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Legislators: Funding infrastructure a daunting task

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South Carolina State Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, said he is going duck hunting this weekend.
Pity the poor ducks.
Smith has been working in the trenches as the House Budget Writing Subcommittee has tried to pare down requests from state agencies to what can be included in a proposed bonding bill.
Smith said that in 2000, the Legislature passed a \$1 billion bond bill to aid

school districts to expand and provide maintenance to their buildings.
“That basically took all our bonding capacity,” he said. “We didn’t have the ability to borrow money until we paid that bond indebtedness off to keep our AAA credit rating.”
Now that bond bill has been paid off, he said, the state can pass its first bond bill in 17 years.
“For years, we have been putting off deferred maintenance, we have been putting off capital needs of agencies in this state and now we come and we say ‘OK, we are going to look because

we have availability on our bond indebtedness to issue a new bond bill, come bring us your requests,” he said.
“We had over \$2 billion of requests,” he said.
“The difficult task is prioritizing these needs because they are real.”
It’s a thankless task as well.
Smith and his fellow subcommittee members have apparently been taking potshots from all sides, including agencies not getting the money

they requested and conservatives adverse to any kind of borrowing.
“You have to do this while at the same time facing criticism that you’re running up the debt in the state and your running up the credit card and we don’t need a bond bill. It’s just a pork fest,” Smith said.
“It’s balancing the needs of state government versus the need to be responsible,” he said.
Smith said it is akin to what has happened to the state’s roads.

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Fears, concerns linger after 2008 murder

Charles Way’s family still seeks closure almost 10 years later



The Sumter Item begins a series of stories on cold cases that lack enough information to solve. By bringing attention to them, the hope is that someone might have information that will help solve the cases. New technology, such as DNA testing, might also help solve cases.

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Almost nine years after the murder of 66-year-old Charles Way, Sumter County Sheriff’s Office still has no suspects or a motive as to why the beloved father and grandfather was shot and killed in his home Aug. 18, 2008.
Robin Miles, Way’s daughter, said she remembers that Monday nearly a decade ago as a pretty day. It was not too hot even though it was Au-



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A billboard was used to help obtain information on the murder of Charles Way.

gust, she said. “It was just a normal day.”
Miles said she called her father that morning, and they had a normal conversation. Other family members spoke with him that day, too, she said.
According to previous statements from Way’s family members, Dotsy Prescott, Way’s sister, attempted to get in touch with her brother by phone that afternoon, but he did not answer his home phone or cellphone, which was unusual. She then asked



WAY

Miles to stop by his house to check on him.
It wasn’t until Miles went to her father’s home on Grace Lane off Myrtle Beach Highway about 4:30 p.m. did the feeling of a normal day change.
According to an incident report filed on the date of the crime, Miles found her father lying on the floor near the back door, unresponsive.
Miles and other family members initially thought that Way had collapsed because he had complained about stomach pains, according to 2008 statements from county investigators.
It wasn’t until later that a bullet wound was found.

Way was struck once in the right side of his abdomen, above the belly button, by a low-caliber round, possibly a .22-caliber gun.
According to a report from forensic pathologist Janice E. Ross with Newberry Pathology Associates in Newberry County, Way is thought to have died in the early afternoon from excessive blood loss after the bullet cut his aorta artery.
Gun powder residue was left on Way’s abdomen indicating that he was shot at close range but that the gun was not pressed against his body, according to the crime scene investigation report.

Way’s jewelry and money were not taken after he was shot, and the house was found in well-kept condition with no signs of a struggle, states the crime scene report.
Way kept a .380-caliber pistol under a pillow in the master bedroom and another .380-caliber pistol in the console of his vehicle, but only a television remote was found near his body. Way was also found wearing only a pair of blue shorts.
A letter from Way’s brother, sent to a county investigator, said Way would never have answered the door without a

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Economist says small metros should look at long-term population

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Smaller metropolitan areas, such as Sumter County, need to look at population growth as a long-run opportunity and process due to the complex structure of the economy, says one state economist.
University of South Carolina Research Economist Joey Von Nessen made his comments Friday to The Sumter Item after Thursday’s release by the U.S. Census Bureau of the latest county population estimates for the state and entire U.S. Those esti-

mates showed Sumter essentially flat in population from the last decennial census in 2010 to 2016 with a dip of 0.06 percent — or 60 residents — during the six-year period to 107,396. During the same time, the state grew by 7.3 percent — or 335,755 residents — to 4,961,119 fueled by growth in the major metropolitan areas of Charleston, Myrtle Beach, Columbia and Greenville.
Von Nessen said Sumter and other second-tier metros must look at popu-



VON NESSEN

lation growth from two perspectives: first, by providing additional opportunities and resources to current residents to keep them here; and, second, by marketing appropriately to bring whoever it’s targeting into the county from the outside. Each of these pieces must work together simultaneously as well for growth over time, he said.
As far as the first approach of opportunities for current residents, Von Nessen said it involves having jobs available for residents to fill, but also having the proper resources and training in place to meet the demands of current employers. Business and in-

dustry workforce needs are constantly evolving and growing due to technology in the workplace; so, having relevant resources and training available is critical.
“The technical college is a piece of that, and K-12 is a piece of that as well — both of those are important,” Von Nessen said.
Key indicators to look for in this facet are technical college enrollment and the tracking of these students’ progress toward obtaining employment locally.

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U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston Jr., the adjutant general of South Carolina, presents S.C. State Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, with a Minute Man Statue, the symbol of the National Guard, to honor him as the National Guard Association of South Carolina's State Senator of the Year for 2016.

Local legislators recognized by National Guard Association

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Two legislators in the South Carolina General Assembly who represent the Sumter area have been recognized by the National Guard Association of South Carolina during a ceremony Tuesday hosted by U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Robert E. Livingston Jr., the adjutant general for South Carolina.

Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, was recognized as the Legislator of the Year for 2016, and Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter, was recognized as Senator of the Year.

The award recognizes legislators in the state of South Carolina who have rendered "exceptional service and legislative effort on behalf of the National Guard Association of South Carolina," according to a news release. Recipients are recommended by the association's legislative committee and approved by their executive council.

Both recipients are Sum-



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ter attorneys. Smith represents the citizens from House District 67, in Sumter County. McElveen represents Senate District 35 which includes Sumter, Lee, Richland and Kershaw counties.

Employment surveys differ for month, but labor market tight

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Two separate monthly employment surveys released Friday show South Carolina's economy moving in different directions and provide a gray picture, but one thing that's crystal clear is the state's labor market is extremely tight, says a regional economist with the Federal Reserve Bank.

Rick Kaglic, senior regional economist with the Charlotte division of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, made his remarks Friday after the monthly release of the Local Area Unemployment Statistics report and the Non-farm Payroll Employment report for South Carolina by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The Local Area Unemployment Statistics report, which is a survey of households for employment, showed employed S.C. residents grew by a record 10,645 residents in February. However, the Non-farm Payroll Employment report, which is a jobs survey of employers in the state and based on a much larger sample size, revealed a decrease of 1,800 jobs in the month. According to Kaglic, the variance in the two indicators could be because the data are collected differently: the household survey measures how many residents are employed, regardless of where they work; payroll employment measures the number of jobs located within the geographic boundaries of the state.

He gave the example of someone living in York County but working in Charlotte, North Carolina. That person will show up in North Carolina on the payroll employment numbers, and show up in South Carolina as employed in the household numbers, which factors the unemployment rate.

"Oftentimes, we will get this

variation between what's being estimated for the payroll employment numbers and then what's being estimated for the household numbers," Kaglic said. "More often than not, I think, we find that the truth lies somewhere in between when you get those big divergences in there."

So, Kaglic said, he needs to see the larger trend over the next couple months of data to get a clearer picture of where employment is moving in the state.

The two monthly surveys provided a similar picture for Sumter County as well. The unemployment data showed an increase from January to February of 293 employed Sumter residents, regardless of what county they work in. However, the payroll employment data of employers within Sumter County showed a 200 job decrease for February to 39,200. Sumter County's unemployment rate for February was 5.5 percent. Clarendon County's rate was 6.1 percent, and Lee County registered a 6.2 percent unemployment rate for the month. The state's unemployment rate for February was 4.4 percent.

That unemployment rate for the state is very low, according to historical trends, Kaglic said. When the unemployment rate is high, there are lots of skilled available workers searching for jobs, according to Kaglic. However, a lower unemployment rate means fewer skilled available workers are looking for employment, and it's harder for employers to find talent since the economy is closer to "full employment."

The lower rate confirms what Kaglic is hearing from business representatives on available talent for hire.

"The primary challenge that I hear from business contacts in the state is, 'I would love to hire a worker, if only I could find one,'" Kaglic said.

Shepherd's Center seeks new home with accessibility for seniors

BY JIM HILLEY
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The Sumter Shepherd's Center, a multi-faith ministry which supports quality-of-life programs for older adults is looking for office space, according to Executive Director and CEO Jeanette Roveri.

The nonprofit's office has been housed in the Trinity Lincoln Center, formerly Lincoln High School on Council Street, but recently the building was sold to the Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association.

Roveri said the ministry was founded in 1983 by a group of 18 local churches, the Junior Welfare League and civic organizations.

Gus Becker, a local senior who volunteers with the ministry, said support

from the Shepherd's Center has been a "life saver."

Becker said that after his wife of 51 years passed away five years ago, he needed a way to avoid becoming withdrawn and reclusive. The center helped him become re-engaged in the community.

"The center has given me free range to help them, and that has helped me."

Riveri said the mission of the center is to improve the physical, spiritual and mental quality of life for seniors through continued learning.

She said the center provides free tax aid services in collaboration with the AARP and driver safety courses which allow people to get discounts on their auto insurance.

"It used to be called 55-Alive, but now it is offered to any age, and you get

three years of discounts," she said. "We do that every month."

The center also has weekly lunches and there is some type of class such as a foreign language or activity such as bowling or cards every day.

"We have had classes on how to make jewelry, how to repair small engines, line dancing, knitting, short stories; it is classes for seniors, by seniors and they design the classes they want," Roveri said.

All of the instructors are volunteers. "If they have a skill they share their knowledge with other people," she said.

The center also organizes trips for seniors, she said, such as day trips to go shopping to Columbia or Florence.

"This month we are going to Mepkin Abby in Moncks Corner," she said. "We have three buses going, it is

so popular."

She said the organization has about 500 members, 250 volunteers and serves about 1,800 people who participate in the public classes.

"If you cannot afford a membership it is just given, there is no application or anything like that," she said.

Roveri said the organization doesn't need a very large office space.

"We can operate out of very little space because we host most of our classes in churches or the bowling alley and different places," she said. "Ideally, we would like to be able to host the driving courses, which hold 20 people."

She said the main requirement is that the office space be accessible to seniors.

Anyone interested may call Roveri at (803) 840-3770, or The Shepherd's Center at (803) 773-1944.

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True love is slow to anger



Family Encouragement
RICHARD HOLMES

The Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians stated, “Love it is not easily angered,” (NIV). Charles Swindoll stated, “Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to it.” Have we witnessed people who get angry over the littlest of things, like a child spilling a drink or a spouse purchasing the wrong color shirt? As you read and reflect over this article today please ask two questions:

“What did I read?” and “What do I need to do differently because of what I read?” Anger is defined by Dictionary.com as, “A strong feeling of displeasure or belligerence aroused by a wrong.” Please notice the feeling of displeasure. When feelings of displeasure set in, a person, church or workplace can be ripped apart by the emotions anger produces. When those feelings of displeasure set in and we are easily angered, we do or say things that can hurt those we love the most, deeply.

In Ephesians 6:4 we read these words, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.” As parents we have a

great opportunity to raise our children in the way of the Lord. The best way we do this, I believe, is through our actions. When a child spills something, he or she needs a towel to help him or her clean it up. When a child does not achieve a goal, he or she need guidance on how to do better the next time. Yelling at him or her during these moments may only provoke him or her. Children need to see and hear how their actions can be a testimony for the Lord. Proverbs 14:29, reminds us we must be slow to anger. “He who is slow to anger has great understanding, But he who is quick-tempered exalts folly.” A key point in this Scripture is if we get angry quickly we can make mistakes, and the mistakes could be costly. Today, may we all be challenged to be slow to anger, thus solving disputes in a better manner. Next week we will review how love does not keep a record of wrongs.

Family Encouragement Corner is a weekly inspirational thought from Richard Holmes. Holmes serves as a chaplain at Shaw Air Force Base. The opinions expressed in this article do not express the views of Shaw Air Force Base or the United States Air Force. For more information regarding Family Encouragement Corner or to offer your suggestions or comments please feel free to email

Lenten Lunches



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Janie Wilson of Charleston gets a serving of potato chips at Wednesday’s Lenten Lunch program at Church of the Holy Comforter. The church offers lunch at noon on Wednesdays for the next three weeks leading up to Good Friday. A guest speaker brings a message to the crowd at 12:30 p.m. The lunches are open to the community, and a \$5 donation is suggested. Wilson is a sister of Wednesday’s guest speaker, the Rev. Dallas H. Wilson Jr., who is next in line behind her.

Nutrition becomes more important as we age



Missy Corrigan

Nutrition habits play an important role in everyday life. After age 30, we tend to gradually lose muscle mass and bone density which

though running has been shown to delay and slow muscle loss in older runners you must incorporate strength training. Once you pass age 35, strength training becomes truly essential for maintaining muscle mass, along with correct nutrition and post-workout habits. Where a young runner might be able to stray

from these guidelines without noticeable consequences, a 40-year-old runner or older will almost certainly compromise his or her recovery and performance. Missy Corrigan is executive of community health of the Sumter Family YMCA. She can be reached at mcorrigan@ymcasumter.org.

slows the metabolism, increasing risk for weight gain. Aging adults can no longer get away with eating an improper diet as they once did. For aging athletes, this is especially true when it comes to performance. Because the human body changes over the years, nutrition becomes even more important.

Our daily energy needs tend to decrease gradually as we age. This is partly due to a decrease in muscle mass, which lowers the body’s resting metabolic rate (RMR). The production of growth hormones slows down in our 30s making it more difficult to maintain muscle mass. One reason most adults gain weight steadily throughout adulthood is that they continue to eat the same amount despite the fact that their RMR is going down. However, this doesn’t seem to occur in runners or other endurance athletes.

Research has shown that athletes who practice correct nutrition habits are better able to maintain muscle mass and a higher RMR. In a study at the University of Colorado, female runners and swimmers aged 50-72 had the same RMR as women aged 21-35, whereas the RMR of sedentary women aged 50-72 was 10 percent lower on average.

Nutrition guidelines for runners should not have to change over the years, but aging runners should consider following them to be more important. Balanced meals should contain approximately 20 percent protein, 60 percent complex carbohydrates and 20 percent healthy fats. Water should also be consumed steadily throughout the day to keep the body hydrated. Eating antioxidant rich fruits and vegetables daily protect against free radicals in the body and can help boost performance.

Recovery nutrition is often forgotten but it is even more vital for the aging runner. Older runners are more susceptible to muscle damage and are not able to repair this damage as quickly between workouts. To greatly accelerate muscle tissue repair take a recovery drink containing carbohydrates and protein within 45 minutes of completing a run.

Proper nutrition alone is not enough though. Al-



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Palmetto Health Tuomey Community Calendar

April 2017

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TuomeyFoundation.org



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Please call 774-BABY (2229) to register for any of the classes listed below. Fees are waived for moms who deliver at Palmetto Health Tuomey. All baby classes are held in the Women and Infants Pavilion classroom.

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In this class, you will learn all the basics of caring for your newborn before you deliver.

CLASS DATE Thursday, April 20
CLASS TIME 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 6-8 p.m.
COST \$15

Breastfeeding Class

This informal class offers instruction and discussion time for breastfeeding for expectant mothers. Babies and dads are welcome, too.

CLASS DATE Thursday, April 6
CLASS TIME 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
COST \$15

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CLASS DATE Monday, April 17
CLASS TIME 6-8 p.m.
COST Free

Infant CPR

American Heart Association's Friends & Family course for expectant parents. This class does not offer CPR certification.

CLASS DATE Monday, April 24
CLASS TIME 6-8 p.m.
COST Free

Labor and Delivery

Learn what to expect during the labor and delivery process. The class includes a tour of the Tuomey Birthplace.

CLASS DATE Thursday, April 13
CLASS TIME 6-8 p.m.
COST \$15

Pumping Class

This free class is offered to mothers returning to work and planning to continue breastfeeding. You will learn about the different kinds of pumps and how and when to pump, as well as storage guidelines. You will also learn how to teach your caregivers to gently bottle-feed your baby while you are away. It is best to wait until your baby is 4 weeks old to come to this class. All nursing babies are welcome to come along.

CLASS DATE Wednesday, April 5 & 19
CLASS TIME 3-4 p.m.
COST Free

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Saturday, April 15, 2017
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Support Groups

Breastfeeding Support Group "La Leche League of Sumter"

All breastfeeding mothers are welcome to join us. This class is led by a local mom who is also a La Leche League leader. She will be sharing her experiences in breastfeeding. Group meets on the first Monday of each month. Call 774-BABY (2229).

GROUP MEETS Monday, April 3
TIME 10 a.m.
LOCATION Women and Infants Pavilion Classroom
COST Free

Cancer Support

This support group is sponsored by Women's Imaging and the Education departments at Palmetto Health Tuomey to provide educational and emotional support to individuals and their families dealing with cancer. Call Phyllis Buckner at 774-8678 or Susan Parnell at 774-9047.

GROUP MEETS Monday, April 17
TIME 6-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION Hospital Conference Room One
COST Free

Families Fighting Prostate Cancer

This is a community support group for individuals and their families. For information about our next group meeting, call 775-1324.

GriefShare

Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice Services offers this support group for men and women who have recently lost their spouse. For information or to set up an appointment, call Linda Windley at 773-4663.

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To register or for more info,
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CLASS DATE Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19
CLASS TIME 1 p.m.
COST Free

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This free class is part of the American Cancer Society program. It's designed to help women during cancer treatment with makeup, turbans, skin/nail care, scarves, wigs and hats. For more information or to register for upcoming dates, call the ACS at 1-800-227-2345.

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Children in the costume contest at the 2015 Sumter Comic Arts Symposium line up to show off their costumes at Patriot Hall. The popular competition will be held again this year at the third symposium, which will be held on Friday and Saturday.

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Cosplay, workshops at 3rd Comic Arts Symposium

BY IVY MOORE
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The Sumter County Cultural Commission, collaborating with the University of South Carolina Sumter, will present what is perhaps its most fun event of the year on Friday and Saturday. For the third consecutive spring, the commission brings some of the best and best known graphic artists and writers to Sumter for a series of symposiums and workshops geared toward all ages of comic arts lovers.

Carmela Bryan, executive director of the commission, said she had no idea there were so many comic arts enthusiasts in the community until she initiated the event in 2015, when scores of people came to the symposiums.

“And last year, we had hundreds more,” she said. Bryan expects the crowds to be just as big, if not bigger, this year.

The 2017 Sumter Comic Arts Symposium begins Friday at USC Sumter with Conversations with Max Miller Dowdle, Sophie Goldstein and Carl Antonowicz. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Arts and Letters Lecture Hall the artists will talk about their projects, past, present and yet to come, then answer questions from the audience. The program will be moderated by Dr. Andrew Kunka, English professor at USC Sumter and an authority on comic arts.

Dowdle, who has been a participant in the symposium each year, is known for his graphic novels “Shattered with a Curve of Horn” (2014) and “An Unlikely Refugee: The Story of a Python Named George” (2016, co-written with Morrow Dowdle). He attended College of Charleston and

graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Painting and Art History, then studied in Florence, Italy, at the Charles Cecil Studios.

Goldstein, a writer and artist, graduated from the Center for Cartoon Studies and won two Ignatz Awards for her graphic novel, “The Oven,” from AdHouse Books, and one for her mini-comic, “House of Women, Part I.” Her work is in demand and has appeared in various publications, among them Best American Comics 2013, Fable Comics, The Pitchfork Review, Maple Key Comics, Sleep of Reason, Symbolia, Trip 8 and Irene 3.

Antonowicz’s work is emotional and historically and medically accurate — and somewhat macabre. His work has been exhibited at shows throughout the east coast.

Saturday’s event at the Patriot Hall Performing Arts Center will feature 10 comic artists and writers presenting workshops and showing their work. Bryan, in collaboration with Kunka, has gathered an impressive company of comic artists.

Bryan said many of them are making repeat appearances, while several will be here

for the first time. She credits Kunka with arranging their participation.

“Andy is an expert on comic arts,” Bryan said, “and he knows many of the artists.”

Feedback from the returning artists and writers has been overwhelmingly positive, she said.

“They said they enjoyed the people, that it’s not like the super big comic cons where they don’t have room or time to talk to their fans,” she said. “They’re eager to come back.”

She added that the response of the Sumter community has been very good, as well. “We got a lot of positive feedback last year, and a lot of them asked us to keep having (the symposiums).”

Highlights of Saturday’s events are expected to include “cosplayers, once-in-a-lifetime (question-and-answer) panels, to comic books vendors, costume contests and art activities for children,” Bryan said, adding that all events are free and open to the public.

Some of the most prominent comic book artists working today will make presentations suitable for both adults and children. The artists and writers, in addition to Antonowicz, Dowdle and Goldstein are:

Chad Bowers, a comics writer from South Carolina. With Chris Sims, his credits include the fan-favorite Marvel Comics series X-Men ‘92, Guardians of the Galaxy: Monsters Unleashed, the soon to be released Deadpool: Bad Blood, and the YALSA-nominated Down Set Fight! He’s written for Dynamite Entertainment, BOOM Studios and is set to revive Rob Liefeld’s Youngblood at Image Comics in May 2017.

Chris Sims, a comics writer who grew up in Sumter, and remembers when Blockbuster Video opened up by the old Walmart. With Chad Bowers, he’s the cowriter of Down Set Fight, X-Men ‘92, SwordQuest, and the upcoming Deadpool: Bad Blood. He has also written the independent comics



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Dracula the Unconquered and Radical Guardian Skater X. Sims is also a former student of USC Sumter professor Andrew Kunka.

Chris Brunner, a cartoonist based in Atlanta. His clients have included Nike, Lucasfilm, Disney, Nickelodeon, the NBA and Marvel Entertainment, but he is most proud of his work on Image Comics’ Loose Ends. In 2016 he received his Master of Fine Arts from Savannah School of Art and Design, and his contribution to Southern Bastards was recognized with the Eisner award for Best Continuing Series.

Jamal Igle is the creator of the Molly Danger graphic novel series. He has also been a prolific artist for DC and Marvel, including such characters as Supergirl, Firestorm, Superman, Green Lantern, Nightwing, Iron Fist, and Wolverine.

Rico Renzi, a color artist who has worked on the series Spider-Gwen, Unbeatable Squirrel Girl, and Howard the Duck for Marvel Comics, FBP for DC/Vertigo, and Loose Ends for Image. He is also the creative director at Heroes Aren’t

Hard to Find in Charlotte.

Jeremy Whitley, a comic book writer from Durham, North Carolina. He is the writer/creator of Princeless and its spin-off series, Raven the Pirate Princess. He is the writer for Marvel’s series “The Unstoppable Wasp” and has also written for The Champions, The All-New X-Men, Hawkeye, and The Avengers.

Megan Wilson, a colorist working for Marvel Comics on The Unstoppable Wasp, Patsy Walker aka Hellcat! and other titles. She is also a mechanical engineer specializing in aerodynamics.

Bryan said most of the presenters will have samples of their work, including comic books and graphic novels, on display, while many other vendors will offer books, artwork, jewelry, action figures, hats, collectibles, T-shirts and more.

She encourages attendees to participate in cosplay — dressing up like their favorite characters.

“The symposium’s a lot of fun,” Bryan said, “as well as educational.”

For more information, call the Sumter County Cultural Commission, (803) 436-2600.

COMICS SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

Friday, March 31

Arts & Lecture Hall, USC Sumter

- 11 a.m. — Max Miller Dowdle
- Noon — Sophie Goldstein and Carl Antonowicz
- Q&A to follow presentations

Saturday, April 1

Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St.

- 11:30 a.m. — Jamal Igle, “Sequential Storytelling for Comics”
- 1 p.m. — Costume contest
- 2 p.m. — Jeremy Whitley and Megan Wilson, “Making the Wasp Unstoppable”
- 3 p.m. — Rico Renzi and Chris Brunner, “Collaborative Visual Storytelling”
- 4 p.m. — Chris Sims and Chad Bowers, “Chris & Chad have one hour to save The World: A guide to High Adventure Comics”
- Kids’ activities from noon to 4 p.m.

WEDDING

White-Finley

Mary Shaw White and Justin Langston Finley, both of Charleston, were united in marriage at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2017, at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Herman White Jr. and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lemmon Shaw and the late Dr. and Mrs. Charles Herman White Sr., all of Sumter. She graduated from Clemson University and the Medical University of South Carolina. She is employed by the Medical University of South Carolina as a solutions consultant.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Langston Finley III of Camden, and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward William Vereen of Camden and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Langston Finley Jr. of Laurens. He graduated from The Art Institute of Charleston. He is employed by Alder Energy Solar as marketing director.

The Rev. Nicholas Theo Cheek officiated at the ceremony.

Music was provided by William Lee Scobee, organist; Hanna Sprott Rivers, soloist; and Greyson Hunter Holler, bagpiper.

The bride was escorted by her father.

Mary Macaulay White Smith served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Lauren Cook Bishop, Liza Lauren Lucas, Roxanna Marshall Tinsley Minton, Marianne Porter Motes, Marian Claire Pouch, Hanna Sprott Rivers, Elizabeth Collins Sanders, Kira Whitney Shipley, Elizabeth McMaster Todd and Montgomery Ford Williams. Mary Brown Smith served as flower girl.

Thurman Langston Finley III and Jason Nicholas Finley served as best men. Groomsmen were Thomas Cloud Anderson Jr., Philip Whitaker Kinder, Aaron Michael Scheuer, Jack Friedman Scheuer III, Thomas Happel Scurry, Craig Matthew Stegn-



MRS. JUSTIN FINLEY

er, Calvin Lamar Thaxton III, Hamer Gibson Tucker, James Whaley Van Horn and Jonathan Cash Whitlock.

The reception was held at the home of the bride's parents.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at the Main Room at Hamptons.

Following a wedding trip to Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, the couple resides in Charleston.

WEDDING / ENGAGEMENT POLICY

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

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

Photographs must be vertical and of reproduction quality. To have your photo returned, provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Photos may also be e-mailed to rhonda@theitem.com.

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

For additional information, call (803) 774-1264.

ANNOUNCEMENT FEES:

- \$95: Standard wedding announcement with photo
- \$90: Standard wedding announcement without photo
- \$75: Standard engagement announcement with photo
- \$70: Standard engagement announcement without photo

If you would like your announcement to include information that is not on *The Sumter Item's* form, there will be an additional \$50 charge.

EDUCATION NEWS

Wilson Hall

REYNOLDS NAMED FURMAN SCHOLAR

Senior Drew Reynolds was offered a Bell Tower Scholarship from Furman University. Valued at \$92,000, the scholarship would cover half of tuition. The scholarship is awarded to high-achieving students whose academic, extracurricular activity, community service and leadership experiences suggest that they will make positive contributions to the Furman community. The university awards the scholarship based on an essay, standardized test scores, GPA and strength of high school curriculum.

STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Twenty-eight students received recognition at the S.C. Independent School Association Music Festival held at University of South Carolina School of Music in Columbia. The high school chorus, directed by Danielle Sekel, earned a Superior rating for small vocal ensemble. For their individual performances, students were awarded 27 gold medals and five silver medals in piano, violin, bass guitar, guitar, harp and voice.

STATE CHESS MATCH

The elementary team placed fourth out of 20 teams, and the middle school team tied for fifth place out of 22 teams in the S.C. Independent School Association State Elementary and Middle School Chess Match held at Sumter County Civic Center.

The 20 students representing Wilson Hall were among more than 300 students from across the state who participated in the match.

In individual competition, fifth-grade student Elliott Arscott placed fifth, and seventh-grade student Ashton Bartlett placed seventh. The teams are advised by Jeanna Mahr.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As of March 9, 90 percent of the 57 members of the senior class received merit-based scholarship offers totaling more than \$2.5 million to a four-year college or university.

The following is a partial list of scholarship recipients compiled from information submitted to the college counselor, Diane Richardson. Anderson University offered Caroline Kimbrell a Founders Scholarship and Cate McCreight a Provost Scholarship, Presbyterian College offered Diamond Crawford a Belk Scholarship, and the Savannah College of Art and Design offered Hannah Pauley an Academic Honors Scholarship. — *Sean Hoskins*

University of South Carolina Sumter

FIRE ANT ATHLETICS ENTER REGION PLAY

Now is the time to check out Fire Ant baseball, softball or tennis for the 2017 season. If you are interested in college-level play, then take time to visit the Fire Ants while there is still time left in the season.

