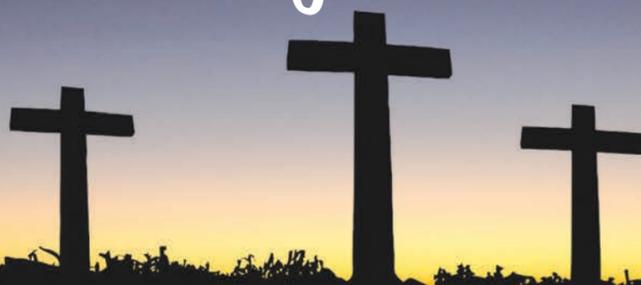


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Behind bars but building a future

GED, other programs at Sumter jail aim to reduce recidivism

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center is partnering with local agencies and businesses to offer GED, Work-Keys, carpentry and other programs to inmates in an attempt to reduce the amount of repeat offenders.

"This is not a prison but a detention center," Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said. "We just detain people."

The goal is to reduce the recidivism rate, or the number of offenders who return to jail, and to hopefully see a reduction in unemployment in the county, he said.

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Staggers to become president of Morris

S.C. native has served at college for 25 years

BY BRUCE MILLS
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STAGGERS

Morris College's interim president can remove the word "interim" from his title.

A media alert from the college Friday said Morris' Board of Trustees named Interim President Leroy Staggers as "president-elect" on Thursday at a special called meeting.

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Gala-vanting for a good cause



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The Sumter County Developmental Disabilities Foundation held its annual Sumter Disabilities Benefits Gala at the O'Donnell House on Thursday night.



Sumter Disabilities Benefits Gala raises money for adults with special needs

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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On a picture-perfect and sunny spring evening in downtown Sumter, amid tuxedos, live music and wine tastings, one group dedicated to increasing quality of life for adults with disabilities leaped more than \$40,000 toward its goal.

The Sumter County Developmental Disabilities Foundation held its fourth-annual Sumter Disabilities Benefits Gala at The O'Donnell House on East Liberty Street on Thursday night, and this year ended up being the biggest crowd yet that emptied the most from their wallets.

"There's never been a group of folks who appreciate and deserve our care more than our consumers, so when you walk around and you see them and you see the appreciation they have for this event, you will be moved. And if



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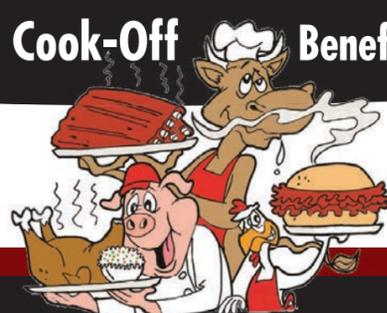
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Officials optimistic on 'Opportunity Zone' program

Of 135 total, 3 sites in Sumter, 2 in Lee chosen

BY BRUCE MILLS
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In a business environment where every dollar counts, Sumter and Lee County officials are hopeful a new federal tax incentive program will help spur industrial and commercial development in their communities by companies.

Created in part by U.S. Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C., a new Opportunity Zones program recently passed in a \$1.3 trillion spending bill in Congress to encourage long-term private-sector investment in low-income census tracts across the U.S.

Of South Carolina's 1,097 census tracts, 538 — 49 percent — of those communities were designated as eligible, low-income tracts for the Opportunity Zone status by the U.S. Treasury Department, based on census data criteria.

States were allowed to select 25 percent of eligible communities for the program, narrowing South Carolina's to 135 areas from all across the state. Each of the state's 46 counties has at least one proposed zone. The sites are a mix of poorer rural areas across the

state and, in some cases, ripe business real estate in suburban counties just outside major cities such as Charleston.

According to Jay Schwedler, president and CEO of Sumter Development Board and The-Link, which also represents Lee County, Sumter has three tracts nominated in the program, including the U.S. 521 South corridor that already has major manufacturer Continental Tire of the Americas, an industrial area along the Lafayette Drive corridor and a portion of the downtown historic district south of Liberty Street.

The poverty rate in these three tracts in Sumter County is 23.4 percent, 26.7 percent and 26.5 percent, with a total population throughout the three of 9,682. In the two Lee County tracts, the poverty rates are 32.8 percent and 31.6 percent with a total population of 9,735, according to the program's interactive map on its website.

Other information included for the public online about each tract includes demographics, labor force participation rate, unemployment rate and median household income.



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These areas will be eligible for tax incentives designed to encourage companies to create businesses — both industrial and commercial — in these tracts.

The program also encourages private-sector investors to keep their businesses in these communities, offering more incentives the longer they stay.

Schwedler said the program is still in its early stages but that it will be an economic development tool to encourage growth in lower-income areas.

He emphasized the program isn't incentive money from the federal government — it is private-sector investment and taking capital gains and investing them into a fund. Ultimately, those investments and investors receive special tax incentives.

"The benefit is they get the tax break, but they can only spend their money in these Opportunity Zones," Schwedler said.

According to Schwedler, Lee County

has two tracts nominated in the program — both of the county's industrial parks (the I-20 Industrial Park and James Industrial Park) off Interstate 20 and downtown Bishopville.

Lee County Administrator Alan Watkins said he thinks the program could be a good opportunity to encourage industrial investment in Lee since different areas in all the state's counties were nominated. For example, industrial parks near interstates in the state's major cities likely didn't meet the low-income thresholds to qualify for the opportunity zone program.

"There may be an area in Greenville as an opportunity zone, but that area might not be the most attractive for an industrial development," Watkins said. "In Lee County, our industrial parks are located right on the interstate. If that is something a prospect is looking for, that may be something else to separate us from a Greenville, Charleston or Lexington area."

Schwedler said the next step in the process is for his team to encourage private investors to look at the two counties' zones.

"There are 135 zones in the state, and I'm sure there's lots of opportunities across the state," Schwedler said, "but we feel in the two counties we represent the tracts that have been nominated are ripe for investment and redevelopment."

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man faces charges after crash

A 23-year-old Sumter man faces charges after the car he was driving crashed into a Wise Drive home Friday night, according to police.

Joseph Carter Outlaw, 23, of 4267 N. Lake Cherryvale Drive, was charged with driving under the influence, possession of marijuana and providing false information to police after driving into a home in the 3000 block of South Wise Drive. Sumter Police Department distributed a news release Saturday.

According to the release, a preliminary investigation indicates Outlaw, the only occupant of a 2006 Crown Victoria, veered off the road, striking a tree and then the house before 9:30 p.m. Friday. There was one person inside the home at the time of the crash who helped pull Outlaw from the driver's seat to safety before the car caught fire.

The Sumter Fire Department also responded.

Outlaw was flown to a Columbia area hospital where he remained in stable condition Saturday, the police said.

An investigation is continuing.

Sumter United Ministries in 'urgent need' of food

Sumter United Ministries food pantry, The Lord's Cupboard, is in urgent need of food items. All donations help Sumter County residents in need. Please drop off all donations at 36 S. Artillery Drive between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. If you would like to help out in other ways or have any questions, please call (803) 775-0757.

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Learning about careers

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ABOVE: Dr. Sarah Blackwell, owner of Ark Veterinary Services, speaks to students at Crosswell Drive Elementary School about her job as a traveling veterinarian and what it's like to own her business at a career day held at the school on Thursday. **LEFT:** Selena Smith with the Sumter County Fire Department helps a student try on a firefighter's helmet at the event.

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What happened when Peter met Jesus on Easter?

It is just a fragment of a verse: "The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon (Luke 24:34)." On the day that changed the world, Jesus took time to personally appear to Simon Peter. Peter, of course, would become the leader of the church, the preacher of the first Christian sermon, and the one who broke the racial barrier by offering the gospel to the Gentiles. Most scholars agree with the tradition that Peter provided Mark with the stories for his gospel. Yet there is no detail of this encounter in Mark's gospel. Only Luke mentions it. Why?



Clay Smith

about what was said. One thing is for sure; I wouldn't keep quiet about it.

I can't help but wonder how this encounter between Jesus and Peter happened. Maybe Peter was haunted by the events of early Friday morning. He had vowed he would never deny Jesus, he would never run away, he would never be a coward. In the span of minutes, he broke all his promises and hid in shame the rest of the day.

Saturday after the crucifixion was a day of rest. Travel was forbidden. Peter was housebound with the other disciples, perhaps still in the upper room. When Sunday dawns, it is time to make plans for the next chapter of life.

All travel plans are put on hold by Mary's news that the tomb of Jesus is empty. Peter and John run to the tomb. John gets there first; Peter arrives and goes in; John follows. John believes. Peter still has questions.

Peter and John go back to the other disciples. No one knows what happened in that meeting. My hunch is they argued (they were

good at that). John argues Jesus is risen. He puts together all of Jesus' teachings, predictions, and the empty tomb and believes resurrection is the only logical possibility. Other disciples are saying "No way!" Some argue to get out of town now; others say let's wait and see.

I wonder if Peter was off in a corner, for once not the leader. Maybe part of him hoped it was true. Maybe part of him was worried it was true. What do you say to the risen Lord you denied three times?

Did Peter go for a walk to get out of the house while everyone argued? Did he slip down back streets where no one was likely to see him and identify him as one of Jesus' disciples? Did he find an unmarked trail up the Mount of Olives to be alone? Did he look down at the city, seeing the Temple Jesus cleansed, the hill where Jesus died and the house of the Chief Priest, where he had denied Jesus?

Maybe it was at this moment that Jesus appeared to Peter. I can imagine Jesus coming up behind Peter, tapping him on the shoulder and saying, "Hi Rocky!" Peter would have nearly jumped out of his skin, hearing that voice he knew so well.

When Peter turned and saw

Jesus' face, what did he see? I imagine Jesus smiling at him. Peter might have taken two steps back in shock. Did Jesus reach out and bear hug Peter? I can see him doing that.

What did Jesus say? "I forgive you?" Did Jesus remember another moment with Peter, when he walked on the water, and his fear got the best of him? When Peter started to sink, Jesus grabbed his hand and said, "O you of little faith. Why did you doubt?" I wonder if Jesus repeated those same words again, with a twinkle in his eye.

We will never know what happened during Jesus' encounter with Peter. My hunch is the moment was too sacred for Peter, too holy to ever describe.

Sometimes if you try to describe something amazing, it makes it diminish in your soul. Telling the story makes it lose size and power. I think that's what happened to Peter. This was the holiest moment of all, to be treasured and never diminished.

Everyone needs that kind of moment with Jesus. Have you had yours?

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Century after WWI, munitions still making way to beaches

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MANTOLOKING, N.J. — A century after World War I ended, discarded munitions from that and other wars continue to make their way onto beaches across the country.

Items ranging from tiny fuses to full-scale mines are displaced by beach replenishment projects, sucked from the ocean floor and pumped ashore, or by strong storms that uncover them.

The most recent discovery came earlier this month when seven WWI rifle grenades were found on the beach in Mantoloking, New Jersey, which is undergoing a beach replenishment project to undo damage from Superstorm Sandy more than five years ago.

Many of the items were simply dumped overboard at the end of World Wars I and II; others remain from military drills or target practice. They've been discovered in at least 16 states from New Jersey to Hawaii.

"Surprisingly or not, this stuff continues to turn up," said Niall Slowey, an oceanography professor at Texas A&M University who has studied the phenomenon extensively. "They disposed of millions of tons of this stuff."

No one knows how many pieces of munitions remain offshore, partly because the military's own records as to how much was disposed of aren't great. A Defense Department report to Congress in 2009 said more than half of sea disposals of munitions was done in the Atlantic Ocean; the Pacific got another 35 percent, and lesser amounts were dumped off Hawaii, Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean. The material was dumped as near as 5 miles from shore, in water as shallow as 50 feet.

Slowey and a colleague released a 2012 study estimating there are millions of pounds of undersea bombs in the Gulf of Mexico alone.

Disposal of unneeded munitions at sea was commonly accepted practice



AP FILE PHOTO

Members of the Army Corps of Engineers dig in the sand on a closed beach near the ocean in Surf City, New Jersey, in 2007 after unexploded ordnance were found. A century after World War I ended, munitions from that and other wars continue to surface on beaches across the United States, usually during beach replenishment projects when they are sucked from the ocean floor and pumped ashore onto the sand or exposed by strong storms.



Some of the more than 1,100 old fuses and small anti-aircraft shells that have been found by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along the Atlantic Ocean in Surf City, New Jersey, are seen.

until 1970.

"They thought it was beyond harm's reach," Slowey said. "People could not envision that there would be any interaction with material that deep on the ocean floor. But there is a lot more on the sea floor than anyone could have envisioned."

New Jersey has been home to some

well-publicized discoveries, including more than 1,100 pieces of munitions pumped ashore during beach replenishment work on a mile and a half of sand in Surf City and Ship Bottom on Long Beach Island in 2007. The items, mostly fuses, prompted temporary bans on the use of metal detectors and the digging of holes in the sand more

than a foot deep. It also created a cottage industry in T-shirts with slogans like "Our beaches will blow you away!" and "I got bombed on L.B.I.!"

Similar material surfaced on the Jersey shore towns of Loch Arbour, Allenhurst and Deal in 2016 as part of another post-Sandy beach restoration project.

In May 2008, a bomb squad from the Massachusetts State Police detonated several pieces of unexploded ordnance left over from World War II on Chappaquiddick, including practice bombs.

In June 2013, a beachgoer discovered a partially buried German mine in the surf about 10 feet from shore in Bay Head, New Jersey, on the same day that the Assateague Island National Seashore in Maryland did a controlled explosion of a World War II bomb that had washed ashore.

In July 2015, a photoflash bomb, designed to illuminate the night sky over WWII battlefields, was discovered on a beach near Tampa, Florida, where authorities blew it up on the sand.

Military and civilian experts say they don't know of anyone in the United States being injured by munitions found on a beach but agree the potential for injury is real.

"The problem is you just don't know," said Master Sgt. Brad Kline, an explosives disposal expert at New Jersey's Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. "There could be explosive residue left behind. It's definitely not worth the risk" of handling it. Military personnel use explosives to blow up munitions that are discovered on the beach and brought to the base.

In Europe, there have been injuries and deaths from unexploded munitions, including the 2005 deaths of three Dutch fishermen whose nets brought a WWII bomb to the surface, and other fishermen burned by chemical weapons they unwittingly dredged up.



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Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, right, meets with Shigeo Iizuka, leader of a group of families of Japanese abducted by North Korea; Sakie Yokota, second from left, mother of Megumi Yokota, one of the Japanese abductees; and other members at Abe's official residence in Tokyo, Japan, on Friday.

Kin of Japanese citizens abducted to North Korea want president's help

TOKYO (AP) — Families of Japanese abducted by North Korea decades ago urged Japan's leader on Friday to persuade U.S. President Donald Trump to help win the abductees' release during a possible summit with North Korea's leader.

Trump has said he will meet Kim Jong Un by the end of May, though North Korea hasn't directly commented on a message from a South Korean envoy that Kim wants to meet Trump.

Also Friday, a senior Chinese official briefed South Korean President Moon Jae-in in Seoul on the outcome of President Xi Jinping's meeting this week with Kim in Beijing. Moon and Kim are scheduled to meet on April 27.

The abductees' families urged Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to seek Trump's help because this could be their last chance to win their loved ones' release. Abe plans to visit the U.S. in April for talks with Trump.

"Please ask President Trump to discuss (with Kim) how to achieve the abductees' return," Shigeo Iizuka, 79, head of a group representing the families of abduction victims, told Abe. "We would like President Trump to ask Kim Jong Un to make specific arrangements for the abductees to return home."

Abe promised to do so, say-

ing, "We should not let the abduction issue, which is very important to us, be left behind."

Iizuka's younger sister, Yaeko Taguchi, then 22, was kidnapped by North Korean agents in 1978, leaving behind two children — a baby boy and a girl — at a nursery. Iizuka adopted the boy and raised him as his fourth child, and the girl was adopted by an aunt.

Taguchi's whereabouts weren't known for nearly a quarter century until North Korea, after years of denials, acknowledged in 2002 abducting 13 Japanese citizens. Japan says North Korea has abducted at least four more Japanese.

North Korea allowed five of them to visit Japan in 2002 — and they stayed — but said the other eight had died, though their families say what the North said cannot be trusted. North Korea also promised a re-investigation of the eight and set up a committee, but its results were never presented as the North's missile and nuclear threats escalated.

Iizuka said he and the other families want Abe to "make use of each upcoming meeting" to achieve the abductees' return.

"We see a big chance coming up, and there will be no greater chance than this," he said.

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Authors of book on Sumter's Turkish people to give presentation at museum

BY IVY MOORE

Special To The Sumter Item

For two centuries, the "Turkish people" of Sumter County were isolated from the rest of the population, and their ethnic origins were unclear. Now, Sumter native Glen Browder and Terri Ognibene, a descendant of the Turkish people, have collaborated in researching the origins and history of the people who lived mainly in the Dalzell and Stateburg area.



BROWDER

On Saturday, April 21, they will give a presentation at the Sumter County Museum on their research and resulting book titled "South Carolina's Turkish People, A History and Ethnology." The 1 p.m. event is free and open to the public.

Browder said last week that the co-authors' book revealed a "positive, affirmative story of the 'Turkish people.'"

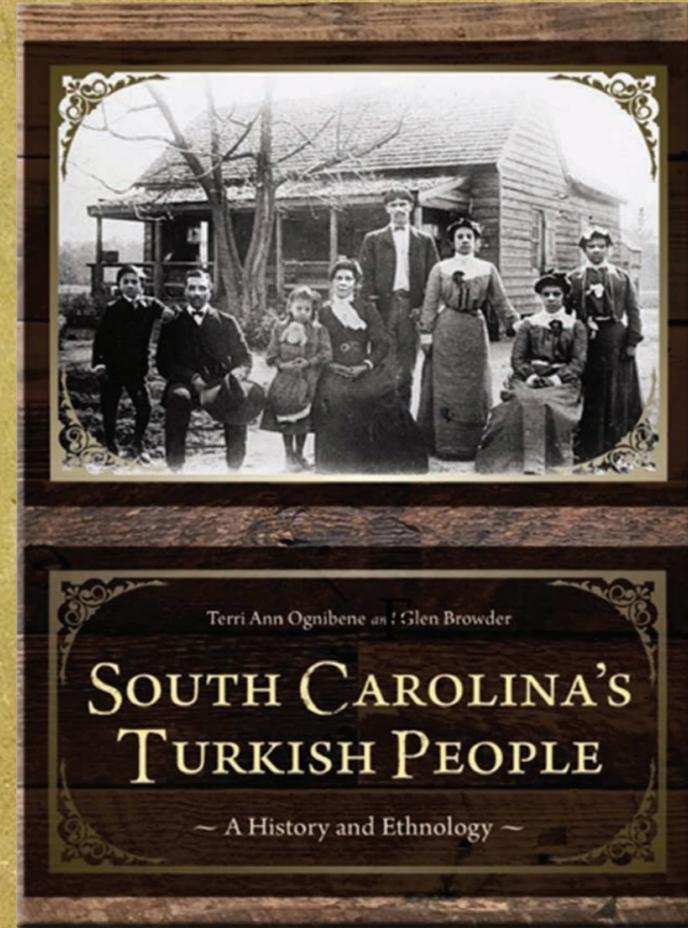
He explained that the book is in two sections: Browder's extensive research asked the question "Who are the Turkish people?" with his narrative written in the academic third person, and Ognibene's chapters state "We are the Turkish people."

Both authors noted that the ethnicity of the Turkish people was a mystery to both scholars and the Turkish people themselves. He said many scholars labeled them "tri-racial isolates," that is, a community of "disassociated (American) Indians, poor white settlers and runaway or freed slaves."

The dark-skinned Turkish people faced discrimination, "isolation and oppression," despite their connections to Gen. Thomas Sumter, for whom their patriarch, Joseph Benenhaley, served as a scout in the American Revolution. Tradition in the community held that Sumter rewarded Benenhaley by giving him land on his plantation.

Ognibene said the Turkish people not only lived in a com-

munity separate from the rest of the population, but they also attended separate schools and churches and had to sit in segregated areas in theaters and buses.



"The more research we did, the more we felt we had an enduring story," Browder said. He said his study of primary sources – "historical reports, public records and private papers" and his "reconstruction of Turkish lineage of the 1800s through genealogical analysis and genetic testing," combined with Ognibene's insightful interviews with relatives who had been in the area for many years, gave an accurate and compelling picture of the Turkish people's heritage.

In an article in the 2017 fall-winter issue of Carologue, a journal published by the South Carolina Historical Society, Browder and Ognibene explain their research process to discover the true history of the Turkish people. The time from beginning the research to

publication of their book was about 10 years; Browder said much of the research centers on Joseph Benenhaley, called "a Caucasian of Arab descent." Browder said many critics believed Benenhaley and the oral history to be merely a myth. Some referred to them as "so-called Turks."

Ognibene interviewed several elderly Turkish people in the area for her doctoral dissertation, and her research comprises the second part of the book. She found the four whom she interviewed "still reluctant to speak openly about their Turkish history. (Although) they claimed lineage from Joseph Benenhaley and described themselves as white people of Turkish descent. ... mentioned Gen. Thomas Sumter ... as part of their story."

They recounted memories of hurtful discrimination; one even told of the fear caused by the Ku Klux Klan having burned a cross in her family's yard.

Through their research, "consultation with experts and then DNA (genetic

testing," as well as the interviews, Browder and Ognibene confirmed the oral history and beliefs of the Turkish people of South Carolina. Their findings show that the Turkish people of South Carolina are indeed descendants of Joseph Benenhaley, known as "the original Ottoman Turk."

In their April 21 presentation, Browder and Ognibene will elaborate on the results of their research and participate in a question-and-answer period. Copies of their book, which will be released just a few days earlier, will be available for purchase and signing.

Terri Ann Ognibene earned a Ph.D. in language and literacy education from Georgia State University. She teaches Spanish at Pope High School in Marietta, Georgia, where she was named Teacher of the Year for 2015-16.

Glen Browder holds a Ph.D. in political science from Emory University and is a professor emeritus of political science and American democracy at Jacksonville State University in Alabama. A former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Browder also served Alabama in its House of Representatives and as secretary of state. He has published three books, "The Future of American Democracy: A Former Congressman's Unconventional Analysis," University Press of America, 2002; "The South's New Racial Politics: Inside the Race Game of Southern History," NewSouth Books, 2009; and "Stealth Reconstruction: An Untold Story of Racial Politics in Recent Southern History (with Artemisia Stanberry)," NewSouth Books, 2010.

The public is invited to the 1 p.m. Saturday, April 21, free presentation by Glen Browder and Terri Ognibene on their book titled "South Carolina's Turkish People, A History and Ethnology." The event will be held in the Sumter County Museum's Heritage Education Center, 122 N. Washington St. For more information about the event, call the museum at (803) 775-0908.

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Browns celebrate 50 years

Dr. and Mrs. David Eugene Brown Jr., of Sumter, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018.

Their two children are Dr. David Eugene Brown III and wife, Farrah, of Chapin and Margaret Lindsay Brown of Mount Pleasant.

The couple has three grandchildren.

Mrs. Linda Brown is the former Margaret Linda Culp of Lancaster.



DR., MRS. DAVID E. BROWN JR.

WEDDING

Malack-Marshall

COLUMBIA — Megan Ann Malack and Weldon L. Marshall, both of Columbia, were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, on the Horseshoe at the University of South Carolina.

The bride is the daughter of the late Tom and Donna Malack of Reading, Pennsylvania, and the granddaughter of Leonard and Joan Migliaccio and Miriam Drake and M. Meck, all of Quakertown, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Reading High School and attended Temple University

in Philadelphia.

The bridegroom is the son of Philip and Carla Marshall and the grandson of Bobbie Marshall and the late James Marshall and the late Carl and Geraldine Weldon, all of Sumter. He graduated from Sumter High School and the University of South Carolina and attended USC Graduate School.

Matt Wilt officiated at the ceremony.

Following a wedding trip to Asheville, North Carolina, the couple resides in Columbia.

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A security guard checks a visitor at the entrance to St. Paul's Chapel recently in New York. Two New York City churches with roots in the 17th century are responding to 21st century security concerns by making visitors go through airport-style metal detectors. Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel, both parts of the same lower Manhattan Episcopal parish, installed the scanners earlier this month.

Churches that survived 9/11 give in, install metal detectors

NEW YORK (AP) — The two stone churches near the foot of Broadway, in the shadow of the World Trade Center, have seen fire and calamity and the sweep of American history, and through it all have kept their doors wide open.

But in a sign of the times, Trinity Church and St. Paul's Chapel both installed metal detectors this month. Visitors on their way to see Alexander Hamilton's tomb in Trinity's historic graveyard, or who want to sit in the pews at St. Paul's where George Washington prayed and dust-covered rescue workers rested after 9/11 attacks, now have to pass through airport-style security checkpoints.

