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Budget crisis lingers

Consultant: Small hikes to fund balance will take many years to bear fruit

BY BRUCE MILLS
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At its last's meeting Monday, the Sumter School District Board of Trustees had the first public hearing on its draft 2018 fiscal year budget, which covers the district's projected revenues and expenditures from July 1 to June 30, 2018. That draft budget — prepared by the board's financial consultant — is estimated to add \$469,695 in savings to the district's low general fund balance.

After the district overspent by \$6.2 million during the fiscal 2016 budget year, that fund balance was drained to \$106,449 as of June 30, 2016, — a "critically low level," according to the auditor Robin Poston when she released her official audit report in December. A fund balance is important because it's used to pay for unforeseen expenditures and contingencies, according to local certified public accountant William Byrd.

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Happy Mother's Day



STEPHANIE SNYDER PHOTOGRAPHY

David and Melanie Colclough take a stroll with their four children, Richard, Sean, Mackenzie and Madison. The couple adopted their children in March and are celebrating Mother's Day together for the first time today.

Colclough 6 celebrate for 1st time as a family today

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Today, many families are celebrating Mother's Day for the first time with their children, including Melanie and David Colclough, who are celebrating the day with their four children since the six became a family in March.

"All of this is a calling," Melanie said. Melanie and David first met when they were

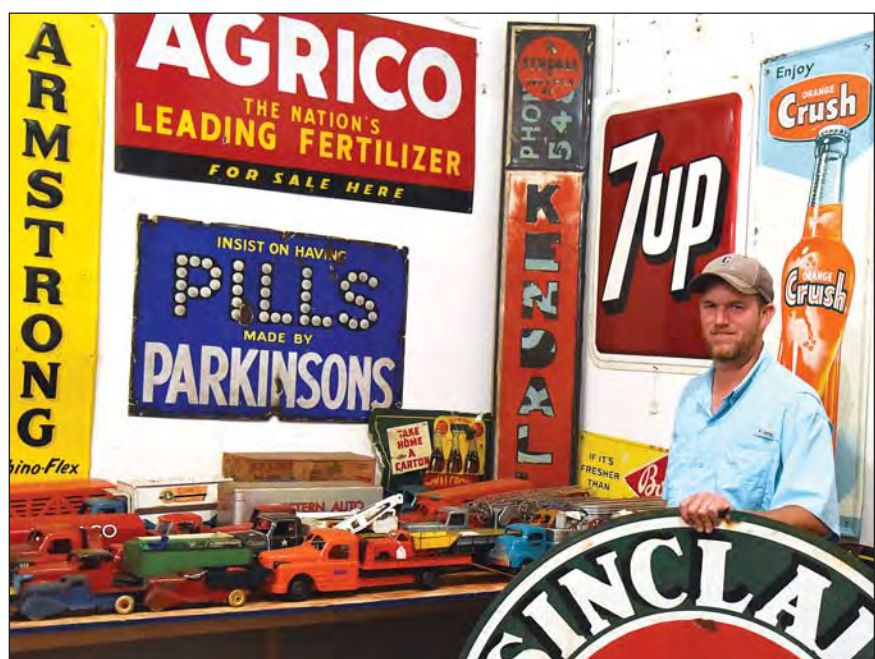
7 years old, and reconnected when they were in their 30s.

Surprisingly, both of them wanted to have nine children, biological and adopted children, but those plans changed after they lost their son Gabriel during the eighth month of Melanie's pregnancy.

It was an awesome pregnancy and losing Gabriel was devastating, Melanie said.

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'American Pickers' drop by Sumter antique dealer



PHOTOS BY RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Rob Dinkins shows a few of the advertising signs and toys his parents collected over a period of more than 50 years. He said Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz from the show "American Pickers" visited his antique storage warehouse in Sumter to film their season opener, which airs at 9 p.m. Monday on the History Channel.

BY IVY MOORE
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When the new season of the History Channel's popular antique reality show, "American Pickers," debuts at 9 p.m. Monday, stars Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz will be exploring a huge antique collection in Sumter. The country's most famous "pickers" visited the former Sumter Ice and Fuel Co. building on Commerce Street and spent several hours with Rob Dinkins, who's the owner and caretaker of thousands of antique items.

On Thursday, Dinkins led a much shorter tour of the building packed with everything from toys, furniture, memorabilia, advertising and more, as he talked about the experi-



The collection at SIFCO includes about a dozen toy ride-in cars and trucks made of metal. Mike Wolfe of American Pickers was interested mainly in Dinkins' toy collection, inherited from his antique-dealer parents.

ence with "American Pickers."

Dinkins said he and his siblings grew up with antiques, as his mother and stepfather, Nancy and T.J. Player, were dealers for many years. He estimates the collection in the SIFCO building to have been accumulated over more than

50 years. Some of it will make baby boomers nostalgic, some is much older, and surprises show up everywhere. Perhaps for that reason, Monday's episode is titled "Tunnels and Treasures."

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The first nuclear-powered submarine, the USS Nautilus, sets sail shortly after being christened by First Lady Mamie Eisenhower on Jan. 21, 1954. Retired Senior Chief Petty Office Stoney Hilton of Camden, who was on the sub when it made the first submerged transit of the North Pole in 1958, will be the guest speaker at Monday's meeting of the Sumter County Genealogical Society.

Chasing the bubble

Speaker among 1st to reach North Pole under water

BY IVY MOORE
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Stoney Hilton was one of the first people to cross the North Pole from the Pacific Ocean to the Atlantic Ocean while submerged. At 7:30 p.m. Monday, the retired Senior Chief Petty Officer will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Sumter County Genealogical Society and will discuss "Operation Sunshine" on board the USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine.

Hilton, a native of Camden, where he still lives, said the underwater transit of the North Pole was a great adventure, but not the most adventurous (read "dangerous") he had while serving on the Nautilus.

"That was a year before the (August 1958) crossing," he said. "We were in the Atlantic, just north of the Scandinavian countries, and we almost lost it a couple of times, mostly because of instrument problems. The instruments were supposed to tell us where we were in proximity to the ice that was floating in the sea and how thick it was. They constantly malfunctioned."

When he joined the U.S. Navy in 1950, Hilton said, "I was hoping for submarine school in Connecticut after basic training, but I went in a few days after (the Korean War) started."

After serving in that conflict, he got orders in April 1952 to go to submarine school, first for diesel-electric subs. Soon, however, Hilton was to be sent to school for the first nuclear submarine in the world.

"It couldn't have been a better time," Hilton said. "The keel of the USS Nautilus was laid (in June 1952) by (President) Harry S. Truman."



HILTON

Later, he went to "nuclear energy school operated by Westinghouse about 65 miles from Idaho Falls, Idaho. It was sort of a secret school."

That led to his eventually being assigned to the Nautilus, which had a crew of 120, including four scientists from the

Navy's Oceanographic Operations. The submarine was christened on Jan. 21, 1954, by then First Lady Mamie Eisenhower.

Being powered by nuclear energy meant the Nautilus could remain underwater for extended periods of time.

Hilton also has an interesting genealogy himself. He is the great grandson of four Confederate veterans and a 32-year member of Sons of Confederate Veterans' Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw Camp, No. 82, which he served as past commander. He also served for 14 years as a docent at the Confederate Submarine H.L. Hunley Laboratory in Charleston and as a docent at the S.C. State Museum.

Hilton will give the details of his service in the U.S. Navy, including being among the first to cross under the North Pole, at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Swan Lake Presbyterian Church, 912 Haynsworth St.

The Sumter County Genealogical Society meets monthly from September through May. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Admission is free, and refreshments will be served following the presentation. Those interested are invited to join the society. Annual dues are \$30 for an individual, \$35 for a family membership, which includes nine monthly newsletters and free use of the Sumter County Genealogical Society Research Center. For more information call the center at (803) 774-3901.

Runoff elections Tuesday

BY JIM HILLEY
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The runoff elections for the Republican nomination for U.S. House South Carolina 5th Congressional District and the Democratic nomination for South Carolina House District 70 are Tuesday. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sumter Voter Registration Office Director Pat Jefferson said registered voters who are in the contested precincts and did not vote in the May 2 primary can vote in either party's runoff, but voters who voted in the May 2 primary may only vote in the party primary in which they voted on May 2.

In the 5th Congressional District race, former South Carolina state Rep. Ralph Norman and current South Carolina House Speaker Pro Tempore Tommy Pope each garnered slightly more than 30 percent of the vote in the May 2 primary election. Pope received 11,943 votes to Norman's 11,808, a difference of 135 votes.

As the top-two candidates in that election, the two must face each other in Tuesday's runoff. The winner will meet Democrat Archie Parnell of Sumter in the June 20 Special Election.

Norman graduated in 1971 from Rock Hill High School. He attended Presbyterian College and received his Bachelor of Science degree in business in 1975.

Norman is a real estate developer and home builder and lives in Rock Hill. He was a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives representing District 48 in York County in 2005-06 and from 2009-17, but resigned his seat when he became a candidate for the U.S. House seat.

Issues listed on his website include term limits, repealing the Affordable Care Act, passing a balanced budget amendment and building a wall between the U.S. and Mexico.

His website is www.electraphnorman.com.

Thomas "Tommy" Pope graduated from Rock Hill High School. He earned a degree in business management at University of South Carolina. He served as a South Carolina Law Enforcement Division agent and, in 1987, gradu-

ated from South Carolina School of Law, earning his juris doctorate degree. Pope was Solicitor in the 16th Judicial Circuit from 1993-2006.

In 2010 Pope was elected to the SC House of Representatives and in 2014 was elected speaker pro tempore. He was re-elected speaker pro tempore in 2016.

Pope supports a balanced budget amendment, repealing the ACA, deregulation and state's rights. He also lists building a wall on the U.S.-Mexican border and defunding Planned Parenthood as initiatives he supports.

Pope's website is www.popeforcongress.com.

In the race for S.C. House District 70, Wendy Brawley and H. Heath Hill will face each other in the runoff.

Brawley lives in Hopkins and is the publisher of "IMARA Woman Magazine." She also owns Events Unlimited. Brawley earned a bachelor's degree from the University of South Carolina and an MBA degree from Webster University.

Brawley served on the Richland One School Board of Commissioners and was twice elected chair of the board.

She has been very active in the effort to protect property owners in her Lower Richland community from a sewer project that she says many of her elderly neighbors cannot afford.

H. Heath Hill is a farmer and president of the Tri-County Electric Coop Board of Directors. Hill said he farms cotton, corn, wheat and peanuts near Eastover.

Hill said citizens in the district need affordable water and sewer access as well as quality health care. He said he is a strong advocate for economic opportunity and protecting the environment.

Both candidates for House District 70 said they expected a tough campaign. Whoever wins the Democratic runoff primary will face Republican Bill Strickland of Sumter in the June 20 Special Election.

Jefferson, the voter registration director, said she is hoping for a good turnout.

"We only had 10 percent on May 2, but we are welcoming everybody to come back," she said. "But, have your ID ready."

SCDOT to reconstruct Camden Highway intersection early next year

BY JIM HILLEY
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Motorists on the Thomas Sumter Highway between Sumter and Dalzell can look forward to an outbreak of orange barrels early next year.

The South Carolina Department of Transportation has completed preliminary engineering design on improvements to the intersection of the Thomas Sumter Highway (US 521) and the Camden Highway (S-1342), according to Sumter Planning Department Senior Planner Allen Yu.

He said the project is an operational and safety improvement project authorized by the SCDOT, and not a proposal from Sumter Area Urban Transit Study committee.

He said the SCDOT cited the high number of wrecks at the intersection and the need for fire department vehicles to access the roads more easily from the Thomas Sumter Fire Station, 2020 Thomas Sumter Highway.

The cost for the project is \$150,000 for preliminary engineering, almost \$15,000 for right-of-way purchase, and \$370,000 for construction, Yu said.

Currently, the intersection is separated by the triangular shaped island that allows southbound traffic to turn right turn from Camden Highway to northbound Thomas Sumter Highway and also allows southbound traffic on Camden Highway to turn left onto southbound Thomas Sumter Highway on the median.

The SCDOT plans include a triangular raised median to channel vehicles coming from Thomas Sumter highway to Camden Highway as well as from Camden Highway to Thomas Sumter Highway, Yu said. The current exit

lane from northbound Thomas Sumter Highway to Camden Road will be removed.

Yu said the SCDOT plans to hire a contractor for the project in November.

"Construction could start in January 2018, if everything goes smooth -- including the weather," he said.

The project is estimated take about three months to complete, he said, and could be finished in March or April 2018.

"The main thing is the weather," Yu said.

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For many years, he said, his parents owned and operated Why Not Antiques at 202 Broad St. and set up shop at flea markets and antique shows on the weekends.

Although he holds a weekly auction, mostly for antique dealers, Dinkins said he has “no desire to keep all this,” gesturing to the huge rooms piled high with antiques and collectibles. “It’s been sitting here for eight years.”

So he was happy when Wolfe and Fritz, better known as Mike and Frank, decided to come picking.

It all started in October 2016, when Dinkins got an email from “American Pickers” producers.

“They asked me to send pictures,” he said, “and then a scout came down to check things out.”

They all liked what they saw, so “... in December, they came down to film.”

Dinkins said Mike and Frank “are just like they are on TV, and the show’s real — we negotiated. The deals are all real.”

In addition, he said, “They were very fair.”

While Mike was interested in toys and advertising signage, including neon signs and clocks, Frank really liked antique display cases, he said.

The way it worked, Dinkins said,

“Most times, when they wanted something, they made me an offer. I’ve been around the antique business my whole life, so I know a good piece when I see it. They didn’t try to low ball me. If the offer was good, I’d take it. There was some negotiating, though.”

The pickers bought about 30 pieces, Dinkins said, “and they only touched the surface. Boxes were piled about five high.”

As for what they found and what they bought, he said, “They asked me to keep it under wraps until the show aired.”

Dinkins looked around the rooms, still full of mixed categories of antiques.

“You’ve got to really love this,” he said. “It doesn’t pay the bills.”

“You have to be a true antique dealer. You don’t have those around here anymore. My mom and T.J. were antique dealers.”

Dinkins plans to have an auction at SIFCO, tentatively set for Aug. 5, to which the public will be invited. He hopes to sell most, if not all, of the stored items, the full estate. Meanwhile, he said, he’ll be busy organizing. It’s a monumental task, he said.

“American Pickers” will air the show filmed at SIFCO in Sumter at 9 p.m. Monday on the History Channel. For more information, visit Rob Dinkins’ website, dinkinsauctions.com.



ABOVE LEFT: Frank Fritz, one of the History Channel’s American Pickers, was really interested in antique store display cases. ABOVE: This phone booth is among the thousands of items in Dinkins’ collection. LEFT: Thread display cases, such as this one, were common in the early and middle 20th century. Fritz collects items similar to this one.

OBITUARIES

MILDRED W. BRYANT

GREELEYVILLE — Mildred Williams Bryant, 65, wife of Edward Bryant died Friday, May 12, 2017, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence. She was born May 1, 1952, in Greeleyville, a daughter of Cleo Gamble Williams and the late Jack Williams.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1221 McMillan Road, Greeleyville.

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

LEROY GREEN

Leroy “Sump” Green, 87, husband of Marie Graham Green, died Saturday, May 13, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey in Sumter.

Born in Sumter County, he was a son of the late John Green and Annie Mae Johnson Green.

The family will receive friends at the home, 10 Bradford St. and at the residence, 19 Sims St.

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

ERNEST MCMILLAN

Ernest McMillan, 66, husband of Catherine Favor McMillan, died Friday, May 12, 2017, at Palmetto Health Baptist in Columbia. Born in Lee County, he was a son of Ms. Ruth Moses.

The family will receive friends at the home, 207 Stark St., Sumter, and at the mother’s residence, 74 Hugh Road, Mayesville, SC 29104.

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

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Some of the things I wish Mama could see and hear

It's been almost five years since my mother died. She really left us years before, as Alzheimer's robbed her of her mind. Sometimes her eyes would lock on you, and you could almost feel the part of her brain that was clear of memory-robbing plaque trying to communicate.

People ask me from time to time if people in heaven know what's happening on earth. The honest answer is, "I don't know." God didn't make that clear. I do know when people die and go to heaven, they are not converted into angels. That's folk theology that isn't taught in the Bible.

Sometimes I pray and ask God to tell my mother some things I wish she could see and hear. I wish Mama could see her grandchildren now. They are all grown and very good looking (some too good looking for their own good). When Sarah and my niece Katie graduate next year, all of her grandchildren will have gradu-



Clay Smith

ated from college. She would be thrilled. A college education to her represented a real achievement. She'd be even more amazed that three of the 11 have master's degrees. I wish Mama could hear me say to her, "The older I get, the smarter I realize you were." Like every adolescent in the world, I was convinced I knew more than her. Now I know she had a wisdom that let me try and fail, that spoke her mind when she thought I was making a mistake and that supported me even when she wasn't sure about the path I was taking. I also know that she must have had many conversations with my stepfather I never knew about, pleading my cause: "Lawrence, don't make him go fishing again. That's just not him." I wish Mama could hear me

say, "I forgive you." When I hear people talk about their perfect mothers, my skepticism kicks in. I don't know any perfect mothers. My Mom had a wounded soul from a father who fell short and from losing a husband far too soon. She could lose her temper and be very judgmental. But in many ways, I think she did the best she could. She was similar to the injured runner who persevered and finished the race. As I've gotten older and faced my own shortcomings as a parent, I want to apologize for being so judgmental toward her and tell her, "I forgive you because I know you were doing the best you could."

I wish Mama could hear me say, "Thank you." I never said it enough. Maybe you don't realize how much you have to be thankful for until your mother isn't there. I want to thank her for reading stories to me, for pushing me to be all I could be, for taking me seriously when I said at four years old, "I want to be a

preacher." I want to thank her for her imperfect love, the best she could offer. I want to thank her for being courageous after my father died. I want to thank her for letting me go explore, which was really the beginning of my passion for next steps. I wish I could give Mama a Mother's Day gift one more time — like the coffee mug I made for her in third grade that looked like a piece of mud with a handle. She kept it all her life, ugly as it was, because I made it. But for me, the window of time has closed. I can only pray that God lets my mother know these things — and lets her know I still miss her. I don't know if God passes on messages, but I'd like to think he does.

And if God passes on messages, I hope he passes on one more. There's one more message I'd like Mama to hear: I love you. Happy Mother's Day Mama.

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

Station records 200th spacewalk

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — An equipment water leak shortened Friday's spacewalk by two U.S. astronauts at the International Space Station, but they still managed to replace a faulty electronics box.

Despite the initial trouble, it was a milestone moment as Peggy Whitson and Jack Fischer floated outside on the station's 200th spacewalk.

The astronauts wasted no time removing the old electronics box, their No. 1 chore, and plugging in a new unit. The device — a bit unwieldy at more than 5 feet long — supplies electricity and data to science experiments on the outside of the station. The pair also whipped through other tasks, leaving only two undone.

During earlier preparations, a small amount of water leaked from the connection point between an umbilical hose and Fischer's suit. The hose is one of two that provide water, oxygen, power, cooling and communications for astronauts before they float outside.

The leaky hose had to be disconnected before the spacewalk could begin. The astronauts ended up sharing Whitson's hose while they waited, which reduced their suit battery power. As a result, Mission Control cut the spacewalk from the intended 6 1/2 hours to four hours even before it began.

The change-out went so well and fast 250 miles up that the spacewalkers had time to squeeze in a few other chores including the addition of a special data connector to the Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer.

Launched in 2011 on the next-to-last shuttle flight, the high-profile particle physics detector known as AMS is still working and has measured 100 billion particles. But it's in need of repairs because of failing coolant pumps; Friday's work on a bypass route for data should help future efforts.

In the end, Whitson and Fischer accomplished everything but the installation of a high-definition TV camera and wireless communication antennas.

As the spacewalk drew to a close, Whitson — the world's most experienced female astronaut — said it was "amazing" to have taken part in the landmark spacewalk. Fischer agreed, saying he was humbled to follow in the legacy.

"Today threw us a lot of curve balls," Mission Control said, but noted the astronauts "hit a grand slam." This spacewalk was supposed to take place in early April, but was put on hold because of delays in launching the replacement box and spectrometer equipment. The parts finally arrived late last month aboard Orbital ATK's commercial cargo ship, the S.S. John Glenn, named after the first American to orbit Earth.

It was the first spacewalk for Fischer, who arrived at the station less than a month ago. Whitson has performed more spacewalks than any other woman. This was her ninth. She's also spent more time in space than any other American, 552 days over three missions and counting.

She doesn't return to Earth

until September.

Mission Control stressed throughout the day that Fischer's suit was fine and that the leak was confined to the umbilical hose.

Astronauts kicked off space station construction in orbit in 1998. The 200 mark includes assembly and maintenance by Russian spacewalkers as well as U.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Town of Pinewood: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utility Service (RUS), USDA

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: The RUS has made a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to a request for possible financing assistance to Town of Pinewood for the construction of the Rimini-Panola Water System Improvements project in Sumter, SC.

FURTHER INFORMATION: To obtain copies of the EA and FONSI, or for further information, contact: Rusty Craven, Area Specialist, RUS; 531 Robertson Blvd., Suite A, Walterboro, SC 29488; 843-549-1822, ext. 128; rusty.craven@sc.usda.gov. The EA and FONSI are also available for public review at Town of Pinewood, Town Hall, 16 E Clark Street, Pinewood, SC 29125; 803-452-5878.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project consists of construction of approximately 7,800 linear feet (LF) of 4", 32,600 LF of 6", 32,700 LF of 8", 124,000 LF of 10", and 5,100 LF of 12" new water lines, one (1) new 200,000 gallon elevated water storage tank, and one (1) booster pump station to serve approximately 505 new customers. Alternatives considered by RUS and Town of Pinewood include: No action and the proposed action. The alternatives are discussed in the Rimini-Panola Water System Improvements EA. The RUS has reviewed and approved the EA for the proposed project.

The availability of the EA for public review was announced via notice in the following newspaper(s): The Item on April 13, 14, and 16, 2017. A 14-day comment period was announced in the newspaper notice(s). The EA was also available for public review at the USDA Rural Development office and website as well as Town of Pinewood offices. There were no comments received during the 14-day comment period.

Based on its EA, commitments made by Town of Pinewood, and public comments received, RUS has concluded that the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety. The proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that the proposed project is not likely to affect federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat thereof. The proposed project would not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.

No other potential significant impacts resulting from the proposed project have been identified. Therefore, RUS has determined that this FONSI fulfills its obligations under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR §§ 1500-1508), and USDA Rural Development's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR Part 1970) for its action related to the project.

RUS is satisfied that the environmental impacts of the proposed project have been adequately addressed. RUS' federal action would not result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment, and as such it will not prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its action related to the proposed project.

Dated: May 11, 2017

Call Ivy Moore at: (803) 774-1221 | E-mail: ivy@theitem.com



About 50 rocks, including these, will be hidden in downtown Sumter for people to find during the Downtown Sumter Rocks! event. Two lucky rock hunters will find prize rocks worth \$25 each, redeemable for cash at the Downtown Sumter Development office in Sumter Opera House.

PHOTO PROVIDED

Come on down(town) for Sumter Rocks!

Center of town is place to be despite the construction

BY IVY MOORE
ivy@theitem.com

There's a bit of digging going on in Downtown Sumter, but that's no reason to stay away. In fact, it's another good reason to visit the area, said Leigh Newman and Chelsea Nations. Newman is downtown development coordinator for the city, and Nations is community improvement specialist.

They're working with the city's webmaster, Matthew Morse, on projects under the umbrella title of Dig It! to let people know there's a lot going on downtown. And that includes much more than the digging and construction that gave the overall project its name.

"We just want to keep people coming downtown because there's so much to do here," Newman said. "There's shopping and a lot of events, great restaurants, and it's fun to watch the new construction."

Newman's office on the second floor of Sumter Opera House affords her an excellent view of the Hyatt Place hotel across Main Street as its construction progresses.

"It's going up pretty fast," she said, as is the Economic Development Board headquarters building on Liberty Street, adjacent to Rotary Centennial Plaza.

The overall title for the project, Dig It!, is a play on words intended to encourage people to come downtown and participate in the many activities on and surrounding Main Street, despite the "digging" that might be underway.

Sumter Senior Services — with its activity center one block west of Main — is involved in the latest Dig It! project, called Downtown Sumter Rocks! Members who attend the SSS center on South Sumter Street decorated about 50 rocks for a "scavenger hunt" of sorts.

The colorful rocks will be hidden downtown starting today, and the public is invited to look for them. Two of the rocks will have "Win \$25" painted on them and can be redeemed at Sumter Opera House for that amount of cash, Nations said.

"We're going to hide the initial rocks," Newman said, "and we're hoping kids will get into it and paint some to hide. It's sort of 'take a rock, leave a



PHOTOS BY IVY MOORE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Above, Sumter Downtown Development Manager Howie Owens has an almost unobstructed view of progress on the Hyatt Place hotel going up across from the Sumter Opera House on North Main Street. Downtown Sumter is launching an initiative called Dig It! to promote the area, letting people know increased construction in downtown does not interfere with traffic and shopping. Today begins the first event in Dig It! Titled Downtown Sumter Rocks!, it is a scavenger hunt of sorts, as pedestrians in the area look for painted rocks with a chance of winning cash prizes.

Ivory Johnson, left, a member of Sumter Senior Services, puts a preliminary coat of paint on the rocks she was decorating for Downtown Sumter's promotion, Downtown Sumter Rocks!



rock,' like some restaurants do with pennies. Of course, we'll 'refresh' the hidden rocks as needed and add more prizes."

There is no age limit for the Sumter Rocks! activity, but both Newman and Nations encourage parents to accompany their children downtown when they're looking for the rocks.

"They'll be hidden off the street, Main Street from Bartlette to Calhoun streets and on Liberty Street from Washington to Harvin, and on Law Range," Newman said, emphasizing that "no rocks will be hidden on construction sites, and they'll all be outside."

And even though Downtown Sumter Rocks! is part of the Dig It! project, there will be no need to dig, Newman said.

There is no deadline for the promo-

tion, she said. "If this takes off, we'll keep adding rocks. We're hoping people who find rocks will take photos of themselves downtown with the rocks and post them on Facebook."

Newman said Sumter Rocks! is not the only reason to come to Downtown Sumter this spring.

"Besides the shopping and restaurants, there is plenty of entertainment," she said.

Sumter Opera House, for example, offers concerts, plays, movies and other special events. The performance season that just ended, for example, brought entertainment from bluegrass bands, rock 'n' roll, Shakespeare, comedy, jazz, country and magic to the stage. During the summer, family-friendly movies will be shown on the big screen all day on Thursdays and on Friday afternoons and nights,

starting June 8.

