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 134.394 mph.
7. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 136.152 mph.	25. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 133.889 mph.
8. (77) Erik Jones, Toyota, 136.137 mph.	26. (10) Danica Patrick, Ford, 133.789 mph.
9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 135.926 mph.	27. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 133.764 mph.
10. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 135.859 mph.	28. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 133.467 mph.
11. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 135.839 mph.	29. (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, 133.309 mph.
12. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 135.695 mph.	30. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 133.195 mph.
13. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 135.731 mph.	31. (83) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 133.062 mph.
14. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 135.624 mph.	32. (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 133.033 mph.
15. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 135.603 mph.	33. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 133.013 mph.
16. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 135.532 mph.	34. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 132.935 mph.
17. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 135.405 mph.	35. (15) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 132.052 mph.
18. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 135.349 mph.	36. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 131.488 mph.
	37. (55) Derricke Cope, Chevrolet, 129.218 mph.
	38. (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevy, 128.032 mph.
	39. (51) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 126.596 mph.

what the young guys are doing. They're nipping at our heels and making me feel old."

Also in the field is rookie Ty Dillon (24) and Trevor Bayne, who six years ago became the youngest winner of the Daytona 500 one day after his 20th birthday. He's 26 now and practically a Cup veteran.

Of course, pole-sitter Logano is no old-timer at 26, but he's well established as one of the circuit's stars. He has 17 NASCAR wins, including last year's November race in Phoenix.

He's also in a little bit of a firestorm

— he came to Phoenix embroiled in controversy after hard-racing with Kyle Busch last week led to a scuffle on pit road.

But Logano isn't considered part of this group of fresh new NASCAR stars, among them Larson, who keeps flirting with another win.

"It would be nice to get a win and we have challenged now for most of the last probably five, races," he said. "It's really cool to run up front. I've never had this speed this early in the year. I'm soaking it all in and enjoying it."

Truex said today's young drivers are

helped by the cooperation between teams in the same ownership group or part of an alliance. Truex and his Furniture Row Racing group benefit as the sister team to Joe Gibbs Racing. The deep resources and sharing practices differ greatly from when he started his career driving for Dale Earnhardt.

"When I started, we had two cars at DEI and it was two different teams and two different buildings and not sharing everything," he said. "So things have changed a lot, and I think it's helped those guys a ton get off the ground, but obviously we've seen a ton of talent come into the series, and it's been exciting to watch."

Blaney drives a Ford for Wood Brothers Racing, but the team is essentially a B Team for Roger Penske, who has Logano and Brad Keselowski starring for Team Penske.

"They have been really good to us as far as sharing information," Blaney said. "We sit in on all their meetings and I feel like a part of the team. At the same time, we are still the Wood Brothers, a single-car team on the dragstrip in Mooresville. We have a great relationship with Team Penske and they are a big part of why we run so well."

RECRUITING

Gamecocks pick up commitment from converted Georgia OL Benson

LaMarius Benson (6-foot-3-inch, 320 pounds) of Covington, Georgia, has played just one full season on the offensive line but he apparently showed enough promise to receive an offer from South Carolina last month at their junior day as a guard, and Sunday he took the Gamecocks up on their interest by issuing a commitment to head coach Will Muschamp.

"He said the commitment made him the happiest he's been in a long time," Benson said. "I feel like it's a perfect school for me. It's close to home and I like the coaches. It's perfect for me."



Phil Kornblut
RECRUITING CORNER

season."

Heavily recruited DE KJ Henry of Clemmons, N.C., made visits to Clemson and Alabama the end of last week. Clemson has long been one of Henry's favorites. Henry had grown close with former Clemson defensive line coaches Dan Brooks and Marion Hobby and now he's getting closer with new coach Todd Bates. He has also been to USC and has developed a tight feeling with Will Muschamp.

Henry also plans to get to USC for a visit possibly during spring practice. The Tigers and Gamecocks also appear to be in good shape to get official visits from him.

Gaffney WR Dennis Smith was offered Friday by Indiana. He also has USC and Clemson offers.

USC recently became the first to offer 2019 OL Michael Tarquin (6-4, 272) of Ocala, Florida, at last month's junior day and that has put the Gamecocks at the top of his early list. Tarquin also has visited Clemson, Michigan State, Florida and South Florida. He has visits coming up to Miami, Auburn and Florida State.

USC

Alabama had great success last season with an elusive quarterback in Jalen Hurts and last week the Crimson Tide offered a quarterback of a similar mold in Dakereon Joyner of Fort Dorchester. Joyner had planned to visit Oregon this past weekend but that visit will be rescheduled. He's also looking at visits to Georgia and Auburn in the near future plus a return visit to USC.

Spring Valley LB Channing Tindall landed offers from Notre Dame and LSU last week. His other Power 5 offers are USC, N.C. State, Auburn, Wake Forest, Georgia and Florida while Clemson, Penn State, Purdue, Georgia Tech and Cal are other major programs showing interest. Tindall has had USC at the top of his list for the last month or so and the Gamecocks had him back for a visit in late February for their most recent junior day.

Tindall has been to USC and Wake Forest this calendar year and he plans to get to more schools after his track season including Notre Dame.

LB Rosendo Louis of Deerfield Beach, Florida, has visited USC in the past and plans another visit later this month to watch a spring practice. Louis said Miami, Ole Miss and Arkansas are other offers he's considering right now. He's also visited Miami. He also has offers from LSU, Wisconsin, Florida, Georgia and N.C. State. He plans a decision this summer.

DB Israel Mukuamu, formerly of Berkeley and now of Bossier City, Louisiana, has a USC offer and continues to hear from the Gamecocks. Mukuamu can play any of the positions in the secondary but said USC liked him as a safety. Mukuamu has been to Mississippi State and Oklahoma State for junior days. He's also getting interest from Wake Forest, Purdue, Indiana, Tulane, Iowa State and Louisiana-Lafayette. He visited Tulane over the weekend

and has trips coming up to Lafayette, Indiana and Purdue. He does not have a leader and is looking at making a commitment in late summer just before his season or early in his season. His offers are USC, Tulane, Wake Forest, UTSA, Coastal Carolina and Charlotte.

Duke is the latest offer for Chapin OL and state heavyweight wrestling champion Hank Manos. He also has offers from USC, N.C. State, Wake Forest, East Carolina, Coastal Carolina and Georgia State and is getting interest from Clemson. Manos took in a USC spring practice before the Gamecocks went on spring break and he also took a visit to N.C. State recently. Manos said he hears a lot from USC, practically every day, with Will Muschamp and Eric Wolford making the contacts. Manos said he will return to USC to watch spring practice once they get back on the field. Manos was invited to Clemson's junior day but had already committed to go to Duke. The Tigers have not offered yet as they try to manage their numbers for the 2018 class. Manos said he'd like to make his decision by the start of his senior season. He does not have favorites at this point.

QB Cordel Littlejohn (6-4, 185) of Roswell, Georgia, attended USC's junior day last month. The Gamecocks have not offered but quarterbacks coach Kurt Roper is interested enough that he plans to evaluate Littlejohn moving forward. Last season Littlejohn passed for 3,655 yards and 50 touchdowns. He also is looking at Louisville, Mississippi State, Tennessee and Miami of Ohio. He also has visited Tennessee, Mississippi State and Georgia State and has visits coming up to Louisville and N.C. State.

DB Jaycee Horn of Alpharetta, Georgia, has USC in his top 15 along with Georgia, Ohio State, Mississippi State, Missouri, West Virginia, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, Auburn, Tennessee, LSU, Florida, Alabama, Ole Miss and Louisville.

USC target OL Casey Holman of Snellville, Georgia, committed to Duke.

USC offered 2019 WR Kendrick Scurry of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, who is currently committed to Tennessee. Scurry issued a tweet saying that while he's still committed to the Vols, he feels the need to consider more options and thus has not shut down his recruiting.

CLEMSON

RB TJ Pledger of IMG Academy announced a top eight of Clemson, Georgia, Nebraska, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee and UCLA.

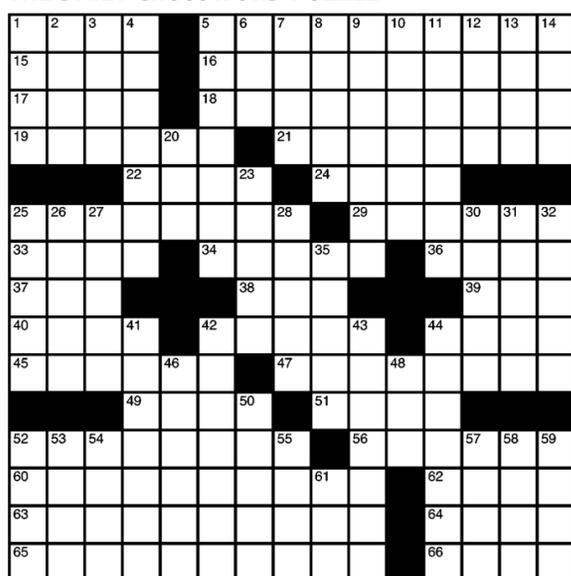
PK BT Potter of South Pointe is the state's top kicker in the 2018 class and if things go well for him this summer, there's a strong likelihood he will be at Clemson in another year. Potter was at the Tigers' junior day and got some encouraging news from the staff. Potter said if he decides to go to Clemson, he would walk-on as a freshman and would go on scholarship in the following January. He's also hearing some from USC, Wake Forest, Oklahoma, Indiana, Cal and Wisconsin. His lone offer is from Mercer.

OL targets Jamaree Salyer of Atlanta and Max Wray of Franklin, Tennessee, visited Clemson on Friday. Wray decommitted from Georgia last week.

OL Jalil Irvin of Stone Mountain, Georgia, committed to Auburn. He had Clemson on his short list.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Bruce Venzke

3/18/17

ACROSS

- 1 Cleaning up a mess?
- 5 Overcomes, as adversity
- 15 River to the Laptev Sea
- 16 Beset by dire circumstances
- 17 Reach new heights
- 18 Sharper
- 19 Publication for pitchers?
- 21 Paid
- 22 "I have a lady in the balcony" old radio/TV quiz show
- 24 Binge-watcher's aid
- 25 Showman named Phineas
- 29 Butterflies
- 33 ___ room
- 34 Largest Italian lake
- 36 ___ Valley, Calif.
- 37 Court judgment
- 38 Metaphorical social barrier
- 39 Salon substance
- 40 They might be about nothing
- 42 Gather in a mass
- 44 Self-named 1954 or 1964 jazz album
- 45 Expel
- 47 Disgruntled fans, slangily
- 49 Novelist
- 51 X-Ray ___: U.K.
- 52 Socrates or Plato
- 56 Meditative discipline
- 60 Agenda
- 62 Kennebunk-based personal care products brand, familiarly
- 63 Old crate
- 64 Noodle bar order
- 65 Windows alternatives
- 66 Shady time, for some
- 10 Succeed big-time
- 11 Pool habitués
- 12 Leave off
- 13 It has two jaws
- 14 Storefront sign abbr.
- 20 Miss an easy spare, say
- 23 Bobwhite, e.g.
- 25 Classroom with mice
- 26 Old-time screen vamp
- 27 Track bar
- 28 Ernie Banks' sobriquet
- 30 Intensity
- 31 Fix, as copy
- 32 Track apparel
- 35 Teaching methods
- 41 A quarter of a half?
- 42 Some recliners
- 43 Beer openers
- 44 Scrap
- 46 One of Pete Rose's record 3,215
- 48 '80s-'90s co-star with Betty, Rue and Estelle
- 50 Far from shiny
- 52 First razor with a pivoting head
- 53 Chiang Mai native
- 54 Battleship goals
- 55 Myrna's role in "The Thin Man"
- 57 Musical closing
- 58 Managed care gps.
- 59 Exists no more
- 61 Brooklynese pronoun

