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SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday's meeting postponed

McGhaney says more time needed to prepare for work session; reason unknown

BY BRUCE MILLS
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In a decision Friday afternoon, the Sumter School Board of Trustees is postponing its scheduled Monday work session because the district office needs more time to prepare for the meeting, according to the board chairman.



MCGHANEY

Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney made his comments Saturday morning to *The Sumter Item*.

"On Friday afternoon, I got a phone call requesting that we not have the board meeting on Monday, but could we postpone it a couple days," McGhaney said.

In that Friday phone conversation with district personnel, McGhaney said he was not informed the particular reason why staff wanted to postpone the meeting, except that they needed more time in preparation for the board meeting. McGhaney said he was told at the time that Superintendent Frank Baker had not revealed the specific reasons for the delay.

McGhaney did say that he was expecting a call back later on Saturday from district staff with an explanation. McGhaney said Saturday morning he didn't anticipate the issue was anything major, and that *The Item* would be informed in advance of the meeting to then inform the public.

"The board meeting will definitely be later

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Spinning Craze



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The mania for fidget spinners, the 3-inch twirling gadgets taking over classrooms and cubicles, is unlike many other toy crazes. According to USA Today, fidgeting devices have been around for many years to help aid students with autism or attention disorders concentrate while learning.

3-pronged hand-held gadget causing big stir

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The three-pronged, plastic/metal palm-sized device that rotates around a small central weighted disc is spinning into school classrooms across the nation and is causing a stir in Sumter County.

The new craze, the fidget spinner, has caused controversy in Sumter County schools due to the ability to distract students from the educational process.

According to USA Today, fidgeting devices have been around for many years to help aid students with autism or attention disorders

concentrate while learning but have not become popular until recently.

The gadget propels in a ceiling fan-like motion and can be balanced on any solid surface, such as a person's finger.

Yet, while designed to assist those with attention disorders or with autism, several teachers do not use these devices to help their students.

Dawn Gauvreau, who lives in Sumter and teaches as a special education teacher for middle school students at Camden Middle School, states that while she



PHOTO PROVIDED

Meagan Hudson, a Sumter High School student, plays with her pink fidget spinner while studying. The new craze has caused controversy in Sumter County schools.

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Members of the Quilts of Valor organization, Charles Thornton, left, and Heidi Thornton, right, present a handmade quilt on Saturday to World War II veteran Walter Peterson and his wife, Ann, at their home in Sumter.

Quilts of Valor honor WWII veteran

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On Saturday, Staff Sgt. Walter Peterson, 91, was awarded the Quilt of Valor for his service, sacrifice and time spent serving the nation in combat during World War II.

Founded in November 2003, Quilts of Valor began when Catherine Roberts, the founder, awarded the first quilt and presented it to an Army veteran who lost part of his leg at war in Iraq.

To date, the Quilts of Valor organization has awarded 159,201 quilts. While the quilts are designed for the military service members and veterans



Walter Peterson holds a pair of cross medallions.

who have experienced war, a Quilt of Valor is a lifetime award that is made to comfort and heal those that have either experienced physical or

physiological trauma from war, according to Quilts of Valor representatives presenting the award.

Heidi and Charles Thornton, the representatives who awarded Peterson with his quilt, said every veteran must be nominated to receive a quilt and once approved, it may take as many as two-and-a-half years for the process of quilting to start. Creating quilts cost at least \$275 to make and are free of charge to the family and veteran being presented.

According to Charles

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Economist: State's low unemployment rates translate to lack of available skilled workers

BY BRUCE MILLS
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With historically low unemployment rates throughout South Carolina, most qualified workers have already found jobs and it's slim pickings for employers trying to add more skilled employees currently, according to a regional economist who closely tracks the state's economy.

Rick Kaglic, senior regional economist with the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, made those comments Friday during a conference call, discussing the release of two monthly employment reports for South Carolina and North Carolina.

"In both North Carolina and South Carolina, labor markets are very, very tight," Kaglic said.

"That means that the supply side of labor is tight. When unemployment comes down as much as it has, then the demand is a little greater than the

supply of labor."

Kaglic said employers are not necessarily in a duress situation for skilled workers yet, but their inability to find the right skill sets in applicants to fill open positions has intensified during the past two years. In his position with the Federal Reserve Bank, Kaglic travels throughout the Carolinas and meets regularly with business and industry representatives on their pace of hiring and demand for labor.

He said he believes the lack of an available skilled workforce hunting for work is slowing job growth now in South Carolina.

He noted in the 12-month period from the end April 2016 to April 2017, the state's job growth rate was 1.4 percent, or 28,600 jobs, compared to the U.S. average of 1.6 percent growth.



KAGLIC

"We're experiencing small job growth in South Carolina despite a high demand for labor," Kaglic said. Kaglic's analysis of the labor market seems applicable to monthly county unemployment data released Friday by the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce.

That data shows flat or declining employed residents and also unemployment residents searching for work in the tri-county area.

From March to April, the number of employed residents in Sumter County declined by 108 to 42,136 and the county's total labor force, when including those who are unemployed but actively searching for work, fell by 186 to 44,235.

In Clarendon County, the monthly dips from March to April were 18 for employed residents and 55 total for the county labor force.

Since the monthly numerical labor force dips in Sumter and Clarendon were greater than the drop in em-

ployed residents, the ratio that generates the unemployment rate reflected a decreased unemployment rate in both counties. Sumter's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in April, down from 4.9 percent in March. Clarendon's unemployment rate dropped from 5.4 percent to 5.2 percent in the same month.

Lee County showed basically flat trends: employed residents inched up by two in April to 6,165, and the labor force grew by six residents over the month to 6,532. With the minimal changes in the indicators, Lee's unemployment rate remained unchanged during the month at 5.6 percent.

During the past 12 months, labor force levels have been flat or declining in all three counties, according to SCDEW data.

For comparison purposes, the state's unemployment rate in April was 4.3 percent. The U.S. rate was 4.4 percent.

Election commission tabs Norman winner for open House seat

COLUMBIA (AP) — Conservative Ralph Norman has beaten the more centrist, establishment candidate for the Republican nomination for an open U.S. House seat in South Carolina and now faces the task of keeping the seat in GOP hands.

The State Election Commission certified the results of this week's runoff election after a recount Friday. Not a single vote changed from Tuesday's count. Norman finished with a 221-vote win out of more than 35,000 ballots cast.

Norman defeated Tommy Pope, the second-ranking Republican in the state House and a prosecutor who received national fame for prosecuting child killer Susan Smith nearly 23 years ago.

Norman moves on to face Democrat and former tax adviser Archie Parnell of Sumter and several third-party candidates on June 20.

Norman's win leaves Democrats a little more hopeful they can flip the district. Norman, who resigned from his state House seat to run for Congress this year, has voted against a significant, bipartisan majority on several bills, including one that would allow police officers to be eligible for workers compensation if they suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Norman also heavily embraced President Trump.

Parnell is a former staff attorney for the House Ways & Means Committee and the Department of Justice who has said his top priorities are tax reform and job creation.

Norman's strong showing over the more mainstream Republican Pope was a mild surprise. Norman's campaign surged with support from conservatives, such as U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and prominent former elected officials in South Carolina, including ex-Gov. Nikki Haley and Jim DeMint, the former senator and recently departed chief at The Heritage Foundation.

Democrats almost always have an uphill climb in South Carolina elections. Six of the state's seven U.S. House districts are in Republican control, and a Democrat has not won a congressional race in South Carolina outside the state's one majority African-American district since 2008.

Dog day afternoon



Whether laying in the sun or romping in the yard, Moe and Sassie are inseparable.

Dede's photo is a part of The Sumter Item's "Every Picture Tells A Story" contest. Enter online at www.theitem.com for a chance to win \$100 each month. Shed light on an important issue in Sumter; share a photo of an interesting person, place or event; show us where you've been in the world; or maybe just share an old photo. It's anything you want it to be, so go for it and have fun. Tell us a story.

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Volunteers to straighten, cleanup vets' headstones

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS
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20th Fighter Wing Public Affairs
Special to *The Sumter Item*

The 20th Civil Engineer Squadron fire department and Sumter Cemetery staff are scheduled to host a "Decorating the Decorated" cleanup at Sumter Cemetery beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

Volunteers will clean and straighten veterans' headstones across approximately 80 acres during the Memorial Day weekend event, which will prepare the grounds for a flag-placing event held on May 29.

"These fallen veterans are right in the backyard of Shaw Air Force Base," said Staff Sgt. Christian Arvelo, 20th CES fire protec-

tion crew chief, "so why not take care of our own and our own community and help out in any way we can? This is a way for the airmen and the military of today to help out those who have served and helped shape who we are. It's one of the small things we can do for them."

Sumter Cemetery is the final resting place of more than 3,300 service members from across all branches of the military, including the late Maj. Gen. Thomas R. Olsen, former 9th Air Force vice commander and U.S. Air Forces Central deputy commander.

"We have veterans from every war," said Mark Ferro, Sumter Cemetery manager. "There's not many places in Sumter (such as the cemetery) where you can walk

back in time."

The Shaw community has been more involved each year with volunteering at the cemetery, and it is important for the community to continue honoring the veterans laid to rest there, Ferro said.

"Memorial Day is something I didn't truly appreciate until I came into the military and then learned the history of all who came before me who served the country," Arvelo said.

Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, is a federal holiday that provides an opportunity for the community to remember service members who gave their lives in defense of the nation.

To volunteer for the event, contact Arvelo at (321) 263-8639.

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Todd Warrick plays the timid Leo Bloom, and Michael Duffy plays Max Bialystock, the greedy Broadway producer, in Mel Brooks' musical comedy "The Producers," opening Thursday at Sumter Little Theatre. The pair conspire to collect millions in backing from "little old ladies," produce a really, really bad play, then take the money and run to South America.

Cast members of Mel Brooks' musical comedy "The Producers" take a break from rehearsal to pose for a group photo. The play opens Thursday, May 25, at Sumter Little Theatre.

SLT presents Mel Brooks' musical comedy 'The Producers'

BY IVY MOORE

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What if they produced a play and everybody came?

That's the dilemma for Max Bialystock and Leo Bloom in "The Producers," the upcoming musical comedy at Sumter Little Theatre. Bialystock is a formerly successful Broadway producer who's desperate to have another big hit and tries to enlist the timid Bloom, an accountant, as a partner in another play. When Bloom determines they could make more money by deliberately producing a flop, take the money from backers and run to South America, that's what they decide to do.

They set out to find the worst play, worst director and worst actors in New York, and they succeed.

The only problem is that their musical comedy, titled "Springtime for Hitler — A Gay Romp with Adolf Hitler and Berchtesgaden," turns out to be a big hit. And that despite the fact they set out to ensure the play's failure by making sure it offends every possible ethnic group.

Carmela Bryan, who's directing "The Producers," has no such scheme. In contrast, she's found the area's most talented actors and technical staff to produce the Mel Brooks musical comedy, and she's aiming for another big hit like "The Full Monty" and "Cabaret," both of which she directed at SLT.

"It's got a big cast, and it's very complicated," Bryan said. "There are at least 30 people in the show, and that's with some of them playing double and triple roles."

Max and Leo are played by experienced SLT actors Michael Duffy and Todd Warrick, who have worked together several times on the SLT stage.

Costumers Sylvia Pickell, Cole Miller and Linda Gray have made "about 140 costumes," Bryan said, adding, "This is probably the biggest production on this Sumter Little Theatre stage."

Despite the size of the cast, she thinks SLT is "the optimal space for 'The Producers.'" It's more intimate than larger auditoriums, for one thing, allowing the audience an almost participatory experience.

Warrick agrees.

"It's good for the actors as well as the audience," he said. "We get energy from them throughout the show."

Bryan said her actors have been extremely dedicated through the months of rehearsal necessary to produce a complicated musical.

"They're doing a fabulous job of getting every little nuance of their characters," she said. "The actors can really have fun and really experiment with doing everything big — it's Mel Brooks! But they have to play the fine line between big and not making a caricature of the characters."

So what keeps them focused and interested?

"It's so much fun," Warrick said. "The show is hilarious. Even friends and relatives of the cast who have stopped in were laughing out loud."

Duffy said for him "it's an obsession. I love theater."

Warrick said while the part

of the timid Leo Bloom might seem like a stretch for him, "I think everybody has some shyness in them. An actor just has to find it and bring it out."

"Max is a 'big' character," Duffy said. "He really reminds me a lot of my father. I draw a lot on his personality."

Warrick and Duffy have done several shows together, which both said strengthens their performances. Many of the other cast members have been on stage for previous SLT productions, but for some, like Abney Rhodes, it's their first time.

Rhodes, a graduate of Sumter High School and the

American Music and Dramatic Academy in New York City, where she studied musical theater, plays Ulla. Ulla is a young, beautiful Swedish woman who wants to audition for Max and Leo's play, but they're more interested in her physical attributes. A dancer and singer, Ulla's big number is one she wrote herself titled "If You've Got It, Flaunt It."

Rhodes said it's a part she loves and added she's been "very impressed" by her fellow cast members and by Bryan.

Bryan emphasized the "teamwork" that makes the show work, citing musical di-

rectors Linda Beck and Joni Brown, the 10-piece orchestra that will accompany the songs, choreographers "Miss Libby" Singleton and Jennifer Reimer and their dancers and the technical crew, comprising set designer Duffy, stage manager Angela Keller and her stage crew.

Lighting designer David Shoemaker, who is also the orchestra's percussionist, built some special props for "Springtime for Hitler."

Sound designer Mike Bacon is also operating the lights and sound, and others helped construct the set and other stage pieces.

Directing such a large-scale show "is a challenge," Bryan said. "I like a good challenge. It's always fun to start from nothing and then see the finished product."

Sumter Little Theatre, 14 Mood Ave., presents Mel Brooks' musical comedy "The Producers" from May 25 through 28 and June 1 through 4. Sunday matinees begin at 3 p.m., Thursday through Saturday shows at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, students and military. "The Producers" is not recommended for children. Reserve tickets online or call SLT at (803) 775-2150.

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Missy Corrigan

Both groups, normal weight and slightly overweight, lost about 10 percent of their body weight and kept it off for two years. Not only did they lose

weight but their cholesterol decreased, blood sugar improved and inflammatory markers decreased. There were no reported increases in hunger and no negative effects on immune function.

A study of 100 obese or overweight women showed that those who were on an intermittent fasting diet had better insulin function than those who cut their calories 25 percent every day. This is important because poor insulin function is the root cause of many weight-related diseases.

Intermittent fasting isn't technically considered a diet because it is more about when you eat, not what you eat. It allows for specific periods of fasting and eating. This could be regular 16-hour daily fasts with an 8-hour window to eat or 24-hour fasts several times throughout the week.

The 5:2 diet is five days of normal eating and two days of eating 500 to 600 calories per day. This particular method has been shown to increase the resistance of cells to different types of stresses and diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, cancer and Alzheimer's.

Researchers believe that intermittent fasting possibly slows the growth of tumor cells. Because cancer cells use glucose as their primary energy source, the fasting state keeps glucose levels low. A British study on women with breast cancer is underway to determine the effectiveness of intermittent fasting diets on cancer cells and normal cells during chemotherapy.

It is recommended that individuals who are overweight or obese should try to lose weight with this method. If it is too difficult to slash calories every day, try the 5:2 diet. It is suggested that even those of normal weight could benefit and add years with this approach. There is no evidence that intermittent fasting is harmful or has adverse effects on healthy people.

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National Safe Boating Week kicks off

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Mayor Joe McElveen and members of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-1 on Lake Marion started off National Safe Boating Week with a proclamation signing in Sumter City Council Chambers on Friday morning.

McElveen signed the proclamation to show his and the city's support for the safe boating campaign, which is recognized between May 20 and May 26.

National Safe Boating Week is always held the week before Memorial weekend, said Perry Moses, vice commander of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-1.

Moses said the Coast Guard's goal this year is to get boat operators and passengers to wear life jackets while on the water. The Coast Guard has painted the slogan, "Wear it" at various landings, he said.

Robert Young, flotilla commander, said another goal is for boaters to help others if any problems arise while away from shore.

The ultimate goal is to get through the season with no incidents, he said.

Moses said the Coast Guard will also have a voluntary no-penalty boat inspection on May 26 at Alex Harvin Landing in Manning. Officers will check boats to make sure all required equipment is present and up to date, he said.

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will also conduct boat inspections this summer as well as patrol the waters to make sure boaters are having fun safely.

Requirements, such as life jackets, fire extinguishers, navigation lights, flotation devices and sound devices, vary depending on the size and type of boat, said DNR officer Stephen Bryant, private first class.

There needs to be a life jacket for each passenger with the proper sizes for adults and children, he said. Life jackets for infants and children are



ADRIENNE SARVIS / THE SUMTER ITEM

Mayor Joe McElveen signs a proclamation recognizing May 20 to May 26 as National Safe Boating Week in Sumter City Council Chambers on Friday. Also photographed are Perry Moses III and Bob Young, vice commander and commander, respectively, of U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 12-1 on Lake Marion.

sized based on the weight and size of the child, he said.

And if you can, bring extra life jackets because you never know if you will need to give someone a ride, he said.

Bryant said paddle boarders are required to wear life jackets and carry a sound device, such as a whistle, in case of emergencies.

Bryant said DNR officers are checking boat registration because there has been an increase in boats being stolen, especially in Sumter.

DNR wants to help prevent boating wrecks this season, he said. "We don't want anyone to die this year," he said.

Bryant said alcohol has played a large role in boating wrecks in past years. He said he knows of two boating incidents that have already happened this year, one involving alcohol.

Drinking outside can affect the body

differently than if you're drinking inside because of the heat, he said. You can also feel the effects of alcohol quicker if you haven't drank any water or eaten any food, he said.

People caught operating a boat while intoxicated can be charged with boating under the influence and taken to jail, he said.

Bryant said officers will be out patrolling the waters this summer to make sure people are being safe while having a good time.

If you see questionable behavior on the water, get an officer's attention and let them know, he said.

For more information about Safe Boating Week, contact U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary District 7 Flotilla at (803) 464-8289 or (803) 464-2172.

For information on boating requirements, visit dnr.gov.



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Propst-Moody

GREENVILLE — Martha Riviere Propst of Greenville and James Matthew Moody of Dillon were married on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Fourth Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Patricia Crout Gwinn officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sims Propst of Greenville and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Earle Duncan Getchell of Mobile, Alabama, and the late Dr. and Mrs. Charles Robert Propst of Sumter. Riviere graduated from Presbyterian College with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. She is employed by The Citadel Foundation in Charleston.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Terrel Moody of Dillon and the grandson of Ms. Earline Simmons Moody and the late Mr. Leon Aron Moody of Dillon and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKenzie Hyman of Latta. Matt graduated from Coastal

Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts in Marketing. He is employed by Enterprise Holdings, LLC, in Charleston.

The bride was escorted by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

Matron of honor was Jessica Lorusso Propst, sister-in-law of the bride. Maid of honor was Katelyn Elizabeth Shanor. Bridesmaids were Eleanor Lemon Bourne and Natalie Barribeau Argueta.

Music was provided by Taylor Saifi Sifford, soloist; Bradley Steven Morris, guitarist; and Shelton R. Lowe, organist.

Readers were Rebekah Mae Kuiken and Laura Crissey Moody, sister-in-law of the bridegroom.

The bridegroom's father served as best man. Groomsmen were Christopher Scott Moody, brother of the bridegroom; Charles Sims Propst Jr., brother of the bride; and William Logan Webster. Ushers



MRS. JAMES MATTHEW MOODY

were William Jennings Stroud, Jeremy Barrett Fallaw, Neil Ryan Semcheski and Robert Luther O'Neal.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at the Commerce Club in Greenville.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at the Poinsett Club in Greenville.

After a honeymoon in Spain, the couple will reside in Charleston.

ENGAGEMENT, WEDDING, BIRTH AND ANNIVERSARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Engagement, wedding, birth and wedding anniversary (25th, 50th and above) announcements of local interest are published on Sundays free of charge. The deadline is noon on the preceding Monday. Deadlines may vary during holiday weeks.

Forms may be obtained at *The Sumter Item*, 36 W. Liberty St., or downloaded from www.theitem.com. Click on the drop down arrow next to the Lifestyle tag on the navigation bar of the website.

When filling out form, please type or print all information, paying particular attention to names. Do not print in all capital letters.

Photographs must be vertical and of reproduction quality and must be received by the Monday noon deadline.

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Email birth and wedding anniversary forms and photos to sandra@theitem.com. For additional information, call (803) 774-1226.

EDUCATION NEWS

Central Carolina Technical College



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Five students from Lee Central High School, enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program at Central Carolina Technical College, graduated with General Education Certificates. From left are, Tyshon McDaniel, E'Mya Morant, Andrea Moyer, Britney Chandler (Dual Enrollment coordinator) StepFan Costa and Shamara Hill.



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Manning High School students, enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program at Central Carolina Technical College, graduated with associate degrees. From left are Jennifer Black (Dual Enrollment coordinator), Jabril Wilson, Jared Thompson, Jesse Surette, Bailee Garneau and Ryan Hinson. James Thompson and Quadri Bell are not pictured.

570 GRADUATES CELEBRATED

Central Carolina Technical College held two commencement ceremonies May 5 at the Sumter County Civic Center to accommodate nearly 570 graduates.

The 10 a.m. ceremony was for students graduating from Business and Public Service programs. The 3 p.m. ceremony was for students graduating from General Education, Health Sciences and Industrial and Engineering Technology programs. Previous E.C. "Red" Kneece Teaching Excellence Award winners delivered the keynote address at both ceremonies. English Department Chairman Timothy Midette spoke at the 10 a.m. ceremony, and Engineering Design Technology Program Manager David Tuders spoke at the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Massage Therapy Academic Program Manager Brent Jackson was honored during the morning commencement ceremony as this year's recipient of the E.C. "Red" Kneece Teaching Excellence Award. Jackson is consistently spoken of as one of the best instructors on campus by students and fellow fac-



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ulty and regularly volunteers and participates in college-related and community service activities.

Debra Branham was honored with an Outstanding Alumni Award during the morning service. Branham graduated from CCTC with an Associate Degree in Paralegal in 2013. Branham is a Ker-shaw County Probate Judge and was elected in November of 2014. She is a member of the South Carolina Probate Judges Association, the National Association of Probate Judges as well as a member of the Paralegal Advisory Committee for CCTC.

Terry Lee Newman Jr., the Fossil Hydro Environmental Compliance Manager at South Carolina Electric & Gas Co., was also honored with an Outstanding Alumni Award during the afternoon service. Newman graduated from Sumter Area Technical College, later to become Central Carolina Technical College, with an Associate Degree in Environmental Engineering Technology in 1992. He furthered his education and earned a Bachelor of

Science in Environmental Management from Columbia Southern University in 2006.

Five students from Lee Central High School enrolled in the Dual Enrollment Program that is offered at CCTC, graduated with General Education Certificates from CCTC before they are finished with high school. They are StepFan Costa, Shamara Hill, Tyshon McDaniel, E'Mya Morant and Andrea Moyer. Seven dual-enrolled students from Manning High School graduated with associate degrees from CCTC. They are Quadri Bell, Bailee Garneau, Ryan Hinson, Jesse Surette, James Thompson, Jared Thompson and Jabril Wilson.

Wilson Hall

SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

The 55 members of the Class of 2017 completed a total of 3,892 hours of community service during the school year. The four seniors completing the most hours of service were Evans Boyle (453 hours), Paige Anderson (266), Emily DuRant (261) and Cate McCreight (227). Glen Rector is the coordinator of the senior service program.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As of May 1, 96 percent of the 55 members of the senior class received merit-based scholarship offers totaling more than \$3.7 million to a four-year college or university. The following is a partial list of scholarship recipients compiled from information submitted to the college counselor, Diane Richardson. Paige Anderson received a Yellow Ribbon Program Scholarship, Lauren Elizabeth Elmore received a Burger King Scholarship, Lane Herlong received a State Farm Foundation Scholarship, Patrick Muldrow received an S.C. State Fair Scholarship, and Sallie Spencer received an ArborOne Scholarship. The University of South Carolina offered a Dean's Scholarship to Ashley Brunson and a Thornwell Scholars Award to Hunter Hendrix and Will Newman, and Anderson University offered a Baptist Scholarship to Anna Katherine Graves and a Merit Scholarship to Sallie Spencer. Clemson University offered a Freshman STEM Scholarship to Sean Jackson and Maggie Segars, an academic scholarship to Cori Moore and a Palmetto Pact Scholarship to Segars. Francis Marion University offered an Academic Distinction Scholarship to Bethany Jennings, and Florida State University offered an academic scholarship to Cori Moore.

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Each of the 55 members of the senior class has been offered admission to a four-year college or university. The schools to which the graduating seniors gained acceptance represent 15 states and three countries. The seniors were offered admission to 43 colleges and universities. — *Sean Hoskins*

Sumter School District

DUKE TIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

The Duke TIP Seventh Grade Talent Search identifies academic strength, develops abilities and interests, and celebrates achievement at a crucial time when students are forming their identities and looking ahead to the future. Eligible seventh-graders may register to take either the ACT or SAT. These students are identified as Duke TIP because of a high qualifying score on a recent grade-level test.

Duke TIP students from Alice Drive Middle School are Ella Alan, Ava Andrie, Bryson Ardis, Mia Bagwell, Abbey Grace Bryant, Zentrina Choice, Anna Collins, Shushan Hairston, Jamarria Hay, Braden Herbert, Ryan Hopkins, Gavin Humphries, Karina Kewlani, Ryu Kim, Hayden Lyons, Katie McKellar, Ellie Mors, Michaela O'Neal, Michael Staley, Joshua Turner and Althea Vicete.

From Bates Middle School, Duke TIP students are Nevaeh Bartlette, Kimberly Boles, Aisha Budden, Jordan Hilton, Eduardo Marquez and Donminik Woods. From Chestnut Oaks Middle School, the students were Elvira Gutierrez-Larios and Thomasa Larios Ortiz.

From Ebenezer Middle School, Duke Tip recognized Ayla Marie Barker, Liliana Castillo Martinez, Patrick Dinger, Dasia Dwight, Takiyah Ferguson, Asad Frierson, Dakaria Miller, Michaela Sanders, Shanell Washington, Maki Williams and Landan Withers.

From Furman Middle School, Duke TIP students are Haley Franks and Alddie Zarraga. From Hillcrest Middle School, the students are Eden Dalcourt, Elliott Jethrow, Alannah Oliver, Leslie Owens, Katelyn Robertson, Christopher Rochette, Bryson Simmons and Alexis Sugg.

Of those invited to participate in the program, the following students qualified and were invited to attend the state recognition ceremony: Ella Alan, Anna Collins, Ryan Hopkins, Ryu Kim and Althea Vicete from Alice Drive Middle School; Patrick Dinger from Ebenezer Middle School; and Katelyn Robertson from Hillcrest Middle School. Patrick Dinger was also invited to the Duke TIP Grand Recognition ceremony at Duke University. This is an honor awarded to about three percent of Talent Search participants.

All participants receive information on Duke TIP's wide range of educational programs. Those who meet the qualifying score criteria also received information on Duke TIP's renowned summer programs.

Qualifying for the Academy for Summer Studies are Abbey Grace Bryant, Zentrina Choice, Anna Collins, Ryan Hopkins, Gavin Humphries and Ryu Kim from Alice Drive Middle School; Donminik Woods from Bates Middle School; Ayla Marie Barker and Maki Williams from Ebenezer Middle School; and Katelyn Robertson from

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Hillcrest Middle School. Participants for the Center for Summer Studies are Ella Alan and Althea Vicete from Alice Drive Middle School and Patrick Dinger from Ebenezer Middle School.

Duke TIP also sponsors a talent search for fourth- through sixth-graders. Eligibility for participation is an honor which requires exceptional academic ability.

Students chosen were Claire Baker, Riley Burton and Cooper McCoy, fourth-graders, and Andrew Collins, Natalie Edge, Jeshua Espiritu, Laken Purdy and Justin Wang, fifth-graders, from Alice Drive Elementary School.

Quindon Dais, a fifth-grader from Cherryvale Elementary School, was chosen. Crosswell Drive Elementary School fourth-graders honored were Sincere Cousar, Jermonite Davis, Iris Dickey, Savannah Edmunds, Chaances Ellerba, Diego Larios and Jonathan Ramsey; fifth-graders were Aalaysia Brooks, Alex Docherty, Jamaury Jones, Dayshaun Judon, Amani Lipscomb, Paija McFadden, Dreshaun Spikes and Tempest Wilson.

Kingsbury Elementary School fourth-graders were R Tyler Barahona, Camryn Moody Thrapp and Destiny Sinkler and fifth-graders were Gabrielle Angeles, Braylon Cox, Collin Halligan, Georgia Neal, Christopher Starker and Robert Whitler.