The metal detectors, installed March 1, will be there "until this world becomes a safer place," said Trinity's vicar, the Rev. Phillip Jackson.

Visitors to St. Paul's passed through them Palm Sunday as they gathered to mark the start of Holy Week, which commemorates the story of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

Church officials said the de-

cision to step up security was not a response to any specific threat, but Jackson said a terrorist attack in the fall, when a man used a speeding truck to kill eight people on a nearby bike path, was "kind of a wake-up call."

"While no one wants to have to implement such measures, it's a reflection of the times we live in and our desire to keep our people — parishioners and visitors — safe," Jackson said.

The two historic churches, which jointly serve a congregation established in 1697, are hardly alone in lower Manhattan when it comes to security measures.

People visiting the Statue of Liberty, the Sept. 11 memorial or the observation deck at One World Trade Center all have to pass through metal detectors. The New York Stock Exchange closed to tourists altogether after 9/11.

Yet the appearance of security checkpoints at two churches long seen as sanctuaries still struck some visitors as something new.

"I thought it was weird," said

Rosie Meeks, of San Antonio, who visited St. Paul's with her 9-year-old grandson.

Kijuanna Winn, of Atlanta, said she had never seen metal detectors at a U.S. church before, though she was becoming used to seeing them elsewhere.

"I think I've become more accustomed to that now in traveling, with so many different attacks and gun violence," Winn said. "It didn't bother me."

The neo-Gothic Trinity Church was consecrated in 1846 after previous churches serving the congregation were replaced or destroyed, including a church that burned in a fire that destroyed much of Manhattan after the British occupied the city during the American Revolution.

Trinity saw a new surge of visitors after the smash success of Broadway's "Hamilton," since Alexander Hamilton; his wife, Elizabeth Schuyler Hamilton; and Elizabeth's sister Angelica Schuyler Church are all buried in the picturesque graveyard.

St. Paul's Chapel was built a few blocks up Broadway in



Visitors to Trinity Church wait in line to pass through metal detectors in New York.

1766. George Washington attended a service there immediately following his 1789 inauguration as the first U.S. president at nearby Federal Hall.

The church narrowly escaped being destroyed when the World Trade Center collapsed on 9/11, gaining the nickname "The Little Chapel that Stood." For months, it became a center for the relief effort. Volunteers met there to distribute food, water and spiritual counseling to rescue and recovery workers. For years, people left messages and mementos to the dead in the chapel's iron fence.

Metal detectors remain rare at U.S. churches, even in security-conscious New York.

St. Patrick's Cathedral, which gets an estimated 5 million visitors a year, does not have them.

"We have security at the cathedral, of course, but we do not have metal detectors at the doors," said Joseph Zwilling, spokesman for the Roman

Catholic Archdiocese of New York.

Ron Aguiar, a Louisville, Kentucky-based consultant on church security and the author of "Keeping Your Church Safe," published in 2008, said many churches around the U.S. have armed guards, but he hasn't been recommending walk-through metal detectors.

"The general consensus is we're not at that point yet," he said.

Some synagogues in New York and elsewhere have installed metal detectors, to the disappointment of critics like Rabbi Philip Graubart, director of the Advanced Institute for Judaic Studies at the San Diego Jewish Academy. He said the "fortress" atmosphere "reinforces fear as a daily emotion."

Asked about the metal detectors at Trinity and St. Paul, Graubart said they seemed like "a shame."

"Unfortunately it's the madness of the world we live in," he said.

Customer resents questioning when making a store purchase

DEAR ABBY — Is there a polite way to refuse giving store clerks personal information? It seems like every time I shop, the clerks demand email, phone number, even birthdate, and they get testy when I say I just want to complete my purchase. I find it so intrusive that I'm tempted to leave the items on the counter and walk out.

On a similar note, how can I politely tell my doctor or dentist that I prefer not to be treated by anyone with cold symptoms? A few days ago, I was at the dentist and the hygienist had a cold. I didn't want to be a complainer, so I didn't say anything because I couldn't find the right words, but I should have. Frankly, I was floored that she hadn't been sent home. Please advise.

Barbara in Kentucky

DEAR BARBARA — You are under no obligation to give your private information when making a purchase because,

too often, the information winds up on a mailing list that can be sold, and often is. The polite way to refuse is to simply say, "I would prefer not to share that information."

I found your question regarding dental hygienists to be of particular interest because in the dental office I use, the hygienist wears gloves and sometimes a face guard to prevent HER from catching something from her patients. Of course, her hands are thoroughly scrubbed before she even picks up an instrument, so the danger of her giving me anything besides a thorough cleaning is practically nil.

Because you are concerned about catching colds, tell your dentist you would prefer to reschedule your appointment if you will be in close contact with anyone in the office who is sick — and repeat that to his/her receptionist.

DEAR ABBY — At an amusement park recently, I was unable to win the

woman I'm dating the oversized stuffed giraffe she desired. I tried valiantly, but winning wasn't in the cards for me. She forgave me, but I'm afraid she harbors more resentment than she let on. Since then her behavior has been peculiar. She emails me pictures of giraffes, stretches her neck to frightening lengths, and got a giraffe tattoo that extends from her wrist to her shoulder.

I know the ability to win a stuffed animal for a lover is a potent measure of a man's worth. My failure has left my masculinity sagging. Is there anything I can do to reaffirm my manhood and salvage my relationship? Or should I troll the avenues of Manhattan in search of a lady whose faith I have not shattered?

Prizeless in New York

DEAR PRIZELESS — Do not troll the avenues hunting for a woman you won't disillusion. New York has several zoos; if you take your girlfriend to visit a real, live giraffe, it may raise your standing.



Dear Abby
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I'm often asked if I can spot a fake letter. So I'm taking the opportunity to wish both of you a happy April Fools' Day! Your tale of woe is about as tall as the giraffe you didn't win for your beloved.

TO MY READERS — A very Happy Easter to you all! — LOVE, ABBY

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U.S., Mexico team up on new front in drug war

BY JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The U.S. and Mexican governments are sparring over immigration and trade, but the two countries are joining forces on the high seas like never before to go after drug smugglers.

The United States, Mexico and Colombia will target drug smugglers off South America's Pacific coast in an operation that is scheduled to begin today and last for the foreseeable future, Coast Guard officials told The Associated Press.

U.S. Coast Guard Adm. Paul F. Zukunft teased the idea during a recent defense conference in San Diego, saying the United States "can't do it alone."

"It's no secret we are besieged with the flow of drugs from Latin America to the United States," he said.

U.S. and Mexican forces have routinely worked together at sea, but the latest effort "marks a significant step in terms of information sharing, collaboration and cooperation between the United States, Mexico and other partner nations," according to the Coast Guard.

The Americans and Mexicans will exchange intelligence more freely than in the past, which could mean sharing information on well-traveled routes for drug smugglers or preferred paths for specific smuggling organizations, Coast Guard spokeswoman Alana Miller said.

They will also board the other country's vessels to view operations and gain expertise, Miller said. In 2015, three members of the Mexican navy boarded a Coast Guard vessel during a port call in Huatulco, Mexico, but this operation calls for more frequent exchanges, and they will be at sea.

The operation will last "for the foreseeable future as long as it's working for everyone," Miller said. "It's sort of open-ended."

Traffickers over the years have increasingly turned to the sea to move their illegal goods, traversing an area off South America that is so big, the continental United States could be dropped inside. Smugglers routinely move cocaine out of countries like Colombia to Central America and Mexico via fishing boats, skiffs, commercial cargo ships — even home-made submarines.

The operation comes after five years of record seizures by



A U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement team from the USCG cutter Stratton boards a small fishing boat that was stopped carrying close to 700 kilos of pure cocaine in the Pacific Ocean hundreds of miles south of the Guatemala-El Salvador border.

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the Coast Guard. But U.S. officials say because of limited resources, the U.S. military's smallest service still catches only about 25 percent of illegal shipments in the Pacific.

Even so, the Coast Guard annually seizes three times the amount of cocaine confiscated at the U.S.-Mexico border. Yet ocean smuggling has not grabbed lawmakers' attention like the flow of drugs across the nearly 2,000-mile-long land border, where the Trump administration wants to spend billions to build a continuous wall.

As much as 20 percent of the cocaine moving through South America ends up in the United States, and most of it lands first in Mexico from seafaring smugglers. The hope is boats will be stopped before their shipments are loaded onto Mexican trucks that fan out on various routes bound for the U.S. border, authorities said. Large boats can cart 20 tons of cocaine or more.

Mexico has historically been among the Latin American countries that are most reluctant to join operations with the U.S., which can be traced back to the Mexican-American War that was fought 170 years ago. The United States cannot open military bases in Mexico, and U.S. officials, for instance, cannot venture into Mexican waters without prior permis-

sion, even if they are chasing drug vessels.

The Coast Guard now stops its pursuit and alerts Mexican authorities if suspicious boats cross into their territorial waters.

It's unclear whether this new cooperation will affect those restrictions.

Treaties with nations such as Colombia have allowed U.S. authorities more latitude, such as permitting Coast Guard officers to board Colombian-flagged ships. U.S. officials have touted Colombia's joint anti-drug efforts as a model for the region.

The U.S. and Mexican military relationship has strengthened since the two nations signed the 2008 Merida Initiative to work together in the

drug war. There have been more cross-border trainings, especially with the Mexican Navy, which is considered less corrupt than the Mexican Army and has raised its profile with the captures and killings of drug bosses.

The combined operation was planned in a series of meetings over the past year. The maritime services signed letters of intent to work together to fight organized crime while respecting each country's sovereignty and territorial waters.

David Shirk, associate professor of political science at the University of San Diego, said the operation falls in line with Trump's vow to go after the "bad hombres," while President Enrique Pena Nieto has recognized organized crime is so se-

vere that Mexico needs help.

"With more walled-off sections of the border, we've seen drug trafficking organizations literally go underground or offshore," he said.

Last year, the Coast Guard seized more than 455,000 pounds of cocaine worth more than \$6 billion and brought more than 600 suspected traffickers back to the United States for prosecution. The Coast Guard has been criticized for holding suspects on ships where they cannot easily access lawyers. Shirk said joint operations could lead "to serious violations of suspects' rights at sea and possible human rights violations in the process."

Coast Guard officials say they respect suspects' rights. Where suspects will be sent with the three countries participating in the operation will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

U.S. military officials have been reluctant to openly discuss details of the cooperation with their Mexican counterparts, sensitive to the Mexican public's historical view and recent barbs between the two presidents.

Jorge Chabat, a political scientist at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching in Mexico City, said he doubts the combined operation will get much negative reaction from a Mexican public tired of drug violence.

"The more insecurity we have, the less nationalism we have in Mexico," he said.

Ultimately, he doubts the joint operation will make much difference.

"This is something they have to do to maintain drug trafficking at the same level, and not allow it to grow," he said.

"That's the most you can do. You can't just surrender."

A ribbit of hope: Panama frogs hop back after nasty disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — After years of silence, the rhythmic dee-dee-deeps of frogs and toads are returning in parts of Panama.

A deadly fungal disease devastated amphibians in Central America more than a decade ago, quieting some mountain streams. But new research shows evolution may have saved the day — and the frogs.

In El Cope, Panama, at least four species disappeared including the red-striped Rio San Juan robber frog. Four other species lost at least 88 percent of their population from a disease-causing fungus that hit Panama hard from 2004 to 2007. The fungus has also been blamed for wiping out amphibian populations in California's Sierra Nevada and parts of Australia.

In the last few years, croaks have been heard in once quiet Panama streams. The critters are by no means recovered since they are still infected with the fungus, but they are alive and growing in numbers, according to a new study in Thursday's journal Science.

"It's so easy to lose hope when you've walked the same stretch of stream year after year, hoping to see a hint of the amazing diversity you once saw there," study co-author Corinne Richards-Zawacki, a University of Pittsburgh biologist, said in an email. "So you can imagine how good it feels to be able to report some good news from

the field."

The recovery is not everywhere and it's at best modest, cautioned lead author Jamie Voyles, a disease ecologist at the University of Nevada, Reno. One of the frogs making the most noticeable comeback is the hard-to-catch rocket frog, named because it is so quick, she said.

Voyles and Richards-Zawacki wanted to find out why the amphibians survived. They initially figured the disease weakened. But after testing old and new disease samples on frogs, they found the disease was as dangerous as ever.

To their surprise, the frogs and toads were fighting back better. The fungal disease attacks their skin secretions, and recently the frogs showed a two- to five-fold improvement in the amphibians' ability to limit the fungus' growth. The disease is still there, but it does less damage, Voyles said.

While this research is important, the findings aren't too surprising because past studies have shown that as bad as disease outbreaks get, they play a tiny role in species extinction, said Andrew Blaustein at Oregon State University, who wasn't part of the study.

Evolution allows species to resist completely succumbing to the nastiest diseases. "So, yes there is hope," Blaustein said in an email.



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SUBDIVISION:
YOUNG MLS/ID:
97160

631 BOWEN DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
SWMH, DWMH
0.44 ACRES \$14,000
MLS/ID: 127845

600 BOWEN DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
SWMH, DWMH
0.41 ACRES \$14,000
MLS/ID: 127846

2851 BROWNFIELD WAY
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
1.17 ACRES \$125,000
SUBDIVISION:
DEERFIELD WEST
MLS/ID: 129850

CANNERY ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
FARMING, TIMBER,

VACATION/
RECREATION
472 ACRES \$989,900
MLS/ID: 135322

CLARKSON ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
INVESTMENT,
TIMBER
16 ACRES \$40,000
MLS/ID: 134498

3 COULTER
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
0.4 ACRES \$8,000
SUBDIVISION:
GLADE PARK MLS/
ID: 131081

E. BREWINGTON RD.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
FARMING
32.35 ACRES
\$97,000
MLS/ID: 108691

ELECTRIC DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
INDUSTRIAL,
WAREHOUSE
36.37 ACRES
\$479,000

MLS/ID: 125497
FALCON DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
TIMBER
13.7 ACRES \$30,000
MLS/ID: 131635

FALCON DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
TIMBER, DWMH
15 ACRES \$45,000
MLS/ID: 133986

FISHING LN.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
0.5 ACRES \$8,500
SUBDIVISION:
FOXBORO MLS/ID:
128456

1644 HIALEAH PARKWAY
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
FARMING
22 ACRES \$379,000
MLS/ID: 135280

HIGHWAY 261
TILLMAN NURSERY
SOUTH
SUITABLE USE:

RESIDENTIAL,
INVESTMENT
115 ACRES \$400,000
SUBDIVISION:
SILVER CITY MLS/ID:
130566

6000 JCC ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
SWMH, DWMH
28.61 ACRES
\$59,900
MLS/ID: 134719

O LEVERN ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
TIMBER
105 ACRES \$70,000
MLS/ID: 133911

LIVE OAK ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
VACATION/
RECREATION
784 ACRES
\$2,800,000
MLS/ID: 135096

LONG LEAF DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
INVESTMENT
16.15 ACRES \$121,125
MLS/ID: 133012

895 MAPLECREEK DR.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
9.5 ACRES \$185,000
SUBDIVISION:
WESTBROOK MLS/
ID: 125045

4155 N. KINGS HWY
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
TIMBER, SWMH,
DWMH
5.18 ACRES \$22,000
MLS/ID: 131486

3245 NAZARENE CHURCH ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
SWMH, DWMH
3.81 ACRES \$28,500
MLS/ID: 135188

OLD CLARENDON ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL,
TIMBER, SWMH,
DWMH
2.05 ACRES \$10,000
MLS/ID: 132435

7175 PASTEUR RD.
SUITABLE USE:
FARMING, TIMBER
65.58 ACRES
\$245,925
MLS/ID: 131642

3560 RED LANE RD.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
5 ACRES \$50,000
SUBDIVISION:
YOUNG MLS/ID:
97155

3520 RED LANE RD.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
5.86 ACRES \$50,000
SUBDIVISION:
YOUNG MLS/ID:
97156

1010 SUMMIT DR.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
1.15 ACRES \$80,000
SUBDIVISION:
SUMMIT MLS/ID:
131035

1250 SUMMIT DR.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
1.08 ACRES \$115,000
SUBDIVISION:

SUMMIT MLS/ID:
131043

3655 VANDERBILT LN.
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
5 ACRES \$50,000
SUBDIVISION:
YOUNG MLS/ID:
97163

2315 WATERSONG RUN
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
1.25 ACRES \$119,900
SUBDIVISION: THE
COVE MLS/ID:
123752

2140 WATERSONG RUN
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
0.5 ACRES \$45,000
SUBDIVISION: THE
COVE MLS/ID:
102615

982 WESTFIELD COURT
SUITABLE USE:
RESIDENTIAL
0.67 ACRES \$30,000
MLS/ID: 134825

Commercial Property

COMMERCIAL LOTS/LAND
1077 ALICE DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS, OFFICE
0.9 ACRES \$319,000
MLS/ID: 97041

2935 BROAD ST.
SUITABLE USE:
MULTI-FAMILY,
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS
24 ACRES \$1,199,900
MLS/ID: 130565

3870 BROAD ST.
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
INVESTMENT
7 ACRES \$446,000
MLS/ID: 130562

3016 BROAD ST.
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
INVESTMENT
18.26 ACRES
\$999,900
MLS/ID: 130564

530 BRUSHWOOD
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS, OFFICE
1.49 ACRES \$125,000
MLS/ID: 126880

O BULTMAN DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS, OFFICE
6.05 ACRES
\$445,000

MLS/ID: 126682
CALHOUN ST EXT
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
MULTI-FAMILY
29 ACRES \$150,000
MLS/ID: 129589

CALHOUN ST EXT
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
MULTI-FAMILY
63 ACRES \$540,000
MLS/ID: 129588

CIRCLE R LANE
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS
13 ACRES \$650,000
MLS/ID: 133395

HIGHWAY 763
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
INDUSTRIAL, OFFICE,
INVESTMENT
1.17 ACRES \$25,000
MLS/ID: 131210

754 LIBERTY STREET
SUITABLE USE:
OFFICE
0.85 ACRES \$125,000
MLS/ID: 131407

PEACH ORCHARD/HIGHWAY 441
SUITABLE USE:
MULTI-FAMILY,
OFFICE
3.67 ACRES \$36,000
MLS/ID: 129337

RACETRACK RD.
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS, FARMING
76.6 ACRES
\$1,072,400
MLS/ID: 126508

300 RAST ST.
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS, OFFICE
1.15 ACRES \$125,000
NEXT TO MALL MLS/
ID: 126680

1650 S. GUIGNARD
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
WAREHOUSE
2.2 ACRES \$25,000
MLS/ID: 127839

W. WESMARK BLVD
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS OFFICE
6.77 ACRES \$625,000
MLS/ID: 134451

WELDON DRIVE
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
WAREHOUSE
4.25 ACRES \$180,000
MLS/ID: 131776

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SUITABLE USE:
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BUSINESS,
WAREHOUSE
11.50 ACRES
\$346,000
MLS/ID: 131778

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PROFESSIONAL USE
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MLS/ID: 120723

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RETAIL, OFFICE,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE, BEAUTY/
BARBER SHOP
1 ACRE \$105,000
MLS/ID: 135275

3525 CAMDEN HWY
SUITABLE USE:
RETAIL, OFFICE,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE
4477SQFT \$175,000
MLS/ID: 135319

318 E. CHURCH STREET
SUITABLE
USE: RETAIL,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE,
FOOD SERVICE,
INCOME/
COMMERCIAL
COMBO
0.33 ACRES \$55,000
MLS/ID: 134664

312 E. CHURCH STREET
SUITABLE USE:
RETAIL, OFFICE,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE, FOOD
SERVICE, INCOME/

COMMERCIAL
COMBO
1550SQFT \$45,000
MLS/ID: 134665

400 E. CHURCH STREET
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS,
INVESTMENT,
SERVICE/RETAIL,
CAN BE DEVELOPED
6.86 ACRES \$106,000
MLS/ID: 134667

910 JESSAMINE TRAIL
SUITABLE
USE: INCOME/
COMMERCIAL
COMBO
0.22 ACRES \$185,000
MLS/ID: 134678

629 MCCRAYS MILL ROAD
SUITABLE
USE: RETAIL,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE,
FRANCHISE,
AUTOMOTIVE
SERVICE, FAST FOOD
1214SQFT \$160,000
MLS/ID: 135453

541 OXFORD ST.
SUITABLE USE:
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE,
BEAUTY/BABER
SHOP, MEDICAL/
DENTAL
2402SQFT \$149,000
MLS/ID: 130752

1781 PEACH ORCHARD RD.
SUITABLE USE:
BUSINESS/
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE,

BEAUTY/BARBER
SHOP, INCOME/
COMMERCIAL
COMBO
0.8 ACRES \$150,000
MLS/ID: 132146

1785 PEACH ORCHARD ROAD
SUITABLE USE:
RETAIL, OFFICE,
BUSINESS SERVICE,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE, BEAUTY/
BARBER SHOP
0.22 ACRES \$99,900
MLS/ID: 134971

2585 PEACH ORCHARD ROAD
SUITABLE
USE: INCOME/
COMMERCIAL
COMBO
1.16 ACRES \$130,000
MLS/ID: 105901

2635 PEACH ORCHARD RD.
SUITABLE USE:
RETAIL, OFFICE,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE,
AUTOMOTIVE
SERVICE, BEAUTY/
BARBER SHOP
0.9 ACRES \$125,000
MLS/ID: 130879

11 SOUTH HARVIN STREET
SUITABLE USE:
COMMERCIAL/
BUSINESS, OFFICE
0.4 ACRES \$59,900
MLS/ID: 134224

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS FOR LEASE

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OFFICE SPACE
3474SQFT \$1,800/
MONTH

17 BROAD STREET
OFFICE,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE
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DIVIDE
\$2,900/MONTH
MLS/ID: 129381

212 BROAD STREET
OFFICE SPACE
1200SQFT \$800/
MONTH
85 WEST WESMARK
UNIT A
RETAIL
1260SQFT \$500/
MONTH

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RETAIL, BUSINESS
SERVICE
1300SQFT \$1,375/
MONTH
MLS/ID: 122883

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OFFICE SPACE
575SQFT \$400/
MONTH
VESPER COURT
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CAM/MONTH
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RETAIL,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE
1200SQFT

\$875 + \$50 CAM/
MONTH

648 BULTMAN
RETAIL,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

652 BULTMAN
RETAIL,
PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE
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\$855 + \$50 CAM/
MONTH

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The Manning High School Symphonic Band got a rating of Excellent during the South Carolina Band Directors Association Concert Performance Assessment.

Manning High band wins Excellent rating during assessment

SUBMITTED

On Wednesday, March 21, the Manning High School Symphonic Band traveled to West Ashley High School to participate in the South Carolina Band Directors Association Concert Performance Assessment.

minutes to teach the piece to the students without them playing in the teaching period and then performing the piece for the judges after time is called. Students performed well on stage and in sight reading.

The Manning High School Symphonic Band received a rating of Excellent overall in both Stage Performance and Sight Reading.

The Concert Performance Assessment consists of two parts. The first part is a stage performance with two prepared pieces of adequate grade level. The second part is the sight reading component where the teacher has six

Jordan Jefferson is proud of the progress he has seen in his students and continues to push for even more musical excellence.

PET OF THE WEEK

"Tank" is a 9-week-old male chocolate Dachshund mix puppy. We are not sure how big he will get because we don't know the father. His mother, DeeDee, is a Dachshund mix and is at the shelter. He's had his age-appropriate shots and has been neutered. He is one of a litter of four males. They all are very sweet and love to be held. They cuddle against your neck. Please stop by Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301). Office hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

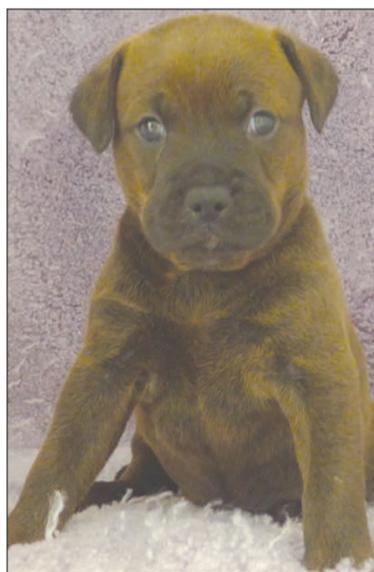


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COMMENTARY

Nothing wrong with a census question about citizenship

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration is being sued over its plans to include a question about citizenship in the 2020 Census, which California Attorney General Xavier Becerra (D) says “is not just a bad idea — it is illegal.”