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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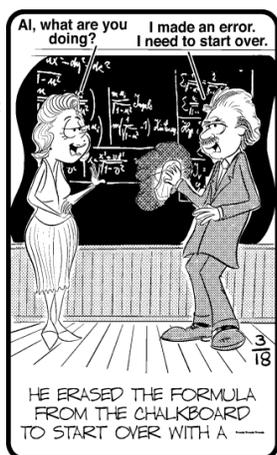
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Answer here:

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: MAUVE BRING TRIPLE MAYHEM Answer: The leprechaun who grew his own shamrocks had a — GREEN THUMB



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

SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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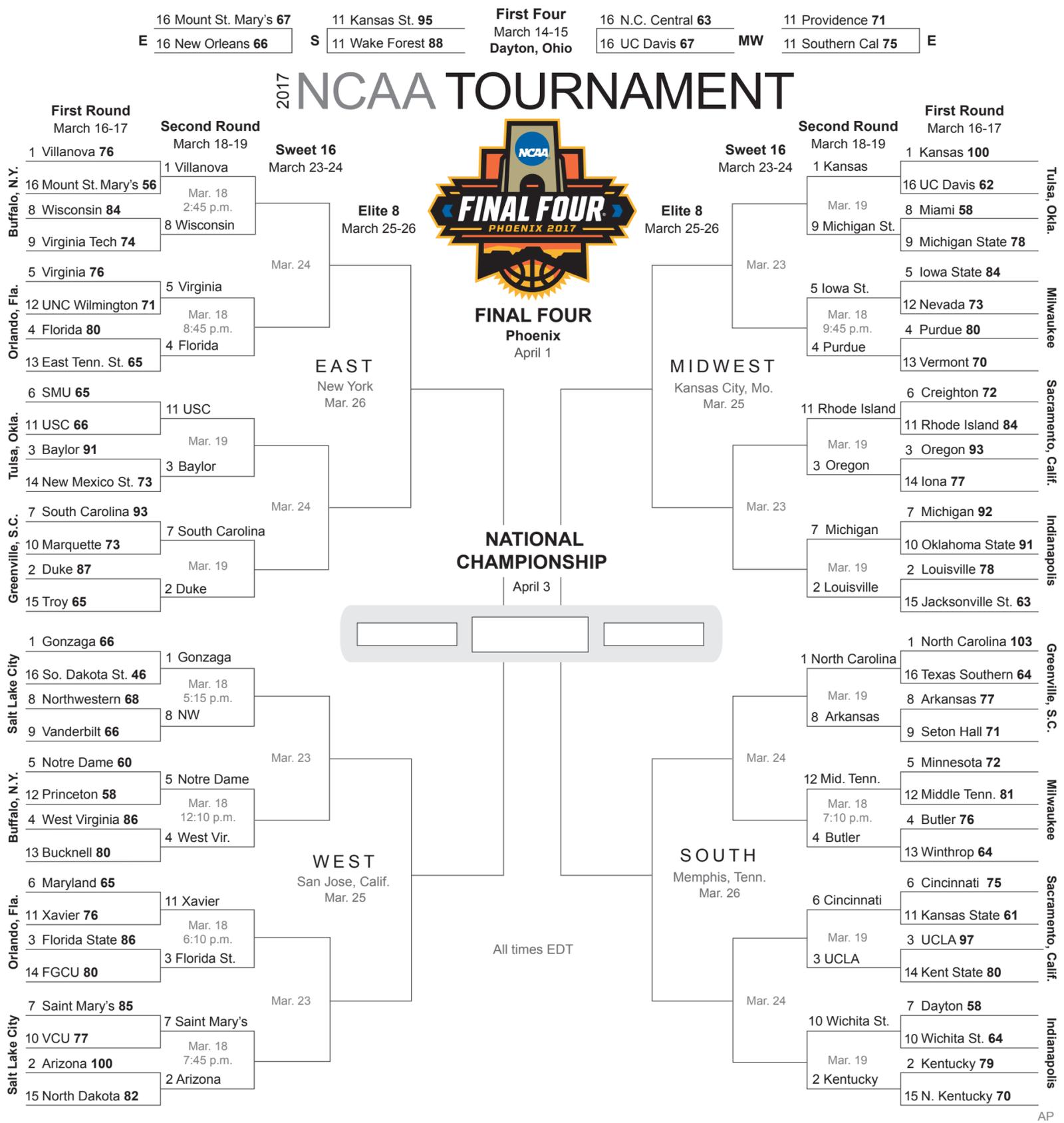
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THE ANSWERS TO THESE PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON TODAY'S DAILY PLANNER PAGE.



USC WOMEN

FROM PAGE B1

won the SEC championship game without her,” Arizona State coach Charli Turner Thorne said.

Arizona State beat Michigan State 73-61 in a game the Sun Devils led by 28 before easing off in the fourth quarter. The Sun Devils suddenly found a shooting stroke, making 44 percent of their 3-pointers after shooting just 31 percent from behind the arc for the year.

The Sun Devils also has freshmen Kiara Russell and Jamie Ruden and senior Kelsey Moos all back on the court. South Carolina coach Dawn Staley watched the Michigan State game from courtside and said it was the best game she has seen the Sun Devils play this season.

“They just seem like they are in a groove. They have some fluidity to their offense. We have to find some way to disrupt that and not give them as many practice shots — shots where nobody is around them and they seem to knock them down,” Staley said.

The teams were in the same region last year with South Carolina as the top seed and Arizona State the second seed, but both were upset before they could meet. Thorne said she thinks they should be meeting later in the tournament this year too.

“This doesn’t feel like a second round game, except we’re on their home floor,” Thorne said.

HAWAII MEMORIES

Arizona State and South Carolina aren’t totally unknown to each other. The Gamecocks beat the Sun Devils 60-58 in overtime last season in a November 2015 game at a tournament in Hawaii.

Wilson and Cuevas-Moore each scored 18. Arizona State’s two leading scorers were seniors. The starting frontcourt went a combined 5-for-16 from the field. Quinn

WOMEN’S NCAA TV SCHEDULE

TODAY
Second Round
ESPN2

Noon - Kentucky vs. Ohio State
2:30 p.m. - Maryland vs. West Virginia; DePaul vs. Mississippi State; North Carolina State vs. Texas
7 p.m. - South Carolina vs. Arizona State
9 p.m. - Purdue vs. Notre Dame or Oregon State vs. Creighton

ESPN2
7 p.m. - Florida State vs. Missouri
9 p.m. - Purdue vs. Notre Dame or Oregon State vs. Creighton

MONDAY
Second Round
ESPN2

6:30 p.m. - Teams TBA
9 p.m. - Teams TBA

Dornstauder has to leave the game at in the first half to get 10 stitches after a Wilson elbow and Moos suffered a concussion.

“It was very, very physical. It was a very tough game to play,” Wilson said. “We were in a nice place though.”

Wilson won the game with two free throws with less than a second left.

“A touch foul to decide the game — our little 5-7 guard just standing there on Wilson. But that’s basketball,” Thorne said.

TORN BETWEEN TWO TEAMS

South Carolina fans who want to watch both their women and men play in the NCAA second rounds will have to make a choice Sunday.

The women tip off at 7 p.m. in Columbia, while the No. 7 seed men take on second-seeded Duke around 8:40 p.m. some 100 miles away in Greenville. Both teams have never made it this far in the tournament in the same season.

The conflict already appear to cost the women some fans. Attendance Friday was 8,215 — some 4,600 fans less than the women’s team has averaged this year. The men tipped off about three hours later.

Staley said she thinks the NCAA “would want to not split a fan base — because they like to talk about fan bases.”

USC MEN

FROM PAGE B1

swarming defense and talked about it on Saturday. The Gamecocks (23-10) were similarly respectful of their blue-blooded former conference brethren, who were eyeing top-seeded Villanova’s loss to Wisconsin on Saturday as a prime opportunity to reach another Final Four.

Not so fast. USC isn’t just satisfied to be here and planning to pack it up after winning its first tournament game in nearly half a century. Might as well stick around for a while.

Which means going through Duke.

“We’re going to attack them,” Thornwell said. “Coach told us a couple of things, a couple of ways that we’re going to attack them.”

Driving at Marquette yielded 42 points in the paint and 25 off turnovers. The Blue Devils, as elite offensively as they are, play defense about the same way the Golden Eagles did — go ahead, we’ll score more than you.

The Gamecocks spoke Saturday of being aggressive from the tip, of not settling for long-range shots like they did early against Marquette. The shots were there, but USC is not a great shooting team; when it gets in its element of backing opponents away, the Gamecocks become tough to beat.

“You don’t trick your way into winning in the NCAA

MEN’S NCAA TV SCHEDULE

TODAY
Second Round
WLTN 19

Noon - Louisville vs. Michigan
2:30 p.m. - Kentucky vs. Wichita State
5 p.m. - Kansas vs. Michigan State

TNT
6 p.m. - North Carolina vs. Arkansas
8:30 p.m. - South Carolina vs. Duke

TBS
7 p.m. - Oregon vs. Rhode Island
9:30 p.m. - UCLA vs. Cincinnati

TRUTV
7:30 p.m. - Baylor vs. Southern California

Tournament. You earn your way into that,” coach Frank Martin said. “Duke is phenomenal. I think we’re pretty good, too.”

They are, and the Blue Devils were cognizant of it. They watched USC beat Marquette with almost all of the Bon Secours Wellness Arena crowd behind it.

With rival North Carolina playing before Duke-South Carolina today, it seems likely the Tar Heel faithful will stick around to boo their deeper-blue neighbors.

The Devils said they wouldn’t be intimidated — they’re used to being booed as the black hat-wearing villains of the planet. The Gamecocks, likewise, said they didn’t know anything about USC and Duke’s long ACC history together.

Although there might be a tiny bit of personal feeling, from the one guy Duke knows it has to stop.

“I was North Carolina,” Thornwell said, describing his youthful fandom. “You know how I feel.”

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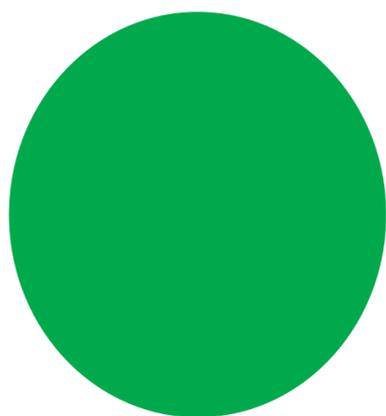
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THIS WEEK

The Federal Reserve bumped up its target interest rate. With credit card debt worsening, this latest hike will cost U.S. consumers about **\$1.6 billion** in extra credit card finance charges in 2017, according to WalletHub analysis.



ON THE MOVE

STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

MOBILEYE

The self-driving car technology company Monday agreed to be bought Intel for \$15.3 billion all-cash deal. The deal will allow Intel to secure auto-chip designs and revenue streams. The semi- and autonomous car markets are expected to grow to \$70 billion by 2030.



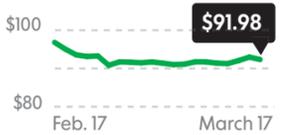
VALEANT PHARMACEUTICALS

The company's stock fell Tuesday to its lowest level since 2009 after its biggest shareholder sold his entire stake in the company. The stock price was already down nearly 96% since its peak in 2015.



KRAFT HEINZ

A security guard for a board member of the food company was accused of insider trading by the SEC. It reportedly occurred in 2013, a day before Berkshire Hathaway and 3G Capital were to buy Heinz for \$28 billion.



3M

The Post-it maker is buying Scott Safety from Johnson Controls in a \$2 billion deal. The deal will add respiratory-protection products, thermal-imaging devices and other products to its safety division.

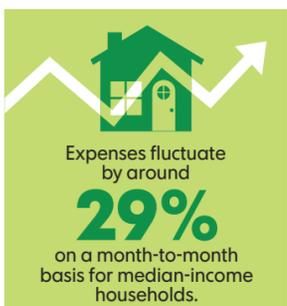


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TRUMP DOES IT. YOU CAN, TOO.