From Wilder Elementary School, fourth-grader Colin Archer was selected. Honored from Willow Drive Elementary School were fourth-graders Amie Cham, Onesti Green, Alexander Krivejko, Anzleigh Lenoir, Brodie Stewart and Nicolas Woods, and fifth-graders Zackary Fishburne, Jasmin Gregg, Corban Hairston, Amia James, Cloey Miller and Omarion Oaks.

Divon Woods, a sixth-grader from Alice Drive Middle School, was selected along with Chestnut Oaks Middle School sixth-graders Nashayla Branch, Makayla DeLay, T'Kyah Glover Mattocks, Sheryibh Hicks, Cheyenne Hodge, Joseph Isaac, Blakelyn Pearson, Tathan Rabon, Kaytlin Reavis, Lidia Ruiz Gutierrez and Clinique Sanders.

JUNIOR SCHOLARS NAMED

Twenty-three eighth-graders in Sumter School District have been named South Carolina Junior Scholars. The program was developed in 1985 by the S.C. Department of Education to identify eighth-graders with exceptional academic talent and to develop strategies for inclusion into special programs.

There are two ways to become a Junior Scholar. Students must either score 550 or higher on the evidence-based reading and writing or 530 or higher on the math portion of the PSAT, or have participated in the Duke TIP program during seventh grade and then were recognized as Duke TIP Scholars.

From Alice Drive Middle School, the students were Heaven Adams, Kay Bunch, Briana Davis, Lance Gould, Jake Hudson, Lane Ireland, Jada Kirkland, Gabriella Perales and Hannah Young.

From Bates Middle School, Neven Brown, Chloe Gosnell and Dewey Pritchard were honored.

From Ebenezer Middle School, Michael Goff and Thomas Higginson were named Junior Scholars. From Furman Middle School, the students

were Grace Bubniak and Jordan Thompson. From Hillcrest Middle School, those recognized were Keyra Bruce, Aaron Cummings, Hadiyaah Lucien, David Mullens, Bailey Plemons, James E. Powell and Ciarra Till.

The students will receive an Award of Merit certificate from the South Carolina Department of Education and may be invited to attend summer opportunities at participating South Carolina colleges and universities.

SEAMLESS SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

The Seamless Summer Option Summer Feeding Program allows school food authorities to provide free, nutritious meals and snacks to children 18 years of age or younger during summer vacation periods. A person 19 years of age and over with a mental or physical disability as determined by a state or local educational agency and who participates during the school year in a public or private nonprofit school program may also participate in the program.

The program is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Participating sites can choose either breakfast and lunch, breakfast and a snack, or lunch and a snack per day per child per site. Sites may be a school, church, recreation center, camp, playground or community park.

The Summer Feeding Program will operate from Monday, June 5, through Friday, Aug. 4. The program will be closed only on July 3 and 4.

Breakfast meals consist of one serving of one percent or nonfat milk, one serving of a vegetable or fruit or full-strength juice and one serving of grain or bread. Hot or cold lunch meals consist of one serving of one percent or nonfat milk, one serving grain, one serving meat/meat alternate, one serving of fruit and one serving of vegetable. Snack meals consist of two food items from two different food components. Food components are one percent or nonfat milk, vegetable or fruit, grain and meat/meat alternate. Food pans, serving utensils, napkins, gloves, condiments and food transporting containers will be provided. All meals must be consumed on site, with the exception of whole fruits or closed packaged grain products and must be served to children within one hour after delivery.

A representative from each participating site / program must attend one training and orientation session sponsored by Sumter School District to qualify for the program. Sites must provide adequate supervision during meal service. All sites are expected to adhere to local health and Sumter School District food safety guidelines and must have adequate storage and working refrigeration. Site representatives are required to maintain and submit daily reports.

Visit the district website at www.sumterschools.net to download and complete an application. The completed application may be mailed to Sumter Food and Nutrition Services, P.O. Box 909, Dalzell, SC, 29040, faxed to (803) 499-5959, or emailed to Stacey.Champagne@sumterschools.net.

For further information or questions, contact Leon Williams, food service director, at (803) 499-5950, extension 109, or Stacey Champagne, summer feeding coordinator, at (803) 499-5950, extension 105. Sumter School District is an equal opportunity employer and provider. — *Mary B. Sheridan*



From left are Clarendon School District 1 Superintendent Rose Wilder, philanthropist Teddy Turner Jr., Turner staff member Desiree Watson, Gwendolyn Harris, Joe Dingle and Peggy Torrey, director of Transform S.C.

Clarendon School District 1

PHILANTHROPIST VISITS SCOTT'S BRANCH HIGH SCHOOL

Philanthropist Teddy Turner Jr., along with Peggy Torrey, director of Transform S.C., and Turner's staff member Desiree Watson visited Scott's Branch High on May 1.

Scott's Branch High School was one of the first two New Tech Schools in the state visited by Turner. During the visit, students in fine arts classes demonstrated their ability to use different forms of art to capture real-life experiences, as well as an understanding of the state's curriculum standards. In addition, the guests witnessed students creating musical videos that captured the essence of the essential components of the instructional process.

During the visit, Tommy Hall's World History classes analyzed scenes of history that began with the court case Briggs vs. Elliot, which began in Summerton and culminated with the landmark case Brown vs. the Board of Education.

The visitors also witnessed the journey of the students in their creation of an authentic book on the history of Clarendon County.

Sharon Mellette, U.S. History teacher, says she always welcomes visitors to her classes because her students are almost always engaged in projects that propel their thinking to the next level. Turner was amazed by the quality of presentations by Mellette's students, their ability to articulate concepts and to relate skills to real-life experiences.

Turner commended the students and staff of Scott's Branch on the overall learning environment. He furthermore praised students on their presentation skills, as well as their ability to work together on project-based learning projects.

Torrey visited the school two months ago and gave students, teachers and administrators glowing commendations. She commented, "You have made South Carolina proud. Thanks for providing such a wonderful example of innovation in rural education. We are excited that visitors seem to be searching for the secret of Scott's Branch's successes. The success is the result of a staff that is committed to excellence, believes in every child and is willing to do whatever it takes to see every child succeed."

Gwendolyn Harris said not only are the students doing well in the classroom, but she is pleased with their performance outside of the classroom. — *Beverly Spry*

Grantham University

LENEXA, Kansas — The following local students are online degree and certificate program March graduates of Grantham University:

- Bishopville — Thomas Blakemore, Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies

- Dalzell — Lindsay Colon, Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management; James Hopwood, Associate of Science in Computer Science and a Bachelor of Science in Information Systems

- Manning — Brandon McBride, Master of Science in Info Management Tech

- Mayesville — Latrell Jackson, Master of Healthcare Administration
- Rembert — Clifford Canty, Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies

- Shaw AFB — Juquetta Dantzer, Master of Business Administration Project Management;

- Sumter — Alice Armstrong, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice; Alice Armstrong, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Homeland Security; Kevin Balsler, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Jeffery C. Hollman, Associate of Science in Computer Science and Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Sarah Howard, Associate of Arts in Business Administration; Woodrow Ishman, Master of Business Administration; Charlie Jones, AAS Medical Coding and Billing; James Kaster, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Shirul Mack-Cook, AAS Medical Coding & Billing; Lucious Maple, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice; Jill Mathis, Associate of Science in Business Administration; Randy Miles, Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; Rochelle Miles, Associate of Science in Business Administration and Bachelor of Science in Business Administration; Juliette Norwood, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice and Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Homeland Security; John Pickett, Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management; Richard Pring, Associate of Science in Business Administration; Isaiah Resto, Master of Business Administration; Michael Ridgeway, Associate of Science in Electronic & Computer Engineering; Shannon Vital, Associate of Science in Engineering Management and Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management.

Don't call me Caitlyn: Baby name plunges in popularity

Donald, Hillary lose ground; Noah, Emma top list

WASHINGTON (AP) — Don't call me Caitlyn.

A year after Caitlyn Jenner announced her new name and gender, the popularity of the name Caitlyn plummeted more than any other baby name, according to Social Security's annual list of the most popular baby names.

In fact, the four names that dropped the most were all variations of the same name: Caitlin, Caitlyn, Katelynn and Kaitlynn.

"It was inevitable," said Laura Wattenberg, founder of *BabynameWizard.com*. "Caitlyn was already falling in popularity. Now it is suddenly controversial."

The Social Security Administration released its annual list of the 1,000 most popular baby names for 2016 on May 12. The agency uses the announcement to drive traffic to its website, where workers can start tracking their benefits long before they retire.

Emma was the top baby name for girls for the third year in a row. It

was followed by Olivia, Ava, Sophia and Isabella.

Noah was the top baby name for boys for the fourth year in a row. It was followed by Liam, William, Mason and James.

The agency also lists the baby names that increase — and decrease — the most in popularity.

All four versions of Caitlyn fell out of the top 1,000.

In 2015, the former Bruce Jenner, an Olympic gold medalist, shocked the world when she announced that she is now a transgender woman. The iconic cover of Vanity Fair magazine was emblazoned with the quote, "Call me Caitlyn," on top of a picture of a very feminine Jenner.

The issue sparked much debate and an outpouring of support for Jenner in a country that is still evolving in its views of gay marriage and equal rights for the LGBT community.

The first time any spelling of Caitlyn showed up on Social Security's list of popular baby names was in 1976 when Caitlin debuted at No. 947.

C-a-i-t-l-i-n has been the most common spelling. The name reached the height of its popularity in 1988, when it ranked No. 44. After 17 years in the top 100, it started to fall after the turn of the century.

Last year, it fell 542 spots — the

biggest drop of any name — to No. 1,151.

Wattenberg said it would be wrong to blame Caitlyn's drop in popularity solely to the fact that Jenner is transgender. In general, she said, parents don't want to give their children names that might attract controversy.

It's one reason few parents name their children after politicians.

"Even parents who are huge Donald Trump supporters are unlikely to name their child Donald," Wattenberg said. "In part, we just want to avoid controversy in picking names."

For the record, Donald fell 45 spots last year, to No. 488. Hillary fell out of the top 1,000 names in 2009 and has not returned.

The Social Security Administration's website provides lists of the top 1,000 baby names for each year, dating to 1880. The top baby names that year were John and Mary. John is now No. 28, and Mary has fallen to No. 127.

Sometimes old is new: Emma was the third most popular name in 1880.

The top 10 baby names for girls stayed the same in 2016, though the order shuffled a bit. For boys, Alexander dropped to No. 11, and Elijah cracked the top 10 for the first time ever, at No. 9.

Baby naming experts said parents

have long used biblical names for their children. However, there has been a decided shift from the New Testament to the Old.

"Elijah to our grandparents would be unimaginable," Wattenberg said.

Also, parents are getting more creative in naming the little ones. As a result, today's top names aren't nearly as popular as the top names from 50 years ago.

For example, a little more than 19,000 baby boys were named Noah last year. In 1966, about 80,000 babies were named Michael, the top name for baby boys that year.

"Once parents see that a name is super popular, they are going to start avoiding it," said Jennifer Moss, founder of *Babynames.com*.

Pop culture often influences the names that increase and decrease in popularity, and it happened again in 2016.

For boys, the names that skyrocketed in popularity was Kylo, as in Kylo Ren, a character in the 2015 movie, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens." For girls, it was Kehlani, as in Kehlani Parrish, a singer and songwriter nominated for a Grammy in 2016.

Neither of these names is among the most popular, but they jumped more spots than any other names. Kylo jumped 2,368 spots to No. 901. Kehlani jumped 2,487 spots to No. 872.



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77th Iris Festival opens Thursday



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

An Australian swan checks out the Japanese irises growing in the bog at the edge of Swan Lake. The gardens' swans, all eight species, should be swimming in the lake and checking out the tourists during the Sumter Iris Festival happening Memorial Day weekend.

'Chicken Man' featured guest at World Famous Iris Gardens

BY IVY MOORE
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You might want to brush up your "Chicken Dance" before you head out to the Sumter Iris Festival during Memorial Day weekend. Each year, the festival hosts a special guest, and this year it's the "Chicken Man," also known as Ernest Lee of Columbia. Lee, whose whimsical paintings of chickens and palmetto trees hang in homes around the state and elsewhere, will be painting in the gazebo in the Bland Gardens Friday through Sunday.

Iris Festival Chairwoman Lynn Kennedy said the 77th Iris Festival will offer many of the traditional activities that have become favorites of both locals and tourists, as well as new vendors and programs. And there are plenty of tourists, she said, so many, in fact, that a special parking area for tour buses is set aside.

"A crowd of bus tours is coming to the festival on Friday. We've had people come from Australia, Japan, Europe, Canada, all over," Kennedy said.

The festival officially begins Thursday, May 25, with the 5:15 p.m. ribbon cutting and the crowning of King and Queen Iris at the Heath Pavilion. After that, it's Taste at the Gardens from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Garden Street stage. Tickets are \$5 at the gate, but bring cash to pay the food vendors, who'll be serving a wide variety of food, plus beer and wine. Kennedy said some new caterers will be serving, and many are returning.

Back on the stage to entertain at the Taste is Chief Complaint, also known as the "rock doctors," as most are medical doctors. They play a diverse set of music with the emphasis on rock 'n' roll, old and new school.

On Friday, a variety of food vendors will be set up in the Heath Gardens, as



Rebecca Kevern and Kristen Vaughn take pictures of the blooming Japanese irises at Swan Lake during the 2016 Sumter Iris Festival.

well as some in the Bland Gardens, including the Blue Moon Noodle food truck, which was so popular during November's Food Truck Festival at the Fairgrounds.

Gardeners and flower lovers have two events to choose from — the Mary Hinson Flower Show at the Alice Boyle Garden Center, adjacent to the Visitors Center, and the Gateway to Gardening in the Bland Gardens. Fair Edmunds, chairwoman of the show sponsored by the Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter, said the show will be very large, with 7 design categories and 80 of horticulture. "It's also a beautiful show," Edmunds said of the show whose theme is "Holidays We Love."

"All the holidays are represented," she said, "and it's a very important show for us. A national (Council of Garden Clubs) judge will critique the arrangements and horticulture entries. We have to abide by their rules, and our schedule has to conform to what they set. Last year we won a state award."

Sumter's Master Gardeners will be set up with their plants in the Bland Gardens and will even be selling Japanese irises culled from the bogs around Swan Lake.

"They'll have herbs and other plants, too," Kennedy said, adding "It's a good time and place to get plants for your home garden. The prices are very good, too."

The Iris Festival always has activities for kids, she said. "We've got the (Sumter County) Gallery of Art in the Bland Gardens. They'll have free art projects for the kids."

Palmetto Amusements and Games2U will be set up in the children's area near the playground in the Heath Gardens with rides, blow-ups, video games, laser tag and other fun activities.

The Marketplace and the Arts & Crafts areas, also in the Heath Gardens, will have all sorts of handcrafted items for sale, from jewelry and children's clothing to stained glass and furniture.

There will be two popular car shows on Saturday and Sunday and dozens of area entertainers on three stages each day.

Parking at the gardens will be limited; however, Wateree RTA will provide shuttles from the Sumter Civic Center to Swan Lake and back.

The main attraction, Kennedy said, are the gardens themselves, which are being painstakingly groomed by Swan Lake staff. Japanese irises are expected to be in bloom, as well as other flowers, and the swans should be out on the lake watching the tourists.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Kennedy said.

For more information about the Sumter Iris Festival, visit the website, www.irisfestival.org.

77th IRIS FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 26 – 28
Arts & Crafts, Food Court, Marketplace, Boat rides, Live entertainment, Art and more

Thursday, May 25
5:15 p.m. – Crowning of King & Queen Iris, Heath Pavilion
6 to 9 p.m. – Taste at the Gardens featuring Chief Complaint, Garden Street Stage

Friday, May 26
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily – Gateway to Gardening and Art in the Garden, Bland Gardens
9 to 11 a.m. – Palmetto Health Tuomey Community Health Initiatives Free Screenings for hypertension, cholesterol, diabetes (requires 12-hour fast), Swan Lake Visitors Centers
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Just Kidding Around Children's Area, Palmetto Amusements (rides, blow-ups, more)
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Children's Art in the Park, Sumter County Gallery of Art, Bland Gardens

Saturday, May 27
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Head Turnerz Classic Car Show, Bland Gardens
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Just Kidding Around Children's Area, Palmetto Amusements & Games 2U — Rides, blow-ups, video games, laser tag and more. SC Dept. of Natural Resources & Sumter Fire Dept. at Garden Street & Fairway
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Children's Art in the Park, Sumter County Gallery of Art in Bland Gardens
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Magic of Welding, presented by Central Carolina Technical College, Heath Gardens in Arts & Crafts area
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Mary Hinson Flower Show: Holidays We Love, Alice Boyle Garden Center
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – SAFE Kids Adventureland – sponsored by SAFE Kids Sumter County & Tuomey Foundation, Kiwanis Kids Fingerprinting, Bike Rodeo, Info & more
Noon — Introduction of Kings & Queens, Main Stage

Sunday, May 28
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Sumter Cruisers Show & Shine, Garden Street
Noon to 5 p.m. – Just Kidding Around Children's Area, Palmetto Amusements & Games 2U
Noon to 5 p.m. – Children's Art in the Park, Bland Gardens
1 to 4 p.m. – Mary Hinson Flower Show: Holidays We Love, Alice Boyle Garden Center

Friday, Saturday and Sunday
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Entertainment Schedule

MAIN STAGE

Friday, May 26

1 to 1:30 p.m. – Lakewood High Jazz Choir

1:30 to 3 p.m. – Hands on Praise Puppets

3 to 3:45 p.m. – Sandy Banks, Hartsville

4 to 5 p.m. – Sumter High School Jazz Ensemble

5 to 5:30 p.m. – Dreamworks Dance Academy

5:30 to 6 p.m. – Believer's Quartet

Saturday, May 27

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. – Lexi the Clown

10 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Doodtz Band

11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. – Miss Libby's School of Dance

11:30 a.m. to noon – HIS Direction, Dan Gilbert

Noon to 12 to 12:15 p.m. King/Queens/Dignitaries introduced

12:30 to 1 p.m. – Freed School of Dance

1 to 2 p.m. – Fallen Statues

2 to 2:30 p.m. – Team Robinson, martial arts

2:30 to 3 p.m. – Crestwood High School Choir

3 to 4 p.m. – Brendan Kirby
4 to 5 p.m. – Sandy Banks, Hartsville
5 to 6 p.m. – Last Generation Quartet

Sunday, May 28

12:30 to 1 p.m. – Maddie Hunt, Myrtle Beach

1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Cross Anchor Quartet

2:30 to 3:15 p.m. – Zadok - Gospel Rapper

3:15 to 4 p.m. – Sandy Banks, Hartsville

DOCK STAGE

Friday, May 26

2 to 4 p.m. – From the Morning

Saturday, May 27

2 to 4 p.m. – From the Morning

Sunday, May 28

2 to 4 p.m. – John Berry & Kevin Jarvis

GAZEBO

Saturday, May 27

Noon to 4 p.m. – Frank Fickling, guitar

Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. – Frank Fickling

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this week, possibly Wednesday, Thursday or Friday," McGhaney said.

The Monday meeting date had been preset on the district's calendar, but a meeting agenda still had not been sent out to the media as of Friday evening.

Whenever the school board does meet this week, it will formally receive a motion from fellow-board member and the board's finance committee Chairman Johnny Hilton to review a newly proposed budget and generate more cost savings for next year. That motion was made Thursday after a spirited board finance committee meeting.

The Sumter School Board will formally receive a motion from the committee chairman to review a newly proposed budget and generate more cost savings for next year at its next board meeting.

That newly proposed budget for fiscal 2018 would add \$469,695 to the district's fund balance, instead of an initial draft budget recommendation last month that would have added \$4.1 million to the fund balance and close two low-enrollment schools. That initial recommendation to close the schools came from the board's financial consultant Scott Allan and was supported by the finance committee and put in the form of a motion to the full board.

However, the full board of trustees voted down the motion to close schools, 3-2, on April 24, forcing Allan to rework his draft budget and come up with the current version, which doesn't close any schools.

The finance committee's motion that the new draft budget will add \$469,495 to the fund balance at the end of next fiscal year doesn't provide the district with proper financial security. Hilton will submit the committee's motion to the board.

The board's finance committee serves in an advisory role to the full board and consists of



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four local private-business owners and three board members. The private-business leaders include Ben Griffith, William Byrd, Greg Thompson and Bobby Anderson, and are not elected, but appointed by the board of trustees. The three board members include Hilton, McGhaney and Lucille McQuilla.

Thompson made the motion, which passed by a 5-1 vote, to challenge the full board on the newly proposed budget.

"I don't support this budget," Thompson said. "... This is insufficient financial security for the district."

The dissenting vote against the motion came from McGhaney, who also voted against the initial recommendation and motion to close the schools.

On Friday, McGhaney said closing schools is not off the table, but a Development Assistance Committee has been formed and that group will need time to gather community input on the implication of closing schools. He said the board will not close any schools before the start of next school year.

"If schools were going to close, then it would probably be the '18-19 school year," McGhaney said Friday. "It wouldn't be this upcoming year because that's the purpose of putting this DAC committee together. We are in the preliminary stages with the DAC."

McGhaney said no appointments have been made to the DAC yet. He emphasized any potential school closures would not necessarily be schools in the rural areas of the county that have already been discussed. Those include F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle schools, which were previously identified for possible closure this summer, and Rafting Creek Elementary and Ebenezer Middle for potential future closure. McGhaney said other schools may be identified in the DAC study process, including ones within the City of Sumter.

Allan was not scheduled to provide a financial update at Monday's regular meeting but it's not clear whether he will attend the rescheduled meeting.

VALOR FROM PAGE A1

Thornton, once the process of quilting begins, the quilter usually takes as many as 200 hours to put together the final quilt that will be awarded to a veteran.

Due to that time frame, South Carolina is 13,000 quilts behind, Charles Thornton said. However, while behind, it is the only state that has its own headquarters for making quilts.

Peterson, surrounded by his seven children and other family members, talked about his service in the Army/Air Force, from 1944-1964, stating that he had great respect for his family while away at war.

One of Peterson's children, Walt Peterson, read a few excerpts of letters that his father had written when he was about 18 and serving in 1944.

"Dear mom and pop," the letter said, "the country sun is dry down here and only rains once in a month or so and there ain't a tree or bush down here. It's about 110 in the shade and lots of guys passed out in the heat, but I never, not even when I got shots. Mom, please send about 15 hangers, white shirts, shorts and \$5 if you can afford it. Truly, your loving son: Private Walter Peterson."

While reading the letters to those in attendance, Peterson sat in front of his family and friends wearing a patriotic flag shirt, his veteran hat and surrounded by red, white and blue flags and banners.

Before showing friends and family the quilt, the Thornton's asked Peterson's wife as the "support behind the great veteran," to sign and date the quilt so she would be part of the process.

After the signing, the quilt was revealed to the family and to Peterson who was then wrapped in the quilt by the presenters.

Wrapping the quilt around the veteran and his wife, who was asked to stand next to him, signifies the comfort and healing process that is needed once returning from war.

"The demons of war trouble veterans and we can only imagine what you have gone through," Charles Thornton said to Peterson after he wrapped him in the quilt. "Thank you for your service and God bless."

For more information on how to donate or nominate an individual to receive a Quilt of Valor, go to www.QOVF.org or call the South Carolina coordinator at 803-664-1348.

GADGET FROM PAGE A1

does have students that fidget, they take to the typical fidgeting ways instead of fiddling with these toys.

"I do have kids that fidget, drum on desks, play with and chew on pen tops or pencil grippers," Gauvreau said. "I have worked in previous years with our occupational therapist and together we created a basket of adaptive equipment for me to give to students who need them. She also provided me with activities for kids that address the kids' needs to move around, stand, etc."

Gauvreau continued to say that while she personally has not used the fidget spinners, she does believe that they are "the end all be all." "The kids who are claiming to need them have made it through school all year without them," Gauvreau said. "I see more non-ADHD/ADD kids with them than the special needs kids who may or may not benefit from them."

Elena Fishburne, the assistant principal at Crosswell Drive Elementary School, said that the school decided to ban the gadget as soon as they started to become an issue.

"I actually had just heard about them on the news and within a matter of what seemed to be a day we were having problems," she said. "These spinners were causing teachers to gather them and bring the devices to the office.

By the time school starts at 7:15, I already had three teachers in my office with the toys telling me that we had to stop it."

At that moment, Fishburne took matters into her own hands and went to the principal to put an end to the fidget craze at the school.

"We don't need anything to interfere with the kids and cause them to not get the education they are at school to get," Fishburne said. "Fidget spinners are a distraction to the education environment so we put an end to these toys before they became a problem."

Crosswell Drive has banned the fidget spinners from the school property and many have decided that the spinners are to be confiscated and taken to the office.

Taylor Jones, a first-grade teacher at Willow Drive Elementary School, said that school policy for any toy is that if it is a distraction in the classroom, the teachers have

the right to take the toy and either give it back at the end of the day to the student or send it to the office where it is then to be picked up by the parents of the child.

"I definitely don't think they are helping the education process," Jones said. "To (the students), it's a toy. They aren't focusing on the lesson. I can find more efficient ways to keep their bodies moving while they are learning that through the fidget."

Fran Glaze, who works in the front office at Sumter High School, said that while she has not had to directly deal with the impact of the fidget spinners in the classroom, she has heard and seen teachers talk about their wishes for the device to be out of the classroom.

"I have seen teachers post (on Facebook) wishing parents would buy their kids pencil and paper instead of spinners," Glaze said. "It seems that kids don't have proper school supplies yet have these gadgets."

Bree Lewis, a nursing stu-

dent at Central Carolina Technical College, said that while there are negative connotations associated with the gadgets, she has seen the positive effects firsthand.

Lewis said that while she personally could not use a fidget spinner in the nursing program classes, she has seen other students "that avidly use theirs" and they say that the toy is a useful tool to keep their hands busy during the class.

AJ Tisdell, a rising senior at Sumter High School, is an avid believer that the fidget spinner should be allowed within the school setting because they can help students.

If used for their original intent, Tisdell thinks that the spinner can "increase their attention span and impact getting an education in a positive way."

As a user of the gadget, Tisdell said he strongly feels that the gadget helps those who have difficulty focusing on the material being taught.

"With me personally, it has helped me stop biting my nails or making unnecessary noises with my pencil or other items that can distract the class," Tisdell said. "I feel that I am more attentive and awake in class; therefore, I can understand the material better."

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Chunky monkey on diet after gorging on junk food

BY KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA
The Associated Press

BANGKOK — A morbidly obese wild monkey who gorged himself on junk food and soda left behind by tourists has been rescued and placed on a strict diet of lean protein, fruits and vegetables.

Wildlife officials caught the chunky monkey — nicknamed “Uncle Fat” by locals — after photos of the animal started circulating on social media last month.

Wild monkeys roam free in many parts of Thailand, attracting tourists who feed and play with the animals. Most of the monkeys are macaques, similar to Uncle Fat, and they typically weigh about 20 pounds.

Uncle Fat weighs three

times that, tipping the scales at around 60 pounds.

“It was not easy to catch him,” said Kacha Phukem, the wildlife official who conducted the capture and rescue on April 27. “He was the leader of his pack, and when I tried to go in, I had to fight off a flock of them with sticks.”

The subordinate monkeys fed into Uncle Fat’s bad habits.

“He had minions and other monkeys bringing food for him but he would also re-distribute it to younger monkeys,” said Supakarn Kaewchot, a veterinarian in charge of the monkey’s diet.

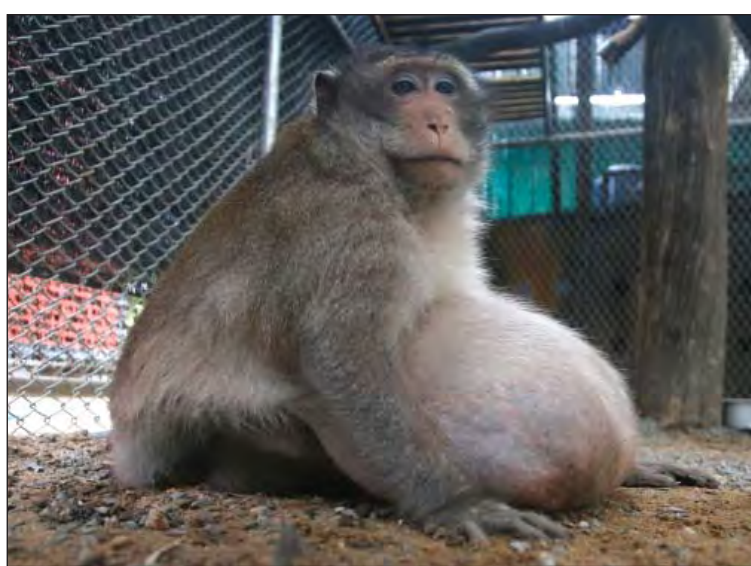
“After he ate food given by humans for a while, he developed a fat mass, which became a type of benign tumor,” Supakarn said. “He is now in critical condition where there

is a high risk of heart disease and diabetes.”