No, it's not. There is nothing wrong with asking about citizenship. Canada asks a citizenship question on its census. So do Australia and many other U.S. allies. The U.S. government asked about citizenship for 130 years — from 1820 to 1950 — as part of the decennial “short form” census and continued to do so in the “long form” survey — distributed to 1 in 6 people — through 2000, when the long form was replaced by the annual American Community Survey. The ACS goes to about 2.6 percent of the population each year and asks about citizenship to this day.

So why are many on the left up in arms over a question that should be relatively uncontroversial? Answer: Money and power. Democrats are worried that adding a citizenship question will dampen participation in the census by illegal immigrants, reducing the total population count in the Democratic-leaning metropolitan areas where illegal immigrants are largely concentrated.

Because census data is used to determine the distribution of federal funds, that could decrease the cities' share of more than \$675 billion a year in federal funding. And because census data is also used to create and apportion congressional seats, Democrats fear that if illegal immigrants don't participate it could shift power from Democratic cities to rural communities, which tend to vote Republican.

At least, that's Democrats' theory. But there is no evidence that a citizenship question would dramatically impact census participation.

The census is not like a telemarketing survey where people have the option of adding their names to a “do not call” list. Everyone is required by law to respond. If a household does not fill out the census form, then census workers visit that household to gather census data.

If they still cannot get a household to cooperate, nonrespondents can be fined or prosecuted — though in practice they rarely are. Usually, the Census Bureau

instead asks neighbors about the household in order to get as much accurate information as possible. This may add costs to the census, but it is not likely to produce inaccurate data.

Moreover, if asking about citizenship is a deterrent to participation by illegal immigrants, then what about the existing census question that asks whether respondents are “of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin” — the only ethnic group specifically called out. Respondents are required by law to tell the government whether they are of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or other Hispanic origin, which they are required to list (“print origin, for example, Argentinean, Colombian, Dominican, Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Spaniard and so on”). If that does not deter the participation of many illegal immigrants, how would a question on citizenship?

There is no good reason not to answer the census, whether one is here legally or illegally. As the Census Bureau points out, “It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census or survey information that identifies an individual or business ... the FBI and other government entities do not have the legal right to access this information.” Furthermore, the proposed question is about citizenship, not legal status. This question should not be a deterrent to participation for anyone.

But let's say for the sake of argument that some illegal immigrants do decide not to participate in the 2020 Census. So what? Illegal immigrants are here illegally. If they choose to violate U.S. law yet again by refusing to participate in the census because of a perfectly legitimate question about citizenship, that's not the U.S. government's fault.

This is a losing issue for Democrats. They are effectively arguing that sanctuary cities should be rewarded with more federal money for interfering with the federal enforcement of our immigration laws and turning themselves into magnets for illegal immigrants.

And Democrats, who claim to be deeply concerned about foreign interference in our democracy, seem to have no problem with foreign interference when it comes to noncitizens in the United States illegally affecting the distribution of seats in Congress.

If Democrats want to make that argument to the American people, go for it. It will further alienate millions of voters who abandoned the Democratic Party in the 2016 election.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HAMM IS PLAYING THE CARDS OF A COVERT FEW

History does repeat itself. Several months ago, a local minister wrote that members of our school board do not ask the superintendent probing questions. Well, we have an interim superintendent promoting a scheme that will affect our community for years, without being challenged by the board. Dr. Hamm has no invested interest in Sumter. She will create a crisis and then retreat to Columbia. Discerning minds know that the magnet school dressing is just a ploy to soften the stigma of closing these three rural schools. The recent haste to closing schools is not about magnet schools but to get a vote before the November election, when the two appointed board positions will become elected positions. She, board member Hilton and the maverick Chamber member realize that they may not have the votes to approve the scheme if they waited. So the strategy is to fast forward the process when the pendulum is swinging in their favor. They know that the two appointed board members will vote for the closings because they are not elected/accountable. Dr. Hamm's motive is not to protect a new superintendent. If this is her primary concern, a vote could wait until January 2019 and allow a fully elected board vote on an issue of this magnitude. This would still allow her to take the heat on the issue for six or seven months before the new superintendent. So, Dr. Hamm, please stop playing the cards of the covert few who are pushing your money over students agenda.

MRS. JUSTIN CURETON
Sumter

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HELPED AFTER ACCIDENT NEAR SHAW

Shaw Air Force Base has been a valued part of the Sumter community for my entire life. Many of my friends have served or are serving at Shaw in some capacity. The impact that the military has on our community is more than just monetary, with many retirees choosing Sumter for their retirement home. In short, Shaw is an intricate part of the Sumter community, and just as the new logo says, the people of Sumter have “Uncommon Patriotism” and pride in our friends at Shaw and beyond.

Recently I was involved in an accident that made me reflect on the value and people that are part of Sumter by way of Shaw. While driving on U.S. 378 in front of Shaw, I was rear ended, with the party that hit me leaving the scene of the accident. There were two people that stopped to see if they could help in any way and both were associated with Shaw. One of those stopping, Rick Leech, went above and beyond what I could have possibly expected, and I feel that I made a new friend that day. Rick not only was concerned about my physical condition, but his assistance benefited police in apprehending the party that hit me, and he even accompanied me to court to testify.

All too often we are quick to criticize and short on “thank you.” Thank you, Rick, and thank you to our military friends that come into our community and contribute in immeasurable ways.

TYLER B. “DOC” DUNLAP
Sumter

EDITORIAL ROUNDUP

A recent editorial from a South Carolina newspaper:

THE POST AND COURIER

March 24

‘Opportunity zones’ to transform poorer communities

A bright idea for spurring investment in economically distressed areas, approved as part of the federal tax reform bill, has the potential to pump much-needed capital into some of the poorest communities in South Carolina and across the nation.

With a little economic alchemy, Sen. Tim Scott, R-South Carolina, hopes to transform the problems of the rich into opportunities for the poor.

Under his Investing in Opportunity Act, individuals and businesses can defer or reduce capital gains taxes by reinvesting their profits in Opportunity Funds. In turn, they are required to invest 90 percent of their capital in high-poverty zones designated by governors.

In South Carolina, where the poverty rate is slightly higher than the national average, about 30 percent of residents live in areas that would qualify as an “opportunity zone,” defined as a census tract where the poverty rate is at least 20 percent and the median income is 80 percent or less than the county median income.

“We could see major private-sector dollars being invested in distressed communities — no new bureaucracy, no new government programs — simply an incentive package to provide access to opportunities for kids who grew up in single-parent households like myself,” Sen. Scott said during a recent tour to publicize the effort.

The funds could bankroll projects ranging from affordable housing to business startups

to solar farms.

Capital gains taxes can cost investors 20 percent or more of their profits. But by reinvesting in so-called O-Funds, they could reduce those taxes significantly over time. Some details about how O-Funds will be managed are still being worked out by the Treasury Department, but investors seeking a tax shelter with the potential to create jobs and housing shouldn't wait to get in line.

A five-year reinvestment would reduce the basis for capital gains taxes by 10 percent; after seven years, 15 percent. Those taxes can be deferred through 2026. O-Fund investments held for at least 10 years would be exempted for any further capital gains taxes.

The Investing in Opportunity Act is the first federal program aimed at helping poor communities in a decade, *The New York Times* reports.

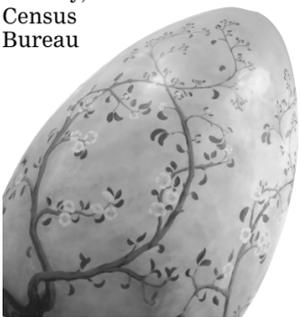
Gov. Henry McMaster announced his choice of 135 opportunity zones across South Carolina. Those include seven census tracts in Charleston County, including part of North Charleston where Sen. Scott grew up. A large swath includes the Volvo plant in Ridgeway.

“By incentivizing private investment and economic prosperity in low-income communities across the country, Sen. Scott's proposal may result in the most transformative free-market solution in generations,” the governor said.

The Joint Committee on Taxation estimated Sen. Scott's program would reduce federal tax revenue by a relatively modest \$1.6 billion over 10 years.

Some critics of the idea are concerned that it could simply accelerate the gentrification of economically depressed areas by driving up housing costs and pushing longtime residents out. In South Carolina, state lawmakers need to ensure the careful regulation of O-Funds by the Department of Commerce to make sure they go toward affordable housing and the creation of jobs and businesses.

Credit goes to Sen. Scott and Sen. Cory Booker, a New Jersey Democrat, for getting the program included in the tax bill.



GALA FROM PAGE A1

you don't, you have no heart," said Chip Chase, president of the foundation.

Chase said the foundation works in conjunction with the Sumter County Disabilities and Special Needs Board by providing money to be used for services and activities not covered within the board's federal spending guidelines.

The money collected this year will be combined with the \$27,500 the gala raised in its first year and the \$35,000 that was donated in each of the last two years to go toward a new facility where consumers can receive their medical screenings.

Currently, Chase said, they make-shift meet in the foundation's conference room.

"We're trying to get a new facility that's more dignified with better treatment where they can feel like they're going to their place," Chase said.

The board serves 550 adults with disabilities, but there are more adults that can be served through the foundation.

John W. Watkins, foundation member and chairman of the DSNB Board of Directors, said the foundation has provided services such as training an advocacy group, home-cooking training for the consumers and other quality-of-life activities.

"We want them to have the whole life experience. Just like each of us, we do more than just work every day. We have things we like to do, relaxation, fun things, so we want to enrich their lives from more than just working every day and the daily grind," Watkins said.

Watkins has a 41-year-old son with autism, which he said has shown him there is a gap in needs fulfilled by federal funding.

"I saw the need with my own child, but I also wanted to reach out to as many people as I could with disabilities and special needs, so I got on the foun-

datation and board," he said. "I see every day the challenges they face and how hard they try to do the best they can and have the best life possible, and I just want to add to that and help support them."

He said the Sumter community has always been supportive of the special needs community but that they are still a "hidden population."

Inside The O'Donnell House, where crab cakes were being prepared in front of hungry eyes, wine distributors offered samplings and attendees placed bids on high-end items in a silent auction, and on the lawn outside, community leaders, foundation and board members, parents and their adult children all mingled, dressed for prom, as they talked and took selfies, all for the good cause.

"Richard has made a lot of friends, and he would not miss his night," said Coles Dwight, whose 22-year-old son was on hand to say hi to arriving guests. Both of their colorful, patterned

bow-ties on their tuxedos stood out among many of the other black bow-ties.

Dwight's wife, Susanne Dwight, is on the foundation.

She said having a facility for medical screenings would make the process more personal for the consumers. Their son attends the day program through the board.

"He is ADHD, developmentally delayed, speech and motor impaired," she said. "He never meets a stranger."

The couple said this annual gala has brought positive attention to the group being served in Sumter.

"When you come to an event like this where the leaders of Sumter are all dressed up and are here ... it lets them feel belonged, and they can do whatever they do and not worry about it because everyone comes here with an open mind and good attitude and a lot of love," Coles Dwight said. "The love just kind of rolls around, and it's really cool."

FUTURE FROM PAGE A1

Dennis said this is one of the things he wanted to do when he started considering taking leadership of the jail last year.

"We need folks to walk out with some type of future," he said.

Most jobs require applicants to have WorkKeys certification, he said.

Through a partnership with Sumter County Adult Education, inmates can begin studying for the GED and WorkKeys tests and prepare for better opportunities.

Dennis said inmates will also be able to take welding and culinary courses in the future.

The courses are free to the inmates, male and female, and do not pose any additional costs to the taxpayers, he said.

Dennis said most of the people in the detention center are being held for family court issues and misdemeanor crimes.

People should know they have other options than to return to crime when they get out, he said.

Inmates aren't forced to take part in these programs, Dennis said, so it is the inmates themselves choosing to do better.

The instructors are just as passionate about making sure their students have a brighter future.

Alexandra Baten, the primary GED and WorkKeys instructor,

said she teaches soft skills as well as prepares students for the tests.

"I don't want them to do so well here and have nowhere to go when they leave," she said.

Baten said the course has been a success for her students so far, and there is even a waiting list.

Though studying for the GED and WorkKeys tests could take months, Chief Deputy Hampton Gardner said, those who leave the jail before taking the test can finish their classes at Sumter County Adult Education.

These programs allow the inmates to pick up some skills and do some great things, he said.

Some former inmates have even sent letters to the sheriff's office thanking their instructors for helping them get into the program, Gardner said.

The detention center also offers counseling to encourage inmates to find better paths rather than returning to jail after they are released, he said.

"And we are seeing fewer people in jail," Gardner said. "That's what we want."

Sheriff Dennis said he is also working with local agencies to help inmates find employment through work release.

"We're seeing a success with all programs," Dennis said. "I'm excited about the future of the detention center."

STAGGERS FROM PAGE A1

College Board Chairman the Rev. Mack Hines said Friday that Stagers will serve with that title through June 30. On July 1, Stagers will officially become Morris' new president.

Stagers has served as interim president of the college since July 1, 2017, when he replaced long-time president Luns Richardson, who retired on June 30.

Stagers has worked at Morris for 25 years since being hired in 1993. For most of that time, he was the college's academic dean, in which capacity he supervised all academic programs at Morris, all faculty members and academic instructional support programs, according to the college.

Hines said he thinks Stagers is the right person for the job considering his long history with the school and that he's a scholar with an earned Ph.D.

"The faculty knows him and respects him, and the students do, as well," Hines said. "He also has a sensitivity to human needs, and he

LEROY STAGGERS

Hometown: Salters, South Carolina (Williamsburg County)

Bachelor's degree: Voorhees College (Denmark, South Carolina)

Graduate degrees: Clark Atlanta University (Atlanta, Georgia), masters and doctorate degrees

Years at Morris: 25

has an open heart for Morris College. He loves the school."

In its presidential search application process, Hines said 81 applicants applied for the job.

Thursday's board vote for Stagers was unanimous, Hines said.

A Sumter resident, Stagers is a member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church.

Before arriving at Morris, Stagers served as vice president of academic affairs, associate professor of English and director of faculty development at Barber-Scotia College in Concord, North Carolina.

A native of Salters in Williamsburg County,

Stagers earned his bachelor's degree from Voorhees College in Denmark and earned both a master's and a doctorate degree from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta. Also, Stagers has completed the Harvard University Institute for Education Management program, which addresses the stewardship role played by senior-level leaders at their respective institutions.

As the college's new president, Stagers will be responsible for guiding Morris through various challenges it faces.

Those include declining enrollment and legal health issues with a mold infestation case that has resulted in a class-action lawsuit.

The college's official enrollment in Fall 2017 was 747 students, according to the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. In fall 2008, enrollment was 921.

According to commission data and Hines, several other private colleges face similar enrollment issues in recent years.

Hines said the college is making concerted efforts to get enrollment back up.

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The atomic bomb that faded into S.C. history

BY BO PETERSEN

The Post and Courier of Charleston

MARS BLUFF — Ella Davis Hudson remembers stacking bricks to make a kitchen to play house. The next thing she knew, the 9-year-old was running down the driveway, blood streaming from the gash above her eye.

She doesn't remember the actual blast from an atomic bomb.

Sixty years ago, on March 11, 1958, an Air Force bomber dropped a nuclear weapon on a farm in the rural Mars Bluff community outside Florence. The radioactive payload either wasn't loaded in the warhead or didn't detonate — the stories differ.

But the TNT trigger for the bomb blew a crater in Walter Gregg's garden some 24 feet deep and 50 feet wide. The blast shredded his farm house about 100 yards away. Hudson, a cousin, had been playing with two of Gregg's children in the backyard.

The atomic warhead would have been 30 kilotons — twice as powerful as the bomb that devastated Hiroshima in World War II. Florence, five miles away, would have been obliterated. Most of the rest of the 30,000 residents of Florence County would have been wiped out or sickened by radiation.

You'd think the crater site would be one of those ghoulish attractions that become a heavily promoted tourist site. But today it sits almost in obscurity on private property, in the woods at the edge of the backyard of a home in a modest neighborhood near Francis Marion University.

An information kiosk and a wooden silhouette of the 10-foot-tall, 7,600-pound bomb stand near what's left of the hole, which is silting in. Hurricane debris limbs have been tossed along its rim and a few Pepsi and Bud Lite cans are scattered around. There's no sign from the road to show it's there.

The stream of curious visitors is steady, though. You can almost tell the season by them — Canadian license plates in the spring and motorcycle groups in the summer, neighbor Mary Cantey said.

The neighbors are amused. They've talked about putting up a homemade sign to point it out, but it's too much fun to watch people try to hunt it down, said Cantey, who can see the impact site from her porch.

"If I see a car come around the neighborhood twice, I know they're looking for it," she said.

The tale, on the other hand, is anything but fun.

You don't want to think of trained crews bobbling atomic bombs. But the Mars Bluff incident is one of about a dozen unplanned drops that took place in the 1950s before the military decided not to carry nuclear warheads on training runs.

They called the lost bombs "broken arrows."

The era was the dawn of the Cold War, when atomic bombs were still as incomprehensible as they were horrifying. The threat was immediate. There was no real defense. School children ran through drills where they hid under their desks — "duck and cover" — in case of an attack.

Just a month before the Mars Bluff incident, a bomber dropped a hydrogen bomb somewhere off Tybee Island, Georgia, after colliding with a fighter jet during training. A nuclear explosion from it would have been 100 times more powerful than Hiroshima.

That bomb has lain buried deep somewhere in the ocean-bottom muck for more than a half-century.

Typically during training runs the bombs carried uranium but not the capsule needed to detonate it, although in Congressional testimony in 1966 the acting secretary of defense said four of the missing bombs did carry the capsule, including the Tybee bomb, according to a later CBS News report.

The testimony itself was later recanted — just one indication of how secretively the military dealt with mishaps.

When Hudson came to her senses that day in 1958, she was running frantically with fallen electric lines singing around her.

Helen Gregg Holladay, one of the daughters Hudson was playing with, remembers getting up from the ground to find an entire stand of pines, where the 6-year-old had just climbed down from her tree fort, flattened.

Hudson had been struck in the forehead by a brick. Holladay, somehow, was uninjured.

The adults piled the kids into a car and raced to a hospital, with Hudson's gaping wound wrapped in the apron she had been playing in.

Hudson remembers the speedometer reading 80 mph and her yelling at the driver to slow down.

At the hospital, two odd things happened for a little country girl: Everybody wanted her to pull off the apron so they could take photographs and a doctor waved a Geiger counter over her.

The story told in Mars Bluff is that the bomb was launched inadvertently, bumped loose from a B-47 when the plane hit an air pocket as a crew member leaned over the launch trigger to check it.

The military never officially said. Its spokespeople insisted early and often the bomb wasn't armed and there was no danger of nuclear detonation.

But one of the pilots made a distress call saying they had jettisoned "hot cargo," or an atomic bomb. The three pilots, said to be on training mission out of Savannah and cruising at 15,000 feet, were re-assigned overseas for seven years. When they came back, they went to see Walter Gregg.

"They told my daddy everything was aboard," Holladay said. "It was a totally different story than what the government put out."

For the next 25 years, she said, military craft flew overhead the farm checking for radiation.

No one died or was seriously injured in the Mars Bluff blast. But the Gregg family came away with little more than the clothes on their backs.

Walter Gregg eventually sued and was awarded \$36,000, according to the exhibit at the Florence County Museum. That wasn't enough to rebuild the house, much less replace the possessions lost or stolen in the aftermath, Holladay said.

"My daddy resented it all his life."

One smile-inducing post-script to the story: The Greggs later appeared on the television show "I've Got a Secret" and stumped the panel trying to guess what the secret was.

In 2008, making an effort to recognize the event, county historians erected the markers at the site and held a commemoration ceremony attended by about 100 people.

"It's not many towns that can say they had an atomic bomb drop and nothing (deadly) happened," said Marshall Yarborough, the Florence County Historical Commission chairwoman.

Internet-recirculated reports of the ceremony and flurries of social media postings continue to spur the curious to come see the site.

The historical commission is seeking to buy that wedge of the property from the owner to turn into a park, Yarborough said. But no luck so far.

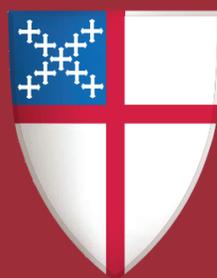
Hudson carries the scar on her forehead to this day. She doesn't dwell on the incident or often talk about it. Out to dinner once, she and her husband, Knapp Hudson, surprised a table of Air Force officers who were talking about the Mars Bluff bomb by introducing her to them.

But mostly, "it's just too fantastical to tell people," she said. "It's like a chapter in your life you just close."

Holladay will still pause to take a breath when she talks about it.

"I think I'm lucky to be alive," she said.

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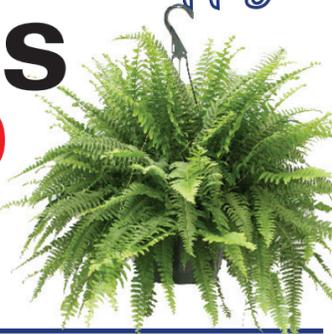
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The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't run away from issues that need to be discussed. Put thought, time and energy into bringing about positive change.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put more time and effort into maintaining better physical, mental and emotional health. Being around people who bring you joy will ease your stress and help you redesign how you want the rest of your life to unfold.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll find it difficult to resist the temptation to make an impulsive move. Question your motives as well as what's behind someone's interest in your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pay more attention to the way you present who you are and what you have to offer. An important relationship will make a difference to the way you move forward personally and professionally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A personal change will do you good. Whether it is physical or emotional or deals with letting go of things that have been holding you back, forward motion and following your heart are favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be taken advantage of if you offer your money, time or your assistance. Know what you are getting into before you make a commitment to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change in the way you live or who you live with will improve your life. Share emotions and celebrate what you have worked so hard to achieve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll be irritated and impulsive when it comes to money matters. Before you jump into something, consider whether it's affordable and how you can get more for less.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change of heart can be expected. Distance yourself from anyone who is impulsive. You need to maintain stability and focus on putting your energy into something tangible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An unexpected change will leave you at a loss. Don't let your emotions take over. Wait to gather all the facts before you voice your opinion or put demands on others.

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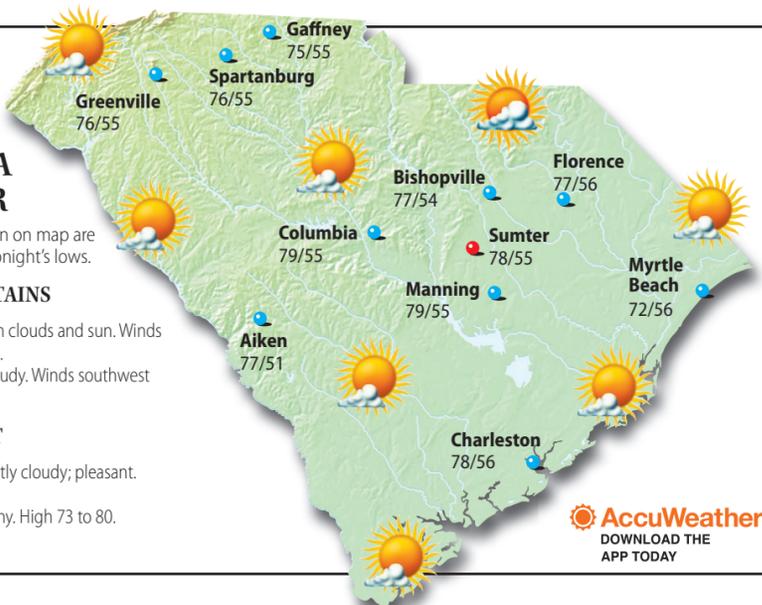
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TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



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Today: Pleasant with clouds and sun. Winds southwest 6-12 mph. Monday: Mostly cloudy. Winds southwest 6-12 mph.

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PRO BASKETBALL

Ray Allen to be inducted into Hall of Fame



AP FILE PHOTO

Former Hillcrest High School standout Ray Allen (34) is among the 13-member class that will be inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in September.

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
dennis@theitem.com

A basketball career that began in the Hillcrest High School gymnasium in Dalzell will have an exclamation point placed on its end with an induction into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Ray Allen, who led the Wildcats to the 1993 4A state title before going on to an All-American career at Connecticut and fame in the National Basketball Association, found out on Saturday he is one of 13 people who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts, in September.

He gains entrance into the hall in his first year of eligi-

bility.

Other members of the class are three of Allen's NBA contemporaries — Steve Nash, Jason Kidd and Grant Hill — along with Maurice Cheeks, Tina Thompson, coach Lefty Driesell, Charlie Scott, long-time executive Rick Welts, NBA executive Rod Thorn, Katie Smith, the late Ora Mae Washington and Croatian star Dino Radja.

Allen, a 10-time All-Star, is the most prolific 3-point shooter in NBA history and a two-time league champion.

Allen is the NBA's all-time leader in career 3-point field goals made in both the regular and postseason. One of the most accurate 3-point and free throw shooters in NBA history. He won championships in

2008 with Boston and in '13 with Miami.