Fire Ant baseball plays at Riley Park, Fire Ant softball is at Patriot Park, and Fire Ant tennis is at Palmetto Tennis Center. Some of the sports are free, and some have a small admission fee. All schedules, rosters, highlights and more are located at www.uscfireants.com.

Don't forget that USC Sumter is bringing back men's soccer and adding women's golf starting in the fall. Recruiting is already underway for men's soccer. Visit www.uscfireants.com for more information on the new head coach or fill out a potential play-

er questionnaire. — *Misty Hatfield*

Thomas Sumter Academy
BREAKFAST WITH THE BOARD

The Thomas Sumter Academy Board of Trustees offered Breakfast with the Board to all Generals on March 9. The TSA family was given the opportunity to talk with a board member about any concerns, suggestions or ideas they might have for the school.

LEUKEMIA CAMPAIGN 2017

The Leukemia Campaign 2017 ran Feb. 13-27. Thomas Sumter Academy raised more than \$9,000 during the campaign. Four students participated in Pantene's Beautiful Lengths program, cutting 8 inches or more of their hair to make wigs for women battling cancer.

The executive student council sponsored a talent show and dodgeball tournament during the campaign to help raise money. Mason Studer, a TSA junior, raised the most money for the campaign.

INTERNET SAFETY

Joe Ryan, education coordinator for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force with the S.C. Office of the Attorney General, spoke to the TSA middle and high school students and parents on March 15 about Internet safety.

YOUNG WOMEN IN ART EXHIBITION

Allie Lindler, a TSA junior, was one of 149 artists selected to be part of the Young Women in Art Exhibition at Converse College. There were more than 380 pieces entered. Her work was displayed at the college through March 25.

SCISA MUSIC FESTIVAL

The TSA Columbia Campus lower school chorus performed at the SCISA Music Festival on March 9 and received a Superior rating and several gold medals. — *BJ Reed*

Morris College

ASSEMBLY ON MARCH 30

The Morris College Baptist Student Union will sponsor assembly on Thursday in the Neal-Jones Auditorium beginning at 10 a.m. The event is open to the public.

SAVE THE DATE

Morris College will observe Dr. Luns C. Richardson Day on Tuesday, April 25, in the Neal-Jones Auditorium at 7 p.m. The Sumter community is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact the Office of Institutional advancement at (803) 934-3260. — *Anika Cobb*

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SUMMERTON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Summerton Early Childhood Center held its first St. Patrick's Day "Sock Hop" on March 17. The students were given a lesson on the history of St. Patrick's Day. Faculty, staff and students wore green, as well as "sock hop" attire.

Report card pickup/parent visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday. A light dinner will be served for those who attend.

Awards Day will be held Friday with kindergarten at 12:30 p.m. and first and second grades at 1:30 p.m.

SCOTT'S BRANCH MIDDLE / HIGH SCHOOL

Although hundreds of students showcased their research projects, only a few were fortunate enough to



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Charnette Brown stands with her son, Scott's Branch High School 10th-grader Amonte Brown, who was honored during the 61st Annual Science and Engineering Fair held at the University of South Carolina Law School Auditorium in Columbia on March 19. He was a recipient of the Naval Science Award.

make it to the finals. Scott's Branch High School's 10th-grader Amonte Brown was one of those who made it. Amonte was honored during the 61st Annual Science and Engineering Fair held at the University of South Carolina Law School Auditorium in Columbia on March 19. He was a recipient of the Naval Science Award which was presented by the U.S. Navy for his study titled "Virtual Cube Design." Amonte says it was quite an honor to receive such recognition among so many. Amonte's mother, Ms. Charnette Brown, said that when Amonte makes up his mind to do something, he does it with excellence. "We are proud of him," she added. — *Beverly Spry*

Lee County School District

BISHOPVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bishopville Primary School students performed Motown classics and shared speeches of their dreams for the future at the school's annual black heritage celebration. Principal Lamont Moore and assistant principal Sandra Frazier encouraged students to continue learning from individuals who paved the way for them to be successful.



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Bishopville Primary School's 21st Century afterschool participants proudly display their robot.

It's full STEAM ahead for students in Bishopville Primary School's 21st Century afterschool program. The students utilized their science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematic skills to create robots using Lego Robotic Kits. The students are looking forward to using the software designed to control them.

Bishopville Primary School held its Parent University on Feb. 24. Participants enjoyed a presentation from speech therapist Julianna Lorick. Lorick presented the parents ways to increase their child's language and literacy skills at home.

Soon we will be able to read all

about what's happening at Bishopville Primary School in the school's newsletter titled *The Thunderbird News*. More than 40 second- through fifth-grade students competed for the positions of managing editor, co-editor, staff reporter and photographer. The students completed applications including two references and were interviewed by the school's administration staff, district level staff and community volunteers. The new members of *The Thunderbird News* are: managing editors Olivia Stinney and Jaden White; co-editors Anastasia Bradley and Jayla Stuckey; photographers Shaunell Briddell, Halley Cortez, RySaun Foster and Simone McDaniel; and staff reporters Shaniyah Fortune, Desmond Sanders-Hawkins, Zykerria McQuillar, DaNiyah Mickens, Iyana Williams and Jamyah Williams.

Bishopville Primary School thanks the interviewers who took time out of their schedule to participate in the selection process. Special thanks to the school's guidance counselor Vanessa Bostic for organizing the student selection process.

Thanks to AmeriCorps book donation, second-grade students at Bishopville Primary School will read new books. In honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, AmeriCorps donated a set of brand-new books to each second-grade class.

LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

First-grade students in Wanda Frederick's class used Valentine's candy to explore graphs in mathematics. Students worked to discover what their Valentine's candy box contained. The students sorted, graphed, answered questions and shared with classmates the different heart colors in their box.

Lower Lee Elementary School celebrated Read Across America Week Feb. 27-March 3. The celebration included themed dress-up events, a door decoration contest and a school-wide parade. The winners of the door decoration contest are as follows:

- First place: Tracy Dover's fifth-grade class, "Oh, the Places You'll Go!"
- Second place: Jean Moore's fourth-grade class, "Ten Apples Up on Top!"
- Third place: Veronica Jamison's third-grade class, "Horton Hears a Who!"

Through the reiteration of the 3Rs — Ready, Respectful and Responsible — students are learning valuable lessons at Lower Lee Elementary School. Faculty and staff members recognize students for exemplifying characteristics of the 3Rs. Fourteen students recently received the 3R award. The award recipients received a personalized certificate, bag of goodies and photograph and were inducted into Lower Lee Elementary School's Student Wall of Fame.

Lower Lee Elementary School recently participated in the Palmetto Pride Art Contest. Palmetto Pride, South Carolina's anti-litter and beautification organization, offers the annual art contest to elementary students. All school winners of the art contest will be judged by Palmetto Pride's guest judges to select the four regional winners and the statewide winner. School winners are: first, Khabrea Green, fifth grade; second, Jhayda Durant, fourth grade; and third, Kiara Hopkins, fourth grade.

Lower Lee's "Fabulous Fourth Graders" have been exploring the world. The students were tasked with the challenge of creating a solar system made from items they had around the house. The students were also challenged to create homes of Native Americans from long ago. Each group

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had to research the tribe and then create a model of the home including two other items that would be vital to that tribe. The students have impressed the faculty, staff, students and parents.

On March 3, the United Way and Central Carolina Technical College donated and distributed 931 books to three Lee County elementary schools.

WEST LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Third- and fourth-grade students from West Lee Elementary School traveled to Francis Marion University on Feb. 23 to attend a play about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. titled “I Have a Dream.”

Students performed two Motown classics titled “You Can’t Hurry Love” and “Tracks of My Tears,” at the district’s Motown-themed black heritage celebration on Feb. 28. The students enjoyed performing at the event and learned about the history of Motown Records.

AmeriCorps in conjunction with Central Carolina Technical College donated 200 books to West Lee Elementary School on March 2. Principal Damon Officer was appreciative of the books.

Upcoming events include: Wednesday, report cards issued; Thursday, parent teacher conferences; and Saturday, PTO breakfast/meeting at Fatz Cafe in Camden.

LEE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Devetter Bradley, eighth-grade math teacher at Lee Central Middle School, contributed to the growth of her colleagues through collaboration at the S.C. Association for Middle Level Educators Conference. Bradley shared strategies and ideas on how she has guided students to a 100 percent pass rate on Algebra I EOC.

The Colgate Mobile Dental Van will visit Lee Central Middle School’s 21st Century Afterschool Program on April 20. The van will provide free dental screenings for all children ages 1 to 12 years old. The children will receive a free goody bag that includes a toothbrush and will also enjoy a movie and dental health education.

LEE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Senior Nathan Lowery was selected to participate in the 2017 All-State Chorus. Nathan was among more than 1,750 students who auditioned for a limited number of slots in the choir. Sponsored by the S.C. Music Educators’ Association, the All-State Chorus program was organized to provide an opportunity for superior choral students in S.C. to sing together and to represent the state in state-wide events.

Students who participate in All-State have an opportunity to further utilize the skills obtained and developed in their local school programs. The S.C. All-State Chorus program is one of the most competitive events at the high school level for vocal music. Nathan performed under the direction of guest clinicians March 2-4 at Winthrop University in Rock Hill.

This is the second year that Nathan achieved this honor.

Lee Central High School’s JROTC cadets traveled to Columbia on March 9 to visit the South Carolina Military Museum. The cadets went on a tour of the museum and viewed exhibits of military history. The museum possesses a vast array of artifacts ranging from period and authentic firearms, edged weapons, uniforms and artillery pieces to armored fighting vehicles.

Six cadets from the Lee Central High School JROTC program competed in a Raider Challenge event at Lugoff-Elgin High School on March 11. The purpose of the event was to provide JROTC cadets with an opportunity to compete against nearby high schools’ JROTC programs in seven physically challenging training events. The events were developed to test and measure each team’s overall physical fitness and endurance. The training events included: Litter Carry, Fireman’s Carry, Tire Flip, Ammo Can Sprint, Distance Run, Obstacle Course and One Rope Bridge Crossing. Lee Central High School placed second in the competition. — *Shawnta McKenzie*

Sumter Christian School

SPOTLIGHT ON CHRISTOPHER LEVERETTE

The March Sumter Christian School senior spotlight is on Christopher Leverette. Since he came to SCS in his freshman year, Chris has brought animation and laughter to the classrooms and halls with his unwavering vivacity as well as in his service as the school mascot for the last three years.

Christopher enjoys playing soccer, basketball and baseball with his schoolmates on the SCS sports teams, and his hobbies include playing computer games and sculpting and build-

ing with clay and Legos. Chris recently won first place in the sculpture division for the S.C. Association of Christian Schools Fine Arts Competition; additionally, he will be submitting his sculpture for competition on the national level.

His favorite Bible verse is Colossians 3:13, which speaks of forgiveness modeled after Christ’s forgiveness.

After graduation, Christopher wants to study animation and business. He considers his teacher Laura Mahoney to be his mentor, saying, “She has taught me a lot of things, not just school stuff but also how to do things with clay.” — *Miriam Marritt*

Central Carolina Technical College

CLEP EXAMS OFFERED

Central Carolina Technical College’s Testing Center on Main Campus offers the opportunity to take College Level Examination Program Exams. These exams award exemption credits providing the appropriate scores are attained. With CLEP exams, you can earn college credit for a fraction of the cost of a college course.

For more information, visit the Testing Center on Main Campus in room M109, call (803) 774-3306 or email TestingCenterStaff@cctech.edu.

GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

Graduation applications for May and August graduates are due by April 3. The application can be submitted online through myCCTC or a paper copy can be downloaded from the Forms Library on www.cctech.edu and turned in to the Student Records Office. Detailed graduation information will be mailed to upcoming graduates in April. For more information, contact Carmen Davis at (803) 778-7871. — *Catherine M. Wood*

Sumter School District

STUDENTS TO ATTEND BLACK RIVER TOURS

Christopher Fickens Jr., a junior at Crestwood High School, will represent Black River Electric Cooperative at the 2017 Washington Youth Tour. Quintasia Polite, a junior at Lakewood High School, will represent Black River at the S.C. Youth Cooperative Tour during the inaugural year of this new program. Black River sponsors these tours as part of its commitment to the outstanding young people in its service area.

Both students were chosen from a large group of students who applied from public and private high schools throughout the Black River service group. The cooperative serves customers in Sumter, Clarendon, Kershaw and Lee counties.

Fickens hopes to become a fire fighter or an emergency medical technician. At Crestwood, he is a member of the band and is on the track team. He has been on student council and is a member of the Junior Civitans. In his spare time, he volunteers with EMS and the animal shelter.

During the June Washington tour, Fickens will join approximately 70 other S.C. students on the way to the nation’s capital, where they will join more than 1,500 students from across the country. The rising seniors will participate in numerous activities including visiting members of Congress and touring historical sites. In addition to learning about history and government, they will also learn more about electric cooperatives.

Polite will spend three days in Columbia with other rising seniors from across the state at the new South Carolina tour. They will engage in activities to enhance their leadership skills; enjoy interesting speakers; tour the statehouse; and participate in the mock writing, debating and passing of a bill; learn about electric cooperatives and the co-op model and other fun activities.

Polite hopes to one day become a nurse. During her spare time, she works part-time in customer service at Pizza Hut.

STC COURSE PREPARES STUDENTS WELL

High school juniors in Pamela Christmas’ early childhood education class at the Sumter Career and Technology Center host Pocalla Springs Elementary School pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students monthly at the center. The high school students do fun activities, share a snack and create a keepsake for the students to take home. Recently, they made and colored Dr. Seuss hats in honor of the legendary author’s birthday.

The early childhood education course provides students with hands-on opportunities to actively

explore and observe the world of children and prepare them for educational and administrative careers. The students learn to plan, guide and care for young children. They also get certification in CPR and first aid.

Sumter High School student R’Tasia Hampton said she would recommend the course for anyone. She said, “I recommend it for males, too. It doesn’t just teach us about kids. This course has a lot of life lessons.” Sumter High student Alex Smith said her mom inspired her to be a teacher. She heard about the program in middle school and thought she would be interested. “I have always gone to my mom’s class with her, and I thought interacting with kids here would further my experience. I have fallen in love with teaching children,” she said.

Tabitha Sackett from Lakewood High School wants to be a pediatrician or a social worker. She said the program is helpful for working with any career involving children. She said, “This class is a good experience. It helps a lot with my future plans.”

Teacher Pamela Christmas began her career in education in Arkansas and has been at the Career and Technology Center for four years. She said, “This program is a hidden gem. People don’t realize all we do until they spend time with us. The students learn how to write lesson plans and how to plan ahead. They have already completed first aid and CPR training and are awaiting their certification. Some of my students are working in church programs and other early childhood centers. I have students who want to go straight to work after graduation and many who want to earn associate’s and bachelor’s degrees and higher. This program is a good foundation for so many things.”

For more information on the program, contact the Career and Technology Center at (803) 481-8575. For information on scheduling a high school student for the course, contact the guidance department at the school the student attends.

TEACHERS RECOGNIZED FOR STUDENT GROWTH

Fifty-four middle and high school teachers were presented the SSAG awards for Significant Student Academic Growth from the first benchmark assessment to the second. Gold award went to teachers with growth of 30 percent and more; silver indicated growth between 20 and 29 percent; and bronze awards were given to students with 10 to 19 percent growth during assessment period.

Thirty-two teachers were recognized in the gold category including Jennifer Brunson, James Crawley, Jamesetta Day, Shannon Griffin, Tahara Mellette, Tikesha Richardson and Jermaine White from Bates Middle School; John Beck and Timothy Thompson from Crestwood High School; Veronica Bradley and Andrew Tollison from Chestnut Oaks Middle School; Brittany Anderson, Christina Bristow, Sydney Harner, Helen Hutto-Palka, Jim Laverdiere and Marlissa Morton from Ebenezer Middle School; and Ashley Cappelmann and Benjamin Keough from Furman Middle School.

Continuing with the gold award, additional teachers included Robert Easley and Allison Pickering from Hillcrest Middle School; Derick Marshall and Modie Mphongolo from Lakewood High School; Mandy Davis, Debra Jett, Aaron Johnson, Zachariah Lowe and Rayvon Rogers from Mayewood Middle School; and Kyle Austin, Greta Brown, Robert Butler and Dana Mitchell from Sumter High School.

Eleven teachers received silver awards including Camilla Campbell and Dale-Ann Walton from Crestwood High School; Stephanie Taylor and Eryka Wilson from Chestnut Oaks Middle School; Alice Miller from Ebenezer Middle School; Tarnissaya Josey, Diana McClanahan and Sandra Monroe from Furman Middle School; and Bethesda Moore, Alisa Patterson and Misty Robertson from Hillcrest Middle School.

Bronze awards went to 11 teachers including Donald Amis, Tiffany Green and Rashida Myers from Bates Middle School; Karen Laverdiere, Hope Spann and Terrie Wood from Furman Middle School; Sionita Clements, Sandra Conley and Alicia Hyatt from Hillcrest Middle School; Maria Hines from Lakewood High School; and Casey Rudd from Mayewood Middle School.

The presentations were made by Dr. David Laws, director of instructional technology, who works with the Benchmark tests, which are administered at most of the middle schools and for some courses at the high schools.

OAKLAND TEACHER HIGHLIGHTED

Katara Stafford, a kindergarten teacher at Oakland Primary School, was named the WLTX News 19 Teacher of the Week recently. The news crew surprised her at the

school, and the segment aired on Tuesday on the Friends @ Five broadcast and again during the morning show Wednesday morning.

Stafford was nominated by Nicole McMillion, the parent of a student in her class. She said they were watching a broadcast of another teacher who was named Teacher of the Week when her daughter Anna said, “My teacher could be that, too.” That started McMillion thinking and at Anna’s urging, she emailed in her nomination. She said, “Anna has blossomed with Ms. Stafford; her reading level and her love for reading have soared. She also works with the students on life skills and social skills. Ms. Stafford is a wonderful person. She has a kind spirit and just clicks with the kids.”

Stafford was speechless when the crew first walked into her classroom. She was presented with a gift basket and certificate. After she composed herself, she said she felt very honored and appreciative of the recognition. When asked about her teaching methods, she said, “I like to have fun in my classroom. I use games and praise with the children in my classroom. I keep it positive. I like to see my students grow.” In addition to her regular classroom instruction, she incorporates lots of intervention techniques and one-on-one assistance for students who need it.

The students were having a reading lesson when the group walked in. Stafford said, “Reading is important because they use it in their everyday life, and good reading skills are essential in every academic area.” She continued the reading lesson using Elkonin boxes (a strategy which builds phonological awareness skills by segmenting words into individual sounds) and a roller coaster analogy to help students with their reading. It was a fun and interesting way to learn to read, and the students were engaged the entire time. When sounding out the words, she told them to “make the first sound, the middle sound and the last sound, then stretch it out, put it together, and say it fast.” Kindergarten students are reading well in Stafford’s class.

Stafford has been in education six years and is in her third year at Oakland Primary. She was named the school’s Literacy Teacher of the Year. — *Mary B. Sheridan*

St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School

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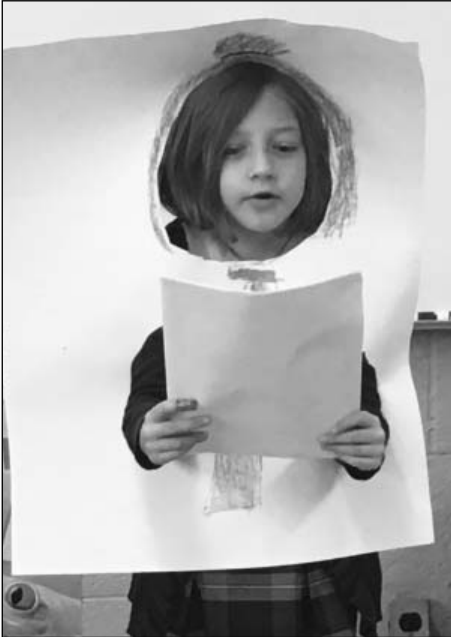


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Second-graders wrote and presented biographies to their classmates recently.

Second-graders at St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School learned to research using three sources, wrote biographies and then presented these papers in front of their classmates. The presentations were followed by a “Famous Persons” Party.

Fourth-graders at St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School have chosen Dorn VA Medical Center for their service project. Students are collecting hygiene items, personal items and money to be used for the comfort and welfare of the veteran patients. — *Kim Reisenauer*

THE CITADEL

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana — Kelly Murphy of Summerton was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation’s oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Murphy was initiated at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

Murphy is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.



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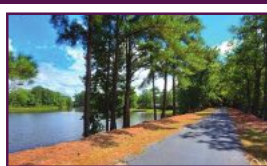
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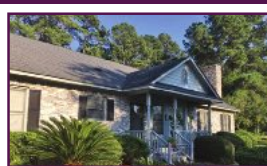
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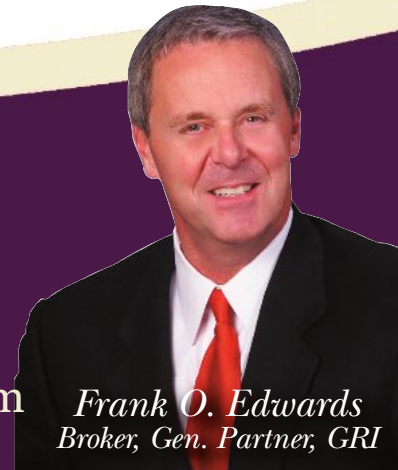


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Suitable Use: Wholesale
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1344SQFT \$950 + \$50 CAM/month
MLS/ID: 119757

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649 Bultman
Professional Service
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3600 Black River Rd.
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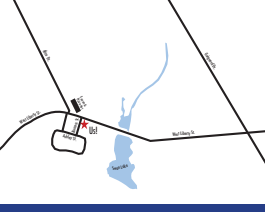
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WAY

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shirt unless he knew the person at the door very well or it was an emergency.

Sumter County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Ken Bell said investigators speculate two possible scenarios that could have led to Way's death: he met someone he knew at the door and was shot, or he surprised someone who may have been attempting to break into the house.

Miles said the family is at a total loss because there was nothing missing or out of place at the scene, and no one could think of anyone who had a problem with

her father. "We've thought of everything," she said.

Miles said her father led a very relaxed and low-key life after he retired from Sumter Post Office. He went to church and spent time with family, she said.

Despite the lack of information in the investigation, Miles said her family has not given up the search for answers. The family has posted on billboards asking for details about Way's death and had articles published in *The Sumter Item* offering a reward for information leading to an arrest.

Nothing has brought forward any new details, she said.

Miles said, if anything, her family would just like to know why her father

was killed.

"Of course, we want to know who did it, but knowing why would ease our fears and concerns," she said.

"It's been very difficult for the family because we don't know who to trust," she said.

Miles said her father's murder has also been tough for his grandchildren who have grown up during the investigation.

"We miss him so much," she said. "We definitely want to have closure; we need closure."

Anyone with information about the death of Charles Way can provide information to Sumter County Sheriff's Office at (803) 436-2000 or CrimeStoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-274-6372.



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Von Nessen emphasized the importance of placing students appropriately based on their interests and abilities, whether that be technical college, two-year or four-year college, or vocational training.

"Most importantly, it's about meeting a market demand locally to help guide residents along," Von Nessen said.

The marketing piece of bringing in new residents depends on who the county is targeting — whether it be luring retirees or companies and their respective workers — but involves effectively branding lifestyle opportunities and amenities, education, employment and workforce training that the county has to offer.

According to Von Nessen, employment trends and population trends are always

tied very close together. The most reliable employment data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows Sumter County gained 2,166 jobs from 2010 to 2016 to reach an employment base of 36,836 jobs, but 2010 was a very low point for employment given "The Great Recession" at the time and double-digit unemployment rates, he said.

Going back to the pre-recession years, BLS data shows Sumter had higher average annual employment by about 1,000 jobs in 2006 and '07 than the 2016 mark of 36,836. Of note, the BLS employment data doesn't include military employment.

"Moving forward, you have to look at how employment and population variables are interacting in order to think about economic development strategy in an appropriate way," Von Nessen said.

Drawing new business activity and funding from outside the local region, such as foreign direct investment, is very important to help grow a region, he said. Industries, such as manufacturing and transportation and distribution, fall into that area and are called "traded clusters," according to Von Nessen.

Sumter had a big win in this business model with the landing of Continental Tire the Americas, which has slightly more than 1,000 employees at its local plant.

Von Nessen refers to retail activity and restaurants as "local clusters," since they rely primarily on local demand to sustain them.

"Typically, when you look

at local regions that are growing at fairly aggressive rates, usually they have very well-developed traded clusters and then the local clusters come in to support those traded clusters," Von Nessen said.

But a county or region must try to diversify its economy with other well-paying jobs, such as in finance and insurance and the health care industries, given economic cycles.

"Your goal somewhat needs to be to have diversified industries because what if manufacturing is disproportionately impacted in the next recession," Von Nessen said. "Then, you are out of luck."

SMITH

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"We've let the roads deteriorate and we've let state facilities deteriorate. and we've got an obligation to try to find the most fiscally responsible way to maintain both of those and that bond bill is an example of trying to maintain state government in a fiscally responsible matter."

In other issues, for some legislators it may feel like they've have hit that same pothole over and over again. In the case of passing a roads bill, it may be a case of déjà vu all over again.

Much like last year, the House has passed a bill that would increase the gas tax and a number of automobile related feed to provide a sustainable funding source for the state's highway infrastructure.

But there is no guarantee it won't be road kill in the Senate.

"We have the House's roads bill on our calendar right now, but we have several senators who are blocking it," said Sen. Thomas McElveen, D-Sumter. "We are in the same posture we've been in before, we have to have a two-thirds vote to put it on special order and I don't know what that vote count is right now."

Sen. Kevin Johnson, D-Manning, said one bill passed in the Senate would allow the state to disburse money remaining from the Palmetto Farm Aid Bill passed last year to county governments.

"When we passed a farm bill last year to give the farmers some relief, there was some money left in that fund and we passed a bill to allow some of that money to go back to the counties to help pay for the flood," he said.

Johnson was referring to the October 2015 flood that damaged many roads and bridges in the state.

Rep. Will Wheeler, D-Bishopville, said he is pleased the House has passed a roads bill and a pension reform bill, even though he has reservations about the pension reform plan which, among other provisions, would require a significant increase in contributions from employers.

"I have some concerns about it because I don't know how local governments are going to be able to pay for it," he said. "I agree the system needs to be fixed I just don't know if that is the right fix."

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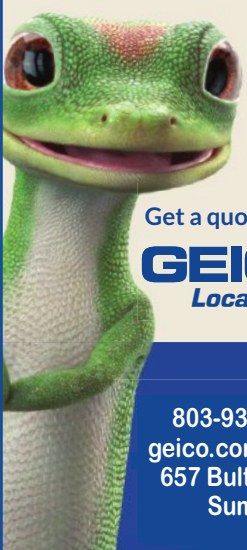
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Death rates up for middle age whites with little education

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A sobering portrait of less-educated middle-age white Americans emerged Thursday with new research showing them dying disproportionately from what one expert calls "deaths of despair" — suicides, drug overdoses and alcohol-related diseases.

The new paper by two Princeton University economists, Anne Case and Angus Deaton, concludes that the trend is driven by the loss of steady middle-income jobs for those with a high school diploma or less.

The economists also argue that dwindling job opportunities have triggered broader problems for this group. They are more likely than their college-educated counterparts, for example, to be unemployed, unmarried or suffering from poor health.

"This is a story of the collapse of the white working class," Deaton said in an interview. "The labor market has very much turned against them."

Those dynamics helped fuel the rise of President Donald Trump, who won widespread support among whites with only a high school diploma. Yet Deaton said his policies are unlikely to reverse these trends, particularly the health care legislation now before the House that Trump is championing. That bill would lead to higher premiums for older Americans, the Congressional Budget Office has found.

"The policies that you see seem almost perfectly designed to hurt the very people who voted for him," Deaton said.

Case and Deaton's paper, issued by the Brookings Institution, follows up on research they released in 2015 that first documented a sharp increase in mortality among middle-aged whites.

Since 1999, white men and women ages 45 through 54 have endured a sharp increase in "deaths of despair," Case and Deaton found in their earlier work. These include suicides, drug overdoses and alcohol-related deaths such as liver failure.