Uncle Fat is thought to be between 10 and 15 years old. To help him lose weight, his new diet is limited to 400 grams of lean protein, fruits and vegetables twice a day. Supakarn said she hopes that within a few months they can consider releasing him into the wild.

She said Uncle Fat is an example of why people shouldn’t feed wild monkeys unhealthy food.

“I understand that people feel sorry for the monkeys and want to feed them when they see them,” Supakarn said. “But please don’t feed them food that people like to eat like snacks and soda. It is very bad for their health, and the problem is entirely man-made.”



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A wild obese macaque, called Uncle Fat, rescued from a Bangkok suburb, sits in a cage at a rehabilitation center in Bangkok, Thailand, on Friday. The morbidly obese monkey who gorged himself on junk food and soda from tourists has been rescued and placed on a strict diet.

Woman makes dress from Starburst candy wrappers

ELIZABETHTOWN, Pa. (AP) — A Pennsylvania woman has made a dress from more than 10,000 Starburst candy wrappers given to her by her high school sweetheart-turned-husband.

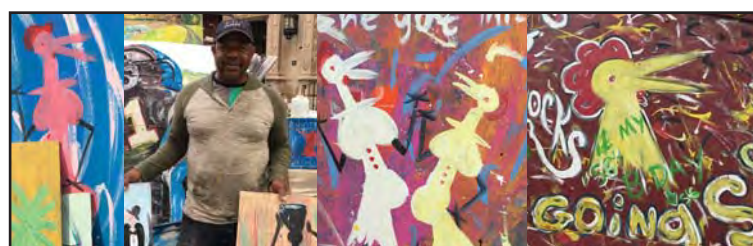
Emily Seilhamer is an artist and upcycler — meaning she recycles items by creating new things out of them.

The Mount Joy Township woman posted a picture of her dress last week on her Facebook page, Artistry and Upcycling by Emily Seilhamer.

Seilhamer met her husband, Malachi, when he offered her a pack of Starburst, his favorite candy. He kept giving her the candies and once she told him she wanted to make a dress, he started bringing her wrappers, which she divided by their bright colors.

Seilhamer tells WPMT-TV that “anyone’s an artist if they’re willing to try.”

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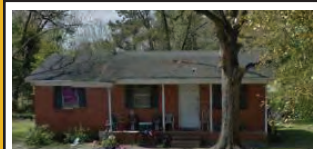




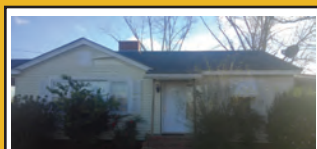



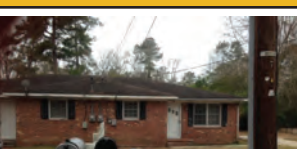


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 <p>3321 RED HILL RD. Priced to sell! Remodeled in 1990. 2BR/1BA only \$44,900 and being sold AS IS. Needs TLC. Investors Welcome. Make an offer! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062</p>	 <p>578 NATIONAL STREET 3BR/1BA all brick home on a huge lot. Garage shed with electricity. House is in Move In condition. All appliances convey. Washer & dryer too! Sold AS IS. \$73,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	 <p>1115 VANBOLKEN 4BR/2BA Brick house located on 3.8 acres in Eastover. Updated w/new kitchen, HW, BA, heat pumps, ST, Steel appl., roof & windows. USDA eligible. \$135,000. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925</p>	 <p>17994 HIGHWAY 301 5BR/5BA/2 half BA Plantation home with over 6,000sqft. 22 acres with a POND! Upper scale appointments, 3,000sqft building with 3 car garage & full kitchen & BA. \$785,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	 <p>250 TRILLIUM LANE In popular Trailwood SD. 4BR/2.5BA wonderful split BR plan. Bonus rm is 4th BR. Fenced yard with built in BBQ, screened porch, 2 car garage. \$189,000. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023</p>	 <p>8A-8B WOODBINE Unique duplex. Great investment with tenants! Sold AS IS! Make an offer! \$62,500. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062</p>

LAND SECTION

Rabbit Den Road - 33 Acres for Sale! Great for hunting and Timber. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	\$98,000
900 Androm Drive - 1.34ac beautiful wooded lot. priced to sell. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409	\$64,900
957 Club Lane - .83 acre lot located in Club Forest Subdivision. Beautiful view of Sunset Country Club Golf Course. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409 \$49,500	
409 E. Calhoun Street - .88 acre available for commercial use. Great location.	Call Reggie Sumter @ 312-5961
915 Club Lane - Great buildable lot close to Sunset Country Club. Call Renee Baird @ 491-8023.	\$38,000
Wedgfield Road - 11.6 acres. Beautiful wooded tract. Great home site. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409	\$79,000
1718 Hubb Kelly Road, Cassatt SC - 25.5 Acres. All necessary utilities on property. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
6230 Fish Road - 15.22 Acres, zoned res. Ideal for home. 485 feet on Fish Rd. Call Retta @ 968-3925	\$54,000
1105 Summit Drive . 89 acres located in a Prestigious Gated Community! The Summit offers private executive housing, large lots all on a gated cul-de-sac! \$64,500. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900	
1135/1145 Tiger Lane . 2 Lots available across from Shaw AFB! Good business location near heavy traffic area. Dwelling on property is not livable. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
6045 Brookland . Wooded 2.44 acre lot in Brookland Subdivision. Front of lot is effectively level, back slopes down to stream. Great area to build 1500 SqFt home. No Mobile Homes. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324	
355 Albemarle Vacant lot in Patriot Village Subdivision off of Patriot Parkway. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409 \$33,000	
Waterfront lot with permission for a pier . Lot 14 is owned and deeded outright. Lot 14 is 1.7 acre and is leased from Santee Cooper for less than \$400 per year. \$94,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900	
6340 Sylvia Rd. \$6,950. 1 acre lot perfect for a mobile home! Priced to sell quickly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
O Hwy 521 N. Beautiful corner wooded lot waiting for you to build your dream home! \$17,500. Call Gwen 803-460-9154	
505 Torrey Pines . Beautiful lot in Lakewood Links at the end of a cul-de-sac. \$29,900. Call Gwen 803-460-9154	
1221 Haynesworth Mill Circle . Beautiful 1 acre Waterfront lot on Fabulous Lake Marion. Ready for your dream home!! Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154	
6760 Camden Hwy . Large lot available. 1.32 Acres. \$7,950. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961	
3650 Broad St. 7.2 acres west of Loring Mill Rd. Priced to sell. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409	
2020 Loring Mill Rd. 10.9 acres. Lots of road frontage. \$69,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409	
974 Meadowbrook Rd. Wooded lot in Green Acres subdivision off of Red Bay - Good home site. \$12,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409	
956 Meadowbrook . 9 Acres of land with frontage on Red Bay Rd. Possible Church Site. \$50,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409	
3995 Preserve Ct. 16.49 best tract in Lee's Preserve. Great home site, very private. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409	
360 E. Red Bay Rd. 30 Acres zoned light industrial wholesale. City water and sewer to site. Good location for small industrial use. \$250,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409	
1035 Summit Drive . 2.06 acre lot in Prestigious Gated community, The Summit. \$155,000. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023.	
Forest Lakes Area . 8.47 Acres. Homesites. \$139,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969	
3625 Furman Road . 5.29 Acres. Build your dream home or plant your favorite crop. Land is behind 3625 Furman Rd. \$29,995. Call Reggie 803-312-5961.	
3520 W. Brewington Rd. Beautiful 3.09 acre wooded lot would make a great spot to start your dream home. \$20,000. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324	
0 Damascus Rd. Build your dream home! Only six, 1 Acre lots remain in beautiful Tiffany Gardens. See listing agent for Covenants and restrictions. \$30,000. Call Reggie Sumter 803-312-5961	
3920 First Ave. and 3960 First Ave. \$3,000 each. Two lots for sale! Make an offer today!! Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062	
0 Floodtown Rd & 8945 Hwy 261 S. Two lots for sale! Excellent deal! \$11,000 for both! Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062	
13 Marshall St. Vacant lot available in Historic District. \$12,500. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
790 E. Gloucester . Great cleared lot to build a home in a wonderful neighborhood. Located on a cul-de-sac. \$32,000. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925	
650 Lakewood Drive . 3.35 Acres. The front lot is .61 acres. Balance of the property is on wetlands. \$34,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969	
3200 Homestead Rd. 1.90 acres available. Mobile home friendly! Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
4095 Fourth Ave Mayesville . 1 Acre lot. \$6,000 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062	
523 W. Oakland . Beautiful. 20 acre corner lot. Sold as is. \$4,950 Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-312-5961	
2810 Watermark . Build your dream home! 3.68 acres available in an established subdivision. \$22,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
2820 Watermark . Build your dream home! 2.24 acres available in an established subdivision. \$17,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961	
0 Two Mile Rd. Country Living in Lynchburg, tucked away is a wooded 9 acre lot that would be perfect for hunting, farming, or building your dream home. \$40,000. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324	
3525 Preserve Ct. Lot 22 Lee's Preserve. 5.14 acres backs up to the conservation easement tract. Home site cleared. \$134,900. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409	
36 Robinson St. Land for sale! 1.16 acres. Sold AS IS! Make an offer today! \$4,500. Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062	
708 Maney St. \$10,000! 22 acres with city water and sewer. Don't miss out! Make an offer today! Call Jennifer @ 803-757-8062	
6 Wen Le Ct. 37 Acre lot for sale. City water and sewer. Two storage sheds and located on a cul de sac. Make an offer today. \$25,000. Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder 803-757-8062	
UNDER CONTRACT: 4050 Camery Dr. 58.98 Acres. Wooded Tract with a 23.47 acre Carolina Bay with beautiful Cypress Trees. Great get away site. 35.51 acres of high ground. \$69,000. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409	
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<p>2760 RACCOON RD. All brick with front & back covered porch. Smooth ceilings, granite, SS appliances, ceiling fans, Rinnai Hot water heater, 2 car garage on 1 acre. \$149,500. Call Renee @ 803-491-8023</p>	<p>211 WACTOR 5BR/4.5BA Elegant home on a double lot. Well maintained with plenty of room. \$389,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409.</p>	<p>2440 HWY 521 S. Nice big home! 3BR/2BA. Lots of recent painting, new flooring, nice deck on back, extra storage buildings on back. \$124,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969.</p>	<p>1307 CYPRESS POINTE 1BR/1BA. Perfect getaway!! Nothing like a home at the lake! Inground pool/Tennis courts/Common areas/Pier/Boat dock. Overlooking Lake Marion!! \$59,000 Call Gwen Lee 803-460-9154</p>	<p>3100 PAWLEYS LN \$200,000. Corner lot with 3 car garage, 9ft smooth ceilings, open split plan, covered back porch, ceramic tile & HW throughout. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>2265 CANADIANGESE The Williamson D by Mungo. Two story, 5BR/3.5BA home. Huge bonus room, FR, HW floors, granite SS, Community Pool. \$288,896 Call Tina Ashley 803-609-8628</p>
<p>110 STUBBERFIELD Extremely nice 5BR/3BA house in beautiful neighborhood. Lg live oaks everywhere. Spacious rms. HW, granite, island, open floor plan, Two Master BRS. \$210,000 Call Retta 803-968-3925</p>	<p>2807 BROWNFIELD WAY Beautiful Executive home w/3car gar., lg pool, Florida rm., formal, lg FR off kitchen. Huge master & den/office. 2 staircases, granite, upscale! \$450,000. Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>1769 GLENMORANGIE 2 Story 6BR/3.5BA home, open floor plan, lots of Softage. Kitchen features granite & eat in area. MBR on main W/WIC & garden tub shower combo. \$178,895. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p>1612 RUGER 2 story 3BR/2.5BA home, located between Sumter and Shaw. Kitchen appliances convey MBR up, lg closet, 2 car garage. Beautiful home, a must see!! \$129,900. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p>2245 CANADIANGESE DRIVE Built by Mungo! Charming 2 story all brick home! 5BR/3.5BA, FR w/coffered ceilings, open FR w/gas FP. Beautiful HW floors, Granite, SS, community pool! \$275,921 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>1725 NICHOLAS One of the largest homes in Pocalla Springs!! 5BR/3BA, 3300sqft sitting on a .43 acre lot overlooking a beautiful pond! Granite, screened porch & much more! MUST SEE!! \$226,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>
<p>1764 GLENMORANGIE 2 Story 5BR/2.5BA open floor plan, MBR on main W/ full BA. Open kitchen w/granite, looks into FR w/gas FP. Upstairs open lofted area. \$168,378. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>965 CORMIER Convenient to Shaw, 2 story, 2300 sqft, 5BR/2.5BA house. Master on main. Vaulted ceilings, Open fr plan, granite, WIC & shower/garden tub combo. \$185,434 Call Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>2190 WATSONG RUN 5BR/4BA new 2 story brick home in The Cove. FR, FR, gourmet kitchen with island, granite, surround sound, sunroom, HW floors. Must see! \$366,791 Call Tina @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>14 E. WILLIAMS ST. 4BR/2BA all brick home on corner lot available. Lots of space and priced to sell quickly! \$55,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>59 CARROL DRIVE \$45,000. Cute 2 story bungalow, 4BR/2.5BA. HW Floors, lg fenced in bkdy, storage shed. All appliances including washer and dryer convey. Lg den w/replace. Call Gwen @ 803-460-9154</p>	<p>1905 ADIRONDACK COURT Gorgeous home on cul-de-sac in popular Beach Forest. Subdivision on a big corner lot. 4BR/2BA, LR, DR, FR, Kitchen, 4 car carport. Priced to sell!! \$174,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969.</p>
<p>1758 GLENMORANGIE 2 Story 5BR/2.5BA open floor plan, MBR on main, vaulted ceiling, dbl sink vanity, garden tub shower combo, WIC, granite, large family room. \$167,924. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>3865 MOSELEY Convenient to Shaw is this 2 Story, 2600 sqft, 6BR/3.5BA bath home. MBR on main, vaulted ceilings, WIC, shower/garden tub combo. Granite. \$ 193,639. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>985 DOVER 3BR/2BA, NEW roof, flooring and HVAC in 2015. Home has been extremely well maintained. Move in ready, priced to sell, a must see! \$119,900. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p>1190 PEPPERCORN \$139,900. 3BR/1.5BA. Wonderful inside and out, so much to offer! 10ft ceiling with circle window in DR, Vaulted ceiling in Grt Rm, New paint, New roof & heat pump in 2014. Move in condition! Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p>2895 CAITLYNN DRIVE \$270,000. 4BR/3BA, 2230 sqft, Updates galore, all wood & tile floors, granite, deck, stone patio, workshop fenced, custom features abound! Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>5539 BORDEN ROAD Move in ready mobile home located on an acre lot on Borden Road. 3BR/2BA with the option of having the home furnished. \$58,000. Call Pamela @ 702-266-7450</p>
<p>2799 BROWNING RIDGE 2 Bed 1 Bath Mobile Home sits on beautiful 2 acre lot. This would make a great starter home for someone looking for some land. \$30,000. Call Jessica @ 803-468-6324</p>	<p>3857 MOSELEY DRIVE The Newberry A by Mungo features 4BR/2.5BA, Downstairs Master suite w/lg BA & walk in closets. DR w/coffered ceilings. Bonus rm, study. \$204,900. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>2180 INDIANGRASS The Richardson F by Mungo. 5BR/3.5BA, two story home w/plenty of space features a guest suite perfect visitors. Upstairs bonus rm, HW, Comm. pool. \$269,901. Call Jessica Pomichalek 803-468-6324</p>	<p>2715 CARNEGIE Brewington Estates. 3BR/2BA Spacious home on 1/2 acre. Split floor plan, vaulted ceiling in LR, gas FP, 2 car gar., lg bk yard, patio, perfect for get togethers. \$134,900. Call Jessica 803-468-6324</p>	<p>3873 MOSELEY DRIVE The Palmer A by Mungo. 4BR/2.5BA. DR w/coffered ceilings, Butler Pantry, beautiful kitchen, granite island, MBR up, his & her closets & garden tub. \$199,900. Tina Ashley @ 803-609-8628</p>	<p>15 HAILE STREET Fabulous large Custom home in Heathlywood Subdivision on a big corner lot. 4BR/2BA, LR, DR, FR, Kitchen, 4 car carport. Priced to sell!! \$174,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969.</p>
<p>316 PALMETTO STREET 3BR/2BA brick home w/its on large corner lot! 2 Car detached garage w/utility room. Home has entertainment room & much more! Sold "AS IS". \$119,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>825 SOUTHERN HILLS CT. \$289,000. Beautiful 2,790 sqft, 4BR/2BA home on over an acre! Fenced, well, irrigation, Florida room, FP, split plant! Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>1771 HWY 521 S. 2BR/1BA, all brick home. Recently renovated! Come take a look! Located next to Continental Tire. Great rental potential. Priced to sell quickly! \$105,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>3600 CAMDEN HIGHWAY \$100,000. 3BR/1.5BA, enclosed back porch with large 20x28 ft workshop. Pristine home! Call Susan @ 803-464-5900</p>	<p>2260 TREETOP LANE Charming 3BR/2BA home in Morris Way Subdivision. Fireplace, huge back yard with trees, shaded, landscaped, security system. Must see! \$125,000. Call Pamela @ 702-266-7450.</p>	<p>2220 WATSONG RUN 5BR/3.5BA Executive Home. Amazing pool & yard, fenced, 3 car gar., 2 tankless water heaters, custom features throughout. \$430,000. Call Susan Weston @ 803-464-5900</p>
<p>1295 DEWEES New! Beautiful 3BR/2BA, 9ft smooth ceilings, HW & ceramic tile floors, granite, covered bk porch, FP, open plan, 2 car gar & much more all in Carolina Palms \$197,500. Call Susan 803-464-5900</p>	<p>1649 MUSKET TRAIL Very nice 3BR/2.5BA home in popular Hunters Crossing. Laminate flooring in great room. 9' smooth ceilings. Upgraded cabinets & granite countertops in kitchen. \$132,500. Call Retta @ 803-968-3925</p>	<p>215 HIDDEN BAY Great brick home available! 3BR/2BA in established neighborhood, lg backyard, move in ready, priced to sell!! \$145,000. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961</p>	<p>345 WYOMING DRIVE 3BR/1BA brick home on large corner lot available. Owner began renovations. Home being sold "AS IS". \$49,995. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961.</p>	<p>1736 MUSKET TRAIL Great 4BR/2.5BA home in Hunters Crossing. Lg open FR, w/wood flooring, Island, Granite, SS appl, Soaker tub, WIC, Close to SHAW & shopping. \$180,000. Call Gwen 803-460-9154</p>	<p>24 WARREN ST. \$389,000 4BR/3.5BA. Exquisite, one of a kind Neo-Classical mansion w/Magnificent architectural details. Tall Corinthian columned half round portico. Call Retta @ 968-3925</p>

COMMERCIAL LISTINGS

3180 BROAD STREET – Tenants are on a month-to-month rental agreement. Sewer is available and will need to be extended to the property. 24.36 acres at the corner of Broad and Carter Road. Call Mack for more information. \$3,650,000

655 & 657 W. LIBERTY – 1.07 acres of land on busy commercial rd. Ideal location for new commercial dev. Call Mack at 491-5409 for details..... \$115,000

Alice Drive & Hwy 521 – 7.44 ac of commercial property- ideal for development- located near Lowes and Walmart. Call Mack Kolb for details..... \$1,250,000

1324 Pocalia – SW corner of Hwy 521 South and S. Guignard Parkway. 4.64 acres- Frontage on 3 Roads, signalized intersection; ideal site for convenience store and fast food restaurant. Call Mack \$1,400,000

10 N Washington – .608 acre lot at the Signalized Intersection; Located across the street from Tuomey Hosp; Ideal location for Dr Office. Call Mack \$187,500

Mayfield Drive – 33.14 acres of beautiful soil! 56 preliminary lots already platted with 5 of those lots surveyed & approved! Residential home sites. Call Susan Weston..... \$285,000

4627 Blanche – Burgess Glen Mobile Home Park! 191 total lots, 121 mobile homes! Fabulous rental business. Income production in place & room to grow! Call Susan Weston..... \$1,500,000

Hwy 15 South & Pack Road – Located on Hwy 15 S. next to Bojangles Restaurant. Ideal commercial site, high traffic, total of 450' frontage. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409

733 Bultman Drive – Colony Square Shopping Center. Located on Bultman Drive, multiple tenants. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409 \$700,000

70 Swamp Fox Run – 2.22 ac. zoned Light Industrial-great site for building Call Mack Kolb @491-5409 \$94,900

508 E. Calhoun St Ext – 4380 sq ft office and warehouse space on 2.2 acr Ideal for contractor. \$119,000

651 W. Liberty – .65 acres of land zoned general commercial. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409..... \$67,500

3720 Broad Street – 1.58acres near Shaw AFB. Call Mack Kolb @491-5409..... \$69,000

Medical office building - 5,022 sqft- 10 Exam rooms, 4 private offices, large waiting room and secretarial area..... \$495,000

UNDER CONTRACT: 247 Bultman Drive – 5.66 Acre tract, Located on the NE corner of Bultman Drive and Rast St. Zoned as General Commercial. Utilities: City Water, Sewer, Natural Gas. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409..... \$395,000

1050 S. Pike W. – High Traffic location! Facing 378, next to 521, close to Broad St. Former motorcycle/ATV dlrship w/retail, office, shop & fenced areas. Call Susan Miller @ 720-6066 \$695,000

806 Market St. Camden – Commercial Lot available. Approximately .25 acres. Great location in downtown Camden. Selling Agent/Buyer to verify size of lot. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961 \$19,500

1985 N. Guignard Dr. .98 Acres in a high traffic area. Good office or retail location. Call Mack Kolb @ 491-5409..... \$164,900

Mallwood - Total of 6 lots in this package @ \$12,000 each. Approved for duplexes or triplexes. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409..... \$72,000

4790 Sumter Hwy - .70 acre site just off I-95 at the Alcolu exit. Good Fast food site. Call Mack @ 803-491-5409

1481 Trinity Church Rd. \$175,000. Just off I-95 at Alcolu exit. Good Hotel site. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

465 Rast St. Good professional office location. Ideal for medical office space. Located behind the Sumter Mall. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 \$495,000

2830 Broad St. 1.75 acres Located next to Ashley Furniture. Zoned general commercial. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 \$695,000

UNDER CONTRACT: 1750 Hwy 15 South. 1 acre parcel next to Pocalia Subdivision. Great location for fast food restaurant. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409..... \$225,000

1980 McCrays Mill Rd. 1.84 acres located next to Walgreens. Zoned Commercial. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409 \$350,000

1140 N. Guignard Drive. .57 acres Zoned General Commercial. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409..... \$65,000

146/150 South Main St. Formerly Hill Furniture Company- Lots of open showroom area. Located across from the new Nursing School downtown. Fairly new roof. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409..... \$195,000

345-365 Rast St. 4.71 acres of Commercial Property located behind Sumter Mall. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409.

501-517 S. Lafayette. 1.49 acres zoned General Commercial. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409

353 E Red Bay Rd. 9.5 acres Zoned light Industrial wholesale. Great place to build a shop. \$18,500 Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

500 Miller Road. 4,482 sqft day care facility in a good location. Priced to sell! \$189,000. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409.

2240 Peach Orchard Rd. Great location for retail store or daycare! 4,200 sqft Building on property needs TLC. \$149,995. Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961.

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96% of the graduates received merit-based scholarship offers totaling \$3,721,684.

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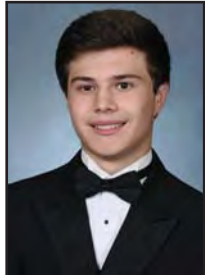
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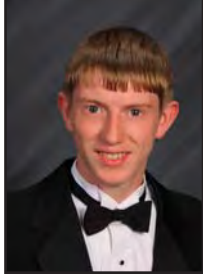
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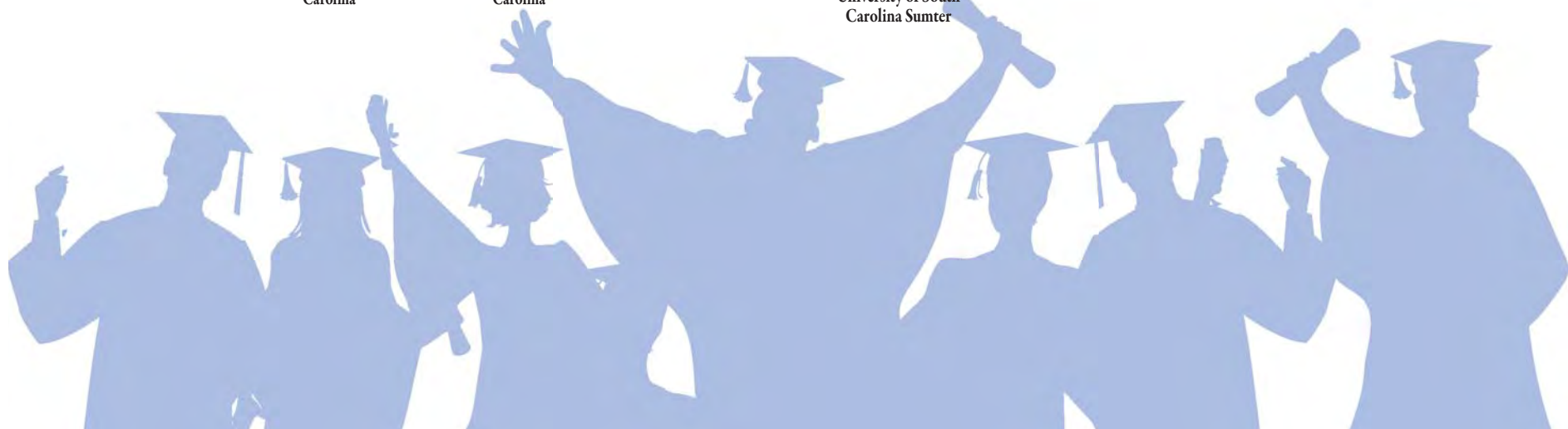


Barbara Madison Weeks
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Not Pictured:
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Leadership development returning to Sumter

BY CAITLAN WALZER
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Creating leaders in the Sumter community and making a change for the future are what Alice Drive Church strives to achieve through its second Taste of the Summit luncheon 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Central Carolina Technical College Science Center, according to its lead pastor.

The Global Leadership Summit will be showing a recorded speech by Mark Miller titled "Leaders Made Here: Building a Leadership Culture."

Miller's speech will be a preview of the full leadership conference, which the church will broadcast live talks from 14 speakers on Aug. 10 and 11. The two-day event in August will be \$189 per person, but the church will offer discounts for groups of 10 or more people. The fee includes all of the materials needed for the conference as well as drinks and snacks.

Clay Smith, the lead pastor of the church, said that the luncheon will provide the 50 attendees with a new perspective on how to influence others as a leader.

"A leader is anyone with influence," Smith said. "If you have influence in anyone's life, the Global Leadership Summit is your chance to improve your influence."

At the luncheon, attendees can expect to eat a provided lunch and learn about why businesses and organizations benefit from the full leadership conference that The Global Leadership Summit has to offer.

There are 50 seats available for this free event and in order to attend, contact Nancy Lee Zimpleman at nancylee@adbc.org or call or text (803) 266-4851 by Monday.

Police offering \$3,000 reward

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sumter Police Department is asking for the public's help in obtaining information leading to the arrest of the person or persons involved in the shooting death of Brandon Antwan Cummings, who was found fatally shot Wednesday night outside of the Quality Inn on Broad Street. A \$3,000 reward is being offered.

Although detectives are working diligently to identify the shooter of the 31-year-old, any information the public can provide is needed.

Anyone who saw or heard anything just before 9:30 p.m. when police responded to a shots-fired call, or after that time in the vicinity of the shooting, is asked to contact Sumter Police Department at (803) 436-2700 or call Crime Stoppers anonymously at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-CRIME-SC.

OBITUARIES

CAROLYN C. HOFF

MANNING — Carolyn Cousar Hoff joined the Lord on Saturday, May 13, 2017, in Columbia.