He averaged 18.9 points per game for his career in 1,300 games. Allen made 2,973 3-pointers in regular-season games, which doesn't even count the one that was his most unforgettable, coming in the postseason.

His 3-pointer from the right corner with 5.2 seconds left in Game 6 of the '13 NBA Finals for Miami sent the Heat to overtime against the Spurs in a win-or-else game, and helped them go on to win the title in seven games.

Chris Bosh got an offensive rebound and passed to Allen, who was backtracking toward the corner. Allen, without

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NCAA MEN'S TOURNAMENT



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michigan forward Moritz Wagner (13) reaches for a rebound over Loyola-Chicago guard Clayton Custer during the first half of the Wolverines' 69-57 victory in a semifinal game in the men's NCAA tournament on Saturday in San Antonio.

The slipper doesn't fit

Loyola's Cinderella run comes to an end as Michigan posts 69-57 victory in Final Four

BY RALPH D. RUSSO
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Moe Wagner, Charles Matthews and Michigan erased a 10-point second-half deficit and the Wolverines ended Loyola-Chicago's storybook NCAA Tournament run with a 69-57 victory Saturday night in the Final Four.

The third-seeded Wolverines (33-7) will take a 14-game winning streak into their first national championship game appearance since 2013, and second under coach Jon Beilein.

Michigan will play either Villanova or Kansas for its first NCAA title since

1989 on Monday night at the Alamodome.

Lovable Loyola (32-6), with superfan Sister Jean courtside and their fans behind the bench standing for pretty much the entire game, could not conjure another upset. The Ramblers were the fourth 11th-seeded team to make it this far and like the previous three, the semifinals were the end of the road.

Loyola had no answers for the 6-foot-11 Wagner and its offense, so smooth and efficient on the way to San Antonio, broke down in the second half and finished with 17 turnovers.

Wagner, playing in front of his parents who made the trip from Germany, scored 24 points, had 15 rebounds and was 10 for 16 from the field. Matthews, the Kentucky transfer and Chicago native, added 17 points, including a run-out dunk with 1:33 left that made it 63-53.

And that was that.

As the seconds ticked off, Wagner pumped his fist to the many Michigan fans who made the trek to San Antonio and Loyola's Aundre Jackson, who got the Ramblers rolling with a late game-winning 3 in the first round against Miami, looked toward the roof and shook his head.

THE MASTERS

Only change for Garcia is status as champion

BY DOUG FERGUSON
The Associated Press

Sergio Garcia is the Masters champion, and he says nothing has changed.

That's not entirely true.

He returns to Augusta National as a husband, having married Angela Akins last summer. He will have a slightly larger entourage with him, most notably a daughter born three weeks ago who will always remind him of the Masters, its beauty and his resiliency. They named her Azalea.



GARCIA

And he has Tuesday night plans unlike any other as host of the Champions Dinner.

But that's it.

He'll swear by that. "I feel very proud for being able to win a major, and to win the Masters on top of that," Garcia said. "But you know, like what they all tell me: 'Has it changed your life?' I don't think and I don't feel like it has. I'm still doing the same things. ... It's something that until it happens, you don't know what it's going to feel like and what it's going to do to you. But on my regard, I'm happy that I don't feel it has changed me. I don't feel like I'm better than I was before."

That's mainly because all the change took place before he won the Masters.

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USC FOOTBALL



AP FILE PHOTO

South Carolina wide receiver Deebo Samuel (1) is waiting to get back on the field for the Gamecocks after missing most of the 2017 season due to injury.

South Carolina awaiting full go for Samuel, Allen-Williams

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

COLUMBIA — South Carolina coach Will Muschamp believes the Gamecocks improved enough during the spring that things will only get better once two injured playmakers — receiver Deebo Samuel and linebacker Bryson Allen-Williams — are back at full speed this fall.

Muschamp's team held its annual Garnet and Black

game Saturday. The next time the Gamecocks will play in front of the home fans will be Sept. 1 in the opener against Coastal Carolina. By then, South Carolina should have dynamic leaders such as the speedy Samuel and the vocal, enthusiastic Allen-Williams.

Muschamp said OrTre Smith and Shi Smith took steps forward picking up Samuel's reps during spring. Danny Fennell filled in capably at Allen-Williams' spot,

the coach said.

"In order to improve, you've got to play the game," Muschamp said. "So those guys made some strides."

Samuel was on his way to an All-American season with six touchdowns, two on kick-off returns, in the first three games before a leg injury against Kentucky on Sept. 16 ended his season. Samuel, who likely would've left for

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THE MASTERS

Augusta offers reprieve from increasingly vocal golf crowds

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

Welcome to Augusta National, a Baba Booey-free zone.

For one week, the Masters brings a measure of civility back to a game that has grown more obnoxious outside the ropes in recent years.

For these four days in April, the odds of TV mics picking up the calls of the over-served — "Baba Booey," "get in the hole," "mashed potatoes" and worse — are virtually nil because, to put it simply, the green jackets who run the club do not allow it.

It is, in the eyes of many pro players, a welcome reprieve from what has become an increasingly uncivilized game — filled with more volume, more raucous behavior, more people there to get heard on TV than to watch golf. In only a few events this year, high-profile players Sergio Garcia, Rory McIlroy and Justin Thomas have dealt with out-of-line comments. Garcia and Thomas even



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Golf is getting younger, and the PGA Tour is going after its slice of the new generation to build a fan base. That has brought more energy, more volume and raucous behavior. PGA Tour Commissioner Jay Monahan says it's a good problem to have, but it won't be a problem at the Masters, where fans know they best mind their manners.

ended up getting hecklers ejected.

"Everybody seems to want to say something," Steve Stricker said. "The fans all want to voice their opinion, and they feel like they paid to get in so they're going to yell a few things out there at you."

"We have to think about it

and worry about it a little bit, but we're not over that line yet. It's on the verge. It seems like we're at a tipping point."

The Masters is different. This is the course where a fan — make that patron — can place a lawn chair to reserve a spot near the 18th green, or

any green, leave for four hours, then come back and see all his or her belongings there, undisturbed.

Running across the hallowed grounds is verboten.

And when the PGA Tour finally relaxed its rules regarding cellphones, Augusta National did not. The home of the season's first major meticulously tracks its tickets — and does not hesitate to pull them from people who do not follow the rules.

"It's quite simple: At Augusta, people know if you shout the wrong thing, you're out of there within 10 seconds," Garcia said.

There's a lot more leniency at regular PGA Tour events. Shouts, screams and some irreverence are a growing trend.

"It's a good problem to have," commissioner Jay Monahan said. "You have more people, young people, coming to our events than we've ever seen. Some of these people are new, and we're trying to bring new people into our sport. ... This issue is going to

come when you have outdoor events with the number of people we have.

"We've got a significant number of people and resources to make sure the right behavior is happening on the golf course. We've had some high-profile incidents the last few weeks. We're monitoring it and we'll get it right. I think a lot of that behavior will be self-policing."

The mute button has been difficult to find, especially in an era when people often share every thought via social media.

There might be other factors, too.

McIlroy suggested limiting alcohol sales at events after a spectator kept yelling his wife's name during the Arnold Palmer Invitational in Orlando a few weeks ago.

"I was going to go over and have a chat with him," McIlroy said. "I think it's gotten a little much, to be honest. ...

They need to do something, because every week it seems like guys are complaining about it more and more."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
8 a.m. — Youth Golf: Drive, Chip & Putt National Finals from Augusta, Ga. (GOLF).
8:25 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Stoke City vs. Arsenal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Werder Bremen (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
10:55 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. Chelsea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — NHL Hockey: Boston at Philadelphia (WIS 10).
Noon — College Softball: South Carolina at Texas A&M (ESPN).
Noon — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Borussia Monchengladbach vs. Mainz (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).
Noon — College Baseball: Vanderbilt at Florida (SEC NETWORK).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at New York Mets (ESPN).
1 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Miami Open Men's Singles Championship Match from Key Biscayne, Fla. (ESPN2).
1 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia at Charlotte (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
2 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Minnesota (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
2 p.m. — PGA Golf: Houston Open Final Round from Humble, Texas (GOLF).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: Houston Open Final Round from Humble, Texas (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — College Baseball: Missouri at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).
3:30 p.m. — High School Basketball: Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championship from San Antonio (WLTN 19).
3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Houston at San Antonio (WOLO 25).
3:30 p.m. — College Basketball: 3X3U National Championship from San Antonio (ESPN2).
3:30 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Miami Open Women's Doubles Championship Match from Key Biscayne, Fla. (TENNIS).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Angels at Oakland or Cleveland at Seattle (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. — PGA Golf: ANA Inspiration Final Round from Rancho Mirage, Calif. (GOLF).
5 p.m. — Women's College Tennis: Texas at Florida (TENNIS).
6 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Championship Game from Columbus, Ohio — Notre Dame vs. Mississippi State (ESPN, WNKT-FM 107.5).
6 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles FC vs. Los Angeles Galaxy (FOX SPORTS 1).
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City at New Orleans (NBA TV).
6 p.m. — College Softball: Georgia at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Washington at Pittsburgh (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Bowling: Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Championship from Chesapeake, Va. (ESPN).
9:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Sacramento at Los Angeles Lakers (NBA TV).
10:30 p.m. — College Bowling: Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship from Arlington, Texas (ESPN).
MONDAY
10 a.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: Volvo Car Open Early-Round Matches from Charleston (TENNIS).
1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay at New York Yankees (ESPN).
2 p.m. — Women's Professional Tennis: Volvo Car Open Early-Round Matches from Charleston (TENNIS).
4 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati or St. Louis at Milwaukee (MLB NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Baltimore at Houston (ESPN).
7 p.m. — College Softball: Georgia at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
7:30 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at Atlanta (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
7:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Carolina at Florida (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: NCAA Tournament Championship Game from San Antonio (TBS, TRUTV, TNT, WNKT-FM 107.5).
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Los Angeles Angels (ESPN2).

Houston 9, Texas 3
 L.A. Angels 8, Oakland 3
 Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 3
 Cleveland 6, Seattle 5
 Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
 Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

TODAY
 Minnesota (Berrios 0-0) at Baltimore (Gausman 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Gray 0-0) at Toronto (Stroman 0-0), 1:07 p.m.
 Boston (Velazquez 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Faria 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Williams 0-0) at Detroit (Fulmer 0-0), 1:10 p.m., 1st game
 Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-0) at Kansas City (Hammel 0-0), 2:15 p.m.
 Houston (Cole 0-0) at Texas (Minor 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Ohtani 0-0) at Oakland (Triggs 0-0), 4:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Bauer 0-0) at Seattle (Leake 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-0) at Detroit (TBD), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game

MONDAY
 Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Baltimore at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
 Boston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	2	0	1.000	—
Washington	2	0	1.000	—
Atlanta	1	1	.500	1
Miami	1	1	.500	1
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	1

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	2	0	1.000	—
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	½
Chicago	1	1	.500	1
Cincinnati	0	2	.000	2
St. Louis	0	2	.000	2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	2	0	1.000	—
San Francisco	2	0	1.000	—
Colorado	0	2	.000	2
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	2
San Diego	0	2	.000	2

SATURDAY
 Pittsburgh at Detroit, p.p.d.
 N.Y. Mets 6, St. Louis 2
 Washington 13, Cincinnati 7
 Chicago Cubs at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
 Colorado at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
 Milwaukee at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
 San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY
 Chicago Cubs (Quintana 0-0) at Miami (Peters 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Williams 0-0) at Detroit (Fulmer 0-0), 1:10 p.m., 1st game
 St. Louis (Weaver 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
 Washington (Gonzalez 0-0) at Cincinnati (Romano 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-0) at Detroit (TBD), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game
 San Francisco (Stratton 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 0-0), 8:37 p.m.

MONDAY
 Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m.
 St. Louis at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 4:10 p.m.
 Boston at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
 Washington at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
 Colorado at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	55	20	.733	—
x-Boston	52	23	.693	3
x-Philadelphia	45	30	.600	10
New York	27	50	.351	29
Brooklyn	24	51	.320	31

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Washington	42	34	.553	—
Miami	41	35	.539	1
Charlotte	34	43	.442	8½
Orlando	22	53	.293	19½
Atlanta	21	55	.276	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Cleveland	46	30	.605	—
x-Indiana	45	31	.592	1
Milwaukee	41	35	.539	5
Detroit	36	40	.474	10
Chicago	25	51	.329	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Houston	62	14	.816	—
San Antonio	44	32	.579	18
New Orleans	43	33	.566	19
Dallas	23	53	.303	39
Memphis	21	55	.276	41

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	47	29	.618	—
Minnesota	44	33	.571	3½
Oklahoma City	44	33	.571	3½
Utah	43	33	.566	4
Denver	41	35	.539	6

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Golden State	54	21	.720	—
L.A. Clippers	41	35	.539	13½

L.A. Lakers	33	42	.440	21
Sacramento	24	52	.316	30½
Phoenix	19	58	.247	36

x-clinched playoff spot
 y-clinched division
 z-clinched conference

SATURDAY
 Washington 107, Charlotte 93
 Detroit 115, New York 109
 Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

TODAY
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, 1 p.m.
 Houston at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
 Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Washington at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Detroit at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
 Orlando at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Atlanta at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at New York, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Washington at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Denver, 9 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Sacramento at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
 San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
 Dallas at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Toronto, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Boston	77	49	17	11	109	258	197
x-Tampa Bay	78	52	22	4	108	282	224
x-Toronto	78	47	24	7	101	266	223
Florida	77	39	30	8	86	232	236
Detroit	79	30	38	11	71	207	242
Montreal	77	28	37	12	68	196	245
Ottawa	78	27	40	11	65	210	274
Buffalo	77	24	41	12	60	180	256

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Washington	78	46	25	7	99	244	229
Pittsburgh	78	44	28	6	94	257	241
Columbus	79	44	29	6	94	231	217
Philadelphia	78	39	35	14	92	234	232
New Jersey	77	40	28	9	89	232	232
Carolina	78	35	32	11	81	219	245
N.Y. Rangers	78	33	36	9	75	226	255
N.Y. Islanders	78	32	36	10	74	250	284

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Nashville	77	50	16	11	111	250	196
x-Winnipeg	77	47	20	10	104	257	206
Minnesota	77	43	24	10	96	238	217
St. Louis	77	43	28	6	92	215	202
Colorado	78	42	28	8	92	246	224
Dallas	78	39	31	8	86	220	215
Chicago	79	32	37	10	74	223	245

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
x-Vegas	78	49	22	7	105	260	211
San Jose	78	44	24	10	98	241	214
Los Angeles	79	43	28	8	94	229	194
Anaheim	78	40	25	13	93	220	209
Calgary	78	35	33	10	80	206	239
Edmonton	78	34	38	6	74	225	252
Vancouver	79	30	40	9	69	208	253
Arizona	78	27	40	11	65	195	248

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.
 x-clinched playoff spot

SATURDAY
 Boston 5, Florida 1
 Detroit 2, Ottawa 0
 Vancouver 5, Columbus 4, OT
 N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.
 Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m.
 Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
 San Jose at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY
 Boston at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
 New Jersey at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

MONDAY
 Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
 Detroit at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Arizona at Calgary, 9 p.m.
 Vegas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
 Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

GARCIA FROM PAGE B1

Sergio Garcia is the Masters champion, and he says nothing has changed.

That's not entirely true.

He returns to Augusta National as a husband, having married Angela Akins last summer. He will have a slightly larger entourage with him, most notably a daughter born three weeks ago who will always remind him of the Masters, its beauty and his resiliency. They named her Azalea.

And he has Tuesday night plans unlike any other as host of the Champions Dinner.

But that's it.

He'll swear by that.

"I feel very proud for being able to win a major, and to win the Masters on top of that," Garcia said. "But you know, like what they all tell me: 'Has it changed your life?' I don't think and I don't feel like it has. I'm still doing the same things. ... It's something that until it happens, you don't know what it's going to feel like and what it's going to do to you. But on my regard, I'm happy that I don't feel it has changed me. I don't feel like I'm better than I was before."

SPORTS ITEMS

Gamecocks pull away from Tennessee, win 6-3 to complete sweep

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

The University of South Carolina baseball team scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to defeat Tennessee 6-3 on Saturday at Founders Park and complete a 3-game sweep of their Southeastern Conference series.

The Gamecocks, who won the first game of the series 6-1 and the second 6-2, improved to 17-11 on the season and 4-5 in SEC play. Tennessee is 17-12 and 4-5.

USC rallied from a 3-1 deficit to tie the game before winning it in the eighth. Kyle Jacobson singled to left with one out, stole second and advanced to third base on a wild pitch. Jacob Olsen hit a shot to right-center for a double, scoring Jacobson for the 4-3 lead. After Jonah Bride took a walk, Matt Williams hit a 2-run double.

CLEMSON 8 BOSTON COLLEGE 3

CLEMSON — Clemson defeated Boston College 8-3 on Saturday at Doug Kingsmore Stadium to complete a 3-game sweep of the Atlantic Coast Conference series.

The eighth-ranked Tigers improved to 22-6 overall and 8-4 in the ACC. BC dropped to 9-16 and 4-8.

Travis Marr picked up the win for Clemson with 3½ scoreless innings of relief. Ryley Gilliam pitched the final 1½ innings for his fourth save.

Seth Beer hit his 10th home run of the season for Clemson. It was also the fourth straight game in which he homered.

Jordan Greene hit a homer, Bryce Teodosio had a 2-run double and Chris Williams had an RBI double.

USC SUMTER 8-3 LOUISBURG 7-7

The University of South Carolina Sumter baseball team split a doubleheader with Louisburg College on Friday at Riley Park.

The Fire Ants scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the opener 8-7 before losing the nightcap 7-3.

Sumter was 24-12 overall and 10-4 in Region X play. Louisburg is 21-12 and 6-4.

In the first game, Vince Hanna had three of Sumter's eight hits, scoring a run and driving in a run. Donta Green had two hits, both doubles, with a run and an RBI. Brett Young had three hits without the benefit of a hit. Eric McGirt had a

hit, an RBI and two runs.

Tristen Campbell pitched the final 1½ innings to get the win.

In the second game, McGirt, Hanna, Tyler Mangum and Neil Taylor each had two hits. Donta Green hit a 2-run homer.

VMI 12 CITADEL 3

LEXINGTON, Va. — The Citadel lost to Virginia Military Institute 12-3 on Saturday at Gray-Minor Stadium.

Sumter's William Kinney was had a double and a run batted in for the Bulldogs, who dropped to 12-13 overall and 3-2 in the Southern Conference.

On Friday, The Citadel beat VMI 5-0. Kinney was 2-for-4 with a home run, two runs and an RBI.

Dylan Spence pitched seven shutout innings for the win, and Jordan Buster pitched the final two.

POULTER SHARES LEAD IN HOUSTON, KEEPS MASTERS HOPES ALIVE

HUMBLE, Texas — Ian Poulter has played in the Masters a dozen times, never missing the cut. Beau Hossler has never played a competitive round at Augusta National.

Both are in position to become the last man in the Masters field, and neither wants to think about it.

The 42-year-old Poulter surged into a share of the lead at the Houston Open on Saturday with a 7-under 65, and Hossler, a 23-year-old PGA Tour rookie, matched him at 14-under 202 after he holed a 7-footer for birdie on the par-4 18th to shoot 69.

Like all PGA Tour events that offer full FedEx Cup points, the Houston Open title comes with an invitation to next week's Masters.

"No, not thinking about it, not talking about it," Poulter said. "I'm going to go out and have some fun tomorrow. There's a lot of ifs and buts. I'll have no emotion at all. I'm in a no-lose situation. ... I'll go do my job."

Four players were two shots behind Poulter and Hossler — Australian Greg Chalmers (65), Argentina's Emiliano Grillo (67), American Kevin Tway (69) and Paul Dunne of Ireland (69) — and none of them has a spot at Augusta yet either.

Hossler has popped up on a major leaderboard before — he briefly led the 2012 U.S. Open while still in high school — and he said getting to the Masters would be "as good as it gets." But he said contemplating that opportunity would only lead to "trouble" on Sunday.



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Michigan's Charles Matthews (1) dunks during the second half of the Wolverines' 69-57 victory over Loyola-Chicago in a semifinal game in the men's NCAA tournament on Saturday in San Antonio.

Loyola run one of NCAA men's tournament's most memorable

SAN ANTONIO — Staring down a 10-point deficit against an underdog that seemed nothing short of blessed during the madness of March, Moe Wagner and Michigan clamped down on Loyola-Chicago and ended one of the most memorable NCAA Tournament runs ever.

Wagner, Charles Matthews and the Wolverines erased a 10-point second-half deficit and Michigan beat the Ramblers 69-57 Saturday night in the Final Four.

The third-seeded Wolverines (33-7) will take a 14-game winning streak into their first national championship game appearance since 2013, and second under coach Jon Beilein.

Michigan will play either Villanova or Kansas for its first NCAA title since 1989 on Monday night at the Alamodome.

Lovable Loyola (32-6), with superfan Sister Jean court-side and their fans behind the bench standing for pretty much the entire game, could not conjure another upset. The Ramblers were the fourth 11th-seeded team to make it this far and like the previous three, the semifinals were the end of the road.

Loyola had no answers for the 6-foot-11 Wagner and its offense, so smooth and efficient on the way to San Antonio, broke down in the second half and finished with 17 turnovers.

Wagner, playing in front of his parents who made the trip from Germany, scored 24 points, had 15 rebounds and was 10 for 16 from the field. Matthews, the Kentucky transfer and Chicago native, added 17 points, including a run-out dunk with 1:33 left that made it 63-53.

And that was that.

"I just tried to go in the game, take what the opponent is giving me, what the game is giving me, stay emotionally solid and don't get emotionally drunk, and it worked out today," Wagner said.

As the seconds ticked off, Wagner pumped his fist to the many Michigan fans who made the trek to San Antonio and

Loyola's Aundre Jackson, who got the Ramblers rolling with a late game-winning 3 in the first round against Miami, looked toward the roof and shook his head.

Cameron Krutwig, Loyola's big man in the middle, scored 17 points and Clayton Custer had 13 of his 15 after halftime. But facing one of the best defensive teams in the country, the best defensive team Beilein has ever had in 11 seasons in Ann Arbor, the Ramblers scored just 16 points in the final 14 minutes.

Custer scored seven straight points for Loyola at one point to put the Ramblers up 41-31 with 14:08 remaining. Michigan refused to fade, even with point guard Zavier Simpson — whose solid play has been critical to the Wolverines' late-season surge — playing terribly.

Jaaron Simmons, Simpson's backup, made a 3 and Duncan Robinson hit another a few minutes later and the deficit was down to 45-42 with 10 minutes left.

Wagner hit a 3 from right in front of the Michigan bench with 6:50 left to tie it, and moments later the Wolverines were back on top, 49-47, when Jordan Poole made two free throws.

MICHIGAN 69, LOYOLA OF CHICAGO 57

LOYOLA OF CHICAGO (32-6)

Krutwig 7-11 3-4 17, Custer 5-9 4-4 15, Richardson 2-4 0-0 4, Townes 4-12 0-0 8, Ingram 1-4 0-0 2, Negron 0-0 0-0 0, DiNardi 0-0 0-0 0, Jackson 3-7 4-4 10, Shanks 0-0 0-0 0, Satterwhite 0-0 1-2 1, Williamson 0-2 0-0 0, Skokna 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 22-51 12-14 57.

MICHIGAN (33-7)

Livers 0-0 0-0 0, Wagner 10-16 1-2 24, Matthews 7-12 2-4 17, Simpson 0-6 0-0 0, Abdur-Rahkman 2-11 3-4 7, Baird 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Teske 1-1 0-0 2, Simmons 1-2 0-0 3, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0, Poole 2-5 3-4 7, Watson 0-0 0-0 0, Robinson 2-6 3-4 9. Totals 25-59 12-18 69.

Halftime_Loyola of Chicago 29-22. 3-Point Goals_Loyola of Chicago 1-10 (Custer 1-3, Williamson 0-1, Richardson 0-1, Skokna 0-1, Ingram 0-2, Townes 0-2), Michigan 7-28 (Wagner 3-7, Robinson 2-6, Matthews 1-2, Simmons 1-2, Simpson 0-3, Poole 0-3, Abdur-Rahkman 0-5). Fouled Out_None. Rebounds_Loyola of Chicago 31 (Ingram 9), Michigan 35 (Wagner 14). Assists_Loyola of Chicago 6 (Ingram 2), Michigan 8 (Simpson 3). Total Fouls_Loyola of Chicago 17, Michigan 11.

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even needing to look down to ensure that he was behind the line, elevated over Tony Parker and connected to tie the game.