Downtown hosts two highly anticipated fundraisers for Sumter Senior Services — Sip and Stroll, a wine-tasting tour of several downtown businesses, and just this past Friday, Sumter Microbrew Festival for lovers of craft beer or those who'd like to try it. (Kentucky) Derby Day Sumter on May 6 attracted a large crowd for the horse race, as well as food and beverages.

More and more people and organizations are holding events downtown, and Nations pointed out that "there is plenty of free parking."

The Downtown Sumter Farmers Market will be open each Saturday from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. into September in the Sumter Opera House parking lot. Locally grown fresh vegetables, boiled peanuts, gourmet treats, frozen yogurt, crafts, live music and more will be available.

Downtown Sumter also sponsors Fourth Fridays on Main, which starts May 26 with the band Special Blend. For the first time this year, the live concerts will be presented on the front lawn of Sumter County Courthouse from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the Fourth Friday of each month through September.

For more information about Dig It!, Downtown Sumter Rocks! and other downtown events, call Leigh Newman at (803) 436-2635.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Scotts celebrate 60 years married

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Scott Sr. of Sumter celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on May 4, 2017.

The couple spent the day reflecting, giving praise and sharing memories of past anniversaries.

Their three children are David Scott Jr. and wife, Venus; Velda Waters and husband, Arthur; and LoDonna Kemp and husband, Randy.

The couple has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott is the former Thelma Lewis of Dalzell.



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WEDDING / ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Engagement and wedding announcements of local interest are published on Sundays. The deadline is noon on the preceding Monday. Call (803) 774-1264 for holiday deadlines.

Engagement and wedding forms may be obtained at *The Sumter Item* or downloaded from www.theitem.com. Please type or print all information, paying particular attention to names. Do not print in all

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Photographs must be vertical and of reproduction quality.

To have your photo returned, provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Photos may also be e-mailed to rhonda@theitem.com.

All photographs must be received by the Monday deadline. It is not *The Sumter Item's* responsibility to make sure a photograph is e-mailed by your photographer.

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You might need wedding insurance

BY LACIE GLOVER

NerdWallet

If you're busy planning a wedding, you might want to consider insuring it.

Wedding insurance policies are relatively easy to understand, and the two main types are both inexpensive compared with the cost of a ceremony and reception:

- Liability insurance covers you in case of an injury or property damage at the wedding. Liquor liability, sometimes a separate coverage, pays out if someone drinks too much and causes an injury or damage.

- Cancellation coverage reimburses you for costs such as deposits and guests' airfare if you need to cancel or reschedule the wedding for an unforeseen reason. Unfortunately, that doesn't include a change of heart.

The most common wedding cancellation claims involve:

- A vendor, such as the venue or caterer, going out of business or being otherwise unable to fulfill its agreement.
- Extreme weather, such as a hurricane and tornado.
- A member of the bridal party or family being too injured or ill to participate.

COSTS

Cancellation and liability coverage are sold separately. Prices are based on the number of guests or the wedding's price tag, depending on the insurer, but each can cost under \$200 for a wedding with fewer than 50 guests.

HOW TO BUY IT

You can buy wedding insurance through an event insurer, such as Wedsafe or Wed-Sure, or a large insurer such as Travelers Insurance. Some insurers sell "event insurance," which can also cover a wedding. Ask your agent if your current insurer has any options.



AP FILE PHOTO

A bride and groom lean over the east balcony as they pose for a photograph in Grand Central Terminal in New York in 2014. If you're busy planning a wedding, you might want to consider insuring it.

Bridal trendspotting: Black accents, all-over beading

BY LEANNE ITALIE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The recent round of spring 2018 bridal shows pointed to a turn back to tradition, sometimes with modern twists, along with plenty of options in silhouettes.

Black accents were plentiful, and jewelry seemed to be mostly about the neck. Formal gloves were back, and statement shoes went on the rise.

Some highlights:

BLACK FOR BRIDES

Vera Wang once went with a collection of black dresses, but there hasn't been a lot of black in bridal since, said Shelley Brown, fashion director for the wedding site *TheKnot.com*.

This season, the color seeped back in, mostly as an accent, she said.

Reem Acra was inspired, in part, by the color for her 20th-anniversary show in collaboration with Tiffany & Co., playing with black as an ode to Audrey Hepburn in the 1961 film "Breakfast at Tiffany's" at the iconic jewelry house's flagship store on Fifth Avenue.

"She started the show off with a bunch of black evening gowns that can also be ordered in white. Throughout the show she had black bows and different kinds of black accents," Brown said.

Acra, herself, said of the color: "Black is an accent to the luxury world."

At Marchesa, there were also a lot of black bows, black earrings and furry, feathery black shoes. Bridal designer Kelly Faetanini sent a black ostrich-feather ball gown down her runway.

"That trend really jumped out at us because black isn't usually a color you associate with bridal, but done the way it was done this season, it felt



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Marchesa bridal collection is presented during bridal fashion week in New York on April 20.

very romantic and elegant," Brown said. "I think black accents are a classic way to make a statement."

Black, she said, when done right, can also lend a modern, edgy feel to brides looking to go in that direction.

SHORT VERSUS LONG GOWNS

Brown notes a swing back to a more traditional floor-length hemline in gowns after short

looks and even pantsuits shared a moment several seasons ago.

"There's definitely been a return to more classic silhouettes. We saw a lot more ball gowns, a lot more classic A-line dresses and even oversize-bow details that just felt so traditionally bridal," Brown said.

While black popped, so did white in a range of shades, said designer Monique Lhuillier.

"White looks right again. It feels new and timeless at the same time. I really embraced that this season," she said.

BEADING AND SEQUINS

"I noticed a return of all-over beading," Brown said. "That embellishment has obviously been a bridal staple for a really long time, but I haven't seen over-the-top beaded dresses in a while, and I noticed a lot of

those came down the runway."

There was beaded fringe, art deco beading and all-over pearls and sequins, she said, and fewer sexy, nearly nude dresses.

Lela Rose, for instance, showed an off-the-shoulder gown with a wide neckline that was adorned with pearls, along with a gown nearly covered in them.

"You could actually hear it as it moved on the runway," Brown said. "Pearls are having a ready-to-wear moment, too."

Jenny Packham, Naeem Khan and Pronovias, which recently showed in Barcelona, Spain, along with Justin Alexander, rolled out all-over beading, Brown said. The brand Theia went a step further with looks completely inspired by pearls in shimmery gowns and embellishment.

"They felt even red-carpet appropriate," Brown said.

ACCESSORIZING

Statement earrings took a backseat to the neck, Brown said.

"There were a lot of chokers happening," she said. "Lela Rose had chokers, Hayley Paige, Romona Keveza. There were chokers everywhere. There were a lot of neck accessories happening."

Generally, there was less statement jewelry than in the recent past, Brown said. Chokers are a ready-to-wear trend that has translated to bridal, and all kinds — feathered, black velvet and pearl-encrusted — are included, she said.

And gloves are back for brides, also of all kinds.

Monique Lhuillier showed wrist-length in white lace. Others did elbow-length sheer gloves with embellishment, including Lela Rose. Reem Acra did a lot of elbow-length in black.

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University of South Carolina Sumter

FIRE ANT ATHLETICS HIRES GOLF, SOCCER COACHES

University of South Carolina Sumter is proud to announce the hiring of Head Women's Golf Coach Hope Giordano and Head Men's Soccer Coach Joel Bristol.

A native of Buck County, Pennsylvania, Giordano will begin her first season as head women's golf coach at USC Sumter. She recently graduated from Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Sports Management.

Giordano played on the women's golf team at Emmanuel College, where she made the Southern States Athletic Conference All-Conference Team in 2014 and was a National Christian College Association Golf National Championship Individual Qualifier. She finished her last two years at Kutztown University, where she received several awards, including: two-time MVP recipient (2015, 2016), School-Record Individual Career Average (2014-16), two-time Individual Season Average (2015, 2016), two-time All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference First Team (2015, 2016) and PSAC Golfer of the Week in 2014. Giordano left the KU golf team with an astonishing average of 81.3 for the 2015-16 season, second in single-season history.

Bristol, a Florida native, graduated from Coker College in 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and is pursuing his Master in College Athletic Administration at Coker.

Bristol joins USC Sumter after serving two seasons as Coker College's Assistant Men's Soccer Coach. Following an outstanding playoff run in the South Atlantic Conference tournament, the NCAA Division II program finished the 2016-17 season ranked sixth in the SAC. The team was ranked No. 11 in the pre-season poll.

Bristol and Giordano are actively recruiting student athletes for the fall 2017 season. Potential players should visit uscfireants.com to fill out the student athlete form or contact Coach Bristol at (803) 938-3866 or Coach Giordano at (803) 938-3806 or (267) 679-1641. — *Misty Hatfield*

Wilson Hall

MAY KING AND QUEEN

Seniors Evans Boyle and Lane Herlong were crowned the May King and Queen at the 44th-annual May Day celebration in Nash Student Center. Other members of the senior court were Catherine Clark, Sam Hilferty, Alex Price and Madeleine Maury Shuler. Senior members of the court were elected by the 12th grade, and grades nine to 12 elected the king and queen.

The program began with the presentation of the court that included representatives from grades one to 12, followed by the traditional May Pole Dance by the fifth-graders, who were coordinated by Meg Creech and Mary Simmons.

The program concluded with a musical production, with the theme of "Rhythms of Spring," performed by students in grades one to five. Sponsored by the PTO, Kimberly Land was the chairman of the event, and Tiffany Davis was the co-chairman. The lower school music teachers are Frankie Eldridge and Jeanne Shaw, and Jennifer Reimer choreographed the program.

SEVENTH-GRADE TRIP

In conjunction with their history and science studies, students in the seventh grade and their chaperones spent three days on an educational trip May 1-3.

The first stop for the group was Hampton Plantation in McClellanville, where they toured the historic home and visited rice fields and a slave cabin excavation.

The group then traveled to Charleston, where they toured the USS Yorktown on which they participated in a scavenger hunt and a virtual reality space mission. After spending the night on the ship, the students participated in a history and science program before departing for Charles Town Landing, where they toured the historic site. From there the group traveled to Pinewood to Camp Leopold, an outdoor classroom focusing on wildlife, wetland and upland ecology, where they spent the night in cabins. Some of the activities in which the students participated were canoeing in wetlands, archery, a night walk and learning about constellations.

Alan Moore, S.C. History teacher, and Sheri Singleton, Life Science teacher, organized the trip.

READING INCENTIVE TRIPS

Members of the fifth-grade class who read at least 6,000 pages throughout the year traveled to Frankie's Fun Park in Columbia on May 5 as part of the reading recognition program. Students in first and second grades went to Chuck E. Cheese in Columbia on May 6 for their reading reward, and on May 10, third- and fourth-grade students who achieved special reading goals also visited Chuck E. Cheese. The kindergarten classes visited Palmetto Park for a book club celebration picnic on May 5.

ART EXHIBITION

The eighth-annual Fine Arts Department Exhibition and Reception will be held Tuesday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building. The showcase will feature the artwork of students in pre-school through 12th grade.

Each art student will have at least one piece of artwork in the show, which will feature more than 1,000 works of art (ceramics, drawings, paintings, photographs and sculptures). Refreshments will be served by members of the National Art Honor Society. The art teachers are Ashley Lareau, Mary Ann Reames, Tara Schumacher and Jan Waggett. — *Sean Hoskins*

Thomas Sumter Academy

CHARACTER EDUCATION

Each month the Generals at Thomas Sumter 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 April trait of Service:

- K4 — William Dixon;
- K5 — Stephen Kelly and Liam Smith;
- First — Trenton Crabtree and Jackson Boykin;
- Second — Emmy Hurley and Jordyn Hicks;
- Third — Charleston Bock and Weston Shaffer;
- Fourth — Reese Distelzweig and Brandon Marshall; and
- Fifth — Olivia Diller and Augusta Bosone.

SCISA ELEMENTARY QUIZ BOWL

Connor Claus, Jake Marshall, Addison Thornton, Ella Bell, Trenton Spilker and Roger Scott represented Thomas Sumter Academy at the South Carolina Independent School Association's Elementary School Quiz Bowl. They were one of four teams that made it to the finals.

The teams, consisting of four students and alternates, had to answer general-knowledge as well as math questions. The team captain could answer some of the questions after consultation among the team members, while others had to be answered by an individual member of the team.

A NIGHT IN NEW ORLEANS

The Class of 2019 sponsored the 2017 TSA Pageant, A Night in New Orleans, on April 22. Pageant winners were:

- Wee Miss General — Hudson Ann Laney;
- First runner-up — Charlotte Grace Dorman;
- Wee Master General — Lawton Hill;
- Little Miss General — Paisley Caroline Hill;
- First runner-up — Emma Reese Jackson;
- Young Miss General — Olivia Campbell Diller;
- First runner-up — Paisley Ellen Newman;
- Junior Miss General — Lillian McNair Lindler;
- First runner up — Porter Laney;
- Peoples' Choice Award — Porter Laney;
- Miss General — Ava Claus;
- First runner-up — Connor Mouzon;
- Miss Congeniality — Allie Lindler; and
- Peoples' Choice Award — Emily Stacey.

MYSTERY OF THE PIRATE TREASURE

The fourth-grade students have recently completed a novel study titled "Mystery of the Pirate's Treasure" by Idella Bodie. This novel is set in Charleston and tells the story of three young children who find Stede Bonnet's buried treasure.

On April 28, our fourth-graders headed to Charleston to visit places they had read about such as: Dock Street Theater, Provost Dungeon, Customs and Exchange building and White Point Gardens.

Following lunch the students were divided into pirate groups and given a pirate's treasure map including clues that led them on a self-guided tour of 14 historical sites in downtown Charleston. After six miles of walking, students and chaperones were thrilled to enjoy a carriage ride before boarding the bus to head back to "the Hill."

CAMP THUNDERBIRD

Fifth-graders enjoyed three days at Camp Thunderbird on Lake Wylie. The students worked on team-building skills through challenges such as group dynamics, canoeing and a high ropes activity. Students also learned about the environment and participated in a number of nighttime learning experiences.

The fifth grade proudly brought home the "Gold Plate Award" given by Camp Thunderbird for having zero food waste during our meals at camp. — *BJ Reed*

Sumter School District

INDUCTION TEACHERS RECOGNIZED

Sumter School District provides training for all induction teachers, which are the first-year teachers. The participants meet during the school year and are under the direction of the personnel department and seasoned teachers and mentors.

The personnel department hosted an Induction Teacher of the Year ceremony at Sumter High School to mark the successful completion of the teachers' first year. The event was coordinated and planned by Director of Teacher Recruitment Sheree Boozer, and remarks were made by Superintendent J. Frank Baker.

Keith Britton, director of Admissions Services at University of South Carolina Sumter, was the guest speaker. He motivated and inspired the teachers through poems and words of encouragement and urged them to continue to work with the students who look to them for guidance and knowledge.

The principals nominated outstanding induction teachers in their schools who showed exceptional work ethic; exhibited positive, can-do attitudes; and experienced tremendous professional growth during the school year. Some of the things considered were effective individual and collaborative planning; continuous monitoring and adjusting of effective instructional strategies and assessment; classroom management; positive role model; rapport with students, parents and colleagues; passion for teaching; ability to impart knowledge to students; strong care and concern for his or her students; and willingness to seek assistance when needed.

The Induction Teachers of the Year from the various levels were chosen from the principals' nominations and announced at the celebration. There were two selected from the elementary level and one each from the middle and high school levels. Each was recognized and presented with a gift and a plaque.

The first elementary Induction Teacher of the Year was Lauren Dabbs, a fourth-grade math, science and health teacher at High Hills Elementary School. According to High Hills Principal Mary Kay Norton, "Ms. Dabbs exhibits the overwhelming ability to ignite each child's thirst for knowledge. She is creative, funny, caring and respectful. She has built a community of active, engaged and enthusiastic learners."

The second elementary winner was Jordan Logan, a second-grade teacher at Shaw Heights Elementary School. Principal Dr. Melissa Morris said in her nomination, "Jordan has shown that she is a true team player as she works diligently with her fellow teachers, instructional coaches and administrators. Jordan also understands the importance of developing positive relationships with her students and their families. She has established a classroom community where all students know they are welcomed and valued."

The middle school award recipient was Marcia Ragin, a business education teacher at Brewington Academy. Principal Robert Barth wrote, "She challenges her students to think globally. Her instructional plans recently included a less on employability and soft skills. The students were actively engaged and shared their lessons with others who were not there."

Hannah Riggs, a Sumter High School English teacher, was the recipient of the high school award. According to her principal Nicholas Pearson, "Her enthusiasm for her students and her subject matter has been infectious in her department. She is a team player who has shown a real aptitude for collaboration with her colleagues." He also said, "Many teachers new to the profession spend the first year surviving, but Ms. Riggs has thrived, and this has made all the difference for her students. Sumter High is proud to have Ms. Riggs as part of our Gamecock family."

SC PTA CONVENTION HELD IN SUMTER

The 94th-annual South Carolina PTA Convention was held in Sumter on April 28 and 29 at Sumter High School. This year's theme was "Our Roots Run Deep." More than 185 people representing PTA units from across the state were in attendance.

Sumter School District schools are part of the District 13 SCPTA and were recognized numerous times at the convention. From Furman Middle School, Michael Riggins was a finalist for Outstanding Principal of the Year; Linda Beck was a finalist for Outstanding Teacher of the Year; and Gloria Felder was a finalist for Outstanding Support Staff Member of the Year.

Furman Middle School received the Middle School Patriotism Award for its work with the annual National Anthem Project. The project was started many years ago under the leadership of Linda Beck, choral director at Furman, and has grown into a highly anticipated community-wide event held at Patriot Hall.

Shannon Hingst, a volunteer at Alice Drive Elementary School, was named the Elementary Volunteer of the Year. Brynn Rearden, a student at Lakewood High School, won the Student Involvement award. The Furman Middle School PTSA received an award for Outstanding Service by a Local Unit.

PTAs received membership awards for having 100 percent of their faculty to join the chapter. Those schools were Alice Drive Elementary, Furman Middle, High Hills Elementary, Manchester Elementary, Millwood Elementary, Oakland Primary and Wilder Elementary. Schools that increased their membership this year were Alice Drive Middle, Bates Middle, Cherryvale Elementary,

Furman Middle, High Hills Elementary, Manchester Elementary and Oakland Primary. Recognized for the greatest increase in membership percentage was Alice Drive Elementary School.

Sumter School District schools recognized for meeting their membership goals were Alice Drive Middle, Bates Middle, Cherryvale Elementary, Furman Middle, High Hills Elementary, Oakland Primary and Wilder Elementary.

Members of the convention committee who brought the event to Sumter were Shawn Rearden, chair; Gloria Felder; Jamma Bradford; Holly Chase; Roger Pelliteri; and Brynn Rearden.

The SCPTA District 13 PTA held its awards banquet recently at Alice Drive Middle School. Those receiving awards include for District 13: Teacher of the Year, Linda Beck; Principal of the Year, Suzanna Foley; Volunteer of the Year, Kipper Ackerman; Support Staff of the Year, Gloria Felder; Elementary Unit of the Year, Alice Drive Elementary; and District Middle and High School Unit of the year, Furman Middle. The District President's award was Superintendent Dr. Frank Baker.

The Convention Committee responsible for bringing the event to Sumter was chair Shawn Rearden, Gloria Felder, Jamma Bradford, Holly Chase, Roger Pelliteri and Brynn Rearden.

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL SCHEDULED

Sumter Career and Technology Center will host a Community Festival on Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the center, 2612 McCrays Mill Road. It will feature its programs including auto collision, auto tech, health science, STEM 10, mechatronics, cosmetology, diesel tech, early childhood, nail tech, culinary arts, fire safety, welding and introduction to manufacturing.

Items such as pizza, sausage dogs, candy and more will be available for purchase. Health screenings will be offered including blood pressure, pulse, temperature and respiration rate checks. There will also be a car show, a car wash, a smoke house, carnival games, snow cones, a photo booth, face paintings and nail polishing. The event will have activities for the entire family and is open to the entire community.

For more information, call the Career and Technology Center at (803) 481-8575. — *Mary B. Sheridan*

Troy University

TROY, ALABAMA — Troy University named the following local students to the Chancellor's List for Term 3 of the 2016-17 academic year: Emilee Byrd of Sumter and Abigail Patrick of Manning.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade-point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

Named to the Provost's List for Term 3 of the 2016-17 academic year are: Stevenson Gamble of Gable; Caroline Robinson of Manning; and Justin Wright of Sumter.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade-point average of at least 3.65 qualify for the Provost's List. Term 3 includes students at Troy's campuses in Dothan, Phenix City and Montgomery, Alabama, along with students outside of Alabama and online.

Francis Marion University

FLORENCE — Ashley Scott of Lynchburg and Savannah Motley of Sumter, both students at Francis Marion University, were initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

These residents are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Arkansas State University

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana — Carmenita Anderson of Elliott was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Anderson was initiated at Arkansas State University.

Anderson is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE

SPARTANBURG — The University of South Carolina Upstate recognized 395 graduates during fall convocation exercises held Dec. 13, 2016, at Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium.

- Manning — Jillian Benton and Kelsey Hughes
- Sumter — Nivek Ford, Taylor Jenkins, Taylor McLendon and Kayla Peterson.



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 <p>Charles Conyers Service Time: 7 years Officer 1st Class</p>	 <p>Gerald Richardson Service Time: 21 years Staff Sergeant</p>	 <p>James Porter Service Time: 5 years Patrolman</p>	 <p>Darrell Bruce Service Time: 16 years Sr. Corporal</p>
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Angie Rabon
Service Time: 19 years
Captain

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Amanda Snapp
Service Time: 5 years
Detective

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Officer 1st Class

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Do not advertise that you are living alone.



Verna Robertson
Service Time: 8 years
Patrolwoman

SAFETY TIP:
Do not tell strangers when you will be away from home.



Cerdetrica Furman
Service Time: 20 years
Lieutenant

SAFETY TIP:
Prune shrubbery so it doesn't obscure the view of doors and windows.



LaQuana Rhodes
Service Time: 2 years
Patrolwoman

SAFETY TIP:
Keep garage doors closed and locked.



Robin Davis
Service Time: 20 years
Sr. Corporal

SAFETY TIP:
Leave outside lights on at night. Consider timers or lights with a dusk to dawn sensor.



Mike Ward
Service Time: 17 years
Sr. Corporal

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Do not open your doors unless you personally know who is on the other side.



Steven Miller
Service Time: 4 years
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BUDGET FROM PAGE A1

By definition, it's the district's assets minus liabilities as of June 30 of a calendar year.

After discovering six months ago the overspending and the low fund balance on hand, the district implemented an emergency financial plan in January eliminating 47 jobs, reducing stipends and slashing various budget line items by 50 percent this semester to prevent the overspending again in this budget cycle. Those austerity measures were taken to try to balance this year's budget and maintain the limited assets and money the district had at the end of fiscal year 2016.

Since the revelation of the financial difficulties, Moody's — a leading international credit rating agency — has downgraded the district's bond rating this spring to the medium grade category, and interest rates for the district will now be higher until the district can get back on firm financial footing.

Will the adding of \$469,695 to the general fund balance in fiscal 2018 be enough to place the district on firmer financial ground? According to the financial consultant, Scott Allan, and other sources, it's only a start.

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA), which represents public finance officials in the U.S. and Canada and is considered the leader in governmental accounting, provides best-practice guidelines for its members. Those members include public agencies, such as local governments and school districts.

The GFOA guidelines recommend, at a minimum, that public bodies — regardless of size — maintain a general fund balance of no less than two months of operating expenditures. That translates to about 16.7 percent of total expenditures.

The district's draft budget for fiscal 2018 is \$131 million. According to GFOA's best-practice guidelines, that would mean the district would need \$21.8 million in its general fund balance as of June 30, 2018. With adding the \$469,695 to its fund balance next year, the district would appear to be at about \$576,144 on that date if the austerity measures implemented this January yield a balanced budget and the district maintains its \$106,449 in reserves. The \$576,144 figure is less than 1 percent of the total 2018 budget.

What about a minimum guideline for a general fund balance? Poston, the district's auditor, told the school board when she released last year's audit in December that 30 days' expenditures is a minimum. Other auditors agree on the 30-day minimum.

On the district's \$131 million budget for fiscal 2018, that would translate to a general fund balance of \$10.9 million as of June 30, 2018, or 8.33 percent of the total budget.

Sumter School District Superintendent Frank Baker has said previously he would like to get the district's fund balance up to between \$4 million and \$5 million. He said that was the combined total of Sumter's two district's fund balances before consolidation occurred in 2011.

Most involved with the school board, agree the district is in a financial crisis. The school board's advisory finance com-

mittee — which consists of Byrd and three other private-business owners in the local community — agree the district is in a challenging situation.

Last month, Allan recommended the district close two low-enrollment schools, Mayewood Middle School and F.J. DeLaine Elementary School, this summer to add \$3.6 million in cost savings next year and a total of \$4.1 million to the general fund balance by the end of the 2018 fiscal year to help get the district on the right track. Projected enrollment for next year at Mayewood is 144 students, according to the district office. DeLaine's projected enrollment for next school year is 164 students. Bus commutes for students in the affected schools would have increased four to six miles each way.

"To be able to do something like this and have a projected \$4 million fund balance at the end of next year, is a big step in bringing this district back to where it needs to be," Allan said at the time. He also said the district needs to start putting money into its fund balance for the next five or six years in order to improve its bond rating, financial stability and save for implementing new and innovative instructional programs. According to Allan, with only small, incremental increases to the fund balance of say \$200,000 annually, it will take the district 20 years to save enough money to pursue some of these needed initiatives.

The finance committee unanimously supported Allan's recommendation and put it in the form of a motion to the school board. The board voted down the motion at its next meeting, citing it was not ready to consider closing schools at this time.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

2 die in I-95 wreck near Manning

Two Florida men traveling southbound on Interstate 95, near Manning, in Clarendon County died Friday evening when their car went off the roadway and struck a tree, according to reports.

Lance Cpl. David Jones of S.C. Highway Patrol and Clarendon County Coroner Hayes Samuels said the two men, from Naples, were traveling in a 2017 Toyota.

Passenger Rodolfo Avencio, 42, died at the scene, according to Samuels.

The driver, Emilio Garcia, 60, was rushed to McLeod Health Clarendon but later died from injuries, officials said.

CCSD-1 board to meet on Monday

The Clarendon School District One Board of Trustees will meet at 5:45 p.m. Monday at 12 S. Church St., Summerton.

For more information, call (803) 485-2325.

FAMILY FROM PAGE A1

After losing Gabriel, the couple no longer wanted to adopt until about a year ago when Melanie began talking with a friend's mother who adopted 12 children. Through those conversations, Melanie and David realized that God had a different plan for them and they revisited the idea of adopting.