Carolyn was born on Dec. 13, 1929, in Sardinia, a daughter of John Landon Cousar and Annie Mable Cousar. She was raised by a loving mother, in a home full of brothers and half-brothers with just one half-sister. Carolyn attended elementary and high school in Gable, then headed for college at Winthrop for a year. By the time she got to



HOFF

Winthrop, the quality of her mother's positive influence was evident. She was known as the girl whose hair was always perfect, always dressed as if she was going out, and always wearing a good dose of Avon perfume. Her friends said the perfume was like the bell on the cat, you always knew when Carolyn was coming. She was devoted to studies, but did take some time for social events.

She transferred and graduated from Columbia College with a degree in early education. It was at Columbia College that she went on a group blind date one evening. Buddy Hoff had come up from The Citadel with friends and he always claimed he jumped the line to be the first to speak to the most beautiful girl there. Their romance grew into love and they were married in 1950. Carolyn was absolutely beautiful in a long gown and she told a friend that it was the first time she had ever felt like a princess. Buddy, on graduating from The Citadel, entered military service and was immediately assigned to Korea. So, Carolyn began her journey as an Army wife with an indefinite separation. Following the Korean War, Buddy had a variety of assignments and Carolyn learned how to relocate and adapt quickly. Eventually their path began to revolve around West Point and the United States Military Academy.

Carolyn was extremely active during the 30 years they spent at the academy and loved the time there. As Buddy worked his way up in the Department of

Chemistry, she found time to develop surprisingly good skills as a figure skater, did synchronized swimming for a while, and was always a terrific dancer. She was fascinated by the history and traditions of West Point and became an official tour guide and docent. Across the Hudson River was a small bit of land called Constitution Island and on it was the home and classroom of the Warner sisters. They were spinster teachers and they wrote the lyrics for "Jesus Loves Me." Carolyn was a member of the Constitution Island Guild and gave tours there as well. She and Buddy volunteered every year to host the new cadets arriving from South Carolina and she won the hearts of the young men with her abundant love and ability to put anyone at ease. Many of these future officers and their families became lifelong friends of the Hoff's. Carolyn's other activities included the Protestant Women of the Chapel, the Officers Wives Club and the Chemistry Wives group, which she eventually led.

Rick was born just before West Point as Buddy worked on his doctorate in psychology at Princeton. Greg was born a year after their arrival. Then in 1960, the Lord blessed her with Kevin. Kevin was a wonderful spirit who was born with severe physical problems. Carolyn's life as a mother became a series of surgeries, recoveries and then the next emerging problem as the medical profession did everything possible to sustain Kevin. Throughout years of this, she remained her loving, compassionate self and was the best mother in the world to the other two boys. Many of her friends from that time have stated that they drew their own strength from Carolyn's example.

In 1988, Buddy retired from the Army and Carolyn returned with him to Manning, where she dedicated herself to being a companion to her mother. Continuing her interest in history and tradition, she became a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, where she served as their chaplain. She was also a member of PEO, the Wednesday Morning Bridge Club, the Manning Garden Club and a very active member of the Presbyterian Church at Manning. Carolyn loved the outdoors, gardening, watching birds of all

types, and was tremendously fond of ice cream, milkshakes from Cook Out, and anything with chocolate. She adored her three grandchildren, Dylan, Kimberley and Skylar.

Carolyn moved from her beloved home in Manning to Covenant Place in Sumter in November. Choosing her best antiques, paintings, mirrors and clocks, she made a beautiful apartment come to life as a home. Carolyn had an amazing ability to remember and know people, names and even family trees. She fit like a glove at Covenant Place as she found schoolmates, cousins, marriage connections and Army connections in numbers that far exceeded her expectations. Everyone from professional administrative staff to caregivers loved her.

From the testimony of everyone in her many stages of life, Carolyn will be remembered for the way she could light up a room with her smile and the joy in her eyes. She sincerely cared for family, friends and even casual acquaintances and was quick to serve others before concern for herself. She always had the ability to say the right thing and lift others up. Others felt this love and returned it to her manifold. Carolyn lived every day with the Lord and was peacefully welcomed home by him.

Carolyn is survived by her sons, Rick (Anne) and Greg (Chris).

She was predeceased by her sons, Wilford Joseph III (1952), Timothy (1958) and Kevin (2007); and lost the love of her life, Buddy, in 2015.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at Presbyterian Church at Manning with the Rev. Dr. George Wilkes officiating.

Burial will be on a date not yet determined and private.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church at Manning, P.O. Box 207, Manning, SC 29102

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

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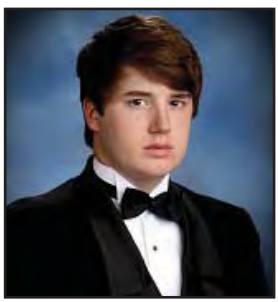
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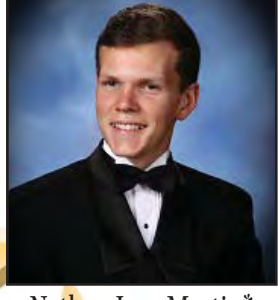
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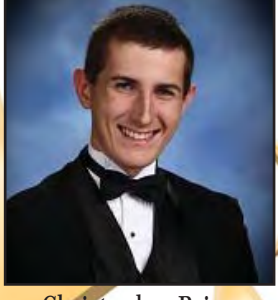
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ELLEN J. MARCZEWSKI

Ellen Jeanette Marczewski, 53, died on May 18, 2017, at the home of her mother.



MARCZEWSKI

Born in Panama City, Florida, she was a daughter of Thomas Martin Marczewski and Patricia B. Hamilton. Ms. Marczewski was employed as a legal secretary for Attorney Kenneth L. Hamilton Jr. and she was a member of the Sumter Newcomers Club.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Kenneth L. Hamilton Jr. of Sumter; her father, Thomas Martin Marczewski of Warrior, Alabama; a son, Joseph M. Marczewski (Crystal) of Warrior; a daughter, Miranda Rose Marczewski of Warrior; a sister, Sara E. Hamilton of Spartanburg; two brothers, Stephen C. Marczewski (Mary Beth) of Jacksonville, Florida, and Thomas Martin Marczewski Jr. of Mount Pleasant; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her stepmother, Mary Morgan Marczewski.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. today at the Church of the Holy Cross with the Rev. Michael E. Ridgill and the Rev. Joel Osborne officiating. Burial will be in the churchyard.

The family will receive friends following the funeral service in the church Parish House and other times at 2041 Tudor St.

Memorials may be made to the Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150; to Harvest Hope Food Bank, 2220 Shop Road, Columbia, SC 29201; or to a charity of one's choice.

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

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

**JERMAINE WITHERSPOON**

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut — Jermaine Witherspoon, 35, died on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

He was born on Sept. 4, 1981 in Norwalk, Connecticut, a son of Steve Hill and the late Eunice Blackwell Witherspoon, and reared by his uncle and aunt, Hewyard and Elouise Blackwell Moses.

Funeral services for Mr. Witherspoon will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Hayes F. & LaNelle J. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

The Rev. Oliver Davis, pastor of Centerville AME Church in Hartsville, will officiate.

PAUL J. ACOR

Paul Joseph Acor, age 79, beloved husband of 47 years to Mary McIntosh Acor, died on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in Pittsburgh, he was raised by his foster parents, the late John and Margaret Peters.

After school, Paul joined the U.S. Air Force, where he became stationed at Shaw Air Force Base. After retirement, he worked for several insurance companies; Town and County Mobile Homes; Sumter School District 17 maintenance department, where he worked for 23 years; and went on to work part time at NAPA Auto Parts for nine years. He was a member of First Baptist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife are two stepsons, Timothy Brauch and his wife, Alli-

son, and Mike Brauch, all of Sumter; and two grandchildren, Hunter Blaze Brauch and Travis R. Brauch.

In addition to his foster parents, he was preceded in death by a stepson, Jeff Brauch.

A funeral service will be held at noon on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dan Barber and the Rev. Charles Clanton officiating. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery with military honors.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Monday from 11 a.m. to noon at Bullock Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Singing Christmas Tree, 107 E. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**EDWARD T. MCNAIR**

MANNING — Edward Tuttle McNair, 62, died on Friday, May 19, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center.



MCNAIR

Born on Oct. 21, 1954, in Manning, he was a son of Anne Tuttle McNair and the late John Carroll McNair.

He was a member of New Harmony Presbyterian Church.

He is survived by his mother of Gable; a son, Edward Tuttle "Ted" McNair Jr., of Charleston; a daughter, Aiken McDowell McNair of Charleston; three brothers, John Carroll McNair Jr. (Jan) of Manning, William Bruce McNair (Janice) of Gable and Robert Lynn McNair of Gable; a sister, Sarah Anne McNair LeNoir of Sumter; a sister-in-law, Sylvia Mims McNair of Gable; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his brother, James Kell McNair.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday at New Harmony Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Gordon Reed officiating. Burial will follow in DuRant-New Harmony Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Frank Bleasdale, Lin Brunson, Harry DuRant, Gene DuRant, Tommy Wilson and Len Brown.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home.

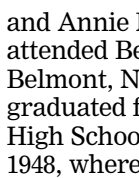
Memorials may be made to New Harmony Presbyterian Church, 1174 New Harmony Church Road, Alcolu, SC 29001.

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

J. MOSCOE JOHNSON

J. Moscoe Johnson, 88, husband of Ruth Burnett Johnson, died peacefully on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on April 1, 1929, in the Shiloh community of Sumter County, he was a son of the late William David



JOHNSON

and Annie Marie Johnson. He attended Belmont Abbey in Belmont, North Carolina, and graduated from Edmunds High School in Sumter in 1948, where he participated in sports. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and had his training at Lackland Air Force Base, Brooks Field and Kelly Air Force Base in Texas. He served during the Korean War and was stationed in England. He enjoyed seeing the famous English landmarks and also the queen mother. After being separated from Air Training

Command in 1952, he entered USC in Columbia.

He was employed with the Atomic Energy Commission in Aiken, before moving to Georgia as a salesman for South Georgia with Benjamin Moore & Co. In 1967, he moved back to Sumter and opened Moscoe's Carpet & Floorcovering, which he operated until the early 1990s, when he retired. Moscoe was a charter member of the Optimists in Warner Robins, Georgia. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Col. Matthew Singleton Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in Sumter. Moscoe was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Sumter in his early years when he lived with his sister, Tillie Hill. After marrying, he and his wife joined Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Sumter in 1957 and raised their family there.

Moscoe had several farms in Sumter and Lee County, where he raised timber and hunted. He had a nice pond and cabin in Lee County, which he, his family and friends enjoyed. His joy was to see five children participate in sports and excel in their schools and colleges. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with them and also with the many grandchildren he had.

Moscoe and Ruth did much genealogy research on both sides of the family. He was a direct descendant of Elijah Johnson of Dobbs County, North Carolina, who was a patriot in the Revolutionary War. Elijah moved to the New Zion area of South Carolina after the war, where he was given a large land grant. Later, Johnson moved to the Shiloh area of Sumter County, where many Johnson descendants still live. Other family names are Frierson, Boykin, Harper, McElveen, Dickey and Plummer.

Survivors include the love of his life, Ruth, to whom he was married for 63 years; children, Linda Jensen and husband, John, of Navarre, Florida, Monty Johnson and wife, Debbie, of Greensboro, Georgia, Bill Johnson of Sumter, Michael Johnson and wife, Kathy, of McCormick and Elizabeth Eppley and husband, Chris, of Sumter; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by brothers, Frazier Johnson, John Harper Johnson and William Byrum Johnson; and sisters, Mattie Maye Horton, Tillie Hill and Gloria Johnson Denton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Day officiating.

Burial will be at 2 p.m. on Monday at the Trinity Methodist Church Cemetery in Shiloh, where his parents and many relatives are buried.

Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

Members of the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class will serve as honorary pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Monday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 211 Alice Drive, Sumter, SC 29150 or to a charity of one's choice.

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

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

**LAWRENCE A. WAITERS**

MANNING — Lawrence A. Waiters, 78, husband of Mary Ida Nelson Waiters, died on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

He was born Oct. 8, 1938, in Manning, a son of the late Dove and Mary Lee Mack Waiters.

The family is receiving friend at his residence, 6803 Moses Dingle Road, Manning.

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

CHARLES M. HEMINGWAY

MANNING — Charles McCall "Mac" Hemingway Jr., 67, husband of Ann Beasley Hemingway, died on Friday, May 19, 2017, in London, Kentucky.

Born on Oct. 22, 1949, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Charles McCall and the late Eleanor Edwine Zeagler Hemingway Sr.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War and he was an ordained Baptist minister. He loved music and he participated in several church choirs.

He is survived by his wife of Manning; a daughter, Ellie Baquiran (Luis) of Spartanburg; three stepdaughters, Marie Dorr (Maynard) of Gable, Diane Benenhaley (Rod) of Sumter and Becky White (Daron) of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; a brother, Alec Hemingway of Andrews; nine grandchildren; and beloved pets.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. William Jeffers and the Rev. Randy Smith officiating. Burial will follow in Summerton Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be McCall Hemingway, Joe Hemingway, Mike Shirer, Kenny Keller, Brian Inabinet and David Shirer. Honorary pallbearers will be Tyler Dorr, Owen Baquiran and Walter White.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 411 Sylvan Drive, Manning.

Memorials may be made to A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway, Manning, SC 29102.

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

JAMES D. MOISE

James DeLeon Moise, age 90, beloved husband of Catherine Moise, died on Friday, May 19, 2017, at his residence.

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

**ROGER K. SHIPLEY**

Roger Keith Shipley, 49, died on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence.

Born on Sept. 30, 1967, in Sumter, he was a son of Sarah Troutman Shipley and the late George Walton Shipley. He was a member of Southside Baptist Church and was employed by Piggly-Wiggly on Calhoun Street for 29 years. Roger was also the custodian at St. John United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his mother of Sumter; a brother, Phillip Harris Shipley (Penny) of Sumter; a niece, Micki Carolyn Shipley; and several aunts and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Southside Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Holley, the Rev. Tommy Atkinson and the Rev. Larry Brown officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Fred Shipley, Tom Bochette, Dwight Mixon, Rob DuBose, Pete DuBose and Robbie Barkley.

Honorary pallbearers will be the employees of Piggly-Wiggly.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Southside Baptist Church and other times at the home, 17 Wilson St.

Memorials may be made to Southside Baptist Church, 1116 Manning Road, Sumter, SC 29150 or to St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

The family would like to thank all of the employees and supervisors at Piggly-Wiggly, Dr. Suchinda, Dr. Villanueva, as well as the doctors, nurses, and staff of Palmetto Health Tuomey and McLeod Regional Medical Center, and all of you who helped the family have a little more time with Roger before we had to say goodbye.

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

JOHNNY M. MCCLAM

Mr. Johnny Melvin McClam, 69, was born on Dec. 29, 1947, in Olanta, to the late Mitchell and Icybell Brayboy McClam.

He is the husband of Mrs. Virginia Davis McClam.

He departed this life on Thursday, May 18, 2017, in Sumter.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 750 Branch St., Sumter.

Services have been entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

LEROY JOHNSON

MANNING — Leroy "Bird" Johnson, 88, widower of Julia Hammett Johnson, died on Friday, May 19, 2017, at Brookdale Assisted Living, Sumter.

He was born on Sept. 6, 1928, in Manning, a son of the late Chappell and Annie Louise Stukes Johnson.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

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

CATHY L. AMOS

Mrs. Cathy L. Amos, daughter of the Rev. Johnnie Mae Miller and the late Mr. Alex Roundtree, and wife of Terrence Eugene Amos of 144 Carolina Ave., Sumter, died on Friday, May 19, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

The family will receive friends at the home of her mother, 385 Pioneer Drive, Sumter.

OCTAVIA JAMES-TOMLIN

Octavia James-Tomlin, 80, widow of Harold R. Tomlin and daughter of the late Clarence and Carrie Lee James James, was born on Jan. 23, 1937, in Sumter County.

She departed this life on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Providence Hospital, Columbia.

Family will receive friends at the home of her daughter, Joann T. Ferrell, 312 Rogers Ave., Sumter.

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

CLYDE E. MOORE JR.

Clyde Egbert Moore Jr., age 69, beloved husband of Juanita Moore, died on Saturday, May 20, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

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

**ELIZABETH WEBSTER**

Elizabeth Webster, 69, daughter of the late Rosa Scott Davis, was born on May 20, 1947, in Sumter County.

She departed this life on Friday, May 19, 2017, at Family Residential Care Home, Sumter.

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

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COMMENTARY

Recalling the glory days at the Bowery

While visiting Murrells Inlet and the Grand Strand this week I ran across an article in the *Myrtle Beach Herald* about a legendary establishment I frequented in my younger days: The Bowery.



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This became a ritual during summer visits to The Bowery while the gypsy worked there.

He would later wind up in an insane asylum, according to Brown.

It's a honky tonk, one of the very finest in Myrtle Beach.

How long has it been around?

Since 1944, over 70 years.

This is the joint where the Alabama band got its start.

I would usually go there with my cronies Brown Sibert, Bobby Bultman and Craig Hurst during the summers.

I recall one evening with the trio when our table was waited on by a swarthy, dangerous-looking guy wearing a bandana. We called him "The Gypsy."

He took our order and served us the beer. After we had consumed the adult beverages and received and paid the check,

Brown produced a dollar bill to tip the gypsy, gesturing him to open his mouth.

The gypsy opened his mouth, took the single — and swallowed it.

I'm not making this up. He thought it was funny. So did we.

Sometimes Brown would act like he was deranged and was ready for a visit with the men in white coats carrying strait jackets, especially when he would get into fights at the Pawleys Island pavilion.

But back to The Bowery.

It's still very popular with the Harley bikers who have poured into and out of the Grand Strand this week, spending time at the Suck, Bang, and Blow and Beaver bar in Murrells Inlet.

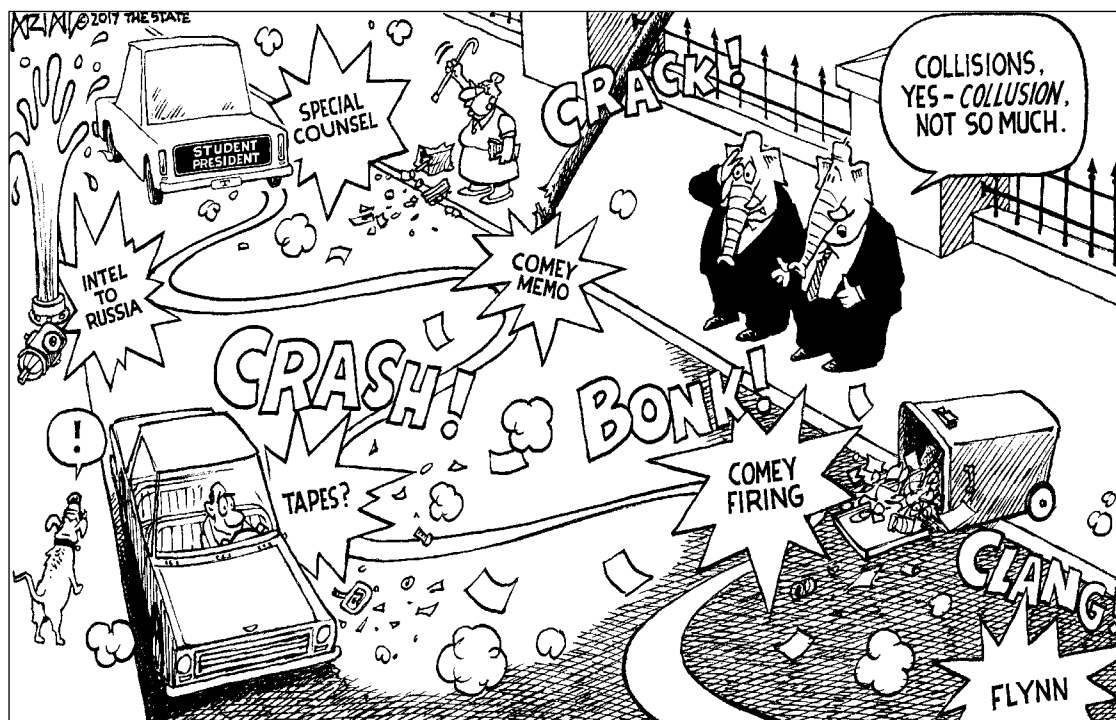
If you want to learn more about those charming attractions, check with my son Jack.

It's an Inlet "Thing."

As for the Bowery, it's the Eighth Wonder of The World.

I'm not making this stuff up.

Hubert D. Osteen Jr. is Chairman/Editor-in-Chief of The Sumter Item.



COMMENTARY

Donald Trump is good for business — the Trump-bashing business

Last year, during the presidential campaign, I told Bill O'Reilly, then of Fox News, that things would not end well for Donald Trump, that even if he somehow won the election, given his erratic behavior, his would be a tumultuous presidency.

I didn't need a crystal ball to figure that out. He acted more like a nasty kid in middle school than a man running for president of a great country. Marco Rubio was "little Marco." Ted Cruz was "lyin' Ted." Jeb Bush was "low energy Jeb," Hillary Clinton was "crooked Hillary," and Carly Fiorina had a face that didn't belong in the White House.

Enough Americans didn't care. Many of them hoped he'd rise to the occasion if he won. Besides, they had had enough of the old way and wanted someone brash to shake up the stodgy establishment.

But now that he's president, Donald Trump isn't exactly draining the swamp. If anything, the swamp is draining Donald Trump. He's learning a lesson about how it was a bad idea to compare the intelligence community to Nazis and to bash powerful news organizations as fake news.

Every day there are embarrassing leaks that dominate the news and force the White House to explain the president's side of the story — before the explanation changes and his people have to explain it all over again.

One day the biggest story in the world is his firing of FBI chief James Comey. Then it's a story about the president giving secret information about ISIS to the Russians in the Oval Office. A day later it's news that he asked Comey, when he still was head of the FBI, to back off the investigation of former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn.

Maybe it's all a misunderstanding. Maybe he's a victim of a smear cam-



Bernard Goldberg

paign. Maybe. But in the eyes of a lot of Americans, Donald Trump no longer gets the benefit of the doubt.

He has said too many things that turned out not to be true. A recent NBC/Wall Street Journal poll found that only 39 percent of Americans approve of the job the president is doing. Not good!

But in spite of the low numbers there are more than a few high-profile Americans who, even though they detest the president, ought to send him a case of champagne and a few dozen roses along with a thank you note for all he's done for them.

Who are these people? They're liberals in the media — both the news and entertainment media — who are doing fabulously well thanks to none other than Donald J. Trump. These are people who would rather walk on broken glass than say something nice about the president. But they've discovered a very valuable secret: bashing him is not only satisfying, it not only gets them plaudits from their liberal friends, it's also good for business.

Stephen Colbert went from worst to first by bashing the president on his late night CBS comedy show. It started with a few jabs and when his ratings went up, the jabs became more frequent and harder hitting and recently included a vulgar rant against the president.

The View's ratings are also soaring thanks at least in part to the frequent Trump bashing by the show's liberal women who pose as political scientists.

MSNBC used to be a joke. Not anymore.

Knocking the president all day long has been good for business there too. Ac-

ording to recent ratings, MSNBC was the most-watched cable news network in weekday prime time in the advertiser-coveted 25-54 year old demo.

Saturday Night Live is having a spectacular year thanks to Alec Baldwin's Trump is a doofus character and Melissa McCarthy's Sean Spicer is nuts routine. As one story put it, "Donald Trump has referred to himself as a ratings machine, and judging from the recent viewership of Saturday Night Live, he's right." Ratings for SNL this year have hit a 22-year high.

Business at the "failing New York Times," as Mr. Trump likes to put it, is also doing quite well. Subscriptions have gone way up since Donald Trump was elected. Liberals love the constant barrage of Trump bashing on the editorial and op-ed pages — and on the front page too.

The media elite may despise him, but they're the ones laughing all the way to the bank. Their numbers are up; his are down.

Now, with all the headlines about possible collusion with the Russians, with Democrats yelling about obstruction of justice and impeachment, the president is being portrayed as either a Manchurian candidate or an undisciplined amateur who can't keep his mouth shut.

If only he had been more concerned with getting things right and less with bragging about what a great job he's doing, if only he had been more gracious and less vindictive to his enemies, both real and perceived, he might have more friends and more support in these times of trouble.

But then he wouldn't be Donald Trump.

Bernie Goldberg is an opinion writer and a news and media analyst for Fox News' O'Reilly Factor. He is a graduate of Rutgers University and a member of the school's Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

NOTABLE & QUOTABLE

This week, *Sumter Item* reporter Bruce Mills outlined the latest on the *Sumter School District's financial woes* in a story titled, "Committee challenges board on new budget." Read it online at www.theitem.com.

Several committee members said Thursday the updated proposed budget isn't enough to put the district on firm financial ground. The finance committee consists of four private-business leaders, who are appointed, and three board members and serves in an advisory role to the full board.

At Thursday's meeting, finance committee member and local private-business owner Greg Thompson made a motion, which passed by a 5-1 vote, to challenge the full board of trustees to review the newly proposed budget and come up with a larger fund balance because of a lack of financial security. The board will receive that motion Monday at its next meeting at the district office.

"I don't support this budget," Thompson said. "We don't have a budget approved for next fiscal year yet, and I think this is irresponsible. It's my opinion, but I don't support that budget. ... This is insufficient financial security for the district."

Supporters of Thursday's motion included Thompson, fellow private-business owners Ben Griffith and Bobby Anderson and board members Johnny Hilton and Lucille McQuilla. The dissenting vote against the motion came from board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney, who also

voted against the initial recommendation and motion at the April 24 board meeting.

In *The Wall Street Journal*, Peggy Noonan writes, "Democracy Is Not Your Plaything."

The president of the United States has produced a building crisis that is unprecedented in our history. The question, at bottom, is whether Donald Trump has demonstrated, in his first four months, that he is unfit for the presidency—wholly unsuited in terms of judgment, knowledge, mental capacity, personal stability. That epic question is then broken down into discrete and specific questions: Did he improperly attempt to interfere with an FBI criminal investigation, did his presidential campaign collude with a foreign government, etc.

But the epic question underlies all. It couldn't be more consequential and will take time to resolve. The sheer gravity of the drama will demand the best from all of us. Are we up to it?

The world sees the U.S. political system once again as a circus. Once the circus comes to town, it consumes everything, absorbs all energy.

I asked the ambassador to the U.S. from one of our greatest allies: "What does Europe say now when America leaves the room?" You're still great, he said, but "we think you're having a nervous breakdown."

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LEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALLED MEETING / BUDGET WORK SESSION Monday, 2 p.m., Quadplex, District Administration Complex, 310 Roland St., Bishopville

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your sights set on what you

for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look at the bright side of every situation, especially when dealing with relationships. Offer love and affection and a willingness to try something new that will make those you love happy. The rewards will be emotionally rewarding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Face the music and be realistic about the things you want to pursue. You will receive help if you are receptive to scaling back so that your goal is doable. Instead of feeling defeated, look at your current position as a stepping stone to greater things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Dig in and do what you like to do most. Making changes to the way you look or live will bring stellar results as well as compliments. Love and romance are featured and will improve your personal life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a step back and assess your situation. If someone is being erratic or pressuring you to make a choice, consider your alternatives. Use your intelligence to navigate your way through any situation that appears to be unstable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bring about change. You can make a difference that will mark the beginning of a new era in your community or to a cause you believe in. Work from home or host a meeting that will help move your ideas forward faster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let things get to you. Anger will not solve any problem that arises in your personal life. Instead, look for ways to channel your emotional energy into something creative and meaningful to you. Avoid pushy or disagreeable people.

need to accomplish. Home improvements, getting together with friends or just planning something special with your loved ones will help you keep emotions in check. Live in the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider your personal financial options. If you plan carefully, you can build a quality life with all the people and possessions that make you happy without feeling the pressure that overspending or living excessively can burden you with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional reactions will lead to an unforeseen problem when dealing with others. Use your time and energy to prepare before you decide to share. The way you present your ideas will make a difference between getting support or rejection.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will be intent on opposing you no matter what you do or say. Back up and give space to anyone who appears to be disgruntled. Put more time into doing things for and with people who share your sentiments and you'll achieve more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got all the right moves, so don't let stubbornness stand between you and your happiness. Embrace change and put all you've got into personal relationships. By offering to do your share, you'll gain respect. Love and romance are highlighted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Changes at home or within a relationship will cause confusion or mess up your plans. Use intelligence to work your way through any discrepancies you encounter and you'll find an alternative plan that will work better

PREP BASEBALL

Swampcats' Touchberry signs with USC Union

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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MANNING — Ryan Touchberry was looking for an opportunity to play baseball beyond high school. Nothing had come his way when he got a telephone call from Andrew Caskey, a teammate of Touchberry on a travel team on which he played.



TOUCHBERRY

"He asked me if I still wanted to play college baseball," Touchberry, a Laurence Manning Academy standout, said. "He was at USC Union and told me that I should look at them."