In the paper released Thursday, Case and Deaton draw a clearer relationship between rising death rates and changes in the job market since the 1970s. They find that men without college degrees are less likely to receive rising incomes over time, a trend "consistent with men moving to lower and lower skilled jobs."

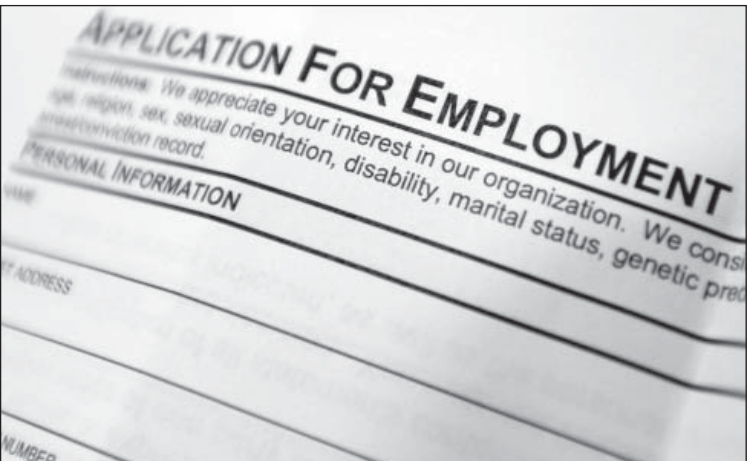
Other research has found that Americans with only high school diplomas are less likely

to get married or purchase a home and more likely to get divorced if they do marry.

"It's not just their careers that have gone down the tubes, but their marriage prospects, their ability to raise children," said Deaton, who won the Nobel prize in economics in 2015 for his long-standing work on solutions to poverty. "That's the kind of thing that can lead people to despair."

The issues identified by Case and Deaton are likely contributing to a slight reversal in a decades-long trend of improving life-expectancy data. It's not entirely clear why these trends have affected whites much more than they have African-Americans or Hispanics, whose death rates are improving.

Case and Deaton note that many Hispanics are "markedly better off" than parents or grandparents who were born abroad, enabling a greater sense of optimism. African-



Americans, they add, may have become more resilient to economic challenges given their long-standing disadvantages in the job market.

Other researchers have said that whites may have an easier time obtaining painkillers that are behind an epidemic of drug overdoses.

The data is clear, though: In 1999, the death rate for high school-educated whites ages 50 through 54 was 30 percent lower than the death rate for all blacks in that age group. By 2015, it was 30 percent higher.

The educational split is also growing. Even while the death rate for whites without a college degree is rising, the rate for whites who are college graduates is falling, Case and Deaton found.

The trends cut across diverse regions of the country, the researchers found. While the worst-hit spots include Appalachian states such as West Virginia and Kentucky, they also include such areas as Maine, Baltimore and eastern Washington state. The patterns are evident in rural sections and smaller cities as well as in some large metro areas, the research found.

Americans with less education are also faring much worse when compared with adults in other countries, Case and Deaton concluded. Death rates in Europe for people with limited education are falling — and in most countries, they're falling faster than death rates for those with more education.

For those reasons, Case and

Deaton discount the notion that government disability benefit programs are responsible for some of these problems by enabling more Americans to stop working. Social welfare programs in Europe are typically more generous yet haven't caused a rise in death rates.

Given the long-running nature of these trends, many of which stem from the 1970s, reversing them could take years, Case and Deaton write. But there are immediate steps that could be taken, Deaton said in the interview. Routine prescriptions for opioids should be cut back.

And, "Europe has a much better safety net than we do, and they're not seeing the same sort of problems as we are," he said.

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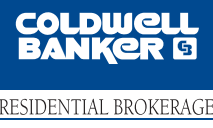
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Kay Frances Eschenbauch Lewis was born on Dec. 7, 1944, in Antigo, Wisconsin. She passed away unexpectedly on March 15, 2017.



LEWIS

Kay is survived by her husband of 54 years, Emory Douglas Lewis; two daughters, Tonia and husband, Danny Craig, and Wendy Livingston and partner, Danny Batchelor; five granddaughters, Devyn, Jordyn, Spencyr, Kylie and Rylie; and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Leonard Eschenbauch and James (Judy) Eschenbauch; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Kay and Doug were high school sweethearts in White Lake, Wisconsin. They married young and traveled the world together. They lived in Wisconsin, Texas, Oklahoma, Alaska, California, Germany and South Carolina. Kay was a homemaker and an avid crafter. She co-owned a ceramic business for many years. She enjoyed crocheting blankets that she donated to the veteran's hospital each year. She enjoyed spending time with her family and will be dearly missed.

Kay was preceded in death by her father and mother, Charles and Agnes Eschenbauch; three brothers, Ralph, Donald and Tim Eschenbauch; sister, Doris Foster, and granddaughter, Skylar Rae.

There will be no services at this time.

Obituary courtesy of Bullock Funeral Home.



KENNETH R. FOLYGEN SR.

MANNING — Kenneth Richard “Slosh” Folygen Sr., husband of Diana Colleen Main Folygen, died on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon.



FOLYGEN

Born on Sept. 25, 1946, in Washington, Pennsylvania, he was a son of the late James Wayne Folygen and Elma Grace Dunfee Folygen. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Vietnam War; an avid Corvette owner; and a member of Lake Marion Christian Church.

Surviving besides his wife are a son, Kenneth R. Folygen Jr. (Tammy) of Sharon, Pennsylvania; two daughters, Monica Vernon (Seth) of Clarksville, Pennsylvania, and Angela Reyes (Adrian) of Manning; a brother, Ronald W. Folygen of Penn State, Pennsylvania; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Community Angels Fund, 1772 Kenwood Road, Manning, SC 29102.

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

JOHN W. TINGLE

WEDGEFIELD — John William Tingle, age 60, died on Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Palmetto Health Richland.



TINGLE

Born in Monroe, Michigan, he was a son of the late Lelton Theo Tingle and Jo Nell Barrow Tingle. John was a well respected car salesman in the Sumter area for many years. He never met a stranger and was loved by many. John enjoyed cooking, working on cars and tinkering around the house. He loved to

travel. His true joy was spending time with his family and friends. He always lived life to the fullest. He will be remembered as a very loving companion, brother, uncle and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are his companion, Holly Klee of Wedgefield and her daughter, Kayle Klee; one sister, Patsy Tingle Hurst and her husband, Billy, of Alabama; two nieces, Emily Hurst Rush and her husband, Brad, and Amanda Hurst Labo and her husband, Dan; two great-nieces, Layla Joy Rush and Lindsay Jo Rush; and one great-nephew, Eli James Labo.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Bullock Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 400 Percival Road, P.O. Box 6604, Columbia, SC 29260-6604 or to Palmetto Health Heart, 6 Richland Medical Park, Columbia, SC 29203.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



VIRGINIA M. WHACK

GREELEYVILLE — Virginia Murray Whack, 97, widow of George Whack, died on Friday, March 24, 2017, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1919, in Greeleyville, a daughter of the late Adrian and Bobbie Durant Murray.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Sandra and Clayton Reid, 112 Whack Road, Greeleyville.

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

ARCHIE DANTZLER

Archie “Bernie” Dantzler, 80, widower of Rosa Singleton Dantzler and son of the late Archie and Edna McFadden Dantzler was born on January 1, 1937, in Sumter County. He departed this life on Friday, March 24, 2017, at WJB Dorn Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Family will receive friends at the home, 15 S. Salem Ave., Sumter 29150.

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

CARLEE LATHAN

BISHOPVILLE — Carlee Lathan, 81, passed on Friday, March 24, 2017, at her residence.

Born in Lee County, she was a daughter of Lawson and Connie McIntyre Moses.

The family will receive friends and relatives at the home, 406 Murray St., Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Square Deal Funeral Home, 106 McIntosh St., Bishopville, SC 292010.

HARMON WALKER

Harmon Walker, 61, died Friday, March 24, 2017, at his residence in Sumter. Born in Sumter County, he was a son of the late Dayton and Mildred Walker.

The family will receive friends at the home of the Walker's, 105 N. Tondaleia Drive, Sumter, SC 29153.

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

JASMINE O. JOHNSON

Jasmine Oquez Johnson, 28, of Summerton, died on Friday, March 24, 2017, at McLeod Health, Florence.

He was born on Dec. 6, 1988, in Clarendon County to Joe James and Sadie Johnson.

The funeral services are incomplete and will be announced at a later date.

The family is receiving friends at the home, 21 First St., Summerton, South Carolina, 29148.

Services have been entrusted in the professional care of King-Fields Mortuary, Summerton, South Carolina. (803)485-5039.

WESLEY WILLIAMS

Mr. Wesley Williams, son of the late Mrs. Gertrude Williams, entered eternal rest on March 15, 2017, in Washington, D.C. The family is receiving friends at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, 50 Moses Road, Bishopville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

MAE E. MYERS

Mrs. Mae Ella Gregg Myers entered eternal rest on March 23, 2017, at the Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center, Hartsville. The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughters at 10 John Lane, Bishopville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

ROBERT OAKS

Robert Oaks, 67, died Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital, Sumter. Born September 7, 1949, in Sumter County, he was the son of Alphonzo and Beatrice Scriven Oaks.

The family will receive family and friends at the home, 3001 Prosser Ave.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

HERBERT B. BOYKIN SR.

Herbert B. Boykin, Sr., 91, died Saturday, March 25, 2017, at his home in Sumter. Born Dec. 25, 1925, in Kershaw County. He was the son of the late Richard and Marie Boykin.

The family will receive family and friends at the home, 415 Church St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

MARTHA A. GIBBONS

NEW ZION — Mrs. Martha Ann Gibbons, 86, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 24, 2017, at her home. The funeral service will be at 3 p.m. on Monday at New Zion United Methodist Church with burial in the church cemetery, directed by Floyd Funeral Home. The family will receive friends at their home from 5 to 7 p.m. tonight at 7386 Salem Road, New Zion.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late John Hector and Ellena Rodgers McNeill. She retired from Clarendon County School District 3 as an elementary school teacher, a member of New Zion United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Black River American Legion Auxiliary and Kappa Delta Pi.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Beth Mixon.

Surviving are her husband, Lawrence Ike Gibbons of the home; three daughters, Patricia “Patty” Green of Pawley's Island, Sherrilyn (Blake) Gibbons of New Zion and Lauretta (Virgil) Gibbons and her of Fort Mill; two sisters, Margaret Clark Phillips and Lena Phillips, both of Lynchburg; five grandchildren, Jennifer Altman, Patrick (Leslie) Gibbons, Lance Green, Travis Green and Devin Green; and six great-grandchildren, Blake Altman, Banks Altman, Spencer Gibbons, Luke Green, Lauren Elizabeth Green and Katherine Green.

Memorials may be made to New Zion United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 33, New Zion, S.C. 29111.

Please visit www.floydfuneral.com for online condolences.

JERRY J. JACKSON

Jerry James Jackson, 76, husband of Shirley Ann McLeod Jackson, died Thursday, March 23, 2017, at Wil-

liam Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia.

Born in Walton, West Virginia, he was a son of the late Leslie Leon and Audrey Ordith Paxton Jackson. Mr. Jackson attended Open Bible Baptist Church. He served in the U.S. Air Force and worked in residential construction. He enjoyed working with his computer.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years; four children, Kenneth Jackson of Sumter, Robert “Bobby” Jackson (fiancé, Phyllis Rider) of Camden, Cindy Coursey (J.T.) and Greg Jackson (Lisa) both of Sumter; sixteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gary Jackson and one brother, Larry Jackson.

The funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Greg Pressley officiating. Burial will be in the Sumter Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Matthew Jackson, Robert Jackson Jr., Joseph Coursey, Phil Windham, Bruce Andrews and Brian Haselden.

The family will receive friends from 3 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

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

WALTER J. SAUL

Walter J. “Wally” Saul, 53, died Thursday, March 23, 2017, at his home.

Born Jan. 28, 1964, in Sumter, he was the son of Patricia Yeager and the late Chief Master Sgt. James I. Saul. Wally was a golfer and enjoyed riding his motorcycle. Above all, he enjoyed and loved his family.

Survivors include his mother of Sumter; two sons, Justin J. Saul of Tennessee, Evan A. Saul of Colorado; two sisters, Wendy S. Simmons of Myrtle Beach, Christi S. Waynick of Sumter; nieces and nephews, Marissa Wolfe-McHugh, Rebekah Huang, Aubrey Brunson, Barratt Waynick, Trey Simmons, Nathan Simmons; and six great nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel.

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

MICHAEL K. WORKMAN

Michael Keyshawn Workman, 27, departed this earthly life on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, as the result of a car accident in Sumter. Born Dec.18, 1989, in Sumter County, he was the son of Carley T. Spann and the late Randall “Mike” Workman. “Smoke,” as he was affectionately called, was a 2009 graduate of Crestwood High School. He attended Central Carolina Technical College, where he received a degree in welding. In his youth he attended High Hills Baptist Church.

Memories of Keyshawn will forever be cherished by his mother, Carley T. Spann Workman of the home; three children, Sariah K. Workman, Samir K. Workman, Sanai K. Workman, all of Sumter; two sisters, Shanise N. Spann (Derrick), Olivia Ellerbe, both of Sumter; one brother, Terrance Blanding, of Sumter; fiancé, Erica D. Anderson of Sumter; three nephews; grandfathers, Louis Davis Jr., Richard Jackson of Sumter; five aunts; six uncles; three great aunts; and a host of special cousins, other relatives and friends.

The homegoing celebration will be held at noon on Tuesday from the Hopewell Baptist Church, 3285 Peach Orchard Road, Dalzell, with the Rev. Richard Addison as pastor and eulogist.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 70 White Pine Court, Sumter.

The procession will leave from the home at 11:20 a.m.

Burial will be in the Hopewell Baptist Church Yard Cemetery, Dalzell.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com.

Visit us on the web at www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com.

JOHNNIE L. JACKSON SR.

Mr. Johnnie Lee Jackson Sr., 79, was born Nov. 24,1937, in Dania Beach, Florida to the late Moses Lewis and Dora Taylor Jackson.

He departed this life on Saturday, March 25, 2017, at NHC Healthcare Sumter.

Services have been entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

GABRIEL ROBINSON

Gabriel Robinson, 49, died Friday, March 24, 2017, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Born Oct. 9, 1967, in Sumter County, he was the son of Betty Wright Robinson and the late Matthew Robinson.

The family will receive family and friends at the home of his mother, 19 Chestnut St.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

JAMES D. THOMPSON

James Davis “Dave” Thompson, 73, widower of Jewel Slaughter Thompson, died Thursday, March 23, 2017, at the Medical University of SC in Charleston.

Born July 28, 1943, in Franklin, Virginia, he was a son of the late Virgil Davis and Frances Butler Thompson Livesay. Mr. Thompson was a member of First Baptist Church. He received his Bachelor's degree from Virginia Military Institute and a Master's degree from Central Michigan University. He retired from the U.S. Air Force, with the rank of Major, after more than 20 years of service and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Following his military service, Mr. Thompson worked as a computer programmer for Carolina Continental Insurance Co. in Columbia for more than 20 years. He enjoyed writing and was a member of the Sumter Chapter of the SC Writers Association. He was a published author of a book of short stories and two books of poetry.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Thompson, Wendy Thompson both of Sumter; two brothers, Virgil Martin Thompson (Faye) of Louisville, Kentucky, Richard Livesay (Lori) of Sedley, Virginia; one sister, Mary Livesay Duke of Franklin, Virginia; and a number of special nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Dan Barber and the Rev. Charles Clanton officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Friends and Followers Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to the Benevolence Fund of First Baptist Church, 107 E. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

MASTER A. KENNEDY

Master Avion Kennedy, four months, died Wednesday, March 22, 2017, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Born Nov. 11, 2016, in Sumter County, he was the son of Demond Kennedy.

The family will receive family and friends at the home, 62 Carrol Drive, Sumter.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Williams Funeral Home Inc.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Bill makes it easy to spend your money in secret

Where does your tax money go? In most instances it supports direct government activities such as schools, police, housing, public health and the like.

But in many instances your tax money is transferred to nonprofit corporations that have convinced government leaders that they perform a service worthy of public support. Museums, festivals, parks, and tourism promoters are common nonprofit recipients of public funds.

There is a bill, H.3931, pending in the House of Representatives, that would exempt nonprofit organizations getting public funds from the Freedom of Information Act.

The bill is being promoted as a way to make nonprofits accountable to the governments that provide funding by requiring filing of general statements about how your money is being spent. If you believe that nonsense, I have some beachfront property in Walhalla for sale.

In too many instances, those doling out your money are benefiting from the use of those funds to hire their relatives or worse. If this bill passes, we will never know.

Some legislators have been told nonprofits are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act, and this bill will add “transparency.” Nonprofits receiving or spending your money are already subject to the open government law, and you are entitled to see their records. All you have to do is ask.

In 1974 the General Assembly enacted the Freedom of Information Act, based on a finding that it was vital in a democratic society that public business be conducted in an open and public manner. The Supreme Court of South Carolina has repeatedly ruled that this law exists to prevent secret government activity.

One mechanism used to hide government activity has been through the use of nonprofit corporations. The University of South Carolina for years hid a presidential slush fund behind a nonprofit foundation. When the public and press demanded an accounting of the foundation’s activities through Freedom of Information Act requests, the foundation refused to provide access saying the law did not apply to it because it was a nonprofit corporation.

The S.C. Supreme Court said otherwise. The court looked to the definition in the law of those organizations to which the law applied. These organizations are identified in the law as “public bodies.” If an entity is a public body it is required to disclose certain records and conduct its meetings in a



Jay Bender

expending public funds.” The USC Foundation met this definition, and, as a consequence, was required to account for how it spent its money.

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that gets tax money spends that money? Most of us think so. If you know where the money is going, you have grounds to tell your representatives in government that you approve or disapprove of the way your money is being spent. We should be past the point where we will accept an assurance such as, “Trust me. Great things are being done with your money.”

There is too much evidence to the contrary that trust is not enough. In Richland County alone we’ve had a recreation commission paying inflated salaries to relatives who probably shouldn’t have been on the payroll in the first place. We’ve had the records of a high school booster club requested by the Attorney General who is investigating charges that much of the money is not accounted for. Two festival organizers are being questioned about what they have done with the public money they have received to conduct festivals that seem not to have happened.

I suspect certain nonprofit organizations across the state would be exposed to scorn or prosecution if their activities were subjected to public scrutiny. There are allegations in several parts of the state that tax money is being laundered by nonprofit corporations to fund political contributions.

The only thing transparent about H.3931 is the desire of organizations supported by or spending your money to do it in secret. This bill should be defeated.

If not, your tax dollars will go down a rabbit hole never to be heard from again. Tell your House member you want true accountability and defeat the bill.

Bender is a retired media law professor and an attorney for the S.C. Press Association, and advocate for open government.

prescribed manner.

A “public body” includes “any organization, corporation, or agency supported in whole or in part by public funds or expending public funds.” The USC Foundation met this definition, and, as a consequence, was required to account for how it spent its money. When exposed to public scrutiny many of the expenditures, such as gifts to elected officials and lavish speaking fees, were questioned and protested.

Is there value in knowing how a nonprofit organization



Dear Gamecocks: How’s everybody feeling?

Editor’s note: These are excerpts from an open letter that appeared on www.the-playertribune.com. The full text can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2n4R10M>. The Gamecocks face Florida today at 2:20 p.m. on CBS for a chance to go the NCAA basketball tournament’s final four next week in Phoenix.

Yeah, I’m feeling pretty darn good too.

Last Sunday, much of the nation learned something that Gamecock Nation already knew: What we have here in Columbia is very special. We have a fan base as passionate as any you’ll find in college sports. And we have a group of young men who are as impressive as any you’ll find in the country. They also happen to play some pretty good basketball.

Ask Duke. Of course, this didn’t just happen. Basketball at South Carolina hasn’t always been so good.

When I came to Columbia for an interview, South Carolina hadn’t won an NCAA tournament game since 1973 — way back when the legendary Frank McGuire coached the team. Since he retired in 1980, almost every coach that followed him never coached another day after they left Columbia. And you’re talking about some unbelievably talented and successful people.

So when I was contemplating making the move here, what I heard from people was, “Frank, everyone loses their job there.”

Nobody gets out of there alive.

I spent 15 years as a high school math teacher. That was the first job where I learned how to help young people grow and develop. Before I even got into college coaching, I had a good understanding of the importance of building trust with the people you’re trying to teach. And the only way you develop trust is through honesty.

The guys who are leading our team this season didn’t have the benefit playing with a senior class that could show them how to win. They had to develop that culture on their own.

There were some tough losses — ugly games even — in their first couple of years

COMMENTARY



Frank Martin

here, but these guys put their trust in me. They put their trust in me even when it seemed impossible that we’d ever be able

to do what we’re doing now.

When you lose games, kids become vulnerable. They start listening to voices on the outside. That’s what losing does — it tears you apart.

But Justin, Duane and Sindarius — from that very first year, their ears never left me. When we lost nine of our first 10 SEC games their freshman year, they stayed with me. When we finished below .500 my first two seasons here, they continued to work. They trusted that we were building something, even when nobody else really saw it.

Now, these guys who didn’t have anyone to lead them have become leaders themselves. I watch how these seniors mentor our young players and it’s the most gratifying part of my job. And what it’s done is let me just coach basketball. I don’t have to worry about whether my players buy into a winning culture — because now they’re the ones spreading it.

One of my favorite moments this season was when I gathered the entire team in the weight room and surprised them with the news that Sindarius had been named SEC Player of the Year. The place went crazy. They celebrated as loudly as they had all season. And that really showed me something. Because that right there, it can’t be recruited. It has to be grown.

Before we took the floor against Marquette in the first round, I told our guys to stay true to themselves. I told them not to worry about the stage or the opponent. Just play basketball. Play like we practice.

I let them know that we weren’t there because somebody had drawn our name out of a hat. We had earned that spot. We had established ourselves as a very good team, and that was our reward.

Then we went out and we played like we belonged.

And after we won that game, our prize was a matchup with the most celebrated team in college basketball. The team that just about anyone with any sense had chosen to win the whole tournament.

At halftime against Duke, we were down by seven points. But honestly, the vibe in the locker room was pretty positive. When I walked in there and looked around at our guys, I saw that they didn’t look scared at all. They were just focused.

“You guys are playing the game, not me. But based on what I see, I think your defense is really bothering them.”

And I looked around the room.

“What do you think?” They all responded, “Yeah!”

“So if you know you can guard them, and we’re only down seven after shooting 7 of 35 from the field, do you think we can win this game if we start taking better shots?”

They all said, “Yeah!” And I just nodded, “Me too. Let’s go.”

When the second half began we started driving the ball to the basket more. Sure enough, good things started to happen. We threw down a few dunks and made some free throws. Then, during our first time out, while the team was gathered around me, I could see in their eyes that they all believed that we could do this. We were playing our game.

When all was said and done, we shot better than 71 percent in the second half. That’s crazy. Ludicrous. Simply doesn’t happen — ever.

But it did. It happened. Because we made it happen.

And down the stretch, college basketball fans saw something out of our guys that I’ve witnessed a lot in the last four years. Something that was apparent to me even when we were losing a lot of games.

Courage. I’ve seen these guys lose. But I have never seen them defeated. We have never carried ourselves like a losing basketball team. And that night, man did we look like winners.

Frank Martin is the men’s head basketball coach at University of South Carolina.

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FYI

Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospice is in need of volunteers. A hospice volunteer application can be found online at www.palmettohealth.org/giving/volunteer-programs/homecare-and-hospice-volunteers. Volunteers are needed for patient care and administrative duties. If you can provide support, respite, companionship, file, answer the phone, do data entry, etc., please consider caring for a hospice patient. Call the Rev. B.J. Drayton at (803) 773-4663.

Make-A-Wish South Carolina is seeking volunteers to help make wishes come true for

children across the state. Bilingual volunteers are especially needed. Interest webinars are offered at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Preregistration required. Contact Brennan Brown at bbrown@sc.wish.org or (864) 250-0702 extension 112.

Hospice Care of Sumter LLC is in need of volunteers. Opportunities available for you to use your time and talents to be of assistance include reading, musical talents, companionship, light house-keeping, etc. Call (803) 883-5606 or hospicecareofsumter@yahoo.com.

PUBLIC AGENDA

SANTEE WATEREE RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, 6 p.m., 129 S. Harvin St. For special accommodations, call (803) 934-0396, extension 103.

SUMTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Tuesday, 7:30 a.m., Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce boardroom, 32 E. Calhoun St.

CLARENDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, 6 p.m., hospital board room

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Tuesday, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go the distance. If you can make

a better presentation in person, set up an appointment. Opportunity will present itself if you're dedicated, determined and ready to take action. Peace, love and romance will improve personal relationships.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Use what you know to get ahead, but be willing to learn as you go. Give-and-take along with compassion and wanting what's best for everyone will result in greater popularity, trust and respect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Offer help for the right reasons and only accept assistance from someone who is not trying to get something from you. Ulterior motives are prevalent going both ways and caution must be taken when dealing with joint endeavors.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep an open mind and a willingness to listen to what others have to say. Getting along with others will be in your best interests. Avoiding temptation or indulgent behavior should be your priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of personal paperwork, taxes or settlements that are pending. Take care of responsibilities before you engage in social activities. A clear conscience and worry-free attitude will allow you to be more fun-loving and romantic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Short trips, romantic encounters and quality time with the people you enjoy being with the most should be on your agenda. A physical challenge will get you pumped up

and ready to take on the world. Strive for personal perfection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When dealing with home, family and personal assets, be sure to take your time. Making an impulsive decision will lead to a power struggle. Don't give in to pressure or demands that aren't in your best interest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make love and personal relationships with friends, family and loved ones a priority. Your unique approach to the way you live will attract interesting people. Joining forces with someone is favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Home and family should take precedence. You can bring about favorable changes if you include everyone in your decision-making. Don't let an outside influence slow you down. Dismiss anyone using emotional tactics or pressure to undermine you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Look for creative alternatives that work for you rather than giving into an unrealistic plan that someone else wants you to take on. Rely on past experience and lay the groundwork to follow a path that suits your needs.

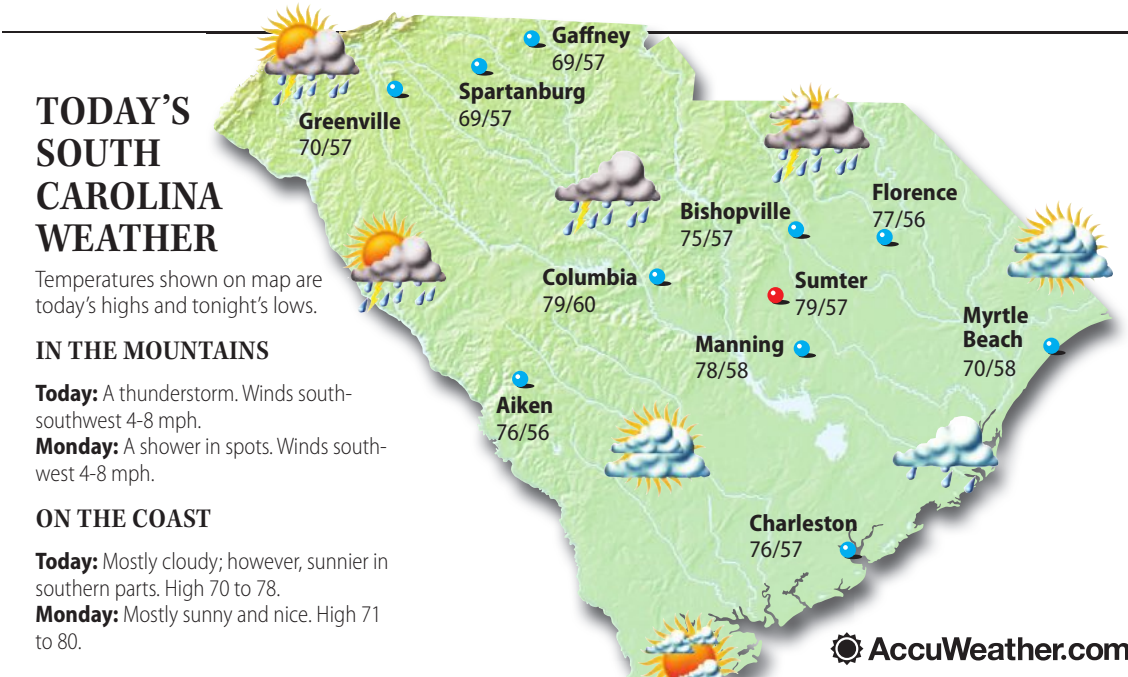
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep an open mind, but don't believe someone's claims regarding emotional matters that involve you. Go to the source if you want facts and better insight into a situation that is causing confusion.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An emotional situation will mount if you don't address issues directly. Show your concerns and offer the facts to avoid anyone getting the wrong idea. Follow through with actions and don't look back.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
79°	57°	81° / 58°	84° / 58°	85° / 57°	81° / 58°
Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 20%	Chance of rain: 25%	Chance of rain: 40%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 55%
SSE 7-14 mph	SSE 6-12 mph	SW 6-12 mph	WSW 7-14 mph	NW 4-8 mph	E 6-12 mph



TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: A thunderstorm. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.
Monday: A shower in spots. Winds south-west 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly cloudy; however, sunnier in southern parts. High 70 to 78.
Monday: Mostly sunny and nice. High 71 to 80.