After leading Hillcrest to the state title, Allen was a two-time All-American at UConn and the Big East Conference Player of the Year in 1995-96. A two-time First-Team All-Conference selection, Allen was USA Basketball's Athlete of the Year in 1995.

In three years at UConn, he scored 1,922 points, still No. 5

on the all-time list. The Huskies had an overall record of 89-13, a Big East Conference record of 49-5, with three Big East regular-season championships and a Big East Tournament Championship, three NCAA appearances that resulted in two appearances in the Sweet 16, and one to the Elite Eight.

He also won an Olympic gold medal as a member of the 2000 US men's basketball team.

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the NFL with a strong year, instead chose to come back healthy. He's been limited during the spring, but when he's worked out, he's looked productive.

"Having him in spurts has been hard," South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley said. "But he's continued to battle through everything."

Samuel's shortened season ended with 15 catches in three games. His three TDs were tied for second on the team last year.

Allen-Williams injured his shoulder in the same game when Samuel was hurt. Allen-Williams needed surgery and quickly knew he would come back for his senior season. While rehabbing alongside Samuel last season, Allen-

Williams helped convince his teammate that returning for 2018 could help the Gamecocks achieve big things.

"Just talking to Deebo, we talked about the things we could possibly do for this program," Allen-Williams said earlier this month. "When we came in, we said that we wanted to win the first SEC Championship, so just coming back with another guy like that and the team that we have, we definitely have the potential, we've just got to continue to work."

Allen-Williams was second on the team with 75 tackles during his sophomore season in 2016. He had 10 tackles and an interception before getting hurt.

Outside linebacker coach Mike Petersen said Allen-Williams has been engaged and active in meetings and in helping direct teammates on the field. Petersen's kept the linebacker sharp by having him detail coverages and outline assignments in position sessions.

"He's an older guy, but I pick on him like he's one of the younger guys," Petersen said. "Just to keep him sharp and mentally in tune."

Linebacker T.J. Brunson said the Gamecocks know what they'll have in Allen-Williams when the season starts. The spring gave the Gamecocks a chance to bring along others to enhance the defense with Allen-Williams limited mostly to meetings.

"We'll have a more experienced defense and have a lot of guys who can help us out and make plays,"

Brunson said.

South Carolina's spring game included a visit from ex-coach Steve Spurrier, who recruited both Samuel and Allen-Williams. Spurrier threw a pair of TD passes in an alumni game held before the Gamecocks took the field. South Carolina even dusted off one of Spurrier's favorite spring plays — a long throw to the end zone to a celebrity guest for a crowd-pleasing score. Except this time, it was Spurrier who dropped a well-thrown ball from Michael Scarnecchia amid the cheers at Williams-Brice Stadium.

"Man, he must've had some golfing gloves on," Gamecocks receiver Bryan Edwards said of Spurrier's drop.

The Gamecocks were 9-4 last season, their best mark since Spurrier's teams went 11-2 in three straight years from 2011-13.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT



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Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale (4) prepares to deliver the game-winning shot as Connecticut's Napheesa Collier left, watches during the Fighting Irish's 91-89 overtime victory in a semifinal game of the women's NCAA tournament on Friday in Columbus, Ohio.

Overtime survivors: Bulldogs, Irish meet for women's title

BY DOUG FEINBERG
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Vic Schaefer and his Mississippi State Bulldogs carry a constant reminder of how far they went in the women's NCAA Tournament last year, and what must still be done.

It's right there, engraved on the side of their runner-up rings: "ONE MORE."

A season after losing to South Carolina 67-55 in the title game, Morgan William and the Bulldogs try again to win that elusive first crown. They play Notre Dame on Sunday night in a matchup of teams that both have spoiled perfect seasons for mighty UConn.

"We would say add another one a lot. One More," Schaefer said. "It came from two Navy SEALs who worked with the kids in the fall — Sam and Brian. One of the things they talk about all the time is one more."

Schaefer learned a lot from last year's loss in the title game. He felt his players were tired after practicing the day after the monumental upset of UConn that ended the Huskies' record 111-game winning streak.

So he's changed his philosophy the second time around and will be taking it a bit easier on his team.

"I told my seniors and they

called the doctor thinking I had lost my mind," Schaefer said. "We're not going to kill ourselves in practice. We'll spend a lot of time stretching especially with those kids that played a lot of minutes last night. We are going to shoot a lot, go through their stuff and our stuff. That's about it."

The Bulldogs won another thriller, beating Louisville in overtime to advance to the title game a second straight year. This time though, it was the first semifinal and the players were able to get to bed about three hours earlier than the previous year.

"Yeah, we watched the UConn-Notre Dame game but then were able to get to sleep around 12:30 a.m.," said William, who hit the buzzer-beating shot that dropped UConn last season.

This time it was Notre Dame that ended the Huskies' undefeated season. Arike Ogunbowale hit a jumper from the wing with a second left in overtime to beat UConn.

A win on Sunday would give coach Muffet McGraw a second title at Notre Dame. The Irish won in 2001 before falling short in the championship game in 2011, 2012, 2014 and 2015.

"It's all about the mindset," she said. "Really it's all about this is a game, two teams

coming in playing for a national championship. They were here last year. They know what it's like. So for us, I think just a matter of continuing to do what we've been doing and not let the pressure of the moment get to us."

This might be one of the most improbable NCAA runs by a McGraw team despite being a No. 1 seed. The Irish lost four players over the season to ACL injuries. They never felt sorry for themselves.

"We actually didn't really talk about it at all," McGraw said. "We just constantly focus on what we have, what we can do, who's going to step up, how are the roles changing? What do you need to do now? We never even talked about where we could be or what we should be thinking. We just kept focusing them on the future."

This will be the first time these teams have played each other. Schaefer, however, is no stranger to McGraw and the Irish. He was an assistant coach on the Texas A&M team that beat Notre Dame to win the 2011 national championship.

The Irish will need to find a way to deal with Mississippi State center Teaira McCowan. She had 21 points and a Final Four-record 25 rebounds against Louisville.

NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Stunned UConn falls again at last second

COLUMBUS, Ohio — UConn coach Geno Auriemma and the Huskies have dropped two of their last 149 games.

Last-second overtime shots ended their season each time. At the Final Four.

A year after their 111-game winning streak was stopped by a historic shot by Morgan William and Mississippi State, the Huskies fell Friday night on a jumper by Notre Dame's Arike Ogunbowale with a second remaining in the Irish's 91-89 victory.

"I would say it's hard to believe. Obviously, much harder than the first time," Auriemma said. "Each team had a chance to prove what kind of team they were. There was no backing down either way. Just like last year it came down to one play, one shot. They made it."

UConn's locker room was mostly silent after its latest heartbreaking loss. Some players held their faces in their hands, and others stared at the ceiling. Their eyes were red from crying. A couple of them hugged and comforted each other.

"There's nothing you can say to a college kid after experiencing this two years in a row that's going to make them feel any better about, you know," Auriemma said. "We had an amazing run for five months. That's just the way it is. One weekend in March gets to decide your season."

The underlying theme all season was redemption and they fell short.

"Probably more painful. It's the same kind of situation," UConn All-American Katie Lou Samuelson said. "Went into overtime, they got a last-second shot. It happens."

The defeat ended the stellar careers of seniors Kia Nurse and Gabby Williams. The duo finished with 148 wins — fourth-most in school and NCAA history.

"Obviously it hurts. It'll sting, but it may not sting for every player the same," Nurse said. "It probably varies in levels, but it's inev-



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Connecticut's Gabby Williams (15) goes up for a rebound as Notre Dame's Jackie Young watches during UConn's 91-89 overtime loss in the semifinals of the women's NCAA tournament on Friday in Columbus, Ohio.

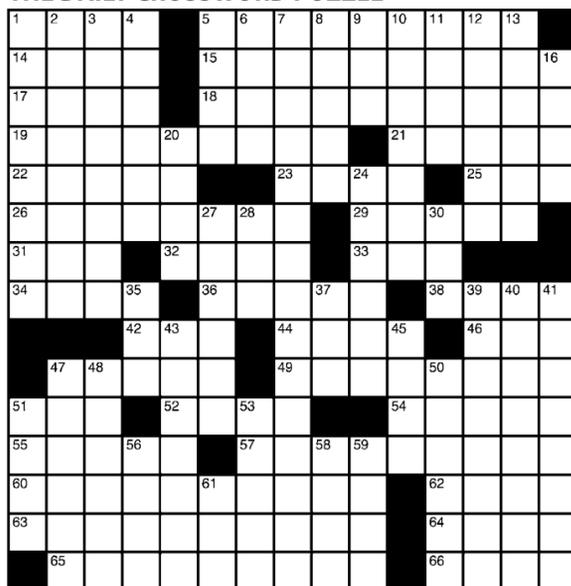
itable. At some point, it's going to come to an end. Unfortunately, it had to be this game."

The latest edition of the greatest current rivalry in women's basketball was quite a show, featuring impressive comebacks from each school. The stars carried over into the stands, with Lakers great Kobe Bryant watching with his wife and daughters.

UConn was down five with under a minute to go in regulation before Napheesa Collier hit a 3-pointer and Nurse turned a steal into a tying layup. After Notre Dame turned it over with 3.6 seconds left in regulation, Williams' runner was short, sending the game to overtime.

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Neville Fogarty

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 - 15 Quintet that won a Grammy for their a cappella version of "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy"
 - 17 '20s tennis star Lacoste
 - 18 1996 McDonald's offering
 - 19 Gold mine
 - 21 Shellac ingredient
 - 22 Egg, in Ecuador
 - 23 Former Monopoly token
 - 25 Fair-hiring letters
 - 26 Anthony of "black-ish"
 - 29 Cleaning staff members
 - 31 Sgt., e.g.
 - 32 Hawaii's Coast
 - 33 Split-resistant wood
 - 34 Bit of progress
 - 36 Dynamite guy?
 - 38 It's administered by the College Board, briefly
 - 42 Brooding genre
 - 44 Welsh national emblem
 - 46 Downed
 - 47 Mine counter-measure
 - 49 Game with a disc
 - 51 "The Lead With Jake Tapper" channel
 - 52 Gutter locale
 - 54 Greek strings
 - 55 What Santa Claus makes and gets
 - 57 Ornament
 - 60 Really easy to use
 - 62 "Crash Me": Dave Matthews Band hit
 - 63 Dwindled to nothing
 - 64 Poetic units
 - 65 Hospital employees
 - 66 Closes
 - 7 Rarely
 - 8 Survey question option
 - 9 Little bit
 - 10 For all time
 - 11 Insidious insider
 - 12 Idle
 - 13 Short cuts
 - 16 Foreign opening?
 - 20 Pennsylvania city where Peppermint Pattie was first produced
 - 24 Folded fare
 - 27 State bordering Arizona and New Mexico
 - 28 Wish Tree artist
 - 30 "Here comes trouble" type
 - 35 "Dancing With the Stars" achievement
 - 37 Grown elver
 - 39 Gateway Arch designer
 - 40 Bore witness
 - 41 They may be long drives
 - 43 Musical chairs?
 - 45 Last word of two James Bond film titles
 - 47 Twisted Sister frontman Dee
 - 48 In the plant, say
 - 50 Billy Joel hit with the line "I don't want you to tell me it's time to come home"
 - 51 Cut
 - 53 Salsa
 - 56 Socks cover them
 - 58 Set of rounds
 - 59 Young news
 - 61 X'ing one?

Previous Puzzle Solved



JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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Check out the new, free, JUST JUMBLE app



THE TRACTOR-TRAILER DRIVER DID OK FOR HIMSELF AND WAS ---

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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GROUT FUDGE NIMBLE CARAFE
Answer: Teaching rude students to say "thank you" in French class made her — BEG FOR "MERCII"

SUDOKU

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

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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

PRO TENNIS



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Palmetto Pro Open alum Sloane Stephens returns a volley to Jelena Ostapenko during their championship match in the Miami Open on Saturday in Key Biscayne, Florida. Stephens won 7-6(5), 6-1.

American Stephens beats Ostapenko for Miami Open title

BY STEVEN WINE
The Associated Press

KEY BISCAZYNE, Fla. — Half an hour after Sloane Stephens won her hometown tournament, she lingered on the confetti-covered court, posing for photos and signing autographs as if reluctant to leave Key Biscayne.

The Miami Open is moving, and Stephens became the picturesque island's final women's champion Saturday by beating Jelena Ostapenko 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Stephens was born in South Florida, practiced on Key Biscayne as a junior and lives in nearby Fort Lauderdale. She was eager to win the tournament before its switch next year to the Miami Dolphins' stadium.

Fans jeered during the trophy ceremony when tournament director James Blake mentioned the relocation.

Seeded 13th, Stephens won with defense, repeatedly extending rallies until Ostapenko would make a mistake. Ostapenko had a 25-6 advantage in winners but committed 48 unforced errors to 21 by Stephens.

Stephens was the surprise champion at the U.S. Open last September, and then lost her next eight matches, including

the first two of 2018. But she shook her slump on Key Biscayne, improved to 6-0 in finals and will break into the top 10 for first time next week at No. 9.

"It's incredible," Stephens said. "I knew if I just got back to the drawing board I would be OK. I wasn't expecting a title here. I just wanted to make sure I got my game back where I wanted to be."

John Isner tries for the biggest title of his career Sunday when he faces Alexander Zverev in the men's final. Isner could give the United States its first sweep at Key Biscayne since 2004 when Andy Roddick and Serena Williams won.

Stephens and the No. 6-seeded Ostapenko, last year's French Open champion, battled almost exclusively from the baseline, and the quality of play was often ragged. The finalists traded breaks for four games, and Stephens was broken twice more when serving for the first set.

She wobbled again leading 6-2 in the pivotal tiebreaker, hitting unforced errors to lose consecutive set points. But Ostapenko dumped an easy backhand into the net to lose the set, and the Latvian appeared to tire after that.

PRO BASKETBALL

More than Mike: LeBron breaks Jordan's record as Cavs win

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James accepted the game ball and raised it high over his head for everyone to see — the perfect pose.

With the crowd standing and roaring after seeing history, James took a moment to soak in the adoration before hurrying back to work.

Michael Jordan would have done the same thing.

James scored in double digits in his 867th straight game, breaking the record he shared with his boyhood idol Jordan, and the Cleveland Cavaliers rallied to beat the New Orleans Hornets 107-102 on Friday night to avoid slipping in the standings.

James finished with 27 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds, adding another stellar performance to his MVP-worthy 15th NBA season.

This game, however, won't be remembered for that stat line or James taking over in crunch time.

This was the night James caught — and passed — a player he's spent his career chasing.

"That's a good moment, a special moment not only for myself but for my family and for so many kids that look up to me for inspiration to know that you can actually go out there and do it and know where I've come from," James said. "You know, brought up 30 minutes south of here and the statistics is always stacked up against you, and for me to be in this position today, being able to accomplish something that a lot of people thought would not happen again or be able to break a record like that."

"It means a lot for me and it means more to the youth that kind of needs hope."

Jordan Clarkson added 23 points and Tristan Thompson had 14 rebounds in 21 minutes for the Cavs, who have won seven of eight. A loss would have dropped the three-time defending Eastern Conference champions



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Cleveland's LeBron James dunks against the New Orleans Pelicans during the first half of their game in Cleveland on Friday. James scored 27 points to break Michael Jordan's NBA record by scoring double digits in points for the 867th straight regular-season game.

from third to fifth with only a handful of games left in the regular season.

Jrue Holiday scored 25 and Nikola Mirotic 20 for New Orleans, which slipped to eighth in the Western Conference. Pelicans star Anthony Davis scored just 16 — 12 below his average — on 6-of-19 shooting as he was harassed by Thompson and Larry Nance Jr.

James surpassed Jordan's mark midway through the first quarter in fitting fashion, delivering a two-handed dunk that Mirotic and Pelicans forward Solomon Hill didn't dare try to stop.

During a stoppage in play, James came over and took the game ball, which he plans to add to his overloaded trophy case at home. He then saluted the crowd, which included pop superstar Justin Timberlake.

Jordan's mark had stood

since 2001, and there's no telling how long James can extend his streak before ending a career with no apparent finish line in sight.

"That number is going to keep going," Thompson said. "He can do it 'til he's tired of it. It's going to be on him."

As he has done countless times before, James took over when it mattered most.

The Cavs built a 95-88 lead on the strength of three 3-pointers in a span of 1:33 in the fourth. Holiday kept New Orleans close before James made two free throws and three jumpers, the final a fadeaway with 1:59 left.

"LeBron just took the game over and made shots that we would like to see him shoot," Pelicans coach Alvin Gentry said. "We tried to keep him from driving to the basket, but he made three tough shots. That's kind of who he is."

AREA ROUNDUP

Sumter golf finishes 2nd at Battle of the Dam tournament

LEXINGTON — The Sumter High School varsity boys golf team finished second in the 20-team Battle of the Dam held on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Gamecocks had a 36-hole score of 633, finishing seven strokes behind winner Lexington.

Dixon Flowers led Sumter with a 2-round score of 155. He shot a 78 in the first round and followed with a 77, finishing sixth individually.

Bradley Coulter shot a 162, Dwight Jenkins a 163 and Brandon Griffin a 165.

SHS led LHS by five strokes after Wednesday's opening round. The Gamecocks shot 315 while Lexington shot 320.

Evans Lewis led Sumter on Wednesday with a 76. Flowers was eighth with the 77, Dwight was 10th with a 79 and Coulter shot an 82.

LMA WINS REGION MATCH

FLORENCE — Laurence Manning Academy won the second of four SCISA Region II-3A matches by two strokes over Wilson Hall on Thursday at Traces Golf Club.

LMA won with a score of 173. The Barons were second at 175 followed by Orangeburg Prep at 177 and Florence Christian School at 197.

The Swampcats' Grant Kinlaw was the match medalist with a 39 and teammate Cantey Gardner was second with a 40. Van Gardner finished with a 45 and Lexi Bennett a 49.

Miller Jones led WH with a 42. Walker Jones and Will Barnes both shot a 44 and Evan Hoffman shot a 45.

VARSITY BASEBALL

LUGOFF-ELGIN 10 LAKEWOOD 6

LUGOFF — Lakewood High School lost to Lugoff-Elgin 10-6 on Thursday at the L-E field.

The 10-4 Gators dropped into second place in Region VI-4A. LHS is 4-2 while the Demons improved to 5-1.

DREHER 4 SUMTER 2

Sumter High School fell to 5-8 with a 4-2 loss to Dreher on Thursday at Gamecock Field.

On Wednesday in Myrtle Beach,

SHS lost to Carolina Forest 7-0. Sumter fell to 5-2 in Region VI-5A, dropping to second place.

ROBERT E. LEE 14 THE KING'S ACADEMY 2

BISHOPVILLE — Robert E. Lee Academy improved to 5-0 in Region I-2A with a 14-2 victory over The King's Academy on Thursday at the REL field.

The Cavaliers, 9-1 overall, were led by Bryce Barrett and Dustin Kennedy offensively. Each player had two hits, a run batted in and scored three runs.

Austin Windham had a hit, a walk, was hit by a pitch, scored three runs and had an RBI. Jenkins McCullum had a hit, two walks and two RBI.

LEE CENTRAL 7 COLUMBIA 6

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School defeated Columbia High 7-6 on Thursday at the LC field.

Jamar McCall led the Stallions offensively, going 3-for-4. Kaquan Simon pitched five innings to pick up the win. Brycen Campbell pitched the final inning to get the save.

GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

SUMTER 15 MANNING 0

MANNING — Sumter High School defeated Manning 15-0 in three innings on Thursday at the MHS field.

Morgan Berry had three strikeouts while pitching the shutout.

Anna Copeland had two hits, two runs and an RBI to lead the SHS offense. Sarah Richardson had two hits and two RBI, Josie Self had a hit and two RBI, and Kaylee Posey hit a home run and scored twice.

JV SOFTBALL

SUMTER 11 MANNING 7

MANNING — Sumter High School defeated Manning 11-7 on Thursday at the MHS field.

Emily Jordan was the winning pitcher, and she had a hit and two RBI. Braelyn Durham also had a hit and had two RBI.

From staff reports

OBITUARIES

EMILY H. LANEY

COLUMBIA — From the embrace of family at her bedside Monday at Palmetto Baptist Hospital in Columbia, Emily Holland Laney was called to rejoin her maker. Emmie was born in Ashwood on March, 11, 1935, the second of two children, to Rosa Bramlett Holland and Henry Hagood Holland. She graduated from Ashwood High School in 1953 and entered a



LANEY

two-year program at Tuomey Hospital in Sumter, beginning a long career as an X-ray technician with DuPont in Camden and Lee Memorial in Bishopville. Both her career and life were charged with her genius and industry, and all who came across her path were touched by her

grace and beauty.

With her marriage to Dan F. Laney Jr. in 1994, Emily moved to Columbia, where she pursued her avid interest in gardening and her passion for tennis. She competed in USA-sanctioned programs and tournaments for over two decades, playing across the state on several Columbia teams, and gaining regional recognition with her Seniors team championship in 2009. Her love of the game and the enduring friendships it created were her treasures.

Predeceased by her husband, Dan, in 2001, Emily is survived by her older brother Al Holland (Janice) of Bishopville; her two children, David Campbell of Seneca and Cathy Shuford (Jacob) of Tampa, Florida; their father, Andrew Burkley Campbell (Sybil) of North Augusta; and three grandchildren: Campbell, John and Bennett Shuford.

Her friends and family will remember Emily as a woman with strong conviction to her values, physical energy and a

generous spirit. A service for the family will be held graveside at the Bethany Baptist Church near Bishopville on Monday at 11:30 a.m. Memorial donations in Emmie's memory can be made to the Bethany Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, Manville-St. Charles Road, Bishopville, SC 29010, or to any Christian charity.

Norton Funeral Home, Bishopville, is honored to serve the Laney family.

LARRY R. HUMES

GABLE -- Mr. Larry R. Humes, age 56, son of Rosa Dunham and O'Dell Moses was born on December 30, 1961, in Sumter.



HUMES

Larry was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Linnie Doiley Humes and James (Rubin) Humes, paternal Elizabeth Moses Spears and Crawford Moses, and a sister Kathy M. Benjamin.

He departed this life on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at McLeod Medical Center in Florence.

Larry leaves to cherish his memory, two sons, Tyler R. Humes and Antwan Vaughn; two grandchildren, Tinasia Vaughn and Jeffrey Costello; mother, Rosa Dunham; father, O'Dell Moses; three brothers, Randy Humes, Daryl (Nikosh) Dunham and Tyrone Dunham; sister, Liesa Moses Davis; four aunts; six uncles; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and a special friend Diane McFadden.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Goodwill Presbyterian Church (USA) 295 N. Brick Church Road in Mayesville, with the Rev. Dr. Richard Dozier, Pastor, Officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery. A public viewing will be held today at the mortuary from 3 to 6 p.m.

The family is receiving friends at 6245 Skinner Road, Gable.

Messages of hope can be left at www.whitesmortuary.net.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary, LLC, 517 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter.

ELIZABETH E. MESSERSMITH

EDISTO ISLAND — A celebration of life memorial service for Elizabeth "Eliza" Edmunds Messersmith, who passed away on Dec. 29, 2017, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, at the Church of The Holy Comforter, 213 N. Main St., Sumter. Reception to follow in the church's parish hall.

Eliza was the wife of John Messersmith, formerly of Woodlawn. All relatives and friends are cordially invited.

LULA BELL EPPS

Lula Bell Epps was born on March 10, 1942, in Shiloh, a daughter of the late James Chandler and Marietta McCray. Lula Bell was joined in holy matrimony to the late Harry Epps. She attended Eastern School in Sumter and was a stay-at-home mom. Lula Bell was a loving mother, a devoted wife and a Christian. Lula Bell joined Asbury United Methodist Church at an early age.

Lula was known as the mother of the community and was also considered as "Mother Maxx" of the Maxx MC of Lynchburg. She loved people and helping others. Many turned to her for advice and support. She was considered a second mom to many in the community. Lula's greatest pastime was fishing, shopping, and spending time with her children and grandchildren. She would fish everyday if she could.

She entered into eternal rest on Sunday, March 25, 2018, at her home, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

Left behind to mourn but cherish her precious memories: seven children, Jerome Epps of the home, Legrant (Elizabeth) Epps of Columbia, Harry Epps, Lula Mae (Thomas) Rufus, Lois Epps and Wayne Epps, both of Charlotte, North Carolina, and Michael (Theresa) Epps of Monroe, North Carolina; two siblings, Nick McCray and Sadie Hampton; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by 13 siblings, Lander Epps, Louise McCray, Inez McDowell, Mary Jeter, Ula Elmore, Martha McFadden, Olla McFadden, Susie Wells, Willie T. Chandler, Cornell Chandler, Howard McCray, Wesley McCray and William McCray.