Touchberry listened to his friend's advice and now he will be a Bantam

as well. Touchberry signed with the University of South Carolina Union last week along with LMA teammate Buddy Bleasdale.

Touchberry said Union started making contact with him in April. "I just went there for a visit and I really liked it," Touchberry said. "It's a good school."

Touchberry was a 3-year starter for the Swampcats, playing for the SCISA 3A state title each year, winning the last two. He batted .340 in the just completed season and batted .375 in Laurence Manning's postseason run.

"Ryan was an outstanding player for us," said LMA head coach Barry Hatfield. "He also leads by example,

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Stingers beat USC Lancaster, advance to JUCO World Series

BY MARK A. HASELDEN
Morning News

FLORENCE — The Florence-Darlington Tech Stingers are champions of the Eastern District.



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Now they go west to try to become champions of all.

Tech's Alex Hursey sparked on the mound on Saturday and the Stingers' hot bats were too much for a depleted USC Lancaster pitching staff in a 14-0 win at Sparrow Stadium.

The victory sends the Stingers, who are 42-17 on the season, to Grand Junction, Colo., for the Division I NJCAA World Series. The 10-team, double-elimination event be-

gins on Saturday, but Tech isn't scheduled to play until 9:30 p.m. Sunday against McLennan (Texas), the winner of the Southwestern District.

Flo-Dar is coached by former Dalzell-Shaw American Legion Post 175 head coach and former Lakewood High School and Sumter P-15's player Preston McDonald.

Two former Sumter High players, Javon Martin and Tradd James, also play for the Stingers.

The moment has been a long time coming for Tech, although the program is still relatively young, having begun play in 2005.

As Curtis Hudson, the program's first coach, looked on with other jubilant Tech fans, the Stingers rushed the field in celebration after the final

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LEGION BASEBALL

Almost ready to begin again

American Legion baseball kicks off in earnest on May 30

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While the local teams will be playing in preseason scrimmages and tournaments, the American Legion baseball season kicks into full gear on Tuesday, May 30.

The Sumter P-15's, Manning-Santee Post 68 and the Dalzell-Shaw Post 175 Jets will all be part of the 5-team League III along with Camden Post 17 and Hartsville Post 53. The league will use a format of playing a team three consecutive times during a week with a team getting one week off from league play over the 5-week regular season. All of the league games will begin at 7 p.m.

Sumter, which finished 23-7 and made the state tournament, will open against Hartsville at Riley Park on May 30. The P-15's will play a 21-game regular season, including playing host to two tournaments on consecutive weekends.

The North/South Tournament will be held June 16-18 and will feature three teams from South Carolina against three teams from North Carolina. The Palmetto State squads will be Chapin/Newberry and Florence along with Sumter while the Tar Heel teams will be Rowan County, Pitt County and Wilmington.

A portion of the Palmetto Invitational Tournament will be played at Riley Park the



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Sumter's Dawson Price is one of several key returners for a P-15's squad that opens its season on May 30 against Hartsville.

following weekend, June 23-25. Out-of-state teams that will play in Sumter are Pelham, Ala., Tallahassee, Fla., Wallace, N.C., and Garner, N.C.

Manning reached the state playoffs last season, losing in a first-round series to Florence, going 7-10. Post 68 will open its 13-game schedule with a series against Dalzell.

Two of the games will be played at the Manning High School Field and the other at General Field.

M-S will close its regular season with a 3-game series

against Sumter. The Jets are coming off of a 1-18 season. They will play a 15-game schedule. Dalzell

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Cloud Computing (2), ridden by Javier Castellano, won the 142nd Preakness Stakes on Saturday ahead of Classic Empire, ridden by Julien Leparoux, at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore.

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HORSE RACING

Cloud Computing wins Preakness in big upset

Always Dreaming finishes in 8th place

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Sometimes it pays to have a fresh horse.

Cloud Computing skipped the Kentucky Derby, while eventual winner Always Dreaming and Classic Empire mixed it up in the mud at Churchill Downs.

Two weeks later, Cloud Computing pounced on those two horses in the Preakness, pulling off an upset victory at 13-1 odds Saturday. He became the first horse to skip the Derby and win the second leg of the Triple Crown since filly Rachel Alexandra in 2009.

"Some of the reason that we won today was because we were patient and didn't throw

an inexperienced horse against a 20-horse field in the Derby on a very difficult track," winning co-owner Seth Klarman said. "We made a great call."

Always Dreaming and Classic Empire dueling for most of the race before Classic Empire stuck his nose in front midway on the far turn. It looked as if Classic Empire would

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
5 a.m. - Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Rocco Forte Open Final Round from Sicily, Italy (GOLF).
6:50 a.m. - International Soccer: FIFA U-20 World Cup Group D Match from Suwon, South Korea - Uruguay vs. Italy (FOX SPORTS 1).
8 a.m. - Professional Tennis: Italian Open Doubles Final Match from Rome (TENNIS).
9:55 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Middlesbrough vs. Liverpool/Everton vs. Arsenal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Everton vs. Arsenal (WIS 10).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Bournemouth vs. Leicester City (BRAVO).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Crystal Palace vs. Manchester United (CNBC).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Stoke City vs. Southampton (E!).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - West Brom vs. Swansea (ESQUIRE).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Tottenham vs. Hill (MSNBC).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - West Ham vs. Burnley (OXYGEN).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Sunderland vs. Chelsea (SYFY).
10 a.m. - International Soccer: English Premier League Match - Manchester City vs. Watford (USA).
Noon - College Softball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).
Noon - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament Quarterfinal Match from Newark, Del. - Syracuse vs. Towson (ESPN2).
Noon - College Baseball: Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament Championship Game (ESPN).
12:55 p.m. - International Soccer: Portuguese League Match - Porto vs. Moreirense (UNIVISION).
1 p.m. - PGA Golf: AT&T Byron Nelson Final Round from Irving, Texas (GOLF).
1:30 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Washington at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
2 p.m. - Major League Baseball: San Francisco at St. Louis or Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs (MLB NETWORK).
2:30 p.m. - College Softball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).
2:30 p.m. - College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament Quarterfinal Match from Newark, Del. - Albany vs. Maryland (ESPN2).
3 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Eastern Conference Final Series Game Five - Ottawa at Pittsburgh (WIS 10).
3 p.m. - PGA Golf: AT&T Byron Nelson Final Round from Irving, Texas (WLTX 19).
3 p.m. - WNBA Basketball: Chicago at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, NBA TV).
3 p.m. - Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Regions Tradition Final Round from Birmingham, Ala. (GOLF).
4 p.m. - IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Indianapolis 500 Pole Qualifying Day Two from Indianapolis (WOLO 25).
5 p.m. - Major League Soccer: Los Angeles at Minnesota United (ESPN).
5 p.m. - College Softball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).
5 p.m. - Auto Racing: ARCA Series Menards 200 from Toledo, Ohio (FOX SPORTS 1).
5 p.m. - LPGA Golf: Kingsmill Championship Final Round from Williamsburg, Va. (GOLF).
5 p.m. - Professional Tennis: Italian Open Singles Final Match from Rome (TENNIS).
7 p.m. - College Softball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN2).
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7 p.m. - Major League Soccer: New York City at Orlando (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. - Professional Golf: Web.com Tour BMW Charity Pro-Am Final Round from Greer (GOLF).
8 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Texas at Detroit (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Final Series Game Three - Boston at Cleveland (TNT).
9:30 p.m. - College Softball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN2).
9:30 p.m. - College Softball: NCAA Tournament Regional Game (ESPN).
3:50 a.m. - International Soccer: FIFA U-20 World Cup Group F Match from Incheon, South Korea - United States vs. Ecuador (FOX SPORTS 1).
3:50 a.m. - International Soccer: FIFA U-20 World Cup Group E Match from Cheonan, South Korea - Honduras vs. France (FOX SPORTS 2).

MONDAY
6 a.m. - Professional Tennis: Geneva Open Early-Round Matches from Geneva, Switzerland (TENNIS).
6:50 a.m. - International Soccer: FIFA U-20 World Cup Group F Match from Incheon, South Korea - Senegal vs. Saudi Arabia (FOX SPORTS 1).
6:50 a.m. - International Soccer: FIFA U-20 World Cup Group E Match from Cheonan, South Korea - New Zealand vs. Vietnam (FOX SPORTS 2).
10 a.m. - Professional Tennis: Geneva Open Early-Round Matches from Geneva, Switzerland (TENNIS).
11 a.m. - Professional Basketball: EuroLeague Final Game from Istanbul (NBA TV).
2 p.m. - Professional Tennis: French Open Qualifying Matches from Paris (TENNIS).
4 p.m. - Women's College Golf: NCAA Women's Golf Championships Individual Championship from Sugar Grove, Ill. (GOLF).
6:05 p.m. - Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7:30 p.m. - Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
8 p.m. - Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Chicago Cubs or Detroit at Houston (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. - NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Western Conference Final Series Game Six - Anaheim at Nashville (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9 p.m. - NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Final Series Game Four - Golden State at San Antonio (ESPN).
3:40 a.m. - International Soccer: FIFA U-20 World Cup Group A Match from Jeonju, South Korea - Guinea vs. England (FOX SPORTS 1).
3:50 a.m. - International Soccer: FIFA U-20 World Cup Group B Match from Daejeon, South Korea - Venezuela vs. Vanuatu (FOX SPORTS 1).

GOLF

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BYRON NELSON PAR SCORES
Saturday
At TPC Four Seasons Resort
Irving, Texas
Purse: \$7.5 million
Yardage: 7,166; Par 70
Third Round
 James Hahn 64-70-64-198 -12
 Billy Horschel 68-65-66-199 -11
 Jason Day 68-69-63-200 -10
 Jhonatan Kokrak 66-62-72-200 -10
 Cameron Tringale 66-68-67-201 -9
 Sergio Garcia 73-65-64-202 -8
 Jason Dufner 69-68-65-202 -8
 Bud Cauley 67-67-68-202 -8

MLB STANDINGS

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AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	24	16	.600	—
New York	24	16	.600	—
Tampa Bay	23	22	.511	3½
Boston	21	21	.500	4
Toronto	18	25	.419	7½
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	21	17	.553	—
Cleveland	22	19	.537	½
Detroit	20	20	.500	2
Chicago	18	22	.450	4
Kansas City	17	24	.415	5½
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	29	14	.674	—

Texas	23	20	.535	6
Los Angeles	22	22	.500	7½
Seattle	20	23	.465	9
Oakland	20	23	.465	9

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Baltimore 5, Toronto 3, 10 innings
 N.Y. Mets 3, L.A. Angels 0
 Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Texas 5, Detroit 3
 Cleveland 5, Houston 3
 Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings
 Oakland 3, Boston 2, 10 innings
 Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Kansas City at Minnesota, ppd.
 Oakland 8, Boston 3
 Cleveland 3, Houston 0
 Tampa Bay 9, N.Y. Yankees 5
 L.A. Angels at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.
 Texas at Detroit, 7:15 p.m.
 Toronto at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 L.A. Angels (Chavez 3-5) at N.Y. Mets (Milone 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-2), 1:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Estrada 2-2) at Baltimore (Miley 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
 Cleveland (Salazar 2-4) at Houston (Mugrove 3-3), 2:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (TBD) at Minnesota (Hughes 4-2), 2:10 p.m., 1st game
 Boston (Rodriguez 2-1) at Oakland (Triggs 5-2), 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Holland 3-3) at Seattle (Overton 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Kennedy 0-3) at Minnesota (Mejia 0-1), 5:40 p.m., 2nd game
 Texas (Darvish 4-2) at Detroit (Boyd 2-3), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	25	16	.610	—
Atlanta	17	22	.436	7
New York	17	23	.425	7½
Philadelphia	15	25	.375	9½
Miami	14	27	.341	11
CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	25	18	.581	—
St. Louis	21	18	.538	2
Chicago	21	20	.512	3
Cincinnati	20	22	.476	4½
Pittsburgh	19	24	.442	6
WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	27	17	.614	—
Los Angeles	25	18	.581	1½
Arizona	25	18	.581	1½
San Francisco	18	25	.419	8½
San Diego	15	29	.341	12

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 3
 Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 2
 Colorado 12, Cincinnati 6
 N.Y. Mets 3, L.A. Angels 0
 Atlanta 7, Washington 4
 San Francisco 6, St. Louis 5
 Arizona 10, San Diego 1
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Miami 2

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, ppd.
 Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 3
 Cincinnati 12, Colorado 8
 Washington at Atlanta, 4:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.
 San Francisco at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
 Arizona at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
 Miami at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 Colorado (Freeland 4-2) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-3), 1:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Chavez 3-5) at N.Y. Mets (Milone 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Nola 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-4), 1:35 p.m.
 Washington (Strasburg 4-1) at Atlanta (Garcia 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
 San Francisco (Gain 3-1) at St. Louis (Wainwright 3-3), 2:15 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Anderson 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 4-3), 2:20 p.m.
 Miami (Worley 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 3-1), 4:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Godley 1-0) at San Diego (Richard 2-5), 4:40 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS
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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 2, Boston 0
 May 17: Cleveland 117, Boston 104
 Friday: Cleveland 130, Boston 86
 Today: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
 Tuesday: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
 x-Thursday: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
 x-May 27: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
 x-Monday: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 2, San Antonio 0
 May 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 111
 May 16: Golden State 136, San Antonio 100
 Saturday: Golden State at San Antonio (late)
 Monday: Golden State at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 x-Wednesday: San Antonio at Golden State, 9 p.m.
 x-May 26: Golden State at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
 x-May 28: San Antonio at Golden State, 9 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS
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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 2
 May 13: Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
 May 15: Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa 0
 May 17: Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1
 Friday: Pittsburgh 3, Ottawa 2
 Today: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
 Tuesday: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.
 x-Thursday: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Nashville 2, Anaheim 2
 May 12: Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT
 May 14: Anaheim 5, Nashville 3
 May 16: Nashville 2, Anaheim 1
 May 18: Anaheim 3, Nashville 2, OT
 Saturday: Nashville at Anaheim (late)
 Monday: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 x-Wednesday: Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	2	0	1.000	—
New York	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1
Connecticut	0	1	.000	1½
Chicago	0	2	.000	2
Indiana	0	2	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	—
Minnesota	2	0	1.000	—
Dallas	1	0	1.000	½
Phoenix	2	1	.667	½
Seattle	1	1	.500	1
San Antonio	0	3	.000	2½

FRIDAY'S GAMES
 Phoenix 78, San Antonio 72
 Atlanta 91, Chicago 83
 Los Angeles 99, Washington 89

SATURDAY'S GAMES
 Connecticut at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES
 Chicago at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
 Washington at Seattle, 7 p.m.

MLB ROUNDUP

Clevinger carries no-hitter into 7th as Indians blank Astros 3-0

HOUSTON — Mike Clevinger pitched no-hit ball into the seventh inning and Andrew Miller and Cody Allen completed the 3-hitter to give the Cleveland Indians a 3-0 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday.

Clevinger (2-1) yielded two hits and struck out a career-high eight in 7-plus innings, the longest outing of his career.

Houston didn't get its first hit until Jose Altuve's sharp grounder down the left field line for a single with no outs in the seventh inning.

Lonnie Chisenhall had two hits and homered for the second straight day.

RAYS 9

YANKEES 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Corey Dickerson homered twice and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the New York Yankees 9-5 in a game that included three hit batters, three ejections and one animated argument.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi used his hands to cover the plate with dirt after being tossed by umpire Scott Barry in the fifth inning. That came right after pitching coach Larry Rothschild was ejected by Barry during a mound visit.

Rays starter Matt Andriese hit Matt Holliday after giving up a home run to Gary Sanchez in the fifth. In the bottom half, Yankees reliever Tommy Layne plunked Dickerson, who had hit two home runs off Masahiro Tanaka.

Andriese (4-1) hit Aaron Judge with a pitch leading off the sixth and was thrown out.

PIRATES 6

PHILLIES 3

PITTSBURGH — Ivan Nova pitched into the eighth inning for his first win in May, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Nova (4-3) allowed three runs and nine hits in 7 1/3 innings.

Francisco Cervelli and



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Cleveland starting pitcher Mike Clevinger tossed six innings of no-hit ball against Houston on Friday during the Indians' 3-0 victory in Houston.

Adam Frazier hit 2-run singles during a 4-run sixth inning. David Freese hit his fourth home run of the year.

ATHLETICS 8

RED SOX 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Chad Pinder hit a monster home run and Khris Davis and Mark Canha also connected in the fifth inning, and the Oakland Athletics cleared the fences four times in all to beat the Boston Red Sox 8-3.

Jed Lowrie had a solo shot in the sixth for Oakland.

REDS 12

ROCKIES 8

CINCINNATI — Scott Schebler's homer completed Cincinnati's comeback from a 5-run deficit and the Reds ended a 7-game losing streak — their longest in a year — with a 12-8 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Devon Mesoraco hit a

solo homer to start the Reds' sixth. Schebler's 3-run shot off finished a 6-run rally.

BRAVES GET 1B ADAMS FROM CARDINALS

ST. LOUIS — The Atlanta Braves made a trade with St. Louis for first baseman Matt Adams, hoping he can help fill the void left by injured star Freddie Freeman.

The Cardinals sent Adams and cash to Atlanta for minor league infielder Juan Yepez.

Adams hit .292 with a homer and seven RBI. The 19-year-old Yepez was hitting .275 with 15 RBI in 35 games at Class A Rome.

On Friday, Nick Markakis hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning and Kurt Suzuki added a 2-run homer to give Atlanta a 7-4 win over Washington.

From wire reports

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Bats break out in Gamecocks' 10-0 shutout win over Georgia

COLUMBIA — High-powered offense jolted 30th-ranked South Carolina to a 10-0 rout over Georgia in the regular season finale on Saturday afternoon at Founders Park.

South Carolina will be the No. 11 seed in the Southeastern Conference tournament. The Gamecocks will face No. 6 seed Vanderbilt on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Hoover, Ala., in a single-elimination game. The winner will then move into the double-elimination portion of the tournament.

The Gamecocks had 12 hits, led by Jonah Bride's three singles. Four different pitchers for the home team combined for nine strikeouts, allowing just three hits in nine innings of work.

Freshman Colby Lee got the start for South Carolina, throwing 3 1/3 innings, giving up one hit and striking out three. Senior and former USC Sumter standout Colie Bowers (5-1) picked up the win in relief duty. He pitched 2 2/3 scoreless innings.

USC had a big third inning as leadoff man LT Tolbert delivered with runners in scoring position as he lifted a fly ball

to center field that scored one. Riley Hogan stepped in and laced one down the line in left field for an RBI double that scored Row from second. Carolina was not done, as John Jones ripped a single to put the Gamecocks in front 3-0.

Justin Row poked a 1-out, 2-RBI double down the left field line in the sixth and a Georgia error in the seventh ballooned the USC lead to 8-0.

Bride and Olson laced back-to-back singles and Blair delivered an RBI double to left field to make it 9-0.

CLEMSON 15

N.C. STATE 6

RALEIGH, N.C. — Behind 15 hits, five runs in the third inning and six runs in the seventh inning, No. 12 Clemson defeated N.C. State 15-6 at Doak Field on Saturday.

The Tigers improved to 39-17 overall and 17-13 in the ACC. The Wolfpack fell to 33-22 overall and 16-14 in ACC play.

Logan Davidson and Weston Jackson hit run-scoring singles for Clemson in the third, then Grayson Byrd hit a 2-out, 2-run single to cap the scoring.

In the seventh, Reed Rohlman, Seth Beer and Jackson all hit 2-out, run-scoring doubles before Chris Williams belted a 3-run homer, his 14th long ball of the season.

Tigers starter Pat Krall (8-2) earned the win, as he yielded nine hits, five runs (four earned) and three walks with three strikeouts in 5 1/3 innings pitched.

CITADEL'S SEARS HAS ANOTHER SOLID OUTING

CHARLESTON — John Patrick Sears was dominant once again, and Jordan Buster combined with him for a shutout victory in The Citadel's 1-0 win over Wofford on Thursday at Joe Riley Park.

Sears, the standout left-handed pitcher from Sumter, threw six shut-out innings with 12 strikeouts.

Sears' 12 strikeouts marked his third straight start with double-digit strikeouts. It was also his seventh such game of the season.

William Kinney, also from Sumter, drove home the lone run on a sacrifice fly to right field in the first inning.

From local reports

SPORTS ITEMS

Hahn shoots 64, takes over Byron Nelson lead

IRVING, Texas — James Hahn shot a bogey-free 6-under 64 on Saturday to take the lead after three rounds at the AT&T Byron Nelson, where Jason Kokrak's record advantage disappeared.

Hahn settled for a 12-under 198 total after his eagle chance at the 16th and a birdie putt at 17 both stopped just inches short. He was a stroke ahead of Billy Horschel, who birdied his last three holes for a 66 to take second place alone.

Jason Day had his own string of birdies, five in a row midway through the round and then a 60-footer at the 17th, in a round of 63 that was the best of the day and got him to 10 under. He was tied for third with Kokrak, who shot 72 after setting a Nelson 36-hole record with a five-stroke lead.

Cameron Tringale and Sergio Garcia also finished with birdies on Nos. 16-18. Tringale was fifth at 9 under after a 67, and defending Nelson champion and Masters winner Garcia was tied for sixth at 8 under after a 64.

THOMPSON HOLDS ONTO 3-STROKE LEAD AT KINGSMILL

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — Lexi Thompson remained in position for her first victory since a rules infraction cost her a major title, shooting a 2-under 69 on Saturday to take a three-stroke lead over In Gee Chun into the final round of the Kingsmill Championship.

Thompson is playing her third event since losing the ANA Inspiration in a playoff after being penalized four strokes for a rules violation that a TV viewer reported.

The long-hitting Florida player had three birdies and a bogey — on the par-3 17th — to reach 14-under 199 on Kingsmill's River Course.

Chun had a 67, making six birdies and two bogeys.

Top-ranked Lydia Ko was five strokes back at 9 under after a 70. Trying to hold off So Yeon Ryu and Ariya Jutanugarn for the No. 1 spot, Ko is winless since July.

Sei Young Kim (66) and 2015 winner Minjee Lee (67) also were 9 under.

Gerina Pillier, second entering her third straight round alongside Thompson, had a 74 to drop into a tie for ninth at 6 under.

Ryu, the ANA winner, was 4 under after a 72. Jutanugarn, defending the first of her five tour victories last year, had a 70 to also reach 4 under.

FUNK MAINTAINS 1-SHOT LEAD AT REGIONS TRADITION

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Fred Funk shot a 2-under 70 on Saturday to hold onto the third-round lead at the Regions Tradition.

The 60-year-old Funk's 14-under 202 maintains a one-stroke edge over Scott Parel in the first of the PGA Tour Champions' five majors. Defending champion Bernhard Langer and Scott McCarron are two shots back. Langer shot a 66, McCarron a 69.



James Hahn hits off the fairway on his approach to the 18th green during the third round of the Byron Nelson Classic on Saturday in Irving, Texas. Hahn shot a 64 to take the lead.

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Seeking his first PGA Tour Champions individual title since 2012, Funk was even over the final nine holes.

Parel gained entry after Fred Couples withdrew late last week and had a 70. He opened with three straight birdies, but dropped four strokes from holes 5-7, starting with a double bogey.

David Toms (66), two-time winner Tom Lehman (69) and Jeff Sluman (70) are 10 under.

CELTICS' THOMAS OUT FOR PLAYOFFS WITH HIP INJURY

BOSTON — Boston Celtics guard Isaiah Thomas will miss the rest of the playoffs because of a hip injury.

The team made the announcement on Saturday, a day after Thomas left Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals against Cleveland in the second half.

Thomas injured the hip in March and aggravated it in Game 6 of the East semifinals against Washington. Team doctor Brian McKeon

says if he continues playing, he could have "more significant long-term damage to his hip."

CARPENTER TAKES TOP SPOT IN INDY 500 QUALIFYING

INDIANAPOLIS — Two-time pole winner Ed Carpenter had the fastest car in Indianapolis 500 qualifying Saturday with a 4-lap average of 230.468 mph.

He finished just ahead of Takuma Sato and 2008 race winner Scott Dixon. Sato was second at 230.382. Dixon was third at 230.333.

All times will be erased for today's 9-car pole shootout. Drivers from Chip Ganassi Racing and Andretti Autosport took six of the top nine spots.

Two-time Formula One champ Fernando Alonso was seventh at 230.034.

Will Power was the only Team Penske driver to make the shootout.

From wire reports

CLOUD

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go on to win, but Cloud Computing ran him down on the outside.

Always Dreaming faded to eighth in the 10-horse field on a cool and cloudy day at Pimlico. The crowd of 140,327 and wagering total of \$94,127,434 were records, bettering the marks set last year.

Ridden by Javier Castellano, Cloud Computing ran 1 3/16 miles in 1:55.98 and paid \$28.80, \$8.60 and \$6. It was just the dark brown colt's fourth career start, the fewest of any horse in the race, and only his second win. He didn't run as a 2-year-old because of injury.

Classic Empire returned \$4.40 and \$4, and 31-1 shot Senior Investment was another 4 3/4 lengths back in third and paid \$10.20.

New York-based trainer Chad Brown earned his first victory in a Triple Crown race. Castellano won for the second time. He rode Bernardini to victory in the 2006 Preakness.

Castellano comes from a racing family, with a father, uncle and brother who have been jockeys.

"We've been working for a long time for this moment," he said. "It's great for the family."

The 142nd Preakness had been billed as a match race between Always Dreaming and Classic Empire, and it was from the start.

They broke out of the starting gate next to each other and the fight was on. Always Dreaming took a slight lead with Classic Empire on his flank.

Meanwhile, Cloud Computing was back in third as Castellano watched the duel unfold in front of him.

Always Dreaming was the first to throw in the towel, surrendering the lead to Classic Empire midway around the final turn.

"We didn't have an excuse," said Todd Pletcher, who trains Always Dreaming. "We were in a position we expected to be, and I think the turnaround was a little too quick. He ran so hard in the Derby and today just wasn't his day."

Always Dreaming lost for the first time in five races this year. He'd won his first four by a combined 23 1/4 lengths.

Classic Empire and Julien Leparoux went into the stretch with three-length lead, seemingly on his way to the winner's circle.

At that point, trainer Mark Casse thought he was headed there, too.

"Of course," he said. "But I thought I was going to win a lot of times before, so it doesn't shock me."

But Classic Empire also paid a price for putting away Always Dreaming. Classic Empire fought on to the finish line, but couldn't hold off a fresh horse in Cloud Computing.

"Certainly I'm not going to dispute the fact that I brought in a fresh horse as part of our strategy," Brown said. "Our horse is very talented, too. Classic Empire and Always Dreaming are two outstanding horses, and our strategy was, if we are ever going to beat them let's take them on two weeks' rest when we have six (weeks), and it worked."

After Cloud Computing ran third in the Wood Memorial, Brown and the owners decided the colt would benefit from skipping the Derby. He came into the Preakness after a six-week break.

"It just didn't work out in the Wood. We just ran out of time," Brown said. "We just really zeroed in on this race, and thankfully it worked out."

The victory was especially sweet for Klarman, who grew up a few blocks from Pimlico. He turns 60 on Sunday. He and William Lawrence have been buying and racing horses together since 2006.

"This is the culmination of 25 years of hard work and learning and trying to figure this game out," said Klarman, president of the Baupost Group, a hedge fund valued at \$31 billion.

"In my regular life, I'm a long-term value investor. This is gambling. It's really been a thrill and this is the highlight of our career so far as thoroughbred owners."

Klarman, who races as Klaravich Stables, is a minority owner of the Boston Red Sox.

Lookin At Lee, the Derby runner-up, was fourth. Gunnevera was fifth, followed by Multiplier and Conquest Mo Money.

Hence was ninth and Term of Art last.

TOUCHBERRY FROM PAGE B1

going out and doing what we ask of him. He was definitely one of our leaders."

USC Union head coach Keith Worthy likes the versatility Touchberry will bring to his team.

"We're not sure what we're going to do with

him," said Worthy, a graduate of Morris College. "We're looking at him in the outfield and as a pitcher."

USC Union is a member of Region X in the National Junior College Athletic Association.

AUTO RACING

Bourdais fractures pelvis, hip during Indy crash

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — French driver Sebastien Bourdais will have surgery Saturday night to repair a fracture pelvis suffered in a fiery crash during Indianapolis 500 qualifying.

Track officials said doctors at Indiana University Methodist Hospital reported that Bourdais has multiple fractures in his pelvis and a fractured right hip.

Team owner Dale Coyne said in a statement that Bourdais is "in good hands" at the hospital and that the team must wait for him to recover.