Melanie said the timeline of how everything worked out is proof that God is real.

The couple moved to Sumter from Manning on Sept. 11, 2015, and closed on their home on March 11, 2016, exactly six months later. After living in Sumter for two months, the pair decided to start the adoption process and sent in their application.

The Colclough's first met the children on Sept. 11, 2016, and the adoption was finalized on March 11, 2017.

"Six months to the day they were ours," Melanie said. "That was God's confirmation." And, a rainbow was over the house on the day the adoption was approved, she said. Melanie and David also thank Bethesda Church of God for decorating their house and stocking the refrigerator for day the children came home.

On March 11, 6-year-old twins, Mackenzie and Madison; 4-year-old Sean; and 3-year-old Richard joined the Colclough family.

Melanie said she does not

know if she and her husband would have been open to adopting four children if Gabriel had not passed away.

"I say God gave me four children for each year without Gabriel," she said.

Melanie said life as a parent of four young children can be a bit chaotic, and exciting, especially since she and her husband went from having no children to four children in a span of six months.

Even though their family grew very quickly, the Colcloughs wouldn't change a thing.

"I feel like they have been our children from birth," Melanie said.

"I don't think it's sank in yet," she said, reflecting on how it feels to be a mother to four children. "There are a lot of emo-

tions I have to catch up on."

Melanie and David have celebrated Mother's Day together since Gabriel passed away but today will be the first time the couple celebrates as a family of six.

Today, the Colclough 6 plan to celebrate Mother's Day with a family dinner.

Melanie said the perfect gift

would be to spend some mommy time by herself.

Melanie also encourages anyone who has ever thought of adopting a child to take that leap. It's challenging, but it's also really rewarding, she said.

Please consider being a mom to a child who needs a family, she said.

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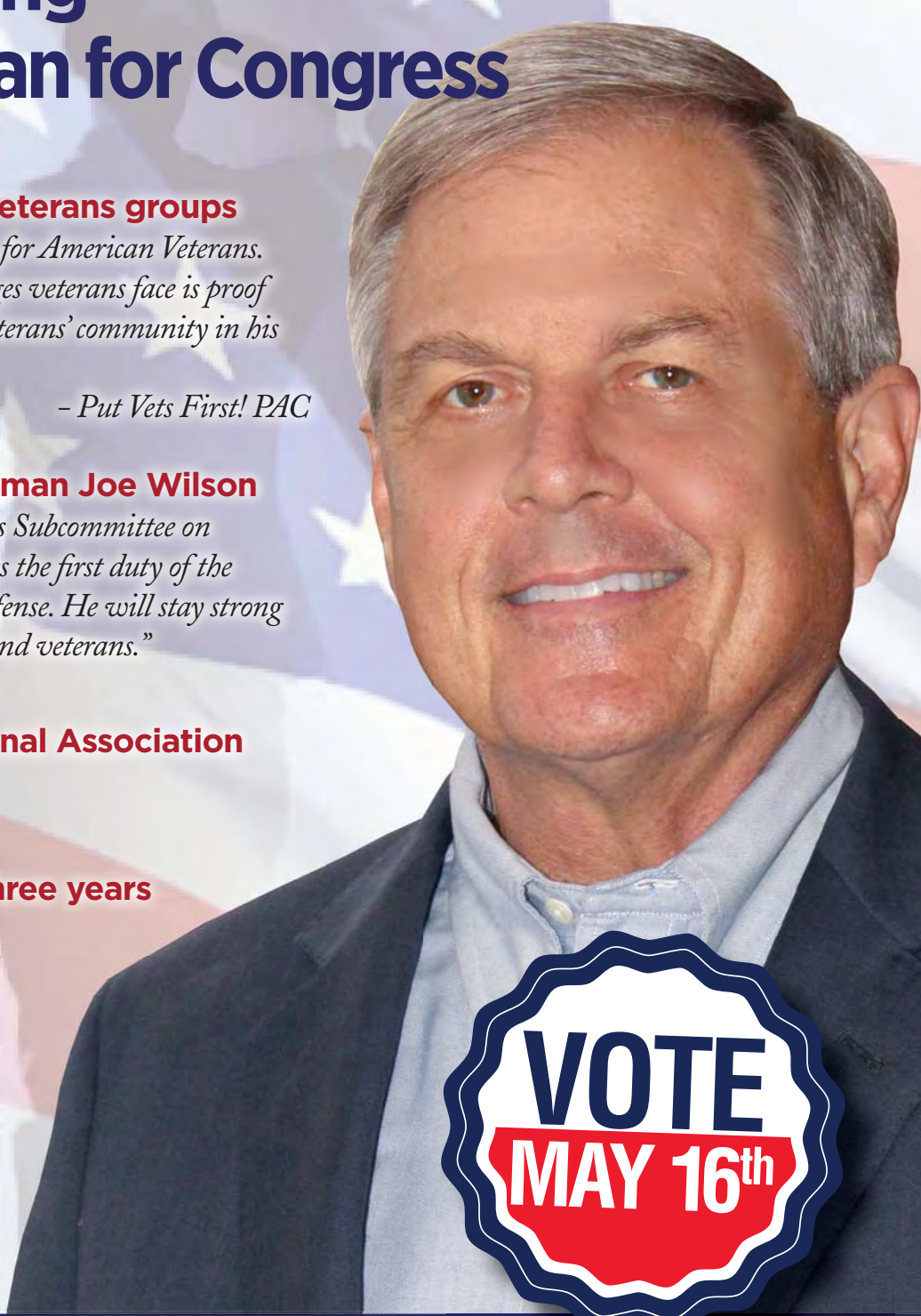
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JOHN R. CONNELLY

MANNING — John Ralph Connelly, 88, husband of Mildred L. “Millie” Connelly, died Thursday, May 11, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.



CONNELLY

Born Aug. 8, 1928, in Medford, Long Island, New York, he was a son of the late Joseph Patrick Connelly and the late Mary Margaret Hart Connelly. He was a retired plumbing supervisor with the Brookhaven National Laboratories. He was a life member of the Medford Fire Department, a member of the Medford / North Patchogue Lions Club for 35 years and was the treasurer of Happy Seniors Golf Club. He was a U.S. Army veteran and was of the Catholic faith.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years; a son, Brian Connelly (Nancy) of Portland, Maine; two granddaughters, Megan Connelly Davis (Andrew) and Amanda Connelly; a great-grandson, Liam Keith Connelly Davis; two stepdaughters, Susan Staszak of Fairfax City, Virginia, and Jan M. Collinson of Austin, Texas; two stepgrandsons, Michael Staszak and Cory Collinson; a stepgranddaughter, Cassandra Payne; a brother, Edward Connelly; and a sister, Elizabeth Mulderig, both of Medford, Long Island, New York.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Martin Connelly (John's twin brother) and Joseph Connelly Jr.; and two sisters Eleanor Petrow and Marion Vaughn.

A memorial mass will be held on June 3 at 9:15 a.m. at St. Sylvesters Church, 68 Ohio Ave., Medford, New York 11758, phone (631) 475-8191.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. today in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Phelps officiating.

Memorials may be made to the charity of one's choice.

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

STACEY “BLADE” DAVID

Stacey “Blade” David, 50, husband of Cheryl Williams David died Tuesday, May 9,



DAVID

2017, at his residence 1007 Collins St., Sumter. He was a son of Rosa Bell Bines David and the late Henry David.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Tuesday at Green Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Green Hill Church Road, Alcolu. The Rev. Delbert H. Singleton Jr., Pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the churchyard cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his mother, Rosa Bell David, 1285 Cooter Creek Road, Alcolu.

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

MINA P. BROWN

Mrs. Mina Pack Brown, 90, widow of Loyd J. Brown, went peacefully to her home in the



BROWN

Lord on Friday, May 12, 2017. We rejoice that she will have a healthy, heavenly Mother's Day.

Born in Alcolu, she was the daughter of the late George Washington Pack and the late Mina Theresa Richburg Pack. Mrs. Brown was a member of Northside Memorial Baptist Church. She spent her life dedicated to caring for her family.

Survivors include three daughters, Carolyn Lesslie (John A.) of Rock Hill, Connie Weathersbee (Ricky) of Sumter and Bonnie Altman of Sumter; grandchildren, Elizabeth Branham (Vic), Nancy Carruth (Michael), Jessica Altman (Brett), Will Lesslie (Ashley), Lindsey Weathersbee and Katie Weathersbee; great-grandchildren, Taylor Crawford (Allan), Madison Lesslie, Wells Lesslie, Emma Lesslie, Cam Branham, Spencer Mooneyham, Hannah Kate Branham, Cole Carruth,

Ella Lesslie, Jaxson Carruth and Emmie Mooneyham; great-great-grandchildren, Camden Crawford and Paisley Crawford; a brother, Robert Pack of Belton; and a sister, Frances Boykin of Courtland, Virginia.

She was preceded in death by three brothers: John Pack, Nelson Pack and George Pack Jr.; four sisters, Pauline Crawford, Maybelle Cook, Mary Inabinette and Mallie Ridgeway; and a son-in-law, Benny Altman.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery, with the Rev. Jimmy Holley officiating.

The family will receive friends at the graveside following the service and other times at the home of Connie and Ricky Weathersbee.

Memorials may be made to Northside Memorial Baptist Church, 1004 N. Main St., Sumter, SC 29153.

The family would like to express their appreciation to her caregiver, Elsie Wells, for all of her loving care and compassion.

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

COURTNEY R. RAMSAY

ROCKY MOUNT, N.C. — Courtney Rea Ramsay, age 26, passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, as a result of complications from a sudden illness.

She was the loving daughter of Tami (Hyatt) and Richard Joseph Ramsay and the adoring sister of Callie Hyatt Ramsay, all of Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Courtney was born on Nov. 4, 1990, in Rocky Mount.

After graduating from Rocky Mount Senior High School, Courtney graduated from East Carolina University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology and was a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority.

Courtney was presented at the Triun Club Debutante Ball in Sumter.

Courtney's vibrant personality, caring spirit, big heart and infectious smile and laugh will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

In addition to her parents and her sister, Courtney is survived by her maternal grandmother, Mildred Rea Ramsay of Sumter; her aunts and uncles: Page Ramsay and Steve Stroup of Charlotte, North Carolina; Sherri Gardner, and Gail and Ronnie Hyatt of Sumter; her many aunts and cousins; and her loving boyfriend, Matthew Moore of Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Courtney was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather, Joseph Oliver Ramsay of Sumter; her maternal grandparents, Marilyn and Clint Hyatt of Sumter; and her aunt, Kim Hyatt.

The family would like to thank the supportive emergency room staff at Nash General Hospital, the flight crew doctors and nurses of Wake Med Life Flight Team and especially the loving and outstanding care she received from her Wake Med Medical Intensive Care nurses and doctors. Their care and compassion was outstanding. We would also like to thank the wonderful team at Carolina Donor Services for their assistance and coordination in the gift of life that Courtney will provide to others.

A Celebration of Courtney's Life will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday in the chapel of Wheeler and Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Visitation with the family will follow the service in the atrium of Wheeler and Woodlief Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, 8201 Corporate Drive Suite 1000, Landover, Maryland 20785.

Arrangements are entrusted to Wheeler and Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1130 N. Winstead Ave., Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

You may share memories and condolences with the family by visiting www.wheelerwoodlief.com.

CHRISTOPHER J. WILLIAMS JR.

ROCK HILL — Infant Christopher Joseph Williams Jr., son of Christopher J. Williams Sr. and Lillian McDowell Williams, was born and died May 11, 2017, at Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill.

Survivors are his parents of Rock Hill; maternal grandparents, Sallie McDowell of Sumter and Dwight Kennedy of Sumter; and paternal grandparents, Frank and Kathy Williams, Kingstree.

Graveside services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday at St John AME Church, Workman Community, Kingstree. Pastor Fredrick Johnson will officiate.

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

DEBORAH B. ABRAMS

GEORGETOWN — Deborah Baruch Abrams, 95, widow of Helmar Samuel Abrams, died Thursday, May 11, 2017, at her residence.

Mrs. Abrams was born in Camden on Nov. 18, 1921, a daughter of the late Herman Jr. and Theresa Block Baruch.

She was a graduate of Winthrop College and taught at Winyah High School until retirement in 1976.

Mrs. Abrams was a member of Temple Beth Elohim. She was also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a number of bridge and garden clubs.

In addition to her parents and husband, Mrs. Abrams was predeceased by a sister, Carolyn B. Levenson.

Surviving are a son, Sammy Abrams (Adelle) of Sumter; a daughter, Marilyn A. Friedman of Georgetown; five grandchildren, Julie A. Kalmon (Ricky) and Karen A. Cohen (Neil), both of Alpharetta, Georgia, David B. Abrams of Charleston, Kenneth B. Friedman (Tricia) of Ball Ground, Georgia, and Jaclyn Friedman of Somerville, New Jersey; five great-grandchildren, Jacob, Katie, and Michael Cohen, and Allison and Lauren Kalmon, all of Alpharetta, Georgia; two nephews, Dr. Terry B. Levenson (Marianne) of Conway and Joseph B. Levenson (Andrea) of Sumter; and a dear family friend, Ossie Mae Brown of Myrtle Beach.

Funeral services will be at the graveside in Temple Beth Elohim Cemetery, corner of Duke and Broad streets in Georgetown, at noon on Monday. Officiating will be Rabbi Avi Perets. Burial will follow.

Sign the guestbook at www.mayerfuneralhome.com.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Temple Beth Elohim, P.O. Box 571, Georgetown, SC 29442; or Embrace Hospice, 318 3rd Ave., Conway, SC 29526.

The Georgetown Chapel of Mayer Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THEOLA R. BRUNSON

Theola R. Brunson, daughter of the late Abie Rosenberg and Rita C. Rosenberg White was born on Oct. 13, 1948, in Manning. She departed this life peacefully on Wednesday, May 10, 2017.

She attended the public schools of Sumter County. She was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church.

She leaves to cherish her memories: two daughters, Majeeda Brunson and Fatima'z Brunson, both of Sumter; two sons, Ali Brunson of Columbia and Kareem (Tasha) Brunson of Sumter; two sisters, Bernice Rosenberg of Bronx, New York, and Anna Thomas of Sumter; one sister-in-law, Carrie Rosenberg; special friend, James Walker; caregiver/sister, Mary Helen Conyers; nine grandchildren, Shiheim McCray, Shaniqua Brunson, Diamond Brunson, Ali Brunson, Isiah Brunson, Alay'jah Brunson, MyAsia Brunson, Zion Washington and Kayden Brunson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Abie Jr, Ernest Rosenberg and Albert Rosenberg.

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

Ms. Brunson will be placed in the church at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held

at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with the Rev. Dr. Bennie Colclough, officiating.

Interment will follow in Walker Cemetery.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 102 Laurel St., Sumter, SC 29150

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

EMMA W. THOMPSON

The Rev. Emma W. Thompson, widow of the late Leroy Thompson Sr. departed this life on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at her home. She was born on March 9, 1920, in Sumter to the late Samuel and Inez Washington.

Thompson attended Kendell Institute and received her high school diploma from Morris High School. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Morris College, Sumter. She furthered her studies at South Carolina State University, Orangeburg. Emma received a Masters of Theology from the Interdenominational Theological Center, Johnson C. Smith Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Thompson, a retired elementary school teacher, taught for 32 years in Sumter County School District 2; two years in Horry County; one year in Williamsburg County; and one year in Kershaw County for a total of 36 years. She loved working with young children.

Thompson worked diligently in her community. She worked with the Westside Neighborhood Program; Senior Citizens Program; and at Bernie Hope Center. She was a member of the quilting group, neighborhood cleanup and Bible study leader.

Thompson was a member of several organizations: she was a life member of National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Mary McLeod Bethune Section, United Order of Tent (Deputy of Sumter District), Retired Teachers Associations, One More Effort Federated Club, Morris College National Alumni Association, Sumter County Democratic Party, YMCA, Art Guild, guardian of Juvenile Girls of United Order of Tent and the Senior Citizen Club at Bernie Hope Center.

She was a lifelong member of Second Presbyterian Church (USA). She worked in various capacities in Second Presbyterian Church and New Harmony Presbytery. She was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Nov. 4, 1990.

Thompson leaves to honor her memory: Leroy A. (Mozell) Thompson Jr. of Sumter, and Debra T. (Harold) Givens of Charlotte, North Carolina; and a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Thompson Sr.; parents, Samuel and Inez Washington; her son, Donald O. Thompson; brother, Bernie McFadden; and a sister Alice Carter.

Public viewing will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Job's Mortuary.

Thompson will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Tuesday for viewing until the hour of service.

The funeral service will be held at noon on Tuesday at Second Presbyterian Church (USA), 1125 Old Pocalla Road, with Pastor the Rev. Dr. Ella F. Busby, officiating.

Interment will follow in Hillside Memorial Park.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 17 Jenkins St., Sumter.

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

JENNIE R. GEDDINGS

Jennie Ruth Chatham Geddings, widow of the late Marvin Thomas “Tommy” Geddings Jr., passed away Thursday, May 11, 2017, at the home of her son.

Born Aug. 29, 1933, in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Phares E. Chatham Sr. and the late Georgia Eagerton Chatham. Jennie graduated from Anderson College with a degree in Church Administration and Early Childhood Education. She was on the staff of Grace Baptist Church for approximately 25 years. Later work-

ing for and retiring from South Carolina Emergency Management Division in Columbia as the South Carolina Mitigation Officer.

She was an active member of First Baptist Church where she taught 3-year-olds in Sunday School for a number of years and helped with various activities of the church. She has volunteered many hours with the American Red Cross in disaster relief.

She is survived by two daughters, Marguerite Helms (Jimmy) and Debra Troop (Clint); a son, Marvin Thomas Geddings III (Lynn); five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The youngest of six children, she was preceded in death by siblings, Phares E. “Jack” Chatham Jr., Elizabeth Atkinson, Louise Catoe, Oscar Chatham and Lula Kate Davenport.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Dan Barber and the Rev. Woody Catoe officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, Jamie Hartfield, Joey Hartfield, Kasey Beymer and Joshua Geddings, and Carl Carraway and Tim Faulling.

Honorary pallbearers will be nephews, Leroy Atkinson, Woody Catoe, Allen Catoe, Raymond Davenport and Littleton Chatham.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150 or the American Red Cross, Sumter Heroes, P.O. Box 592, Sumter, SC 29151

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

GERALD A. AUSTIN

Gerald Anthony “Tony” Austin, 49, died Friday, May 12, 2017, at Blue Ridge of Sumter.

Born Sept. 23, 1967, in Sumter, he was a son of Mildred Barnes Franklin and the late John Wayne Austin, Sr.

Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Greg Franklin of Sumter; two children, Sean A. Austin and Courtney N. Austin, both of Sumter; a grandchild; a brother, John W. “Buck” Austin Jr. of Sumter; and a sister, Crystal Allen (Joe) of Summerville.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Dale Turner officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of his mother, 2696 Tindal Road.

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

TONY PATE

Tony Pate, 76, beloved husband of Betty Pate, died on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at his residence.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.

**CAROLYN HARDY**

Mrs. Carolyn Hardy, 55, of 5940 Lost Creek Drive, Sumter, passed on Thursday, May 11, 2017.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date by Nelson-Haile Funeral Home.

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Compromise can always win the day

Editor's note: Pansy Ridgeway is the first woman mayor of Manning and served from 1970 to 1986. She was on city council from 1962-1970. She was president of the S.C. Municipal Association, chairwoman for Santee-Lynches Council Regional Council of Governments and won the S.C. Governor's Order of the Palmetto, the S.C. Farlow Award and the M.M. Sullivan Award. She is a graduate of Furman University. She is proud of her statewide friendships.

GUEST COMMENTARY



Pansy Ridgeway

ever vigilant to not be infected by the larger stage around us. These are words that imply action. It is inaction that prompted me to write this, and I am puzzled as to our leaders' core beliefs and how to define their own individual legacy.

You are elected to bring about change for the good. This means studying the problems in your own community and learning to listen carefully to all proposals. This is not what this generation of elected officials is doing, and yet it is so simple. It means that nuggets of good ideas will come from Democrats, Republicans and Independents, not just one group. Who has the monopoly on great ideas? Not politicians or one faith or one gender or one race.

It is a lack of moral compass to redefine districts for vote-stacking purposes, to vote a certain way because of

media exposure or favors, and most of all — to not consider another's viewpoint before the decision is made. I cannot believe anyone reading this last sentence would disagree.

The current acceptable behavior is to be ugly in your speech so you get media coverage or, even worse, stand your ground and let the people suffer because that elected leader must show he is right at all costs. I believe in our system, and I do believe we can learn so much from past bodies of government.

A great example is how the late House Speaker Tip O'Neill could believe in his view while respecting the view of his president. They lived their political lives in a realistic fashion, held no grudges and could compromise over a drink after hours. It was never personal.

Today's rhetoric is now very personal, openly quite ugly and gives no room to back away and reach a compromise. Respect and decorum are antiquated words today. There is now a hissing — like the sound of snakes — and then a retreat to your own den. A Republican

or Democrat would not consider now having an after-hours talk — they are the enemy. There needs to be more reaching across the aisle than ever.

The "ugly factor" has infiltrated the entire country and has us all disheartened and just plain demoralized in our daily lives. Even worse is what it is teaching our next generation. The lesson is: Do not believe in respect or live with shared dreams. This is an irresponsible act for all our children. They need to see how we act and come to decisions and that *me* is not the watchword.

How can a country become strong if its people abandon hope? We may never know if the current elected officials do not get their boots out of the mire and compromise within their parties and also across the aisles. Why is compromise such a dirty word now? The present sense of individual entitlement has caused an environment of intractability and the loss of respect for others. When our elected officials show kids that respect and dignity are not important, we are all headed down a road without any signposts.

I am astonished with the conduct in today's political arena.

My 36 years in local government has always been marked by tolerance. Why? Because no one forgot who they were doing the work for — the people who voted them in. That statement seems so simple to me.

There are several basic tenets a political leader should live by — honesty, integrity and creating and defending laws that will benefit the individual and family and their town or country.

Those words seem to have become banal within our national arena. I do believe that on a state level, we must be

COMMENTARY

Culture thrives when it's 'all shook up'

WASHINGTON — In July 1954, a 19-year-old Memphis truck driver recorded at Sun Studio the song "That's All Right." When a local disc jockey promised to play it, the truck driver tuned his parents' radio to the station and went to a movie. His mother pulled him from the theater because the DJ was playing the record repeatedly and wanted to interview the singer immediately. The DJ asked where the singer had gone to high school. He answered, "Humes," an all-white school. The DJ asked because many callers "who like your record think you must be colored, singing the way you do." Elvis Presley from Tupelo, Mississippi, had committed "cultural appropriation."

According to Ray Connolly in "Being Elvis," Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup, a black Mississippian, had popularized "That's All Right." When Presley first entered the recording studio, he was asked, "Who do you sound like?" He replied, "I don't sound like nobody." Actually, he sounded like someone melding the sounds of gospel, country and what was then called "race music" — music by Southern blacks — to make something new.

The hysteria du jour, on campuses and elsewhere, against "appropriation" illustrates progressivism's descent into authoritarianism leavened by philistinism. This "preening silliness" — the phrase is from The Federalist's David Marcus — is by people oblivious to the fact that, as Marcus says, "culture blending is central to the development of, well, everything."

Indignation about appropriation is a new frontier in the ever-expanding empire of cultivated victimhood: "Marginalized" persons from a particular culture supposedly are somehow wounded when "privileged" people — those who are unvictimized or less victimized — express or even just enjoy the culture of more pure victims without their permission.

The wearing of sombreros at tequila-themed parties triggered — to speak the language of the exquisitely sensitive — the anti-appropriation constabulary at Bowdoin College. Oberlin College's palate police denounced as "appropriative" an allegedly inauthentic preparation of General Tso's chicken. Such nonsense is harmless — until it morphs into attempts to regulate something serious, like writing fiction: Do not write about cultures other than your own.

With characteristic tartness, novelist Lionel Shriver responded to this "climate of scrutiny" when, at a writers' conference, she slapped a sombrero on her head and said: We're not supposed to try on other people's hats? That's what we're paid to do. Instead, "any tradition, any experience, any costume, any way of doing and saying things,



George F. Will

that is associated with a minority or disadvantaged group is ring-fenced: look-but-don't-touch."

Eugene Volokh, law professor and maestro of the Volokh Conspiracy blog, drolly says: If only there were a word for "telling people that they mustn't do something because of their race or ethnic origin." Asks Franklin Einspruch, writing in The Federalist, "Where does new culture come from? It is copied, with alterations, from existing culture. The process is reproductive. Sexy, even. So of course, the outrage-as-a-lifestyle wing of the progressive left wants to dictate rules for its proper enjoyment."

The Federalist's Robert Tracinski says appropriation is actually learning through admiration, adding: "The left loudly promotes its flattering self-image as ... more culturally open and advanced — more intellectual, artistic, and cosmopolitan," but its "appropriation" tantrums reveal how its fixation with "racial identity and resentments ends up imposing the narrowest kinds of parochialism."

The University of Pennsylvania's Jonathan Zimmerman, writing in The Chronicle of Higher Education, says "the mostly left-wing quest for cultural purity bears an eerie echo to the right-wing fantasy of national purity, which peaked during the so-called 100-percent-American campaigns of the early 20th century." Of Chuck Berry, Zimmerman writes: "His first big hit, 'Maybellene,' adapted an old melody that had been recorded by country-music performers like Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys. Berry combined the 'hillbilly' sound of white country with the African-American rhythm and blues that he imbibed in his native St. Louis." For this, he was heckled in Harlem.

John Lennon said, "Before Elvis, there was nothing." Not really: There was Crudup, and before him there was a long, creatively tangled line of precursors. Elvis, said Mick Jagger, was "an original in an area of imitators." Actually, no cultural figure is entirely original.

Listening to Radio Luxembourg late one night, teenaged Keith Richards heard "Heartbreak Hotel," and "when I woke up the next day I was a different guy." Bob Dylan, a free-wheeling cultural appropriator himself, said, "Hearing Elvis for the first time was like busting out of jail." Those who would wall off cultures from "outsiders" are would-be wardens.

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COMMENTARY

Mothers should be cherished every day

Editor's note: This column originally appeared in the May 12, 1996, edition of The Item.

It took a proclamation by President Woodrow Wilson in 1914 to establish the first Mother's Day.

Every May since then, the special role in people's lives played by mothers has been recognized and commemorated.

Mothers bring us into the world, nurture us, protect us, guide us, encourage us and most of all love us.

The influence of mothers in our society cannot be minimized. They are the centerpiece of stable homes. Without the tender influence of mothers, we would be nothing more than savages.