Public viewing was held on Friday at Job's Mortuary.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Asbury

United Methodist Church, 355 Pudding Swamp Road, Lynchburg. Pastor Shirley Ann McKnight officiated and the Rev. Ernest Frierson served as eulogist. Interment followed at Goodman Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 480 Pudding Swamp Road, Lynchburg. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

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

SARA C. MILLER

DALZELL — Sara Catherine Miller, 91, widow of Robert Leonard Miller, died on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at her home in Dalzell.

Born in Martinsburg, West Virginia, she was a daughter of the late James Edmond Beard and Mary Ellen VanMetre Beard. Mrs. Miller was a member of Friendship Chapel at Shaw Air Force Base and took great joy in serving in children's ministries at various other churches during the years.

Surviving are three sons, James Dean Miller (Brenda) and Leonard Paul Miller, both of Dalzell, and Robert Allen Miller (Dianne) of Oviedo, Florida; one daughter, Robin Christmas (Deleon) of Sumter; one sister, Mary Sophrona Burns of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Jan Miller.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Steven A. Miller officiating. Burial will be at Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



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OREE COKER TAYLOR

OLANTA — Oree Coker Taylor, age 91, passed away on Thursday, March 29, 2018, at National Health Care of Sumter, after an illness.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Monday at Barrineau Pentecostal Holiness Church with burial at the church cemetery, directed by Floyd Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. prior to the funeral service at the church.

Born in Florence County, she was a daughter of the late Joseph P. Coker Sr. and Pearl Thigpen Coker. She was a member of Barrineau Pentecostal Holiness Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Taylor; a son, James Harry Taylor; a granddaughter, Patty Lambert; brothers, Wardell Coker and Durant Coker; a brother-in-law, Johnny Floyd; and two sisters-in-law, Vera Coker and Evelyn Coker.

Surviving are two sons, William "Buck" Franklin Taylor (Mary) of Manning and Mark Anthony Taylor (Wendy) of Columbia; a sister, Jessie Fee Floyd of Olanta; two brothers, J.P. Coker (Annie Jo) and Ray Coker (Angie), both of Olanta; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Online condolences may be made at www.floydfuneral.com

WILLIE MCCRAY

Willie McCray, 64, husband of Rugenar Sowers McCray, departed this life on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia.

He was born on Nov. 9, 1953, in Sumter, a son of David and Ella Williams McCray.

Mr. McCray will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. on Tuesday for viewing until the

hour of viewing.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, SC 29150. Interment will follow at Florence National Cemetery, Florence.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of his sister, 823 Mathis St., Sumter.

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

GERALD BROGDON

Gerald Brogdon, 57, departed this life on Friday, March 23, 2018, in Madison, Tennessee.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1961, in Sumter County, a son of Rhunett Billups Brogdon and the late Harold M. Brogdon Sr. He was a graduate of Sumter High School Class of 1979. In his youth, he attended Union Station AME Church, Sumter. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army on Sept. 27, 1982. He then enlisted in the Army National Guard from Oct. 15, 1982 to Jan. 14, 1992. He was employed by Amazon in Nashville.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: his mother, Rhunett Billups Brogdon of Sumter; a son, Brian George of Columbia; a daughter, Kenya Latoya Holmes of Sumter; seven grandchildren; a brother, Harold M. Brogdon Jr. (Sheryl) of Sumter; a sister, Janice Brogdon Rock of Sumter; a grandmother, Robell Billups of Manning; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Gravesides services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia.

The family will receive friends at the home of his mother, 1030 Decatur St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

JOHNNIE L. ROSE SR.

Johnnie L. Rose Sr. departed his earthly journey on Friday, March 30, at Lake City Hospital.

The family is receiving friends at the home, 1606 Mooneyham Road, Sumter.

Services will be announced by Sumter Funeral Service Inc., 623 Manning Ave, Sumter, SC 29150.

CORA N. SINGLETON

Mrs. Cora Lee Nixon Singleton departed this life on Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey. A daughter of the late Mr. William Nixon and Julia Spann Nixon, she was born in Dalzell on Sept. 30, 1932.

She accepted Christ at an early age. She was a member of Trinity Missionary Baptist Church in Sumter. She attended church until her health failed. She served on the Senior Choir, Senior Missionary Society, Pastor's Aid Committee and other Auxiliaries.

Mrs. Singleton was employed with Kirkland Cleaners but decided to put her family first and became a dedicated homemaker. She lived a full and active life. She enjoyed spending time with her family. She was an avid cook and loved to be surrounded by her children, grandchildren and loved ones. She enjoyed quilt making, gardening and listening to gospel music.

She leaves to cherish her memories her children: Bertha S. Nathaniel of Jacksonville, Florida, Cora S. Frierson and Betty S. Miller of Columbia, Sidney Singleton, William Singleton Sr., Lillie S. Coplin and Patricia S. Baxter, all of Sumter; 26 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; four sisters: Thelma Pardo, Edna Strange and Edith Williams, all of New York, and Dorothy Conyers of Rembert; and a host of other relatives and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Singleton Jr.; four sons: Sandy Earl Singleton, Frank H. Singleton, Nathan Van Singleton and

Patrick Singleton; two sisters, Amie Lou Sanders and Bernice James; and four brothers: Willie Nixon, Earnest Nixon, Albert Nixon and Raymond A. Nixon.

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

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

Funeral services will be held at noon on Tuesday at Trinity Missionary Baptist Church, 155 Wall St., Sumter, with Pastor Larry C. Weston Officiating.

Interment will follow in Hopewell Baptist Church Cemetery, Dalzell.

Family will receive friends at the home, 432 Love St., Sumter. Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., Sumter, is in charge of arrangements.

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

GEORGE B. HAIR

George Burgess "Boot" or "Rabbit" Hair, 85, husband of Rhoda Jane Richardson Hair, died Thursday, March 29, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

Born Sept. 11, 1932, in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late George Thomas Hair and the late Sadie Esther McCall Hair. He was a member of Harmony Church, where he was an active member of the Men's Fellowship and a former Deacon. He retired from General Telephone Company after 43 years of service. He was an avid golfer and served as the Director of the S.C. Mid-State Junior Golfers Association and course ranger at Beech Creek Golf Course. He was a member of the Sumter Coin Club.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years; two daughters, Debbie Cummings (Lenny) of Sumter and Kathy Pierce (Richard) of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Jennifer Rodgers (Noel), Rick Pierce Jr. (Whitney), Lee Cummings, Drew Pierce, Jeffrey Cummings (Erin), and Matthew Pierce (Brensley); four great-grandchildren, Presley Pierce, Riggs Pierce, Eli Pierce and Alexandra "Miss Noel" Rodgers; two brothers, Ralph Hair (Glenda) of Decatur, Alabama, and Allen Hair (Peggy) of Swansea; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Hair; and a sister, Mary Jane Hair.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday at Harmony Church with the Revs. Dan Keaton, Bob Norris, Drew Choate and Eddie Richardson officiating. Burial will be in the Sumter Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be grandsons, and David Taylor and Rob DuBose.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. Richard Howell, GTE retirees, Bobby DuBose, C.W. Boykin, Robert Galloway, Bill Lyles, Kenny Atkinson and Joe Welch.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. today at the home.

Memorials may be made to Harmony Church, P.O. Box 1878, Sumter, SC 29151.

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

JUDITH L. KIRBY

MANNING — Judith L. Kirby, age 76, beloved wife of

Keith Kirby, died on Friday, March 30, 2018, at her residence.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter.

**NORMAN L. DOUGLAS**

WAXHAW, North Carolina -- Mr. Norman Lee Douglas, 81, was born July 13, 1936, in Ft. Leonardwood, Kansas, to the late Leonard and Dorothy Smith Douglas.

He departed this life on Friday, March 23, 2018, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Funeral services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary, LLC, 517 N. Guignard Drive, Sumter.

LOUISE W. MACK

MANNING -- Louise Witherspoon Mack, 96, widow of Andrew Mack, died Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning. She was born Feb. 22, 1922, in Williamsburg County, a daughter of the late Johnson Witherspoon and Queen Jacob Witherspoon.

Wake services will be held Monday from 5 until 7 p.m. at Hayes F. Samuels, Sr., Memorial Chapel, 114 North Church St., Manning.

Funeral services for Mrs. Mack will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 2468 Easler Highway, Greeleyville, with the Rev. Phillip Boyd, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 4197 Kingtree Highway, Manning.

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

CURTIS T. SMITH

DALZELL — Curtis Toy Smith, 58, husband of Mary Beth Lovern Smith, passed away on Friday, March 30, 2018, after an extended illness. He was surrounded by his family and friends.

Born Nov. 1, 1959, in Spartanburg, he was a son of Martha Ann Smith Reeves and the late Frank Harrison Smith. He attended and graduated from Dorman High School and Spartanburg Technical College.

On Aug. 19, 1988, he married Mary Beth. They loved spending time together camping, going to the beach, and spending time with their only grandchild. He was loved by his family and friends for his kindness and loving nature.

Survivors include his wife of Dalzell; his mother and stepfather, Bill; a son, Curtis Craig Smith (Amanda) of Pageland; grandson, Curtis Ashton Smith of Pageland; a brother, Dennis S. Smith (Melissa) of Greer; two sisters, Janis B. Hoffman (Girard) of Aiken and Joanna L. Smith (David) of Bradenton, Florida; and seven nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, Joshua Toy Smith.

Services will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Curtis' name to the American Heart Association-Columbia Chapter, 190 Knox Abbott Drive, #301, Cayce, SC 29033.

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

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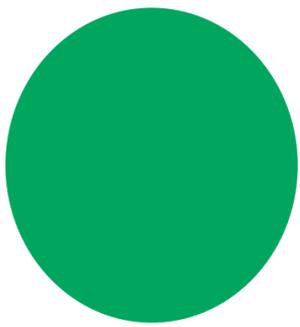
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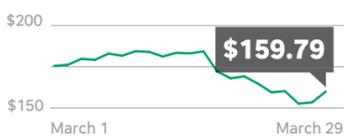
Just **6% of investors moved money out** of stock-related accounts during the January-February market correction as a direct response to the decline, according to a new Bankrate.com report. Another **15% contributed more** to stock investments, while the majority (**60%**) intentionally **did nothing** amidst the instability.

ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

FACEBOOK

The Federal Trade Commission confirmed it's investigating the social network's privacy practices as its stock heads toward its worst month in more than five years.



APPLE

To compete better with Google's Chromebook in education, the iPhone maker released a new, cheaper iPad to students and schools that will cost \$299.



VOLKSWAGEN

The German automaker showed its pickup prototype, the Atlas Tanoak, at the New York International Auto Show. There are no current production plans.



TESLA

The electric-car maker's stock reached its lowest price since March 2017 after a fatal Model X crash in California. It's working to retrieve the vehicle's logs.



Corrections & Clarifications

A story in the March 25 edition incorrectly stated how alimony is taxed. Former spouses who receive alimony are taxed according to their income bracket.

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Homeowners look for new ways to cut property tax

Aimee Picchi
Special to USA TODAY

The new GOP tax law included an unwelcome surprise for some homeowners: a \$10,000 cap on the state and local tax (SALT) deduction.

The cap could cause financial pain for residents of some high-tax states where even middle-class homes can easily exceed that threshold.

Given the new cap, is it worth trying to lower your property tax bill?

The first step is to figure out if you are likely to be affected by the \$10,000 limit on SALT deductions.

Next, you'll want to determine if you're likely to itemize deductions in 2018. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act almost doubled the standard deduction to \$12,000 for single filers and \$24,000 for married filers, a change that is effective for the current tax year.

Feeling the pinch: Homeowners in California, New Jersey and New York are the likeliest to feel the pain of the new SALT deduction cap. A Trulia analysis found that almost 1 out of 10 U.S. homeowners have property tax bills higher than \$10,000. The metropolitan area with the highest share of tax bills above \$10,000 is New York's Nassau County-Suffolk County region, where almost half of all homes have property taxes that exceed the new cap, Trulia found.

Help your partner's credit – without harming your own

Talk about it, then pick a strategy that works for both

Bev O'Shea
NerdWallet

When you get married, your credit files stay single.

And if one spouse has a good credit score and the other does not, it's particularly important to maintain your credit histories' separate status. There are ways to provide help if your credit-challenged mate wants it but in a way that doesn't risk harming your finances — or your relationship.

First, determine whether your partner even wants help, says Amanda Clayman, a financial wellness coach and therapist. "One thing the more creditworthy person needs to find out is, how much is the other person bothered" by their low score, Clayman says. If they're not too worried about it, she says, then they're probably not motivated to change.

Do we have to talk about it? Discussing high student loan balances and household budgets may not be the most enjoyable activity. Frame the discussion in terms of shared goals, because a high credit score by itself isn't worth much, says Joshua Harris, a certified financial planner and lecturer at Clemson University.

Dreaming of a future together is fun; harping about credit-card use, not so much. Focus on the former, and work together on strategies to get there. Teaming up to address a bad score can improve your relationship,

whereas nagging could cause friction. You'll always have to talk about finances, and the better you communicate, the easier it will be.

Strategies to help: If your spouse wants help with their credit score, work together to identify the issue and find potential solutions. Common reasons for a low credit score are late payments, a high balance or balances on credit cards, and a collection or court judgment for unpaid debts.

Three basic strategies that can help:

- Have your spouse open a secured credit card. Then simply put a small recurring expense on it, such as a Netflix subscription, and activate autopay.
- Make your spouse an authorized user on your credit card. Your mate need not even have a physical card. (Note that this strategy is more effective for those new to credit.)
- Help your spouse take out a credit-builder loan, a product typically available at credit unions. Pick a payment you both can easily afford, make the payments on time, and receive the loan proceeds at the end. The lender reports your payment history to credit bureaus.

Less advisable is co-signing for a loan or a credit card. Although doing so can potentially bump up your partner's score, missteps could result in you losing your own good credit, and that could cause relationship friction, too. Proceed with extreme caution if you decide to go this route.



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Even without the pain of the SALT cap, property taxes across the country are on the rise. Homeowners paid \$18.4 billion in property taxes during 2016, or 4.6% more than in the previous year, according to the U.S. Census.

How to start: Property taxes can change when a municipality increases its tax rate or when it changes the assessed value on your home. While you can't challenge the former, you have the right to appeal your home's assessed value.

Compare your property's value against similar properties in your area. If your home seems to be assessed at a higher amount than those comparable ones, that data will help you build your case. Hiring an independent appraiser is also helpful.

Making your case: Your property tax bill should include information about how to appeal your assessment.

Remember to document everything, including photographs, your independent appraisal and comparable home information.

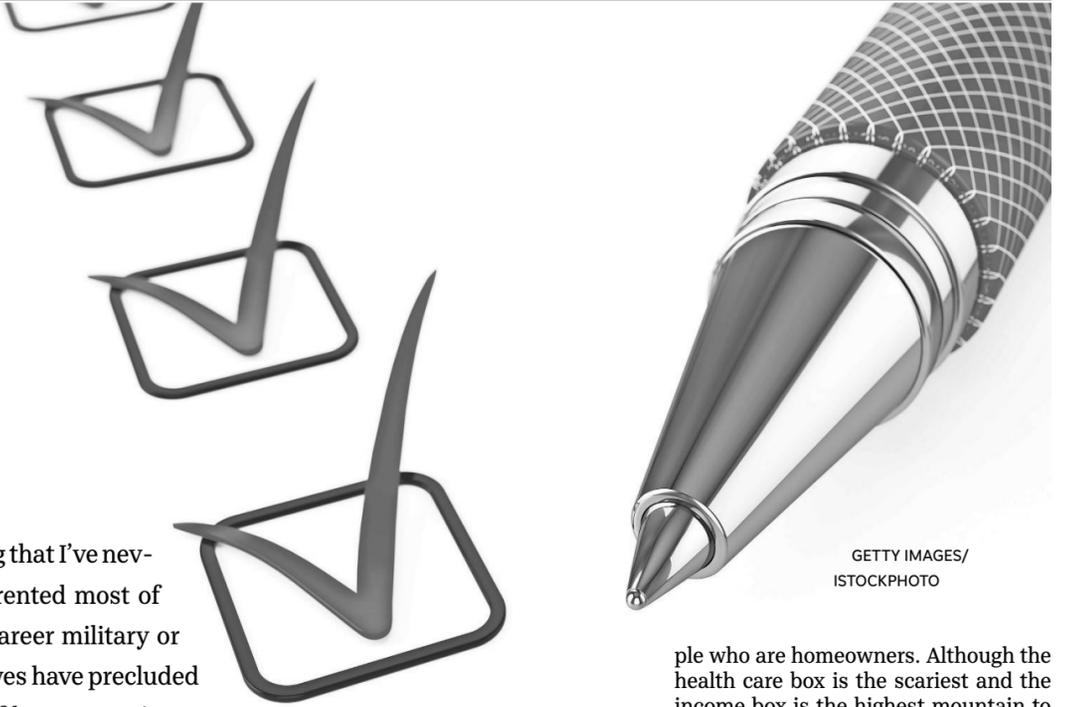
Some homeowners, such as seniors and veterans, may be able to take advantage of waivers or property tax relief programs offered by their municipalities or states. Those residents may be able to get a lower tax bill without challenging assessments.

MARKET ROUNDUP

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Check these boxes to secure your retirement

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Dear Pete: I have a question about retiree housing that I've never seen addressed. What about people who've rented most of their working lives? This would include many career military or foreign service staffers and clergy. My career moves have precluded purchasing anywhere with the idea of a paid-off home at retirement (for no/low shelter overhead or reverse mortgage). I'm a decade away from retirement, renting cheaply and currently save into my pretax Thrift Savings Plan the difference between my current rent and (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) on a house I'd buy. Current conservative projections indicate I can totally replace preretirement income through Social Security, my federal pension and TSP/other savings. I'm also aware that future changes in states' tax treatment of Social Security and pensions could make retirement location flexibility an advantage. But I'm building no equity for a potential reverse mortgage benefit down the road. Anything I'm overlooking?

— Robert M.



Pete the Planner
Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

Dear Robert: I have a retirement checklist that consists of three boxes. The goal, of course, as with any checklist, is to place checkmarks in the boxes as I complete each task.

■ **Sustainable retirement income:** The first task-adjacent box is securing reliable, repeatable and sustainable retirement income. It appears you've checked that box. I'd credit great plan-

ning and three retirement income sources. Sometimes this column is about how a person goes about checking this box, but not today. You've checked it — let's move on.

■ **Health care strategy:** The second box is one I refer to pretty regularly in these columns: establishing a realistic health care strategy. Early retirement has always been a relatively difficult goal for middle America, especially for those without a pension. But now it's reached unicorn-level rarity for the middle class because of the cost of health care. As a working person, your health care coverage is often significantly sub-

Way too many preretirees assume they'll be able to easily absorb increased health care expenses.

sidized by your employer. As a non-working person or retiree in this case, your health care coverage isn't subsidized at all before age 65. Unless your former employer continues their subsidization once you retire, you'll be paying full price. Prices are all over the board, but health care premiums before age 65 (when a person become eligible for the more reasonably priced Medicare) can reach \$2,000 a month. Shutting off the faucet of work income is challenging enough without having to increase your net income by roughly \$24,000 per year.

Way too many hopeful preretirees assume they'll be able to easily absorb increased health care expenses and check a box they shouldn't check based on their reality.

■ **Affordable housing strategy:** The third box to check before retiring is the "I've got an affordable housing strategy." There's a ton of advice out there for peo-

ple who are homeowners. Although the health care box is the scariest and the income box is the highest mountain to climb, checking the housing box can take a tremendous amount of pressure off the retirement process. It's most people's largest monthly expense. Of course, this is best accomplished via home ownership, but you can achieve a similar outcome as a renter.

What can be scary about retirement is the prospect of living on a fixed income for the rest of your life. When you combine that idea with the likelihood of your rent increasing on a regular basis, you can easily start to feel as though your ends will eventually stop meeting. You can prevent this by making sure your rent payment is a less-significant portion of your monthly expenses.

Obviously, this imperative is easier said than done. Homeowners can have a bit more of their income dedicated toward housing because they'll eventually own the home outright and eliminate the expense altogether. A renter must create the budget wiggle room at the beginning of the rental experience.

This can mean moving to a lower rent property just before retiring. This will allow your budget to account for gradual rent increases throughout retirement.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Your cellphone plan may add Netflix, Hulu for free

It's a painless way to save a few bucks on streaming

Rob Pegoraro
Special to USA TODAY

The smartphone has long since grown into a pocket-sized TV, and three of the big four wireless carriers have now taken the next logical step: including one or more streaming-video services with your subscription.

These bundled freebies may not sway your choice of wireless service, but if they overlap with your existing viewing habits, they can provide a painless way to shave some money off your entertainment costs.

Details:

■ **AT&T** offers free HBO with both of its unlimited-data plans, "Unlimited Plus Enhanced" (unmetered data with HD video streaming and 15 gigabytes of mobile-hotspot use) and "Unlimited Choice Enhanced" (only standard-definition video, no mobile-hotspot use). If you don't have a subscription on any of its TV services — U-verse, DirecTV or DirecTV Now — you'll have to open a free DirecTV Now streaming account to get this bonus.

Your potential savings, starting with in two bills of your opting into this deal, range from \$5 on DirecTV Now to \$18 on satellite-based DirecTV. That's automatic if you get U-verse or DirecTV; if you have DirecTV Now, you'll have to log into your account.

■ **Sprint** includes Hulu's Limited Commercials streaming service (which USA TODAY's Jefferson Graham found to be about as ad-heavy as regular TV) with its unlimited plans.

That can save you that option's \$7.99-a-month rate. But you can't apply this credit toward Hulu's \$11.99 no-commercials option or its newer, \$39.99 Hulu with Live TV service, Hulu's answer to the traditional, much pricier cable or satellite bundle.

■ **T-Mobile** offers two streaming extras. The one it markets more is the free-

Netflix deal it launched last year: If you have two or more lines on its T-Mobile One unlimited-data plan, you get a comped Netflix Standard subscription. If, like almost 111 million people, you already pay for Netflix, T-Mobile's offer will zero out that \$10.99 monthly cost.

And single-line T-Mobile subscriptions — including those predating its switch last year to sell only unlimited-data plans — can take advantage of its free MLB.tv offer.

That \$115.99 service, however, won't help you watch your home team, since it doesn't include streaming of games involving the nearest MLB franchises, which under MLB's interpretation can include those hundreds of miles away. And if you'd already signed up for MLB.tv last year and set that subscription to auto-renewing, it's already too late to let T-Mobile pick up the tab.

But an MLB.tv subscription also covers the \$19.99 annual cost of MLB's At Bat mobile app, which doesn't impose regional blackouts of game updates or radio broadcasts.

Cancel any auto-renewing subscription in the iOS App Store or the Android Play Store, then opt into T-Mobile's MLB.tv offer in the carrier's T-Mobile Tuesdays app between March 27 and April 2.

■ **Verizon**, which once offered NFL streaming as an exclusive, offers no special video bonuses now that anybody can use that feature in the NFL Mobile app.

The only other obvious service offering free Netflix is Verizon's landline, not wired, service.

You have to sign up for a triple-play bundle, which at Verizon socks you with some of the steeper hardware fees around.

(Disclosure: I also write for Yahoo Finance, a subsidiary of Verizon's media division Oath.)

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THE WEEK AHEAD



Economists expect the Labor Department to report 190,000 jobs were added in March. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

Economists expect jobs report to pull back after February's big gains

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Were February's breakout job gains a sign that hiring is ramping up despite worker shortages or a weather-related fluke? The answer may be revealed in the March employment report, due out this week.

Reports on manufacturing and service-sector activity, as well as consumer credit, will also be released.

Factory activity hit a 13-year high in February. The result? A strong global economy and climbing oil prices that have revived drilling projects and related orders for steel pipes and other materials. There's no signal that momentum has slowed recently. Economists expect the Institute for Supply Management (ISM) to announce Monday that its index of manufacturing activity edged down just a bit in March, indicating continued robust growth.

On Wednesday, ISM releases its latest snapshot of the service sector. That measure in October reached its highest level on records dating to 2008 and has hovered just slightly below that mark the past couple of months. Economists estimate ISM will report that its

index of service-sector activity dipped in March but still showed healthy expansion.

The economy added a booming 313,000 jobs in February, the most since July 2016. That followed a strong 239,000 payroll gains in January. Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says unusually warm weather likely inflated hiring in February. A possible clue was outside gains in industries such as construction and retail. As a result, Alexander expects the Labor Department on Friday to report a pullback in job growth for March. Yet economists overall figure the Labor Department on Friday will report that another solid 190,000 jobs were added last month.

Sturdy job and income gains have generally supported steady consumer spending growth. Nearly nine years after the Great Recession ended, Americans also have become more comfortable using credit cards to finance their purchases.