He was injured when the No. 18 car wiggled in the second turn, slid up the track and slammed head-on into the second turn wall. The car then flipped over, with flames



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The car driven by Sebastien Bourdais impacts the wall and bursts into flames in the second turn during qualifying for the Indianapolis 500 on Saturday at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis. Bourdais fractured his pelvis and hip during the crash.

and smoke billowing out, before skidding to a stop in the back straightaway.

Safety team members spent about 10 minutes getting Bourdais out of the car before

putting him on a backboard. Track officials said he was awake and alert when he was transported by ambulance to the hospital. They said he never lost consciousness.



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NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs back home after demolishing Celtics

BY TOM WITHERS

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James wrapped up his post-game news conference, popped a toothpick in his mouth and pushed back from the podium as if he had just completed a satisfying meal.

He and the Cavaliers feasted on the Celtics.

Breaking records and Boston hearts, the defending NBA champions continued an unblemished romp through these playoffs — and on course to clash again with Golden State in the Finals — on Friday night with a 130-86 win that was so thoroughly dominating that James sat out the final quarter.

With Cleveland leading by 38 in the third quarter, Cavs forward J.R. Smith mocked some Boston fans by pretending to sweep a broom across their famous parquet floor.

A mop would have been more appropriate for this carnage.

“It’s hard,” Celtics forward Al Horford said. “It’s hard to take.”

It’s probably going to happen again. With Celtics star point guard Isaiah Thomas slowed by a hip injury and iffy for Game 3 on Sunday night, Boston’s season might be down to its final two games.

Locked and loaded from the start, the Cavaliers were precise on both ends in the Game 2 bludgeoning. With ease and relentlessness, James and his teammates imposed their will on the top-seeded and over-matched Celtics, who just days earlier had been filled with optimism after beating



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Cleveland’s LeBron James (23) trades high-fives with teammates Iman Shumpert (4) and Deron Williams after the Cavaliers routed Boston 130-86 on Friday in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals in Boston.

Washington in seven games and then winning the NBA draft lottery.

Boston basketball boss Danny Ainge might want to offer that No. 1 pick to Cleveland for James. Because until further notice or he moves, the Eastern Conference is the domain of this king.

Shortly before Friday’s tip-off, the NBA announced that Russell Westbrook, James Harden and Kawhi Leonard are finalists for league MVP, leaving James out of the Top 3

in voting for the regular season award for the first time since 2008.

And while the youthful 32-year-old said he was unaware of the shocking omission when he took the court, he proceeded to score 30 points with four 3-pointers, seven assists, four rebounds, four steals and three blocks, including another one of those chase-downs that have become his calling card.

Vicious. Victorious. There may be much more

of that ahead in Games 3 and 4 as the Cavs will look to push aside the Celtics quickly and get as many as eight days off before the Finals start on June 1.

That’s a bit presumptuous, of course, but there are no signs Boston can contain the indomitable James, who in his 14th season may be playing better than at any time in his life.

He’s scored at least 30 points in eight consecutive playoff games, this first to do

that since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1970 and the three-time champ seems as driven as ever, pushing himself and the Cavs to greater heights as they seek another title.

Cleveland has won 10 straight in these playoffs and a record-tying 13 in a row dating to Game 5 of last year’s Finals.

Only the 1998-99 Los Angeles Lakers have won as many straight in the postseason as the Cavs, who can take sole possession of the mark today.

NHL PLAYOFFS



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Pittsburgh center Sidney Crosby (87) celebrates with goalie Matt Murray (30) after the Penguins’ 3-2 victory over Ottawa on Friday in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals in Ottawa.

Resilient Pens regain much needed momentum as pivotal Game 5 looms

BY WILL GRAVES

The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The situation looked dire.

On the road. Down a game.

Starting a goalie that hadn’t been on the ice for an opening faceoff in nearly six weeks.

Yet the Pittsburgh Penguins responded the way they’ve always responded since Mike Sullivan took over as head coach nearly 18 months ago: like champions.

Their 3-2 victory over Ottawa in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference finals on Friday night provided yet another reminder of both Sullivan’s expert button-pushing and his team’s ability to brush off listless performances and react by playing with the kind of efficient brilliance that is difficult to match let alone beat.

Instead of flying home on the brink of elimination, the Penguins appear to have their Stanley Cup-winning mojo back heading into today’s Game 5.

Same as it ever was under Sullivan, who is 12-2 following a playoff loss with the Penguins.

“These guys have been here before,” Sullivan said Saturday morning. “They understand it. They understand what’s at stake.”

It certainly looked like it on Friday night during three periods that looked like a carbon copy of how Pittsburgh sprinted to the franchise’s fourth championship last spring.

Sidney Crosby getting to the front of the net for an important goal. Goaltender Matt Murray turning aside 24 shots in his first start since April 6. The Penguins scoring three crowd-draining goals then holding on late.

“A good chunk of us have played together for a while, been through different situations,” Crosby said. “I think everyone relies on each other. There’s a certain level of confidence that in different situations the group will respond.”

It’s an advantage that is difficult to quantify but easy to spot. Pittsburgh pumped out 35 shots, its highest total in a regulation playoff game this spring.

The jump that the Penguins lacked while getting drilled in

a 5-1 Game 3 loss — one that saw Murray take over for an ineffective Marc-Andre Fleury — returned, particularly during the opening two periods as they pinned the Senators in their end for long stretches and — just as importantly — finally found a way to get more than one puck by Ottawa goaltender Craig Anderson.

The key to Pittsburgh’s chance at returning to the Cup Final for a second straight year will rely heavily on its ability to summon that kind of energy without being hit first by Ottawa.

The Senators captured Game 1 in overtime and overwhelmed the Penguins early in Game 3 of a series that hasn’t exactly been the walk-over it looked like after Pittsburgh dispatched Columbus and Washington in the opening two rounds.

“We need to find a way to maintain that sense of urgency, that desperation,” Crosby said. “We’re deeper into the series now, so that’s got to be there. I think seeing the way we played, hopefully that’s something we can build off of.”

NASCAR NOTEBOOK

Kyle Busch looks to break Cup Series jinx at Charlotte

BY REID SPENCER

NASCAR Wire Service

CONCORD, N.C. — After Friday night’s victory in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, Kyle Busch has 15 national series wins at Charlotte Motor Speedway, but there’s still a gaping hole in his racing resume. Busch has won eight times in 24 starts at the 1.5-mile speedway in the NASCAR XFINITY Series. The other seven victories have come in Camping World Trucks.

That leaves Busch with a goose egg in the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series, the sport’s foremost division, and that’s something driver of the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota Camry hopes to correct during Charlotte Speedweeks this year.

“It would mean a ton,” said Busch, who will race in the Coca-Cola 600 on May 28. “Anytime you can win here at Charlotte, it’s in front of your friends, your family and your fans and everybody in the close area of the race shop.”

“I would certainly love to do that, and we’ve talked about it for a lot of years, but just haven’t been able to score that win.”

DILLON JUST HOPED TO JOIN ELITE COMPANY

The Smash Mouth lyrics “Hey, man, you’re an All-Star,” would mean the

world to Ty Dillon, who’s attitude entering Monster Energy All-Star Race weekend was centered around simply qualifying for the main event.

To Dillon, in his Sunoco rookie season in the No. 13 Germain Racing Chevrolet SS, the Monster Energy All-Star Race is an important measure of status in the sport.

“It would mean everything, because that means I’m an all-star in this sport,” Dillon said of the importance of advancing to the All-Star Race through the Monster Energy Open qualifying race. “I think that’s something that’s overlooked a little bit. This is our all-star event, and the drivers that are in it are all-stars of our sport.”

TRUEX JR. CAN ONLY HOPE HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

In last year’s Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Martin Truex Jr. made history, leading a record 392 laps and 588 miles in NASCAR’s longest race.

Including that victory, Truex has won six times in the past year in the No. 78 Furniture Row Racing Toyota, trebling his career win total to nine. But Truex knows how difficult it will be to repeat that performance or even to come close.

“So much has changed since then,” Truex said. “The downforce package we have, the tires are different. Charlotte typically changes quite a bit day-to-day, let alone year-to-year. It’s definitely still going to be a challenge.”

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SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Manning-Santee's Buddy Bleasdale is one of several key returners for Post 68, who made the playoffs last year and begin the new season on May 30.

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and Sumter will play the week of June 12 with all of the games at Riley Park.

The P-15's will have a Blue

vs. Red scrimmage on Wednesday at Riley Park beginning at 7 p.m. Manning will be on the road for two scrimmages this week, playing at Orangeburg on Thursday and traveling to Hampton on Friday.

Dalzell will be playing in a preseason tournament in Florence on Friday and Saturday. The Jets will take on Hartsville at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Florence at 11 a.m. on Saturday, followed by Beaufort at 1:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULES

SUMTER P-15'S
Tuesday, May 30
 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31
 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 1
 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 2
 at Florence, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 5
 at Camden, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 6
 Camden, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 8
 at Camden, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 12
 Dalzell-Shaw, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 13
 Dalzell-Shaw, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 15
 Dalzell-Shaw, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 16
 Rowan County, N.C., 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 17
 Wilmington, N.C., 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 18
 Pitt County, N.C., 5 p.m.
Friday, June 23
 Wallace, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 24
 Pelham, Ala., 10 a.m.
 Tallahassee, Fla., 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 25
 Garner, N.C., 4 p.m.
Monday, June 26
 Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27
 at Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 29
 Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 30
 Florence, 7 p.m.

Chapin/Newberry vs. Rowan County, N.C., 5 p.m.
 Sumter vs. Rowan County, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 17
 Florence vs. Rowan County, N.C., noon
 Chapin/Newberry vs. Pitt County, N.C., 2:30 p.m.
 Chapin/Newberry vs. Wilmington, N.C., 5 p.m.
 Sumter vs. Wilmington, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 18
 Florence vs. Wilmington, N.C., noon
 Florence vs. Pitt County, N.C., 2:30 p.m.
 Sumter vs. Pitt County, N.C., 5 p.m.
Palmetto Invitational Tournament at Riley Park
Friday, June 23
 Pelham, Ala., vs. Tallahassee, Fla., 5 p.m.
 Sumter vs. Wallace, N.C., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 24
 Wallace, N.C., vs. Pelham, Ala., 1 p.m.
 Wallace, N.C., vs. Tallahassee, Fla., 4 p.m.
 Sumter vs. Tallahassee, Fla., 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 25
 TBA, 1 p.m.
 Sumter vs. Garner, N.C., 4 p.m.

Monday, June 19
 Camden, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20
 at Camden, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 22
 Camden, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 23
 at Hampton, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 26
 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27
 Sumter, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 29
 at Sumter, 7 p.m.

DALZELL-SHAW
Tuesday, May 30
 at Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, May 31
 Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 1
 at Manning-Santee, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 12
 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 13
 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 15
 at Sumter, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 16
 Lexington, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 19
 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 20
 Hartsville, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 22
 at Hartsville, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 23
 Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 26
 Camden, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27
 at Camden, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, June 28
 At Orangeburg, 7 p.m.
Thursday, June 29
 Camden, 7 p.m.

STINGERS

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out was recorded. Tech has won the Region X regular-season championship twice, once under Hudson and once under McDonald, but never had gotten to the district playoffs until winning the region tournament recently to earn that berth.

In recent years, Tech and about everybody else in the region have labored in the shadow of Spartanburg Methodist's program, which is often a contender regionally and nationally.

SMC swept four games from Tech in early April, but the Stingers haven't lost since. They notched their 15th straight victory Saturday.

"It's always nice to see what it's like to compete against the big boys in JUCO baseball and now we are one of the big boys," McDonald said. "It's a great feeling."

The Stingers certainly played big on Saturday, and for all three days of the tournament, really. Two of Tech's three district wins were shut-outs, and the team's pitching

staff gave up runs in just one of 28 innings.

Save a 16-strikeout no-hitter by Trent Autry in the opener on Thursday, Hursey was as impressive as anyone. The sophomore left-hander from Summerville gave up just three hits, walked one, hit a batter and fanned 11.

McDonald said he went with Hursey to put an experienced arm on the mound, as well as a guy who had pitched in big games before. Hursey looked every bit the calm veteran.

"It was just another day at the office," he said. "We've been working two years for this and I just feel like this is the epitome of all that hard work. I'm just glad we punched our ticket to get (to the World Series)."

"He pitched his heart out," McDonald said. "He could throw any pitch in any count today."

Having a big lead helped in that regard.

Hursey said he never was nervous, but was especially relaxed after Tech, already leading 2-0, blew the game open with a 9-run third inning, sending 12 batters to the plate.

Tyler Anshaw, who had a two-run single in the first, added another in the third, as did Keshawn Samuel. Tech led 11-0 after the inning was finally done.

Anshaw had two hits and was on base four times and Samuel was 3-for-4 with a walk. Connor Pett had two hits, including a two-run single, and Michael Varga had a single, a double and scored twice.

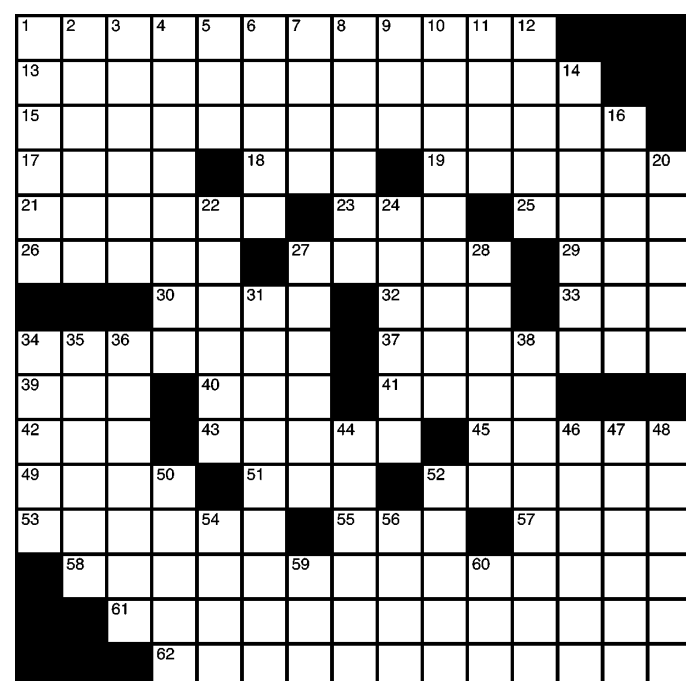
"What a great job by our players," McDonald said. "They were focused, they were loose the entire tournament. I was so nervous earlier today. I tried not to show it to them. But man, they sure weren't nervous. They were as loose as anybody can be. They just had this kind of aura over them like 'We know we're going to win.'"

Now, the Stingers get a couple of days off to enjoy the district title, McDonald said, before focusing on the next task.

"We're not just happy we're getting out there," McDonald said. "We feel like we're as hot as any team in the country and we want to get out there and try to win this thing."

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



By Erik Agard

5/20/17

- ACROSS**
- 1 Canine cleaners
 - 13 Canine fixers
 - 15 Brown nemesis?
 - 17 Be unproductive
 - 18 But
 - 19 __ wage
 - 21 24/7
 - 23 Movie makeup dept. creations
 - 25 Small group
 - 26 Capacity count
 - 27 French physician Paul for whom an area of the brain is named
 - 29 Rose on the charts
 - 30 Idris of "Zootopia"
 - 32 Small part of a big machine
 - 33 Neat wrap-up?
 - 34 Milky Way cousin
 - 37 JFK skill
 - 39 2010 role for Denzel
 - 40 Mus. version
 - 41 Go together well
 - 42 Gun
 - 43 Skein makeup
 - 45 "Later"
 - 49 PC components
 - 51 Vowel-free lunch
 - 52 Baited with a red herring
 - 53 Violinist Mintz mentored by Isaac Stern
 - 55 Ipanema greeting
 - 57 Recess in church
 - 58 Winner of the most Grand Slam singles titles in the Open Era
 - 61 Dialogue box?
 - 62 Company known for programming languages
 - 9 Metro abbr.
 - 10 Slugfest feature
 - 11 "¿Qué es __?": "What's this?"
 - 12 Confident walk
 - 14 Pico de gallo pepper
 - 16 Cure-all
 - 20 Having an unusually large yellow part
 - 22 High-end fashion accessory, briefly
 - 24 On tap
 - 27 Run with abandon
 - 28 Sampras rival
 - 31 Essentials
 - 34 Monterey and Montclair, for short
 - 35 A's in Hebrew school?
 - 36 Small stream
 - 38 Title role for Roger Moore and Val Kilmer
 - 44 "That's enough outta you!"
 - 46 Texas city near Juárez
 - 47 Toadies
 - 48 " __ Fideles"
 - 50 More angry
 - 52 Former White House daughter
 - 54 Prefix with drama
 - 56 Reel off
 - 59 " __ Maria"
 - 60 __ dos: both
- DOWN**
- 1 Stein's partner
 - 2 Maryland state bird, e.g.
 - 3 National capital from the Algonquin for "to trade"
 - 4 Clotho, Lachesis and Atropos
 - 5 Commonly long-handled tool
 - 6 E-card occasions
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Friday's Puzzle Solved



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

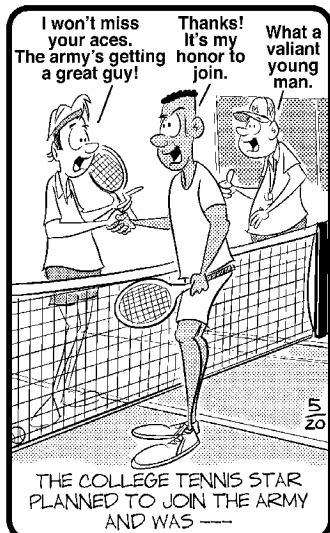
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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SRIVO

YNERDT

LUBDOE



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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HARSH DRANK PHOBIA BECOME
 Answer: The person in charge of the Mount Rushmore sculptures was the — HEAD HONCHO

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HOW TO PLAY:

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

KEEPING UP

Former WH standout Rohner set to complete track career at Duke

Duke University graduate student Robert Rohner is completing his outdoor track and field eligibility.



ROHNER

The Wilson Hall High School graduate, who did not compete during the 2016 outdoor season, finished eighth in the decathlon at the recent Atlantic Coast Conference Championship. He finished with 6,094 points, his third highest total in the event during his outdoor career.

Among his better efforts in the decathlon individual events, he won the shot put and 400-meter dash and was second in the 100 dash and discus throw.

Rohner was the 2014 conference outdoor champion in the decathlon.

MORE MEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

Benedict College senior Antonio Locklin Jr. is on the all-Southern Intercollegiate Ath-

letic Conference team. The Sumter High graduate was recognized for winning the 400 dash at the conference championship.

BASEBALL

Saint Augustine's University redshirt senior Michael Keels has been named an outfielder on the all-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association first team. The Manning High product batted .317 in 50 games. He had 19 runs batted in. Keels ranked second in the conference with 28 stolen bases, and he was caught nine times. He had a 1.000 fielding percentage in 129 chances.

Previously at Sumter High, Tee DuBose hit .275 in 35 games, including 25 starts, for Francis Marion University. He had one home run and 11 RBI. The first baseman had a 1.000 fielding percentage in 110 chances.

FOOTBALL

Jacksonville Sharks place-kicker Nick Belcher was named May 10 as the National

Arena League special teams player of the week. The Lakewood High graduate was recognized for scoring 16 points in a win against Corpus Christi, helping the Sharks improve to 7-0. Through week eight, he led the league's kickers in points.

MEN'S TENNIS

Sophomore Trey Davis had a 9-18 overall record at the Nos. 4 to 6 singles positions for The Citadel (11-32). The past Baron had a 0-7 doubles record. Davis had the fourth best singles winning percentage among the seven who had at least 25 matches.

WOMEN'S ROWING

University of Alabama junior Claire Estep was the coxswain of the second varsity four boat that earned a bronze medal at the Big 12 Conference Championship, one of three team boats to medal. She is out of Wilson Hall.

Send updates about area athletes to Barbara Boxleitner at jdanddoc@gmail.com.

PRO BASEBALL

Yankees' Montgomery unhappy with last outing against Royals

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Sumter native Jordan



MONTGOMERY

Montgomery had his worst career outing in seven starts for the New York Yankees on Thursday, giving up five runs in five in-

nings in a 5-1 loss to the Kansas City Royals. The Royals scored twice in the second off Montgomery (2-3) before Moustakas deposited his pitch into the bullpen in right in the fifth inning to break the game open.

Montgomery surrendered four hits and three walks over five innings.

"I'm just a 24-year-old with eight (actually seven) starts in my big league career and I'm trying to learn," he said. "I know the fans expect more from me and I expect more from myself. I've got to do better."

Montgomery is now 2-3 on the season with a 4.81 earned run average. He's allowed 37 hits in 39 1/3 innings while striking out 37 and allowing just 18 hits.

Danny Duffy tossed seven innings of 3-hit ball for the Royals, who avoided a sweep.

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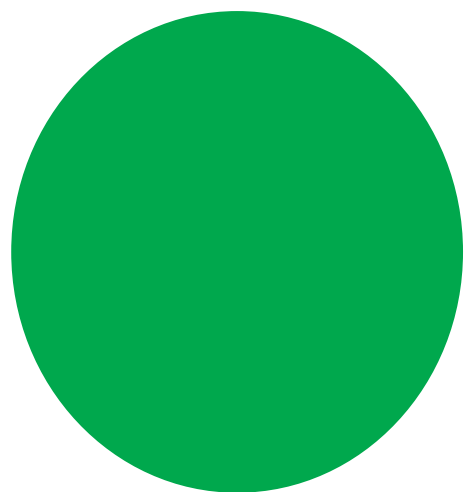
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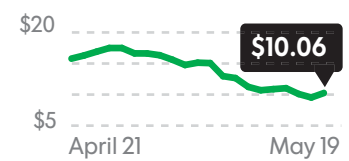
Forty-two percent of Americans say knowing someone's credit score would have an impact on their interest in dating them, a study from Bankrate.com says. Women were more likely to consider it a major influence than men (20% vs. 7%). And 19% say credit scores are never an important factor in a relationship.

ON THE MOVE

STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

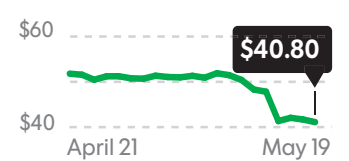
HERTZ GLOBAL HOLDINGS

The car rental company's refinancing costs surged just as its stock price neared an all-time low. It faces big bills to upgrade its fleets and posted a second consecutive quarterly loss last week.



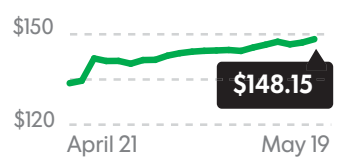
DICK'S SPORTING GOODS

The retailer's stock rating was downgraded to neutral at UBS after missing quarterly composite sales and because of online sales deceleration. Shares dropped to their lowest price since last June.



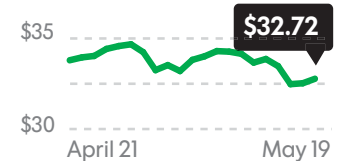
MCDONALD'S

After a successful test in Florida, the fast-food chain is teaming with UberEats and expanding its McDelivery program to Los Angeles, Chicago, Phoenix and Columbus, Ohio.



GENERAL MOTORS

The automaker wants to reorganize to be more profitable and plans to sell its South Africa business, in production since 1913, to Isuzu Motors. It will withdraw its Chevrolet brand from India.



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NO TAX REFUND THIS YEAR?



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3 OTHER WAYS TO SCORE MORE BUCKS

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If you didn't catch a break from Uncle Sam with a tax refund this year, you might be looking for other ways to pad your finances. Taking on a part-time gig may seem obvious, but you might not have the time. Instead, consider these three ways to bring in added income.

1 REFINANCE

With refinancing, your current loan is paid off and replaced with a new loan at a lower interest rate. Consider refinancing your auto loan, mortgage or student loan.

► **Mortgage refinancing** is best if your credit has improved or you're planning to stay in your home long-term, switch-

ing from an adjustable rate to a fixed rate or getting rid of your private mortgage insurance. Refinancing your mortgage can carry fees ranging from 2% to 5% of the loan balance due.

► **Auto loan refinancing** is the easiest and quickest type of refinancing. Consider it if your credit has improved or if interest rates are lower now than when you borrowed.

► **Student loan refinancing** is best for those with strong credit and a steady income. But if you hold federal student loans, refinancing means you'll lose out on federal protections and opportunities, such as loan forgiveness, as well as flexible repayment plans.

2 NEGOTIATE

If the thought of negotiating makes you uncomfortable, focus on how you'll feel with a lowered bill or a higher paycheck. Here are three areas where you can

test your bargaining skills:

► **Recurring payments:** Longtime customers often get stuck overpaying for cellphone service, Internet, television, home security and gym memberships. Let your provider know you're thinking of switching. Research competitors so you're armed with other rates for comparable service.

► **Medical bills:** You may be making high monthly payments for medical bills as a result of a significant illness or a series of medical tests and procedures. If the expenses are too high, contact your health provider or work with a medical billing advocate to negotiate a more manageable payment plan.

► **Salary:** Consider speaking with your employer about a salary increase if you're nearing your review, are changing positions or have successfully managed added responsibilities. Use websites

such as GlassDoor and PayScale to research salaries for your position and field to know what's reasonable to ask for.

3 SWITCH

You can save on insurance costs for your car, motorcycle, home or rental simply by changing providers. Others may charge less for the same coverage and offer discounts for switching. You're likely to get a discount by bundling multiple policies with a single provider.

With these money-saving measures, you may not even miss that tax refund. Consider using some of the cash you save to pay your future self via a retirement account or stash away funds for a rainy day.

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Free up cash: Pay off your mortgage early

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Signing a mortgage is quite the commitment. And while paying off a mortgage early is easier said than done, here are a few good reasons to eliminate that debt sooner than you technically have to.

1 LESS FINANCIAL STRESS IN RETIREMENT

Countless seniors struggle to pay the bills in retirement, so much so that an estimated 25 million of them live below the poverty line. Since housing is one of the greatest expenses seniors face, it stands to reason that taking your mortgage payment out of the mix can make for a more financially secure retirement. Unfortunately, a growing number of seniors are struggling to shake their hous-

ing debt.

While paying off your mortgage early won't eliminate your housing costs entirely in retirement — you'll still have property taxes, insurance, and maintenance to deal with — it will ease the burden at a time in your life when money is limited.

2 FREE UP CASH FOR COLLEGE

One reason so many households struggle to pay for college (aside from the exorbitant price tag, of course) is that their existing bills don't magically go away by the time those tuition payments come due.

But if you manage to pay off your mortgage by the time your kids go off to college, you'll have extra cash on hand to cover those costs. Freeing up cash for college will help you and your children avoid hefty loans — loans that countless borrowers struggle to pay off.

KNOCKING OUT MORTGAGE DEBT

While paying off your mortgage early might seem appealing in theory, it's a harder feat to accomplish in practice. Here are a few tips:

► **Make biweekly payments instead of once a month.** You'll wind up making what amounts to one additional monthly payment each year.

► **Apply any bonus to your mortgage.** One of the best ways to use that newfound cash is to make a lump sum payment toward your mortgage balance.

► **Refinance for a more favorable rate.** Trading in your old mortgage for one with a more favorable rate can lower your payments. Use the extra money to pay down your loan's principal.

3 SLASH YOUR INTEREST COSTS

Mortgage lenders make money by collecting interest, so the sooner you pay off your home loan, the less it'll ultimately cost you.

Imagine you have a 30-year, \$300,000 fixed mortgage at 4% interest. Now let's say that 10 years in, you make an extra \$10,000 payment toward your principal. That move alone will save you close to \$12,000 in interest.

► **One final thing:** While paying off your mortgage early can open the door to major savings and give you more financial flexibility, make sure your loan doesn't impose penalties for prepayment. While most mortgages don't penalize borrowers for paying off their debt early, some do.

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PETE THE PLANNER

SEEK OUT FINANCIAL MENTORS

Now's a great time to start building your financial Frankenstein

Peter Dunn
Special for USA TODAY



Most likely there's at least one particular person's financial life you are observing, even studying, on a regular basis.

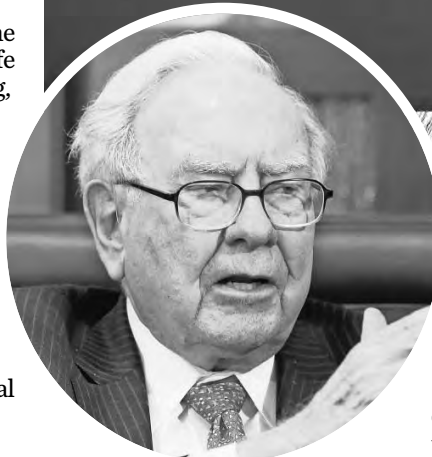
No, I don't mean Facebook stalking. These are the people we admire and even try to benchmark ourselves against because of their financial success. They display characteristics you hope to emulate, and they give you a destination. They become, whether they know it or not, your financial mentor.