Long after our mothers leave us for the grave, their memories and the lessons they taught us endure. Great figures in our history give all the credit for their success to their mothers. Abraham Lincoln wrote that "All I am or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

The Bible tells us in Proverbs 31:28, "Her children arise up and call her blessed."

There have been other memorable words of mothers. Here are some of them:

"A mother is a mother still, The holiest thing alive." — Coleridge

"Men are what their mothers made them." — Emerson

"A mother is not a person to lean on but a person to make leaning unnecessary." — Dorothy Canfield Fisher

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers." —



Hubert D. Osteen Jr.

Jewish proverb "The mother's heart is the child's school-room." — Henry Ward Beecher

"There is none, In all this cold and hollow world, no fount Of deep strong, deathless love,

save that within A mother's heart." — Felicia D. Hemans

"The bravest battle that ever was fought;

Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not;

It was fought by the mothers of men." — Joaquin Miller

"Who ran to help me when I fell, And would some pretty story tell, Or kiss the place to make it well? My mother." — Anne Taylor

"For the hand that rocks the cradle,

Is the hand that rules the world." — William Ross Wallace

"In the dark womb where I began

My mother's life made me a man. Through all the months of human birth

Her beauty fed my common earth.

I cannot see, nor breathe, nor stir, But through the death of some of her."

— John Masefield.

Sons and daughters have their own special thoughts about their mothers. Today and every day those thoughts should be recalled, renewed and cherished.

Award-winning Lakewood High choirs offer free concert

BY IVY MOORE
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The award-winning Lakewood High School choirs will present their spring concert at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lakewood Fine Arts Center. Just two years ago, the choirs won a Grammy, and Lakewood Voices was selected as one of only seven choirs to perform at the National Conference for Music Educators.

And in April of this year, The Lakewood High School choirs received two Gold superiors for their performances in Williamsburg, Virginia, and they have been invited to sing at Carnegie Hall again and to perform at the New York City Jazz Festival at the world famous Apollo Theatre.

Tuesday will offer the opportunity for Sumter to hear why the LHS choirs are so often recognized for excellence, as the varied selection of music will showcase the versatility of the singers, directed by Herbert Johnson.

Five separate ensembles — the Concert, Chamber and Show choirs, the Lakewood Voices and the All-State Men — will perform music from the classical, spiritual and gospel repertoires as well as some pop tunes.

The Men's Ensemble from the Concert Choir will open the program with "Salvation is Created," by the Russian composer Pavel Chesnokov. Other classics in this choir's opening set, including the Women's Ensemble singing Mozart's "Alleluia, and an arrangement of "America" by Robert Edgerton, the spiritual "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" and the gospel song "The Storm is Passing Over" lead into the Chamber Choir's set comprising "Jesu Dulcis" and "Ad Te Clamamus."

The All-State Men offer "For the Beauty of the Earth" a sacred song of praise by John Rutter.

Lakewood Voices offer "Pavonne for a Musical Prince (Don's Song)," a jazz piece by Milcho Leviev, and the Show



PHOTO PROVIDED

The Lakewood High School choirs, directed by Herbert Johnson, will present their spring concert at the Lakewood Fine Arts Center at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Choir will perform a tribute to Motown, featuring a medley of Michael Jackson's hits.

All the singers will combine to form the Concert Choir again for the final set with three contemporary songs, including Pentatonix's "Run to You," a mellow, a cappella piece with tight harmonies,

"Would You Believe?" from "Prince of Egypt" and end with the ballad, "What Would I Do Without My Music?"

The public is invited to the spring concert by the Lakewood High School Choirs at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Lakewood Fine Arts Center, 350 Old Manning Road. Admission is free.

Gov. McMaster hosts annual emergency exercise

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster is met with the state's top emergency management officials as they prepare for the upcoming hurricane season.

Friday's "tabletop exercise" discussions began at 10 a.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

The Atlantic hurricane season's official start is less than a month away. Authorities say this year's exercise focuses on evacuations and shelter issues prior to a storm or hurricane, as well as issues that arise following a storm. It'll also include a discussion on lessons learned from Hurricane Matthew.

The meeting brings together leaders of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division as well as state agency directors and local officials.

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Mayewood High School Class of 1977 will hold its 40th class reunion during Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28, 2017. There will be a meet and greet reception on Friday, an "Evening of Elegance" on Saturday and worship service on Sunday. All events are scheduled to be held at the former Mayewood High School, cur-

rently Mayewood Middle School. Call Lois Dantzler-Durant at (703) 307-6342 for details.
Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice is in need of volunteers. A hospice volunteer application can be found online at www.palmettohealth.org/giving/volunteer-programs/homecare-and-hospicevolunteers.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 1
Monday, May 15, 6 p.m., district office, Summertown

MANNING CITY COUNCIL
Monday, May 15, 6:30 p.m., second floor of Manning City Hall, 29 W. Boyce St.

LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, May 15, 6:30 p.m., District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

TAX ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, May 16, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 16, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning

BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building (as needed only)

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Tuesday, May 16, 6:30 p.m., district office

CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 3
Thursday, May 18, 7:30 p.m., district office, Turbeville

CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION
Thursday, May 18, 2 p.m., building M500, second floor, President's conference room, main campus, 506 N. Guignard Drive

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Try to avoid physical and emotional confrontations. Find out the facts before you enter into a debate. It's best to get along and allow everyone to have his or her own opinions. Keep your life simple and live within your means. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Quiet time will help you gather your thoughts and prepare for the challenges you plan to take on. Knowing what you want and how you are going to go about reaching your goals will tame your nerves and build your confidence. 5 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let anyone interfere in your personal affairs. Gather the facts and follow through with your plans based on what you discover. A personal partnership will flourish if you discuss your plans for the future. Make love a priority. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't meddle or let anyone drag you into a personal matter that doesn't really concern you. Attend a retreat or do something that will ease your stress or help you expand your interest in a creative endeavor. Practice minimalism. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional discord can be turned into a positive encounter if handled properly. Make a promise to do something that will ease any stress caused by current circumstances. Thoughtfulness and positive changes are encouraged. Be willing to compromise. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you feel under the weather, take a break. Getting a little extra sleep or enjoying the comforts of home will be in your best interest. Get some rest, and you'll feel equipped to

take care of the important issues that arise next week. 5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take better care of your health and emotional well-being. Don't let things get to you when you should be focusing on stabilizing your relationships with the people who can offer you the support you need. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let someone else's plans ruin your day. Overreacting or spending time disagreeing with someone who isn't going to budge will be a waste of time. Stick close to home and concentrate on the projects and pastimes you find most enjoyable. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Plan to have some fun and actively test your capabilities. A game or project that requires both mental and physical fitness will give you a chance to show off what you have to offer. Enjoy the ride. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take care of unfinished personal business. Getting your place in order will ease your stress and take your mind off a problem you are having with someone who is acting unpredictable. Don't give in to emotional manipulation. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let emotions and money matters overlap. Getting involved in a joint venture will cause personal problems. Opt to do your own thing. It may take longer to reach your target, but the end results will be more satisfying. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of matters that can affect your personal life or cause a setback that will make it impossible for you to follow through with a creative endeavor. Don't feel guilty, just be upfront about how you want to spend your day. 4 stars

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Sunny, pleasant and warmer	Clear	Nice with plenty of sunshine	Warm with plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny and warm	Very warm with sun and clouds
82°	60°	88° / 63°	89° / 66°	92° / 68°	92° / 68°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%
NNW 4-8 mph	SW 3-6 mph	WNW 4-8 mph	E 4-8 mph	SSW 6-12 mph	SSW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS
Today: Sunny, pleasant and warmer. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph.
Monday: Very warm with plenty of sun. Winds southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST
Today: Plenty of sunshine; pleasant. High 77 to 81.
Monday: Plenty of sunshine; humid in southern parts. High 83 to 89.

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SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature

High	68°
Low	60°
Normal high	81°
Normal low	56°
Record high	94° in 1956
Record low	42° in 1982

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	0.20"
Month to date	1.41"
Normal month to date	1.26"
Year to date	15.44"
Last year to date	18.96"
Normal year to date	15.61"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.89	-0.11
Marion	76.8	75.52	-0.05
Moultrie	75.5	75.18	-0.04
Waterree	100	98.37	+0.40

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	8.82	+0.34
Congaree River	19	3.69	-1.31
Lynches River	14	8.14	+0.03
Saluda River	14	3.41	+0.01
Up. Santee River	80	78.72	+0.10
Waterree River	24	10.93	+2.65

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:21 a.m.	Sunset	8:16 p.m.
Moonrise	11:31 p.m.	Moonsset	9:13 a.m.
Last		First	
May 18	May 25	June 1	June 9

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:03 p.m.	2.6	6:52 a.m.	0.3
Mon.	12:26 a.m.	3.1	7:31 a.m.	0.4
	12:41 p.m.	2.5	7:16 p.m.	0.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta	82/61/s	88/65/s
Chicago	76/51/s	80/63/pc
Dallas	90/68/pc	91/68/s
Detroit	69/44/pc	72/52/s
Houston	88/64/pc	88/69/s
Los Angeles	71/54/pc	67/54/pc
New Orleans	83/66/s	85/65/pc
New York	66/52/t	68/53/pc
Orlando	88/67/pc	89/66/pc
Philadelphia	71/52/t	72/53/pc
Phoenix	93/66/s	86/61/s
San Francisco	63/50/pc	64/52/pc
Wash., DC	78/53/pc	75/55/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Asheville	77/53/s	81/56/s
Athens	84/57/s	90/60/s
Augusta	85/56/s	92/60/s
Beaufort	81/63/s	89/66/s
Cape Hatteras	76/65/s	74/65/s
Charleston	81/61/s	89/65/s
Charlotte	82/58/s	87/62/s
Clemson	83/60/s	88/63/s
Columbia	84/60/s	91/63/s
Darlington	83/60/s	89/63/s
Elizabeth City	79/62/s	77/57/s
Elizabethtown	82/61/s	87/62/s
Fayetteville	85/62/s	88/62/s

City	Today	Mon.
Florence	82/59/s	88/62/s
Gainesville	86/60/sh	90/61/s
Gastonia	83/57/s	87/60/s
Goldboro	82/61/s	84/59/s
Goose Creek	81/59/s	88/63/s
Greensboro	82/59/s	82/57/s
Greenville	82/58/s	86/61/s
Hickory	81/57/s	83/59/s
Hilton Head	80/63/s	86/68/s
Jacksonville, FL	81/61/pc	87/61/s
La Grange	84/58/s	89/61/s
Macon	84/56/s	89/59/s
Marietta	82/58/s	87/60/s

City	Today	Mon.
Marion	81/56/s	84/55/s
Mt. Pleasant	80/62/s	86/66/s
Myrtle Beach	78/63/s	85/66/s
Orangeburg	82/58/s	88/62/s
Port Royal	81/62/s	87/67/s
Raleigh	83/61/s	83/57/s
Rock Hill	82/57/s	86/59/s
Rockingham	83/59/s	87/60/s
Savannah	84/61/s	90/64/s
Spartanburg	82/57/s	86/60/s
Summerville	81/59/s	88/63/s
Wilmington	80/62/s	87/64/s
Winston-Salem	82/59/s	82/58/s

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

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By Gail Brabowski

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SATURDAY'S ANSWERS CROSSWORD

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

ALTE BMAJ BOTCH
 MEANT TO BE OVAR Y
 MELLOWEST BEBOP
 ORKAN TOTO ROWE
 RIGGLANTERNS
 AGALEMUREX
 FEADALTOHEMETAL
 PAIDABLEEPPRICE
 TROUBLESHOOTERS
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 MYGALSAL TANS
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4	7	6	1	3	5	2	8	9
2	9	3	6	7	8	4	1	5
9	1	8	4	5	3	7	2	6
3	5	7	8	2	6	9	4	1
6	2	4	7	1	9	8	5	3

AROSE DROOP SETTLE PAYOFF
 He asked her to marry him, and she said, "Yes." Then he — PROPOSED A TOAST

PREP SOFTBALL

Lady Wolverines win lower state, will face Dixie for title

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special To The Sumter Item

TURBEVILLE — There are two words that can be used to describe the East Clarendon High School softball team's run through the 1A lower state tournament — quick and dominant. The Lady Wolverines

turned in another workman-like effort on Friday, taking just over an hour to dispose of Lake View 10-0 in five innings. The win completed a 3-0 run through the lower state and punched a ticket into the state championship series for ECHS. While the numbers were skewed a bit by a 27-0 thrash-



ing of Branchville on Monday, the Lady Wolverines won their three lower state games by a combined score of 45-3, with two coming by the mercy rule. "That sounds nice, doesn't it," said ECHS head coach

Lisa Ard, whose team ran its record to 20-5. "I'm not going to say that (gives us momentum moving forward). Last year, that week before the state championship we were on fire (before falling to Dixie in two games). I just want us to maintain this for this coming week, as long as we can stay consistent and as long as

we can produce runs." East Clarendon will take on a familiar foe for the state title in defending state champion Dixie. This will be the fourth time in five years EC and Dixie will play for the state title. Dixie beat EC 2-0 in last year's best-of-3 series.

SEE WOLVERINES, PAGE B4



Wilson Hall players run to greet Becca Noyes (15) after she drove in the final run of the Lady Barons' 12-2 victory over Florence Christian School on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex during the SCISA 3A state tournament. The victory secured a spot in this week's championship series against defending state champion Laurence Manning Academy.

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High five

LMA, Wilson Hall secure berths in 3A state championship series, marking fifth straight year Region II-3A foes will play for title

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Stop me if you've heard this one before. Two softball teams from SCISA Region II-3A will be playing in the state championship series. That will take place for the fifth straight season with Wilson Hall and defending state champion Laurence Manning Academy meeting in the best-of-3 series beginning on Monday. They secured their spots with 5-inning mercy rule victories on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex to sweep their 4-team brackets. The Lady Swampcats used an 11-run second inning to knock off Cardinal Newman 12-0 while WH used four 3-run innings to defeat Florence Christian School 12-2. "We told the girls that we completed the first phase of our goal today," said LMA head coach Maria Rowland, whose team will take a 24-8-1



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Laurence Manning Academy's Cora Lee Downer slaps a grounder down the third base line during the Lady Swampcats' 12-0 victory over Cardinal Newman on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex during the SCISA 3A state tournament.

record into Monday's opening game at Julie Skoler Field in Manning beginning

at 5 p.m. "Now it's on to trying and completing the second phase. We've still got a

lot of work to do. Anything that is worth having is not going to come easy." This will be the third trip to the championship series in four years for Laurence Manning. The Lady Barons will be playing for the state title for the fourth time in five years. They missed out last year as the Lady Swampcats beat Thomas Sumter Academy in the title round and they lost to TSA in 2015. Wilson Hall won consecutive titles in '13 and '14, beating LMA for the second one. "The pressure is the tournament," said WH head coach Teresa Alexander, whose team improved to 22-14, having won eight of its last nine and 15 of its last 20. "Once you get to the championship series it's just fun. There's nowhere to go but to win state, so you just go out there and play as hard as you can and enjoy it."

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PREP TRACK & FIELD

Scott's Branch squads both win at state

BY WORTHY EVANS
Special To The Sumter Item

COLUMBIA — Last year the Scott's Branch High School boys track and field team missed out on a state championship, even though the 2016 state champion, Southside Christian, didn't even field a 4x400-meter relay team.



FARMER

This time around, the Eagles stocked up on athletes—on both the boys and girls teams—so that when the 1A state meet at Spring Valley's Harry Parone Stadium came around, they would be fully loaded. That was the effect on a cold, overcast Saturday afternoon. A Scott's Branch athlete, sometimes two or three, would be running in an event. And when the day was done, the girls totaled 105 points to runner-up Lewisville's 49, and the boys team piled up 163 points to runner-up McBee's 73. "After we finished second in the state last year, we came back hungry," boys and girls head coach Wayne Farmer said. "We've been working hard since January. I'm just proud of them. They came to perform; they understand what it's about, to be champion. I have to tip my hat to the kids, they worked really hard. My assistant coaches, they did a great job." While missing out in the top spot in the 110 high hurdles, the Eagles took second, third, and fourth in that race. Amon-te Brown (15.90 seconds), Robert Matterson (15.95), and Terrence Yon (16.70) followed up on McBee's Dashonnell Wright's first-place time of 15.67. In other individuals, Robert Matterson took first in the 400 hurdles with a time of 58.71. In the shot put, Marquise Thomas won with a toss of 46 feet, 1 inch. Joshua Pringles was fourth at 41-08 and Malique Coard is fifth at 41-03. Andrew Brown slung the discus 141-04 to take first, while Pringle's throw of 133-09 was good for second place.

SEE BRANCH, PAGE B3

Lady Cavaliers battle, fall short of 2A title series

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Robert E. Lee Academy found itself within two outs of a victory over Pee Dee Academy that would force a deciding game in their bracket in the SCISA 2A softball state tournament on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex. One swing from Haley Scott for a 2-run home run changed that narrative though, forcing extra innings. The Lady Eagles got the winning run in the bottom of the eighth to

win 6-5 and advance to the state championship series. "That's just really a tough way to lose," said REL head coach Kim Langston, whose team went 2-2 in the tournament and finished 8-13-1 on the season. "We played hard and we really battled. I just really hate that it ended like it did for my seniors." The Lady Cavaliers, who beat Colleton Prep 14-11 earlier in the day to stay alive in the double-elimination tournament, led 5-3 going into the bottom of

the seventh. April Lewis reached on a 1-out error and Scott sent the next pitch from Robert E. Lee starter Kelsey Watford over the left field fence for a 2-run homer. REL got out of the inning without further damage, sending the game to extra innings. The international tiebreaker rule was used, meaning a runner starts the inning on second base. Annalia Cook started on second for the Lady Cavaliers and she moved to third on a groundout by

Rebecca Dinkins. Alex White followed with a fly ball to medium center field. Lewis, the Pee Dee centerfielder, came in and made the catch and threw home, but was unable to get Cook. However, Pee Dee appealed Cook leaving third base before the catch was made and she was called out to end the inning. Langston vehemently argued the call, but to no avail. "I was standing there

SEE CAVALIERS, PAGE B4



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Robert E. Lee Academy pitcher Kelsey Watford throws during the Lady Cavaliers' 6-5 loss to Pee Dee in eight innings on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex in the SCISA 2A state tournament.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
7 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Hull vs. Crystal Palace (CNBC).
7:30 a.m. - Formula One Racing: Spanish Grand Prix Practice from Barcelona, Spain (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Rome Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).
9:15 p.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - West Ham United vs. Liverpool (CNBC).
11:25 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Manchester United vs. Tottenham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon - College Baseball: Louisville at Clemson (ESPN2, WPUB-FM 102.7).
Noon - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from South Bend, Ind. - Marquette vs. Notre Dame (ESPNU).
Noon - Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Final Match from Madrid, Spain (TENNIS).
12:55 p.m. - International Soccer: Portuguese League Match -- Pacos de Ferreira vs. Porto (UNIVISION).
1 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WFFN-FM 100.1).
1 p.m. - College Baseball: Texas A&M at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
2 p.m. - PGA Golf: The Players Championship Final Round from Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (WIS 10).
2 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis or Baltimore at Kansas City (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. - College Baseball: South Carolina at Missouri (WNKT-FM 107.5).
2:30 p.m. - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from College Park, Md. - Bryant vs. Maryland (ESPNU).
3:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Final Series Game One - San Antonio at Golden State (WOLO 25).
4 p.m. - Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Portland (ESPN).
4 p.m. - College Baseball: Florida at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
5 p.m. - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from Columbus, Ohio - Loyola (Md.) at Ohio State (ESPNU).
6 p.m. - Major League Soccer: Los Angeles at New York (FOX SPORTS 1).
7:30 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Houston at New York Yankees (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from Syracuse, N.Y. - Yale at Syracuse (ESPNU).
7:30 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Western Conference Final Series Game Two - Nashville at Anaheim (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. - Major League Soccer: New York City at Dallas (FOX SPORTS 1).
10 p.m. - College Softball: NCAA Tournament Selection Show (ESPN2).
11:30 p.m. - International Hockey: IIHF World Championship Group Play Match from Cologne, Germany - Slovakia vs. United States (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

MONDAY
5 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Rome Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).
10 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Rome Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).
2:55 p.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Chelsea vs. Watford (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Houston at Miami (ESPN2).
7 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Toronto (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WFFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Eastern Conference Final Series Game Two - Ottawa at Pittsburgh (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game Seven - Washington at Boston (TNT).
10 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at San Francisco or Milwaukee at San Diego (MLB NETWORK).
5 a.m. - Professional Tennis: ATP Rome Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).

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Player	Score
J.B. Holmes	68-69-70-207 -9
Kyle Stanley	69-66-72-207 -9
Louis Oosthuizen	69-66-73-208 -8
Si Woo Kim	69-72-68-209 -7
Emiliano Grillo	72-71-67-210 -6
Ian Poulter	72-67-71-210 -6
Sergio Garcia	73-71-67-211 -5
Patrick Cantlay	69-70-72-211 -5
Alex Noren	68-71-72-211 -5
Pat Perez	74-72-66-212 -4
Francesco Molinari	69-74-69-212 -4
Rafa Cabrera Bello	69-70-73-212 -4
William McGirt	67-75-71-213 -3
Adam Scott	70-72-71-213 -3
Lucas Glover	70-70-73-213 -3
Bernard Langer	75-71-68-214 -2
Brooks Koepka	74-69-71-214 -2
Yuta Ikeda	73-69-72-214 -2
Ben Martin	71-70-73-214 -2
Chris Kirk	74-72-69-215 -1
Rory McIlroy	73-71-71-215 -1
Jason Day	70-72-73-215 -1
Steve Stricker	72-70-73-215 -1
Brendan Steele	69-71-75-215 -1
Zach Johnson	72-73-71-216 E
Justin Rose	74-71-71-216 E
Rickie Fowler	70-74-72-216 E
Russell Henley	75-68-73-216 E
Henrik Stenson	72-70-74-216 E
Mackenzie Hughes	67-75-74-216 E
Brian Harman	71-75-71-217 +1
Tyrell Hatten	76-70-71-217 +1
Keegan Bradley	75-69-73-217 +1
Kevin Chappell	72-72-73-217 +1
Graeme McDowell	71-72-74-217 +1
Daniel Summerhays	69-73-75-217 +1
Seung-Yul Noh	73-69-75-217 +1
Cameron Tringale	70-71-76-217 +1
Tommy Fleetwood	74-67-76-217 +1
Smylie Kaufman	74-67-76-217 +1
Paul Casey	71-69-77-217 +1
Webb Simpson	71-69-77-217 +1
Vijay Singh	70-68-79-217 +1
Charley Hoffman	74-72-72-218 +2
Blayne Barber	70-76-72-218 +2
Jim Herman	71-75-72-218 +2
Sung Kang	71-75-72-218 +2
Jimmy Walker	71-74-73-218 +2
Cody Gribble	69-75-74-218 +2
Dustin Johnson	71-73-74-218 +2
Roberto Castro	71-71-76-218 +2
Daniel Berger	69-72-77-218 +2
Harold Varner III	71-70-77-218 +2
Branden Grace	71-75-73-219 +3
Kevin Kisner	71-75-73-219 +3
Boo Weekley	70-76-73-219 +3
Michael Kim	72-74-73-219 +3
Ryan Moore	73-72-74-219 +3
Patrick Reed	72-73-74-219 +3
Martin Kaymer	72-72-75-219 +3
Adam Hadwin	71-72-76-219 +3
Hideki Matsuyama	72-71-76-219 +3
Aaron Baddeley	70-73-76-219 +3
Billy Hurley III	71-72-76-219 +3
Chez Reavie	68-72-79-219 +3
David Hearn	70-69-80-219 +3
Rod Pampling	72-74-74-220 +4
Ricky Barnes	70-74-76-220 +4
Phil Mickelton	70-72-78-220 +4
Lee Westwood	70-75-76-221 +5
Jason Dufner	73-71-77-221 +5
Kevin Streelman	72-73-77-222 +6
David Lingmerth	69-75-78-222 +6
Jon Rahm	68-72-82-222 +6
Brian Stuard	73-73-77-223 +7
Gary Woodland	70-75-78-223 +7
Jamie Lovemark	75-70-78-223 +7
Justin Thomas	73-71-79-223 +7
Ben Crane	71-75-78-224 +8
Grayson Murray	74-72-78-224 +8
Alex Cejka	75-70-79-224 +8
Matt Kuchar	73-71-81-225 +9

MLB ROUNDUP

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	22	12	.647	—
New York	21	12	.636	½
Boston	19	17	.528	4
Tampa Bay	18	21	.462	6½
Toronto	16	21	.432	7½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	19	14	.576	—
Cleveland	18	17	.514	2
Detroit	17	17	.500	2½
Chicago	15	18	.455	4
Kansas City	14	21	.400	6
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	25	11	.694	—
Los Angeles	18	20	.474	8
Seattle	17	20	.459	8½
Texas	17	20	.459	8½
Oakland	16	19	.457	8½

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Houston 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
 Toronto 4, Seattle 0
 Minnesota 1, Cleveland 0
 Tampa Bay 5, Boston 4
 Texas 5, Oakland 2
 San Diego 6, Chicago White Sox 3
 Kansas City 3, Baltimore 2
 L.A. Angels 7, Detroit 0

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Houston at N.Y. Yankees, ppd.
 Boston 6, Tampa Bay 3
 Toronto 7, Seattle 2
 Minnesota 4, Cleveland 1
 San Diego at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Baltimore at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Detroit at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Seattle (Miranda 3-2) at Toronto (Sanchez 0-1), 1:07 p.m.
 Minnesota (Santiago 4-1) at Cleveland (Bauer 2-4), 1:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Andriese 2-1) at Boston (Pomeranz 3-2), 1:35 p.m.
 Houston (TBD) at N.Y. Yankees (TBD), 2:05 p.m., 1st game
 San Diego (Weaver 0-4) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-5), 2:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Gausman 2-3) at Kansas City (Young 0-0), 2:15 p.m.
 Oakland (Graveman 2-2) at Texas (Griffin 4-0), 3:05 p.m.
 Detroit (Verlander 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Meyer 1-1), 3:37 p.m.
 Houston (Morton 4-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 5-1), 7:35 p.m., 2nd game

MONDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
 Atlanta at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Houston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.
 Oakland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	22	12	.647	—
New York	16	18	.471	6
Philadelphia	13	19	.406	8
Miami	13	21	.382	9
Atlanta	12	20	.375	9
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	20	15	.571	—
Cincinnati	19	17	.528	1½
Milwaukee	19	17	.528	1½
Chicago	18	18	.500	2½
Pittsburgh	14	22	.389	6½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	23	14	.622	—
Los Angeles	21	15	.583	1½
Arizona	21	16	.568	2
San Diego	14	23	.378	9
San Francisco	14	24	.368	9½

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Washington, ppd.
 Atlanta 8, Miami 4
 Milwaukee 7, N.Y. Mets 4
 San Diego 6, Chicago White Sox 3
 Chicago Cubs 3, St. Louis 2
 L.A. Dodgers 6, Colorado 2
 Arizona 11, Pittsburgh 4
 San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 2, 17 innings

SATURDAY'S GAMES

San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 1
 St. Louis 5, Chicago Cubs 3
 Philadelphia at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Atlanta (Dickey 3-2) at Miami (Straily 1-3), 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Hellickson 4-1) at Washington (Gonzalez 3-1), 1:35 p.m., 1st game
 N.Y. Mets (deGrom 2-1) at Milwaukee (Peralta 4-2), 2:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Weaver 0-4) at Chicago White Sox (Quintana 2-5), 2:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 4-2) at St. Louis (Wainwright 2-3), 2:15 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Urias 0-0) at Colorado (Senzatela 5-1), 3:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Adleman 2-1) at San Francisco (Samardzija 0-5), 4:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Nova 3-3) at Arizona (Ray 2-3), 4:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Velasquez 2-3) at Washington (Scherzer 4-2), 7:05 p.m., 2nd game

MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Houston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Milwaukee at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

SECOND ROUND (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Boston 3, Washington 3
 April 30: Boston 123, Washington 111
 May 2: Boston 129, Washington 119, OT
 May 4: Washington 116, Boston 89
 May 7: Washington 121, Boston 102
 May 10: Boston 123, Washington 101
 May 12: Washington 92, Boston 91
 Monday: Washington at Boston, 8 p.m.