Economists expect the Federal Reserve to report that after increasing \$19.2 billion and \$13.9 billion the prior two months, outstanding consumer credit grew another \$15 billion in January.

REFLECTIONS



Hotel Sumter, Sumter, S. C.

SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

Hotel Sumter opened to guests in 1901 and had a lobby, rotundas and reading room at its location on South Main Street.

Looking back at the Sumter Hotel

South Main Street was the location of a jewel at turn of the century

Reflections looks again at Hotel Sumter, which reigned as Sumter's most modern accommodation available to visitors to this community in 1901. Those stockholders who were investing in this project offered several options regarding where this enterprise should be located. The intersection of Main and Dugan streets as well as at the former site of the Jervy House were urged as possible building sites. Research reveals that several sites and methods of finance were discussed before it was decided that South Main



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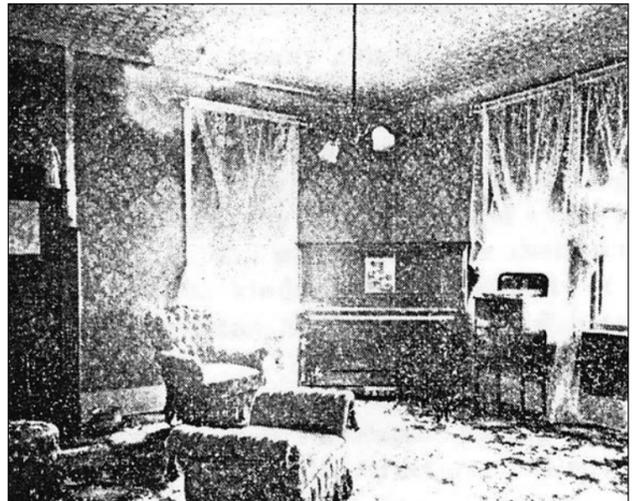
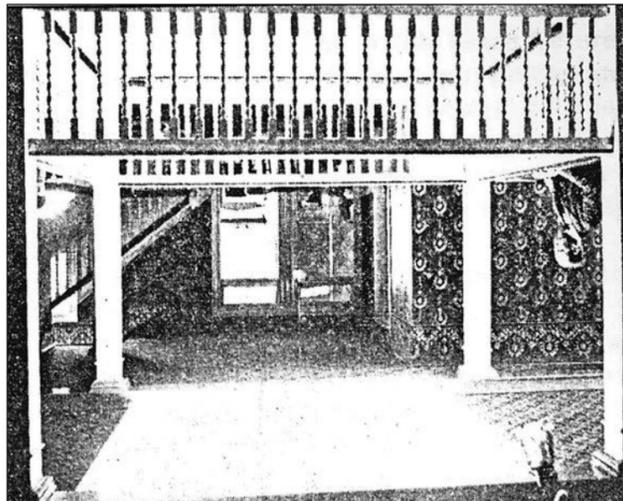
(south of the Post Office) would be the preferred location. The information and photos used in this article were taken from *The Item* archives.

"The stately Hotel Sumter was constructed at a cost of \$17,000 on the beautifully shady South Main Street on the former site of the Jervy House. The facility was opened on the 15th of April, 1901, and fulfilled a pressing need for accommodations in Sumter. The hotel was furnished at a cost of \$11,000 and is considered one of the most attractive hotels in the state. The building featured 39 rooms, each having a felt mattress, with the majority having brass beds and return-call bells and coal grates placed in nearly all the rooms. The opening was met with such praise that the owners have with the architects plans to add 26 sleeping rooms with a proportionate number of baths."

"The exterior is beautifully painted, and its spacious verandas, which are supported by iconic columns, are lighted by several incandescent lamps. The effect is artistic and attracts much attention. A band was placed on the upper piazza and was noted to have pro-



ABOVE: Several guests were photographed in the Hotel Sumter's elegant lobby.
BELOW LEFT: The second floor of Hotel Sumter is seen.
BELOW RIGHT: The ladies' parlor at the Hotel Sumter featured an upright piano.



duced a delightful musical program which entertained the numerous visitors. The interior of the building is beautifully wallpapered and is carpeted throughout." "The spacious lobby, the cozy rotundas and the comfortable cherry reading room with its open fireplace and handsome oak mantle and leather-cushioned easy chairs and lounges, together with the brightness, cleanliness and cheerfulness throughout, make the place especially attractive to tourists as well as much appreciated by the traveling men. The proprietors are catering to these classes. The proprietors are not sparing ex-

pense or effort to make the culinary department the very best. The dining room has been built and furnished at large cost and with excellent taste. They have the Jefferson Hotel (Richmond) old chef, and only Western beef from a cold storage plant owned by the hotel people is used. The kitchen is provided with steam tables and broilers; the following bears testimony to the quality of its usual fare: MENU: oyster cocktail; SOUP: mock turtle, aux quinnella; FISH: broiled whiting, Matre de Hotel; ROAST: prime rib beef, au jus; BOILED: Virginia sugar-cured ham, smoked tongue

with spinach; ENTREES: veal cutlets, breaded tomato sauce, banana fritters, aux cognac; VEGETABLES: mashed potatoes with cream, boiled potatoes, Waukesha green peas, cabbage, turnips, Portorico beans, steamed rice, escalloped tomatoes; DESSERT: Vanilla ice cream, coconut pie, lemon pie, assorted cakes; FRUIT, MIXED NUTS: Roquefort cheese, crackers, milk, French coffee, tea; WINE: sherry and scuppernon." "The hotel is provided with a modern barber shop. Arrangements are now being made to equip a fine livery stable with modern

and stylish vehicles and good driving and saddle horses for the hotel. The proprietors, Messrs. A. Pareira and I. Solomons, are doing an excellent job toward developing Sumter as a winter resort. Mr. Pareira is a well-known traveling man of Albany, New York, having for 13 years traveled the Southern states for the Albany house of Mendleson & Sons. Mr. Solomons is a well-known Sumter businessman." "The contractor for the project was M. C. Kavanaugh; J. A. Scherwin did the wallpaper, and the plumbing and electrical wiring was completed by R. T. Carr."

Air WACs hold open house; 12th grade added in Sumter

75 YEARS AGO — 1943
Oct. 23 — Oct. 29

• Cadet Charles Propst, of Calhoun Street Sumter, now in his third class, sophomore year at The Citadel, has been chosen for membership in the Pre-Medical Society at that college. Cadet Propst is a member of the standing hop committee, a member of the varsity basketball team and is active in intramural sports. He graduated from Edmunds High School in 1942. While there, Cadet Propst was a member of the swimming team, a member of the varsity basketball team, a member of the Block "S" Club and president of his class.

• Warrant Officer Jesse Ben Pack, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Pack of Pocalla, was killed as his outfit maneuvered in the desert of California. Details of his death have not been reported to his family here. Officer Pack was killed the day before



Yesteryear in Sumter
SAMMY WAY

he would have marked the second anniversary of his entry into the Army. He was 20 years old.

• An opportunity to see how members of the Women's Army Corps live — what they eat, where they sleep, how they work and play — will be given the women of South Carolina when the "Air WACs" of Shaw Field hold open house throughout the day. Women in all parts of the state are invited to visit the huge basic flying school near Sumter where the Air WACs are performing vital duties that are helping to win the war. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the WACs' living quarters, recreation rooms, mess facilities and other accommodations.

• The trophy which will be presented to the winning company at the competitive drill, State Guard, at Edmunds High School is donated by Company I, Sumter, and will be known as "The Thomas Lemmon Trophy" in honor of Ensign Thomas Lemmon, a charter member of the State Guard, who is missing in action. Ensign Lemmon was a member of the Sumter Bar Association, a member of the Sumter County delegation and was prominent in club activities prior to going into the Navy. At the close of the war, when the State Guard demobilizes, the trophy will be presented to Ensign Lemmon's mother.

• Sumter High School gave the City Schools team of Columbia a tough battle in the Capital City before going down to defeat in an action-packed fourth quarter. The final score was 20-7. Coming to life suddenly in the last period, the Gamecocks roared to a touchdown, and Tommie Hughes kicked the extra point to knot the score at 7-7, but a bad case of the jitters, which followed the Birds all night, quickly turned the tide of battle in favor of the Capitals.

• John James Britton, 79, prominent businessman and farmer, died at his home on Calhoun Street after an illness of one year. Mr. Britton was the son of the late John James and Anna Ware Britton. He was an active member of the Sumter County Board of Commissioners and a director of the National Bank of South Carolina. He also was a successful farmer at Britton's and a lifelong member of Zoar Church, serving as a steward and a member of the board of trustees. Besides his wife, Mrs. Willie Britton, the following children survive him: Mrs. John D. Lemmon, Mrs. R. A. Ridgill, Mrs. James W. Boney, Roy J. Leonard and Benjamin Britton, 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

• A large audience of cadets, their wives and friends enjoyed the stage show broadcast at the Cadet Recreation Hall at Shaw Field. Aviation Cadet Carl Peterson and Pvt. Al Sandwina acted as masters of ceremony,



1968 — Coach Robert A. Jenkins instructs Robert Brown on the proper way to bat as other youngsters look on. This was part of the Youth Softball Program at Stonehill sponsored by the sheriff's department.

nies, presenting talented cadets in musical numbers and novelty entertainment. A/C Janiszewski played the accordion, rendering several selections. Ogden and Schlansky were presented as a guitar team. The songs of the Cadet Choral Group under the direction of Cadet Mundell were well received. The Shaw Field Dance Band played during the broadcast.

• Chris Chokos, 57, died this morning at 9:15 at Tuomey Hospital after a lengthy illness. He was proprietor of Manhattan Coffee Shop and one of Sumter's most well-known and well-liked citizens. He belonged to many civic clubs and was a Mason and a Shriner. Mr. Chokos was born in Kastania, Greece, in the province of Prosos. He came to America as a young man and has been successful in the restaurant business in this country. Mr. Chokos came to Sumter over 30 years ago. He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Aspasia Chokos; a daughter, Irene; and a son, George. He also left behind a nephew, Gus Cricos, and a brother-in-law, George Stevens. He also has relatives in Greece.

• Since the Sumter City Board of Education announced the plan for the 12th grade to begin in the Sumter schools in the fall of 1944 there have been many questions which have been asked by students and patrons relative to the 12th-grade program, according to William Henry Shaw, superintendent of the city schools. The question most frequently asked of Mr. Shaw has been what effect will the 12th grade have on the students who are now in high school? The students who have already started their high school program will not be affected by the 12th grade, he said, unless they desire to take advantage of the 12th-grade program. In this way, they would rearrange their course of study for whatever number of years they now have to stay in high school to allow them to take extra units, including a full extra year of English. The pupils who begin the 9th grade in the fall of 1944 will be the first group to graduate from the 12th grade in 1948.

• Warships, planes and troops of Adm. William F. Halsey have stormed the Treasury Islands, 30 miles south of Bougainville, as the entering wedge to pry the Japanese loose from their last Solomons bases and fling open the door to Rabaul. The operation, disclosed in war reports, was executed brilliantly. Beginning last Friday, American bombers completely knocked out nearby enemy airfields with 500 tons of explosives.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968
June 23 — 29

• Air Force Col. William M. Reynolds Jr., veteran command pilot with more than 26 years of service, has been reassigned to Tokyo, Japan. Col. Reynolds, who since 1964 has been chief of the fighter branch of the Pentagon-level Directorate of

Aerospace Safety at Norton Air Force Base, San Bernardino, California, will be chief of the Air Force Section, Military Assistance Advisory group in Tokyo.

• Dr. Samuel Perry Davis will assume the chairmanship of the Sumter County Board of Health from Dr. William Young, whose board term expires in June. Dr. Davis is "very active in the field of preventive medicine" and holds a monthly prenatal clinic for the health department in Pinewood. A native of Sumter County, he graduated in 1951 from Edmunds High School, attended The Citadel and graduated in 1958 from the Medical College of South Carolina. Following his internship at Medical Center Hospitals in Charleston, he began general practice in July, 1959, in Pinewood.

• Imported fire ants, already infesting 50,000 acres of Clarendon County, have moved into an area on the Sumter County line near Lake Marion. The ants have spread to three miles south of Interstate Highway 95 and east to about four miles beyond Summerton. Since its discovery in South Carolina in 1952, the pest has invaded four million acres in 17 countries. Although the fire ant resembles the common black ant, it is a serious threat to animals, people and land cultivation. In addition to its sting, the ant's solid, three-foot-wide mounds often damage farm equipment.

• Work is progressing satisfactorily on the new Little Theater building, according to Marvin Trapp, president of the local drama group, and the building will probably be "under roof" by the first of August. If all goes well, the Little Theater will open in October with its first production in the new \$76,000 structure, which is located in Palmetto Park.

• Catcher Timmy Haley, batting a lowly .118 coming into the contest, unloaded a two-run double in the bottom of the seventh inning to propel Sumter's hustling P-15's to a 3-1 triumph over Olanta at Riley Park. Haley's big belt, which came with two out, boosted Sumter's record to 7-1 and gave Coach Bernie Jones' crew a two-game lead in League III over Camden, which was upset by Manning last night.

• Play in the 1968 Sumter closed City Tennis Tournament gets underway and will run through July 13 with 30 division titles on the line. Registration is now underway at the Recreation Office in Memorial Park and will continue throughout tomorrow. Entry fee is \$1 per entrant, per event. Fred Wilson, tournament director, indicates that there must be at least six entries in each division for that division to be staged.

• Two incumbents and one new face were nominated to the S.C. House of Representatives in the Democratic primary runoff. Leading the voting was incumbent James Cuttino with 5,505, followed by incumbent C.W. Goodman with 4,869. Ramon Schwartz, making his

second bid for the House after a close try in 1964, squeaked by Arthur S. Bahnmuller for the third spot by a hair-thin 91 votes, 4,265 to 4,174.

• "We could pick up trash in three minutes with this container rise system that is taking us 20 to 30 minutes now," narrated Lester Mathis of the City Department of Public Works as he showed slides of Sumter's present garbage collection system and of Winston-Salem's container rise operation. Bids will be requested shortly by the City of Sumter on an over \$50,000 garbage collection system composed of large enclosed containers for the downtown area, a train of smaller containers for other commercial and outlying areas and a mother truck that automatically lifts and accepts refuse from the containers for transport to the dumping area.

• The Sumter County United Fund has announced the appointment of Richard P. Moses, a lifelong resident of Sumter and a local businessman, as campaign chairman of the 1969 United Fund Drive. Moses, who last year served as vice chairman of the Sumter County United Appeal drive, has been associated with the Henry P. Moses Co., a real estate and insurance firm, for the past 19 years where he currently holds the office of vice president.

• Olanta took to the air here last night, but Camden came up with two home runs — one in the ninth with two out — and stumbled to a 9-7 victory that tightened its hold on second place in American Legion League III. Camden, with lackluster pitching and fielding, still looked a little like the team that lost 8-4 to hapless Manning. The bright spot last night was Post 17's hitting — Camden batters managed nine hits, even though the nine hits came from only four players.

• Col. Robert D. Williams, Wing vice commander, has received orders for Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany, where he will serve as vice commander of the 36th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. Col. Williams came to Shaw in June 1966 but was not named vice commander until January 1968. Before his appointment, he served as commander of the 4411th Combat Crew training squadron during its deactivation.

• The rosy-checked peach that tempts the New York housewife today was hanging on a Sumter County tree yesterday in the B.J. Barnett Inc. orchard. Bearing the Gamecock trademark and Blue Goose emblem, the tree-ripened ambassadors bring a bit of Sumter to connoisseurs of quality fruit in Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and New York, to name a few destinations.

• Pawley's Island's "gray man" was multiplied by 13 recently when 13 gray-headed members of the Sumter Boys' High School Class of 1921 gathered at Pawley's for a weekend reunion. Henry Shelor of Sumter invited his classmates to the H.J. Harby house at Pawley's. Attending were: Henry McLaurin, Vivian Weldon, Hubert Lawrence, Turner Davis, De-saussure Edmunds, Randolph Guthrie, Charles Cuttino, Blanding Upshur, Bill DuBose, John A. Blackwell and Harry Ryttenberg. Absent members contacted via a telephone conference call were George Wray, Ed Buck, Pinckney Bradley, Harrell Whilden and Bill Moran.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993
March 26 — April 1

• Lee County Council's redistricting committee and local NAACP members say they are close to a compromise on the redrawing of Lee County's political lines. Both parties met to discuss the most recent proposal made by the council committee. Andrew Moses, a local member of the NAACP, said, "We are close to where we need to be as far as having a plan we can agree on." The NAACP and Lee County Council have been butting heads since last year over the redrawing of county

council and school board voting lines.

• Success implies responsibility. That was the message delivered by top-flight black business executives to 35 Morris College men during the school's annual Career Awareness and Planning Seminar. The executives told the students that giving back to their community — even while they're still in school — should be an immediate goal of black students. For 25 years, business executives have converged on Morris College for the historically black school's career planning seminar.

• It was wet, windy and cold, but a bit of history was made at Sumter Memorial Stadium. The first-year Sumter High School girls' soccer team played its first-ever home match against Spring Valley. The results on the scoreboard weren't what head coach Heather Meeds desired, a 6-0 defeat. However, the preseason goal that was set for the fledgling team was met. "We're improving, and that's the key," Meeds said. "Our goal is to improve in every one of our games."

• Robert E. Lee's Jason Welch and Laurence Manning's Layne Osteen locked up in a classic pitching duel on a cool, wet, windy afternoon. On this day, it would be Welch who would claim the advantage as the right-hander pitched his first high school no-hitter, striking out 12 and walking only two batters. The Cavaliers managed to put three hits on the board and defeated the Swampcats 1-0.

• Families, organizations, churches and schools must work together to provide a brighter future for all children. That was the message that Maggie Wallace Glover — the first African-American woman elected to the South Carolina Senate — gave at the YWCA of the Upper Lowlands' annual membership meeting and Women of Achievement Awards Banquet. The YWCA recognized six local women who have made outstanding contributions to their community, state and nation. Their selection was based on the impact of their contributions on others, especially in their respective area, their service as a role model for women and the enduring value of their achievements.

• Seven Sumter High School students have been selected by audition to attend the South Carolina Governor's School for the Arts at Furman University. 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. Students must undergo an extensive interview and/or performance in front of a panel of judges to be accepted into the program, which is open to high school seniors and juniors. Those students from Sumter High and their artistic area of study are: Heather de los Santos, creative writing; Dorinda E. Thomas, dance; Michael P. Oubre, trumpet; Timothy E. Sharper, trumpet; Dion Muldrow, tuba; Eric J. Belin, voice, tenor; and Eric L. Abrams, visual arts.

• The framed aerial photographs that hang thickly on the walls of Phil Ballinger's office tell the story of Sumter County's transformation — the transformation over the last 30 years of a largely agricultural economy to one in which more than one-fourth of the workers are employed by industrial plants. The color photographs, some dim or now faded, are of the plants of companies that Ballinger — as president and CEO of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce for the last 23 years — played a large, many say decisive, role in luring here. The 70-year-old Ballinger, who has served as the county's chief industrial recruiter since assuming the professional leadership of the Chamber in 1970, is retiring.

Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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A later start for turkeys

There was a blaze-orange glow above the distant treeline on the eastern horizon, and the azure sky above me still held a twinkling of stars. The woods around me were cloaked in blue-gray shadow but were slowly revealing my surroundings on the forest floor as the morning light crept in slowly.

A turkey gobbler to the north was saluting the new day with his calls. He was roosted on the edge of the swamp about 150 yards away. I had moved up the side of the swamp from my initial listening spot and



Dan Geddings

stopped on the slope of this more open area where I could see down to the water below and up to the pasture above.

I knew this tom would have hens with him, but I didn't yet know where they were. The sky had lightened enough for me to scan the nearby treetops, but I had seen nothing. Then a soft cluck or two came from the flooded swamp between me and the gobbler. I strained to see them but could not. I have always been amazed at how hard it is to see a roosted turkey in a tree — until they move.

The coming light meant that the gobbler would soon fly down, and I was hopeful that it would be on my side of this narrow hardwood swamp. The



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Wild Easter Lilies cover the ground in the glade that Dan Geddings calls "the pretty place."

other side of the swamp was bordered by a big cut-over that would make approaching this bird impossible. The light also made it possible to see the small white lilies that covered the ground here. Several years ago on a midday turkey hunt I had discovered this glade of wild Easter Lilies and named it "the pretty place."

The gobbler went silent, and I knew that he was ready to fly down. I was sitting at the base of a big oak with my gun on my knee, ready to shoot. Some of the hens began flying from the swamp to the cut-over, and within minutes I heard a distant gobble on the ground in the same direction that the

hens had flown. Disappointment flooded over me, and I momentarily let my guard down.

I pulled off my face mask and gloves and leaned my gun against the tree. Just then I started hearing some sharp "putts" or alarm calls coming from the nearby swamp. Two hens that I had not seen, high in the canopy of the hardwoods, had spotted me and were giving loud notice. In turkey hunting, once things go bad they usually just keep getting worse, but I was determined to salvage this encounter, my first morning hunt of the turkey season.

My plan had been to get up

early Tuesday morning and head to the Lowcountry, but I was anxious about the weather. The forecast was for rain and strong winds. I have two ground blinds already in place on the club, and I could retreat to one of those if the rain continued on into the morning. There was only one problem — I couldn't find my turkey tags. State law requires hunters to have the tags in their possession while turkey hunting.

I had misplaced the tags and would not go without them. My only course was to miss opening day and make a trip to Columbia to get a duplicate set of tags. I had not missed an opening day in 25 years, but I

went on to work that day and traveled to Columbia that afternoon. It didn't take 15 minutes to get tags and be back in the turkey business.

High winds persisted into Wednesday, and I elected to work that morning and head to the Edisto after lunch. No one else was at the club when I got there that afternoon, and I noted that only four people had hunted opening day. I had the whole place to myself but only had one location in mind.

There is a big agricultural field on the place where I have taken several gobblers. One of my ground blinds is tucked into the edge of the woods there. I put out a jake decoy and settled in for the afternoon. It was very cold and windy, but it wasn't long before five hens showed up, feeding around the edge of the field. I was hopeful that a longbeard would be following them, but it didn't happen.

Back at the clubhouse I hurried to start a fire in the wood stove and get a bunk set up before dark. The wind was still howling during the night, but the forecast was for clearing before dawn. I was up at 4 o'clock the next morning and pushed some big chunks of firewood into the stove. Soon the clubhouse was toasty warm, but I couldn't linger too long. I had a long way to walk to get to my spot on the swamp before dawn.

Now, here I was, busted by these hens, and the gobbler was on the other side of the swamp. But maybe luck would be with me. I eased up and started back through the woods to the trail where I had crossed through the swamp. If I could get to the edge of the cut-over I might be able to call the gobbler over to me.

Of course, it didn't happen, and I made that long walk back to the truck. On the way, I reflected on the events of the last few days. Things didn't work out like I expected, but I realized it's never too late for a new start.

Bare-root nursery trees do well with careful planting

BY LEE REICH
The Associated Press

I got a look of disbelief when I told a friend I had planted a tree that had been shipped from a nursery 2,000 miles away.

As I went on to explain that the tree had been sent "bare root," I could see him shudder.

But then I showed off my robust young plant in its second year of growth.

Bare-root trees are so named because the plants are dug from the ground when dormant (leafless), and then their roots are shaken free of soil.

Kept cool, with their roots packed in some moist material, bare-root plants are easy to store or ship in good condition. They're usually less expensive and are available in greater variety than potted or balled-and-burlapped trees.

CARE FOR YOUR PLANT AS SOON AS IT ARRIVES

Of course, it's not only the plant's quality that was responsible for the good growth of my bare-root tree. Proper siting, care on arrival and planting were equally important.

Two threats to a bare-root tree before it is planted are that it is kept too warm and that its roots dry out. Immediately after I receive a bare-root tree, whether it has been shipped or brought home from a nursery, I soak the roots in a bucket of water for eight hours.

If planting must be delayed, I keep the tree cool and its roots moist by storing it on the cool, north side of my house with its roots covered with moist soil or mulch. Or I put it in the refrigerator with its roots wrapped in moist peat and then plastic. Keeping the tree cool delays growth of buds along the stems.

Just before planting, I inspect the roots, cutting off any that are dead, diseased or broken. I shorten any that

are too long to be splayed out into a reasonably sized planting hole.

PLANT IT CORRECTLY

The soil needs to be crumbly — not sodden and not rock-hard — before it's ready to be dug for planting the tree. When I do dig, I make that hole just deep enough to get the tree in, twice as wide as the spread of the roots, and tapered down from its edges to full depth.

After shoveling enough loose soil back into the planting hole to create a mound on which to set the tree, I start backfilling, tamping the soil in among the spread roots. No need to mix any other materials, such as peat or compost, into the planting hole.