Formalize this dynamic.

Armed with a reasonable amount of maturity, you should be able to enhance your chances of financial contentment by deeply engaging with a person who has a relationship with money which you hope to have.

I've been gathering financial mentors since I was 17. Early on, I sought out the wealthy, but I quickly discovered I was looking for other characteristics than simply the accumulation of those who were outwardly well-to-do. I asked blunt questions, sometimes personal, but I always made sure to ask with the respect which was both earned and required.

It quickly occurred to me that I didn't just want all my inspiration



For many investors, Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett is a financial mentor and role model.

Think through your relationships and acquaintances, and grab a little bit of each of them. ... Even people you disagree with will impact you greatly.

and tutelage from one person. I wanted lots of good stuff from lots of different people.

I remember years ago, *Sports Illustrated* did a piece on building the perfect NFL quarterback. The story claimed if you added this guy's arm to this other guy's body and then pasted them on another guy's legs combined with yet another quarterback's brain, you'd have the perfect quarterback. Basically, they were building a football Frankenstein (although we know Frankenstein was the doctor, not the monster). This Frankenstein would have been everything you ever wanted in an NFL quarterback.

It's time to build your financial Frankenstein.

Think through your relationships and acquaintances, and grab a little bit of each of them. Add Charlie's financial confidence to Melissa's minimalism, combined together with Don's planning. Sprinkle in some of Julie's restraint and Sarah's deter-

mination, and you've got yourself quite the role model.

Even people you disagree with will impact you greatly.

I have two particular financial role models who refuse to invest in the stock market. Despite the fact that I disagree with this strategy, I both respect and understand how they are able to build a very well-structured financial life without the benefits (and risks) of the market. Both of these people have influenced me and challenged me to look at my assets differently.

You're not necessarily looking for a rich guy, although the person you identify may, in fact, be wealthy. You can respect and appreciate all sorts of financial characteristics. You might be tempted to start with someone who has the car you want or the house you want, but that's a fool's errand. As material items are the easiest manifestation of wealth that can be observed, they're often used to gauge the success of an individual. Do what you like,

but I've never really been attracted to people with stuff.

You're looking for the practical application of knowledge. You can Google everything else. There's enough technical financial advice floating around out there. You need real life examples in your face. You need to know how your buddy who is 15 years older than you was able to pay for his kids' college education without ruining his retirement. Or better yet, maybe he did ruin his retirement, and you'll learn where he went wrong.

You'll be surprised how much people want to help you and how much they're willing to share.

I'm not talking about replacing your financial advisor. You still need your advisor. But gathering financial role models will give you something real to talk to your advisor about. As it stands now, you likely don't know what questions you aren't asking which you should be asking.

Your financial Frankenstein will change that sad fact instantly.

DIGITAL DOLLARS



You still can get AT&T's cheaper wireless plans

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Q: AT&T's site doesn't let me select any plan for a new phone but their unlimited option. What happened to the cheaper plans with limited data?

A: Browsing for wireless service plans at the Dallas-based company's site has gotten a lot more confusing in recent weeks. AT&T's page listing its menu of data plans has at times only shown the two unlimited-data options it rolled out at the end of February — and if you begin a phone purchase online, you'll only see the two unlimited plans.

That might not matter if you know you'll use a lot of data (keeping track of that can be tricky in iOS) or if you don't want to worry about exceeding a data cap. Otherwise, AT&T's older Mobile Share Advantage — starting at \$50 for 1 GB of data on a smartphone, with \$60 for 3 GB likely to cover many people's needs — is a better bargain.

Fortunately, AT&T isn't following the practice of T-Mobile and Sprint in selling only unlimited-data plans (which might be better called "unmetered" since they still feature some restrictions). Brett LeVecchio, AT&T's director for global media relations, says new customers can still get the older, cheaper plans by phone (888-333-6651) or in its stores.

They may not be listed online or in stores, so just ask

"They're optimizing their mix all the time. They're throwing stuff against the wall and seeing what sticks."

Roger Entner,
founder of Recon Analytics

Current subscribers can still switch to one of them online. AT&T didn't explain the reasoning, but an industry analyst says the most likely explanation is AT&T favoring its own stores as a more lucrative sales channel.

"When they get you in the store, they typically get to upsell you somehow," said Roger Entner, founder of Recon Analytics. Maybe they'll convince you to pick up a charger or a case; maybe they'll persuade you to pick a more expensive plan than the one you had in mind. In comparison, Entner said, "online is such a low-margin type of channel." It also makes up a minority of most smartphone sales.

The other wireless carriers have done much the same thing. For example, they've frequently staged promotions or discounts that required visiting a store to cash in. Sprint, in particular, has run more of these channel-specific deals than I can remember, but T-Mobile and Verizon also have kept some offerings off their sites at various times.

"They're optimizing their mix all the time," Entner said. "They're throwing stuff against the wall and seeing what sticks."

"You know exactly when a carrier had a bad first month of the quarter — midquarter, say Feb. 15. Suddenly all of the promotions come out to save the quarter," he advised. "Do not buy in the first month of the quarter."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Fed minutes could clarify mixed rate hike messages

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An interest rate hike at the Federal Reserve's June meeting seemed all but certain until St. Louis Fed chief James Bullard on Friday suggested the central bank's rate increase timetable may be "overly aggressive."

Minutes of the Fed's May 2-3 meeting, out this week, could clarify Fed officials' conflicting messages. Economic reports this week will also highlight new and existing home sales, business investment and a revised estimate of economic growth in the first quarter.

New home sales went on a nice run in the first quarter, in part because of a skimpy supply of existing homes and warm weather that pulled forward activity. But that burst likely spells some moderation in April. Nomura economist Lewis Alexander notes permits for single-family home construction fell recently. Economists estimate the Commerce Department will report **Tuesday** that new home sales fell 1% last month to a still solid seasonally adjusted annual rate of 615,000.

Existing home sales have been more volatile amid the weather swings and the limited inventory. After jumping 4.4% in March, economists look for a pause in April. They reckon the National Association of Realtors will announce **Wednesday** that home sales slipped 0.7% to a still healthy annual rate of 5.7 million.

At its early May meeting, Fed policymakers did everything they could to shrug off recent weakness in the economy. Although the economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.7% in the first quar-



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St. Louis Fed chief James Bullard

ter, they described the slump as "transitory." And an unusual slide in annual inflation was downplayed in favor of longer-term price increases that have run close to the Fed's 2% annual target. Friday, however, Bullard highlighted the economy's generally sluggish annual growth pace of about 2%, the recent retreat in inflation and his doubts that the low 4.4% unemployment rate will force employers to bid up wages enough to move the needle on inflation.

Minutes of the Fed meeting could shed light on whether other Fed officials share Bullard's concerns, a view that would cast doubt on an anticipated June rate hike and Fed plans for a total two more increases this year.

Business investment has rebounded recently amid the energy sector's revival and an improving global economy. Economists figure that upswing continued in April. They expect Commerce to report **Friday** that core capital goods orders excluding aircraft and defense — a proxy for capital spending — rose 0.5% last month.

While the economy turned in a weak performance early this year, recent economic data suggest it may have been slightly better than believed. Commerce has upgraded its estimate of first-quarter retail sales, which were constrained by delays in tax refunds. Economists expect Commerce to revise up its estimate of first-quarter growth to 0.9% from 0.7%.

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USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

9 WAYS COLLEGE GRADS CAN START LIFE ON THE RIGHT FINANCIAL FOOT

Robert Powell

Special for USA TODAY



Some 1.8 million students in the U.S. will graduate with a bachelor's degree in 2017.

And most, if not all, will have to start — as Millennials are fond of saying — adulating. They will have to earn money, pay back student loans, pay bills, save for a rainy day, a car, a home and retirement.

Here's how graduates should go about creating a sound financial plan, according to experts.

1 CREATE A BUDGET

Keep track of your expected and actual income and expenses using software programs such as Mint or You Need a Budget. Of note, making a budget is not a once-and-done task. Instead, you adjust as needed.

"This is ongoing and is not a test you study for to pass and then forget," says Autumn Campbell, a financial planning resident at Upperline Financial Planning. "Budgets are malleable and change as your life circumstances change. Having a budget keeps you honest with yourself and in tune with your expenses."

A budget can also help you live within your means, says Jason McGarraugh, a certified financial planner with Neal Financial Group. "You need to know what you make and track what you spend," he says.

2 HAVE AN EMERGENCY FUND

Save some of your income for an emergency fund (three to six months of living expenses is a good target). "This will help you weather a car breakdown, an impromptu spring break trip or needing to fly home to see a loved one," Campbell says. "This way



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you will be expecting the unexpected, financially at least, and will be far less likely to pay interest on unplanned expenses."

Of note, Ally Bank pays 1% on balances in savings accounts, which, Campbell says, "is as good as it gets for completely liquid assets these days."

3 SAVE AND INVEST

Try to save at least 10% of your income in a retirement account, a traditional or Roth 401(k), a traditional or Roth IRA or similar account. At a minimum, save enough to get your employer's full match on your 401(k) plan.

"A 100% return on money is unlikely to happen anywhere in your life," Campbell says.

Campbell says opening a Roth IRA is a "great choice for most earners at 25 years old." She recommends investing in low-cost index funds such as the Vanguard Total Stock Market index fund (VTSMX) and the Vanguard Total Bond Market index fund (VBMFX). "Those two funds will expose you to the whole U.S. mar-

ket and allow you to take part in the benefits of investing," Campbell says. Other options: target-date or target-risk funds.

Also, take advantage of your employee benefits if you have them, McGarraugh says. "If you do not want to read the employee handbook, hire someone, such as a certified financial planner, to do it for you."

4 REPAY YOUR STUDENT LOANS

Graduates who borrowed money to pay for college will have to evaluate how best to pay back their federal and/or private loans. If you haven't done so already, visit the Education Department's website at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans>, to determine the right repayment plan, how to make payments and what you can do if you can't afford your payments.

5 HIRE A FINANCIAL PLANNER/MENTOR

You might not think you have enough income or assets, but now's a good time to meet

with a financial planner. A planner, among other things, can help you decide whether to consolidate your student loans, whether to save for retirement using a Roth 401(k) or traditional 401(k), how to invest your money, how much life insurance to buy and the like.

"Ideally, if you want an A+ in financial literacy from the start," Campbell says, "I recommend that graduates find a way to get or hire a mentor who is a fiduciary to teach them about budgeting, retirement planning, risk management/insurance and other aspects of financial literacy."

Note to parents and grandparents: A great graduation gift would be a one- or two-hour consultation with a qualified and competent financial planner. You can search for a financial planner at www.letsmakeaplan.org, find an advisor at www.napfa.org and at www.xyplanningnetwork.com/.

6 SPEND FOR TODAY OR SAVING FOR TOMORROW?

"You don't have to choose be-

tween living life today and preparing for life tomorrow, says Michael Branham, a certified financial planner with The Planning Center. "In reality, you should pay attention to both."

The key, he says, is to find a balance between your current consumption decisions and investing toward your long-term financial security.

"Your monthly or annual cash flow is king, and developing both short-term and long-term strategies within that balance will develop money habits that can lead to long-term success in life," Branham says.

7 TREAT YOUR REPUTATION AND PROFESSIONALISM AS YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET

"We all like to have fun, and we've all made mistakes in our youth," Branham says. "But today's graduates often have their lives captured through social media and other online forums."

His advice: Pay attention to how you portray yourself to the world because someone is always watching. The consequences of online mistakes could impact your ability to earn a living in the future.

8 LIFE IS FULL OF TRANSITIONS; LEARN HOW TO MANAGE THEM

According to Branham, life transitions come in different forms and circumstances; some will be good, others will be a challenge.

"Be able to roll with the punches, and have a place — family, friends, advisers — where you can go to get advice on how to navigate your possible decisions when life happens," he says.

9 KEEP LOMBARDI TIME

According to McGarraugh, five minutes early is on time, on time is late, and late is unacceptable.

"If you live by this standard in your personal and professional life, opportunities for financial independence will surface," he says.

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Payday loans are dying. Problem solved? Not quite

'Lifesavers' that drown you in debt have new lifeline

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Payday loans — the "lifesavers" that drown you in debt — are on the decline.

Fines and regulatory scrutiny over high rates and deceptive practices have shuttered payday loan stores across the country in the last few years, a trend capped by a proposal last summer by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to limit short-term loans.

Consumer spending on payday loans, both storefront and online, has fallen by a third since 2012 to \$6.1 billion, according to the non-profit Center for Financial Services Innovation. Thousands of outlets have closed. In Missouri alone, there were approximately 173 fewer active licenses for payday lenders last year compared to 2014.

In response, lenders have a new offering that keeps them in business and regulators at bay — payday installment loans.

Payday installment loans work like traditional payday loans (that is, you don't need credit, just income and a bank account, with money delivered almost instantly), but they're repaid in installments rather than one lump sum. The average annual percentage interest rate is typically lower as well, 268% vs 400%, CFPB research shows.

Spending on payday installment loans doubled between 2009 and 2016 to \$6.2 billion, according to the CFSI report.

INSTALLMENT LOANS AREN'T THE ANSWER

Payday installment loans are



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speedy and convenient when you're in a pinch, but they're still not a good idea. Here's why:

PRICE TRUMPS TIME: Borrowers end up paying more in interest than they would with a shorter loan at a higher APR.

A one-year, \$1,000 installment loan at 268% APR would incur interest of \$1,942. A payday loan at 400% APR for the same amount would cost about \$150 in fees if it were repaid in two weeks.

"While each payment may be affordable, if it goes for years and years, the borrower could end up repaying much more than what they borrowed," said Eva Wolkowitz, manager at the Center for Financial Services Innovation.

YOU'RE IN THE HOLE MUCH LONGER: Payday installment

loans often are structured so that

initial payments cover only interest charges, not principal.

"The longer the loan is, the more you're just paying interest up front," said Jeff Zhou, co-founder of Houston-based Fig Loans, a start-up that makes alternatives to payday loans.

ADD-ONS ADD UP: On top of high interest rates, lenders may charge origination and other fees that drive up the APR. Many also sell optional credit insurance — not included in the APR — that can inflate the loan cost. Lenders market this insurance as a way to cover your debts in case of unemployment, illness or death. But the payout goes to the lender, not the borrower.

About 38% of all payday installment borrowers default, according to the CFPB.

AMERICANS STILL WANT SMALL-DOLLAR CREDIT

The demand for payday loans in any form isn't going away soon. Twelve million Americans use payday loans annually, typically to cover expenses such as rent, utilities or groceries, according to The Pew Charitable Trusts.

"The original two-week loan originated from customers' demand for the product. Likewise, customers in many cases are demanding installment loans," Charles Halloran, chief operating officer of the Community Financial Services Association of America, a payday lending trade group, said in an email.

Income growth is sluggish, expenses are up and more Americans are experiencing irregular cash flow, said Lisa Servon, professor of city and regional plan-

A one-year, \$1,000 installment loan at 268% APR would incur interest of \$1,942. A payday loan at 400% APR for the same amount would cost about \$150 in fees if it were repaid in two weeks.

ning at the University of Pennsylvania and author of *The Unbanking of America*.

"It's a perfect storm that's very good for the expensive short-term creditors, not so much for the average American worker," she said.

WHAT'S THE ALTERNATIVE?

While Americans want small-dollar loans, 81% said they'd rather take a similar loan from a bank or a credit union at lower rates, according to recent Pew surveys.

Banks are waiting for the CFPB to finalize its proposed rule for payday lending before entering this market, according to Pew. As the fate of the CFPB remains unclear under the Trump administration, banks may not offer cheaper payday loans anytime soon.

In the meantime, if you need fast cash, try a credit union. Many offer payday alternative loans capped at 28% APR to members. Non-profit community organizations also make low- or no-interest loans for utilities, rent or groceries.

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The Sumter High football team of 1925-26 is pictured in the school yearbook.

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PART II: A LOOK BACK AT L.C. MOISE

The days of innocence in football

Following is Part II of a look back at the life and career of L.C. Moise, the Sumter community's first coach of organized football. This excerpt from Moise's autobiography was published shortly after he wrote it in 1950.

The first year a coach was paid at Sumter High School was 1925. Giff Shaw recalls from his coaching days that the merchants were asked to subscribe 50 cents, and that the Sumter Dry Goods was a standby, always cheerfully donating this annual stipend! The first official expenditure for equipment was made in 1923, when Giff Shaw purchased four pairs of shoes in Florence, hoping that he would be reimbursed from the game that day.



Sammy Way
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ton players, having discovered where the Sumterites were eating, seasoned food with a liberal component of croton oil.

Before 1910 the football fields had to be used as we found them. Across one of the gridirons, in Florence there was a narrow drainage ditch into which the players stumbled, and plays piled up. In Columbia, we played on clay and rocks. Goal-posts were placed on the goal lines. They were made of two-by-fours, sometimes wrapped with cheesecloth. West Collins became famous for breaking off the posts by butting into them with his head or by butting the railings off a board fence. In this way, he struck terror in the hearts of his opponents.

In those days, there was no forward passing, and there were very few regulations in force for the protection of players, so the game was far more hazardous than it is today. Mass plays were used frequently and on offensive plays. Hands could be used for shoving the ball-carrier through the line. If he could not get through by this means, his teammates could hurdle him



The football stadium formerly located at the Sumter fairgrounds is seen.

He was. Giff tells of a game played in Marion that had to be delayed pending the arrival of the backfield whose car had a blown tire. He also tells with characteristic modesty of the first game he recalls when Columbia beat Sumter in 1924. The opponents were using a delayed end run which Sumter could not stop. The score was 14 to 0 for Columbia. A player from another city told Giff how to stop the play. Final score: Columbia 14, Sumter 13. Giff tells with tears in his voice of the only game he lost in '25, when some of the Charles-

across the line catching him up by his belt-straps. The ball was not "down" until the carrier, when he was being thrown back, cried "down" and until the referee heard him and blew his whistle. The offensive team could push its ball-carrier the length of the field if the opponents could not stop the play.

Those were the days of innocence in the game of football. Players were not "induced" to attend certain schools because of their athletic ability. They were not made heroes by alumni or fans, nor were thousands of dollars spent annually for their equipment or maintenance. Coaches did not resort to shady devices to win games at any cost. There was no fanfare of marching bands, flying banners, cheering sections or great stadia filled with wildly shouting friends and admirers.

In the absence of all these things the players derived more benefit and enjoyment from the game than do those of today, for they played more for the sake of the sport than merely to win. Then it was their game. All the expense, all the work, every arrangement had been theirs. All when the comparison narrows down to the game itself, it is highly questionable whether the spectacle of today with all its de-

velopment is better or more enjoyable than that of 1901.

In closing, I should like to relate an incident if I may be pardoned for the personal reference. On a certain Friday in the fall we were to play a game with the high school of Florence. That morning I received a telegram from the coach, a former member of the University of Virginia team, saying that due to many injuries his team could not play unless he, the coach, would be allowed to play. As I had always longed to play again, I answered that it suited me fine; for it meant that I, too, could play. On the kick-off, the Florence coach received the ball, but when he got up to the 30-yard stripe, my 225-pound center, Willie Burns, plunged his shoulder into the coach's midriff, which put him out of the entire game, and I got more football than I had yearned for.

I am afraid you will ask me who won the game, Sumter 18, Florence 0. But make no mistake: The coach did not win the game. The star of that day was Sumter's center.

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The 1941 Edmunds (Sumter) High School cheerleaders pep up the crowd before a football game.



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75 YEARS AGO - 1942
Dec. 12 - 18

Second Lt. Junius M. Lowder Jr., 23, of The United States Marine Corps, son Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Lowder Sr. of Turbeville, has completed a special eight weeks' course for Marine Corps officers at Quantico, Virginia. The Marine officer is a graduate of Clemson College



Yesteryear in Sumter
SAMMY WAY

The Sumter High School football squad was honored by the local fans Thursday night with a turkey dinner in the cafeteria of Edmunds

High School. The gathering was presided over by Raymond Penney, and the principal address was delivered by John Riley, who spoke briefly but effectively, giving the boys an excellent inspirational message. Bill Hughes, co-captain of the team, put on a football quiz, stumping every fan called on, except for Supt. W.H. Shaw and Coach John McMillan and Hartell from the squad. Gifts to the coaches from the fans were presented by J.L. Mooneyhan. Coach McMillan presented each member of the squad to the fans, expressed his appreciation for the gifts and paid tribute to the fighting spirit and ability of this year's squad.

• William Henry Shaw, superintendent of the city schools, was named head of the Citizen's Service corps, which will shortly be organized here, Mayor F.B. Creech announced. The purpose of the corps is the molding of every man, woman and child into a working organization which may be utilized in several ways to help with the war effort.

• Coach Johnnie McMillan, Sumter High grid mentor, announced the awarding of letters to 18 members of the 1942 squad and a senior manager. Boys earning the coveted block "S" were Graham Moses, Ed Dew, Raymond Baker, Gordon Gullede, Whit Wells, James Skinner, Thomas Cutter, J.L. Mooneyhan, Charlie Penney, Buddy Hodge, Otis Moore, Frank James, Bill Hughes, Eddie Dunlap, Scriven Brunson, Russell Timmons, T.W. Mitchell, Ed Gibson and Manager Bryan Griffin.

• Two men arrested in Salisbury, North Carolina, for the attempted robbery of a filling station and reportedly wanted on two other robbery charges in that state, were identified by P.M. Tiller of Mayesville as the men who entered Mayes store there about two weeks ago and made off with about \$35 from the cash registers.

50 YEARS AGO - 1967
Aug. 14 - 20

A long-awaited final report on the commercial areas study recently completed by planning consultants will be presented in the City Planning Commission at a meeting at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Science Building of Clemson University at Sumter. Some of the preliminary recommendations included the creation of a pedestrian mall out of the downtown portion of Main Street and the use of a "super" block concept in developing the area south of



ABOVE: 1967 — Mr. and Mrs. David Rhame enjoy many things in common. During the past year, for one thing, they went on a diet together and lost more than 200 pounds between them.



LEFT: 1992 — Heidi Teague, left, and Marianne Crostic greet each other at Teague's house in Sumter County. They were reunited after a 45-year separation that started in their homeland, Germany.

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Tuomey Hospital.

• Lynda Beasley was crowned Miss Majorette Princess of America in Knoxville, Tennessee, in the Drum Majorettes of America International Competition. Lynda, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beasley, was practicing with the Edmunds High School Band at Wofford Band Camp in Spartanburg.

• Raymond S. Rollins Jr., 17, son of Lt. Col. and Mrs. R.S. Rollins, has had one thing on his mind this summer — the intellectual game of chess. Raymond has been a chess enthusiast for 11 years. This year he used his knowledge of the game to win the first-place trophy in the Junior Division of the Greater Charleston Open Chess Tournament sponsored by the U. S. Chess Federation. The Charleston event actually was the first tournament in which Raymond had ever played.

• Gene Lawhon held Greer batters to five hits Sunday afternoon as his Timmonsville mates piled up 11 runs and committed only one error to give Timmonsville the South Carolina American Legion baseball championship and a berth in the American Legion Regional tournament in Gadsden, Alabama, beginning Aug. 23.

• Three leading Sumter officials expressed their pleasure and satisfaction at news that Washington officials have given final approval to the city's Civic Center Urban Renewal Project. At a brief news conference Ramon Schwartz, chairman of the Sumter Housing Authority, W. M. Hodge, chairman of the County Board of Commissioners and Mayor Robert E. Graham, all commented on the significance this final approval has for the community.

Schwartz said the Housing Authority should begin negotiating within two weeks with various property owners within the Civic Center area for options on their property.

• Loring K. Baker of Sumter is now one of seven Americans serving as an international official of the Amateur International Boxing Association, the group that sets the rules for all amateur boxing competition. Baker was named an AIBA judge after taking a stiff series of written, oral and practical examinations at a clinic in Winnipeg, Canada, just before the Pan-Am games there, and judged boxing events at the Pan-Am Games.

• Play has ended in the City Tennis Tournament, and winners have been announced by the sponsoring City Parks and Recreation Department. Capturing the men's singles title was Arthur Abbott, and Charlie Hodgins was runner-up. Women's singles were won by Barbara Haynie with Mary Abbott runner-up. Capturing the men's doubles crown was the team of Fred Wilson and Frank Bryan with Charlie Hodgins and Arthur Abbott second. Winning in the ladies doubles was Mary Abbott-Barbara Haynie combination and Sue Wilson and Lisa Cowee were second.

25 YEARS AGO - 1992
May 15 - 21

Sumter County property owners could be spared a tax increase next year for the first time since the mid-1980s. Sumter County Council gave initial approval to the 1992-93 budget Friday but directed county Administrator Bill Noonan to cut \$3.1 million from it to help council avoid a tax hike. Budget requests from department heads for

next fiscal year total \$19 million, while revenues are estimated to be \$16.3 million.

• Commencement is always a happy time for USC Sumter graduates, their families and the faculty and staff who have watched them earn their diplomas. Two members of USC-Sumter's faculty and staff — Dr. Charles K. Cook, associate professor of mathematics, and Benjamin F. Ross III, admissions officer with the Enrollment Management Office — had added cause for happiness at Tuesday's commencement program where they were honored for distinguished service.

• Sumter High School senior Spring Anderson has been selected as a winner of a \$2,000 National Merit Scholarship. The daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson is one of 2,000 national scholarship recipients. Recipients are chosen in every state in numbers that are proportional to the state's percentage of the nation's high school graduating seniors.

• The federal and state governments aren't keeping up their end of the deal in paying health care costs for elderly and poor Americans. And that's the No. 1 reason hospital rates are skyrocketing, local hospital officials say. Paul Johnson, chief financial officer at Sumter's Tuomey Regional Medical Center, said reimbursement to hospitals for services rendered to Medicare and Medicaid patients has dropped from 100 percent of the total cost in 1982 to only 72 percent in 1992. Medicare, a national health care program, provides free and discounted medical services to people over the age of 65. Medicaid, a state program that receives federal funding, provides free medical care to the poor.

• Harold Chandler III of Marion is returning to Sumter School District Two as the new principal of Furman School. He is expected to start by July 1. Chandler has been Marion High School's principal since July 1987. Before that he worked in District 2 for 14 years. Chandler is a graduate of Edmunds High School in Sumter and holds two degrees from Clemson University.

• The owner of the one-time Park Inn International hotel on North Washington Street has dropped the hotel's former name in lieu of the Ramada Inn name, but company principals are sticking with their goal to make Sumter a golfing center with international draw. J.E. "Jule" Eldridge Jr. said this week recent changes in the 30-year-old hotel will affect the company's golf package program only in positive ways. He also said that the hotel broke attendance records in the fifth year of sales impetus that has turned into a multi-million-dollar industry for Sumter.

• Although the Gamecocks did not qualify as many athletes as they would have liked, Sumter High track coach Rut Dingle was pleased with his team's performance in the 4A lower state meet at Spring Valley High. Sumter qualified athletes for the state meet in eight of possible 19 slots. The Spring Valley coaching staff, which ran the meet, did not tabulate team scores.

• The second-annual Iris Festival Flower Show will be held Saturday and Sunday at the Alice Boyle Garden Center beside Swan Lake. The event, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the city of Sumter, the Council of Garden Clubs and Gold Kist of Sumter. There is no admission fee, and children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. The show was open to all amateur designers and horticulturists, and judges from Columbia, Florence and Charleston would select winners.

• Three inmates escaped from the Shock Incarceration Unit at Wateree Corrections Institution in Sumter County, according to prison officials. The three men had just entered the intensive, 90-day, military-style incarceration unit, according to S.C. Department of Corrections spokeswoman Robyn Zimmerman. They escaped from the Rembert-area prison grounds on S.C. 261 sometime before the 5 a.m. bed check, according to Zimmerman.

• Interim superintendent Andrena Ray has been named the new superintendent of Sumter School District 17. Laura Ayers, chairwoman of the district's board of trustees, announced Ray's selection during the board meeting held at Alice Drive Middle School. Ray, the district's assistant superintendent for instruction, had served as the district's interim superintendent since Jan. 21, following the death of Lawrence G. Derthick Jr. Derthick had been the district's superintendent for 10 years. The board voted 7-0 to name Ray superintendent.

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Curtis Bostic, an attorney from South Carolina, looks over a small herd of horses that are either wild or had been left in Jackson, Kentucky, in January. Bostic has leased 4,000 acres of land, and is planning to create a horse sanctuary, though some locals object.

Once labeled a horse thief, now he wants to save them

BY ADAM BEAM

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Ky. — Curtis Bostic is an attorney, a politician and — for a few weeks in 2016 — an accused horse thief.