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

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State vs. San Antonio
 Today: San Antonio at Golden State, 3:30 p.m.
 Tuesday: San Antonio at Golden State, 9 p.m.
 Saturday, May 20: Golden State at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 Monday, May 22: Golden State at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 24: San Antonio at Golden State, 9 p.m.
 x-Friday, May 26: Golden State at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 x-Sunday, May 28: San Antonio at Golden State, 9 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

By The Associated Press

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Ottawa vs. Pittsburgh
 Saturday: Ottawa at Pittsburgh (late)
 Monday: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.
 Friday: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.
 x-May 21: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
 x-May 23: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.
 x-May 25: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Nashville 1, Anaheim 0
 May 12: Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT
 Today: Nashville at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m.
 Tuesday: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Thursday: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 x-May 20: Nashville at Anaheim, 7:15 p.m.
 x-May 22: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 x-May 24: Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

PRO BASEBALL



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New York Yankees starting pitcher Jordan Montgomery, left, reacts after Houston catcher Brian McCann hit a 3-run homer during the Astros' 5-1 victory over the Yankees on Friday in New York.

Montgomery, Yankees fall to McCann, Astros 5-1 on Friday

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mac & Mac made it another successful night for the streaking Houston Astros.

Brian McCann hit a 3-run homer against his former team and Lance McCullers Jr. pitched 4-hit ball over six shutout innings to lead Houston past the New York Yankees 5-1 on Friday for its fifth straight victory.

McCann's blast came off of Yankees rookie left-hander Jordan Montgomery (2-2). Montgomery, a Sumter native, gave up four runs and eight hits in six innings, the first time he's permitted more than three runs in six major league starts.

Carlos Correa added a pop-fly RBI single for the Astros, who boosted the top record in the majors to 25-11. Off to the best start in team history, Houston has won 10 of 12 and matched its longest winning streak of the season. "We know what we're capable of," said McCullers, the pitcher-of-the-game belt slung over his left shoulder. "We can do some pretty cool things if everyone does their job." Suddenly slumping at

the plate, the Yankees barely avoided being shut out for the first time this year when Didi Gregorius hit a run-scoring single off James Hoyt with two outs in the ninth. New York (21-12) has dropped three in a row for the first time since the opening week of the season.

Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman gave up Josh Reddick's 2-out RBI single in the ninth and was checked by a trainer on the mound moments later. Chapman initially remained in the game, then was removed after allowing another single.

"He said he was fine. Nothing. No pain," manager Joe Girardi said.

It was Chapman's first outing since blowing a 3-run lead in the ninth inning Sunday against the Chicago Cubs. The left-hander has thrown 60 pitches over his last 1 1/3 innings.

"I could have left him out there, but I didn't want him to throw too many pitches. I thought that would be silly," Girardi said.

The 23-year-old McCullers (3-1) struck out seven and walked none in his first start at Yankee Stadium. The right-hander's father, Lance, pitched for the

Yankees from 1989-90.

McCullers has not given up an earned run in his last two outings. Both came on the road, where McCullers had struggled throughout his career.

"He's the real deal, man. He's a top-of-the-rotation starter, for any team," McCann said. "I feel like he's going to keep getting better and better. Our time together has been amazing. From the first day of spring training to now, I feel like he's taken huge steps in pitching, in locating and establishing both sides of the plate and expanding when he needs to. So, it's a pleasure to catch him."

McCullers mixed his 95-96 mph fastball with a power slider and effective change-up. He worked around Aaron Judge's leadoff double in the fifth — New York's first extra-base hit in 19 innings — by striking out the next three batters.

"He answered the challenge every time," Astros manager A.J. Hinch said.

Correa and Marwin Gonzalez singled in the fourth before McCann drove Montgomery's changeup into the second deck in right field, just inside the foul pole.

"I pulled my hands in just enough," McCann said.

MLB ROUNDUP

Sale fans 12, Red Sox top Rays 6-3

BOSTON — Chris Sale struck out 12 while pitching seven solid innings and Mookie Betts hit a 2-run homer, leading the Boston

Red Sox to a 6-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Saturday.

It was Sale's seventh straight start

with double-digit strikeouts. The 6-foot-6 left-hander allowed three runs and two hits, both homers.

Betts also doubled in a run in Boston's 4-run fifth inning. Jackie Bradley Jr. had two hits, including his first double of the season, and Deven Marrero drove in two runs, helping the Red Sox to their 14th win in their last 19 games against the Rays.

CARDINALS 5

CUBS 3

ST. LOUIS — Cardinals starter Carlos Martinez had two hits and an RBI, Tommy Pham kept up his strong start to the season and St. Louis beat the Chicago Cubs 5-3.

In a rematch of the sea-

son opener, Martinez (3-3) again topped Jon Lester (1-2). Martinez allowed three runs, five hits and four walks over 6 2/3 innings, striking out seven.

Top Cubs prospect Ian Happ homered off Martinez in the seventh for his first hit in his major league debut.

BLUE JAYS 7

MARINERS 2

TORONTO — Jose Bautista hit a three-run homer, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Seattle Mariners 7-2 for their sixth win in seven games.

Kendrys Morales also connected for Toronto, and Kevin Pillar had three hits, raising his AL-leading total to 47. Devon Travis became the first player to steal home for the Blue Jays since June 2, 2015, scoring on a double steal in the eighth.

TWINS 4

INDIANS 1

CLEVELAND — Jose Berrios pitched neatly into the eighth inning in his first start of the season and the Minnesota Twins beat the Cleveland

Indians 4-1.

PREP BASEBALL

LMA, REL set for title series Monday

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Laurence Manning Academy will try to defend its SCISA 3A baseball state title in its championship series against Cardinal Newman on Monday while Robert E. Lee Academy will go for the 2A state title against Pee Dee Academy.

LMA, which is 20-4 on the season, will play host to the 16-10 Cardinals at 6:30 p.m.

at Tucker Belangia Diamond in the first game of the 3-game series. The series will move to Columbia on Tuesday with a 6:30 p.m. start.

If a third game is needed, it will be played on Thursday at Riley Park in Sumter, again beginning at 6:30 p.m.

LMA advanced by winning series over Pinewood Prep and Ben Lippen, while CN reached the finals by beating First Baptist and

Wilson Hall.

Braydon Osteen will start on the mound for the Swampcats on Monday. He has a 5-2 win-loss record and a 1.54 earned run average.

Buddy Bleasdale leads LMA with a .460 batting average and 26 runs batted in. Dawson Hatfield is batting .369, Morgan Morris is batting .360 and Ryan Touchberry is batting .340. Cam Tringali leads CN

with a .420 average. He has three home runs and 20 runs batted in. Tanner Garrison leads the team with 22 RBI.

Robert E. Lee will travel to Mullins on Monday for a 6:30 p.m. against Pee Dee, which is 20-4. The 24-8 Cavaliers will be at home on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

If a third game is needed it will be played on Thursday at a time and set to still be determined.

PREP PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

MONDAY Baseball
Cardinal Newman at Laurence Manning, 6:30 p.m. Robert E. Lee at Pee Dee, 6:30 p.m.
Softball
Wilson Hall at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m. East Clarendon at Dixie, 6 p.m.
TUESDAY Baseball
Laurence Manning at Cardinal Newman, 6:30 p.m. Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 6:30 p.m.
Softball
Laurence Manning at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY Softball
Dixie at East Clarendon, TBA
THURSDAY Baseball
Laurence Manning vs. Cardinal Newman (at Riley Park in Sumter) (If Necessary), 6:30 p.m.

SPORTS ITEMS

Warriors-Spurs showdown filled with familiar story lines

OAKLAND, Calif. — Leave it to Gregg Popovich to play mind games ahead of the Western Conference finals.

So, what will he do to prepare his defense to stop the high-flying Warriors?

“Pray,” Popovich quipped Saturday before the Spurs departed Texas for the Bay Area.

Stephen Curry could only chuckle at that one.

“Gamesmanship,” Golden State’s Curry said, “I love it.”

Popovich doesn’t have his old coaching pals Mike Brown or Steve Kerr fooled. Brown spent part of last season working unofficially alongside Popovich and is now coaching Golden State in place of the ailing Kerr, who attended practice Saturday for the first time in more than three weeks as he recovers from his latest procedure to repair a spinal fluid leak that left him dealing with debilitating symptoms.

“That’s Pop,” Brown said with a laugh. “He’s doing a lot more than praying right now. He knows what he wants to do against us.”

As dominant as the Warriors have been sweeping through the first two rounds of the playoffs, praying might not hurt either.

Kevin Durant doesn’t care who is on the court for San Antonio, he knows that Popovich will have his group ready complete with a few surprises in the playbook.

Tony Parker is out the rest of the



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Golden State guard Stephen Curry (30) and the Warriors face off against San Antonio today in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals in Oakland, California.

guy goes down, somebody steps in.”

San Antonio thoroughly dismantled James Harden and Houston 114-75 in Game 6 on Thursday night behind LaMarcus Aldridge’s 34 points and 12 rebounds to close out the series as All-Star Leonard sat out nursing an injured left ankle he hurt in a Game 5 overtime win.

Golden State has barely been tested so far this postseason, going 8-0 against Portland and Utah.

HOLMES, STANLEY TIED FOR PLAYERS LEAD

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — J.B. Holmes escaped with bogey on his one big miss and scratched out a 2-under 70 in strong wind that gave him a share of the lead with Kyle Stanley going into the final round of The Players Championship.

Stanley overcame three bogeys in his opening four holes by playing bogey-free the rest of the way. He saved par from the back bunker on the 18th hole for a 72.

They were at 9-under 207, one shot clear of Louis Oosthuizen (73).

The way the TPC Sawgrass played Saturday, with a relentless wind and trouble at every turn, the final round has plenty of possibilities. That includes Ian Poulter, who only got into this tournament two weeks ago because of a clerical oversight and had the only bogey-free round.

From wire reports

BRANCH FROM PAGE B1

The only Class A boys pole vaulter, Vaquan Wilder, cleared 10 feet, which was enough to take the gold.

The boys team swept the relays.

The 4x100 team of Marqus House, Christavius Johnson, Jacob Brailsford, and Kevin Johnson finished first with a time of 43.80. The 4x8 team of Christavius Johnson, Keondre Tappin, Alexander Conyers, and Daquan Brock took gold with 9:15.77.

The 4x400 team of Christavius Johnson, Tappin, Marqus House and Kevin Johnson finished the night off with a time of 3 minutes, 39.94 that was the cherry on the cake.

“We put in a lot of hard work,” Johnson said. “Last year we came close, but we didn’t accomplish our goal. This year it was a big accomplishment for us.”

In the girls meet, Scott’s Branch won two out of three relays, while sisters Paulette Wimberly and Mary Wimberly made good on dashes and distance running.

Mary Wimberly took the gold in the 800 with a time of 2:48.62 and more gold in the 1,600 with a time of 6:20.60.

Pauletete Wimberly claimed the 400 dash with a time of 59.92, and the 200 dash with a time of 26.71.

The 4x800 team of Paulette Wimberly, Mary Wimberly, Queen Ford and Aly Conyers took first with a time of 10:58.23. The 4x400 team of Paulette and Mary Wimberly, Ford, and Conyers finished their meet with a time of 4:21.38.

“We were working very hard and it’s been a tough year,” Paulette Wimberly said about her team’s success. “I’m very happy though. I put up a fight.”

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Laurence Manning players greet Ashton Rogers (6) as she crosses home plate with a fall and roll to celebrate her grand slam home run during the Lady Swampcats' 12-0 victory over Cardinal Newman on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex during the SCISA 3A state tournament.

FIVE FROM PAGE B1

Laurence Manning went down in order in the bottom of the first inning of its game and the Lady Cardinals retired the first batter in the second. After that the Lady Swampcats exploded, sending 15 batters to the plate and scoring 11 runs.

After the first out, Olivia Coker drew a walk and Trinity Harrington was hit by a pitch. Ashton Rogers followed with a 1-hop double to fence in left field to break the ice in hits and runs.

Maggie Josey, Taylor Lea and Harrington had run-scoring singles and Brooke Ward had a 2-run single. Rogers returned to the plate with the bases loaded, two outs and a 7-0 lead. She deposited the ball over the left field fence this time for a grand slam home run to make it 11-0.

"I'm really proud, really happy for Ashton," Rowland said. "We've seen all of this power in practice that we weren't necessarily seeing regularly in games. She's really been hitting the ball well."

Rogers was 2-for-3 with two runs and five RBI and Harrington and Coker both scored two runs.

Lundee Olsen and Elizabeth Hussey combined to toss a 2-hit shutout.

In Wilson Hall's contest, FCS took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first. However, the Lady Barons responded with three runs in the bottom of the in-



Wilson Hall catcher Sydney Jarecki, left, tags out Florence Christian's Toni Alexander during the Lady Barons' 12-2 victory on Saturday at Patriot Park SportsPlex in the SCISA 3A state tournament.

ning. Drake Ives had the first of two doubles to deliver two runs and the 3-1 lead.

Ives made it stand up on the mound, striking out six and allowing just one hit in four innings. WH didn't score in the second, but pushed across three in the third, fourth and fifth innings to wrap up the win.

"My philosophy is not to look ahead and take it just one game at a time," Alexander said when asked about when she thought her team might be able to reach

the championship series after a slow start. "We set up a difficult schedule and it paid benefits for us. We lost some close games and then we got beat handily a couple of times. That helped us develop as a team."

Liza Lowder was 3-for-4 with three RBI and two runs to lead WH. Ives was 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs, Danielle deHoll was 2-for-4 with three runs, Becca Noyes had two RBI and Madison Reaves had a triple and an RBI.

CAVALIERS

FROM PAGE B1

watching her (Lewis) as she made the catch," Langston said. "As soon as she caught it, I said 'Go,' and she (Cook) was standing on the bag. So I don't know."

It didn't take long for the Lady Eagles, who are 26-10, to get the winning run. Lilly Caulder started on second base. Summer Calhoun put down a bunt and REL tried to get Caulder at third. The ball was thrown away and Caulder scored.

Pee Dee will face Marlboro Academy, a winner over Williamsburg on Saturday, in the championship series beginning on Monday.

The Lady Cavaliers jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first. Reghann Griffin doubled with one out and Alex White

tried to score from first base. She was thrown out, but Griffin came in when the ball was thrown away trying to get her out at third.

Carson Shannon followed with a solo homer to make it 2-0.

Pee Dee cut the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the inning, but REL got the run back in the second. Rebecca Dinkins reached on a bunt single with two outs, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on a single by White.

The Lady Eagles tied the game in the bottom of the second before Watford settled down. The Lady Cavaliers took a 4-3 lead in the fourth on an RBI single. They got what appeared to be an insurance run in the seventh on a solo homer by McKenzie Watts.

White had three hits for REL while Dinkins, Megan Watson and Griffin had two apiece.

After losing 11-1 to Williamsburg in its opening game of the tournament, REL rebounded with a 12-6 win over Thomas Heyward before beating Colleton Prep Saturday. "I couldn't be any prouder of the way my girls played," Langston said.

In the win over Colleton Prep, Watts went 4-for-5 with five RBI and three runs. She had a homer and a triple.

White had two hits, including a homer, with two RBI and three runs. Griffin had two hits and three runs, Shannon had two hits, including a double, two runs and two RBI. Clara Ann Kelley had a triple and three RBI, Watford had two hits and two RBI and Cook had a double.

WOLVERINES FROM PAGE B1

East Clarendon will travel to Due West on Monday for a 6 p.m. contest. The second game will be played on Wednesday in Turberville. A third game, if necessary, would take place on Friday at a neutral site.

One of the keys to the brevity of Friday's contest was the efficient pitching effort of Marleigh Floyd, who surrendered just two Payton Bell singles while striking out one and walking none. The only other baserunner for the Lady Wild Gators was Spivey Evans, who reached on an infield error with two outs in the third. Lake View could not advance past second base against Floyd, who recorded seven first-pitch outs and threw just 32 pitches in her five innings of work.

"Excellent job," Ard said of Floyd's mound effort. "She was breaking everything off, she was hitting her spots, she did a super job tonight. I was very proud of her. I think the first couple of innings she threw maybe seven pitches (10 through two innings)."

It was a slow burn offensively for the Lady Wolverines against Lake View starter Kaylee Herlong. ECHS pushed across single runs in the first and third innings before finally wearing Herlong down for five runs in the fourth and three in the fifth to end the game.

The first-inning run was a gift as Caitlin Timmons' third strike got away from Lake View catcher Evans. Timmons advanced on an infield single from Gracen Watts and came home on a single up the middle by Kinsley Driggers. The third-inning run was also unearned as Olivia Singletary reached on an infield error, taking second as the throw from second baseman Savannah Church went wide of the first-base bag and into the Lake View dugout. An Abby Reardon single to left put the Lady Wolverines up 2-0.

The wheels began to fall

off for Herlong in the bottom of the fourth as ECHS batted around, benefiting from two Lake View errors, three walks, a wild pitch and a passed ball. Bailey Evans opened the inning by reaching on an infield error, taking second on Elly Floyd's sacrifice bunt and moving to third as Watts reached on the second error of the frame. While centerfielder Jasmine Ford could not make the catch to retire Watts, she was able to throw out Timmons at second as the ECHS leftfielder got caught heading toward first in anticipation of the catch.

Driggers followed with an RBI single to left, plating Evans, before the wild pitch and passed ball allowed Watts and Driggers to cross home plate. Walks to Singletary and Reardon set up Mikayla Anderson for a 2-RBI single up the middle, pushing the ECHS lead to 7-0. One of the runs scoring on Anderson's single came from her younger sister Britni, who went in for Reardon as a courtesy runner.

The fifth did not get any better for Herlong, with Bailey Evans drawing a walk, taking two bases on wild pitches and scoring on a Timmons double that also plated Elly Floyd, who had walked and stole second. Timmons scored the game-ending run on a Watts single to left.

"We were taking advantage of passed balls, we took advantage of a couple of errors, we got some extra bases on some hits and I think that made the big difference," Ard said. "We were taking advantage of everything. Their pitcher did a good job. She was keeping us guessing, she jammed us on a few, she got us outside and we didn't get a lot of solid hits (early). ... We got a little more used to her, but we got what we had to get. We laid down the bunts to put runners in scoring position, we got a couple of runs pushed across and were able to relax a little bit."



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COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Sears strikes out 11 in Citadel win

GREENSBORO N.C. — The Citadel baseball team defeated North Carolina Greensboro 5-2 behind another double-digit



SEARS

strikeout performance from pitcher John Patrick Sears on Friday at the UNCG Baseball Stadium.

Sears, a Sumter native, recorded his sixth double-digit strikeout game of the season and the 10th of his career as he struck out 11 UNCG batters. Sears threw eight innings, allowing just two runs on four hits.

The Bulldog left-hander threw at least eight innings for the fifth time in 12 starts and at least six innings for the 11th consecutive start. The 11 strikeouts gave Sears 301 for his career, the fourth Bulldog pitcher to reach the 300-strikeout plateau in program history.

Sears improved to 6-2 on the season for the Bulldogs, who are 15-30 overall and 6-13 in Southern Conference play.

William Kinney, another Sumter native, was 2-for-4 for the Bulldogs with a double and a run batted in.

MISSOURI 5

SOUTH CAROLINA 3

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Tanner Houck struck out 10 batters and hurled a complete game as Missouri defeated 30th-ranked South Carolina 5-3 on Saturday at Taylor Stadium.

Jacob Olson and Carlos Cortes each homered for the Gamecocks in the loss. Missouri is now 30-21 and 10-16 in the SEC with the Gamecocks now 30-20 and 12-14 in league play.

Houck (4-7) walked just one and allowed three runs on five hits to earn the win. South Carolina right-hander Adam Hill (3-5) suffered the loss after allowing four runs on five hits in six innings with two walks and seven strikeouts.

Missouri manufactured a run in the bottom of the first to take a 1-0 lead. Johnny Balsamo led off with an infield

single, stole second base and scored on Robbie Glendinning's 1-out RBI single up the middle.

The Gamecocks came right back and tied it at 1-1 in the second inning as Jacob Olson belted a solo homer to left-center, his sixth home run of the season.

Jonah Bride would give the Gamecocks a 2-1 lead with a RBI double in the top of the third inning. With one out and TJ Hopkins on first base, Bride knocked a double down the left field line that scored Hopkins to give Carolina a one-run advantage. Carlos Cortes increased Carolina's lead to 3-1 in the top of the fifth inning with a two-out solo homer to right-center, his eighth home run of the season.

Missouri answered with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to tie the game at 3-3. Matt Berler drew a lead-off walk and scored on Chris Cornelius' RBI double to center field. With two outs and Cornelius on third base, Glendinning knocked in his second run of the game with a 2-out RBI single up the middle on a 3-2 pitch from Hill.

The Tigers took a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning on a solo homer to right field from Kameron Misner, his fifth home run of the season. Missouri answered with an insurance run in the seventh inning as Cornelius reached base on a sun ball to right field and scored on Brett Bond's two-out RBI single to left field.

On Friday, Jonah Bride broke a 2-2 tie with a 2-out, 2-run home run in the top of the sixth inning and right-hander Wil Crowe tied a season-high with nine strikeouts in seven innings of work as South Carolina defeated Missouri 4-3.

Crowe (5-4) allowed just two runs on four hits with two walks to earn the win. Junior right-hander Tyler Johnson pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings of relief with two strikeouts to pick up his ninth save of the season.

LOUISVILLE 6

CLEMSON 4

CLEMSON — Behind four home runs, including two by Colby Fitch, No. 2 Louisville overcame a 4-0 deficit to defeat No. 7 Clemson 6-4 at Doug Kingsmore Stadium on Saturday.

The Cardinals, who took a 2-0 lead in the series and won their 14th game in a row, improved to 45-6 overall and 22-4 in the ACC. The Tigers dropped to 37-14 overall and 16-10 in ACC play.

Seth Beer hit a run-scoring single in the first inning, then Chase Pinder belted a 2-run homer, his fifth long ball of the season, in the third inning. After Andrew Cox's solo homer, his fourth home run of the year, put Clemson up 4-0 in the fourth inning, long balls by Fitch and Devin Mann in the sixth inning plated three runs. Fitch tied the score in the eighth inning with his second homer of the game, then Drew Ellis blasted a 2-run homer later in the frame to give Louisville the lead.

Cardinal starter Kade McClure (7-1) earned the win, as he yielded seven hits, four runs and one walk with five strikeouts in seven innings pitched. Tiger reliever Jeremy Beasley (1-2) suffered the loss.

On Friday, Louisville scored four combined runs in the first four innings and held on for a 4-2 victory over Clemson.

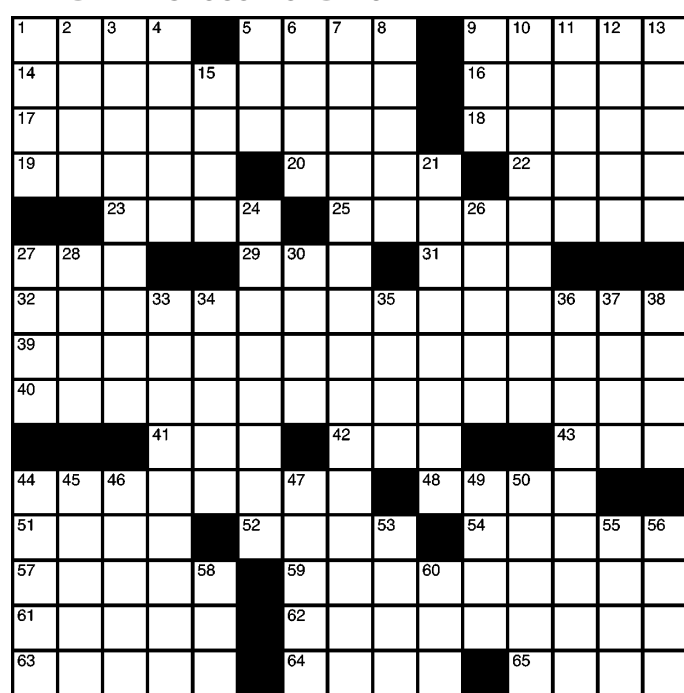
Colby Fitch belted a solo homer in the first inning, then the Cardinals scored two unearned runs in the third inning without a hit and added another unearned run in the fourth inning. Kyle Wilkie's 2-out single put Clemson on the scoreboard in the sixth inning, then Chase Pinder added a run-scoring single in the frame.

Tiger starter and former Sumter High and Sumter P-15's standout Charlie Barnes (5-4) suffered the loss, as he yielded seven hits, four runs (one earned) and three walks with five strikeouts in six innings pitched.