LEGALLY HIRE YOUR CHILD

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Donald Trump Jr., left, Ivanka Trump and Eric Trump are all employed by their father in some capacity.

Michael Molinski
Special For USA TODAY

With questions arising around President Trump's children working at his companies and working for him in government, discussions are going on about what is appropriate and what crosses the line.

It also may lead you to wonder: Can I hire my children as employees in my small business? Is it smart? Is it legal? Is it ethical?

Turns out it is easy to do and completely legal if you follow certain guidelines, and it can have tax and estate planning advantages to both you and your children. But it can also have negative consequences.

"There is definitely a downside because some people may accuse you of nepotism. It can

cause friction amongst other employees at the firm," says Jeffrey Easley, a Los Angeles-based attorney who specializes in employment law. That said, there are a number of reasons why hiring your child can be a smart move.

THE BIGGEST BENEFIT IS CHILDREN PAY LESS TAX

From a tax perspective, hiring a child who is in a lower tax bracket can be a smart move financially because they will get the standard deduction of \$6,350 and the remainder would be taxed at their lower tax bracket.

Plus, there is an added benefit if a child is under 18. If your company is a sole proprietor or a partnership that you run with your spouse or a single-member limited liability company, no payroll taxes would be owed. And if your child is under 21, they would also be exempt from federal unemployment taxes. However, the

devil can be in the details. The IRS tends to look closely at cases when children are involved, especially young children.

First of all, their work must be legitimate and ordinary for your business, and their pay should reflect their services. You can't pay them in pizza, and you can't pay them for babysitting or mowing your lawn — unless that yard is a business property.

In the past, children often were hired by their parents to stuff envelopes or answer phones or do other menial tasks. But these days they are being hired to design websites, act as social media strategists and do things children and teens can do as well or better than their parents. The IRS tends to look at those jobs favorably, provided you do all the paperwork involved and pay them on a routine basis.

There's another potential benefit to hiring your child — retire-

ment savings. You can contribute up to \$5,500 to an IRA in the child's name. Combined with their standard deduction, that could amount to \$11,850 in tax-free income.

TAX LOOPHOLES

The more a child makes, the closer the IRS is going to look at their and the company's taxes. For example, if your company makes \$1 million in 2017 and you pay \$100,000 to your child, the IRS may question it to make sure it meets the threshold of "reasonable compensation," says Dan Olincy, a tax and estate law specialist in Los Angeles.

"In my opinion, Donald Trump crossed the line in hiring his daughter Ivanka," he says. "There are frequent cases where a family business can manipulate salaries in paying someone for work."

For President Trump and the wealthy, there are many other tax loopholes to prevent paying estate taxes and legal maneuvers such as trusts and family limited partnerships. Keep in mind that you only have to pay estate taxes when you plan to leave more than \$5.49 million to your heirs. And even if you do have more than \$5.49 million, President Trump has promised to repeal the estate tax law anyway.

Beware of mortgage rate mind games

Hal Bundrick
NerdWallet

Sometimes our brain gets in the way of a good decision. It's called "cognitive bias," and it happens when our mind tricks us into making irrational choices. We think something is true — and we just go with it.

Here's how to keep your mind from messing with you when shopping for the best mortgage rate.

RAISE THE ANCHOR

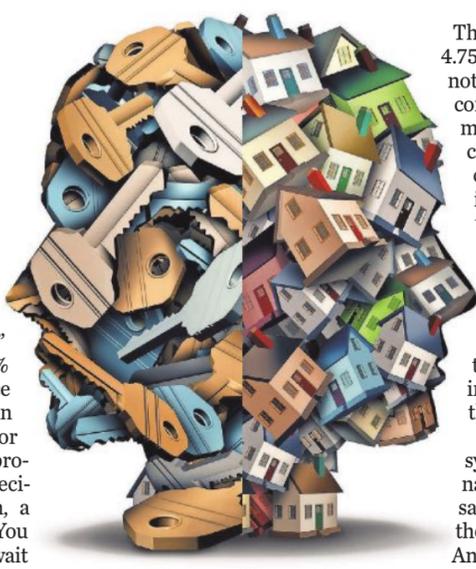
Maybe your ears perked up when you heard about 3.5% mortgage rates last year. You started to think about buying a home or refinancing. But now rates are closer to 4.5%.

In this case, the mind game is called "anchoring." You just can't get that 3.5% rate out of your head. "Once you have that number in your mind, it's very hard for you to be flexible about proceeding with a financial decision," says Mary Gresham, a psychologist in Atlanta. "You might think, 'Well, I'll just wait until it goes back (down) to that.'" But if rates move higher, you might wish later that you had snagged that "high" 4.5% rate.

FRAMING CAN HANG YOU UP

Another way our brain sometimes blocks our best interests is through "framing" — drawing varying conclusions from the same information when it's presented differently.

"Percentages look small," says



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The difference between a 4.75% and a 4.5% rate might not seem big, but have you considered total costs? You may be less willing to choose a product that charged \$25,000 more in interest over the life of the loan and had \$3,000 more in closing fees.

SLOW AND STEADY WINS

Avoiding irrational thinking requires knowing a bit about how your thought processes work.

"We have two brain systems that do our finances for us," Gresham says. "One is what we call the fast, emotional system. And the other is the slow, rational system. Take your time and think it through. Don't make a quick decision about finances."

As Ariely notes, "We decide on a mortgage too early without truly searching and without negotiating."

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PETE THE PLANNER



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Don't ignore reality when you're setting financial priorities

DEAR PETE: My husband and I are considering private school for our son. We are middle class but have some job insecurities (have seen layoffs/reorganizations at both of our employers). Private schools near us cost \$10K-\$20K a year, depending on school and grade. We are concerned with decreasing our savings to pay for private schools. We are also concerned with educations at public schools and what would be best for our son's future.

— JEN



Peter Dunn
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DEAR JEN: Here's what I'm not going to do: Debate the merits of a private school education in my financial column. If it's important to you, it's important to me.

If you want to redirect your economic resources toward this priority, then that's exactly what we'll discuss. Parents, myself included, do all sorts of strange things in order to make our kids' lives better. We make our kids listen to classical music while they're in the womb, we provide private softball pitching lessons, and we sneak vegetables into dishes we pass off as desserts. Spending money on a private education is tame by comparison.

I've long been convinced one of the bigger financial disconnects for people is the chasm between declaring something a priority and acting like it. Discovering your *real* priorities are as simple as looking at your bank statement. Do you spend 7% of your income on your family mobile phone plan? Fantastic, that's your priority.

I stopped judging people's priorities long ago. But I will forever judge a person's unspoken priorities. Go ahead and tell me you want to open a ferret circus. It won't bother me. Offer that same goal to me, while spending 9% of your income on fiddle lessons for your cat, and I'm bothered.

The amount of financial problems which could be both solved and avoided by simply reconciling your spending with your spoken priorities is astounding.

The operative word in your entire equation is "redirect." As it stands now, I'm guessing most of your discretionary income is spoken for. The nugget of information you offered, which self-marked you as middle class, was the tip-off. In year one of your son's education, you will need to redirect \$833 to \$1,666 per month in order to fund his private school education. Where is that coming from? You will have to redirect those funds from oth-

er current spoken or unspoken priorities.

Your excursions to the convenient casual dining cafe down the causeway just got curbed. Your addiction to acquiring accessories on Amazon is now abandoned. As long as you can find the money within your current lifestyle and send it to the private school, everything will be OK. If you choose to let your spoken priorities mingle with your unspoken priorities, then your financial life is about to get really ugly.

You also mentioned dipping into your savings. That's fine too, as long as you aren't putting your security at risk. A private school education, based on the numbers you provided, will cost you \$120,000 to \$240,000 over your son's 12-year pre-college education. From what I know, the middle class doesn't have that kind of money in non-retirement savings. Throw-in job insecurity, and your yellow-light quandary turns into a red-light problem.

So many financial problems could be solved and/or avoided by simply reconciling your spending with your spoken priorities.

When an involuntary job change is a possibility, you should be pumping money in your emergency fund like you'll never earn another dollar again.

And if the uncertainty passes, you will have conceivably created the monthly cash flow to fund the education.

What happens next is really important. You can shift resources to fund your priority. You can decide you're not willing to do that and temporarily give up on a private school education. Or you can ignore reality.

But the very first place to start is to come to terms with your unspoken priorities.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

How to avoid tax scams and scammers

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As if tax time weren't tough enough, scammers are doubling down efforts to steal more of your hard earned money. According to the Internal Revenue Service, there's a huge spike in online tax scams, and an aggressive phone scam is making rounds again, too.

Here are the top telltale signs to help you spot a scam:

THE SCAM: THE "IRS" CALLS — AND THEY WILL ARREST YOU

The first telltale sign of this scam is that it's an out-of-the-blue call from the "IRS," threatening to arrest you. Scammers often use fear to intimidate you and catch you off guard, and this one does both.

The way it works is like this: You get a phone message or call from someone "from the IRS," or the "IRS legal department." The person says that they've put a warrant out for your arrest and if you don't make a payment over the phone immediately you'll be jailed. The scammer might even give a "badge number," and throw around terms like "outstanding liability" to suck you in.

► **THE FIX: Hang up.** Whatever you do, don't pay a cent! The IRS does not initiate contact over the phone, nor do they "hunt you down" and threaten to send police to your door.

THE SCAM: THE "IRS" EMAILS YOU One of the biggest hot spots for fraudsters is your email in-box. You get an email saying your return is on hold or that you can expedite payment if you reply with some bank account information. These fake emails use IRS logos and false email addresses to make themselves look official or add "case numbers" to confuse you.

► **THE FIX: Report and delete.** The IRS doesn't send correspondence to taxpayers via email, and definitely never over Facebook. The IRS never asks for specific bank, debit or credit card

Tax season means fraudsters are out in force, looking to take your money

information via email or through a link to an online form. Never click a link from one of these emails, or reply to the sender, because it might put you at risk for malware or computer viruses.

THE SCAM: FAKE MAIL FROM THE "IRS" The IRS sends a lot of letters, but so do scammers. One of most recent scams involves fake tax bills tied to the Affordable Care Act. It's supposed to be a CP-2000 notice from the IRS, which is a real notice some people might get indicating they owe money.



A sampling from a fake IRS email.

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► **THE FIX: Double check and verify everything.** As clever as the fake notice seems, it's filled with red flags. The overall layout and logo are different and the fakes direct you to make out the check to "I.R.S." rather than the U.S. Treasury. If you get notice in the mail saying you owe money or even that you have a refund coming but need to give them your bank account or credit card information, don't hand it over before confirming it's actually from the government.

BOTTOMLINE: WHEN IN DOUBT, DO A LITTLE HOMEWORK If something doesn't look quite right, it never hurts to check it out. Here are some other resources for common scams:

► Think you've spotted a tax prep fake? Check them out at the Better Business Bureau website.

► For charities soliciting donations, CharityNavigator and GuideStar keep rankings and ratings of all legitimate charities. It's as simple as typing in the name.

THE WEEK AHEAD



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Can housing keep chugging despite some headwinds?

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The housing market has held up remarkably well, but rising mortgage rates and a limited inventory of existing homes are likely to test its resiliency over the coming months.

Reports this week on new and existing home sales will provide a snapshot of the market's performance in February. The latest reading on business investment, which has been gradually rebounding from a slump, rounds out a light menu of economic news.

Existing home sales increased a healthy 3.2% in January despite just a 3.6-month supply of units, lowest since January 2005. Still, the thin stockpile is taking some toll on sales and probably more than offset unusually warm weather in February, Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says. Mortgage rates actually dipped last month but, at about 4.17%, were still up from 3.47% in October.