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SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	78°
Low	50°
Normal high	69°
Normal low	43°
Record high	89° in 2007
Record low	24° in 1956

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	1.47"
Normal month to date	3.14"
Year to date	7.05"
Last year to date	10.47"
Normal year to date	10.56"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	356.92	none
Marion	76.8	74.67	+0.03
Moultrie	75.5	74.58	none
Wateree	100	98.16	+0.02

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.82	+0.03
Congaree River	19	3.86	+0.21
Lynchess River	14	5.17	-0.07
Saluda River	14	2.53	+0.35
Up. Santee River	80	76.21	-0.05
Wateree River	24	5.54	-0.26

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	7:17 a.m.	Sunset	7:38 p.m.
Moonrise	6:29 a.m.	Moonset	6:19 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Mar. 27	Apr. 3	Apr. 11	Apr. 19

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:37 a.m.	3.2	2:56 a.m.	-0.2
	8:49 p.m.	3.2	3:25 p.m.	-0.4
Mon.	9:23 a.m.	3.3	3:46 a.m.	-0.5
	9:35 p.m.	3.4	4:10 p.m.	-0.6

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	77/61/c	77/61/c
Chicago	64/48/r	59/40/r
Dallas	84/62/t	81/57/s
Detroit	61/50/r	64/48/c
Houston	85/69/pc	86/68/t
Los Angeles	70/53/s	70/51/pc
New Orleans	83/67/pc	82/67/t
New York	44/41/r	55/51/r
Orlando	83/60/s	84/58/s
Philadelphia	50/45/r	67/54/r
Phoenix	81/59/pc	82/58/s
San Francisco	62/52/sh	63/48/pc
Wash., DC	57/52/r	72/56/sh

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	64/51/c	71/50/pc	Florence	77/56/c	80/57/pc
Athens	77/57/c	79/57/pc	Gastonia	84/57/s	84/54/s
Augusta	81/57/c	85/58/pc	Greensboro	73/57/c	75/57/pc
Beaufort	78/58/pc	80/60/pc	Goldboro	76/54/c	78/57/pc
Cape Hatteras	69/56/c	68/55/pc	Goose Creek	75/57/c	78/58/pc
Charleston	76/57/c	80/58/pc	Hickory	72/57/c	73/57/pc
Charlotte	72/57/c	76/55/pc	Hilton Head	72/60/pc	74/60/s
Clemson	71/58/c	76/56/pc	Jacksonville, FL	80/57/pc	80/56/pc
Columbia	79/60/pc	81/59/sh	La Grange	77/60/t	77/60/c
Darlington	75/56/pc	79/58/pc	Macon	79/57/pc	82/57/pc
Elizabeth City	72/51/c	73/54/c	Marietta	75/58/t	76/59/c
Elizabethtown	76/56/r	77/57/pc			
Fayetteville	77/55/c	80/58/pc			

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



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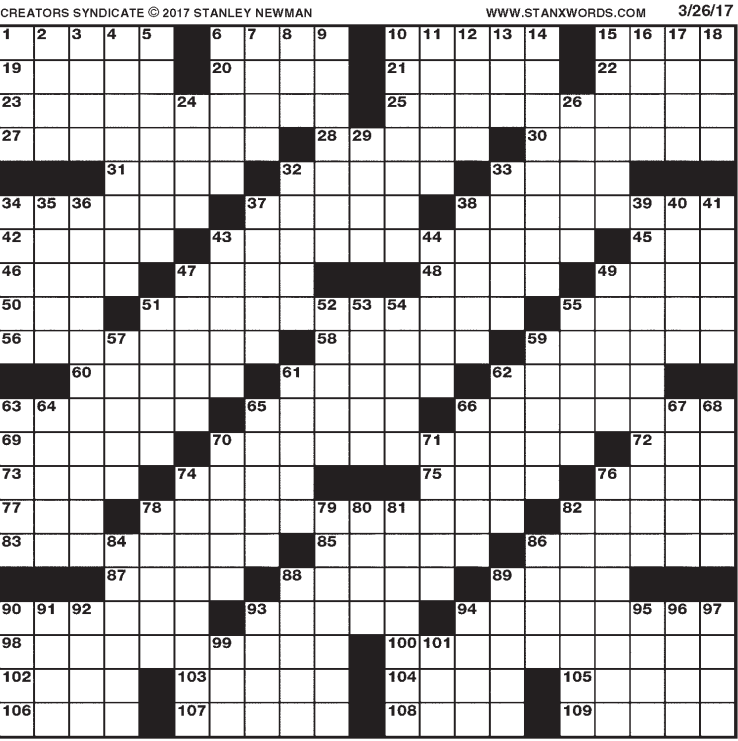
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- 1 Small canyon
- 6 Mr. Pig
- 10 Need renewal
- 15 Young whale
- 19 Garnish
- 20 Underhanded plan
- 21 "That is ..."
- 22 Nastase of tennis
- 23 Smart remarks
- 25 Not much time
- 27 Where some socks reach
- 28 Spherical strikers
- 30 Alternatives to Marriotts
- 31 Town near Santa Fe
- 32 Aunt of Bart Simpson
- 33 "Street" rep
- 34 Upward path
- 37 Sam, e.g.
- 38 Apportioned fairly

- 42 Navigator's reference
- 43 Bombastic
- 45 Ben- (Heston film)
- 46 Debt documents
- 47 Theatre tier
- 48 Peas in
- 49 Deep red
- 50 Half of MCCC
- 51 German entree
- 55 Benevolent spirit
- 56 Slalom garb
- 58 Portrayals
- 59 Less refined
- 60 People in general
- 61 Emphatic turndown
- 62 Northwestern capital
- 63 Land between hills
- 65 Bandleader's cue
- 66 Cabinet department
- 69 GI truants
- 70 Internet avoider, quite possibly

- 72 One on the force
- 73 Statutes
- 74 Wife of Jacob
- 75 Road grooves
- 76 Solving aid
- 77 Jargon suffix
- 78 Paul Revere profession
- 82 County bordering Galway
- 83 Tissue descriptor
- 85 Skip, as a syllable
- 86 Commanders
- 87 Corporate colleague of Budget
- 88 Thing in a ring
- 89 Showy neckwear
- 90 Popped up
- 93 Was concerned
- 94 Scolded
- 98 Where websites live
- 100 Bus ancestor
- 102 Bills, catalogs, etc.
- 103 The Meta-

- morphosis author
- 104 82 Across' land
- 105 Year in France
- 106 Heels of loaves
- 107 Explanation introducer
- 108 Canvas quarters
- 109 High-pitched
- DOWN**
- 1 Rubberneck
- 2 Valhalla VIP
- 3 Stood up
- 4 Ceremonial hosts
- 5 Captivate
- 6 Talks big
- 7 Response to a sting
- 8 Seek info
- 9 What Aretha spells in song
- 10 Gridiron guards
- 11 Frigidaire rival
- 12 Highlighters, for example
- 13 Paulo
- 14 Keep hidden
- 15 Noisy bug
- 16 Immensely
- 17 41 Down collection
- 18 Govt. agents
- 24 Barrel of laughs
- 26 Rubbernecks
- 29 Fashion mag
- 32 Express contempt
- 33 Sing like Bennett
- 34 Lab liquids
- 35 Astound
- 36 Close kin to broccoli
- 37 Driving forces
- 38 Speaks (up)
- 39 Sound from the sky
- 40 Blake of jazz fame
- 41 Laundry appliance
- 43 Wears a long face
- 44 Tuber, so to speak
- 47 Very thin



- 49 Put back to work
- 51 Marketing data
- 52 Gravy ingredient
- 53 Violinist's accessory
- 54 Justice O'Connor successor
- 55 Stubborn dirt
- 57 Places to vote
- 59 Rooster voters
- 61 Market segment
- 62 Place to vote
- 63 Parking attendant
- 64 Teeming (with)
- 65 Teeming (with)
- 66 Water slide
- 67 Wine and dine
- 68 Blunted
- 70 Narrates
- 71 Self-esteem
- 74 Skating champ at Nagano
- 76 Narrow escape
- 78 Disconnect
- 79 Secluded sanctuary
- 80 Member of the plum family
- 81 Way of thinking
- 82 Model train component
- 84 Studio stands
- 86 Composer Porter
- 88 Potato parcels
- 89 Engender
- 90 Peak of perfection
- 91 TV host Seacrest
- 92 Footnote notation
- 93 Small eatery
- 94 Wild tale
- 95 Certain Scandinavian
- 96 Sailed through
- 97 People in general
- 99 Thai (rice-noodle dish)
- 101 Jeopardy! rarity
- The invention of SAUERBRATEN (51 Across) is sometimes credited to Charlemagne, who some say wanted to make use of leftover meat. The Washington head-quar-

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD



SUDOKU

2	9	6	1	3	5	8	7	4
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4	3	8	5	9	6	7	1	2
7	2	3	8	5	1	4	9	6
1	5	4	3	6	9	2	8	7
6	8	9	4	2	7	1	3	5

JUMBLE

WINCE TWICE LONGER INFAMY
His son complained about having to cut the grass. He wished he'd stop his — "MOW-NING"

PREP SOFTBALL

Lady ‘Cats rally past TSA 9-8

BY JUSTIN DRIGGERS
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DALZELL – It’s been a week of adjustments for the Laurence Manning Academy softball team. Dealing with a flu bug, the Lady Swampcats had four starters out of the lineup against Thomas Sumter Academy on Friday, and one of their

pitchers had spent more time in the doctor’s office than on the field in recent days. Resiliency, it turns out, was LMA’s best medicine. Lundee Olsen came on in relief to toss four scoreless frames, middle schooler Madison Truett delivered a big hit in the top of the seventh and the Lady ‘Cats took ad-

vantage of two TSA mis-cues in a come-from-behind 9-8 victory in a rematch of last year’s SCISA 3A state championship series. LMA improved to 10-3-1 overall while handing the Lady Generals their first loss as they fell to 5-1.

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RICK CARPENTER / THE SUMTER ITEM

Laurence Manning players celebrate a 2-run home run by Ashton Rogers, center, in the third inning of LMA’s 9-8 come-from-behind victory over Thomas Sumter Academy on Friday at the TSA field in Dalzell.

USC MEN’S BASKETBALL

All-too familiar final



AP PHOTOS

It will be an all-too familiar East Regional final today in New York as Chris Chiozza and Florida meet Southeastern Conference foe Sindarius Thornwell (0) and South Carolina for a berth in the men’s Final Four.

Southeastern Conference foes South Carolina, Florida meet for 3rd time in East Regional championship for berth in Final Four

BY JIM O’CONNELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — There’s no need for introductions in the East Regional final. Scouting reports aren’t really necessary. Fourth-seeded Florida and seventh-seeded South Carolina, two Southeastern Conference foes, will meet today at Madison Square Garden

EAST REGIONAL FINAL
WHO: South Carolina vs. Florida
WHEN: Today, 2:20 p.m.
WHERE: New York
TV: WLTX 19
RADIO: WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240

with the winner advancing to the Final Four. This will be the third meeting between the teams

this season with the home team winning both. They are two tough, defensive teams that can get out and run in transition. “They’re super physical. They pressure a lot, deny a lot of passes. They’re all pretty fundamentally sound. They take a lot of charges and kind of swarm the ball when you drive,” Florida’s Canyon Barry said of the

Gamecocks on Saturday. “We have to guard them too. I think it could be a defensive battle and whoever can execute better has a good shot of winning.” The first game between the teams was a slugfest with South Carolina prevailing 57-53. The Gators missed all 17 of their 3-point attempts and

SEE **FAMILIAR**, PAGE B6

AUTO RACING

Junior preps for 600th race after creating own legacy

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — While Dale Earnhardt Jr. prepared for his 600th NASCAR Cup Series race this weekend, he couldn’t help thinking about his first time.

He still recalls his conversation with Tony Eury Jr., his cousin and crew chief, as he sat on that starting grid in Charlotte in 1999. “I remember telling Tony that I would switch with him for a million dollars so he could do this instead of me,” Earnhardt recalled Friday with a chuckle. “Because I was scared to death. ... I was overwhelmed with the weight of the situation, and how much attention it was getting, and it made it really hard to soak in and enjoy it, I guess.

“We just wanted to do so well and not fail. It was fun. It was a wild time.” The son of racing royalty once felt crushed by expectations, yet he persevered and established his own legacy in the sport. Along with being NASCAR’s most popular driver for most of his career, Junior has 26 victories, 252 top-10 finishes and two Daytona 500 trophies in his first 599 races. “I just wanted to drive,” the 42-year-old Earnhardt recalled. “I wanted to race cars for a living. I wanted to do it well enough to be able to afford to make a living doing it. I didn’t have vision or assume that I was going to make all of the money and success that we have made, but all I really wanted to do was to do it long enough so I didn’t have to get a real job.”

SEE **JUNIOR**, PAGE B4



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina forward A’ja Wilson, center, goes to the basket between Quinnipiac’s Paula Strautmane, left, and Sarah Shewan during the Gamecocks’ 100-58 victory on Saturday in the Sweet 16 round of the women’s NCAA tournament in Stockton, California.

USC WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Gamecocks overwhelm upstart Bobcats 100-58

Carolina reaches Elite Eight for 2nd time in last 3 years

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
The Associated Press

STOCKTON, Calif. — Sure, South Carolina knew a little something about Quinnipiac’s surprising NCAA Tournament run as Connecticut’s other Sweet 16 team.

The Gamecocks ignored the “Q” on the front of the opposing jersey and immediately went to work. Kaela Davis, A’ja Wilson and top-seeded South Carolina overpowered the upstarts from the opening tip, scoring the first 16 points and advancing to the Stockton Regional final by beating the 12th-seeded Bobcats 100-58 on Saturday. “It doesn’t matter what name is on the jersey, we come out to play. Obviously

they had a good run, but we’ve still got a mission to complete, and that’s to make it to the Final Four and national championship,” Allisha Gray declared. “I second that,” Davis followed. Davis scored 28 points with five 3s, Wilson added 24 and South Carolina’s athleticism and smothering, swarming defense was

SEE **GAMECOCKS**, PAGE B6

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Gonzaga tops Xavier 83-59 to reach 1st Final Four

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Nigel Williams-Goss scored 23 points while orchestrating Gonzaga's efficient offense, and the Zags finally shook their overrated tag by routing Xavier 83-59 on Saturday to reach the Final Four for the first time.

Gonzaga (36-1) has been dogged by criticism through the years despite winning consistently, in part for playing in a weak conference but also for never making the Final Four.

On the cusp of history, the Zags took it head on with a superb all-around game to give coach Mark Few the one missing piece of his resume.

Gonzaga found the range from the perimeter after struggling the first three NCAA games, making 12 of 24 from 3-point range. The defense, a soft spot in the past, shut down the underdog and 11th-seeded Musketeers (24-14) to win the West Region.

The Zags will face the winner between South Carolina and Florida in next week's Final Four in Arizona.

J.P. Macura led the Musketeers with 18 points.

The Musketeers brought their turn-the-page jar of ashes to the NCAA Tournament, where they burned through a string of upsets to reach their third Elite Eight and first since 2008. They beat Maryland, Florida State and took down No. 2 Arizona in the regional semifinals, setting up a matchup of small Jesuit schools seeking their first Final Four.

The Final Four was the only thing missing on Few's re-



Gonzaga head coach Mark Few, center, holds the West Regional trophy with his team after beating Xavier 83-59 on Saturday in San Jose, California, to earn the school's first Final Four berth.

sume, which includes 18 straight NCAA Tournaments, eight trips to the Sweet 16 and a third Elite Eight after surviving West Virginia's constant pressure in the regional semifinals.

The Zags struggled to find an offensive rhythm against the Mountaineers — who doesn't? — but had it flowing against Xavier.

Gonzaga came into the Elite Eight hitting 29 percent of its 3-point shots after making 37 percent during the season. The Zags found the range early against Xavier, hitting 8 of 13 from the arc in the first half, mostly against the Mus-

keteers' zone or on kick-outs from center Przemek Karnowski.

Xavier got off to a good start offensively by working the ball around, but hit a dry spell and made 1 of 5 from 3-point range as Gonzaga stretched to lead to 49-39 by halftime.

Halftime did little to slow the Zags, who pushed the lead to 59-42 on 3-pointers by Williams-Goss and Jordan Mathews. Gonzaga kept the machine rolling in the second half, continuing to make shots while its defense prevented the Musketeers from making any kind of run.

FRIDAY

KENTUCKY 86
UCLA 75

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — De'Aaron Fox scored a career-high 39 points as the Kentucky Wildcats beat UCLA 86-75 Friday night in a showdown between two of college basketball's goliaths for a spot in the South Regional final.

The only No. 2 seed to survive and advance, the Wildcats (32-5) won their 14th straight game. Now the NCAA's winningest program will play another of basketball's titans today in top-seeded North Carolina with a trip

to yet another Final Four on the line.

The third-seeded Bruins (31-5) still have the most national titles. Yet they leave their third Sweet 16 under coach Steve Alford short of the Elite Eight.

Fans lustily booed Kentucky coach John Calipari in his first game in Memphis since leaving in April 2009 for the Wildcats. Calipari's latest crop of talented freshmen put Kentucky into a regional final for the sixth time in seven years.

NORTH CAROLINA 92
BUTLER 80

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Joel Berry II scored 26 points and Justin Jackson added 24 as top-seeded North Carolina moved to the Elite Eight with a 92-80 victory over Butler in the NCAA South Region on Friday night.

Luke Maye recorded his first career double-double with 16 points and 12 rebounds, helping fuel a quick start for Carolina (30-7). The Tar Heels never let their lead get under double digits in the second half.

Andrew Chrabascz led the fourth-seeded Bulldogs (25-9) with 21 points and seven rebounds, while Kelan Martin finished with 16 points for Butler, which struggled shooting early and did not recover.

Carolina, which reached the Elite Eight for the 27th time, will face the winner of Friday's second game between UCLA and Kentucky. The Tar Heels connected on 54.4 percent of their shots, while Butler was at 43.5 percent.

From wire reports

SPORTS ITEMS

Johnson, Rahm advance to Match Play semifinals; Mickelson eliminated

AUSTIN, Texas — Dustin Johnson and Jon Rahm advanced to the semifinals of the Dell Technologies Match Play and kept on track a potential showdown between the No. 1 player and Spain's rising star.



JOHNSON

Johnson lost a 3-up lead at the turn and for the first time in 71 holes of this event, he was in a match that was all square. He answered with two birdies and put away Alex Noren.

Rahm was so dominant in two matches Saturday that he ended them both on the 14th hole. The 22-year-old rookie has yet to play the 18th hole at Austin Country Club.

Johnson faces Hideto Tanihara in the semifinals. Rahm plays Bill Haas, who eliminated Phil Mickelson in the quarterfinals, 2 and 1.

INDIANA HIRES DAYTON'S MILLER AS NEW COACH

Indiana has hired Archie Miller as its new coach.

The move comes less than 24 hours after UCLA coach Steve Alford said he wouldn't take the job and nine days after Tom Crean was fired.

Miller has spent the last six seasons as the coach at Dayton. He led the Flyers to a 139-63 record, the last two Atlantic 10 regular-season titles and NCAA Tournament appearances each of the past four sea-

sons. Before going to Dayton, he was an assistant at Arizona, Ohio State, North Carolina State and Western Kentucky.

The school says it plans to introduce Miller at a news conference Monday.

BOOKER SCORES 70 IN SUNS' 130-120 LOSS TO CELTICS

BOSTON — Devin Booker scored 70 points, becoming the sixth player in NBA history to reach that total, but the Boston Celtics got 34 points from Isaiah Thomas and out-

lasted the Phoenix Suns 130-120 on Friday night.

Booker joined Wilt Chamberlain, Kobe Bryant, David Thompson, David Robinson and Elgin Baylor as the NBA's 70-point scorers. Baylor also held the previous record against the Celtics with 64 points in Minneapolis for the Lakers on Nov. 8, 1959.

The win was Boston's third straight, and avenged its buzzer-beater loss in Phoenix earlier this month.

The rematch was dominated

early by the Celtics as they hit eight 3-pointers during a 37-point second quarter to grow their lead as high as 26 points.

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SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6 a.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Washington vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).
9 a.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Arizona vs. Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).
10 a.m. – International Soccer: CONCACAF 2018 World Cup Qualifying Match – Mexico vs. Costa Rica (FOX SPORTS 2).
10 a.m. – PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play Semifinal Matches from Austin, Texas (GOLF).
11 a.m. – Professional Tennis: Miami Open Men's and Women's Third-Round Matches from Key Biscayne, Fla. (TENNIS).
11:45 a.m. – International Soccer: UEFA 2018 World Cup Qualifying Match – Lithuania vs. England (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).
11:50 a.m. – International Soccer: UEFA 2018 World Cup Qualifying Match – Germany vs. Azerbaijan (ESPN2).
Noon – NHL Hockey: Minnesota at Detroit (WIS 10).
Noon – Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Lexington Regional Championship Game from Lexington, Ky. (ESPN).
Noon – College Baseball: Miami at North Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
Noon – College Baseball: Clemson vs. Boston College from Kingston, R.I. (Joined In Progress) (WPUB-FM 102.7).
Noon – College Baseball: Alabama at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
1 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Phoenix at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
1 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Atlanta vs. New York Mets from Port St. Lucie, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
1 p.m. – Professional Basketball: NBA Developmental League Game – Reno at Maine (NBA TV).
1 p.m. – College Softball: Missouri at Texas A&M (ESPN).
1 p.m. – College Baseball: Louisiana State at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. – College Baseball: Utah Valley at Texas (Rio Grande Valley) (SPEC-TRUM 1250).
2 p.m. – College Basketball: NCAA Tournament East Regional Championship Game from New York – South Carolina vs. Florida (WLTN 19, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
2 p.m. – College Baseball: Oklahoma State at Texas Christian (ESPN2).
2:30 p.m. – International Soccer: UEFA 2018 World Cup Qualifying Match – Poland vs. Montenegro (FOX SPORTS 2).
2:30 p.m. – PGA Golf: Puerto Rico Open Final Round from Rio Grande, Puerto Rico (GOLF).
3 p.m. – PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Dell Match Play Championship and Third-Place Matches from Austin, Texas (GOLF).
3:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City at Houston (WOL 25).
3:30 p.m. – NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Auto Club 400 from Fontana, Calif. (WACH 57).
3:30 p.m. – College Hockey: NCAA Tournament Northeast Regional Final Match from Manchester, N.H. (ESPN).
4 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox (MLB NETWORK).
4 p.m. – College Baseball: Texas A&M at Vanderbilt (SEC NETWORK).
4:55 p.m. – College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Regional Championship Game (WLTN 19).
5 p.m. – Professional Tennis: Miami Open Men's and Women's Third-Round Matches from Key Biscayne, Fla. (TENNIS).
5:30 p.m. – PGA Golf: Kia Classic Final Round from Carlsbad, Calif. (GOLF).
6 p.m. – College Hockey: NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional Final Match from Cincinnati (ESPN).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Auburn at Florida (ESPN2).
7 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7:25 p.m. – International Soccer: Mexican League Match – Monarcas vs. America (UNIVISION).
7:30 p.m. – Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Oklahoma City Regional Championship Game from Oklahoma City (ESPN).
8 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Houston vs. Washington (MLB NETWORK).
9:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Portland at Los Angeles Lakers (NBA TV).
11 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Cleveland vs. Arizona (MLB NETWORK).
2 a.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Baltimore vs. Toronto from Dunedin, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

MONDAY
6 a.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia from Clearwater, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
9 a.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Kansas City vs. Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).
11 a.m. – Professional Tennis: Miami Open Women's Round-of-16 and Men's Third-Round Matches from Key Biscayne, Fla. (TENNIS).
1 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Boston vs. Baltimore from Sarasota, Fla. (ESPN).
4 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Seattle vs. San Diego (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. – Professional Tennis: Miami Open Men's and Women's Third-Round Matches from Key Biscayne, Fla. (TENNIS).
6 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Detroit vs. Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
6:05 p.m. – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. – Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Bridgeport Regional Championship Game from Bridgeport, Conn. (ESPN).
7 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Detroit at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Auburn at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. – College Basketball: CBI Tournament Championship Series Game One – Wyoming at Coastal Carolina (ESPN).
7:30 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Chicago at Tampa Bay (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. – High School Basketball: Powerade Jam Fest and 3-Point Contest from Chicago
8 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Cleveland at San Antonio (TNT).
9 p.m. – Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Stockton Regional Championship Game from Stockton, Calif. (ESPN).
9 p.m. – Major League Exhibition Baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland from Goodyear, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: New Orleans at Utah (TNT).
Midnight – Major League Exhibition Baseball: St. Louis vs. Houston from Kissimmee, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

MLB SPRING TRAINING

SATURDAY'S GAMES
Boston (ss) 7, Tampa Bay 5
Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 4
N.Y. Mets 3, Atlanta 0
Philadelphia 3, Boston (ss) 3
Miami 1, St. Louis 0
N.Y. Yankees 6, Toronto (ss) 5
Washington 4, Houston 1
Toronto 16, Canada Jr. 0

Arizona vs. L.A. Angels
Chicago White Sox vs. Cleveland
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Oakland
Milwaukee vs. Kansas City
Oakland (ss) vs. L.A. Dodgers
Chicago Cubs (ss) vs. Colorado
Texas vs. Seattle
Minnesota vs. Baltimore
San Diego vs. San Francisco

TODAY'S GAMES
Boston vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Miami vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
Atlanta vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Las Vegas, NV, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
San Diego (ss) vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. Cincinnati (ss) at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Colorado vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Kansas City vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (ss) vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. N.Y. Mets (ss) at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
Detroit vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 6:07 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 9:10 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Boston	47	26	.644	—
Toronto	43	29	.597	3½
Philadelphia	27	45	.375	19½
New York	27	45	.375	19½
Brooklyn	15	57	.208	31½

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	44	28	.611	—
Atlanta	37	35	.514	7
Miami	35	37	.486	9
Charlotte	32	40	.444	12
Orlando	27	46	.370	17½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Cleveland	47	24	.662	—
Milwaukee	37	35	.514	10½
Indiana	36	36	.500	11½
Chicago	34	39	.466	14
Detroit	34	39	.466	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	55	16	.775	—
x-Houston	50	22	.694	5½
Memphis	40	32	.556	15½
Dallas	31	40	.437	24
New Orleans	30	42	.417	25½

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	44	28	.611	—
Oklahoma City	41	30	.577	2½
Denver	35	37	.486	9
Portland	33	38	.465	10½
Minnesota	28	43	.394	15½

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Golden State	58	14	.806	—
L.A. Clippers	43	30	.589	15½
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SATURDAY'S GAMES

Utah at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
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TODAY'S GAMES

Brooklyn at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
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MONDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

NHL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Islanders 4, Pittsburgh 3, SO
Tampa Bay 2, Detroit 1, OT
Dallas 6, San Jose 1
Anaheim 3, Winnipeg 1

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Vancouver at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 2 p.m.
Calgary at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
Carolina at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Boston at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Florida, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY'S GAMES

Minnesota at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Dallas at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Nashville at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Sears fans 20 in Citadel's 3-0 win over VMI on Friday

CHARLESTON — Friday night belonged to The Citadel's starting pitcher and former Wilson Hall stand-out JP Sears who tied the program record with 20 strikeouts in a 3-0 shutout of VMI at Joe Riley Park.

One day less than a year after setting a career-high with 19 strikeouts at VMI, the junior left-hander one-upped himself with 20 strikeouts against the visiting Keydets in front of his home crowd.

Sears (4-1) tied the program record originally set in 1999 by Rodney Hancock against Furman. The strikeout total is also tied for the second most in a single game in Southern Conference history and the fourth time it has been accomplished.

Additionally, the 20 strikeouts are the most in a single game in NCAA Division I this year, bettering the previous mark of 17 which has been posted three times in 2017.

The outing was the first complete game of Sears' career, who had previously pitched eight innings twice. He threw nine shutout innings, allowing just two hits and two walks.