From local reports

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Roland Huget

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ACROSS

- 1 Old man, in Mannheim
- 5 Key with five sharps: Abbr.
- 9 Mess up
- 14 Unavoidable
- 16 Oocyte producer
- 17 Relaxed to the max
- 18 Name probably derived from scat singing
- 19 Like Orson, on a '70s-'80s sitcom
- 20 Band with a self-named 1978 debut album
- 22 "Lady Jane Grey" playwright
- 23 Queen of Thorns portrayer on TV
- 25 Floaters in a Japanese ceremony
- 27 Turkish title
- 29 Cassowary cousin
- 31 Dog in the Reagan White House
- 32 Metaphor for high speed
- 39 Sacrificed considerably
- 40 Fixers
- 41 Sign of summer
- 42 Leb. neighbor
- 43 Low mark
- 44 1942 Hayworth/Mature musical
- 48 Neutral shades
- 51 Surface application
- 52 Overly precious, in Portsmouth
- 54 It makes everything taste better, they say
- 57 Child with dishes
- 59 Talus
- 61 Classic theater
- 62 Glaze causes
- 63 ___ Doon, Bay Area community named by a Scotsman
- 64 One may be taken on the road
- 65 Sugar source
- 8 Beetle cousin
- 9 Short do
- 10 Exhaust (oneself), as in a workout
- 11 Drum with a fife
- 12 Symbol of sovereignty
- 13 Strong pitches
- 15 Grab, as at a smorgasbord
- 21 Restricted pending disciplinary action
- 24 Takes a turn for the worse?
- 26 Pace
- 27 Cal. entry
- 28 Driver's choice
- 30 Speck
- 33 Sycophant's specialty
- 34 Record trademark
- 35 Sneaky chortles
- 36 50-50, say
- 37 Real estate buy
- 38 Suffix with Congo
- 44 Teen's source of funds
- 45 "Really?"
- 46 Ancient Greek physician
- 47 Anticipate
- 49 Help on the job?
- 50 Big shot
- 53 Scratches (out)
- 55 "Your money's no good here"
- 56 First flight launch site
- 58 Partner of all 60 D-Day craft

Friday's Puzzle Solved



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

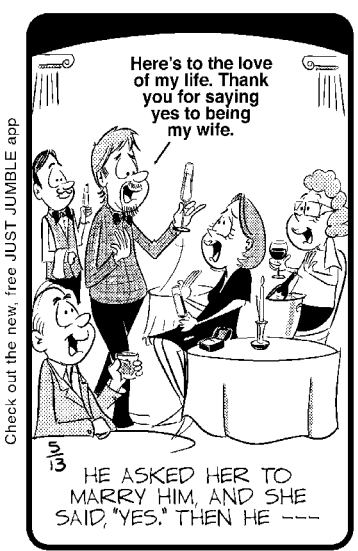
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CINCH MODEM GLOOMY KOSHER
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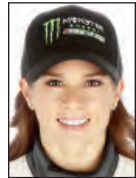
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NASCAR NOTEBOOK

Teasing about race results off limits for Patrick, Stenhouse

BY REID SPENCER
NASCAR Wire Service

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — For Ricky Stenhouse Jr. and Danica Patrick, racing is never a joking matter, and their boyfriend/girlfriend relationship is all the better for it.



PATRICK



STENHOUSE

So when Stenhouse won last Sunday's GEICO 500 at Talladega Superspeedway, the last thing he thought about doing was lord-ing his triumph over Patrick, who had crashed out of the race and watched the finish from the motorhome she and Stenhouse share.

It was a breakthrough victory for Stenhouse, who won for the first time in his 158th Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series start. Patrick is winless in 164 starts in NASCAR's top series.

"We don't talk about it," Stenhouse said. "I mean, we are like every other driver. Everybody wants to win. I didn't have bragging rights with anybody else that hasn't won either. We just go out and try to win."

To Patrick, the level of their commitment to racing precludes any sort of teasing or levity.

"We absolutely never mess

with each other when it comes to that stuff," she said. "I think it's obviously because it means so much to us that it is a pretty crappy thing to do. Would you mess with your wife or girlfriend? I mean when it comes to golf or something I will totally mess with him, but when it comes to something like this, no."

When the race ended, Patrick hustled to Victory Lane to congratulate her boyfriend.

MCMURRAY WILLING TO CEDE HOME-COURT ADVANTAGE

Now that Columbia, Mo., native Carl Edwards has stepped away from Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series racing, who might be his logical replacement in the Kansas/Missouri home track rivalry at Kansas Speedway against Emporia, Kan., native son Clint Bowyer.

Joplin, Mo., product Jamie McMurray might seem the best choice, but the driver of the No. 1 Chip Ganassi Racing Chevrolet would prefer to stay under the radar.

"I feel like Carl and Clint play that up more than what I do," McMurray said. "I grew up in Missouri, and that's always going to be my home town, but I've lived in North Carolina for 20 years now, or longer than that. And, that's my home and that's where my kids are from."

"I would love to win at Kansas Speedway, but I want to win there because it's where

we race this weekend, not necessarily because I grew up 200 miles south of here. So, I'm going to let Clint have that 'hometown track thing' and I'm just going to be Jamie."

HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW WASN'T AN OFFSHOOT OF EARNHARDT'S RETIREMENT

No, Dale Earnhardt Jr. is not about to become the next Bob Vila.

And the do-it-yourself home improvement show that will feature Earnhardt and wife Amy early next year isn't related to the driver's impending retirement from Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series racing.

Rather, it's a way for Earnhardt and his wife to make improvements to their home in Key West, Fla., without breaking the bank.

"We bought this property in Key West a long time ago," Earnhardt said. "We didn't know what to do with it. And I was trying to figure out a way to renovate it but stay reasonable on our expense. And we also had some friends that we knew at the DIY Network and HGTV. And we reached out to those guys and said, 'Hey, we really want to renovate this property.'"

What will air is a four-part series that highlights the renovations to the home.

"I think people connect this to the retirement, and it's absolutely not connected in any way," Earnhardt said.

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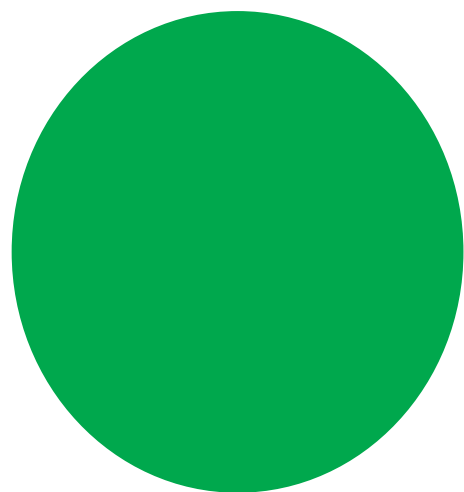
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THIS WEEK

65% of Americans are losing sleep because of money, according to a CreditCards.com report. Other worries:

- ▶ 38% are sleep-deprived about health care or insurance bills.
- ▶ 37% lie awake fretting about saving enough for retirement.
- ▶ 34% are pondering educational expenses.
- ▶ 26% fret over mortgage/rent bills.
- ▶ 22% worry about credit card debt.



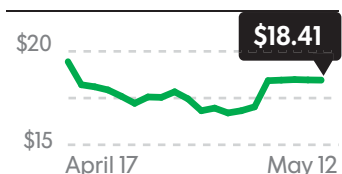
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ON THE MOVE

STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

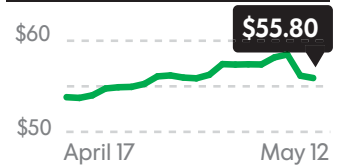
KATE SPADE

The luxury goods maker agreed to be bought by its rival, Coach, in a \$2.4 billion deal. Coach's shareholders applauded the move since the offer price is well below where the stock traded earlier this year.



TARGET

The second-largest discount store retailer after Walmart plans to test a next-day home-delivery service, "Target Restock," and hopes the service is fast enough to counter Amazon and Walmart Stores.



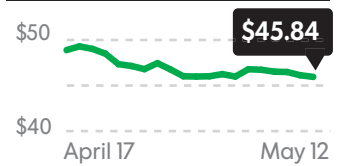
SPRINT

In an effort to compete against Verizon Communications and AT&T, the telecommunications holding company wants to restart merger talks with T-Mobile U.S. Investors are optimistic about the deal in a looser environment.



VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS

The telecommunications company won a bidding war with AT&T for Straight Path Communications, for \$3.1 billion. The deal is for assets necessary to build the nation's premier 5G network.



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10 NUMBERS THAT CAN MAKE OR BREAK YOUR RETIREMENT

- 1 YOUR SALARY** The amount workers should aim to save for retirement increases by age, according to Fidelity Investments' savings formula. By 30, the goal is to have saved the equivalent of your annual salary. By 35, savings should be two times your pre-tax annual income; three times by 40; four times by 45; six, seven and eight times your salary for ages 50, 55 and 60; and 10 times by age 67 — all in order to have enough money to replace preretirement income through age 93.
- 2 52%** Percentage of workers who say they and/or their spouse have never tried to calculate how much money they'll need to retire, according to an Employee Benefit Research Institute's Retirement Confidence Survey. (A retirement calculator can tell you where you stand.)
- 3 \$23,500** Maximum amount the IRS allows savers younger than 50 to plow into tax-favored retirement savings accounts in 2017 — up to \$18,000 in a workplace plan such as a 401(k) and \$5,500 in an IRA.
- 4 50** Minimum number of birthday candles required to make catch-up retirement savings contributions. Those 50 and older are allowed to contribute an extra \$6,000 to a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored account and an extra \$1,000 to an IRA.
- 5 \$1,360** Current average monthly Social Security benefit for a retired worker.
- 6 8%** Percentage the monthly Social Security benefit goes up each year you postpone taking benefits beyond your full retirement age up to a maximum increase of 24% for those born in 1960 or later.
- 7 \$0** Amount in fees seven in 10 401(k) plan participants polled by AARP said (erroneously) they paid.
- 8 1.2% (\$1.20)** Average amount an employee pays in 401(k) fees, including administrative and investment expenses, per \$100 invested in a small company 401(k) plan (with \$1 million to \$10 million in assets) versus 0.52% total fees for large company plans (\$100 million to \$250 million in assets), according to a BrightScope/Investment Company Institute report.
- 9 \$155,000** Amount a median-income working couple could lose to 401(k) fees over a lifetime, according to public policy group Demos.
- 10 \$10** Amount extra per week a 35-year-old earning \$50,000 would need to save to increase their retirement account contribution by 1% and have an additional \$71,000 by the time they retire.

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Some online jobs just aren't worth it

Laura McMullen
NerdWallet

At best, online jobs let you make money without requiring you to commute. At worst, these gigs trick you into giving up money and personal information. And, somewhere between these extremes, online work can waste your time.

Learn how to spot scams and fruitless assignments when searching for online jobs or receiving convenient — if mysterious — opportunities in your inbox. Be wary of job posts that include any of the following:

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The Federal Trade Commission and Better Business Bureau websites caution against posts that offer special access to certain government jobs or guarantee placement for a fee. Info for available federal positions is

public and free at usajobs.gov.

THE EMPLOYER IS TOO EAGER TO HIRE YOU

Even if you're a qualified candidate, the BBB suggests avoiding employers that offer you a job on the spot, without an interview. Similarly, question employers advertising that no skills are required for the job, says Nick Loper, head of Side Hustle Nation, a blog and community of entrepreneurs.

"Because, realistically, what employer wants that?" he says.

IT DEMANDS CREDIT CARD OR BANK ACCOUNT INFO

Ostensibly, the company wants this information to run a credit check or set up direct deposit. It could also steal your money.

COMPANY OVERPAYS YOU

Here's a common scheme, according to the BBB: With your banking information, the fraudulent employer "accidentally" overpays you with a fake check. Then it requests that you deposit



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the check and wire the difference to the company. As the BBB says on its website, "No legitimate job would ever overpay an employee and ask for money to be wired elsewhere."

YOU MUST PAY UPFRONT

The FTC warns against employers and placement firms that require you to shell out for training, certification, inventory or other expenses in return for a gig. That job may never happen. Asking for money upfront is bad enough. If the employer requests the payment via wire transfer, prepaid debit card or gift card, run.

THE GIG DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT

"One of the biggest things job seekers should pay attention to when searching for online jobs is their gut," says Brie Weiler Reynolds, a senior career specialist at the job website FlexJobs, which offers telecommuting, freelance, part-time and flexible work opportunities. Many of the people she has talked to who have been scammed said they felt uneasy about the job at some point but continued anyway.

So, you've waded through the fraudulent job ads and found a trustworthy employer that pays. That doesn't necessarily mean the opportunity is worth your time. Learn how that compensation translates into an hourly rate. For example, if you earn a certain amount for each task, how many of them would you complete in an hour? Then determine the value of your time and effort to see how this new opportunity compares.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▼0.5% week ▲1.5% month ▲3.1% 3 months	S&P 500 ▼0.3% week ▲2.0% month ▲3.2% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▲0.3% week ▲4.9% month ▲6.8% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▼0.5% week ▲1.8% month ▲2.5% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▲0.1% week ▼3.7% month ▼0.5% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▲3.5% week ▼9.9% month ▼11.2% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro (week) ▼0.0066 ▲0.0326 month ▲0.0293 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▲0.80 week ▲3.70 month unch. 3 months
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DON'T WALLOW IN
'WHAT IF' PROBLEMS ...
SOLVE THEM

What happens if you lose your job? Prepare now for how you will survive without a paycheck

Peter Dunn
Special for
USA TODAY



Eight years ago or so, millions of Americans were on high alert.

It felt like, at the drop of a hat, your job could disappear and before you knew it, you were a victim of the Great Recession. It was a terrifying time.

Based on unemployment rates and GDP growth, the economy has recovered. Some Americans' personal economies have recovered too. But there still exists an underlying feeling of negative inevitability. Your tendency is to suppress these negative thoughts, but leaning into them is much more prudent. Because bad days will come again. Your goal is to ensure the next round of ugliness doesn't impact you as severely.

I've lost a wink or two of sleep over negative "what ifs." You

probably have, too.

"What ifs" generally go wrong because people tend to stop short of solving the hypothetical problem. Instead, they just wallow around in the sadness. Today I'm asking you to run through all the bad "what ifs" you generally try to avoid. Specifically: What happens if you lose your job?

It's pretty easy to get your head around the idea of planning for the future when the future is bright. For instance, you don't mind planning for retirement, planning to buy a home or even planning to pay for your child's education. And that's why those three goals are the first three most think about.

Unfortunately, it's the events we hate thinking about that need the highest level of planning.

Depending on which study you're willing to believe, people average between 10 and 15 different jobs throughout their career.

If you properly prepare for the eventuality of sudden job loss, then you can create a sudden job loss on your own terms.

There's no way all of those jobs will always end on your terms. I'm no exception. I currently have a few gigs, including a radio show, which likely will end before I want them to end. In regards to a job's shelf life, there are no surprises. If you're surprised and unprepared, that's on you.

It's incredibly difficult to take a step back and prepare for job loss when you're currently struggling to make ends meet. If you try, you may end up getting stuck in the negative aspects of the hypothetical and never get around to the solutions part. But that doesn't mean you shouldn't try.

Let's shortcut the process right now. You just lost your job. Sorry. I had to let you go.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

It would behoove you to determine how long you can survive financially without a paycheck. For some people, unemployment benefits can bridge the gap. For others, unemployment benefits either aren't available or don't even scratch the surface. Survival then depends on emergency funds, the ability to secure another job and/or a massive cost-cutting effort. You obviously have bills to pay, such as mortgage/rent, utilities and a car payment. But, hopefully, you can

reduce the amount of money you spend each month on discretionary items such as food, entertainment and other lifestyle choices.

While reducing your optional spending seems obvious, I've seen many a person who refused to do so. Part of contingency planning is not only identifying areas of your life in which you'll need to reduce spending in the event of joblessness, but practicing those spending reductions now.

It's worth your time to create a contingency plan, whether you ever lose your job or not.

There are some strange positive side effects of contingency planning. If you properly prepare for the eventuality of sudden job loss, then you can create a sudden job loss on your own terms. You can take a different job, you can switch to a job you might enjoy more and happens to pay less, or you may even be able to retire earlier. By re-evaluating your spending with job loss in mind, you're able to set new rules, expectations and habits.

Making plans for the ugly parts of life isn't fun, but it's better than being surprised by moments that aren't really surprising.



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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Data is priceless; that's why some apps sell it

Rob Pegoraro
Special for USA Today

The mail-management service Unroll.me was heavily criticized when a *New York Times* profile of Uber CEO Travis Kalanick mentioned the ride-hailing company had bought data from Unroll.me showing people's use of the competing service Lyft.

Users of Unroll.me, which offers to declutter your inbox by identifying the subscriptions you've accumulated, then offering one-click unsubscriptions and a daily digest of those you do want, were not amused at the notion that Uber got a look at their Lyft ride history.

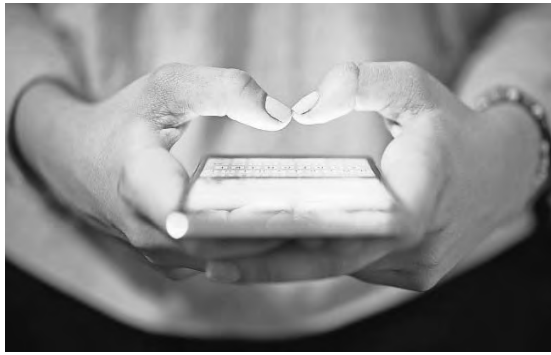
CEO Jojo Hedaya asked for forgiveness in a blog post.

"While we try our best to be open about our business model, recent customer feedback tells me we weren't explicit enough," he wrote.

What Unroll.me does — it compiles data from a large base of users, strips out personally identifying information such as names and addresses and then extracts patterns from the anonymized remains — is incredibly common in the tech business. For example, Google Maps would be far less useful if it wasn't informed by anonymized and aggregated data showing which routes were faster or slower.

But Unroll.me stands apart from other data-driven services because it needs access to your entire inbox. The travel-management app TripIt also will make the same request so it can find messages about upcoming travel, but you can also forward those e-mails to the service yourself.

A situation like that requires a high degree of trust in the company involved, which in turn requires transparency from that firm about what it will do with your data. Unroll.me flunks in that regard: Its frequently asked questions page doesn't even try to



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"We may collect, use, transfer, sell, and disclose non-personal information for any purpose."

Typical privacy policy wording in many apps

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explain its business model. Its privacy policy discloses the practice ("We may collect, use, transfer, sell, and disclose non-personal information for any purpose"), but Hedaya now admits that's not good enough.

That's a common failing in Silicon Valley, and it invites episodes such as this. If a firm can't tell you upfront how it will earn the income needed to give you a free service, you should look elsewhere. More often, an app doesn't ask you to hand over the keys and instead makes a more nuanced request. In Android and iOS, for example, apps must ask permission to do things like get your location or use the camera.

You also can inspect and revoke those permissions later in the Settings app of either operating system. In Android, tap the Apps category, then tap the gear icon at the top right; in iOS, tap the Privacy heading.

Apps that seek access to your social media accounts also should offer the same nuance. For example, I'm willing to allow an app to connect to my Twitter account if it needs read-only access, while I'm extremely skeptical of apps asking for the ability to tweet as me.

What if you realize you trusted the wrong company? As with the risk of Internet providers selling anonymized browsing history, U.S. law doesn't offer much help if a company lives up to its own posted policies saying it may exploit your information.

THE WEEK AHEAD



JOHN BAZEMORE, AP

Housing, manufacturing could lift economic growth

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A solid retail sales report last week fueled hopes that consumer spending is perking up in the current quarter, a shift that's expected to drive a rebound from meager economic growth the first three months of the year.

Data this week should reveal whether the housing sector and manufacturing will also be positive contributors to growth.

Homebuilder sentiment has been healthy, partly because contractors are buoyed by President Trump's vows of tax cuts and deregulation. In addition, consumer demand for new homes has held up amid steady job and income growth, and house-hunting traffic and mortgage applications have been elevated, Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says. At the same time, construction has been tempered by a limited supply of lots that can be developed, a labor shortage and rising construction costs. Cost could edge up further after the White House slapped Canada with countervailing duties on its lumber shipments to the U.S., a move that was denounced by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). All told, economists expect NAHB to report

Economists estimate home construction picked up in April.

Economists expect NAHB to report Monday that its index of builder sentiment held steady in May.

Monday its index of builder sentiment held steady at a solid 68 in May, down somewhat from the high of 71 in March.

While builders are upbeat, housing starts have been choppy this year. Unusually warm winter weather pulled forward many starts to January and February, which led to a decline in March. Alexander reckons the robust labor market spurred a comeback in April, noting single-family building permits, a signal of future starts, have been strong.

Economists expect the Commerce Department on **Tuesday** to report a 3.2% rise in housing starts to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.3 million.

Industrial production also has been volatile. Early in the year, the warm weather suppressed household demand for utilities, offsetting factory output that has been bolstered by an improving global economy and energy sector. In March, the opposite occurred as a surging utility demand more than made up for a drop in factory production. In April, all areas seemed to be pulling in the same direction. Manufacturing output likely rebounded while utility usage climbed steadily and oil and gas output picked up, Alexander says. Economists expect the Federal Reserve to announce that industrial production rose a sturdy 0.5% in April.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table of stock market data for the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Name, Last, Chg, and Wk. Includes sub-sections A-B-C, D-E-F, G-H-I, J-K-L, M-N-O, P-Q-R, and S-T-U.

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REFLECTIONS

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L.C. Moise

Sumter's 1st football coach remembered in his own words

Lucius Clifton Moise is widely believed to have been responsible for the beginning of football as an organized sport in the Sumter community. He was known to his students as "Professor Moise," a man of many talents.

Moise wrote an autobiography in 1950 that chronicled his memories of football in its infancy. It was published in *The Item*, from which much of the following was obtained. Some material and photographs are in *The Sumter Item* archives, while others were provided by members of the public.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

old race track just beyond the Judge Green place on North Main Street. There was no enclosure around the field. Receipts from the games were taken by passing the hat. These free-will offerings were disappointing, to say the least. I remember only one or two games of that

first year. We played Welch Neck High of Hartsville, later converted into Coker College. Its team was so badly defeated that when the score was 70 to 0, I sent word to the captain to do no more scoring.

We had a Thanksgiving game with either the freshman or "scrub" team from the South Carolina College, now the University. One of the spectators was Neill O'Donnell, very dignified, wealthy and, as always, immaculately dressed, but slow of foot. A sweeping end play caught him in retreat, and when we picked him up, he was dirtier than he had ever been in his life! Toward the end of the same game the contest became acute. The Thanksgiving "cheer" doubtless had been too freely imbibed, and when the excited citizens saw their team thrown for loss after loss by a far heavier, older and better trained team, it was too much for red-blooded men to endure so they rushed onto the field where followed a free-for-all. Police protection was entirely inadequate, and it took half an hour and much persuading before the game could be resumed. Several Carolina students were cut and bruised in the scuffle and I had to go to Columbia and do my best to explain to the indignant officials of the college how such a thing could happen in a civilized community.

The following year I went to Sumter High School, and Emile P. Moses, now General Moses, took over the coaching. The SMA team of 1902 was composed of the same personnel as that of the previous year. This team was undefeated and unscored on. Its triumph was in sharp contrast to the Academy, which folded the following June. I served as coach for Sumter High School for several years when my health permitted, and in the absence of a better man.

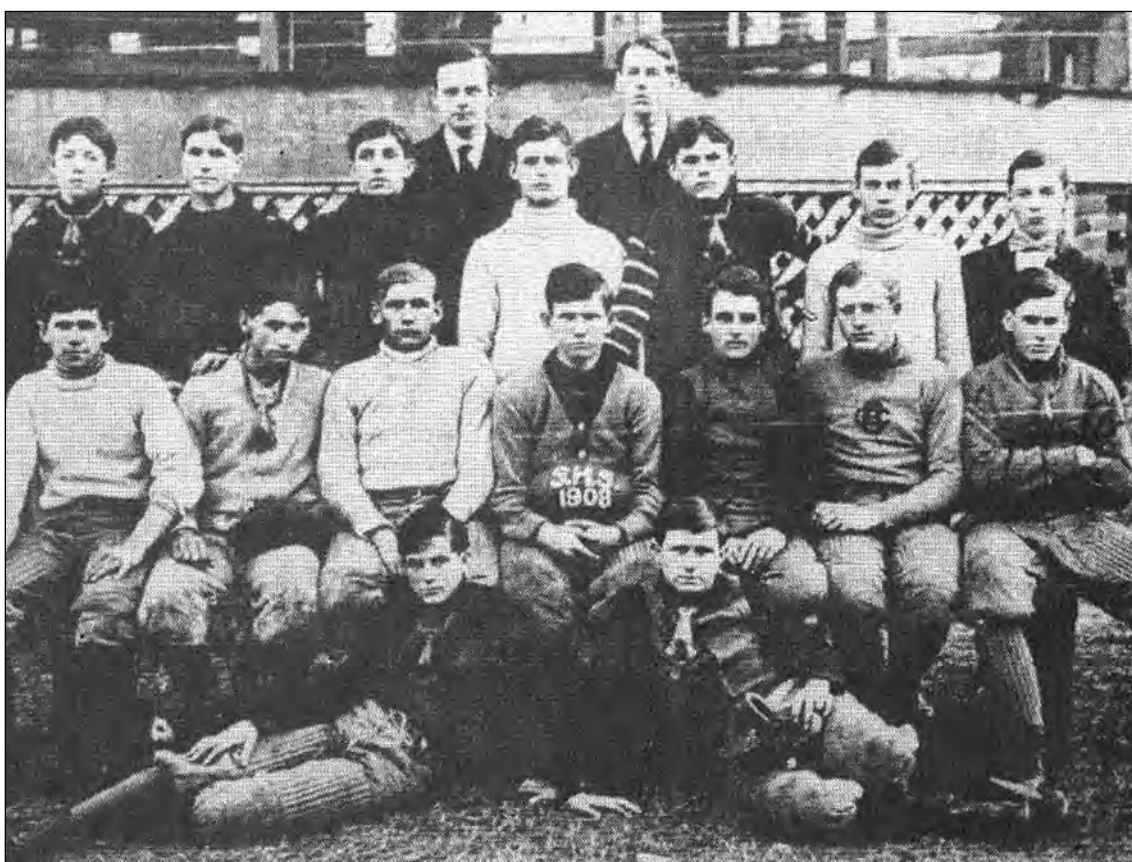
The team of 1910 is unusually interesting because among its members are many substantial citizens of Sumter today... They were a good team, hard-working, enthusiastic. They dressed under the old ruined grand-



Standing at top left is L.C. Moise, believed to be Sumter's first football coach. This photo shows the 1901 Sumter Military Academy team, for which he was the manager. Others in the picture are, standing to the right of Moise, Professor Chase; W.E. Hicks; Manning; Jim George; Smith. Center row: Capers; E.P. Durant; C. Brogdon captain; Edwards. Front row: N.B. Hicks; A. Clark; T. Woods; T. Durant.



The "regular" football team is pictured in the 1920 Sumter High School yearbook. Top row: Harold DeLorme (rt. half-back), George Wray (l. half-back), Clinton Wheeler (full back) and Julius Pitts (quarterback). Middle row: Coach Dargan. Bottom row: Coit Kirven (rt. end); Hubert Osteen (rt. tackle); John Haynsworth (rt. guard); DuPre Rhame (captain, center); James Hatfield (l. guard); James Burms (l. tackle); Jack Wright (l. end).