On a cold December day in the rugged hilltops of Breathitt County, Bostic was trying to rescue some horses he said had been abandoned and were malnourished. But he was arrested by a sheriff's deputy, who said the horses belonged to two men who follow the local custom of setting them free in the winter to wander the wilderness of the county's abandoned coal fields.

The charges were later dismissed after the sheriff's department said it didn't have probable cause to make the arrest. But during the night Bostic spent in jail, he came up with an idea: A few weeks later, he leased the land where he had been arrested. He sent a letter to the two men who had pressed charges against him. Now, they were the trespassers, and Bostic ordered them to come get their horses before he put them up for adoption.

"I can't change the full county. But I can say you are not going to come to my property and drop your horse off in the cold winter," Bostic said.

Bostic wants to turn 4,000 acres of former coal mines into a horse sanctuary. It's the latest idea on how to tackle the growing horse population in the mountains of Kentucky, a state known more for pampered thoroughbreds on pristine farms than bony horses roaming free.

Bostic's descriptions of thousands of horses suffering at the hands of cruel owners have offended the locals who say he doesn't understand their culture.

Clifton Hudson, 30, owns five horses that he sets free to wander land he doesn't own near



AP FILE PHOTO

Cockleburs fill the mane of a wild or abandoned horse in Jackson, Kentucky, in January.

his home in Breathitt County. He said he provides 600 pounds of salt each month for the horses. He stopped hauling hay bales to the land because the horses were not eating them, a sign he says means they have plenty of grass to graze. The locals often bring their children to the mountains on the weekends to pet and feed the horses.

"It's just really it's more of a pastime than anything else with the people of the county," Hudson said. "So far the only person really had an issue with it has been Mr. Bostic."

Wild horses have been a familiar sight in the Kentucky mountains for decades. But following the Great Recession and the thousands of jobs lost because of the disappearing coal industry, more horses have been set loose.

Just how many and whether they have enough food is up for debate.

Dumas Rescue, a local animal rescue organization, told a legislative committee last fall that Floyd County alone had 1,000 horses. Owner Tonya Conn said they took in 22 horses last year but had to turn

away requests for 100 others.

"Some of them have never been touched by human hands," she said.

Debby Spencer, a board member for the Appalachian Horse Center, said Floyd County has just 44 free-roaming horses, based on a census she conducted in 2014 across nine eastern Kentucky counties. She found 440 horses in eight of them, a number she said has since grown to 584.

"There is more than enough food up there," Spencer said.

Bostic lives in South Carolina, where he's a former member of the Charleston County Council and once ran for Congress, losing to former Gov. Mark Sanford in a 2013 primary. He's the general counsel for Kinzer Drilling Co., which owns the land Bostic has leased. He and his wife run an orphanage in Burma and own a private retreat in Charleston that has horses.

"We kind of enjoy being saviors of the world," he said.

MORE TO THE STORY

Read on at www.theitem.com.

A safe start to the boating season

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officer Ed Laney and I met recently at the W. T. "Billy" Tolar Boat Ramp on the Wateree River to talk about boating safety.

Laney is a 10-year veteran of DNR. He was named Region 3 Officer of the Year for 2016. Region 3 includes Sumter, Clarendon, Orangeburg, Calhoun, Richland, Lexington, Newberry, Saluda, Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg and Barnwell counties.

The division is responsible for enforcement of state and federal laws that govern natural resource and conservation concerns. The division conducts hunter and boater education, as well as other outreach programs. DNR officers are also called upon to assist with homeland security on lakes and rivers in South Carolina.

Being an outdoorsman himself, Laney has a passion for the natural resources of this state and believes in the laws that protect our natural resources and keep our residents safe.

Boating safety is an important issue with DNR and officers like Laney, who are working hard to raise awareness about equipment requirements and safe operation on the waters of the state.

I have been a boat operator for more than 50 years and thought that I knew all the laws and safety requirements, but I can admit that I learned a few things from our recent meeting.

The following safety equipment is required depending on the type and size or length of the boat.

- A personal flotation device or "pfd" that is serviceable and fits, for each occupant. The pfd must be easily accessible or worn and not locked away in a storage container;



Dan Geddings

- A sound device such as a whistle or horn;
- A type IV throwable device (commonly known as a boat cushion);

- A fire extinguisher;
- A registration card and valid decal; and
- Legal lighting (required from sunset to sunrise).

Impaired boat operation is another major concern of DNR. Officers on water patrol will be on the lookout for impaired boat operators. DNR officers can conduct a float battery test and field sobriety test.

May 20 through May 26 is National Safe Boating Week, and Memorial Day Weekend, May 27 through May 29, is the beginning of the boating season in South Carolina. Boating season runs through Labor Day Weekend.

DNR will be conducting Courtesy Boat Inspections or "CBIs" throughout the state during Memorial Day Weekend. DNR officers will be at landings to inspect vessels for required safety equipment. The intent is to allow the boat operator to correct violations before launching and to educate the boating public.

Region 3 "CBIs" will be held at Alex Harvin Landing in Clarendon County on May 27 from 10 a.m. to noon and at the Lake Murray Dam in Lexington County on May 27 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Boat operators who have questions or need more information can consult the DNR website at www.dnr.sc.gov or call (800) 277-4301.

Have a happy and safe holiday weekend.

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South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Officer Ed Laney talked with the writer about boating safety recently at the Tolar Boat Ramp on the Wateree River at U.S. 76/378 in Sumter and Richland Counties.

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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 Dearthal 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 1/4 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 planers 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 Ataway (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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Cemetery plots Iris Section, Evergreen. Big savings, \$1250 each. Call 469-2503 lv msg

Queen Mattress \$150 Brand New, Still in plastic Call /text 803-847-9126

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted Full-Time

Exp. framing carpenter needed for a min of 40 hrs a wk. Must be able to work off of the ground & have your own transportation. Leave name & contact number 803-473-4246

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a full time born again, church musician. Must be able to play a New Millennium Hammond Organ & Piano, lead choir and overall music ministry. Must have good communication skills and be able to read music, play by ear or both. Salary Negotiable. Please contact Pastor David Lawson if interested 803-478-7833

FULL TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

Seeking individual with strong computer knowledge, good communication skills, and attention to detail. Administrative experience required. Send resume to julie.sims@treleoni.com or mail to Treleoni 1878 Joe Rogers Jr Blvd, Manning SC 29102.

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

Cashier needed full time. Must have some computer knowledge, be self-motivated, dependable & energetic. Apply at Wally's Hardware 1291 Broad St.

Experienced Cafeteria Food Service Workers needed. All positions available & must be available to work all shifts. Please call Cindy at 803-481-6495 for more information.

Help Wanted Part-Time

Experienced Trailer switcher needed 3 days a week in Sumter. Must have current CDL, 5 years experience, clean driving record. Call 803-938-2708 leave message with your experience M-F 9am-3pm.

RENTALS

Rooms for Rent

Millwood area, private entrance, 1 Br, non-smoker. \$500 mo. Call 803-775-1097.

Furnished Apartments

Apartment for Rent Furnished, quiet country setting, single occupancy only. Excellent for elderly. No smoking, alcohol or drugs. Safe and secure. \$550/month Call 803-481-0015

Unfurnished Apartments

Huntington Place Apartments Rents from \$625 per month 1 Month free* *13 Month lease required Leasing office located at Ashton Mill Apartment Homes 595 Ashton Mill Drive 803-773-3600 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5

2BR/2BA Townhouse, garage washer/dryer hook up, kit appliances incl. on Dartmouth Dr \$850 Mo/Dep. Call 803-934-0434

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

2BR/2BA apartment on Rast St. \$625 a month. Call 803-460-4317 or 803-773-4316

Unfurnished Homes

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Vacation Rentals

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REAL ESTATE

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Homes for Sale

Great home for hospital staff in historic district. Priced to sell, call for appointment. 843-639-2771 or 843-861-4224

For sale on Lake Wateree, 2 bed/2 bath house, 1.9 acre lot, on cove with dock, Det Garage, large screen porch and multiple decks. \$319,900 Call 843-200-2517.



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House for rent, 3BR/1BA, C/H/A, \$600mo+\$400 deposit. 157 Pointsett Dr. Sumter. Call 404-693-5562

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING A public meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 26, 2017 for parents and citizens of Sumter School District to provide feedback and make recommendations regarding the development of the 2017-18 Title I Project.

The meeting will be held at the Sumter School District Administrative Building, 1345 Wilson Hall Road, Sumter, SC, Room 118, at 10:00 a.m.

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Bid Notices

INVITATION TO BID

The County of Sumter is soliciting separate sealed bids from qualified vendors for the following project:

Sumter County Administration Building - Electrical Upgrade

Bids will be received until **10:00 AM, Thursday, May 25, 2017** in the Purchasing Department on the 2nd Floor, Sumter County Administration Building, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150.

Bid documents may be obtained from:

The County of Sumter Purchasing Department 13 East Canal Street Sumter, South Carolina 29150 E mail : S g r e g o r y @sumtercountysc.org

Telephone inquiries should be made to (803) 436-2331.

The County of Sumter reserves the right to reject any or all bids. The County of Sumter reserves the right to waive any or all technicalities.



Bid Notices

INVITATION TO BID

The Sumter County Public Works is soliciting separate sealed bids from qualified vendors for the following projects:

PAVING OF PRAIRIE ROAD, EVERGREEN CT AND OLD CAMDEN ROAD

Bids will be received until **10:00 A.M. Wednesday, June 7, 2017** in the Sumter County Public Works Conference Room located at 1289 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29153.

Plans and bid documents may be obtained from:

Sumter County Public Works 1289 North Main Street Sumter, South Carolina 29153 Or Email: khyatt@sumtercountysc.org

Telephone inquiries should be made to (803) 436-2241.

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Mandatory Pre-bid Meeting Wednesday, May 24, 2017 Meet at County Public Works' office - 1289 North Main Street



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May 22, 7pm Sale Site: Hilton Garden Inn, 13503 Ranch Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32218

May 24, 11am, 3pm & 7pm Sale Site: Embassy Suites, 620 Chastain Rd NW, Kennesaw, GA 30144

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Tribute to

Ret. Master Sergeant George R. Mayo

Sunrise June 16, 1940

Sunset May 21, 2012

George Randolph Mayo, has it really been five years? Wow! It seems like just yesterday that you slipped away to be with Jesus; whom you loved so well. Not a day goes by that we are still do not have moments when we think about your laughter, humorous quips, great cooking and never ending quest to get that stubborn patch of grass to grow. Your presence is forever with us. We carry your memory with us everywhere. In each new experience, you are in our spirits. Lord we miss you! We will keep the faith that life dedicated to trust in and service to God is the pathway to a joining you and our other loved ones in eternity.

Love, Rosetta Mayo, Wife & Miss Tonya Teresa Mayo and Reverend Doctor Tiawana Mayo, Devoted Daughters

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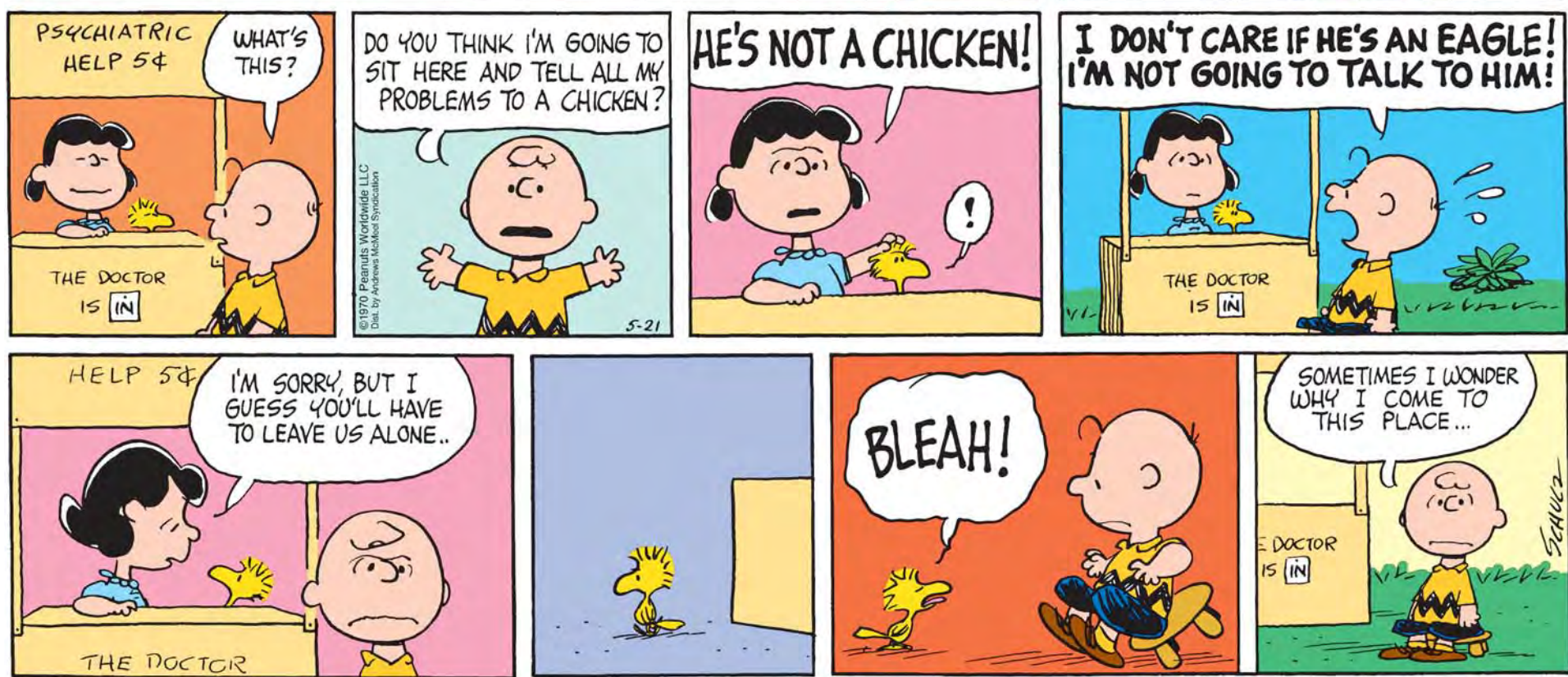
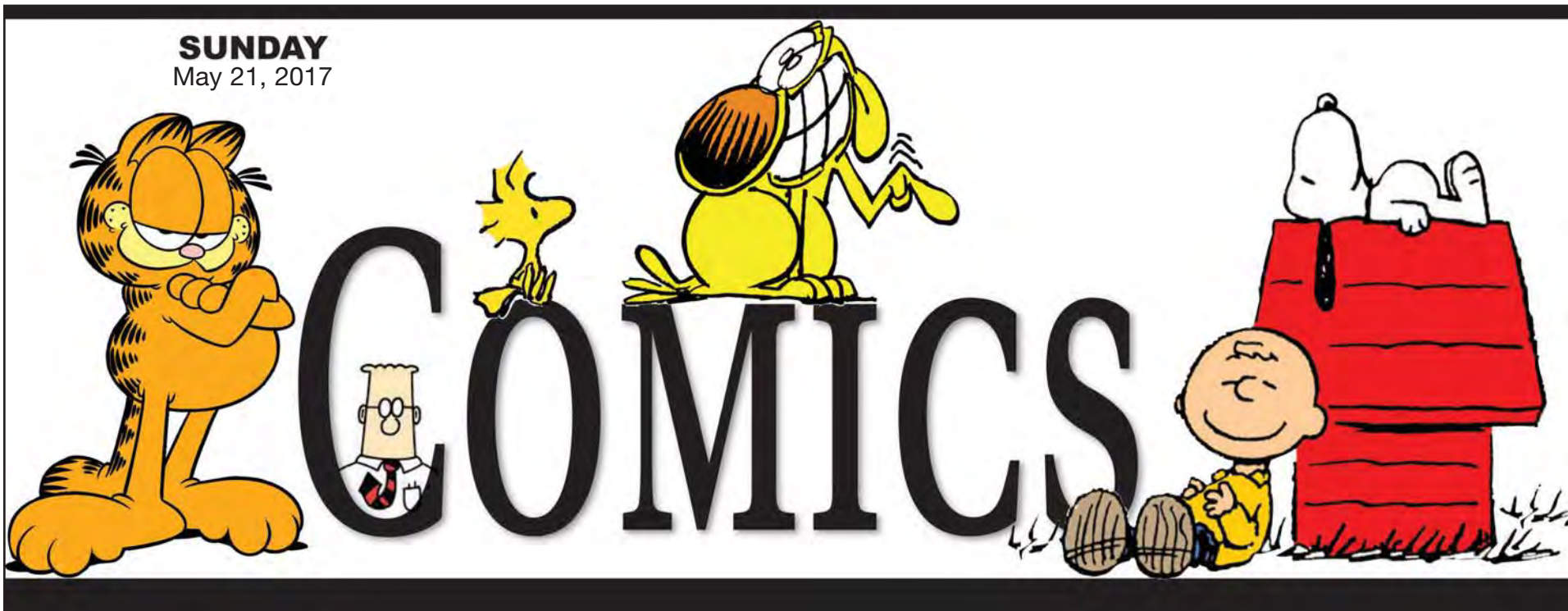
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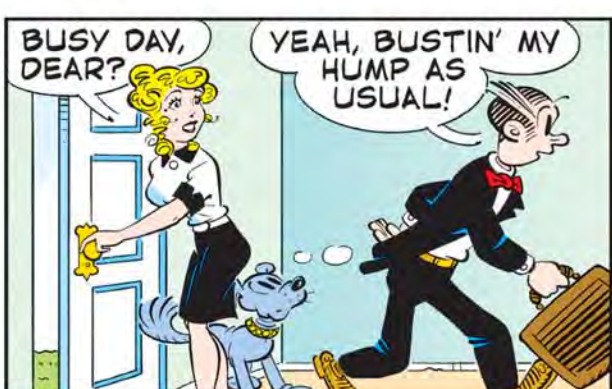
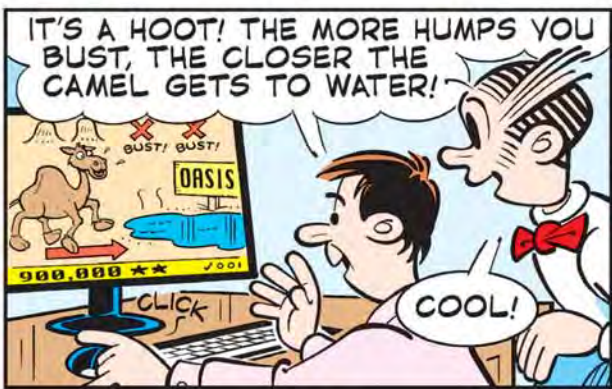
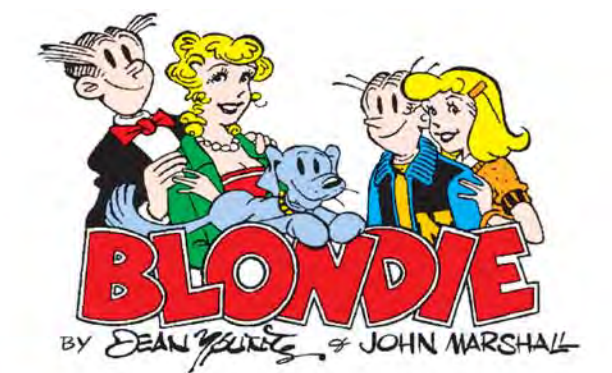
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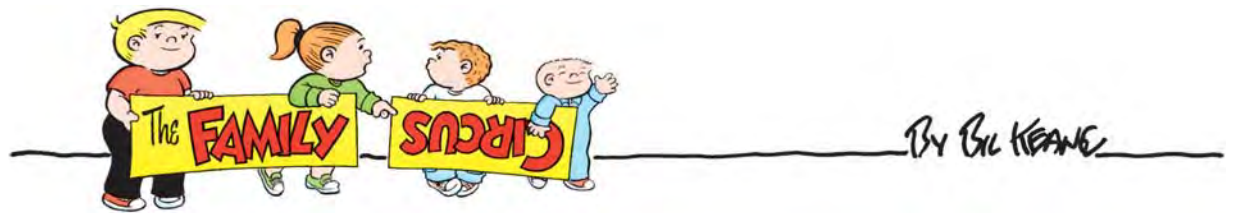
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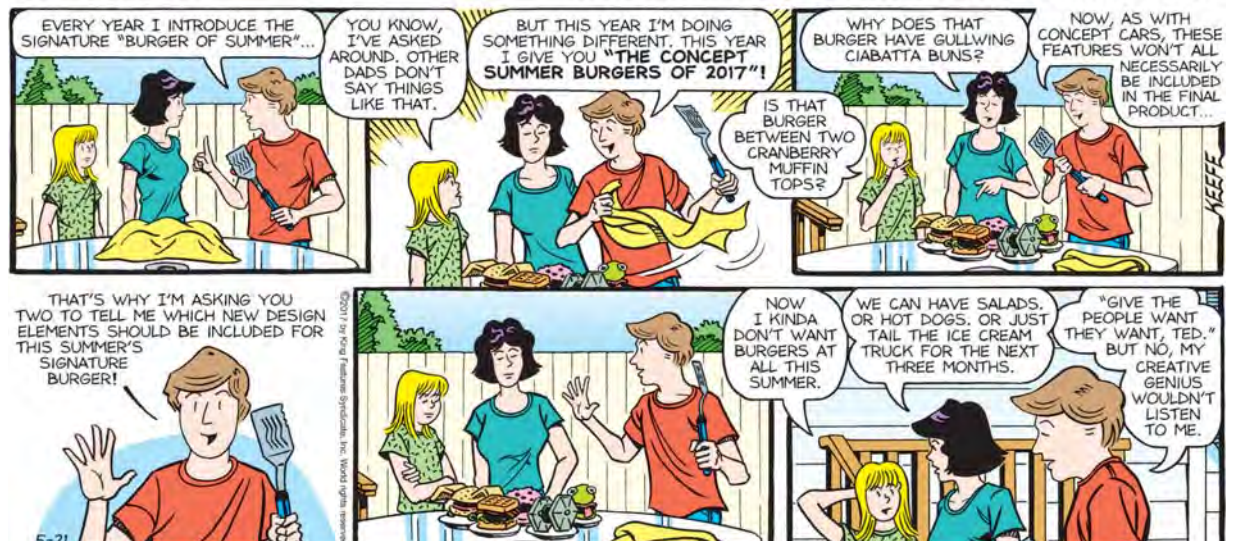
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DOODLE ZOO

THE STRONGEST ANIMALS IN THE SEA ARE... THE MUSSELS.

DRAW!!

DRAW A PAPER AIRPLANE!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHERE DO LIBRARY BOOKS GO TO SLEEP?
A. UNDER THEIR COVERS.
Chris Davies, Madison, WI

Q. WHERE DO COWS EAT LUNCH?
A. AT A CALF-ATERIA.
Lila Brewer, Pittsburgh, PA

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Star is moved. 2. Finger is moved. 3. Envelope is missing. 4. Nose is different. 5. Mailbag strap is wider. 6. Patch on sleeve is missing.

FRANK AND ERNEST

SIGNOR ERNIE, YOU HAVE DESIGNED THE MOST WONDERFUL TOWN SQUARE IN ALL OF ITALY! THE BUILDINGS LOOK SPECTACULAR IN AFTERNOON LIGHT...

THE STATUES ARE BEAUTIFUL...

AND PEOPLE WILL LOVE RELAXING ON THE BENCHES.

BUT YOU ABSOLUTELY MUST REMOVE THE TROPICAL FRUIT GARDEN.

IT MAKES NO SENSE PUTTING PINEAPPLE ON A PIAZZA!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

MY TEAM STINKS!

OH, I'LL BET IT'S NOT AS BAD AS ALL THAT!

AFTER ALL, IT'S LITTLE LEAGUE—NO TEAM IS ALL THAT GOOD!

OUR TEAM IS SO BAD, TODAY, THE OTHER TEAM FELT SORRY FOR US AND LET US HAVE SIX OUTS PER INNING!

WELL, THEY WERE GOOD SPORTS TO DO THAT AND LET YOU SCORE SOME RUNS!

THEY STILL SHUT US OUT!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

WIZARD OF ID

by parker and hart

WHAT'S THIS? HIS YEARLY REQUEST

A... GOLF BALL?

BETTER GO WITH A 9-IRON

WHACK!

ZIP PING PANG POK POK

Zok

WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?

YOU'VE LOST YOUR MARBLES!

*SIGH... YOU'RE RIGHT

I FORGOT TO YELL, 'FORE!

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

MIND IF I HOLD THE PHONE IN HERE?

UH... SURE, WHY?

MY FRIEND CHENY IS GONNA CALL.

THIS IS THE CLOSEST WINDOW TO HIS HOUSE.

THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT—

YEAH, OPEN THE CURTAIN, DINGBAT.

WOOPS! GOOD CALL.

I THINK CELLPHONE TECHNOLOGY IS A BIT OVER YOUR HEADS.

THANKS. DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS CALL.

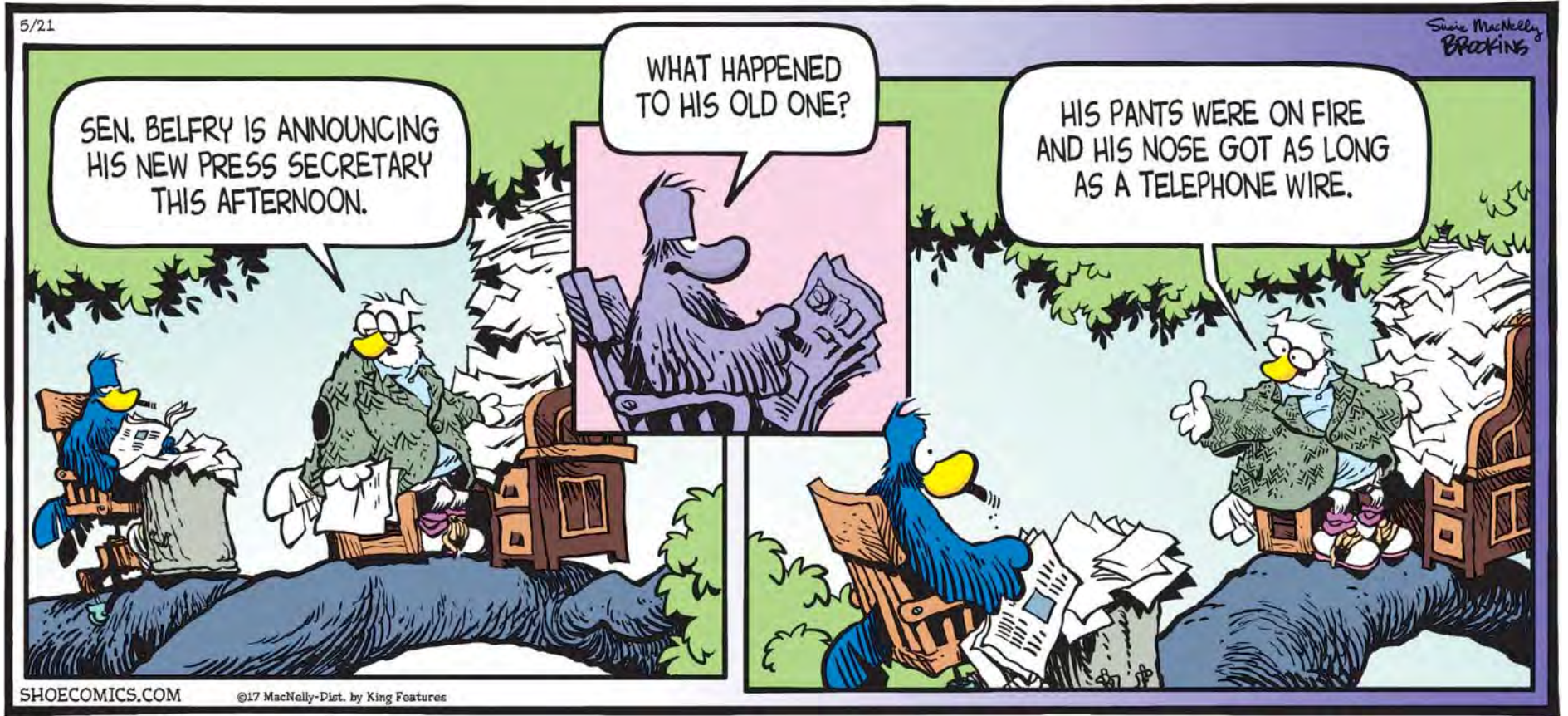
NOW TELL HIM HE NEEDS TO GET INTO TOILET TECHNOLOGY.

OH! I THINK I SEE A CALL COMING!

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SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