Sears now owns a 1.70 ERA with 63 strikeouts to just seven walks in 42 1/3 innings pitched. The junior has recorded five straight starts with at least seven innings and has double-digit strikeouts in three games.

SOUTH CAROLINA 6

ALABAMA 5

COLUMBIA — Junior infielder Justin Row's walk-off single in the bottom of the 10th inning lifted fourth-ranked South Carolina to a

6-5 win on Saturday afternoon at Founders Park.

The Gamecocks improve to 16-6 and 4-1 in the SEC with Alabama now 12-11 and 1-4 in league play.

Trailing 5-4 entering the bottom of the ninth inning, the Gamecocks rallied to tie it against Alabama reliever Davis Vainer. Jonah Bride would lead off with a walk and with two outs advanced to second base on a wild pitch. Carolina would then summon Danny Blair off the bench to run for Bride and the sophomore outfielder would score the tying run on a pair of wild pitches from Vainer.

With the score deadlocked at 5-5 in the bottom of the 10th inning, Hunter Taylor led off with a walk to give the Gamecocks a runner on first with no outs. LT Tolbert put runners on first and second then with a base hit to left field on a 1-2 pitch from Vainer. After a wild pitch moved both runners up, TJ Hopkins drew a one-out walk to load the bases and set the stage for Justin Row. On a 2-0 pitch, Row belted a liner to left out of the reach of Alabama outfielder Logan Carey for a RBI single to set off the celebration at Founders Park.

Senior left-hander Josh Reagan picked up his third win of the season after giving up three runs on six hits with two walks and three strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings of relief. Junior right-hander Wil Crowe threw 6 1/3 innings with two runs on five hits with two walks and five strikeouts in no-decision for Carolina.

On Friday, South Carolina broke ahead two runs in the bottom of the first, but homers from Cody Henry and Chandler Taylor in the third

and fourth innings and an unearned run in the top of the ninth lifted Alabama to a 4-2 win.

CLEMSON 1

BOSTON COLLEGE 0

KINGSTON, R.I. — Alex Eubanks pitched a 3-hit shutout to lead No. 6 Clemson to a 1-0 victory over Boston College at Bill Beck Field on Saturday.

The Tigers improved to 19-4 overall and 7-1 in the ACC. The Eagles dropped to 7-13 overall and 1-7 in ACC play.

Eubanks (4-1) earned the win by allowing just three hits, no runs and no walks with a career-high-tying 10 strikeouts in a complete-game effort. The sophomore right-hander did not get to a 3-ball count on any Boston College batter. Eagle reliever John Witkowski (0-1) suffered the loss.

The Tigers struck first in the seventh inning without the benefit of a hit. Logan Davidson and Andrew Cox led off with walks, then they moved up on Drew Wharton's sacrifice bunt. Pinch-hitter Robert Jolly followed with a grounder to third, and Davidson's jump off third base allowed him to score before the throw arrived to the plate.

On Friday, former Sumter High and Sumter P-15's standout Charlie Barnes tied his career high with 11 strikeouts in No. 6 Clemson's 8-2 victory over Boston College at Bill Beck Field on.

Barnes (2-2) earned the win by allowing just four hits, one run and one walk with 11 strikeouts in six innings pitched. Patrick Andrews pitched the final three innings to record his first save of the season.

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LMA

FROM PAGE B1

“Even with a lot of odds being against them, I’m proud that we believed in ourselves enough to pull that out,” Laurence Manning head coach Maria Rowland said. “I knew (Olsen) wasn’t at her full potential, but I was proud of her. You literally have to hit half-inch spots against a team like this. She and Ashton (Rogers) were able to keep them inside the park, and that team has a lot of big sticks.”

LMA, however, did leave the yard — twice. The Lady ‘Cats rallied from 3-run deficits on two separate occasions with the first coming courtesy of a pair of long balls from Brooke Ward and Rogers.

Trailing 3-0 in the top of the third, Ward stepped to the plate with two on and one down and launched a homer — the first of career — to left-centerfield to tie the game. Rogers followed two batters later with a 2-run shot that gave Laurence Manning a 5-3 lead.

“If I had one wish for anyone at the beginning of the season, it was for (Ward) to get a home run before she left us,” Rowland said. “For her to get a 3-run homer and tie the game for us, I couldn’t be more proud for her.

“It’s moments like that that make you feel good as a coach.”

The drama wasn’t over yet though. TSA rallied to tie the score in its half of the third and then took an 8-5 lead in the next inning.

It was 8-6 in the top of the



Thomas Sumter Academy catcher Josie Reed, right, covers home plate and tags out Laurence Manning Academy’s Maggie Josey in the top of the seventh inning of Friday’s 9-8 loss at the TSA field in Dalzell.

seventh when LMA pulled off its final comeback. Trinity Harrington, who was 3-for-4 with a triple on the day, led off by reaching on an error. Rogers walked and Olsen singled to load the bases.

Truett, who already had a hit and reached base three times, then ripped a game-tying 2-run single down the left field line to knot the score at 8-8.

“She’s a heck of an athlete,” Rowland said of Truett. “That

was a huge rip down the line. She’s got a great stick – and she’s not afraid of anything. She’s fearless and I love that.”

The Lady Generals appeared as if they were going to escape with no further damage done after recording an out at the plate and a popup, but the second infield error of the inning moments later allowed Truett to score what turned out to be the game-winning run.

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It was a tough ending considering the way Thomas Sumter opened the game and responded to LMA’s big outburst in the third.

Ellie Hunter and Sydney Daniel came through with RBI hits in the bottom of the first, and Hunter followed in the third with a 2-run single that tied the score.

Josie Reed drove in a pair of runs in the fourth and Logan Morris added a sacrifice fly as the Lady Generals reclaimed a 3-run advantage.

“You wonder how you’re going to respond, so I was so proud of how we came back,” Reed said. “Karin Brannon had a huge hit (double) in the fourth from the 9-hole (in the batting order) that started us off and it kind of snowballed from there. It kind of happened to us too against Robert E. Lee where we got into a hole, but we never say die, and that’s great to see.”

Hunter finished with three hits, including a double and three RBI for TSA. She also tossed the final four innings after Sydney Daniel started the game. Diamond Gibson and Morris each scored two runs and seven players came through with hits for the Lady Generals.

For the Lady ‘Cats, Ward, Truett and Rogers combined for seven of the RBI with the other coming on an RBI double by Baylee Elms in the sixth inning.

LMA returns to action on Thursday when it hosts Colleton Prep while Thomas Sumter travels to Northwood Academy on Tuesday.

JUNIOR

FROM PAGE B1

Earnhardt has done it effectively and consistently for 17 straight years. Only 24 drivers in NASCAR history have started 600 races, and Earnhardt would love to celebrate his entry into the club today with his first win on the well-aged asphalt at Fontana, where he has typically run well for most of his storied career.

Earnhardt hasn’t won a race since late 2015, and he has never won at Fontana in 24 starts despite finishing second twice and landed inside the top 12 in six consecutive outings at Auto Club Speedway.

He missed the second half of last season with a concussion, at least the fourth of his racing career. The absence was his longest break from competition since his debut season back in the 20th century, but he has returned with optimism and confidence, if not results: He hasn’t finished higher than 14th in the first four races of this season, leaving him 23rd in the standings.

Yet Earnhardt has evolved into an elder statesman of the garage, and his easygoing personality even allows him to squash most beefs with a smile — and some beer.

After Ryan Blaney cursed him out on the radio last week in Phoenix, Earnhardt played it off by texting with his young rival — and forcing Blaney to furnish the beverages whenever they hang out this spring.

Blaney incurred the wrath of Earnhardt’s legion of fans, particularly on social media, but Junior himself took it good-naturedly. Blaney had ample reason to make good with his neighbor in North Carolina.

“He owns the land that I live on,” Blaney said with a grimace. “So strategically, that may not have been the best thing for me to do that to him last week, but we’re good. He’s a great guy and a good friend of mine.”

While he crosses his latest historic mark, Earnhardt doesn’t appear to be done soon. He confirmed Friday that he intends to begin talks soon with Hendrick Motorsports about a new contract to replace his expiring deal.

“It’s only been a few races, but I feel really good and we have had some discussions about planning to get together,” Earnhardt said. “It’s not something that I put on the shelf, for sure. We’re getting closer and closer.”

Although he realizes some fans, including

AUTO CLUB 400 LINEUP

By The Associated Press

Friday qualifying; race today
At Auto Club Speedway
Fontana, Calif.
(Car number in parentheses)

1. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 187.047 mph
2. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 186.979
3. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 186.500
4. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 186.384
5. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 186.123
6. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 186.037
7. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 185.998
8. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 185.720
9. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 185.400
10. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 184.814
11. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 184.710
12. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 183.960
13. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 184.833
14. (77) Erik Jones, Toyota, 184.743
15. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 184.592
16. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 184.379
17. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 183.899
18. (88) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 183.767
19. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 183.641
20. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 183.271
21. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 183.104
22. (10) Danica Patrick, Ford, 183.015
23. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 183.594
24. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 183.486
25. (95) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 182.704
26. (34) Landon Cassill, Ford, 182.699
27. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 181.635
28. (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 181.324
29. (15) Reed Sorenson, Toyota, 179.874
30. (83) Corey LaJoie, Toyota, 179.825
31. (43) Aric Almirola, Ford, 175.833
32. (33) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 175.063
33. (55) Derrike Cope, Chevrolet, 173.682
34. (51) Timmy Hill, Chevrolet, 172.319
35. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 0.000
36. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 0.000
37. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 0.000
38. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 0.000
39. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 0.000

legendary driver Richard Petty, would have liked to see him retire for his health after that last concussion, Earnhardt is feeling new appreciation for the simpler aspects of this high-profile job.

“You get older, you start to understand how you prioritize the things that are most important to you about the sport,” Earnhardt said. “The camaraderie and the friendships that I’ve made kind of started down the list, and as I’ve gotten older, that has crept up the list. If it’s not No. 1, I don’t know what is.

“That probably is what you will miss the most once you are done driving, is the people.”

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BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

McAlister nets 3 goals, SHS edges South Florence 4-2

Conner McAlister scored three goals to lead Sumter High School's varsity boys soccer team to a 4-2 victory over South Florence on Friday at the SHS field.

The Gamecocks improved to 7-2 on the season and 4-1 in Region VI-5A.

Chris Reyes scored Sumter's other goal. Thomas Koty, Travis Disher and TJ Simmons each had an assist. Davis Fuller had six saves in goal.

SHS plays host to Socastee on Tuesday.

VARSITY BASEBALL

SUMTER 2

SOUTH FLORENCE 1

FLORENCE — Ryan Williamson tossed a complete game 3-hitter to pitch Sumter to a 2-1 victory over South Florence on Friday at the SF field.

Williamson struck out nine, walked one and allowed no earned runs for the Gamecocks, who improved to 10-1 overall and 4-0 in Region VI-5A.

Williamson also had a hit and an RBI. Dawson Price was 2-for-3 with two stolen bases and Josh Sykes had an RBI.

LAKEWOOD 8
CRESTWOOD 1

Lakewood High School defeated Crestwood 8-1 on Friday at the CHS field.

Jesse Lucas had a double and scored the Knights' only run. Lance Ragan had a double and an RBI.

Lucas allowed just one run 4 2/3 innings of relief for Crestwood, which fell to 1-7 overall and 0-2 in Region VI-4A.

CALHOUN 8
THOMAS SUMTER 2

ST. MATTHEWS — Calhoun Academy handed Thomas Sumter Academy an 8-2 defeat on Thursday at the CA field, dropping the Generals to 7-4 overall and 1-3 in the region.

Josh Galloway had two hits and Chandler Hunter added a double and an RBI for TSA.

VARSITY TENNIS

ASHLEY RIDGE 5

SUMTER 1

SUMMERVILLE — Sumter suffered a 5-1 loss to Ashley Ridge on Friday at the AR courts.

The Gamecocks are 3-6.

SINGLES
1 — Witt (S) defeated Morris 7-6 (8-6), 3-6, 10-2.
2 — Rabon (AR) defeated Berry 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 10-8.
3 — Leo (AR) defeated Smithhart 6-1, 2-6, 10-6.
4 — Jones (AR) defeated McDuffie 6-3, 6-1.
5 — Seale (AR) defeated Kelly 6-2, 6-2.

DOUBLES
1 — Did not play.
2 — Johnson/Gamble (AR) defeated Black/Tomlin 6-1, 6-1.

VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

WH FINISHES SECOND

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall finished second to Augusta Prep on Thursday in an 8-team meet at Heathwood Hall.

The Lions finished with 140 points while the Barons tallied 119.

Greyson Young won the 400 hurdles for WH with a time of 1:00.94. Evans Boyle won both the long jump (19-07.00) and the triple jump (40-01.00) events.

FIRST-PLACE FINISHERS
Greyson Young (400 Hurdles); Evans Boyle (Long Jump, Triple Jump).

SECOND-PLACE FINISHERS
Chandler Scott (110 Hurdles); Brad Russell (400 Hurdles); Patrick Muldrow (Discus); Hayes Goodson, Greyson Young, Palmer Richburg, Evans Boyle (4x100 Relay).

THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS
Drew Reynolds (1600M); Hayes Goodson (110 Hurdles); Chandler Scott (Triple Jump); Greyson Sonntag (Shot Put); Drew Davis, Drew Reynolds, Michael Towery, Campbell Mims (4x800 Relay).

JV SOCCER
SUMTER 6
SOUTH FLORENCE 1

Mohamed Atta scored two goals to lead Sumter to a 6-1 victory over South Florence on Friday at the SHS field.

Christian Hines, Noah Chase, Brayden Perez and Brian Gamboa also scored goals for the Gamecocks. Perey had two assists and Jackson Fuller had another.

JV BASEBALL
SUMTER 4, 5
WEST FLORENCE 1, 10

FLORENCE — Sumter split a doubleheader with West Florence on Saturday, winning the opener 4-1 before losing the nightcap 10-5 at the WF field.

Jacob Holladay pitched a 5-hitter in the opener. He struck out three and walked none.

Holladay and Mason McLeod both had two hits. Bryce Spittle had a double and two RBI. Ethan Brown had a hit and an RBI.

In the second game, Jackson Hoshour had two hits, an RBI and a run. Kieran Hagerly, had a hit, a run and an RBI while Brown, Seth Posey and Wylie Coker each had a hit and an RBI.

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

Bettencourt helps Sumter softball pick up 4-2 region win over SFHS

FLORENCE — Sumter High School's varsity softball team improved to 3-2 in Region VI-5A with a 4-2 victory over South Florence on Friday at the SF field.

Hannah Bettencourt picked up the win for the Lady Gamecocks, who are 7-5 overall. She had two strikeouts.

Bettencourt was also 3-for-4 at the plate. Tara Rhodes had two hits.

EAST CLARENDON 16
GREEN SEA-FLOYDS 0

TURBEVILLE — East Clarendon improved to 5-0 in Region VI-1A with a 16-0, 4-inning victory over Green Sea-Floyds on Friday at the EC field.

Marleigh Floyd got the win for the Lady Wolverines, who are 9-5 overall. She struck out five and allowed just two hits.

Kaitlin Timmons led the offense with two hits and five RBI. Kinsley Driggers had a hit and two RBI.

THOMAS SUMTER 16
CALHOUN 3

ST. MATTHEWS — Logan Morris hit two home runs and drove in three and Carmen Silvester hit a 3-run homer as Thomas Sumter Academy earned a 16-3 victory over Calhoun Academy on Thursday at the CA field.

Ellie Hunter had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. Catleigh Bryant had two singles, Riley DeLavan had a double and both

Cassidy Brunson and Diamond Gibson had a hit and an RBI.

Sydney Daniel also singled for TSA and Silvester picked up the win on the mound, striking out six.

VARSITY SOCCER
SUMTER 2
SOUTH FLORENCE 1

FLORENCE — Sumter improved to 2-3 in Region VI-5A with a 2-1 victory via penalty kicks over South Florence on Friday at the SF field.

Courtney Webb scored the Lady Gamecocks' only goal in regulation. After two scoreless overtime periods, Madison Durant, Mary Kate Shaffer, Sophia Haughton and Taylor Gradwell converted PKs for the win.

VARSITY TRACK AND FIELD

WH WINS HEATHWOOD MEET

COLUMBIA — Wilson Hall edged host Heathwood Hall by half a point (143.5 to 143) to win Thursday's 7-team meet at the HH track.

The Lady Barons swept the 400-meter hurdles event with Breland Jones taking the top overall spot with a time of 1:21.13.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Gracyn Coker, Molly Moss, Emily Reynolds and Chandler Curtis also took first with a time of 11:15.00.

FIRST-PLACE FINISHERS
Breland Jones (400 Hurdles); Gracyn Coker, Molly Moss, Emily Reynolds, Chandler Curtis (4x800 Relay).

SECOND-PLACE FINISHERS
Chandler Patrick (100 Hurdles); Emma Bradley (400 Hurdles); Paige Anderson (High Jump, Pole Vault); Emily Reynolds (Triple Jump).

THIRD-PLACE FINISHERS
Cammie Pressett (400M); Emily Reynolds (800M); Margaret Briggs Kelly (3200M); Mary Jones (400 Hurdles); Chandler Patrick (Pole Vault); Cori Moore (Long Jump); Chandler Curtis, Molly Moss, Reynolds, Pressett (4x400 Relay).

JV SOFTBALL
CLARENDON HALL 20
ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN 3

MONCKS CORNER — Clarendon Hall improved to 9-1 with a 20-3, 3-inning win over St. John's Christian on Friday at the SJC field.

Bailey Corbett and Amberly Way both went 3-for-4 for the Lady Saints with Corbett getting two RBI. Hadley McIntosh and McKenly Wells were both 2-for-3 with Wells getting three RBI and McIntosh two.

Way was the winning pitcher, striking out eight and allowing one hit.

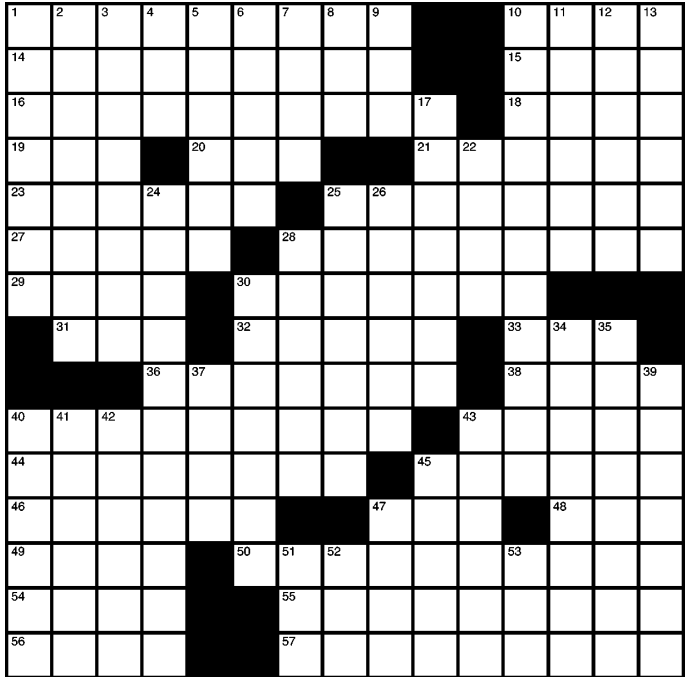
JV SOCCER
SOUTH FLORENCE 6
SUMTER 0

FLORENCE — Sumter lost to South Florence 6-0 on Friday at the SF field.

The Lady Gamecocks fell to 3-3.

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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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HIS SON COMPLAINED ABOUT HAVING TO CUT THE GRASS. HE WISHED HED STOP HIS

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

Print your answer here: [] [] [] [] - [] [] [] []

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ELOPE TIGER GATHER ANNUAL
Answer: They disagreed about which weapon was best and continued to — ARGUE THE POINT

SUDOKU

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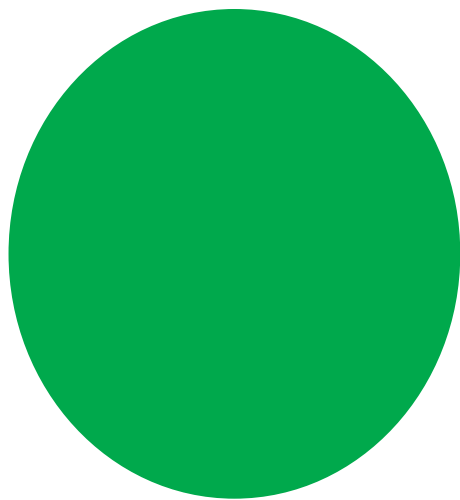
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THE ANSWERS TO THESE PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON TODAY'S DAILY PLANNER PAGE.

PREP SCHEDULE		
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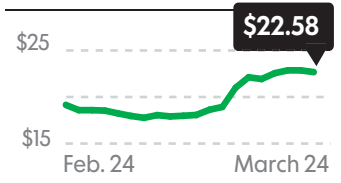
THIS WEEK

Americans are feeling more comfortable with the savings they have now compared to the year before, according to a new Bankrate.com survey. Unfortunately, they're not doing a better job at saving:

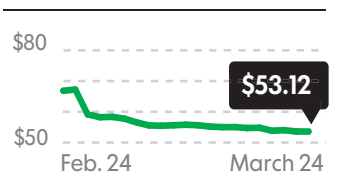
- ▶ **21%** of working Americans aren't saving any of their incomes.
- ▶ **25%** are saving more than 10% of their pay.
- ▶ **38%** Aren't saving because of expenses.
- ▶ **16%** Aren't saving because they "haven't gotten around to it".

ON THE MOVE STOCK STORIES OF THE WEEK

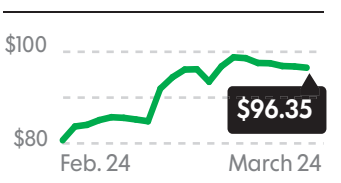
SPROUTS FARMERS MARKET
The health food supermarket reportedly had talks to merge with Albertsons, the grocery company based in Idaho. Still in its early stages, Albertsons could take the supermarket private and add it to its' portfolio along with Safeway.



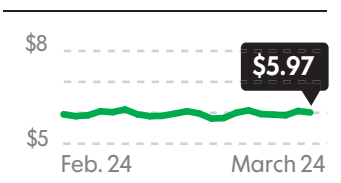
TARGET
The discount store retailer attempts to redesign its store layout and introduce two separate entrances, one is so-called "speed" entrance for time-starved customers who need to pick up a few items.



ADIDAS GROUP
As Nike tumbled after a third-quarter sales miss, the athletic footwear maker has been noticed by investors, grabbing more market share, especially in the U.S. It said it is aiming for \$5.3 billion in revenue in the North America market in 2020.



ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND
The British banking and insurance holding company cuts about 690 jobs and closes 180 branches as it trims costs after a near-decade of losses. The moves are because of customers shift to online services and squeezed revenue by low interest rates.



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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF POST-PURCHASE PRICE REDUCTIONS

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If something goes on sale after you bought it, don't kick yourself. You won't necessarily have to eat the cost of your inopportune timing. Here are some options for getting money back.

ASK FOR A PRICE ADJUSTMENT
If you spot a lower price within a few weeks of purchase, you'll often be able to get the difference refunded by going directly to the retailer. Target, Kohl's, Macy's, Walmart and Best Buy are a few stores that offer price adjustments.
While some retailers match competitors' prices before purchase and only their own prices afterward, Target will match select competitors' prices up to 14 days after you buy.
To make the process even easier, download Paribus, an app that monitors price reductions

and sends price adjustment requests to retailers on your behalf.
Keep your receipts handy in case the store requires them. If you made your purchase online, make note of your order number before contacting the site.
For travel purchases, it pays to make a phone call. For instance, if hotel room rates change prior to your stay, you can ring the front desk and ask to have your bill adjusted to the new, lower rate.
Or, cancel your reservation and book again if prices drop — as long as you're within the cancellation window, won't face a fee and haven't prepaid, says Rick Seaney, CEO and founder of travel web-

Whether it's monitoring prices after you buy, calling a merchant or registering a purchase with a credit card, putting in extra time can equal extra money.

site FareCompare. Always read the fine print.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRICE PROTECTION
Credit cards offer another approach to getting a refund through price protection. If your card has this feature, you'll usually need to register items after you buy them with the card, then submit a claim form if you notice a price drop. For instance, Discover cardholders can file a claim to get back up to \$500 on eligible items if they find a lower price within 90 days of purchase.
Citi has Citi Price Rewind, a price protection program that searches more than 500 retailers' online sites for 60 days after purchase. If Citi finds a lower price on a registered product, you can get a refund for the difference up to \$500 per item and up to \$2,500 per year. Some purchases, such as refurbished items and food, don't qualify.
So whether it's monitoring prices for a few weeks after you buy, calling a merchant or registering a purchase on your credit card, putting in a little extra time can equal some extra money.

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Is a late 1099-C messing up my taxes?

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Credit.com

You finally did it. You filed your taxes and now need only await your refund.
Unfortunately, it's possible for this state of reverie to be interrupted by something called the 1099-C — a form taxpayers receive when a creditor cancels a debt worth more than \$600.
So if, for example, you have a student loan forgiven and the forgiven amount is more than \$600, that counts as additional taxable income and you should expect a 1099-C in the mail. Or, if you renegotiate with a credit card company to pay less than you owe, and the difference is

more than \$600, expect a 1099-C.
The problem is, the time the 1099-C arrives can vary, and the form may arrive after you've already filed your taxes, said Lisa Greene-Lewis, a CPA and tax expert for TurboTax. Here's what you can do if you've already filed.

AMEND YOUR RETURN
In some cases, you may not have to do anything. Your creditor should have filled out a 1099-C and sent it to the IRS when they forgave the debt.
The IRS may do an adjustment on your return automatically and send a notice asking if you agree. Tax software such as TurboTax can guide you through the process; otherwise, you'd file a form called a 1040X and include the information in the 1099-C.



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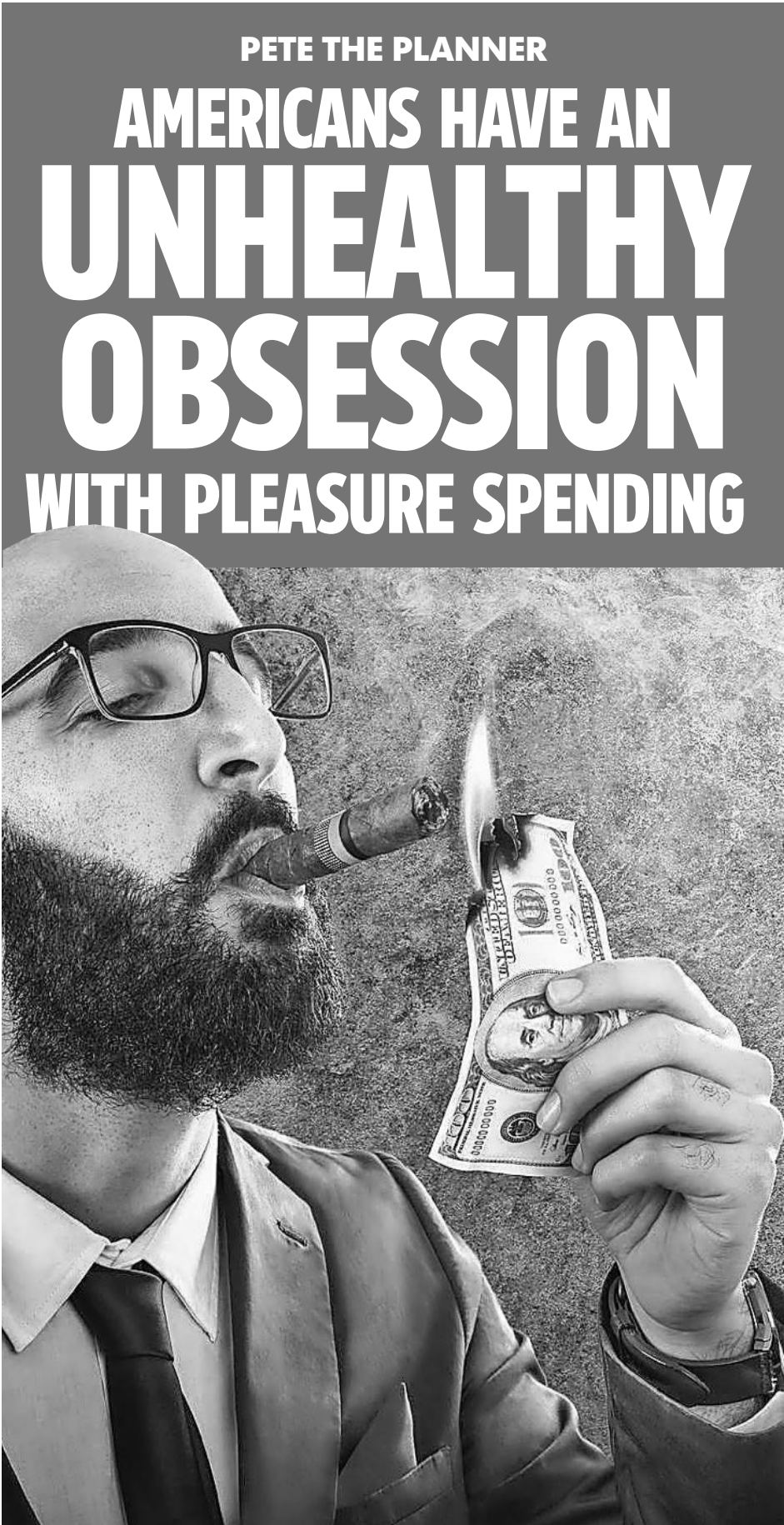
EXCEPTIONS
You don't have to report forgiven debt as income in a few cases. If a debt was discharged because of bankruptcy, you don't have to pay tax on it. Same if you're considered insolvent, Greene-Lewis said. Also, if you had debt on a mortgage discharged in 2016, you don't have to include it in

your taxable income, thanks to the Mortgage Debt Relief Act's extension through last year, Greene-Lewis said.