Alexander notes that mortgage applications declined in February while pending home sales, an indicator of future transactions, were down the previous month. All told, economists estimate the National Association of Realtors

U.S. home sales have increased solidly in recent months.

will announce **Wednesday** that existing home sales fell 1.8% last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.6 million.

New home sales are also due for a moderation after a strong 3.7% increase in January. Besides the drop in mortgage applications, a measure of single-family home sales in the National Association of Homebuilders' sentiment index edged down recently, Alexander says.

And, he notes, the industry is grappling with a shortage of labor and construction materials. Economists expect the Commerce Department on **Thursday** to report a measured 0.9% increase in new home sales for February.

Business investment has started to bounce back from an extended downturn as a result of the recovering oil industry and improving global economy. Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft — a proxy for business capital spending — fell 0.4% in January, but that came after three consecutive increases.

Economists expect Commerce to report **Friday** that category jumped another 0.6% in February. And, overall orders for durable goods, which includes volatile categories such as aircraft and orders, is expected to post a 1.1% increase following a 2% advance the previous month.

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Find your hedge against inflation

Inflation-linked bonds also give investing retirees diversification

Robert Powell
Special to USA TODAY



If you believe the economy will soon grow faster and that inflation will accelerate, then you might want to consider investing a not insignificant portion of your portfolio in Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities, or TIPS.

In fact, individuals and institutions should allocate about 20% of their portfolios to inflation-linked bonds, according to the authors of a report published in IMCA's Journal of Investment Consulting.

And there four reasons for doing so according to Kurtay Ogunc, a finance instructor at LSU and Asli Ogunc, a professor at Texas A&M University-Commerce, authors of *Inflation-Linked Bonds for Strategic Asset Allocation*.

CORRELATIONS WITH MAJOR ASSET CLASSES

For starters, TIPS don't move in the same direction as stocks and traditional bonds. That's part of what makes them a good investment. In a well-diversified portfolio, you want some assets that rise in value when others are falling.

"Because the market prices of inflation-linked bonds do not react to changes in expected inflation, their returns do not correlate with those of stocks and nominal bonds, making them an excellent diversifying tool for traditional portfolios," Ogunc and Ogunc wrote.

"The correlations with other investments are very attractive," says Lane Steinberger, chief investment officer of Redwood Wealth Management. "I tend to zero in on how they correlate with other fixed-income investments and include them with Treasuries, corporates and foreign bonds. Thus, I look at the allocation as a percentage of the bond portfolio as opposed to the overall portfolio."

EXPECT PROBABILITIES OF INFLATION SURPRISES

TIPS are also designed to protect investors against inflation in ways typical bonds don't. Here's how:

"The principal of a TIPS increases with inflation and decreases with deflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)," according to the Treasury Department. "When a TIPS matures, you are paid the adjusted principal or original principal, whichever is greater."

So, if inflation is rising, as it is



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Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial Network.



Lane Steinberger is CIO at Redwood Wealth Management Partner.



Larry Siegel, Research Director of the Research Foundation of CFA Institute.

now — it rose 2.5% for the 12 months ending in January — TIPS become a good investment provided the return is greater than what's called the break-even inflation rate. That rate is the difference between the nominal yield on a 10-year Treasury (2.35%) and the 10-year TIPS yield (0.34%).

Right now, the break-even rate is 2.01%. So, if you think inflation will be higher than 2.01% — the Federal Reserve's current target rate for inflation — over the next 10 years, TIPS would be a good investment.

"I believe that inflation-indexed bonds are one, a good representation of the risk-less asset for long-term individual investors who expect to consume in real dollars, and two, an excellent substitute for nominal Treasuries if you expect inflation to be at the break-even rate implied by the difference between TIPS and nominal yields," says Larry Siegel, research director of the Research Foundation of CFA Institute. "If you expect inflation to run faster than break-even, TIPS are the better investment, although the principle of diversification says you should have both — because you could be wrong."

His advice: If you're supposed to allocate 40% of your portfolio to fixed-income securities, invest half in traditional bonds and the other half in TIPS and other inflation-indexed or real assets.

Of note, the current rate of inflation is substantially below the 3.77% average since the end of World War II, but it's above its 10-year moving average, now at

1.77%, according to Jill Mislinski, research director at Advisor Perspectives.

For his part, Brad McMillan, chief investment officer at Commonwealth Financial Network, says the best time to buy TIPS is before inflation starts to rise.

"Right now, though, inflation has just hit five-year highs and is on the minds of many investors," he says. "That protection might be more costly, and less necessary, than it was a year ago. That said, inflation is still quite low by historical standards, and for longer-time horizons the argument continues to make sense."

ROBUST RISK/RETURN PROFILES OF TIPS

In their paper, Ogunc and Ogunc showed that adding TIPS to portfolios improved risk-adjusted performance over various time periods. In fact, portfolios with TIPS had risk-adjusted annualized returns of 8.2%.

LIABILITIES THAT INCREASE IN VALUE AS INFLATION RISES

Some financial advisers recommend that investors match their current assets to their future living expenses. And TIPS are among those assets that can be used to fund future liabilities that increase in value as inflation rises — such as health care.

In fact, Kurtay Ogunc says retirees should invest even more than 20% of their portfolio in TIPS given investors receive a return that keeps pace with inflation, one of the big risks investors face in retirement.

"It's not something the paper is

advocating explicitly, but given the nature of retirement years going forward — higher inflation and longevity risks — I would put about 30 to 35% (in TIPS)," he says. To be fair, TIPS, which tracks the consumer price index, or CPI, are not a perfect match for future expenses. For instance, housing (owner-equivalent rents) represents a large chunk of CPI. And that expense might not matter to a retired investor with a paid-off house compared to food or energy, Steinberger says.

TWO SIDES TO EVERY COIN

Of course, there are downsides to investing in TIPS. "If none of the inflation-surprise or higher-inflation scenarios play out, then investors are stuck with a low-yield asset that will underperform nominal assets," says Steven Mula, chief investment officer at JJ Burns & Co. "As the authors note, a deflationary scenario would be very unpleasant."

That's true. But that's why experts also suggest hedging against that possibility by investing in nominal bonds too, and switching out of TIPS should inflation not rise above the break-even rate.

Others say investing 15% to 25% in TIPS might not be prudent. "I like the idea of using TIPS, but a 20% allocation seems high — even for a moderate to conservative investor," says Steve Osterink Jr., chief investment officer of Advisory Alpha. "We research over 80 distinct asset classes for our diversified strategies and are very cautious when allocating (so much) to any individual market segment."



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You don't need great credit to help your kid get a credit card

But you do need to know that you are responsible if the account is abused

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Parents with less-than-perfect credit: You can still help your teenager or young adult child get a credit card and start building a strong credit history.

You might not be able to co-sign on a credit card application if your own credit history is rough — but nowadays, most major issuers don't accept co-signers anyway. There are other ways to help your child access credit and learn to use it responsibly.

YOUR CREDIT HISTORY ISN'T SHARED

Let's make one thing clear: Your credit history and scores are yours alone. A person who shares an account with you shares only the history tied to that particular account. Spouses each have individual credit histories and scores, even if they share some accounts. The same goes for parents and children.

That's why you don't need perfect credit to give your child a leg up — you just need one credit

card account in good standing. You can add your child to that account as an authorized user no matter what the rest of your credit history looks like.

The ideal account to share looks like this:

- ▶ You haven't made late payments for seven years or more.
- ▶ The balance is below 30% of the card's limit. Below 10% is ideal.
- ▶ The account is several years old — the older the better.
- ▶ The credit card issuer reports authorized users to the credit bureaus. (Most do.)

A few words of caution: Even if your child is an authorized user, you're still the primary account holder, which means you're responsible for the bills. And your child could damage your credit and his or her own by charging more than the limit. It's up to you to set spending limits and clear expectations about whether and how you'll be paid back for purchases.

After gaining some authorized user experience as a teenager, your child can eventually get approved for a solo credit card. Eighteen-year-olds can qualify



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for their own accounts if they demonstrate significant income. Once your child turns 21, it'll be easier for him or her to get approved for a student credit card.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CARD IN GOOD STANDING

Let's say you don't have a credit card account at all, or the ones you have are a bit tarnished. It won't help your child to be added to an account with late payments, a high balance or that's currently in default.

But you can still get your child started with credit by helping him or her apply for a secured credit card. These require a cash deposit, which is usually equal to the credit limit. Look for a secured card with low fees that allows users to transition to

unsecured credit cards in the future.

Once he or she has become an authorized user or gotten a secured credit card, your child will need to build good credit over time, just like an adult. That means developing good financial habits so he or she doesn't overspend. You can recommend books or classes if you don't feel comfortable teaching these skills yourself.

That also means keeping credit card balances low relative to available credit, keeping older accounts open and always — always — paying the bill on time.

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REFLECTIONS

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WWII scrap drive involves Sumter's youth in war effort

In the 1940s, Sumter's youth became active participants in the war effort by collecting scrap iron, paper, rubber and other materials to help replenish our nation's resources.

In October of 1942 it was reported in *The Sumter Daily Item* that the children of Sumter were pitching in to collect scrap in a statewide drive sponsored by the South Carolina Press Association: "Piles of scrap metal and rubber were growing hourly at every school. A holiday was declared at the schools in the city of Sumter, and the children started scouring the city for metal and rubber shortly after nine o'clock."



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

Shaw Field made a valuable contribution to the efforts of the children by providing them with several army trucks to haul the material collected to the various pick-up points. The children got into the act by using many vehicles to move the materials including wheelbarrows, bicycles, wagons, carts, automobiles, trucks and even a wagon pulled by a billy goat, who had been pressed into duty by the "enthusiastic young people." Those involved in the collection were provided with "gummed stickers" to be placed on the homes where scrap was secured. This would prevent the same house from being visited more than once. "Although Sumter established an enviable record in the collection of scrap, it was



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

ABOVE and BELOW RIGHT: Paper was also an important commodity during World War II and was salvaged by Sumter's young people to help in the war effort.

thought that there existed a great deal of metal and rubber salvage remaining in the homes of the city. There was a desperate need for scrap metal, and those who gave were, in a small way, doing as much to help prosecute the war, as our soldiers on the firing line."

Approximately 479,042 school children comprised the salvage corps in South Carolina, coupled with an estimated, 29,500,000 students across the nation, providing an important source of labor necessary to win the war. The South Carolina Press Association "added business to patriotism by offering the pupils rewards in the form of war bonds, U.S. flags and certificates for their salvage collections. The Association's prize for the student reporting the most salvage was an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C."

During the period, June 15-July 10, "which was set aside as national rubber salvage drive," 200,000 pounds of scrap rubber were collected in Sumter. "Of the 194,667 pounds reported, 114,667 were turned in by petroleum dealers. Commercial dealers added the other 80,000 to Sumter's total." ... With the recent collection, Sumter went over the President's prescribed quota of 5 pounds per person in a community, according to city salvage chairman Warren T. King. ... He also noted that "Sumter County's population gave more than 5.2 pounds' average for each individual."

The salvage and rationing efforts continued for the duration of World War II and in-



involved several Sumter service organizations. A photograph taken by *The Sumter Item's* Mood Dollard shows workers from Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs of Sumter loading trucks from Shaw with 10 tons of waste paper. The photo was taken in front of the courthouse on the corner of Main and Law Range, which was used frequently as a collection site for many kinds of salvage. Note that *Item* carriers provided additional labor as they assisted loading the trucks for Sumter's business leaders.

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Children and adults, civilian and military, assist in collecting scrap paper in front of the Sumter County Courthouse.

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75 YEARS AGO - 1942

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Sumter High's grid season can now be termed a success. The reason is because the Gamecocks walloped Camden. Striking in three sudden thrusts for touchdowns, the Birds overpowered Camden last night, 19 to 7, as the two clubs fought each other bitterly in their annual battle. Paving the way for the Birds' victory were lineman Raymond Baker and co-captain Ed Dew, Sumter's candidates for all-state.