The 1908 Sumter High football team is shown in the yearbook photo.

stand of the baseball park in uniforms purchased by themselves; they played their games on rough unrolled, enclosed grounds. The coach received for his services about what he was worth; namely nothing at all. I believe that this made for a closer comradeship between the players and coach

than is usually the case. Coaches were always on the alert to give the players as much fun as possible. At the end of each season we always used up the handful of money from the last game in a blowout for the team without help from fans or public subscription. In Sumter, we went to Charlie's Café where

owner Charlie was the most enthusiastic athletic fan we ever had.

The excerpt from Moise's biography continues in next Sunday's Reflections.

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Morris College graduates 32; Clyburn will seek Congressional seat

75 YEARS AGO - 1942
Dec. 5 - 11

Paced by Tommy Hughes, who scored 10 points, the Sumter YMCA Junior basketball team opened its current season with a 30-11 win over the "Fighting 56" five of Shaw Field.

- Members of the American Legion Auxiliary, who manned a bond and stamp booth at the Sumter Dry Goods in commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day, sold \$1,777 worth. The report was made today by Mrs. Edward E. Rembert, Chairman of the woman's division of the county war savings board.



Yesteryear in Sumter

SAMMY WAY

- Shaw Field's first military ball co-sponsored by the YWCA and the U.S.O. Soldier's Council, attracted more than 300 persons last night to the Sumter Y.W.C.A., filling the large hall to capacity. Mayor F.B. Creech was the principal speaker and sounded a keynote of victory as he declared. "We will win this war—we know that. But the men at Shaw Field will be playing a much more key role than even they realize, helping to bring about an early victory for our forces over the powers of evil which are now threatening the realms of democracy and the freedom-loving nations of the world."

- Headquarters for the Sumter Community Chest Inc., will be on the sixth floor of the City National Bank Building, Mrs. Bessie Boykin, newly named executive secretary, announced today. She will continue collection of pledges made in the recent drive, will supervise payments to the chest's participating agencies and will organize future drives. Shepard K. Nash is president of the Community Chest.

- The family of Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Atkinson of Sumter has learned of his safe arrival in Africa — but in a roundabout way. It took a newsreel in a theater in Massachusetts, reported in a letter from Shreveport, Louisiana, to inform them. Thomas was stationed some time ago in Louisiana and a friend there wrote his family that a soldier, who had been associated with the Sumter boy, had gone to Massachusetts on furlough and had recognized him in a newsreel showing the landing of American troops in Africa. Just to make sure, the soldier sat through the newsreel twice, and he declared that the face he saw was unmistakably that of Atkinson.

- Christmas card mailers will greatly aid post office workers in Sumter if they group their local and out-of-town cards before mailing. Postmaster J.C. Pate said today. Pate borrowed the idea of sorting the cards and arranging them in packets from a Sumter woman who has been doing that for many years.

- Contributions by the citizens of Sumter to the Rotary club's book collection for the Shaw Field enlisted men's library may be turned in at the office of S.K. Rowland in city hall. The Rotary's goal is 1,000 books by Jan. 1. Already about half of that goal has been attained in books or the cash to buy them.

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50 YEARS AGO - 1967
Aug. 7 - 14

Sumter's Arthur Abbott captured the men's title as Sumter and Florence dominated the South Carolina Recreation Society's district tennis tournament. Abbott, a rising sophomore at Erskine, defeated Edmunds High School tennis coach Charlie Hodgkin in the championship final, 6-1, 4-6, 8-6. Hodgkin advanced into the title match by whipping Florence coach Burt Stafford 6-4, 6-1.

- Coach Steve Satterfield welcomed some 100 candidates for the first football practice of the year at Edmunds High School as grid sessions got underway throughout the state. Edmunds, the county's largest school,



1942 — Pupils of Mrs. Pringle Brunson's modern problems class at Edmunds High School are shown hard at work in the local ration board office helping with kerosene and fuel oil registration. The board is in need of help, and the students have been of invaluable assistance.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

will hold two-a-day sessions during the week.

- C.C. Goodwin was elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Sumter Area Technical Education Center at a meeting of the Board. Goodwin succeeds Harry E. Wilkinson Jr., who recently retired from the Board. Goodwin has been serving as vice-chairman. H.D. Osteen Sr. was named vice-chairman and E.C. Kneece, secretary-treasurer.

- Services of rededication and homecoming will be held at the 118-year-old Bethel Baptist Church, which has undergone extensive rehabilitation. Former pastor Lloyd O. Brunson will preach the dedicatory sermon and Mrs. Roy Lee (Sara Kolb) Bivens, a missionary to Israel, will speak at the afternoon session. Mrs. Bivens is the daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Kolb and Bethel was her childhood church. Built in 1849, the sanctuary has remained structurally sound and in almost constant use since its erection.

- Four boys with families or relatives in Sumter were honored recently at the Citadel Summer Camp for boys. Citadel Campers William Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Reynolds of San Bernardino, California; Henry Barnett, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Barnett of Sumter; William Jeffrey Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Young of Sumter; and Mark Brody, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brody of Sumter were presented the coveted Mark Clark Award which is given for excellence in sports, physical fitness, tournaments, manners and attitude.

- Two Sumter postal employees have made their mark in the South Carolina National Guard and the Omar Shrine. They are James Henry McIntosh, a letter carrier who has risen to the highest position of the Omar Shrine Temple, and Herbert Girard Follin Jr., who was recently promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the South Carolina Army National Guard.

- Morris College awarded 32 degrees at its Summer Convocation. Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president of St. Augustine College in Raleigh, North Carolina, was speaker for the Convocation. An award for distinguished community services was presented to attorney Dorothy V. Sampson for her part in initiating and administering the Head Start program in Sumter County. President O.R. Reuben conferred degrees on the graduating students.

25 YEARS AGO - 1992
May 8 - 14

Billie S. Fleming, 69, a well-known Clarendon County civic leader and businessman, died at his home. Mr. Fleming was president of Fleming and Delaine Funeral Home in Manning and Fleming Insurance. As president of the Manning branch of the Nation-

al Association for the Advancement of Colored People for 33 years, Fleming was the longest-standing NAACP branch president in the nation. He was also chairman of the Wateree Community Actions Board of Directors and a member of the Clarendon School District 2 Board of Trustees.

- After more than 17 years as the state's Human Affairs commissioner, Sumter native James Clyburn has formally announced his candidacy for Congress. Clyburn, 51, will run in the recently reshaped 6th Congressional District, which includes much of Sumter, Lee and Clarendon counties. Clyburn had indicated he would seek the Democratic nomination in the new, black majority population district, but said he would make a formal announcement once a panel of federal judges issued congressional reapportionment plans. Five other people have said they plan to run for the seat which is now held by Democrat Robin Tallon.

- Sumter's quest to become an All-American City is on. Especially now that the city has been named a finalist for the award, city officials and residents want to make sure they bring the honor home. "We've always been an All-American City. Now is the time to get some recognition this community deserves," Orby Ferguson, chairman of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce's executive committee, said.

- In baseball, a .300 batting average is a worthy goal for any batter. On the football field, most quarterbacks would be well-pleased with a 300-yard passing performance. For bowlers, though, 300 symbolizes absolute perfection — it is the highest score achievable in a single game. Two Sumter bowlers have achieved perfection in the past two weeks. Craig Huggins traveled to Rock Hill to compete in the 24th annual Timothy Spencer Rice Invitational, a scratch tournament for youth bowlers throughout the state. On that weekend Huggins finished second in the Rock Hill tournament, averaging 217 in 27 games. His 300 game was part of a 744 series. Greg Anderson has also scored a 300 game in a recent tournament.

- Fire Equipment Services of Sumter, a company that has been refurbishing fire trucks for rural fire departments in the Pee Dee area since 1986, is on the verge of becoming the state's only fire truck manufacturer, company president Tom Garrity said. Located on South Lafayette Drive in the same facility that houses Garrity's other company, G&G Metal Fabrication, Fire Equipment Services soon will be manufacturing and marketing firefighting tanker and rescue trucks. "We've more or less graduated to the point where we know there's a market out there, and we're going to try and meet that need," Garrity said.

- Graham Osteen has been named

executive editor of The Item, and Bob Gorman has been promoted to managing editor. As executive editor, Osteen's responsibilities include overseeing news operations and setting editorial policy. He will also become more involved in the business operations of Osteen Publishing Co. Osteen, 30, joined The Item staff in September 1985 as a copy editor. He served as city editor and news editor before being named managing editor in November 1987. Gorman, 41, joined The Item in March 1988 as assistant managing editor. As managing editor he assumes responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the newsroom, which includes news, photo, sports and special sections.

- Roger Springs, an instructor in electronics technology at Sumter Area Technical College, and Angela Lett, a student in that program of study, have received national recognition by the American Technical Education Association. Sumter Area Technical College is a member of ATEA, which annually sponsors a competition to promote excellence in technical education with emphasis on business and industrial concerns. Springs was one of 12 instructors in the nation to be selected to be recognized as the 1992 Outstanding Technical Educator. Lett, a second year student working toward an associate degree in Industrial Technology with a major in Electronics Technology, was a finalist in the national competition to name 1992's Outstanding Technical Student.

- Tracie Christina Quick and Birmagidria Gainer of Hillcrest High School recently received scholarships for their academic performances. Quick has received the Robert C. Byrd Scholarship from the S.C. Department of Education. She plans to attend the University of Georgia in Athens. Gainer has received a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship and will attend Clemson University.

- The Sumter School District 2 Board of Trustees will no doubt be discussing a proposed reapportionment plan for the trustees at their meeting. Sumter County's legislative delegation chairman, Rep. Mac McLeod, D-Pinewood, revealed a redistricting plan that would retain board Chairman Louis Tisdale in that office until 1994. Board members have made no secret of their disagreement with the delegation's plan, which would prevent them from electing their own chairman again until 1994. Currently, the board can elect a new chairman at any time.

- Lemira's Elementary School's faculty members and students will join voices at Patriot Hall to say thanks to the community. The community appreciation concert is free and open to the public and will feature selections from several popular Broadway musicals. Leila Long, Lemira's music director, said the combination of faculty and students singing together in a chorus "is very unique."

- The Sumter School District 2 Board of Trustees named a new principal for Furman High School. Harold Chandler, principal at Marion High School, will become principal at Furman in the fall, District 2 Interim Superintendent Dr. Frank Baker said. Baker said Chandler has worked in District 2 before, first as a guidance counselor, then as assistant principal at Ebenezer Junior High School, and then as assistant principal at Hillcrest High School.

- Sumter High School overcame a slow start by starting pitcher Kevin Rickard and a quiet night with the bats to hand Stratford a 3-2 loss in the second round of the 4A state baseball playoffs at Sumter High. Randy Goodroe was the hero of the win, coming through with an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh inning to break a 303 tie.

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I can miss one, too

Everything had been perfect. I'd gotten up at the right time, 3:30 a.m., and hit the road at 4 o'clock, headed to the Lowcountry. It's an hour-and-a-half drive to the hunting club on the Edisto River, and I rolled through the gate at 5:30 a.m. No one else was there.



Dan Geddings

Daylight starts sneaking in about 6 o'clock, and I needed to be sitting on the ground by then. The

birds had been roosting in cypress trees along a flooded slough close to the River Road. I would need to walk past that slough to get to the best set-up spot, and I needed to do it before it got light enough to be seen.

This was the area where my son, Clayton, and I had cut a path, back before the turkey season started. We had followed the edge of the slough back toward the river, where these birds usually roosted. But now, they were roosting right beside this sandy timber road. There is no other way to approach this area than to walk right past them.

I had gotten there early enough and drove from the clubhouse in the dark without turning on my headlights. I turned into a side road to park my truck out of sight and walked down the River Road without using a flashlight. There was enough light from the crescent moon and a sky full of twinkling stars. I practically tip-toed past the slough as quietly as possible, stepping softly and carefully with each step.

When I sat down facing back toward the direction I had used to approach this area, the cypress slough was to my right, the road I had walked in on was to my front, and a thick cut-over was to my left. It was about 6 o'clock, and the first red bird had not yet called.

The one thing I had neglected to do was to look at the water level in the slough behind the clubhouse. It would have given me an idea of the water level in the slough where the turkeys were likely roosted to my right.

At 6:15 a.m. the first red bird called, then another and another. Other songbirds joined the chorus until the woods was ringing with melodies. At 6:20 a.m., a turkey gobbled a hundred yards out in the woods to my right rear. I needed to know his exact location and turned to face in that direction. Then I wondered, "where are the hens?"

A very distinct "ploop" sounded very near, in the water of the slough, and I thought with a chuckle, "probably a dropping from one of the hens." Then a very soft tree yelp confirmed my suspicion. The hens were very near.

The trees and understory around me probably provided enough cover to keep the hens from spotting me seated at the base of a large pine, and I'm sure my camouflage helped too. I sat very still and only moved my head and eyes very slowly.

When the turkey gobbled again he was on the ground and farther away. There is a very dim fire break here that runs through the woods to a spot on the river that we call the "swimming hole." If the gobbler continued on his apparent course, then he would likely walk into the firebreak. I turned a little more to face the portion of firebreak that I could see, about 30 yards to my right.

By now I had turned a full 180 degrees from my original direction. I had scooted around the tree, very carefully, to keep the hens from seeing me, until I was facing the woods and the faint firebreak, with the road and cut-over to my rear.

A hen flew from one of the big pines nearby and landed in the road behind me. It looked like I was going to be between this old tom and his hens. Another hen yelped out over the slough behind me. This was perfect.

The turkey gobbled again, in the firebreak, and very close. My palms started sweating, and my heart started racing with excitement. Oh boy! This was working out good!

Just then I heard a hen fly down in the woods to my left. She started yelping and cutting excited calls at the gobbler. He did what any normal turkey gobbler would do, turned in her direction and gobbled an excited reply. They were very close, a maybe 50 yards, but I couldn't see them for the brush.

I pulled out my box call and made a pretty excited call myself. The tom gobbled right where the hen had called from, but I didn't seriously think he would walk away from a real hen. I had forgotten about the firebreak and was squirming around trying to see through the brush to my left to spot these birds.

A little time went by with only quiet, then a very loud series of alarm "puts" from the firebreak. The big long-beard and a hen were standing about 20 yards away, trying to figure out what I was and telling the whole woods about it.

Instinctively, I raised my gun, which was already on my knee, but that slight movement sent them running. I tried a shot at the running gobbler but hit a pine tree just as he ran behind it and took flight.

Turkey season is over now, and I know some of you will be relieved. But I'll have a whole year to think about that miss and what went perfectly wrong.

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BY S.C. DNR

A South Carolina Department of Natural Resources official conducts a boat inspection recently on a South Carolina lake.

No charges to be filed in boating fatality

BY S.C. DNR

After conducting a thorough investigation, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) has determined no criminal charges will be filed for the boating fatality that took place on Lake Murray the night of Thursday, April 21, 2017. The Eleventh Circuit Solicitor's Office was consulted and reviewed all of the files of the investigation and concurred with SCDNR's decision.

SCDNR Boat Inspection Team

The collision occurred around 11 p.m. when the 18-foot bass boat operated by Danny Phillips failed to give way to Bruce Dyer's 32-foot center console boat. Based upon investigation, the bass boat had the responsibility of giving way to the center console boat. In an attempt to avoid collision, Dyer made a sharp turn, ejecting his wife and another passenger overboard. Despite the evasive attempt, the boats collided. Two of the

three passengers in the bass boat were killed due to the impact, and the third survived with non-life-threatening injuries. None of the passengers on Dyer's boat sustained serious injuries.

Following the incident, Dyer passed the Seated Field Sobriety Test and the Standard Field Sobriety Test, exhibiting no signs of impairment. Officers present also observed no signs of impairment. Based upon the results of the field sobriety tests and officers' observations, under state law and training protocols, no further tests could be required.

All parties were cooperative and forthcoming throughout the investigation. Dyer willingly handed his GPS over to SCDNR officers, who then used the GPS to calculate the speed and navigation track of Dyer's boat before and during the collision. This evidence, along with witness statements, helped in determining the nature of the accident.

South Carolina law states

that, in order for a reckless homicide charge to be filed, the person must have been operating the boat "in such a manner as to indicate either a willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property." The investigation has determined Dyer's speed was not excessive, nor was there any erratic operation of his vessel. Therefore, no reckless homicide or operating charges are appropriate with regard to the center console boat.

South Carolina law also states the operator of a boat involved in a collision is required "if he can do so without serious danger to his own vessel, crew, or passengers, to render assistance as it may be practical or necessary to persons affected by the collision." After the collision, Dyer recovered his passengers from the water, secured his vessel, called 9-1-1, and directed his spotlight toward the bass boat.

The investigation is being finalized and the final report should be completed by the end of the month.

U.S. fishing industry retracted a bit in 2015

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — America's fishing industry declined slightly in 2015 as fishermen contended with environmental and market forces, the federal government says.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Tuesday released its "Fisheries Economics of the United States" report for 2015, the most recent year for which statistics are available. The report says U.S. fisheries contributed a little less than \$208 billion in sales, a decline from nearly \$214 billion in 2014, which the government stressed was a "banner year."

The number of fisheries jobs was also down 12 percent, to 1.6 million. But the NOAA noted the 2015 totals were better than they were four years earlier and were the second best year in the period from 2011 to 2015.

The NOAA said environmental factors included marine toxins; El Nino, a naturally occurring worldwide climate phenomenon that starts with unusually warm water in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific and then changes weather worldwide; and the Pacific Ocean's "warm blob," an area of

relatively warm water off the West Coast. Those factors drove down the value of crab, squid, hake and salmon, the agency said.

Environmental factors have also been felt on the East Coast, where warming ocean waters are among the factors blamed for the collapse of the Atlantic cod fishery.

"In New England in particular, we're seeing some of these environmental changes," said Alan Risenhoover, an administrator with NOAA. "That affects some stocks."

The NOAA's report mentioned one of the strongest fisheries in the country was the Maine lobster fishery. The value of all the lobster caught in Maine has climbed from \$237 million in 2009 to more than \$500 million in 2015.

The NOAA also released its annual "Status of Stocks" report, about the health of different species. The report states that three stocks of Chinook salmon, along the Washington coast and in the Columbia River basin, and one stock of Coho salmon, along the Washington coast, have been removed from the federal overfishing list.

FISHING REPORTS

SANTEE-COOPER SYSTEM (4/23)

Santee Cooper water levels are at 75.19 in Lake Marion (full pool is 76.8) and 75.15 in Lake Moultrie (full pool is 75.5).

On the catfish front, Captain Jim Glenn (843-825-4239) reports that it's been a good period for catching fish on the Santee Cooper lakes. Broadly, the bigger fish are scattered at various depths but generally shallower, while the smaller cats are concentrated in deeper water. In very deep water (for spring) greater than 30 feet most of the fish are in the 1 pound and smaller range right now, and in middle to deeper water from 15-28 feet there are concentrations of 2-6 pound fish. On recent trips when anglers want to increase their chances of tangling with big fish, understanding that numbers will be lower, Jim's boat has targeted 5-12 feet of water. In addition to nice blues in the teens on up to 30 plus pounds, they have caught some solid channel catfish in the same depth range.

Cut shad has been working well, and on days when there is no wind the bite has been noticeably slower. A healthy breeze makes for the best fishing right now — as is often the case.

LAKE WATEREE (5/8)

Lake Wateree is at 98.1 percent of full pool, and while water levels are fairly high the clarity is decent for Lake Wateree. It's not overly muddy.

Bass on Lake Wateree are definitely in the post-spawn period right now, and tournament angler Dearth Rodgers of Camden reports that fish are in a pretty typical late spring pattern for Wateree. They can be found around shoreline cover such as grass, stumps, laydowns and docks, and in the morning throwing a buzzbait or spinnerbait is the best bet. Once the sun gets up flipping around docks or grass is the best pattern. As is normally the case at this time of year on Lake Wateree, probably because post-spawn fish are suspended, flipping soft plastics such as lizards, craws, or a 1/8 ounce shakey head worm is working better than jigs. Once it starts to get hot jigs usually come back into their own once fish relate more to the bottom.

It's been a good season on Lake Wateree, but veteran tournament angler Will Hinson of Cassatt reports that the crappie spawn is finally over and done with. While there are a very few straggler fish left in the creeks, generally they are moving out to main lake brush in 15-21 feet of water. Early they are suspended just above the brush, but as the sun comes up they sink down into it. Some people are catching fish tight-lining minnows over brush, but Will has had the best success jigging Fish Stalker jigs on single rod.

LAKE MURRAY (5/11)

Lake Murray water levels are at 358.02 (full pool is 360.00), and surface water temperatures are in the mid-70s over much of the lake. The lake is fairly stained from recent rains.

At times it has been a trying spring for anglers targeting Lake Murray bass, and tournament angler Andy Wicker said that for much of the last month it has looked like the herring spawn might also be a bit of a disappointment for bass fishermen. However, in the DOT tournament recently on Lake Murray Andy was pleasantly surprised by the bite that he and his tournament partner found. Practicing "on the water" they caught 17 pounds for third place in the 20-boat event, while the winning team managed a little over 20 pounds.

Andy says that he saw some of the biggest groups of herring he has seen in a while, and on several occasions they saw schools of hundreds of herring swimming across shallow points. The best action was on the main lake, and they were able to target the fish with typical topwater lures for this time of year as well as flukes. They couldn't catch a bass on swimbaits but managed dozens of stripers. In an encouraging sign they caught fish right through the day instead of having the bite die as soon as the sun got up. Andy suspects that the full moon is accounting for a very strong herring spawn.

In addition to catching striped bass shallow around herring points, Captain Brad Taylor (803-331-1354) reports that a bunch of striper are starting to set up in the main lake about 40-50 feet down where they can be caught on down-lined herring. These fish could be close to the bottom or at that depth over much deeper water. Early in the morning he is pulling free-lines and planer boards, and there is also some cut bait fishing around main lake humps. The best pattern is to move baits from the shallower to deeper parts of the humps as the sun gets up.

Crappie are biting pretty well, and Brad reports that they are having the best success fishing in main lake pockets 10-12 feet down over brush in 15-20 feet of water. On the catfish front, Captain William Attaway (803-924-0857) reports that it's a good time to fish for channel catfish on Lake Murray. Right now the best action is around secondary points, humps, and back in coves, with the best depth range 25-35 feet during the day and 1-15 feet at night. In large part because of boat traffic night fishing is usually better. At night fish will be exploring fallen timber and riprap — the same types of places they will spawn very soon.

While you can catch probably catch bigger fish on cut bait, you have to deal with the gar and turtles and so William's preferred bait right now is dip bait. Sonny's Super Sticky is his personal favorite.

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In Loving Memory of Dorothy Dawson Hall for Mother's Day
Sunset 05/07/2016

I am learning how to live in a new way, since that day you were taken away. I am learning how to live with the things left unsaid, knowing I got to say them with every tear I shed. I am learning how to live by embracing the pain, knowing that you live on through the memories that remain. I am learning how to live knowing I will never again see your face, and I have peace knowing you're in a better place. I am learning how to live knowing you're in God's care it gives me strength to move on and makes the pain much easier to bear.
Missing you, your Family

Happy Mother's Day



In Remembrance of our Loving Mother Mrs. Annie Bell Tindal
09/13/26 - 1/16/09

We love you and miss you. Sadly Missed & Forever Loved, Dorothy, Mae, Eula, Bessie, Leroy, Redell, Maxine, Micheal, Lana & Grandchildren



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In Memory

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Mother, if we could give you anything, it would be simple, yet more than money could buy. We couldn't afford it, no matter how hard we tried. It would be that you could get back all the love that you gave away, and on that day when we meet again we'd be standing first in line, for we owe more than all the rest. We didn't just have a mother, God gave us his best. *We love and miss you, Happy Birthday & Mother's Day. Love your Children & Family. Her children arise up, and called her blessed Prov. 31:28*



In Loving Memory of Frances Prescott
Married
May 14, 1949

For 66 years she was the love of my life. Caring mother, wonderful wife. Even though she is no longer with me, I will love her for eternity.
Allen



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Thank you for all your support and love.
Love, Donnie



Thank you for always being there for me.
Love, Jessie.

Ruby Gladden, Mother's Day will be different this year. We all love and miss you. The Gladden family and friends.



Happy Mother's Day to our dear mother in Heaven. Love and miss you, Your Children



Happy Mother's Day to my mother, Helen, and my grandmothers Mazie and Jessie.
Love, Marcus Shannon



Happy Mother's Day, Mom. Love ya. From your kids and grandkids.

I miss you.
I cried when you passed away; I still cry today. Although I love you dearly; I couldn't make you stay. Your golden heart stopped beating; Hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove he only takes the best. Happy Mother's Day. Your daughter, Ella B. Williams



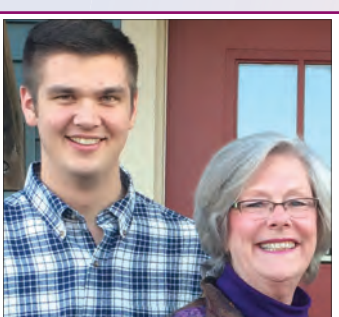
Wishing you the best Mother's Day and more! We'd be nothing without you! Love, Jason and Gabriel



Happy Mother's Day, Sandra Trimnal. We miss & love you more everyday! Love, Lee and Lindsay



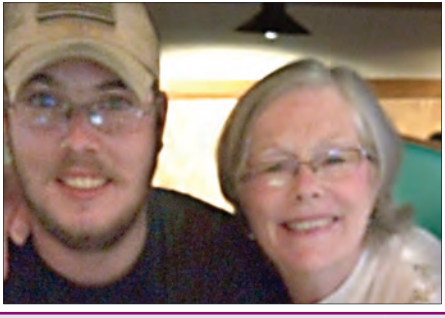
In Memory of Mrs. Willie Mae Mack-Himes. "A Piece of my Heart Lives in Heaven" Lord, can you pick a dozen roses from your garden and give them to our sweet mother and tell her we love and miss her so much... Our second Mother's Day without her, she will always be forever in our hearts... Love Sharon, Lorenze, Denise Andre Himes



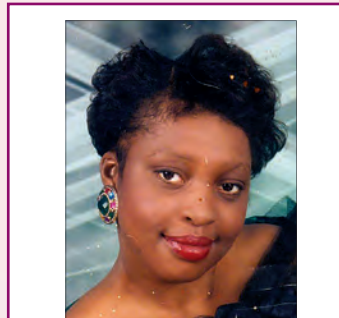
I appreciate your love and support for everything that you do. I couldn't have asked for a better mother.
I love you, William.