WILL THIS HURT MY RETURN?
It depends on how much debt was discharged. If it was enough to bump you up to a higher tax bracket, then yes, a 1099-C could shrink your return, Greene-Lewis said. In addition, you'll likely pay a penalty if you file the amendment after April 15, even if the 1099-C showed up after the deadline.
It's rare, but Greene-Lewis said she has heard of 1099-C forms showing up after the filing deadline. You can include an explanation as to why you're filing late on the amendment, but it's not always enough to avoid the wrath of the Internal Revenue Service.

MARKET ROUNDUP									
Dow Jones industrial average	S&P 500	Nasdaq composite index	Wilshire 5000	Gold Ounce, Comex	Oil Light sweet crude	Euro Dollars per euro (week)	Yen Yen per dollar		
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PETE THE PLANNER
AMERICANS HAVE AN
UNHEALTHY
OBSESSION
WITH PLEASURE SPENDING



Peter Dunn
Special for
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I'm deep into a financial literacy project with one of the largest universities in the world. Our mission is to teach college students what they need to know about money. As we research how students are taught about money and what the results of that teachings has been, I've found one major concept to be absent — the quest for pleasure.

I spend a tremendous amount of time thinking about why people in our society are so financially ill-prepared for nearly every moment they encounter. Debt levels are sky-high, consumer spending (as opposed to saving) is through the roof and retirement account balances induce tears (if they weren't so laughable).

One of the primary causes of our economic strife is our unhealthy obsession with pleasure derived from spending. But we don't call it pleasure. We call it entertainment, leisure, luxury, blowing off steam, vacation or even fun money. Not only do we get a hit from the things and experiences we purchase, but we feel pleasure in the purchase itself. The situation really spins out of control when we no longer feel pleasure from our normal purchase patterns, so we crank it up and exacerbate the problem by spending even more.

Pleasure's consequences don't discriminate. It can crush your financial life if you make \$30,000 per year, just as it can if you make \$3 million per year.

We spend when we shouldn't because "shouldn't" seems less grave than "can't."

When I was in grade school, there was a very rigorous process of being granted the ability to purchase dessert. Upon eating the main course, and three sides, a lunch monitor would allow you to purchase a cookie for 10 cents. Should I have eaten my entire school lunch? Yes. Was I forced to eat my entire school lunch prior to being allowed to purchase a cookie? Yes. Experiencing pleasure before pleasure was earned simply wasn't an option.

Boy, have things changed.

My 20s and early 30s are a good example of freedom gone awry. It was a period in which I ignored my future reality with a childish and myopic approach to spending. I had no financial past (debt), yet I didn't completely acknowledge my financial future because most of my funds were being consumed for my financial present. Like so many other Americans, my misprioritization of pleasure had me on a path to financial failure. I don't know why I woke up or how I woke up, but I'm sure glad I did.

Don't get me wrong, I still love creating pleasure from spending. But I only do it once I've taken care of business. I eat my whole lunch tray before I purchase the cookie. There's actually more pleasure in making a purchase that won't negatively impact my desired financial outcome.

Runners often talk about something called runner's high. It does seem a bit crazy that a person can feel actual pleasure from exercising vigorously, but apparently you can. The pleasure is delivered via a rush of endorphins and endocannabinoids in the midst of the workout. You want pleasure and you need exercise. Voila! You get both, when you do it the right way.

The same is true for your financial life. You can achieve pleasure — deeply satisfying pleasure — by taking care of business first.

Previously, if I had \$10 to spend, I'd spend \$9.50 and hope I could rub the last 50 cents together to put into savings. That rarely, if ever, worked. Now if I have \$10, I fund my real goals first, which might take me down to \$7, but then I spend that \$7 without guilt or reservation. And by the way, I don't even care that I only got to spend \$7 versus \$9.50. I was guessing at my \$9.50 budget anyway.

Spending money is pleasurable. Spending money without reservation because you've taken care of business first is the sweetest pleasure.

The next time you are feeling tempted to seek pleasure through spending, fund your goals first and experience a pleasure you didn't know existed.

There's actually more pleasure in making a purchase that won't negatively impact my desired financial outcome.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

New tech tools take sting out of #adulthood

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For me, taxes are right up there with root canals and food poisoning. Apparently, people in their 20s and 30s aren't so sure.

According to a recent survey, today's Gen Z and Millennials often struggle with "adulthood" issues such as paying rent, saving money, and yes, doing their taxes. What they don't seem to have any problems with, though, is new technology, which got me thinking: Can the latest tech tax tools spare first-time filers angst?

To find out, we asked a few 20-somethings to have a little "tax-off." Freelance social media manager Maya Castro, 22, who works in my office, was the first to step up. She's filing taxes on her own for the first time since graduating from college last year.

Flora Anderson is an account supervisor at a PR agency. At 27, she's a self-filing savant of sorts. She has handled her own taxes since high school. But she never has filed on a smartphone.

With Maya on a laptop and Flora on an iPhone 7, we let them pick the tech filing tool of choice. Both chose Intuit's TurboTax because it's the one they're both the most familiar with.

Flora had it easy, with just one W-2 form, and she also used TurboTax to file last year. She downloaded the TurboTax app on her iPhone, logged in and answered a few questions: Same job as last year? Check. Single? Check. No babies or new houses? Check.

She totally breezed through it and was done in 10 minutes. "My return was so simple, the steps and user guide made it totally painless. It's a huge relief to have it done."

Maya didn't have things quite so easy. For starters, she had a pile of paperwork: Three W-2's, three 1099's, school grant forms and two health insurance forms.

From her laptop, Maya went to

Two young friends explore options, issues of filing taxes online and via phone app



Maya Castro, 22, left, and Flora Anderson, 27, did their taxes this year using a Web interface and a smartphone app.

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TurboTax.com, created a username and password, then answered several prompts.

Next, she put in the information from her W2's and got a surprise. "Look, I'm getting back \$430!" she yelled. TurboTax has a feature that gives real time estimates of what you'll either owe or get back. Unfortunately, it fluctuates as you go along. A few keystrokes later, Maya was down \$200. Then she hit a real snag.

"I don't know where to put the 1099's. I am so confused right now. What should I do?" she asked Flora. Flora reminded her about the live assistant option. Maya selected it, typed in her question and asked for a phone call back.

A few deep breaths later, TurboTax expert Fernando Brassea was on the phone. Using a shared screen, he walked Maya through which buttons to push and exactly what information to put in. "He made it seem like I wasn't alone and not as scary," Maya said.

After she put in her school grant information, TurboTax's CompleteCheck feature prompted her to double check everything and confirm that it was all correct. The entire process took a little more than an hour from start to finish. "It was easier than I expected overall, and I know that I would have spent a lot more if I had gone to a CPA or somewhere in person. I do actually feel a lot better about it all now."

Both young women say they plan to file online again next year.

THE WEEK AHEAD



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Healthy U.S. consumer takes spotlight this week

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The American consumer takes center stage in a relatively light week of economic news.

Reports will highlight the latest data on consumer confidence and spending, home prices and the final estimate of economic growth in the fourth quarter.

Consumer confidence surged to a 15-year high in February on strong job and income growth and lofty stock and home values. But gasoline prices edged higher, notes PNC Financial Services Group. Economists estimate the Conference Board will report Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence dipped slightly in March but remained near the recent record.

While climbing house prices have brightened the outlook of homeowners, they've made purchasing a house more challenging, especially for first-time buyers.

Home prices in 20 of the largest metro areas were up 5.6% annually in December, faster than the previous month's 5.2% pace, according to the S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller index. Low housing supplies have been pushing up prices, and there's little letup in sight.

Consumer spending likely rose modestly in February.

Economists reckon S&P will report the index maintained its 5.6% annual pace in January.

The Commerce Department left its initial estimate of fourth-quarter economic growth unchanged at a 1.9% annual rate as business investment was weaker than first believed, offsetting stronger consumer spending.

In its third and final estimate, Commerce will likely revise up business investment and stockpiling, says Lewis Alexander, Nomura's chief U.S. economist. But he says government spending could be trimmed.

All told, economists expect Commerce to announce Thursday the economy grew at a slightly faster 2% pace, in line with the recovery average and down from 3.5% in the third quarter.

A more recent snapshot of consumer spending comes Friday. Household outlays generally have been strong as consumers respond to the improved labor market and rising stocks. But retail sales slowed sharply last month, a shift that economists attributed to delays in tax refunds.

That likely filtered into consumer spending overall, Alexander says, though he notes that outlays for services helped offset some of the weakness.

Economists expect Commerce to report that consumer spending increased a modest 0.2% in February.

Economists estimate the Conference Board will report Tuesday that its index of consumer confidence dipped slightly in March.

USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

Most tax-friendly state?

For retirement living, it depends on how they tax your various sources of income



In retirement, when every single dollar of income counts, moving to a tax-friendly state — a place where you'll get the most after-tax income possible — makes good financial sense.

But the most tax-friendly state for you and your household will depend on sources of income and how states tax that income, be it Social Security, earned income, a traditional defined benefit pension plan, income from assets in IRAs, Roth IRAs and taxable investment accounts — or some other type of income.

What's more, you'll have to determine how state and local sales tax (especially if you plan on being a big spender in retirement), state and local property taxes (some state and local governments offer exemptions) and state estate taxes affect your family finances as well. "You want to look at the big picture," says Rocky Mengle, a senior state tax analyst at Wolters Kluwer.

You also want to understand the current state tax treatments of retirement benefits, which can be a key step in deciding where to establish new, post-career roots, a Wolters Kluwer report says.

WHERE TO START?

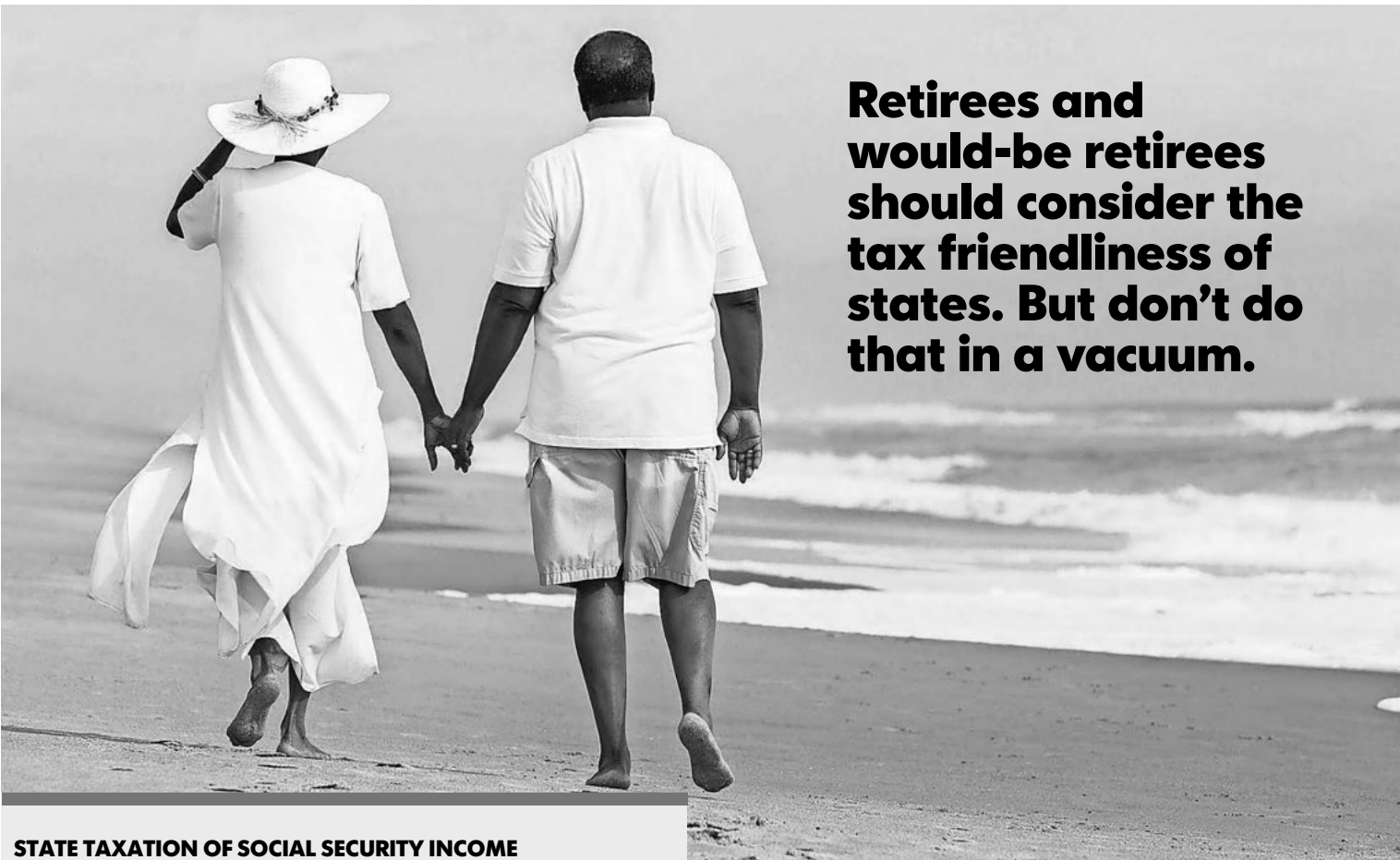
Start with your sources of income. Determine what percent will come from Social Security, earnings, assets and a pension. Once you know that, you can screen in or out certain states based on your circumstances.

At present, earned income represents 32.2% of total income for the average Social Security beneficiary; pensions 20.9%; Social Security 33.2%; and income from assets 9.7%. At the extremes, however, shares of income from each source differ greatly by income level.

For instance, the largest share of income for households aged 65 and older in the lowest income quintile — those with income less than \$13,499 — comes from Social Security benefits (80.7%), cash public assistance provides the second-largest share (9.5%), and income from earnings, assets and pensions is just 7.8%.

And for retiree households with income more than \$72,129, earnings provide the largest share of income (45.2%), pensions provide the second-largest share (22.3%), and Social Security and asset income (15.4% and 14.0%) are similar in importance.

Note also that this exercise could be time-consuming. The tax treatment of retirement benefits varies widely from state to state. "For example, some states exempt all pension income or all Social Security income," according to the Wolters Kluwer re-



STATE TAXATION OF SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

A look at the tax-friendly states for those receiving Social Security income:



port. "Other states provide only partial exemption or credits, and some tax all retirement income."

WILL EARNED INCOME REPRESENT LARGEST SHARE?

If you plan to work in retirement, consider moving to a state that doesn't tax individual income — retirement or otherwise. At present, there are seven states that fit the bill: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming.

Of course, before you load up the truck and move to one of these seven states, calculate your overall tax burden as well as your sales tax or property tax rates. For some, the amount paid in property taxes might offset the savings from not having to pay taxes on individual income.

Of note, many states and some local jurisdictions offer senior citizen homeowners some form of property tax exemption, credit, abatement, tax deferral, refund or other benefits. These tax breaks also are available to renters in some jurisdictions. The benefits typically have qualifying restrictions that include age and income of the beneficiary.

Also of note, this exercise of calculating which states provide the greatest after-tax income works especially well for high-income taxpayers but less so for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, Mengle says. Also, older Americans should factor in to their calculations the likelihood that they will stop working around age 70.

The Tax Foundation and the



Rocky Mengle, a senior state tax analyst at Wolters Kluwer.

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Total Tax Insights have online tools to help you calculate your overall tax burden, sales tax and property tax rates. Mengle also suggests working with a tax professional who can perform what-if scenarios for different states.

WHAT IF SOCIAL SECURITY REPRESENTS A LARGE SHARE?

Retirees for whom Social Security represents a large share of income in retirement might want to avoid these 13 states: Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia. Those states, according to Wolters Kluwer, either tax Social Security income to the same extent that the federal government does or provide limited breaks for Social Security income.

AND PENSION INCOME?

Retirees for whom a defined benefit pension plan represents a large share of income might avoid moving to Arizona, California, Connecticut, District of Colum-

bia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia. Those states tax pension income. Meanwhile, retirees with pensions might consider moving to those states that exempt pension income entirely for "qualified" individuals (Illinois, Mississippi and Pennsylvania) or states that exempt or provide a credit for a portion of pension income (Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Virginia and Wisconsin).

INCOME FROM ASSETS?

Meanwhile, if you have a large investment portfolio and expect the bulk of your retirement to come in the form of dividends and interest income, you might avoid moving to New Hampshire and Tennessee, both of which impose income taxes only on dividends and interest (5% flat rate).

DON'T LET THE TAX TAIL WAG THE RETIREMENT DOG

Finally, Mengle says retirees and would-be retirees should certainly consider the tax friendliness of the states in which they might live. But they ought not do that in a vacuum. Instead, they should also weigh and prioritize other factors such as climate, crime rates, access to health care, proximity to friends, family and culture. Taxes is part of it, "but there are all kinds of factors" too.

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Mobile banking has not replaced bank tellers

Study shows humans are still in demand, but role is evolving

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The job of bank teller used to be one of the fastest-growing occupations in America, reaching a peak of 531,000 jobs in 1980 and trailing only computer operators and specialists in growth rate.

Now technology lets bank customers tap their smartphone screens to transfer money between accounts or deposit checks — activities that used to require walking into a branch and talking with a teller. Yet unlike other jobs that fell victim to technological disruption, bank tellers aren't headed the way of the dinosaur.

CUSTOMERS STILL VISIT BANK BRANCHES

Visiting a bank branch is still the most common way to interact with a bank, with 84% of account holders responding to a 2016 Federal Reserve survey saying they had gone to a branch in person and spoken to a teller in the past year. A little more than 70%

said they had used online banking and 38% used mobile banking.

With the share of people using mobile banking continuing to grow, the number of bank tellers is expected to decline over the next few years, but not drastically. The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates a nearly 8% decrease in their numbers from 2014 to 2024, to 480,000.

Part of the reason may be that mobile banking still isn't serving all of bank customers' needs — even those of digital-savvy Millennials. A 2016 study by management consulting firm Bain & Company found 84% of bank customers ages 18 to 34 had gone to a teller in the previous quarter, not far behind the 92% of respondents 65 and older who did so.

The study found 42% of younger customers who frequently visited a teller had tried to complete their transaction elsewhere, online or through mobile or a call center, before going to a teller. Of those surveyed who were unable to carry out their transaction digitally, more than a third cited technical issues.

TECHNOLOGY LEADS TO CHANGING ROLES

For this reason, large banks are working to boost the user-friend-



Unlike other jobs that fell victim to technological disruption, bank tellers aren't headed the way of the dinosaur just yet.

liness of mobile banking apps — and redefining the traditional role of the bank teller.

Bank of America has stationed "digital ambassadors" at bank branches who help customers specifically with digital banking questions, bank spokeswoman Lucie Fernandez says. These ambassadors walk around with smartphones and tablets, like assistants at Apple's Genius Bar, and demonstrate digital options, like remote check deposit.

In a further move away from their traditional role, tellers increasingly will shift to hybrid roles, says Dong Hong, vice president and senior counsel of the trade group Consumer Bankers Association. Tellers will be able to help customers with specialized bank products such as loans, in addition to routine services such as cashing checks and dispensing money. Bank teller assistance may also be available through online channels, increasing the

hours tellers would be available.

A MOVE TOWARD ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

As banks adapt to customers' changing needs, they're employing artificial intelligence to help deliver some of the customer service tellers traditionally provided.

Bank of America, for example, is among the companies using chatbots — conversational assistants powered by artificial intelligence and predictive analytics to answer basic banking questions or highlight spending patterns via text. Wells Fargo in February announced a major push for AI-focused personalized customer service that would, for example, send customers text messages alerting them that they don't have enough in their account to cover an upcoming car payment.

While technology continues to make banking more accessible to customers, banks seem to understand its limitations.

"What AI cannot do," Wells Fargo spokeswoman Lauren Terreros says, "is replace the personal touch of a human banker."

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Demolition of landmark changes DOWNTOWN SKYLINE



One of Sumter’s most recognizable landmarks was a 226-foot smokestack on South Main Street. This magnificent edifice constructed in 1921 was taken down in 1962 because it had become a liability to those who worked near it.

The following account of this structure and its removal was captured in an article written by *Item* writer Jack Copeland and is being reprinted with minimal editing.

“Mr. W.E. Brunson purchased the plant and smokestack from the Carolina Power and Light Co. (formerly known as the Yackin Co.) during the 1930s depression. He situated his electric rewinding on the property containing the smokestack and



Sammy Way
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former power plant. The stack was originally erected by the city of Sumter in 1921 as part of a municipal power plant. The stack cost \$30,000 to build, and

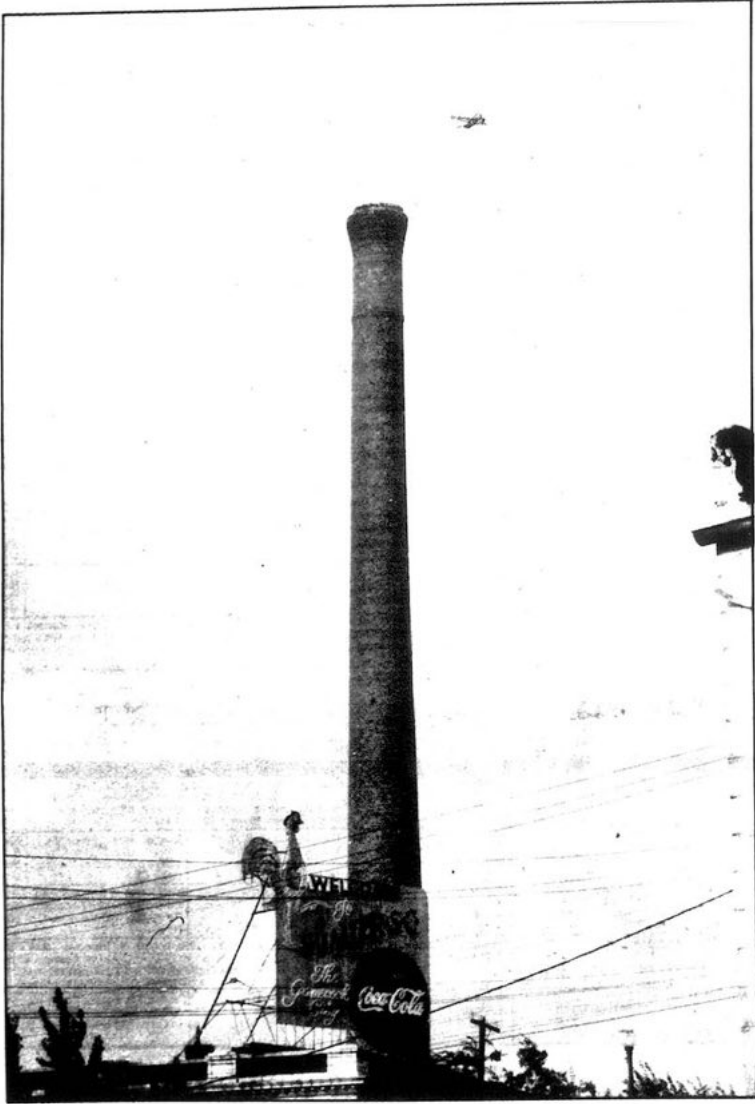
under Mayor Lang Jennings steam power became a driving force for local industries before the stack and power plant were complete.

“Shortly after the power plant went into operation, industries and commercial enterprises were clamoring for a level of service which overloaded the power plant from its inception. The plant was never successful due to numerous expensive hurdles including, ‘bungle-some operation, impending lawsuits by nearby residents and the need for expansion.’ Numerous additional issues finally convinced city officials that it was time to get out of the electric power business. Carolina Power and Light Co. bought the plant and closed down the operation. Electrical transmission lines were later run from Bishopville affording Sumter to gain power, minus the expense and inconvenience.

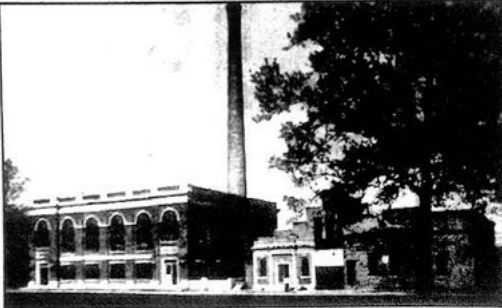
“The towering stack, which could be seen for miles, was built by a German brick mason who specialized in this type of work. The structure measured 20 feet in diameter at its base and 8 feet at the top. A military plane, saved by a quick change of course, barely missed the tower. Finally, Mr. Brunson decided to remove the structure and hired local Sumterite, Jack Horton, to remove the stack

UP IN SMOKE

Dismantling the smokestack at old power plant was delicate job



AN OLD PHOTOGRAPH, above, shows the smokestack at the power plant facility that has housed Sumter Electric Rewinding Company for many years. The smokestack was carefully dismantled by Jack Horton in the early 1960s. At right, an old postcard illustrates the city’s electric power plant and ice plant.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

These photos that ran in the *Sumter Item* show the old smokestack at the power facility that housed Sumter Electric Rewinding Co.

at a cost of \$3,000. Mr. Brunson noted that he had decided to remove the structure because when lighting struck the stack, bricks showered down on his operating building and tore large holes in the roof. ...

“Jack Horton was a courageous wrecker. He stood on the stack’s rim with a sledgehammer, loosened the bricks and tossed them down. He noted that the swarms of wasps nesting there did not bother him, although he did not wear any pest protection. Horton used inside-the-stack scaffolding to reach

the top. As he worked downward, the scaffolding was dismantled and lowered. In his first 16 working hours, Horton whittled 23 feet from the stack and declared that he would finish within six weeks. Older Sumter citizens viewed the destruction of the historic stack with some feelings of sadness. However, Mr. Brunson felt it was good riddance to a constant hazard to life and limb.”

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BOMBS AWAY! Smokestack wrecker Jack Horton lets bricks fly from the dizzy height of 226 feet.

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Scrap metal collection continues; Trapp to lead S.C. Arts Commission

75 YEARS AGO – 1942
Oct. 10 - 16

Members of the Sumter Art Association and their guests gathered at the Coca-Cola Community Center for the first meeting of the season. Following the reading of the minutes the president, Mrs. LeRoy Davis, called on the various committee chairmen for their reports. Guest speaker for the meeting was James McBride Dabbs, poet, essayist and farmer. Dabbs spoke on "The Sense of Depth in Life and Art."

• In the Oct. 5 issue of TIME magazine there is an article concerning the discovery of a cure for stomach ulcer by Dr. H.B. Ball of Northwestern University, who is a native of Sumter County and a graduate of Sumter High School and the University of South Carolina.

• More than 126 tons of scrap material were collected by Sumter school children last week, according to a report submitted today by Superintendent W.H. Shaw, and collection of the scrap continued today with the aid of 12 Shaw Field trucks. Biggest single-handed collection was made by Jimmie Burns of the elementary school, who brought in 6,605 pounds, more than 3 tons. Luke Rogers, Edmunds High School, followed him closely with 6,040 pounds, and Betty Ray Evans led the Junior High collectors with 5,539 pounds. The collection at that school was the greatest, 89,494 pounds.

• The Sumter High School annual, Hi-Ways 1942, has been awarded the All-American Honor Rating by the National Scholastic Press Association, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In a letter of congratulations to Miss Elizabeth Hepburn, adviser, National Scholastic Press Association wrote: "It's a distinctive honor for a book to be listed as one of the superior books entered in N.S.P.A.'s Critical Service. This honor represents real achievements on the part of those responsible for its production."