Yesteryear in Sumter

SAMMY WAY

• Second Lt. Ira Kaye is Shaw Field's first enlisted man to be assigned back to his post after graduating from the AAF

Officers Candidate School in Miami. Upon his return this week he was immediately designated assistant courts and boards officer. On Dec. 16, 1941, Lt. Kaye was married to Miss Ruth Barnett of Sumter.

• At a meeting of teachers of the Sumter City Schools and student representatives from all the buildings, plans were made for a scrap collecting drive that is being sponsored by the newspapers of South Carolina this week and next week. The meeting was presided over by Superintendent W.H. Shaw. A brief outline of the campaign was given by H.D. Osteen of the *Sumter Daily Item*, following which a fall discussion was held, led by Mr. Shaw. It was finally decided to put on a concentrated drive this week, all regular classes being dispensed with on that day to allow every student to get out and make a house-to-house canvass of the city.

• Cadet Edmund Thomas Gullede Jr., a member of the 2nd (junior) class at the Citadel, has been promoted to the rank of cadet sergeant in orders recently issued by Col. C.M. McMurray, professor of military science and tactics. Cadet Gullede is the son of E.T. Gullede of Wedgefield.

50 YEARS AGO - 1967

June 5 - 10

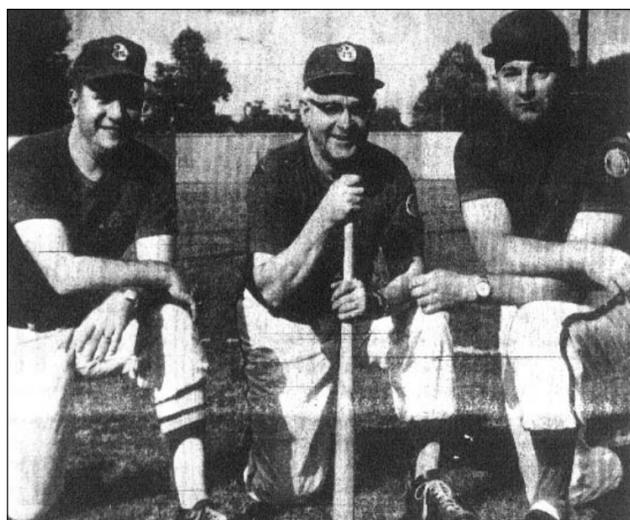
After two straight second-place finishes, Robbie Hynes, his '55 Chevy running to perfection, captured the lead on the second lap, held it the rest of the way and roared to a victory in the 35-lap late model main event to bring to an end the phenomenal string of triumphs by Arnold Hutto at the Sumter Raceway.

• Nancy Eldridge and Julius E. Eldridge Jr., daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Eldridge, both were graduated in exercises at different colleges. Miss Eldridge received a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education and library science from Columbia College. Her brother received his master's degree in business administration from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

• Cpl. Cole Bleas Shorter Jr. of the Sumter Police Department becomes the sixth local law enforcement officer to graduate from the FBI National Academy. Shorter is among 100 police officers who will have completed the 12 weeks of



ABOVE: 1992 — Sam O'Kelley, right foreground, personnel manager for the S.C. Department of Corrections, discusses employment possibilities with Turbeville resident Ethel Floyd, middle, at a meeting in the East Clarendon High School gymnasium. Other job seekers look on.



LEFT: 1967 — Set for another American Legion baseball season are Sumter's P-15 coaches, who will try to lead local entry to its fifth league title in six years. From left are Hugh Betchman, head coach Bernie Jones and Wyman Morris.

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intensive training. Other graduates of the academy include Sheriff Byrd Parnell, Lt. H.H. Foxworth, the late Lt. J.B. Godfrey, Assistant Chief of Police L.W. Griffin and E.E. McIntosh, former Sumter chief of police now with the S.C. Probation Department.

• Tommie Watts, who struck out nine, tossed a perfect game as VFW defeated Cromac 1-0 in Sumter Dixie Youth action. Watts faced 18 batters in the regulation six-inning contest. John Sutton, catcher for Watts, got the only two base hits of the game, both singles, and scored the game's lone run.

• Two promotions for its Sumter-area personnel have been announced by Carolina Power and Light Co. Lee McLeod of Sumter will take the post of service representative in Camden, and Elbert Foxworth of Camden will become district service manager in Sumter, according to L.F. Owens Jr., Sumter District manager.

• Thomas Sumter Academy held its first commencement with 23 seniors receiving diplomas. Honor graduates included Linda Haye Elmore, valedictorian; David Milton Winkles Jr., salutatorian; Brenda Victoria Fogle, Samuel Francis Rhodes, Henry Curtis Edens III, Glenn Miller Davis and Charles William Rhodes.

• Taking advantage of five Camden errors, Sumter came from behind to score its second win of the season and carve out a narrow 5-4 victory in an American Legion League IV contest. Three pitchers worked the game for Sumter with Cleve Marsh, who relieved in

the seventh, getting credit for the win. Tommy Hall started the contest but was moved to shortstop in the third inning. Billy Ardis followed Hall on the mound and flashed a nifty curve ball until he was relieved in the seventh.

25 YEARS AGO - 1992

March 6 - 11

James R. Burrows, 70, died March 4, at his home. Burrows owned the Triple C Farm in Sumter County, where he grew several crops, but people knew him best for his peanuts. Because he had eight children, Mr. Burrows once said Triple C stood for "crops, cows and children." "He was one of the greatest fellows I've ever known," said Curt Edens of Edens peanut farm in Dalzell.

• March's foyer exhibit, "A Team of Talents," is a display of works by the Sumter Gallery of Art's art school faculty. Art instructors Jan McLeod, Rose Metz, Stan Paskiewicz, Carol Jones White and Mildred M. White will each present two of their works.

• A jury found Tuomey Regional Medical Center guilty of malpractice and ordered the hospital to pay \$735,100 to a family whose child suffered permanent brain damage there in 1986. Hospital officials declined to comment on a possible appeal.

• Tommy Timmerman has been one of the most outstanding independent school football coaches in the state over the last decade. Five SCISAA state titles and a 92-16 record will attest to that. Timmerman from his athletic director/coaching post at Clarendon Hall last

week and will be replaced on a temporary basis by former Hillcrest and Furman high school's athletic director/head football coach Allen Johnson. Timmerman cited burnout and a need to dedicate more time to his family and business as his reasons for leaving the Summerton School after six years.

• Clarendon County School District 2's 1991 Teacher of the Year believes a structured classroom is a key to stimulating children. Dr. Laura Ayers also believes it's vital for parents and teachers and the schools to work together. Ayers was honored during the annual Clarendon District 2 Appreciation Dinner for district employees.

• A Spartanburg artist topped the list of winners for the 11th annual NBSC Oil Painters' Open Invitational when winners were announced and awards were presented at the Sumter Gallery of Art. Fred Galloway of Spartanburg won the first prize of \$750 for his painting "Hay Roll Series 1." Ray Davenport of Sumter received the \$500 second prize for his painting "Loring Mill," and Mike Williams of Columbia was awarded \$300 for his third-prize painting, "Homeless."

• Operations at a hazardous waste landfill near Lake Marion have resulted in a reduction in the number of species living downstream from the facility, according to a report recently released by the U.S. Department of the Interior. A study of the hydrology and geology in the vicinity of the landfill operated by GSX Services of South Carolina Inc. determined the decreased number of species in

the streams are due not to toxic pollution, but to earth-moving practices at the 270-acre landfill.

• The Bishopville High School Dragons and the girls basketball teams from Mayewood and Hillcrest High Schools will be playing for berths in their respective state championship games in semifinal games today. Hillcrest, 18-7 on the season, will play at Hartsville for the 4A lower state title. The Lady Wildcats defeated Lower Richland 62-56 in the second round. Hartsville improved to 30-1 after a 62-27 win over Marlboro County. Bishopville and Mayewood will both play in the 2A upper state championship games at Chapin High School.

• Two months after enacting a controversial countywide zoning ordinance, Sumter County Council discovered that some property may be zoned improperly under the law. Council enacted countywide zoning in December 1991 primarily to prevent encroachment of development around Shaw Air Force Base. Although most of the county was zoned with minimal restrictions, some areas around the base were more strictly zoned. Now, at least one property owner near the base has come forward to say that his land is zoned improperly.

• Wedgefield residents, afraid that the Wedgefield Primary School is in danger of being closed, presented the Sumter School District 2 Board of Trustees with a 209-signature petition to keep the school open. Despite assurances from District 2 Superintendent Joe Leffitt that the district is not considering closing the school, three members of the Wedgefield community asked the board not to let the school fall victim to consolidation with a larger school. Residents are afraid that because the community's school has only 79 students, the district will soon find it cost effective to close it. The school shares Principal J. Zernon Laney with F.J. Delaine Elementary School.

• Recent violence at the New Horizons Teen Center has prompted Sumter County Council to provide extra security at the Artillery Drive facility. During its meeting, council agreed to appropriate up to \$2,600 for the teen center to hire an off-duty police officer for additional security. The action was taken in response to the stabbing of a Sumter police officer outside the center. The officer was stabbed while attempting to break up a fight.

• Manning residents could pay higher utility bills to help improve the city's water and wastewater systems. Manning City Council authorized the mayor and city administrator Monday to request from the Farmers Home Administration \$2.93 million in loans for improvements to the city's utility infrastructure. The loans, if approved by the federal government, would be coupled with a \$934,700 grant for additional wastewater improvements, and would bring an average water bill increase of 64 percent for the town's 4,670 residents over the next few years.

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'Old Betsy' was writer Dan Geddings' father's double-barrel 12-gauge shotgun he has restored.

Restoring 'Old Betsy'

BY DAN GEDDINGS
Outdoor Columnist

It was my daddy's gun. An American Gun Co. 12-gauge, double-barrel shotgun with hammers. Passed down by my granddaddy, Arthur Geddings.

It was the first shotgun I ever fired. I shot a squirrel with the old gun while sitting in my Daddy's lap, when I was 8 years old. I've shot a lot of game with a lot of different guns since then, but none have meant as much to me. My Dad, Delaney Geddings, had many other guns, but "Old Betsy" was the favorite.

I did some research and learned that the old gun was made by Crescent Firearms Co. of Norwich, Connecticut, and distributed by H.D. Folsom Sporting Goods of New York City. The American Gun Co. was just a trade name. Crescent produced the guns between 1893 and 1930. Known as hardware store guns, they sold for about \$10 to \$15. Some early versions were made with Damascus steel barrels and later with higher-grade fluid steel. They were fitted with fine walnut stocks and forearms.

"Old Betsy" has the higher-grade steel barrels and can handle modern-day shells.

Through the years, Daddy collected a lot of guns. Shotguns and rifles, pumps and automatics, other doubles, some old and some new. "Old Betsy" got pushed aside. Besides, who cares about an old relic or antique when more modern and better guns are available?



Dan Geddings

Then one day the unthinkable happened. Someone broke in and stole the only gun he had out on display. It was a wakeup call. He decided to give his guns out to family members before something else bad happened. He gave guns to my brothers and sisters. To my brothers-in-law. He gave guns to my uncles and cousins. When he offered me a gun, I asked for "Old Betsy."

Daddy had cut a small notch in the top of the stock for every buck he had killed with that "old rabbit-eared gun." The gun had character and history but had been neglected and was in poor condition. It wasn't safe to shoot, but I didn't care — I knew she could be fixed by the right person.

I also knew that I couldn't trust that gun out to just anybody, and not just any gunsmith could restore it. So I just held onto her, through my stint in the Army, moving all over the country. Through those dark days when we lost my Dad. Through all the years after, just leaning up in the closet. Almost forgotten — almost.