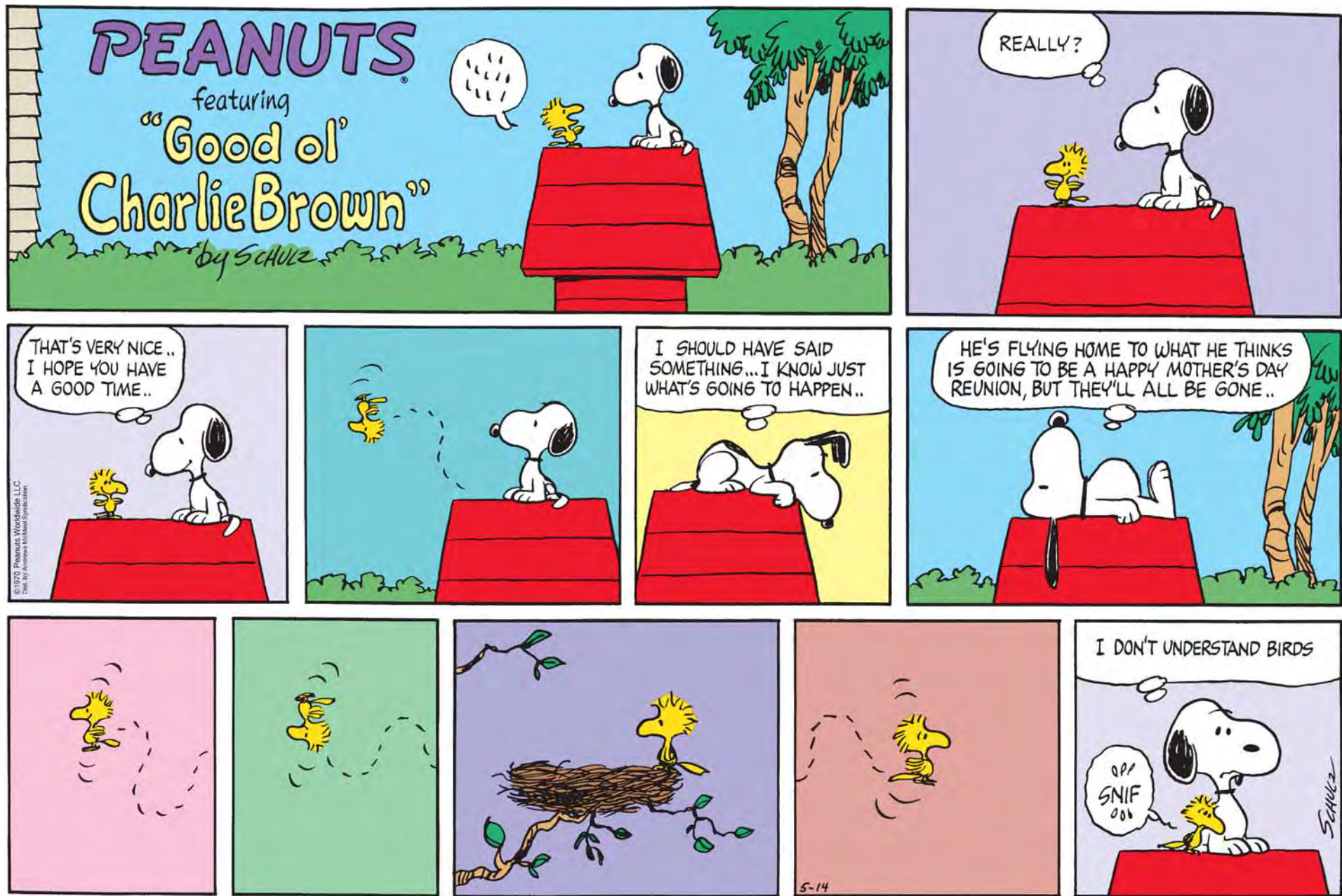
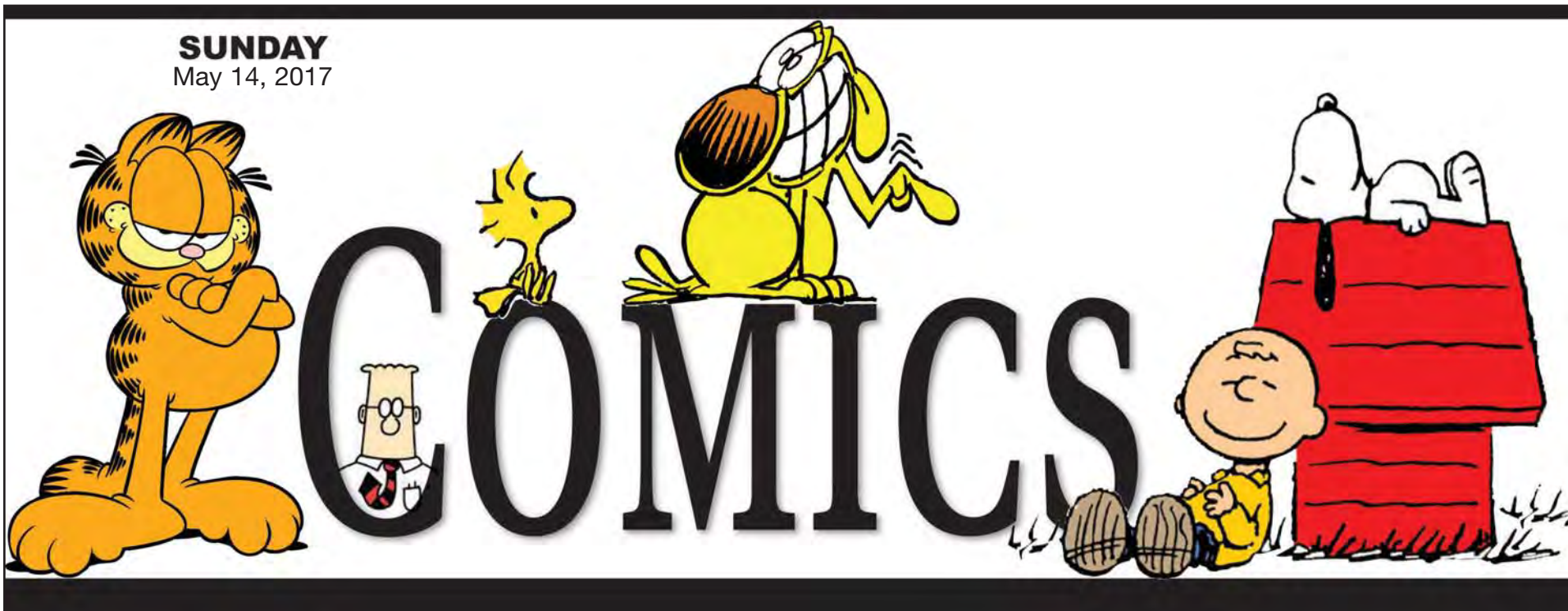
It's the first Mother's Day without you here but you are with me in my heart.
I love you, Mary



To the world's best mother. Thank you for everything you do for me.
Happy Mother's Day,
I love you, Max.

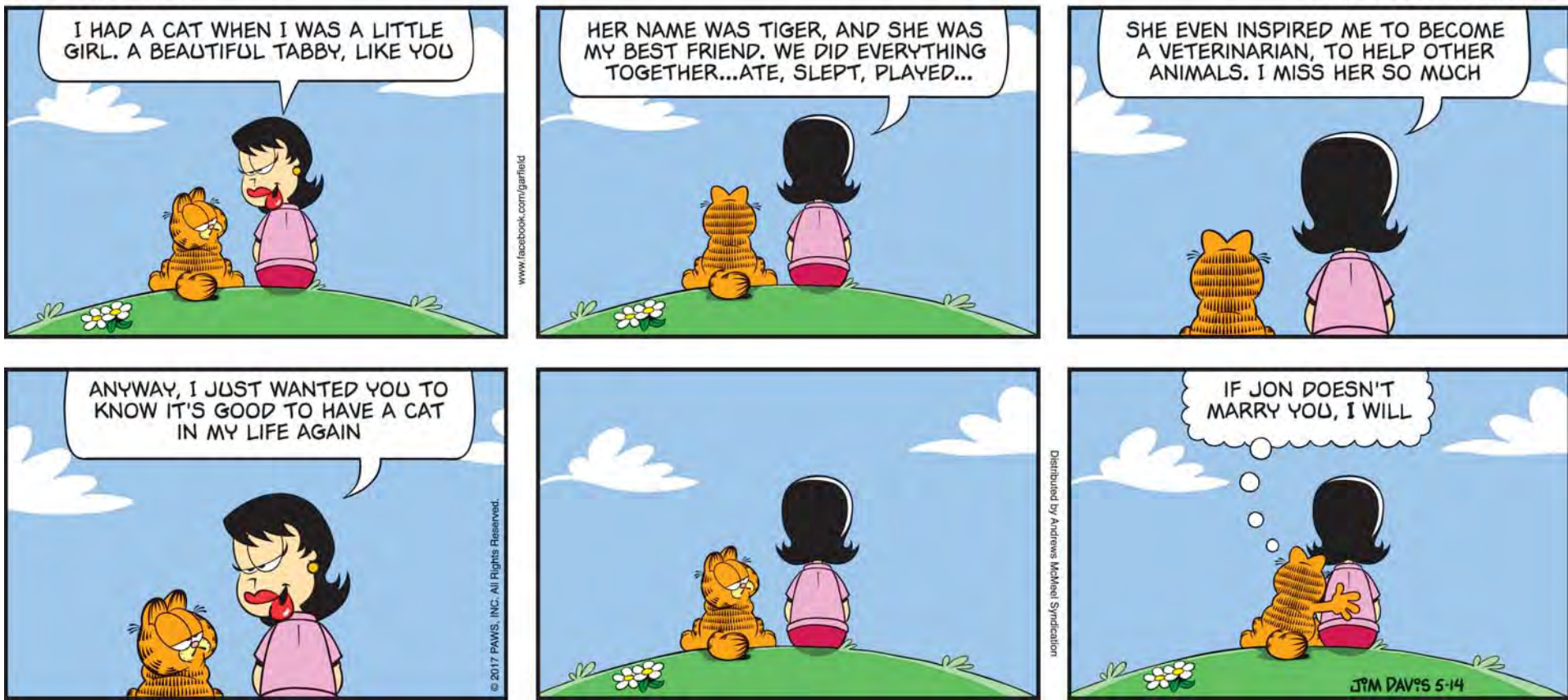


One More Moment
One more moment to see your face, To be wrapped in your arms and feel your warm embrace.
One more moment to receive advice from you, To have your sweet words help me make it through.
One more moment to share with you how I feel. To laugh and have a conversation over a home cooked meal.
One more moment to marvel at the greatness I come from, To have you now see the woman I have become.
One more moment is all I want, one more moment is all I need. To have this one moment is all I plead.
One moment to last a lifetime, one more moment to help me cope. To have this one moment gives me hope.
Love you daughter, Santana...
Happy Mother's Day



GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS



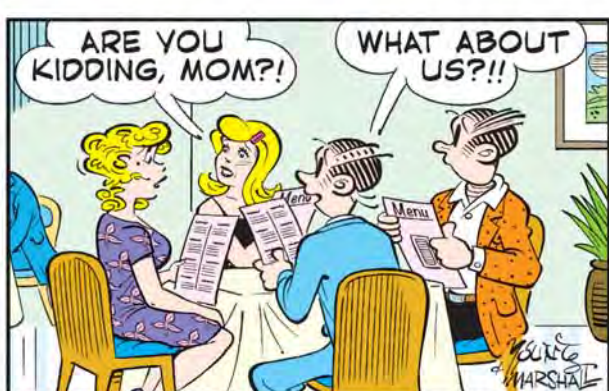
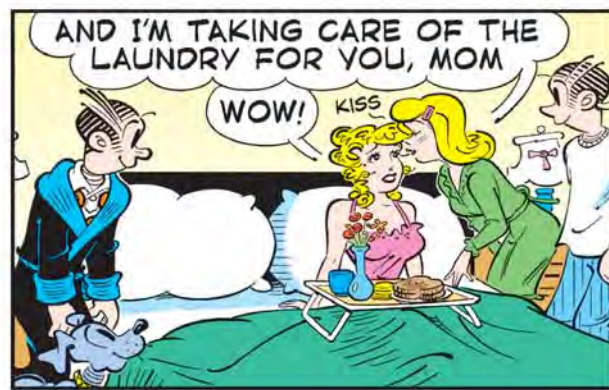
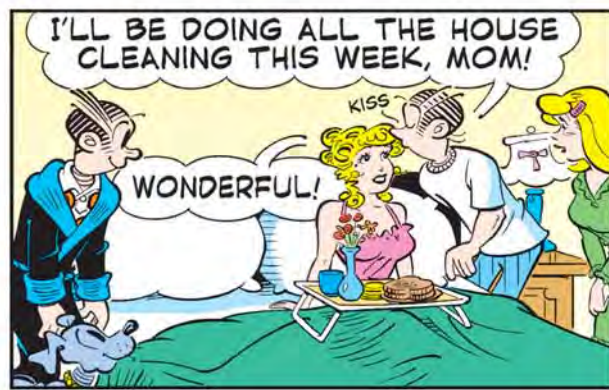
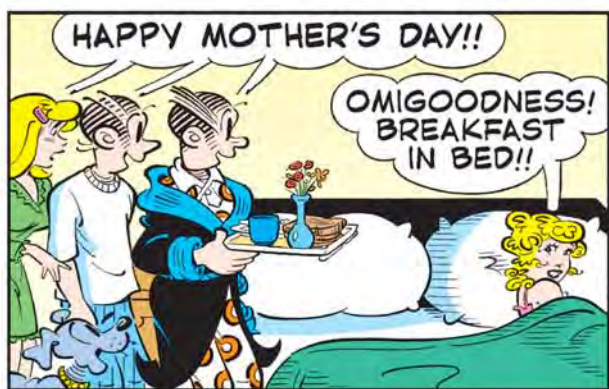
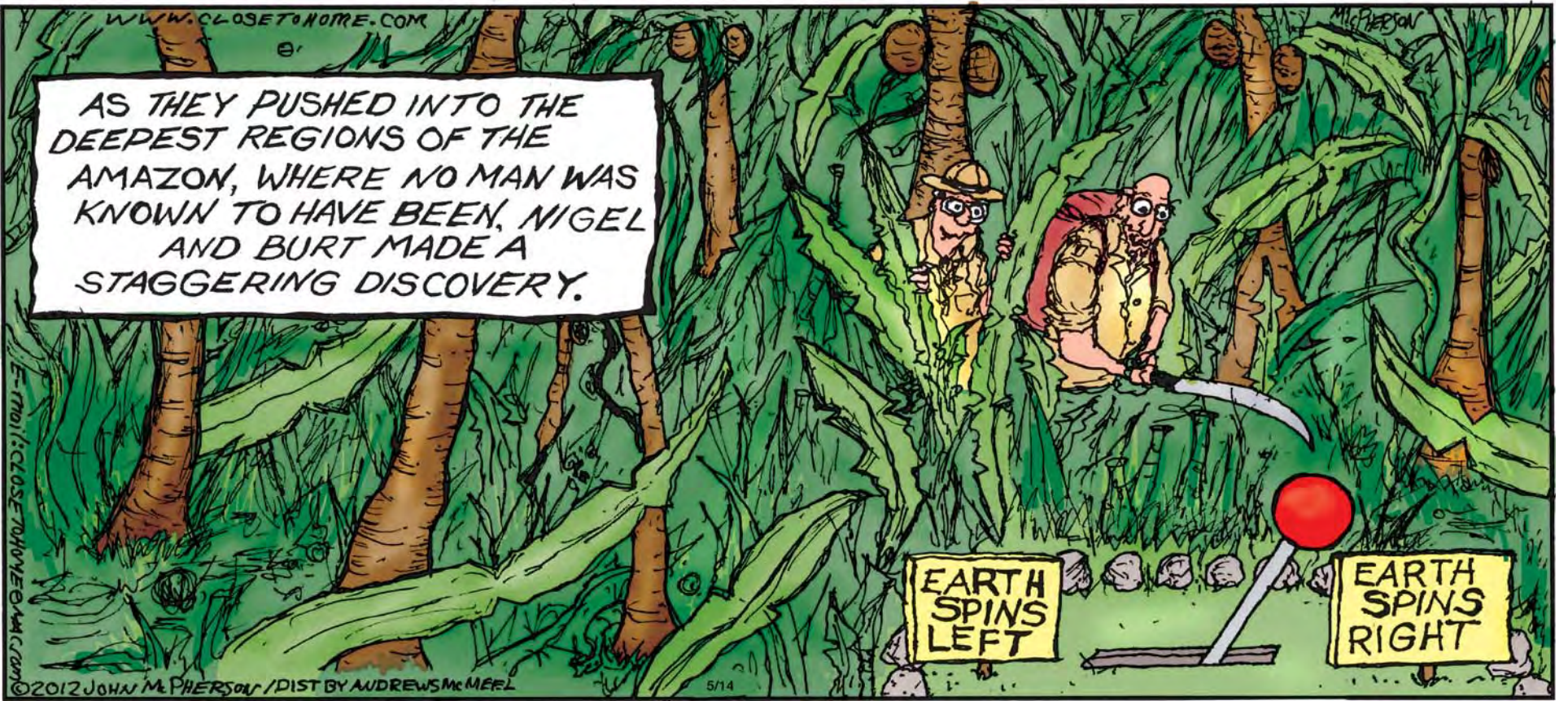
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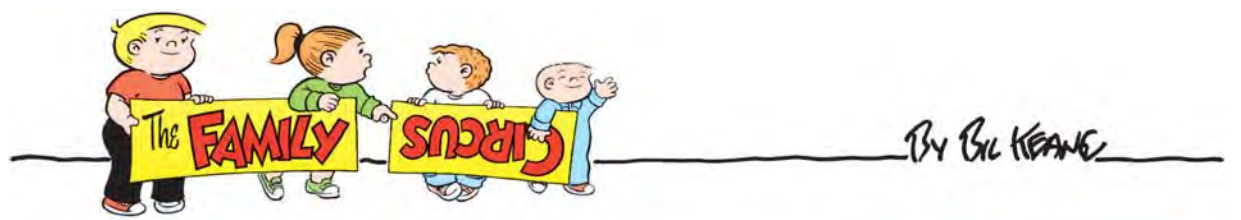
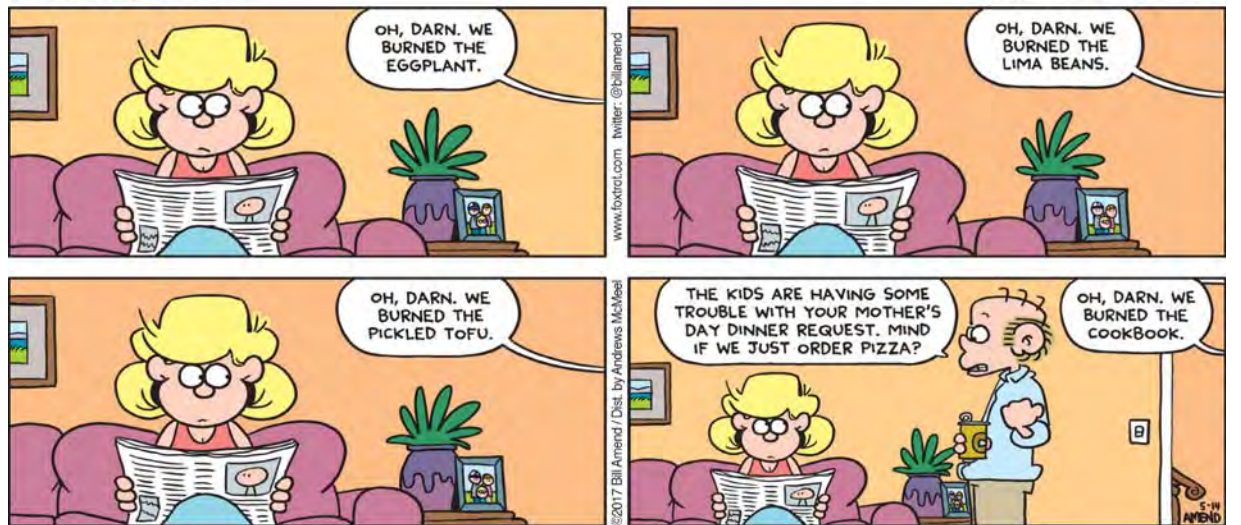
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DOODLE ZOO

I SAT UP ALL NIGHT TO SEE WHERE THE SUN WENT... THEN IT DAWNED ON ME.

DRAW!!

DRAW A RACCOON!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT DID THE MAYONNAISE SAY WHEN THE FRIDGE WAS OPENED?
A. CLOSE THE DOOR, I'M DRESSING!
Denise Connor, Richfield, MN

Q. WHAT WORD IS ALWAYS SPELLED WRONG IN THE DICTIONARY?
A. "WRONG."
Billy Shepard, Olathe, KS

Wrong
From the dictionary
I took the word

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

5-14

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Shirt is longer. 2. Sign is smaller. 3. Trunks are longer. 4. Hair is different. 5. Collar is different. 6. Stripe is added to sleeve.

FRANK AND ERNEST

FRANK, YOU'RE PARTLY CUT OUT OF THIS PICTURE!

KIDS THESE DAYS KNOW THEIR GADGETS, BUT NOTHING ABOUT WHERE FOOD COMES FROM. I HIRED A KID TO WORK ON THE FARM AND THAT PHOTO IS WHAT I GOT WHEN HE HEARD THE WORD "CROP."

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THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

THESE FLOWERS ARE FOR YOU—HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

STOP INSTAGRAMMING YOUR FOOD

OH, MY! DAFFODILS ARE MY FAVORITE! HOW THOUGHTFUL OF YOU!

WIZARD OF ID

by parker and hart

HP

NAB

GOOD JOB! THAT'S MY BALL!

POOF

DID YOUR FATHER HELP YOU WITH THIS?

NOPE, I DID IT ALL BY MYSELF!

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

WANNA PLAY A GAME?

GOOD DAY, SIR!

PRETEND I SLAMMED THE PHONE.

AW. I WAS HOPING FOR POKEMON.

THIS TENTH STATE BANK GUY WOULDN'T GIVE ME ANY MONEY.

HA HA! JUST BECAUSE HE'S NAMED BANK DOESN'T MEAN HE'LL GIVE YOU MONEY.

HUH? NO, HE WAS A BANK.

FUNNY HOW OFTEN THAT HAPPENS.

HUH?

GUY NAMED BANK... OPENS A BANK.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS.

NO, WHAT WOULD BE RIDICULOUS WOULD BE FOR HIM TO OPEN A DELI CALLED TENTH STATE BANK'S DELI.

HUH?

THE WORLD WORKS IN BEAUTIFUL WAYS.

REAGAN AIRPORT ... OPENED AN AIRPORT! LAMBEAU FIELD... BUILT A FIELD.

AMAZING.

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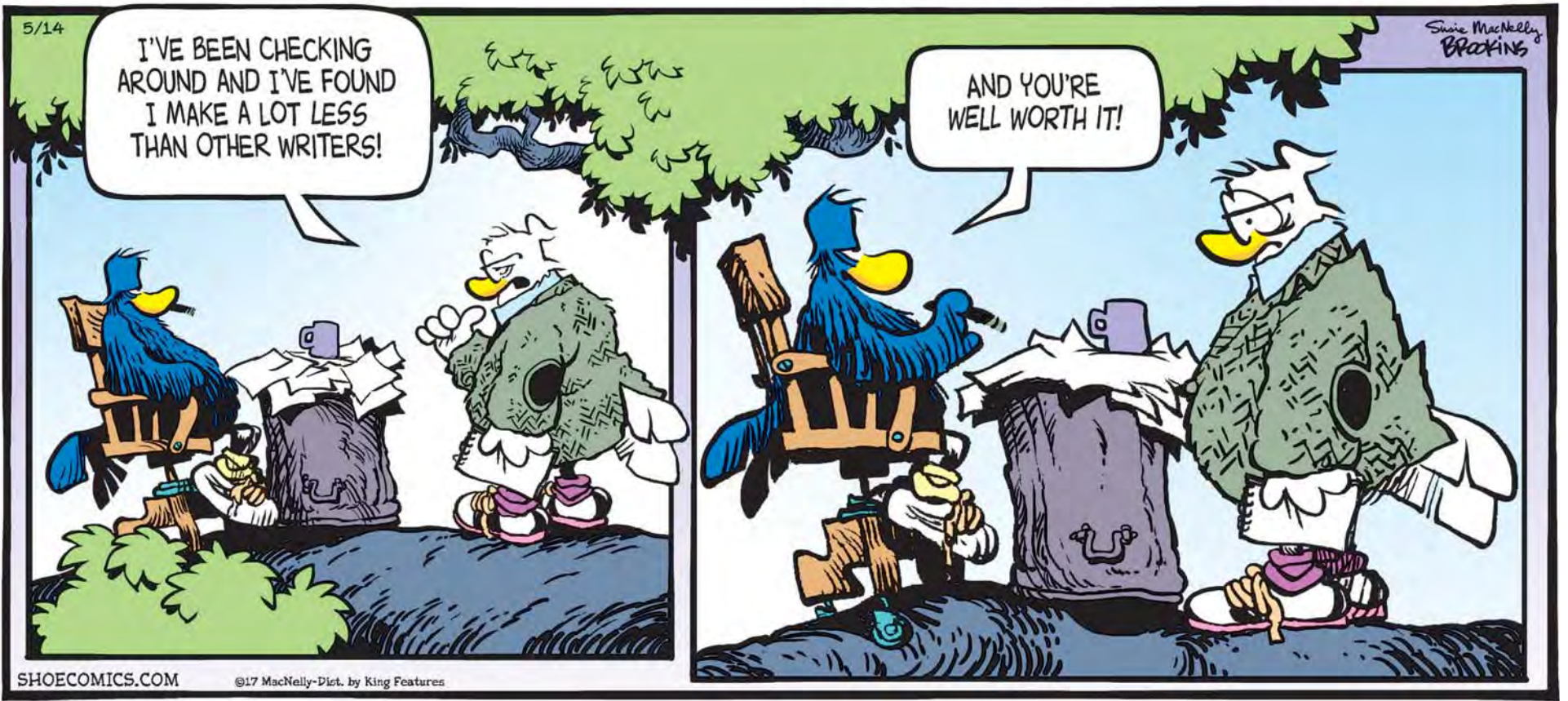
DON'T TELL ME YOU BOUGHT THEM FOR ME WITH YOUR OWN MONEY?

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NAH, I FOUND THEM NEXT DOOR, AT OLD MRS. SMITH'S—SOME DELIVERY PERSON JUST LEFT THEM ON HER PORCH!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