• The Pinewood Indians came through with some beautiful passing, which set the Hillcrest Wildcats back to the tune of 12-0, the same score that the Indians made against them in an earlier game. The play started with Captain Eugene Lowder kicking off for the Indians.

• A tablecloth, handmade from a native Samoan wood, was received by Mr. and Mrs. H.G. McKagen from their grandson, Bill Bowen, U.S.M.C., who has been in the Pacific war zone for several months. The cloth is hand stained in a Samoan pattern. It is stiffer than linen and appears fragile.

50 YEARS AGO – 1967
June 12 - 18

Charlton McLeod finally made his savvy and experience pay off with his first victory of the season in the 33-lap late-model main event at the Sumter Raceway. Driving a '55 Chevy, McLeod trailed early in the race as Jimmy Allsbrook took the lead on the very first lap. Allsbrook never finished, as he barreled into the pine trees off the third turn of the fifth lap. McLeod grabbed the lead on about the 13th lap and coasted the rest of the way to victory.



1942 — Gwinn Shelor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shelor, holds the chain of keys she collected for the newspaper service drive. There are about 200 keys on the chain. Gwinn will turn them in to her school to add to the big pile already collected in the drive put on by the schools under the sponsorship of The Sumter Daily Item.

• The local Sumter Elks Lodge will send a delegation to the South Carolina Elks State Assn.'s convention to be held in Greenville. The delegation will be headed by Exalted Ruler Colin A. McLachlan and the local Ritualistic Team consisting of McLachlan, John Earl Thomas, Sam Anderson, Irvin D. LeGrand, Gordon T. Scofield, Dale E. Lair and Frank J. Bryan, who will participate in the State Ritualistic Contest.

• Tommy Hall's bases-loaded single with two out in the bottom of the tenth inning gave Sumter's P-15s a narrow 2-1 victory over Manning in an American Legion League IV contest at Riley Park. Hall, who had gone hitless in three previous trips to the plate, got his dramatic chance after pitcher Cleve Marsh reached first on an error. Tom Cusumano singled and Tommy Jones walked. The two outs came when Wayne Carter flied out to left and John McTamney had popped out to first.

• More than 100 members of the Sumter County Historical Society met at the High Hills Baptist Church for a paper on the church and then at the Church of the Ascension at Ha-good for a supper and business meeting. During the business meeting, last year's slate of officers was re-elected unanimously. Sherman F. Smith is president of the society. Named to the vice-presidency was Mrs. Walter Thompson. Continuing officers are vice-presidents, Mrs. W.L. Harritt, Mrs. Wesley D. McCoy and L. Allen West; Dr. E.C. Gilmore, past president; Mrs. Myrtis G. Osteen, treasurer-custodian; and James M. Eaves, secretary.

• After a six-year pastorate at Trinity Methodist Church, Dr. George S. Duffie has been transferred to Central Method-

ist Church, Newberry. During his stay in Sumter, Dr. Duffie has not only had a successful pastorate at Trinity but he has been well received by the community. He was a member of the Rotary Club and active in other civic and community affairs.

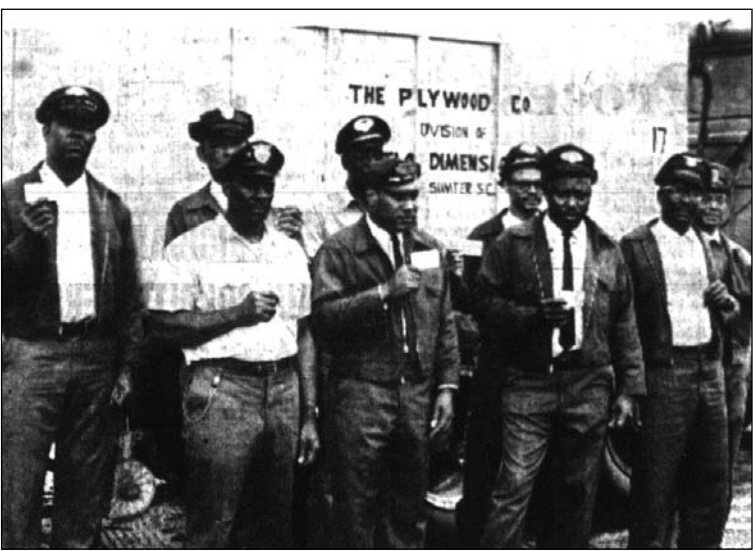
• Mac McLeod, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. McLeod of Pinewood, walked off as high scoring individual in the County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest held at the county fairgrounds. In the County 4-H Dairy Cattle judging contest, Jeff Brogdon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brogdon (Concord Community) took top honors to receive the Dairy Judging trophy.

• Sumter's bats found new life and rapped out 13 base hits to carry the P-15s to a 9-4 victory over Turbeville and their fifth straight win in an American Legion League IV contest. Eight Sumter batters got in on the hit parade as Wayne Carter broke out of a hitting slump and led the way at the plate with three hits in five trips.

• Marvin D. Trapp of Sumter has been named to head South Carolina's newly-created South Carolina Arts Commission. The Arts Commission set up by an act of the state legislature, will work to foster creative and performing arts in South Carolina.

25 YEARS AGO – 1992
March 13 - 19

The state House of Representatives approved a measure that would earmark \$250,000 a year for economic development in the area surrounding a Sumter County hazardous waste landfill. If approved by the Senate and the governor, the money would go toward development within a five-mile radius of the GSX landfill near Lake Marion. The five-mile area spans parts of Sumter and



1967 — These Sumter truck drivers show certificates of recognition for not having an accident during the past year, awarded by Carl C. Tinch, safety consultant of Michigan Mutual Liability Co. and presented by Julian T. Buxton, president of Williams Furniture Corp. and The Plywood Co.

Clarendon counties and includes Pinewood and Rimini.

• Six area high school students have been selected to attend the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts over the summer. The program will be held at Furman University in Greenville. The Governor's School for the Arts is a comprehensive, five-week program for those students showing artistic abilities in one of five categories including dance, drama, instrumental music, vocal music and visual arts. The following students will be attending: Lucy D. Blakley, Kevin M. Nutter, Christy E. Smith, Robert N. Brown, Catherine E. Strange and Charles Phillip Turner Jr.

• The Mayewood Lady Vikings came up short in their first chance at the 2A state basketball championship at the Carolina Coliseum, dropping a 47-42 decision to Mullins. Funny thing though: Mayewood looked and sounded nothing like a team that had come so close to winning a state title. "We don't have anything to be ashamed of," said Lady Viking swing player Christie Dennis. "This is the first team ever from Mayewood to come and play in the Coliseum; it's a great honor. Of course, I'm disappointed, but even though we didn't win, I'm still happy."

• Tobacco farmers may consider it one of their worst enemies, but USC Sumter biologist Steve Bishoff sees the lowly tobacco hornworm as a key participant in important scientific research. "The hornworm – also known as Manduca sexta – is actually not a worm at all, but the larval stage of a moth," explained Bishoff, co-author of a scholarly article outlining research findings on insect hormone systems.

• Sumter County has a \$20 million incentive to find alternatives to throwing criminals in jail. The county can comply with a state Department of Corrections mandate to reduce its jail population in one of two ways, county officials say. The county can build a new jail at an estimated cost of \$20 million, or it can find alternatives to incarceration. "We're hoping to avoid for some time going to the taxpayers to ask them to buy a \$20 million jail and staff," Sumter County Councilman Chuck Fienning said.

• Despite this winter's record-high temperatures and a sagging economy, The Item's 1991-92 Fireside Fund was a success. ITEM readers donat-

ed more than \$525 during the final week of this year's fundraising drive, bringing the 1991-92 total to \$26,271.56. The money helps needy families pay home-heating bills during the winter.

• Sumter School District 17's Board of Trustees voted to refinance a 1982 bond issue, a move officials believe could save the district as much as \$400,000 in interest payments. More than \$6.12 million in bonds were issued in 1982 at interest rates ranging from more than 9 percent to about 11 percent to build Sumter High School. Joe Klein, District 17's assistant superintendent for fiscal affairs, told the board the district could save up to \$400,000 if it refinances the nearly \$4 million it still owes on the bonds.

• The ITEM/Park Inn Road Race will have a new look to it this year. Well, maybe not a new look, but certainly a different look. The 10-kilometers race, which was discontinued several years ago, has been put back in this year's race, which will be held Saturday beginning at the Swan Lake-Iris Gardens. The 5K and 1-mile fun run races will also be held. Race director Mary Kay Morgan hopes the addition of the 10K race will draw more entrants to the race than it has in recent years.

• A country music video directed by a Sumter native has been nominated for Video of the Year by the Academy of Country Music. Garth Brooks' video "The Thunder Rolls" was directed by Bud Schaetzle, a son of Sumter residents Stan and Lois Schaetzle.

• Did you know that the city of Sumter was at one time in the business of selling electricity? That's right, we had our own electrical company as part of the city's services, and in 1921 we attempted to expand the business. To meet the needs of residents and businesses, we erected steam-generation plant on South Main Street. The plant was located in the building that today houses Sumter Electrical Rewinding Co., which rebuilds and sells electrical motors for customers throughout the Southeast. It was unable to keep up with the demand from customers from day one. It was sold in 1926 to Carolina Power and Light Co.

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FiveLevel	42.62	+3.7	+30.0	ISAShase	20.31	+0.57	-0.37	LampGlo	35.44	-0.3	-2.23	Nevada3	1.52	-1.56	-2.9
Flex Ltd	16.63	-0.01	-1.17	ISACWI	63.08	+0.02	-0.43	LighGloBC	34.44	-0.3	-2.19	NetApp	40.08	-0.8	-1.1
Flexion Inc	27.27	+1.02	+0.01	ISACWI	63.08	+0.02	-0.43	LiqVQC	19.44	+1.5	-5.6	NetScout	288.92	+0.71	+2.5
Fortinet	36.30	-0.80	-0.83	IdeaPrm	2.48	+0.6	+4.2	lululem g	63.69	+6.1	-3.5	Netsys	142.02	+1.8	-3.0
Formal	16.38	-0.42	-0.40	ImmuneP	1.4	-0.1	-0.02	Lumertin s	33.50	+2.0	+4.05	Nyfitix	6.12	-1.1	-0.0
Frontier	15.95	-1.1	-5.03	Imunogen	3.61	+0.5	+0.03	M-N-H-O				NovoPact	12.55	-0.5	-1.1
FrontierCS	2.09	+1.5	-3.8	ImuGen	8.88	+2.5	+4.3	ManfndK	189	-0.6	-3.3	NovoSeq	85.75	-9.9	-2.8
FultonFint	17.45	-1.0	-1.35	Imugate	1.95	+1.5	-0.1	MarinTA	95.90	+3.6	+5.7	NovusCus	50.49	-6.5	-1.1
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Gallini S	22.92	-0.4	-1.34	Innovia	12.85	-0.6	-1.0	MedCo	50.69	+7.0	+23.1	Oclaro	10.11	+5.4	+5.5
G&S Inc	59	-0.1	-0.4	IntpDv	23.59	+0.7	-0.87	Meemle	5.25	-0.1	-0.66	Odyssey	4.53	-0.2	-0.2
Genex	20.97	+0.1	-0.92	Intel	35.16	-1.1	-1.11	MelcoMon	18.72	-0.2	+0.17	OnSmdm	15.15	+2.2	-0.1
GenoX	2.12	+0.1	+0.2	Intelp	3.56	-1.1	-1.11	MemorialP	1.2	-0.1	+0.01	OpqioHlt	7.85	+2.0	-0.0
Glevo S	11.3	+0.8	+1.1	Internap	3.80	+1.3	+2.7	MenardGr	37.20	+0.2	-0.4	OsareU	12.13	+0.8	+1.2
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Globe	2.13	+0.1	+0.1	Intuit	11.97	-2.7	-4.0	MerrimK	3.01	-0.1	-2.0				
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GoSpace	8.30	-0.6	-2.7	IronwvPh	17.14	-0.1	-4.2	MicroC	73.15	+4.0	-2.3	PDL Bio	1.98	-0.5	-2.4
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OUTDOORS

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Opening day in the turkey woods was exciting

It sounded like multiple gobblers, and they were already on the ground. I knew that they were far enough away that I wouldn't be seen if I could get to an old logging road that ended at the edge of the swamp. The road would offer some visibility and be a good spot to call from. The woods were a little thick here, and trying to get any closer would risk the possibility of spooking the turkeys.

At the road I leaned my gun up against a tree and set my little fold-up chair facing the swamp. I sat down, got comfortable, reached over and laid my gun across my lap. I noticed that the bank dropped off to the flooded woods at the end of the road to my right, limiting my visibility to about 29 yards in that direction. I could see about that same distance into the woods at my front. I could tell now that there were at least three gobblers sounding off, and

they were headed in my direction. My excitement level was elevated. I dug into my vest and pulled out my old box call. Just then a hen started calling between me and the gobblers. Oh no! It's nearly impossible to call a tom turkey away from a real hen. Earlier I had left the clubhouse in the dark with a crescent moon over my shoulder. I turned onto a sandy dirt road that runs parallel to the river with hardwood bottomland on one side and a large cut-over of planted pines on the other. I sat down on a big log to wait on daylight and to listen for a gobbler. I knew there were turkeys here because I had seen the tracks and strut marks in the road the day before. A glow in the east promised the start of a new day and a new turkey season. It was also very cold for the first day of spring. Owls hooted in the big swamp and wood ducks called as they sailed over the tree tops. Down the swamp near the river — a gobbler. I sprang to my feet, then hesitated to listen for another gobbler that would help me confirm the location. But, I couldn't waste too much valuable time and started a brisk walk down the road toward an area we call Log Jam. As I neared Log Jam, I could hear the gobblers and knew the best access to the area would be down a faint logging road that is known as Line Road. That is where I set up to wait on the turkeys. The hen that called between me and

the gobblers was very vocal, and I knew that my only chance would be to call her. I matched every call that she made and was just as loud. She responded with cuts and cackles and started in my direction. The gobblers were responding to all this calling with multiple gobbles, and they too started my way. The hen would cluck and cut and yelp loudly, and I would return those same calls. I realized that one of the gobblers had veered off to my left and was closer than the other two that were following the edge of the swamp to my right. I turned slightly to the left facing the still shadowy hardwoods. The hen walked up the bank just to my right front, calling loudly. She was intent on finding this hen that she supposed me to be. She was only 20 yards away, and I could not move to work my call. She would see the movement and sound the alarm. When I did not answer, and she could see no other turkey, she walked back down the bank out of my sight but kept up her calling. I looked back to my left front, and there stood a gobbler about 10 yards away, just out of the road in the edge of the brush. He was facing me, and I couldn't see his beard to tell if it was a longbeard or a jake. The gobbler put his head down and turned to go down the bank toward the hen. I could see that he was a longbeard now but couldn't move to swing my gun

around toward him. There was nothing between him and me but air and a few green leaves. He started down the bank, and I realized if I didn't do something he would be out of my sight in a few steps. I swung my gun toward him, but he saw the movement and ducked down behind the bank before I could shoot, then flew across the wide creek to my right. I could have shot him flying over the creek, but I might not have been able to retrieve him as the creek is very deep and very cold this time of year. The hen realized that something was wrong, and she too flew over the creek and landed in a tree on the other side. After a few moments of quiet, I picked up my call and yelped. The other two gobblers out to my front gobbled. They were only about 40 yards away, but I couldn't see them down the hill and through the brush. The hen started answering my calls from her lofty perch, and the gobbler that flew the creek also answered. But nobody would move! The two gobblers out to my front had seen the other turkeys fly over the creek and must have assumed something wasn't right. They would come no closer. The hen finally flew over the tree tops toward the river, and the gobblers just melted away into the big woods. I sat for a while, then eased out to the main road. I will be back another day.



Dan
Geddings

Sumter hosts state archery tournament March 28-30

FROM STAFF REPORTS

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is hosting the 12th Annual South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program State Bullseye Tournament Tuesday through Thursday at Sumter County Civic Center. The elementary school division will compete Tuesday; middle school will compete on Wednesday; and the high school division will compete on Thursday. The S.C. NASP IBO 3-D Challenge Tournament will be hosted in conjunction with the S.C. NASP tournament for the first time and at the same location. More than 2,000 archers registered for the five DNR-hosted regional tournaments across the state last month, and 1,080 archers were top-finishers from all regionals combined and were invited to participate in the state tournament. Archery flights begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. each day, followed by presentation of awards. Spectators are welcome, and admission is free. For more information, contact SCDNR archery coordinator Staff Sgt. Charlotte McKee at MayhughC@dnr.sc.gov.



Competitors line up at a past archery tournament. The 12th Annual South Carolina National Archery in the Schools Program State Bullseye Tournament will be held Tuesday through Thursday at Sumter County Civic Center.

Expert shares tips on what to do when perennial bulbs don't bloom

BY DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

Daffodils and tulips are almost certain to bloom when another spring rolls around, but even they can have an occasional bad season. Perennial bulbs need a long dormancy period after they finish flowering — a chance to regenerate. Without that, they're likely to be colorless the following year, or what horticulturalists call "blind" plants. Even after the plants have finished blooming and dropping their petals, they are actively photosynthesizing, said Christian Curless, a spokesman for Colorb-



lends, a wholesale bulb company in Bridgeport, Connecticut. "Leave them alone until the foliage is yellowed and withered," Curless said. "A plant stays green as long as it needs to stay green." What are the odds they will continue to flower if you gamble and promptly clear those unsightly stems and leaves from your landscape? "That's a big unknown," Curless said. "There's no rule of thumb for how long bulbs should be allowed to get the energy they need to bloom again." Some gardeners try camouflaging their bulbs after they flower by planting them among groups of different perennials, but that approach isn't without its problems. "Be sensitive to how much sunlight each needs," Curless said. "Daffodils planted next to a small perennial can flop all

over that perennial. And if you plant daffodils with something like hosta, they may shade the daffodils to the extent that their leaves aren't getting any light. "Fill the space but leave breathing room," he said. Other things to consider if bulb foliage develops but the blooms don't follow: • Timing. Maybe you're planting too early or too late for spring-blooming bulbs. Plant too early and they're susceptible to disease. Plant too late and they may not have enough time to develop. • Depth: Perhaps you're not planting the bulbs deep enough. Bulbs should be placed 2 to 3 times their height into the soil. • Growing conditions. If leaves and stems don't appear, then dig down and check the bulbs. It's possible they rotted because the ground was too wet. Find areas with better drainage for the next batch of bulbs you plant. • Massing. "If the leaves are small, the bulbs may have to be divided," said Sandra Mason, an extension horticult-

urist with the University of Illinois. "After a time, they get so tight in there that they're competing for food and have no space." • Predation. If the bulbs don't sprout, it may be because voles or squirrels ate them, Mason said. There are no wildlife-proof bulbs but some — like daffodils, fritillaria and allium — are more distasteful to foraging wildlife than others. Unseasonable freeze-thaw cycles also hinder bulb performance. A string of late-winter temperatures soaring into the 50s and 60s followed closely by another round of blowing snow or freezing rain can wreak havoc on emerging bulbs. But there is little a gardener can do when the weather turns, Curless said. "If the flowers haven't opened, there's a good chance they'll survive the variable temperatures," he said. Gardeners know from woeful experience that you can't control the weather. "A major part of planting spring-blooming bulbs is that it requires a leap of faith," Curless said.

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**DOCKET NO.
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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SUMTER**

Elizabeth H. Goerski and Arno R. Goerski

PLAINTIFFS

vs.

Jessica L. Giles and John Doe

DEFENDANTS.

IN RE:
Baby Boy, Date of Birth 8/18/2015

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint in this action, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Complaint on the subscribers at their office at 126 Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF FILING

TO: DEFENDANT JOHN DOE:

TAKE NOTICE that the Summons, Notice of Adoption Proceedings, and Complaint for Adoption and Termination of Parental Rights in the above entitled action, were filed in the Office of the Family Court for Sumter County on the 30th day of December, 2015.

NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS

TO THE DEFENDANT, JOHN DOE:

Notice of Public Hearing

ORDINANCE #17-864

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County Council for Sumter County, South Carolina, will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 6 o'clock pm**, or as soon as thereafter as practicable, as said hearing can be convened, in connection with:

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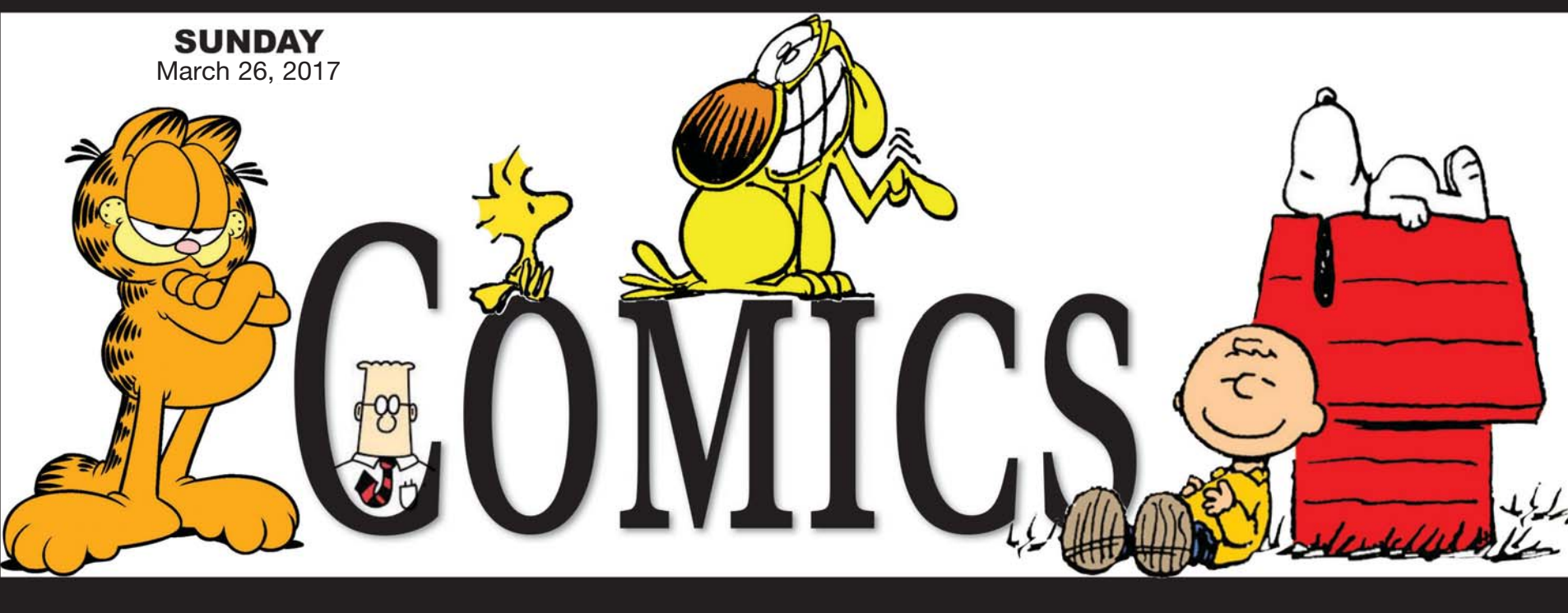
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Could it be that she was the sister of the boy in Kansas who loved the girl with the tattered shawl who was the daughter of the maid who had escaped from the pirates? The intern frowned.

SEE HOW NEATLY ALL OF THIS FITS TOGETHER?

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE KING?

BONK!

GARFIELD

BY JIM DAVIS

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DO YOU KNOW HOW TO CLEAN UP LINE NOISE ON AN XLR CONNECTION?

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BECAUSE IT REMINDS ME OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DO.