Then one day the answer came. I saw an article in South Carolina Wildlife magazine about two South Carolina gunsmiths, master craftsmen that could repair and restore old guns. The closest one was in Darlington, and I decided to

pay him a visit. Jim Kelly is the owner of Darlington Gun Works and had been in business for more than 30 years.

Jim took the time to listen to me and understand my sentimental attachment to the old gun. He carefully examined the gun and gave me a realistic estimate for repairs to get the gun into shooting condition and for some minimal restoration.

I didn't want to change the character of the gun or make it look brand new; I just wanted it to be safe to shoot and look like it was in good condition. I wouldn't be disappointed with Kelly's work.

I got the gun back in the fall and took it with me on some deer drives. I patterned it with double ought buckshot. It shot very well, and I hoped to take a buck with the old gun. On hunt after hunt, I had close encounters but no luck. Then, on the last day of the deer season, the hounds brought a buck through the pines to me. "Old Betsy" rang true, and I got a nice eight-point buck. I got to cut my own notch in that old stock.

I, too, have collected some guns through the years, and someday I hope to pass them down to family members. It's my hope that my son will see the true value in "Old Betsy" and want to keep her around. In the meantime, I'm going to see if I can get a turkey with that old hammer gun this spring.

Dan Geddings is a weekly columnist for *The Sumter Item*. Email Dan at cdgeddings@gmail.com.

Spring turkey season forecast fair; new schedule and bag limits remain in place

BY S.C. DNR

An estimated 50,000 hunters will take to the woods during the upcoming turkey season, generating an estimated \$30 million in direct expenditures for South Carolina's economy.

Season dates for private lands are March 20 to May 5 statewide. For all Wildlife Management Areas where turkey hunting is allowed, the season will open on April 1 and close on May 5. The statewide bag limit is three gobblers per hunter with no more than two taken in one day. Possession and use of Turkey Tags remains in effect for all hunters.

Hunters on WMAs should consult the annual Turkey Regulations Guide for seasons and bag limits on specific WMAs as they may be more restrictive.

Saturday and Sunday, March 18-19, are Youth Turkey Hunt Days on private lands statewide. On WMA lands open to turkey hunting the Youth Turkey Hunt Day is Saturday, March 25. On these days, youths 17 and under who are accompanied by a properly licensed adult (age 21 and older) may hunt turkeys. Although adults may call or guide, only the youth can take or attempt to take turkeys. There is no license requirement for youths; however, tagging requirements and bag limits remain in place for these special youth days.

The outlook for the 2017 spring season is fair for most areas, according to Charles Ruth, Big Game Program coordinator for S.C. Department of Natural Resources. This is based on recent turkey harvest and reproductive trends. Annually since the early 1980s, SCDNR conducts a Summer Turkey Survey to estimate reproduction and recruitment of turkeys in South Carolina. The survey involves agency wildlife biologists, technicians and conservation officers, as well as many volunteers from other natural resource agencies and the general public.

"Reproduction in turkeys has generally been low for the last decade, leading to significant declines in har-

'The bottom line is the state's turkey population remains about 30 percent below record levels around the turn of the century.'

CHARLES RUTH

Big Game Program coordinator for SCDNR

vest," said Ruth. "However, recruitment (into the turkey population) has been somewhat better the past few years in many parts of the state and the spring 2016 harvest responded with about a 10 percent increase. Although the total recruitment ratio of 1.6 during summer of 2016 was still low, it was slightly better than 2015. Therefore, if trends hold the harvest in 2017 should be similar to that in 2016.

"The bottom line," Ruth said, "is the state's turkey population remains about 30 percent below record levels around the turn of the century. We need better reproduction for several years to get the population back up. That is the nice thing about turkeys, though—given the right conditions they can naturally bounce back in a short period of time. Finally, South Carolina turkey hunters should keep in mind that this 'decline' in turkeys is shared by most Southeastern states. Research is ongoing in a number of states including South Carolina in an effort to determine why turkey numbers have decreased."

For more information on wild turkeys including how to order turkey tags online, the 2017 Turkey Regulations, the 2016 Summer Turkey Survey or the results from the 2016 spring gobbler season, see the following link on the DNR Web site: <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/turkey/index.html>.

FISHING REPORTS

Information on fishing trends provided courtesy of www.anglersheadquarters.com/, South Carolina's premier fishing report source.

SANTEE COOPER SYSTEM (2/20)

Santee Cooper water levels are at 74.9 in Lake Marion (full pool is 76.8) and 74.9 in Lake Moultrie (full pool is 75.5). Surface temperatures range from the mid-50s on the main lake to the upper 50s in the shallows.

Warm water temperatures have crappie moving shallow already on the Santee Cooper lakes, and Captain Steve English (843-729-4044) says that may not be a good thing. It's only February, and if there is another blast of cold air and water temperatures drop then the eggs could die. Still, there's nothing we can do about it! For now fish are scattered between deep and shallow water, and Steve has caught some fish full of eggs around brush in about 20 feet of water that are staging and waiting to go up. There are also some fish up super shallow, which are either males or females that have already spawned.

Steve is also catching some bream, but they are deeper in about the 28-35 foot range around brush.

Tournament angler Steve Harmon reports that bass are also starting to make their way shallower with the water warming up. They

can be caught in ditches and depressions in front of spawning areas in about 4-6 feet of water in both lakes. Worms and spinnerbaits are working well.

On the catfish front, Captain Jim Glenn (843-825-4239) reports that warming water is also pushing everything shallower. Anchoring in 4-10 feet of water during the day and at night will produce, and drifting in water in the teens and twenties is also a good pattern. With the herring and shad run these are the preferred baits right now.

LAKE WATEREE (3/8)

Lake Wateree is at 98.3 percent of full pool, and water temperatures range between 55 and 58 degrees. Up the lake and creeks are fairly stained.

Largemouth bass are ahead of schedule this spring on Lake Wateree, and CATT tournament director Brett Collins reports that as warm as temperatures have been fish are already starting to get back into coves. While he hasn't seen any fish on beds yet, considering that they are already bedding on Murray and Santee he wouldn't be surprised if a few very early fish are spawning. Not all the fish move into the backs at the same time, and so there are a lot of fish still grouped up on secondary points and points at the entrance to spawning areas. However, most of the fishing is in 5 feet of water or less. Recently rock has been holding a lot of bass, but wood and docks should get stronger as the spawn approaches. Spinnerbaits have been producing a little

better than jigs, but that may change soon. As fish get into spawning mode 3/8 ounce jigs and Senkos should produce well, and Brett says that a bedding bass on Wateree can't stand a topwater frog. Anglers are already catching bass on buzzbaits and frogs.

Lake Wateree crappie continue to move shallower, and veteran tournament angler Will Hinson of Cassatt reports that the fish are moving into the creeks and thinking about spawning. It's still prespawn, but the spawn is getting close. Fish have left the brush and they can be found in 7-15 feet of water, and Beaver Creek, Taylors Creek and Dutchman Creek are all good places to start. Tight-lining or trolling with baits close to the bottom is the best bet, and on warmer days the fish may get a little higher in the water column. Colder, windier days they may hold very close to the bottom. This is a time of year when jigs, jigs tipped with minnows and plain minnows will all catch fish.

LAKE MURRAY (3/7)

Lake Murray water levels are at 356.83 (full pool is 360.00) and "core" surface water temperatures — morning temperatures — still range from about 57 at the dam to 58 or 59 up the lake. The lake remains atypically clear. Striped bass are grouped up in the middle part of the lake according to Captain Brad Taylor (803-331-1354), who reports that the best fish are being caught pulling free lines and planer boards off the channels over 15-30 feet of water. Brad suggests that anglers zig-zag to

find the right depth. Fish have been on the main lake but they are starting to move into the main creeks including Bear Creek, Beards Creek and Crystal Lake. They are setting up near areas where they know the herring will be spawning before too long.

Warm weather has decreased schooling activity, but there are starting to be a good number of fish caught down-lining with herring. Forty to 60 feet of water has been a good depth, and fish have been found at the mouth of Bear Creek and out from Putnam's Landing. Generally down-line fish have been smaller.

The cold front over the weekend backed a lot of the crappie off, and for now Brad says that the fish have been in deeper water than one would think. They were shallow, but right now he is finding them in 20-30 feet. It has been so windy that a lot of the time he has been back trolling with the big motor. Fish were deep and very close to the bottom this past weekend, but he expects them to move up again pretty quickly with this warmer weather. Within 10 days the spawn should be on.

On the catfish front, Captain Chris Simpson (864-992-2352) reports that anchoring is a little more consistent than drifting, but there have also been some good days for drifting. The best depth for drifting has been 20-45 feet. Anchoring around humps that top out around 15-20 feet of water is still a strong pattern. Cut herring is hard to beat and will pick up stripers too.

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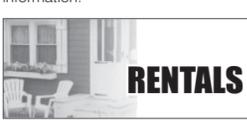
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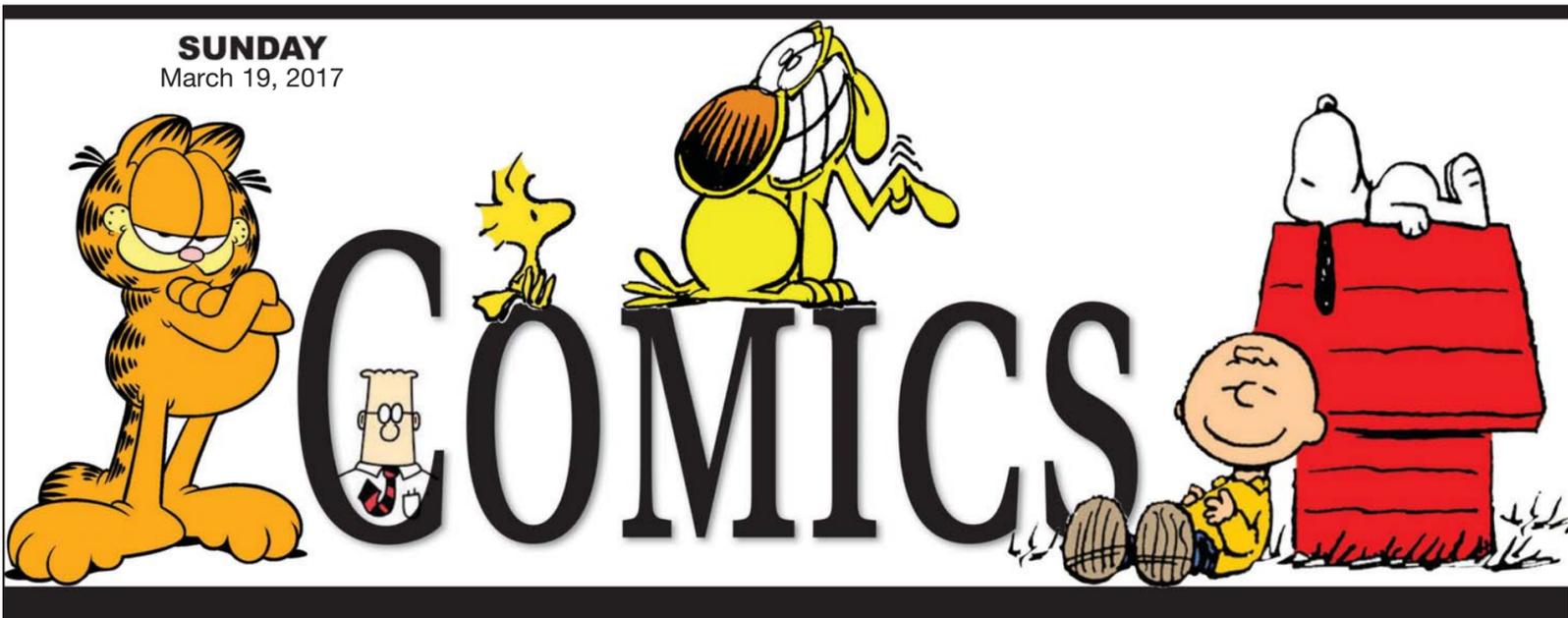
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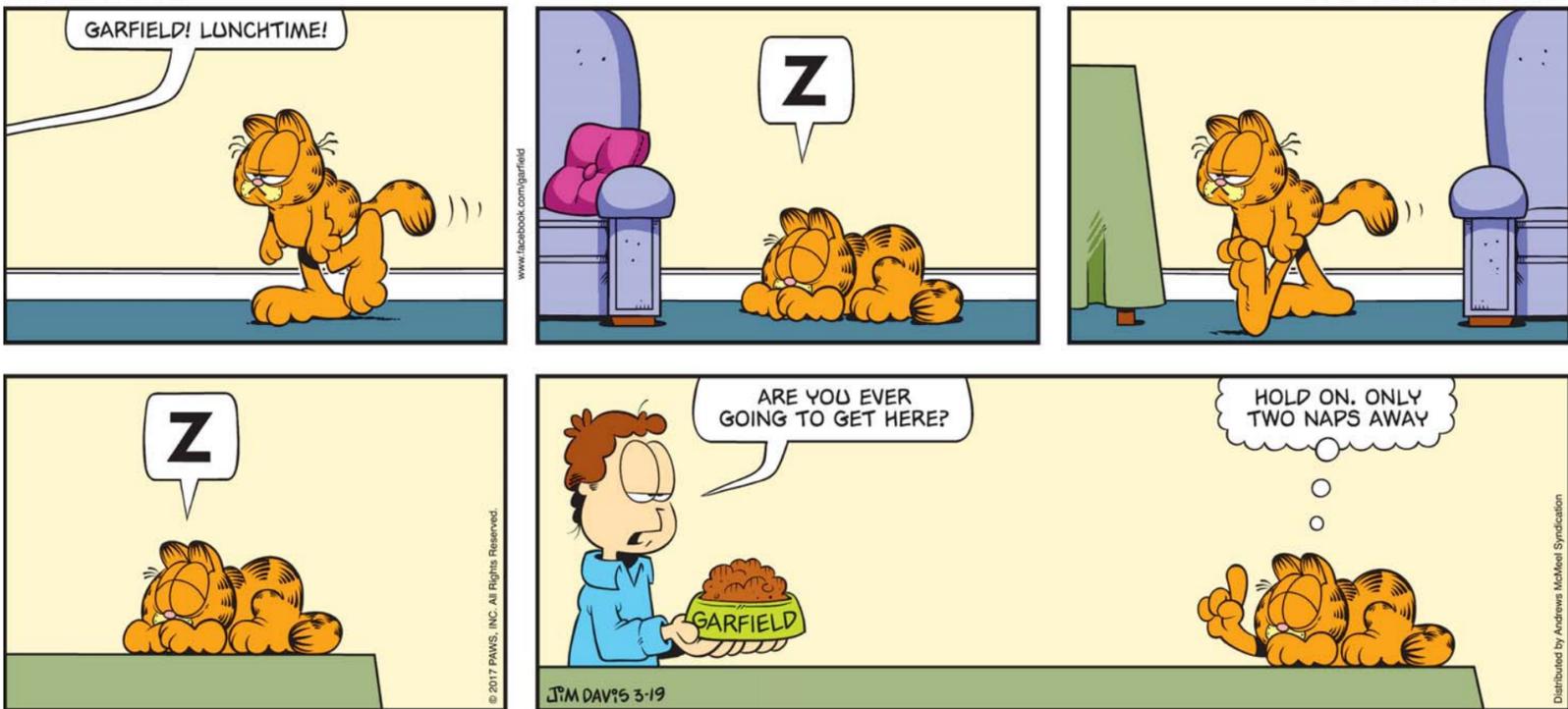
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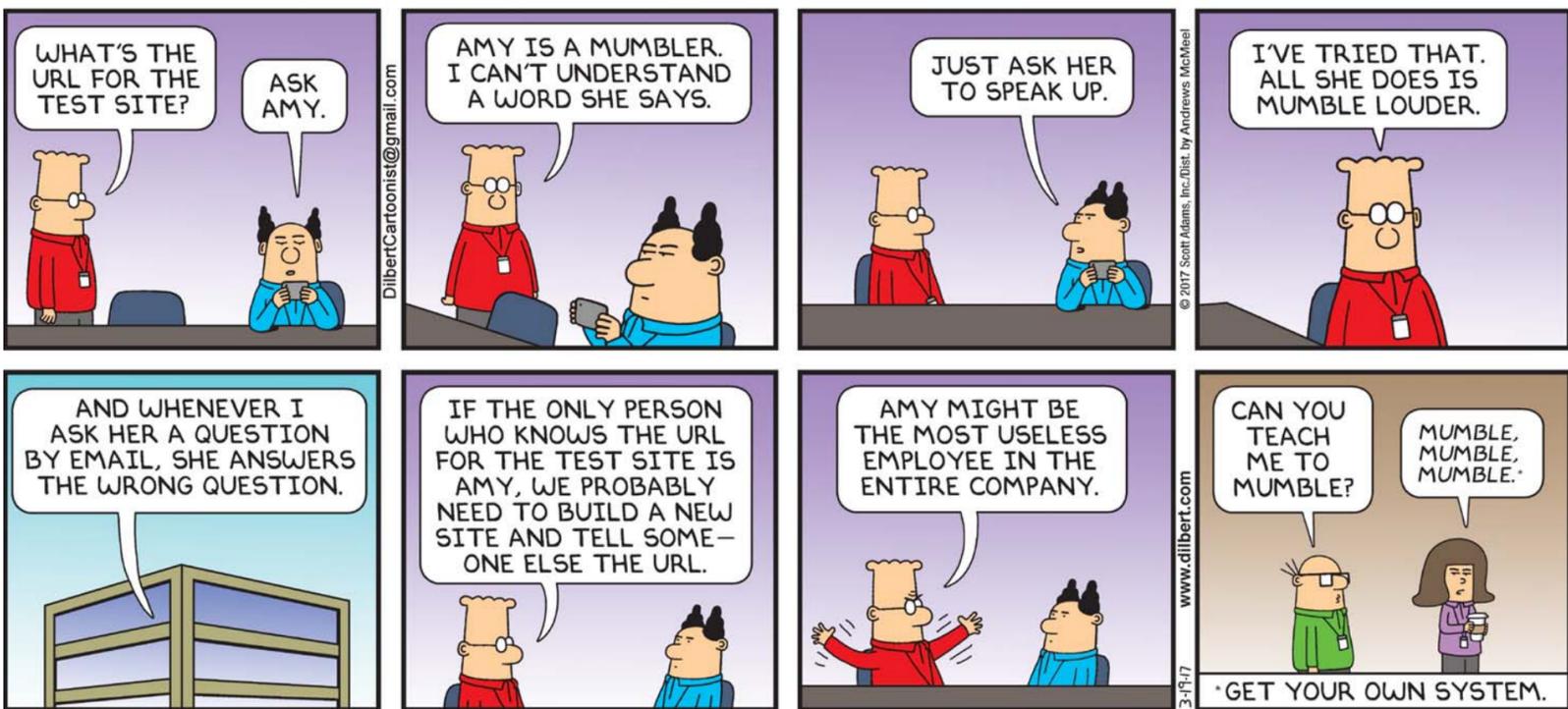
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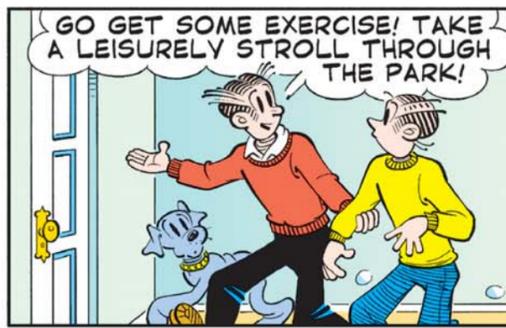
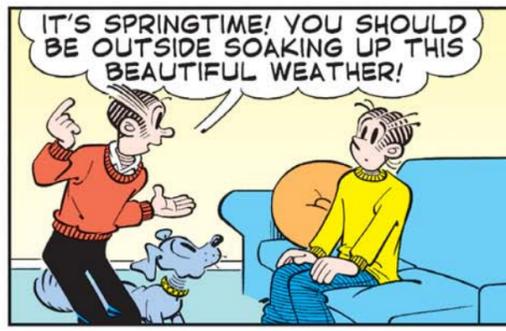
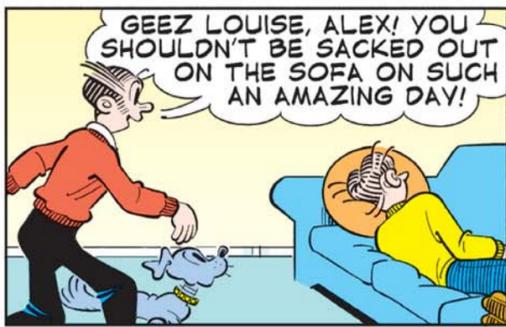
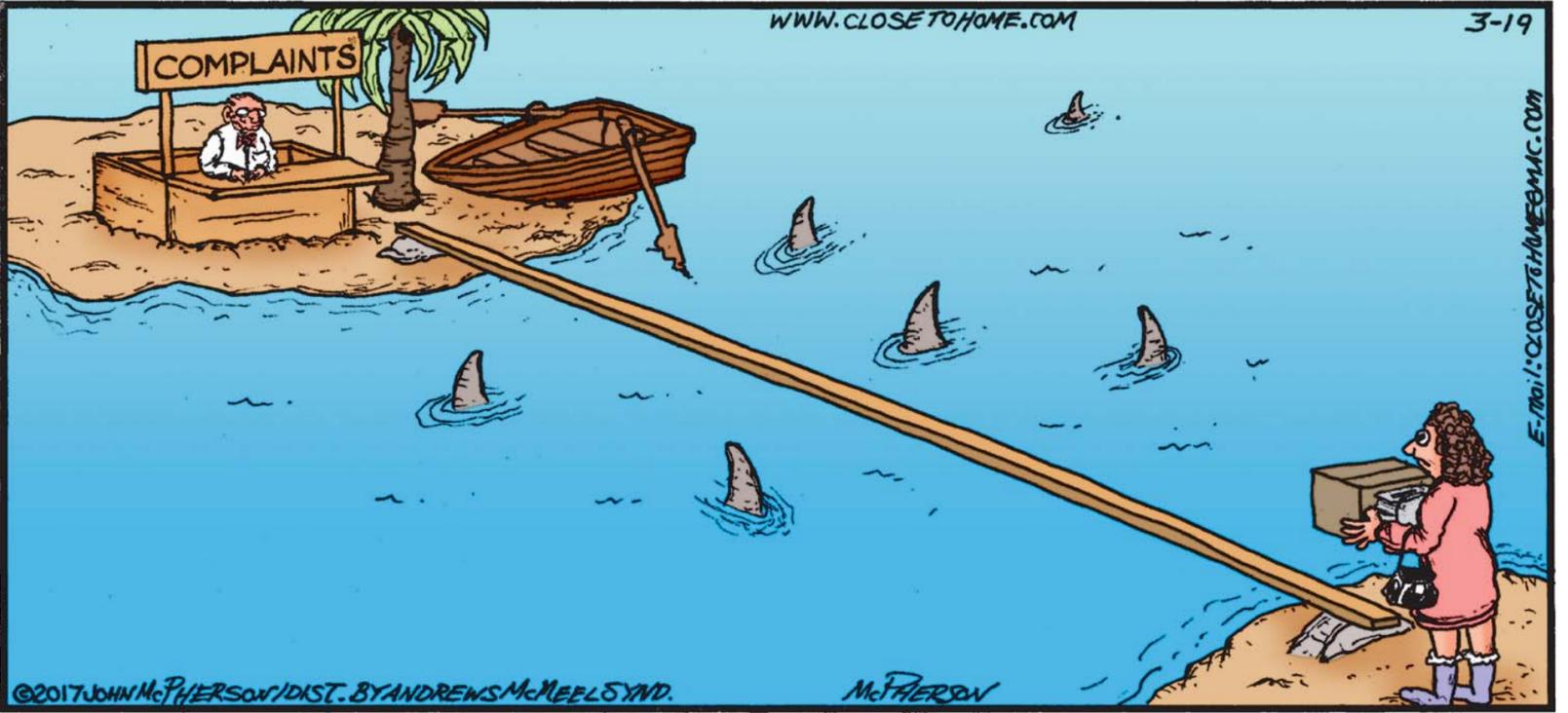
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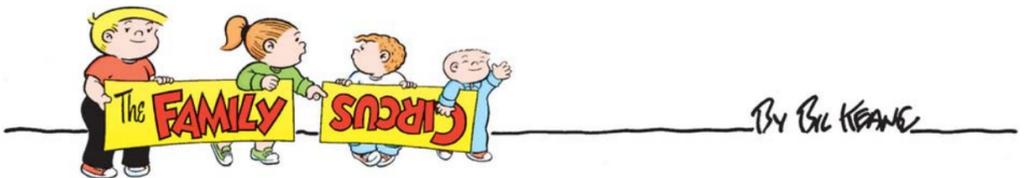
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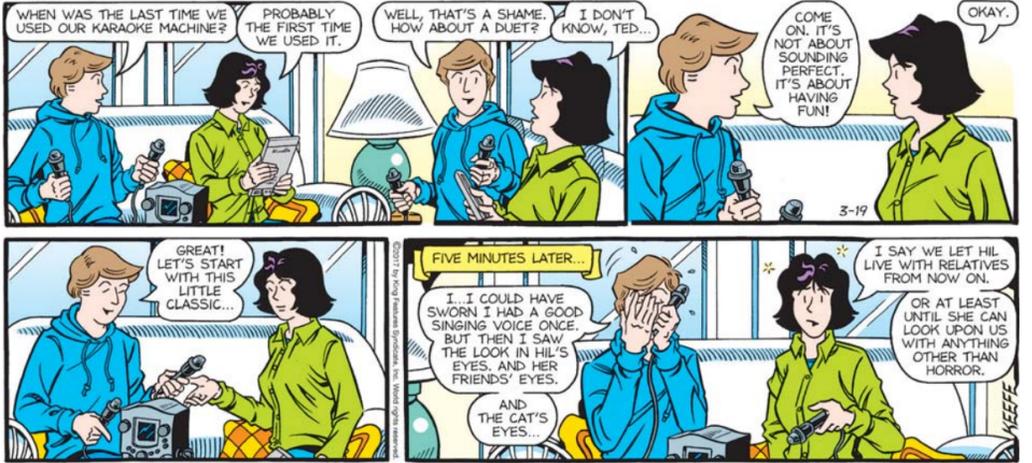