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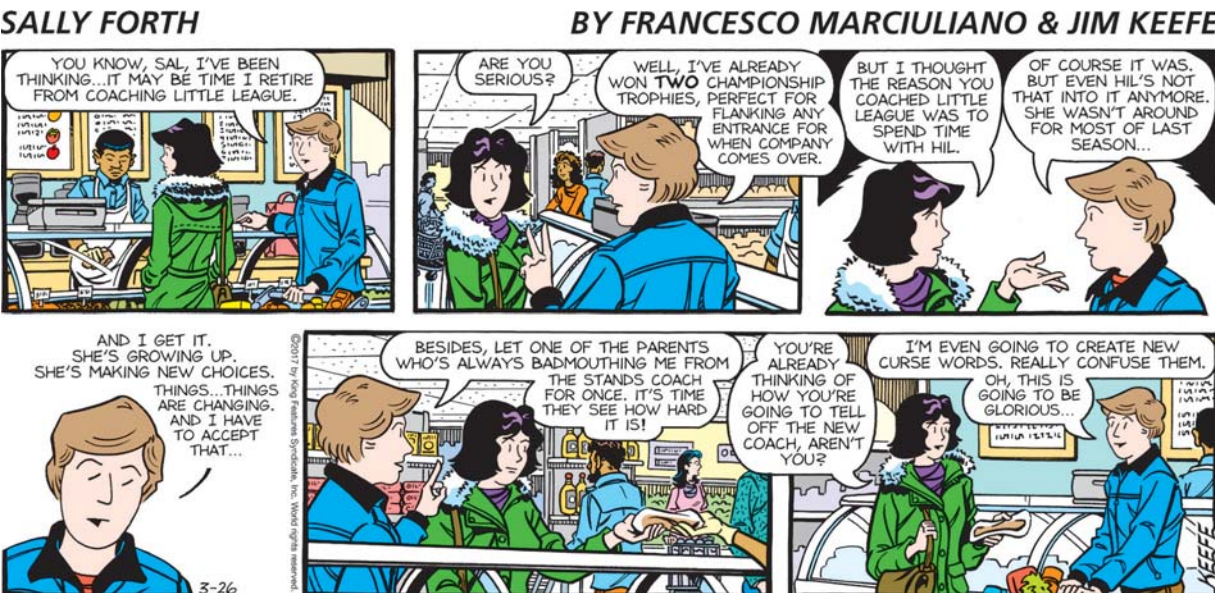
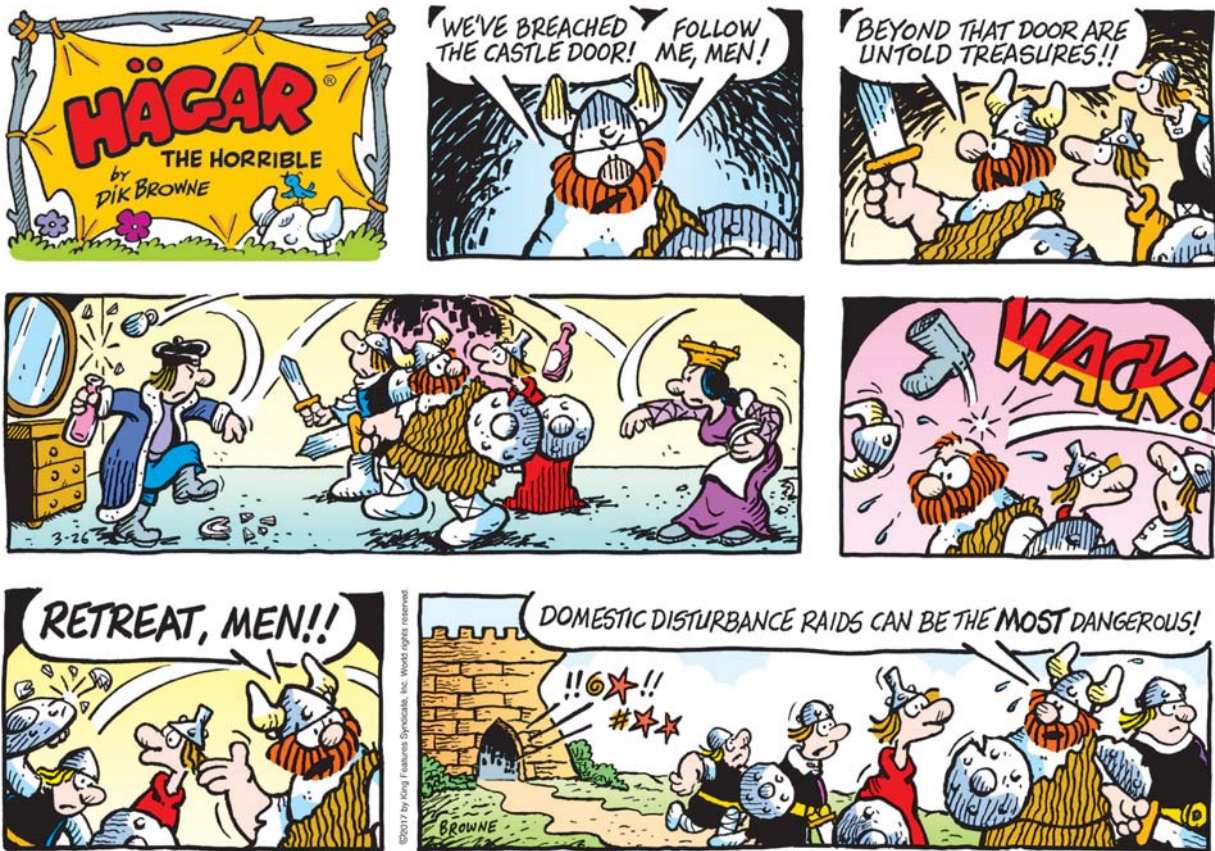
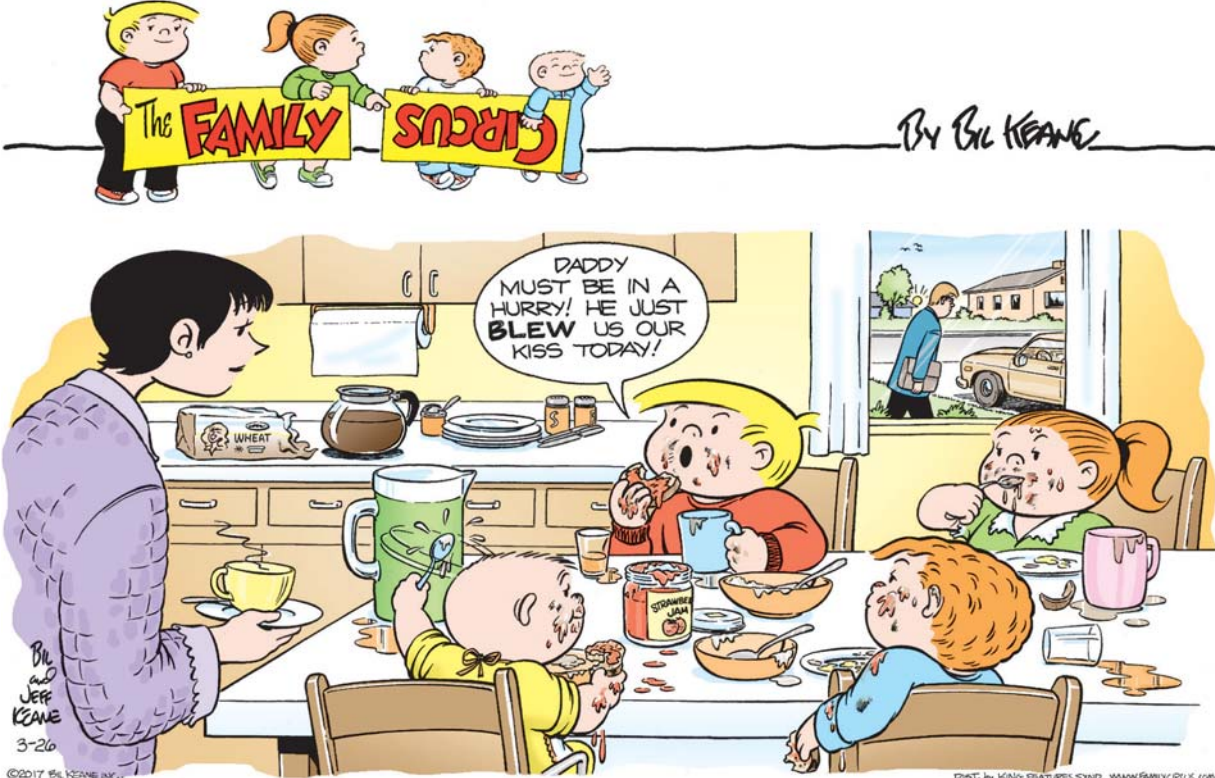
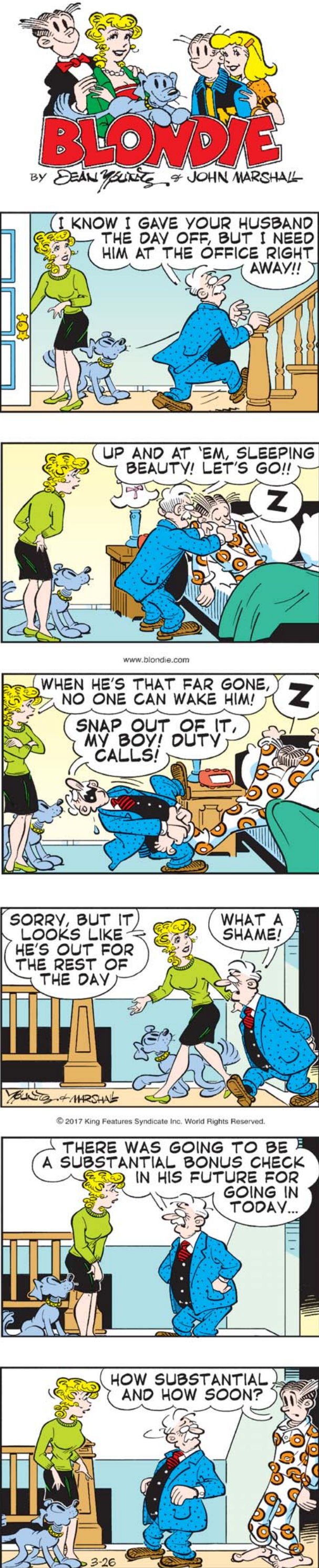
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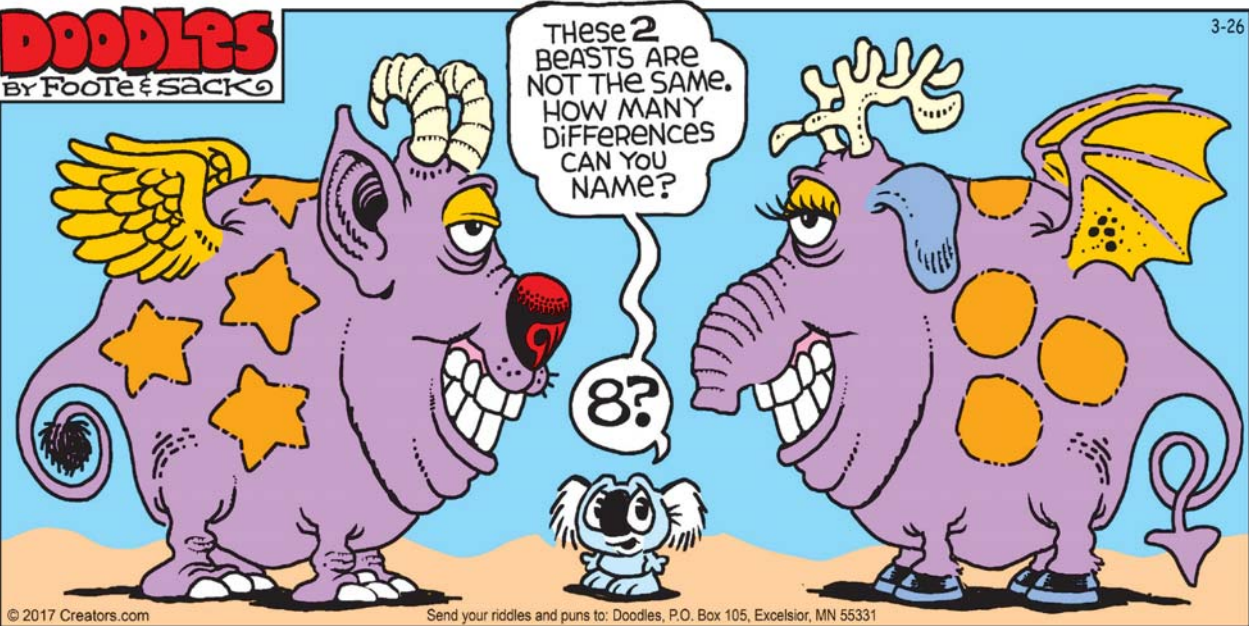
NOW WATCH ME DO IT LEFT-HANDED!

CLOSE TO HOME

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By Foote & Sacko



These 2 BEASTS ARE NOT THE SAME. HOW MANY DIFFERENCES CAN YOU NAME?

8?

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DOODLE ZOO


I NEVER TRUST TREES BECAUSE THEY'RE KIND OF SHADY.

DRAW!!

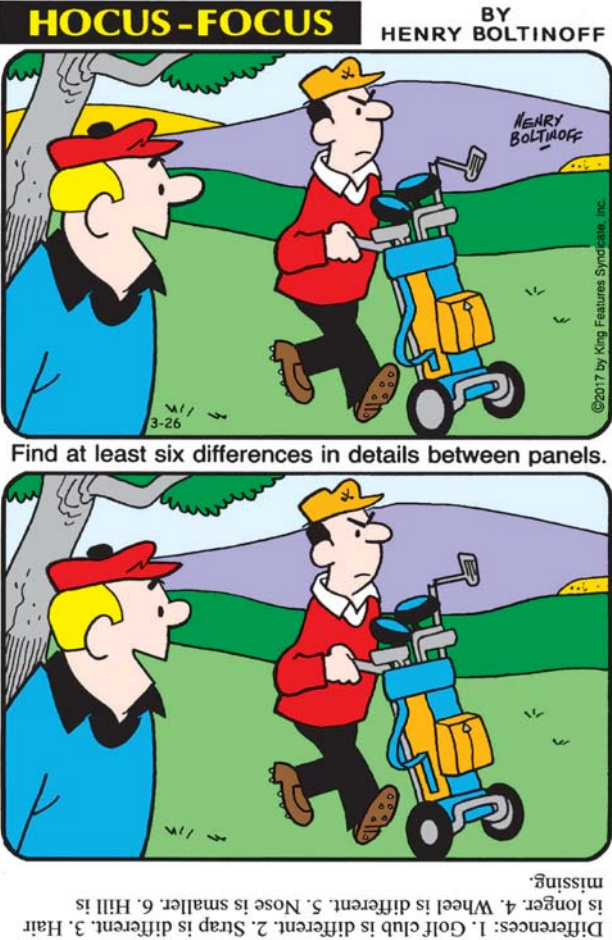

DRAW A BULL!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHAT IS BLUE AND NOT VERY HEAVY?
A. LIGHT BLUE.
Greg MacDonald, Carlisle, PA

Q. WHAT KIND OF SHOES DO SPIES WEAR?
A. SNEAKERS.
Sandy Pritchard, Boulder, CO

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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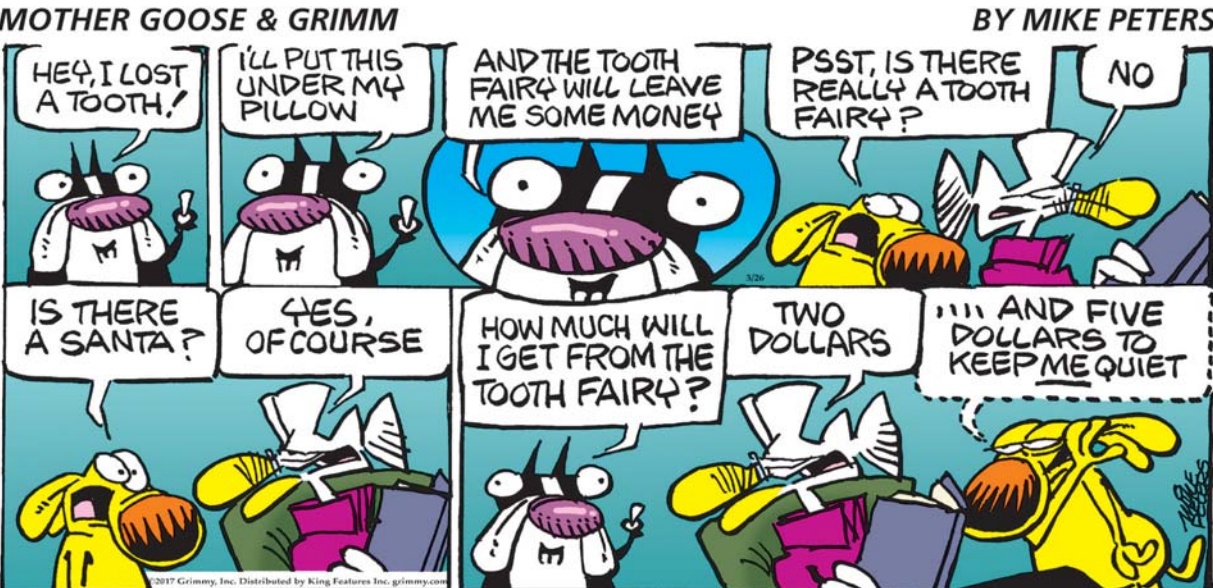
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HEY, I LOST A TOOTH!

I'LL PUT THIS UNDER MY PILLOW

AND THE TOOTH FAIRY WILL LEAVE ME SOME MONEY

PSST, IS THERE REALLY A TOOTH FAIRY?

NO

IS THERE A SANTA?

YES, OF COURSE

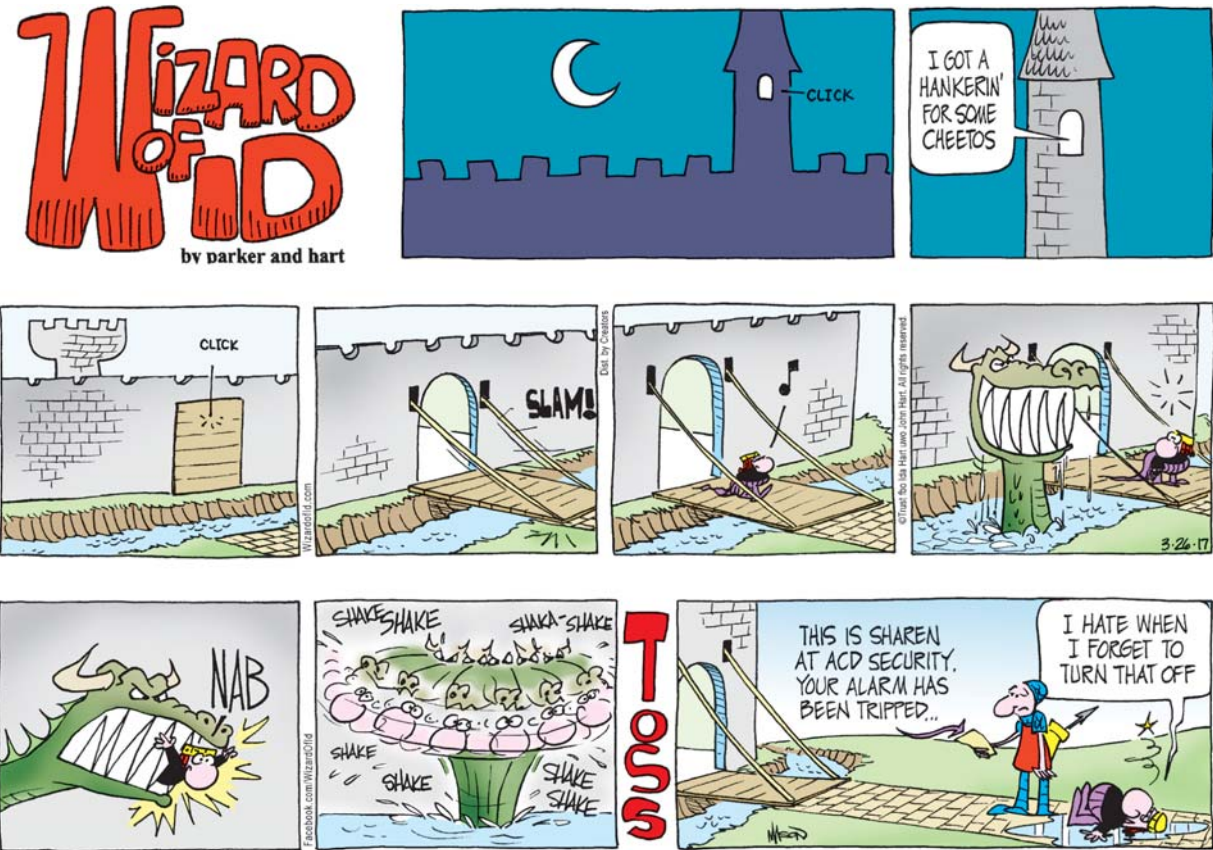
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TWO DOLLARS

AND FIVE DOLLARS TO KEEP ME QUIET

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WIZARD OF ID
by parker and hart



I GOT A HANKERIN' FOR SOME CHEETOS

CLICK

SLAM!

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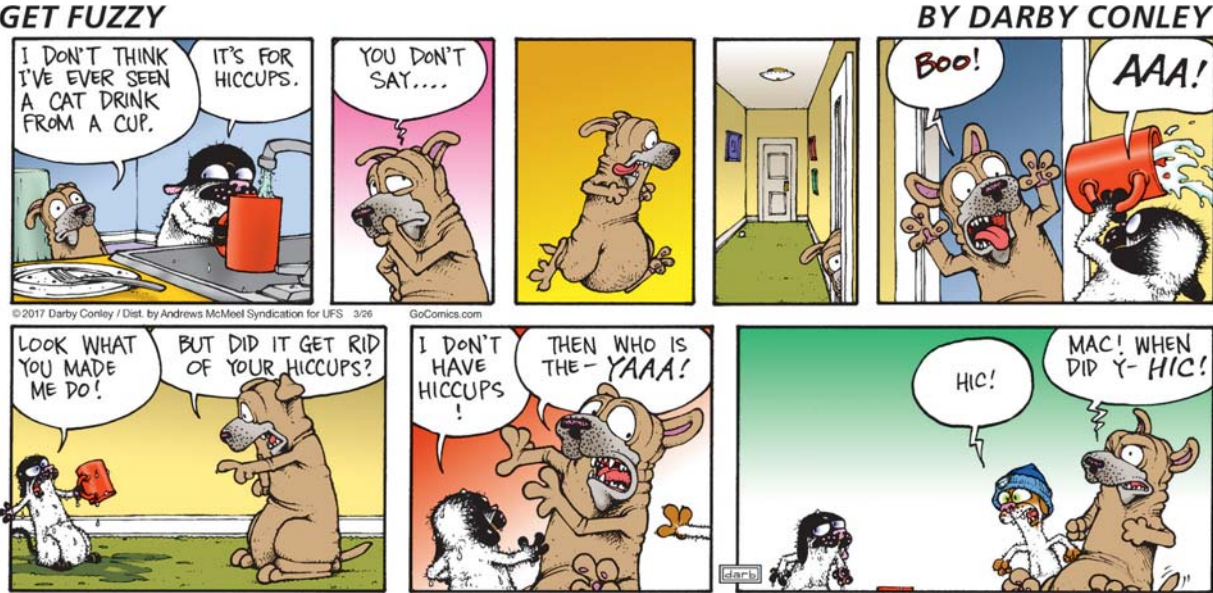
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THIS IS SHAREN AT ACD SECURITY. YOUR ALARM HAS BEEN TRIPPED.

I HATE WHEN I FORGET TO TURN THAT OFF

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I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN A CAT DRINK FROM A CUP.

IT'S FOR HICCUPS.

YOU DON'T SAY....

LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO!

BUT DID IT GET RID OF YOUR HICCUPS?

I DON'T HAVE HICCUPS!

THEN WHO IS THE - YAAA!

BOO!

AAA!

HIC!

MAC! WHEN DID Y- HIC!

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THE BORN LOSER



IDENTITY THEFT HAS REACHED ALARMING LEVELS!

CRIMINALS ARE CONSTANTLY COMING UP WITH NEW, MORE DECEPTIVE SCHEMES TO STEAL YOUR INFORMATION!

HMM... THAT'S INTERESTING.

INTERESTING? DOESN'T THAT SHOCK YOU? AREN'T YOU WORRIED?

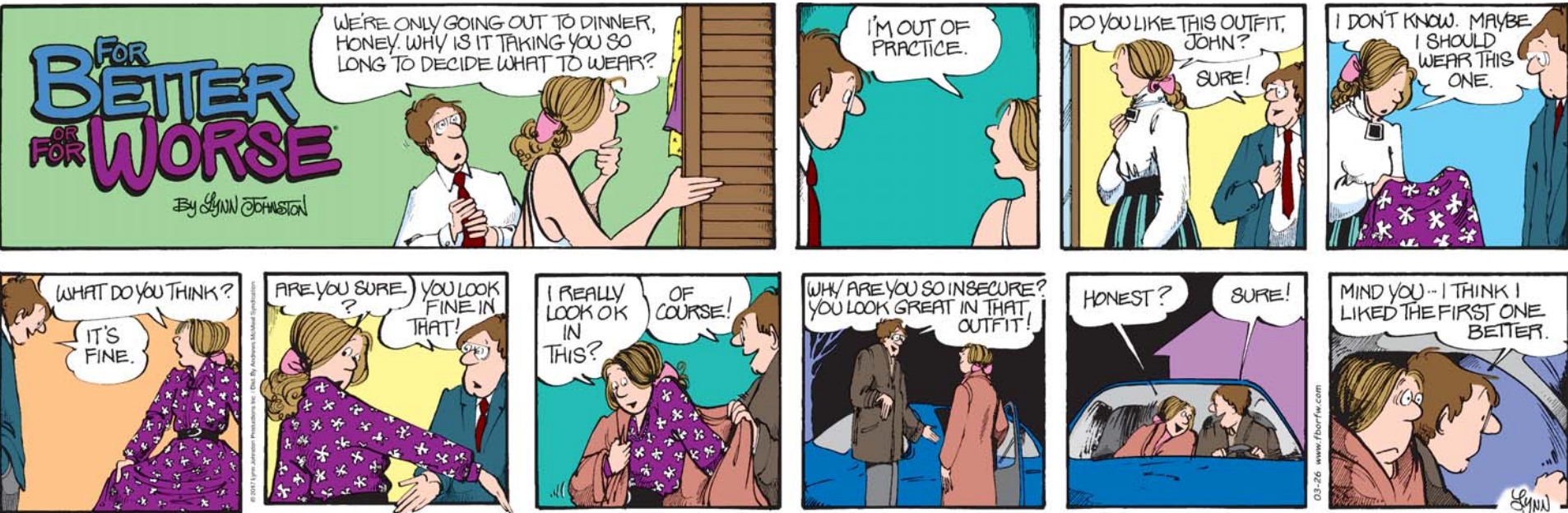
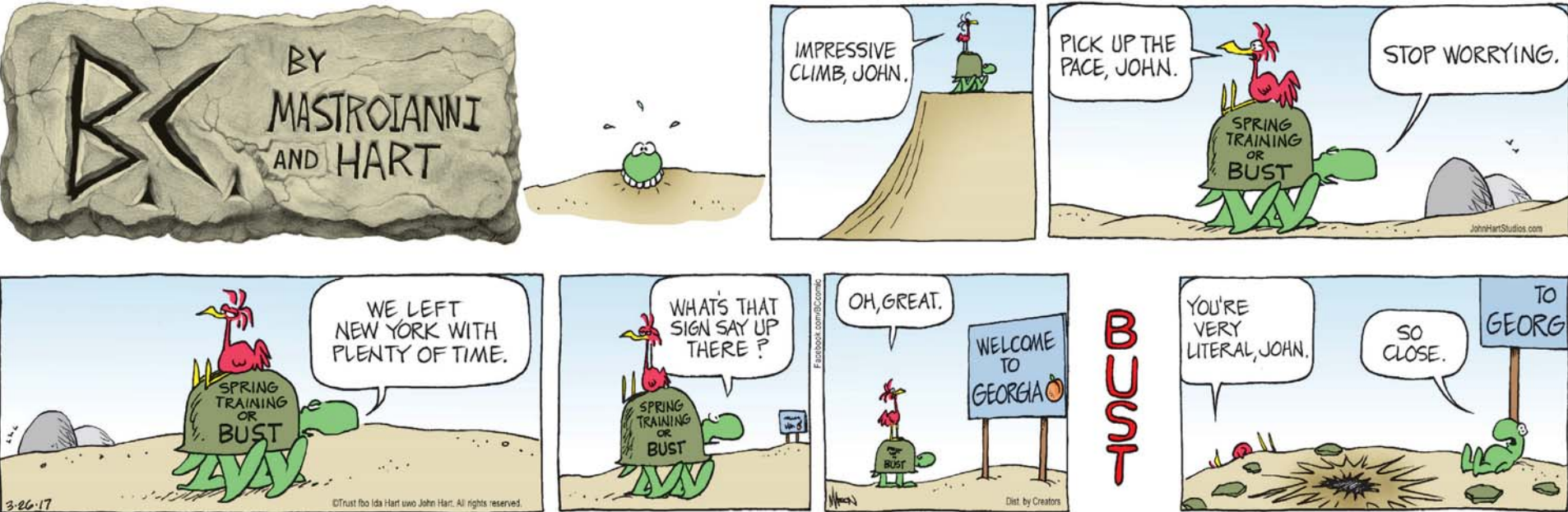
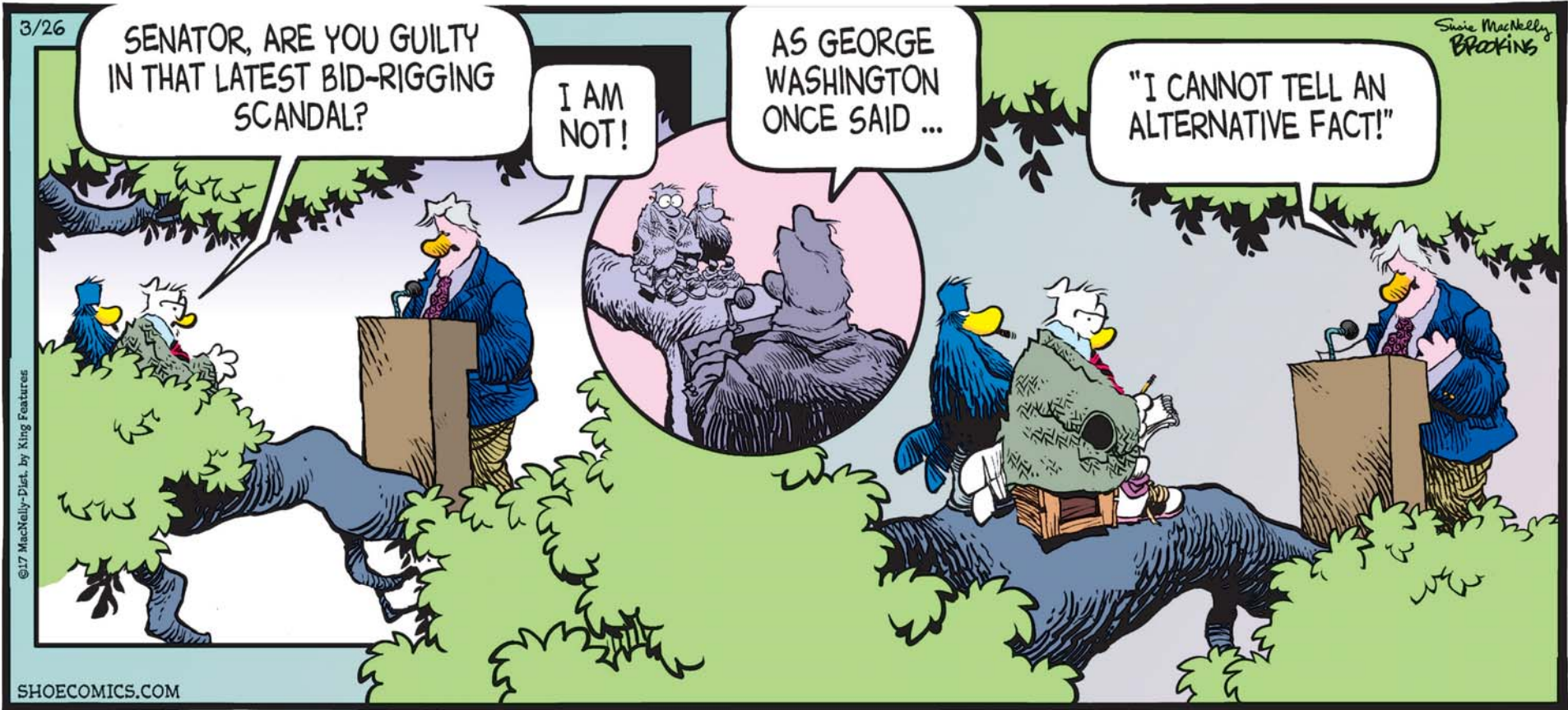
ABOUT SOMEONE STEALING MY IDENTITY?

SERIOUSLY, GLADYS, WHO WOULD WANT THE IDENTITY OF THE BORN LOSER!

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