FoxTrot

by Bill Amend



SALLY FORTH BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES
By Foote & Sacko

MY EYES ARE STARTING TO SMART FROM READING THIS DOCTOR'S CHART!

USE THE DECODER TO READ THE LINES.

DECODER
\$ = A # = E

Th# t##\$ch#r h\$d to g##
gl\$ss#s b#c#us# sh# couldn't
control h#r pupils.

Th# #y#g#l\$ss m\$k#r f## into
his l#ns grind#r \$nd m\$d## \$
sp#ct#cl# of him#lf.

If you g## \$ st\$b#bb#ng p\$in in your
#y# wh#n drinking hot chocol\$t##, try
r#moving th# spoon from th# cup.

Wh\$t h\$pp#ns to b\$d lights?
Th#y go to prism.

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DOODLE ZOO

THE TALLEST BUILDING IN THE WORLD IS A LIBRARY... BECAUSE IT HAS THE MOST STORIES.

DRAW!!

DRAW A PAIR OF EYEGLASSES!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHY DID THE PICTURE GO TO JAIL?
A. IT WAS FRAMED.
Dale Jensen, Monkato, MN

Q. WHAT DID THE LEOPARD SAY AFTER SWALLOWING THE HUNTER?
A. THAT REALLY HIT THE SPOT.
Jossey Pratt, Rockaway, NY

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Arm is not showing; 2. Backpack is larger; 3. Tree limb is added; 4. Pocket is missing from backpack; 5. Sleeve is shorter; 6. There are fewer leaves on tree.

FRANK AND ERNEST

IT'S UNLIKELY THE "DEADLY SINS" TEAM FROM HADES UNIVERSITY WILL GO FAR IN THE BASKETBALL TOURNEY. WRATH IS SUSPENDED FOR ARGUING WITH THE REFS AND SLOTH ALWAYS SKIPS PRACTICE.

PRIDE PUTS TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON HIMSELF AND GREED WON'T RISK AN INJURY THAT WOULD BLOW HIS CHANCES FOR A PRO CONTRACT.

LUST IS DISTRACTED BY THE CHEERLEADERS AND ENVY WANTS THE SHOTS ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS ARE GETTING.

GLUTTONY IS THE ONLY PLAYER THRIVING IN THE TOURNAMENT SPOTLIGHT. YEAH, HE JUST EATS UP ALL THE ATTENTION!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM BY MIKE PETERS

COULD YOU DONATE TWO DOLLARS FOR A LITTLE CHARITY SHOW?

SURE SWEETIE, HERE

"LITTLE CHARITY" TO SHOW

\$200 BETS

OUCH... OOP

WIZARD OF ID by parker and hart

AKBORUS ANIMATIONEM!

ALAKAZAM!

AHHHHA!

WHOA... WHAT HAPPENED?

HAND ME MY YARD WAND, PLEASE

YOU ARE NOW AN ENT, MY FRIEND! YOU HAVE FREE REIN TO TRAVEL THE WORLD

OH, THANK YOU, GREAT WIZARD. BUT WHY DID YOU DO THIS?

I'M TIRED OF CLEANING YOUR LEAVES OUT OF MY GUTTERS

GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY

NOT SURE ABOUT YOUR NEW FOOD, SATCH. IT SMELLS LIKE GARBAGE.

HM.

OH, PLEASE. ARE YOU NEW HERE?

HE'S A DOG. PUT SOME CHEESE ON IT AND CALL IT DINDIN.

YOU'RE STEREO-TYPING DOGS. TECHNICALLY, I'M MONO-TYPING THEM, YOU. IT.

THERE'S OVER 200 DISTINCT BREEDS OF DOGS...

AND THERE ARE INFINITE COMBINATIONS OF UNIQUE DOGS, EACH OF US DISPLAYING--

FETCH!

OH!

WHAT'D YOU THROW?

NUTHIN. IF I THREW SOMETHING, HE'D FIND IT AND COME BACK. PF.

THIS DOG-FREE HALF-HOUR BROUGHT TO YOU BY BUCKY'S BIG BALL O' NUTHIN.

FOUND IT! WAIT... NO. FOUND... NO.

THE BORN LOSER by Art & Chip Sansom

WE'VE CUT THE PRICES OF ALL OUR MEALS, GREAT!

BUT EVERYTHING IS NOW A LA CARTE. ALL RIGHT.

I'D LIKE THE SALISBURY STEAK.

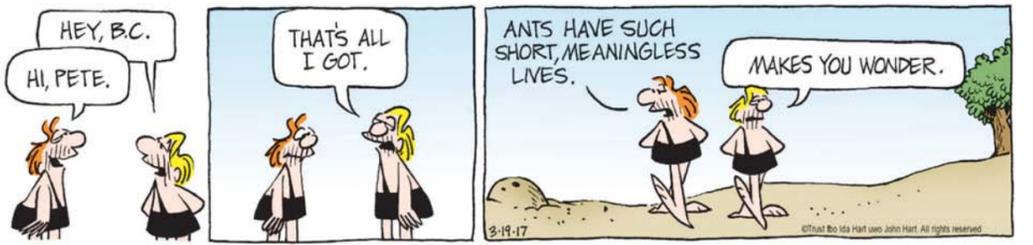
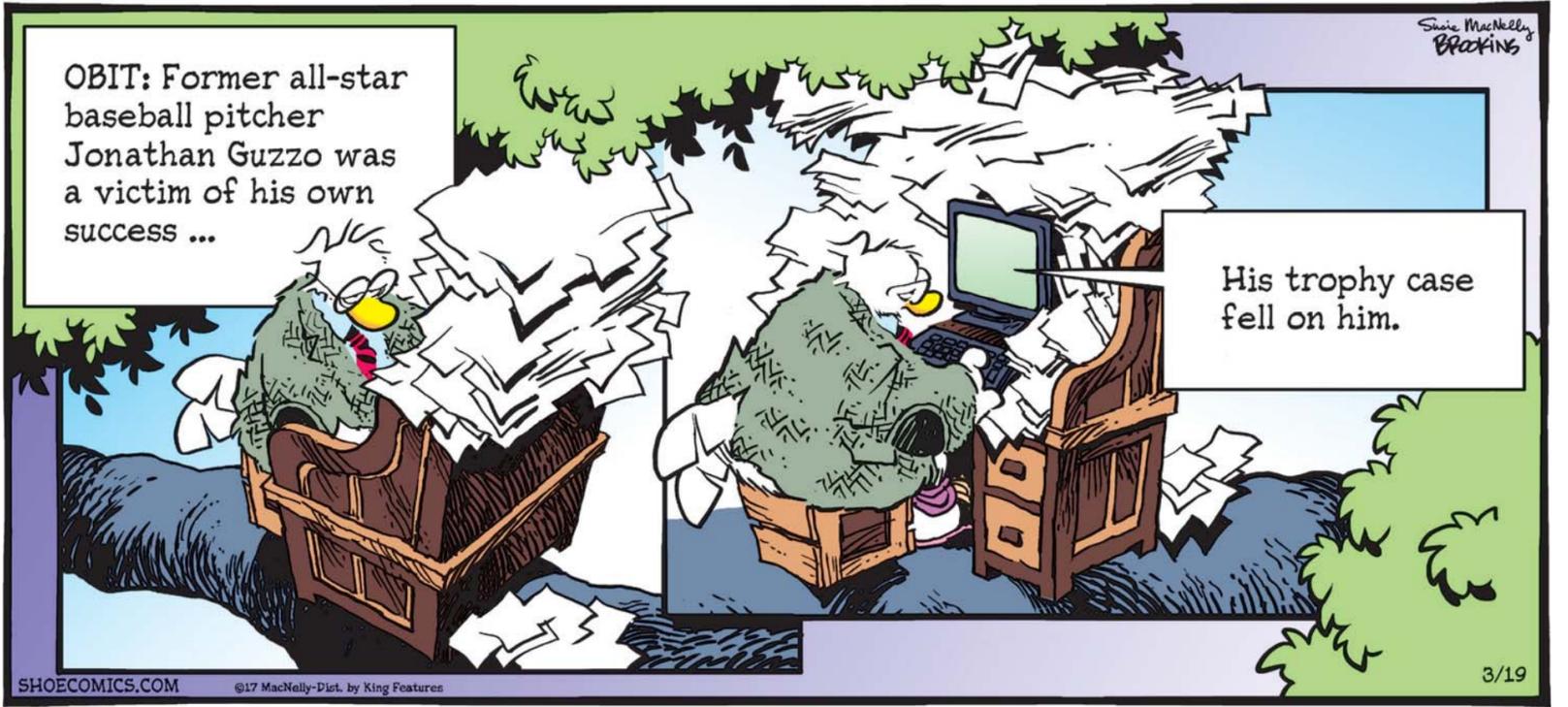
WOULD YOU LIKE POTATOES OR PEAS? BOTH.

WOULD YOU LIKE GRAVY? OF COURSE.

HOW ABOUT A PLATE AND SILVERWARE?

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