After I finish backfilling, I build up a slight ridge of soil around the outer edge of the planting hole to help contain water. If rodents are a threat, a cylinder of ¼-inch mesh hardware cloth will keep them at bay.

Now is when compost can be put to best use; spread it on top of the ground an inch or 2 deep. A further topping of straw or wood chips no closer than 6 inches from the trunk will keep the roots cool, moist and happy in the months ahead.

DON'T FORGET THE TREE AFTER PLANTING IT

Large trees or trees in very windy sites need to be staked for a year, until their roots take hold in the soil. Tie the trunk to one or two stakes set alongside the tree, using some soft material or wire padded where it touches the trunk. Allow for some movement of the trunk or else it will be too slow in thickening.

The final step in tree planting — watering — is critical. I slowly and thoroughly soak the ground beneath my new plant. It's important not to turn your back on any sapling after that last step in planting. Throughout its first growing season, longer for large trees, a weekly watering schedule must be diligently maintained.



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Costa FLW series is headed to Santee Cooper lakes for tourney

SUBMITTED

SUMMERTON — More than 340 pros and co-anglers are set to compete April 5-7 at the Costa FLW Series at Santee Cooper lakes presented by Bass Pro Shops.

The tournament is the third and final regular-season tournament scheduled in the FLW Series Southeastern Division. Hosted by Clarendon County Chamber of Commerce, the event will feature anglers competing for a top award of up to \$89,000, including a brand-new Ranger Z518C boat with a 200-horsepower Evinrude or Mercury outboard.

"This is going to be a really good tournament, and it could be absolutely phenomenal," said FLW Tour pro Bryan Thrift, who won when the FLW Series last visited Santee Cooper in 2016. "With the way the weather is warming up, and the full moon next

week, it could be a perfect storm. It's setting up to be an absolute slugfest."

When the FLW Series anglers competed at Santee Cooper in 2016, 16 five-bass limits were weighed in excess of 25 pounds, with three limits weighing more than 30 pounds. Thrift said that he expects the same thing this time around.

"The best thing about the Santee Cooper lakes is that you can catch giants anywhere," Thrift said. "We're definitely going to see multiple 30-pound bags. It's not like one lake is better than the other or one end of the lake is better. There are big fish to be caught everywhere, on the whole system."

Thrift predicted that the bass would be in their prespawn and spawning patterns, with a large majority of the largemouth on beds. He suggested that Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, ChatterBaits and soft stickworms, like a Dami-

ki Stinger, would all play a big role for tournament anglers.

"I think the key is going to be finding fresh fish that are just coming up — staging to move shallow," Thrift said. "I would say that a three-day total of 78 to 84 pounds will win."

Anglers will take off from the John C. Land III Landing, 4404 Greenall Road in Summerton, at 7 a.m. each day of competition. Weigh-ins will also be held at the landing and will begin at 3 p.m. each day. All take-offs and weigh-ins are free and open to the public.

In Costa FLW Series regular-season competition, payouts are based on the number of participants competing in the event. At Santee Cooper, pros will fish for a top prize of \$89,000, including a brand-new Ranger Z518C boat with a 200-horsepower Evinrude or Mercury outboard if Ranger Cup qualified.

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AUCTION - Beautiful Home, Vehicle, Furniture, Household Items. Saturday, April 7, 10 AM. 2594 Argyle Way, Little River, SC. Damon Shortt Auction Group, 877-669-4005. SCAL2346. damonshorttproperties.com

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EMPLOYMENT

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Newman's Tree Service
Now hiring for landscapers & tree service employees. Driver's license is a required. 843-441-5549

Company's Name: Mount Franklin Nutritional **Job Title:** Warehouse Lead position
Brief Job Description: Warehouse Lead, Mount Franklin Nutritionals is searching for an experienced Warehouse Lead for its facility in Sumter. If you have at least 2 years of experience in a leadership position in the warehouse area, a forklift truck certification, high school diploma or equivalent, excellent communication skills, and a positive "can-do" attitude, please submit your resume at: luzt@mountfranklinfoods.com
Mount Franklin Nutritionals benefits include vacation, sick time, and holidays paid, 401k, medical, dental and vision insurance. Equal Opportunity Employer Veterans/Disabled

Help Wanted Full-Time

BOULINEAU'S IGA - Grand Strand's largest and oldest super-market has an opening for Bakery Manager. We offer excellent benefits package. Email resume to: elizabethb@boulinaeus.com or call 843-249-3556.

Exp. auto mechanic needed. Send resume to: P-483 c/o The Item, PO Box 1677 Sumter SC 29151

Roofers Needed. Must have 3 years experience minimum and Driver's license a plus. Must be able to pass back ground and drug screen. Serious inquiries call 803-478-2950.

CITY OF BISHOPVILLE Finance Department
Position Category: Finance Clerk

Job duties:
• Responsible for accounting functions related to payables and receivables

Qualifications
• High School Graduate or at least 2 years Accounting Experience
• Valid S. C. driver's license
• Ability to pass a background check
• Degree in Accounting preferred

Pay info: Pay is dependent on qualifications and includes an excellent benefits package

How to apply:
City Hall - 135 E. Church Street
Email: suzettekrobinson78@yahoo.com or mail resume and application to: Suzette K. Robinson Finance Director P. O. Box 388 Bishopville, SC 29010

Deadline: April 6, 2018

The City of Bishopville is a drug-free and Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help Wanted Part-Time

Exp. Trailer switcher needed in Sumter to move trailers in yard. Do washouts & minor repairs. Thurs., Fri. & Sun. 7 am - 5 pm. Must have 2 yrs exp. CDL & clean driving record. 803-938-2708 M-F 9am-3pm lv msg with experience.

Trucking Opportunities

Tractor trailer driver needed in Sumter. Must have CDL & clean driving record with 2 years exp. Call 803-938-2708 lv. msg. with experience.

Statewide Employment

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Rooms for Rent

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Mobile Home Rentals

4BR, 2BA DW MH with Dbl. carport, C/H/A, Hwy 15 near Summerton, \$600/mo., \$600 sec. dep. Housing Authority vouchers will be considered. 803-378-6206.

Vacation Rentals

ADVERTISE YOUR VACATION PROPERTY FOR RENT OR SALE to more than 2.1 million S.C. newspaper readers. Your 25-word classified ad will appear in 101 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Call Alanna Ritchie at the South Carolina Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

Miscellaneous

AIRLINE MECHANIC TRAINING - Get FAA certification. No HS Diploma or GED - We can help. Approved for military benefits. Financial Aid if qualified. Job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance 866-367-2513



LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

Public Notice
On Monday, April 16, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Swan Lake Visitors Center (822 W. Liberty St.), SUATS will host a public open house as part of its five year update of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. Sumter residents will have the opportunity to review the progress of the update and provide input on the transportation issues facing the community, including the future road network priorities, pedestrian and bike facilities, transit, and funding options.

Sumter residents can review the current LRTP at <http://www.sumtersc.gov/suats.aspx>.

SUATS is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Urbanized areas of the City of Sumter and Sumter County and is responsible for long range transportation planning.

For more information call Allan Yu at the Sumter City-County Planning Department at (803) 774- 1612 or by email at ayu@sumter-sc.com.

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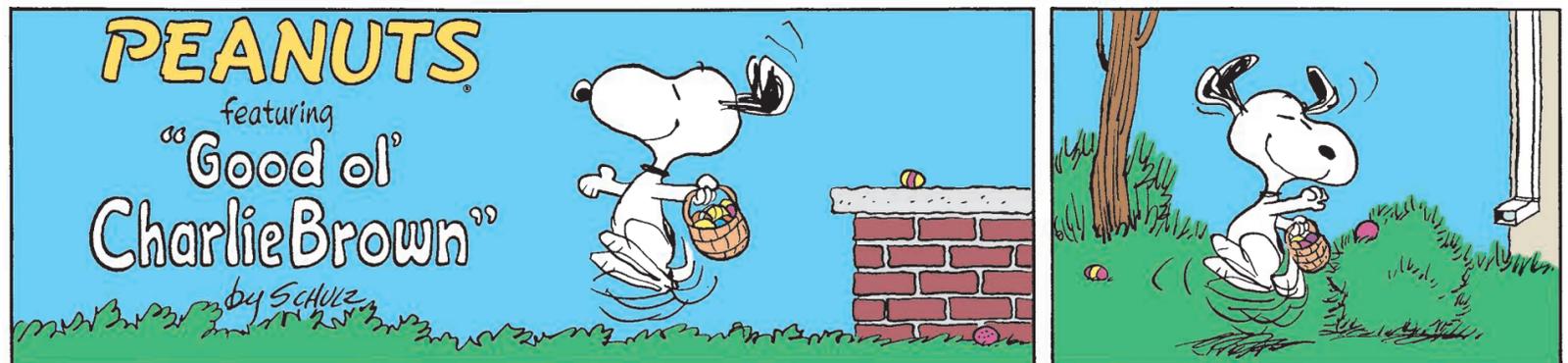
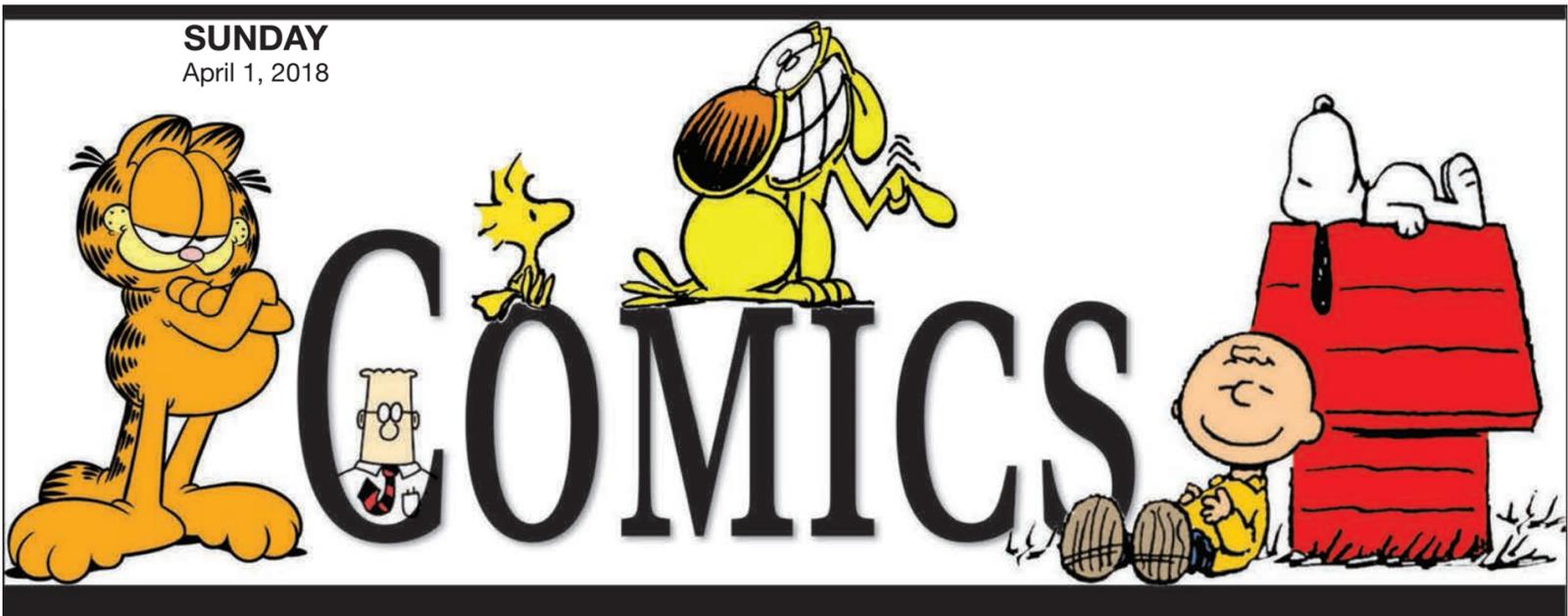
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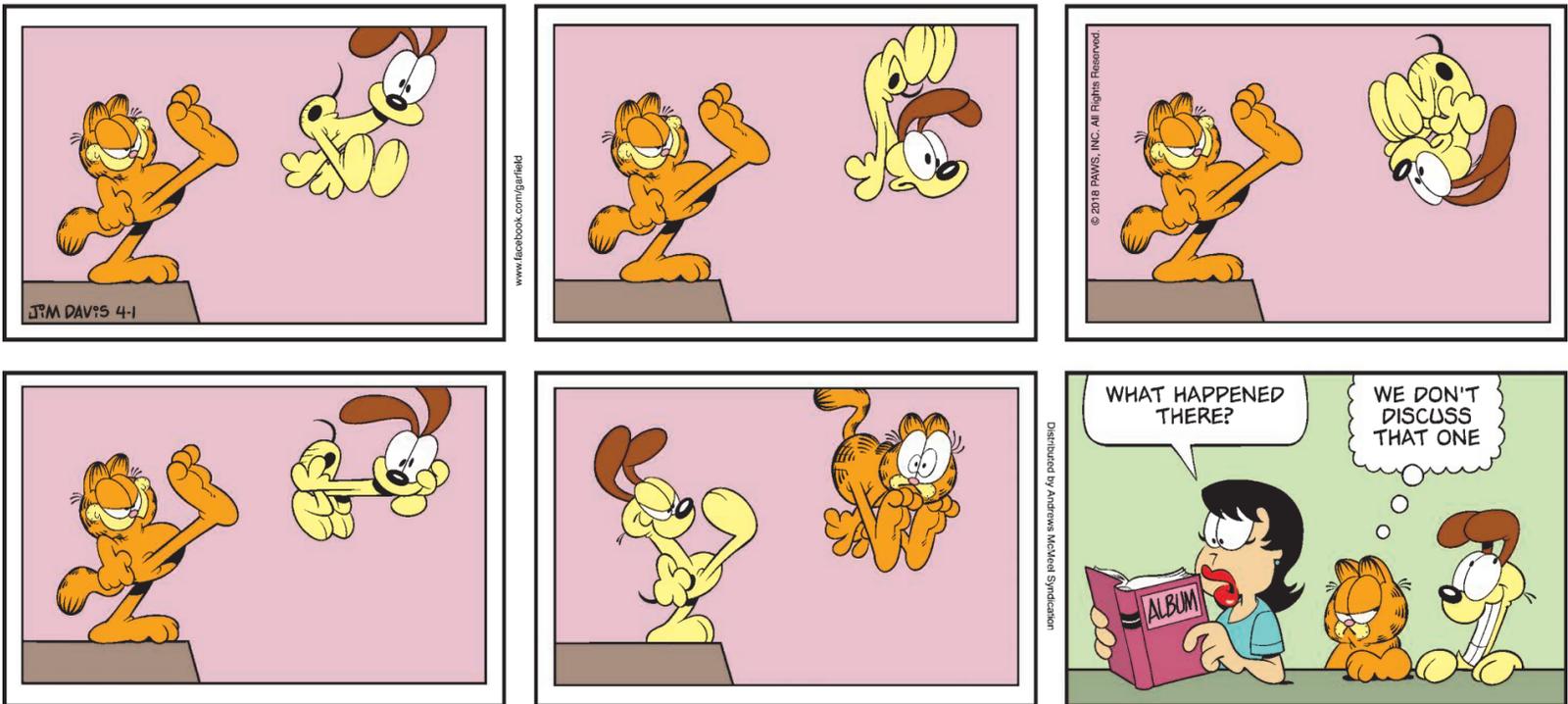
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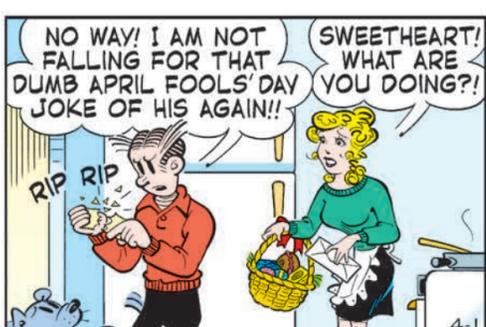
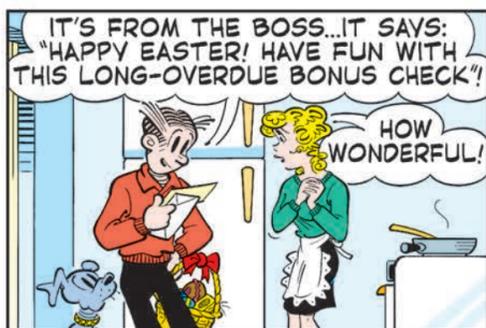
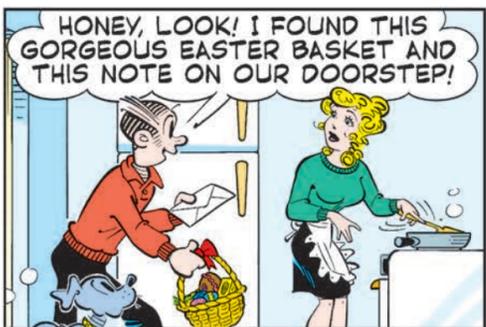
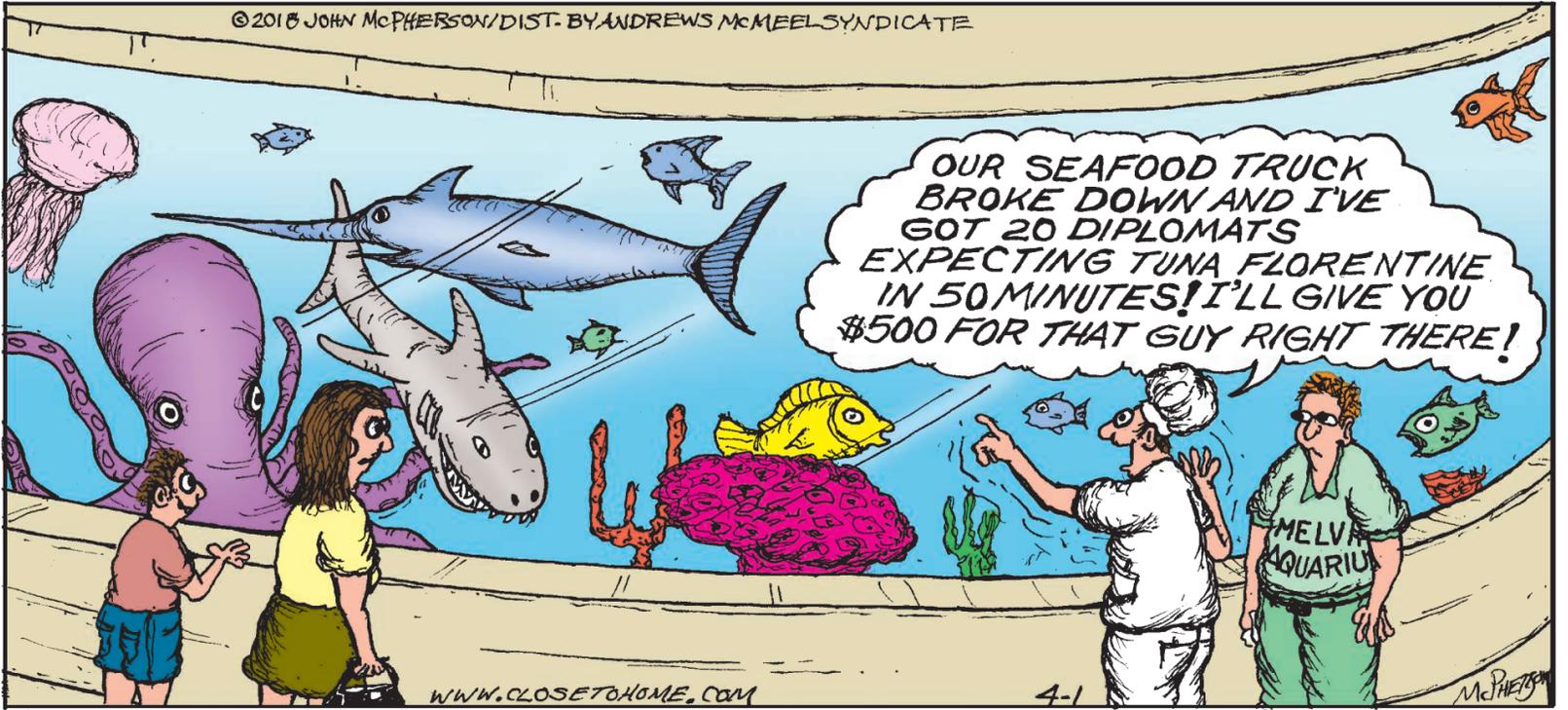
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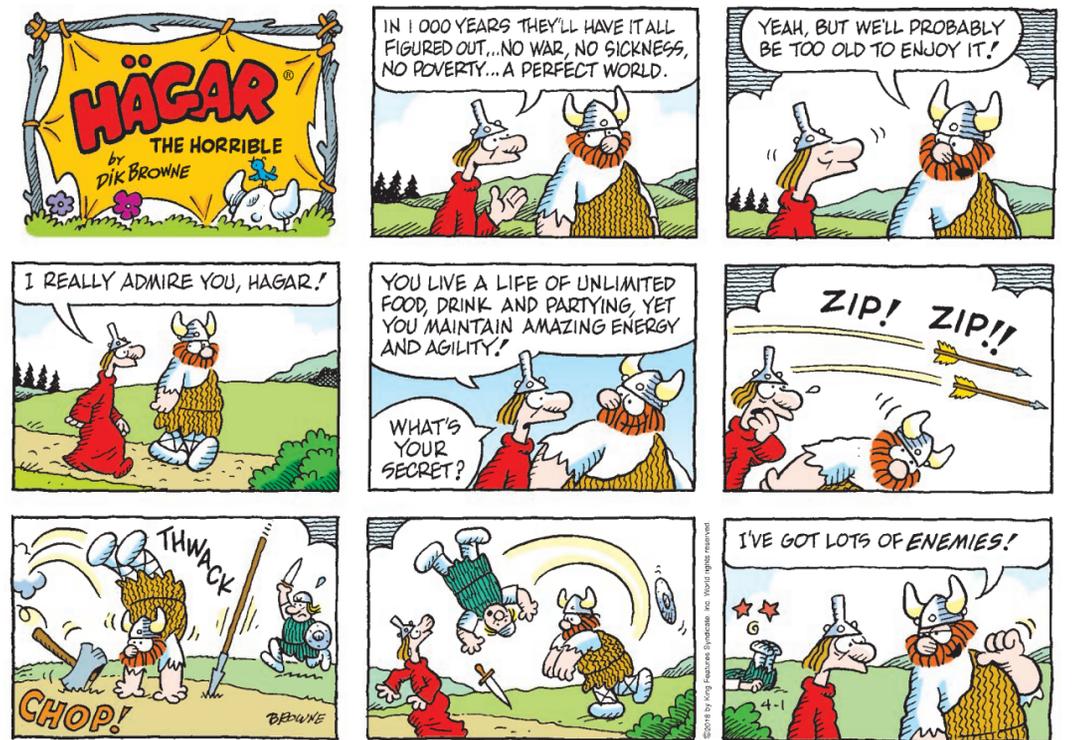
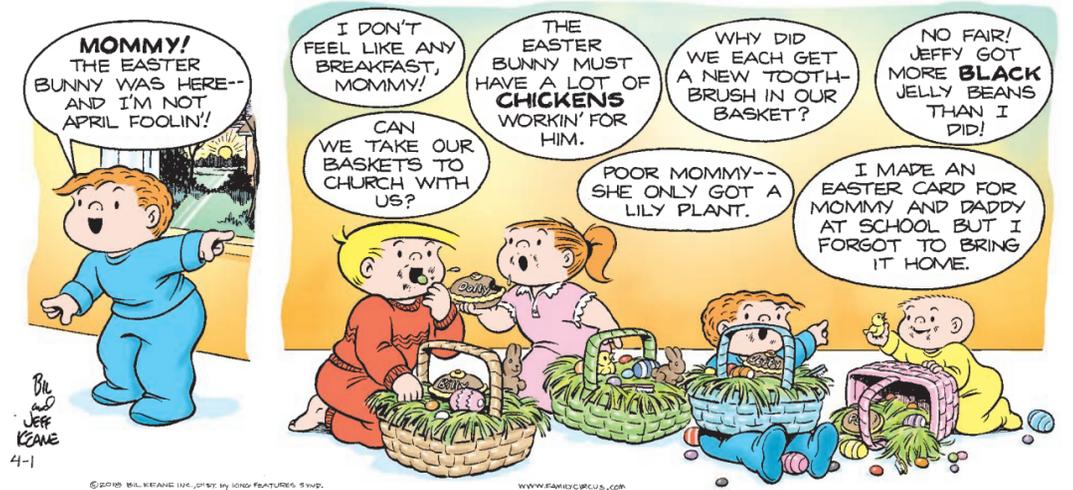
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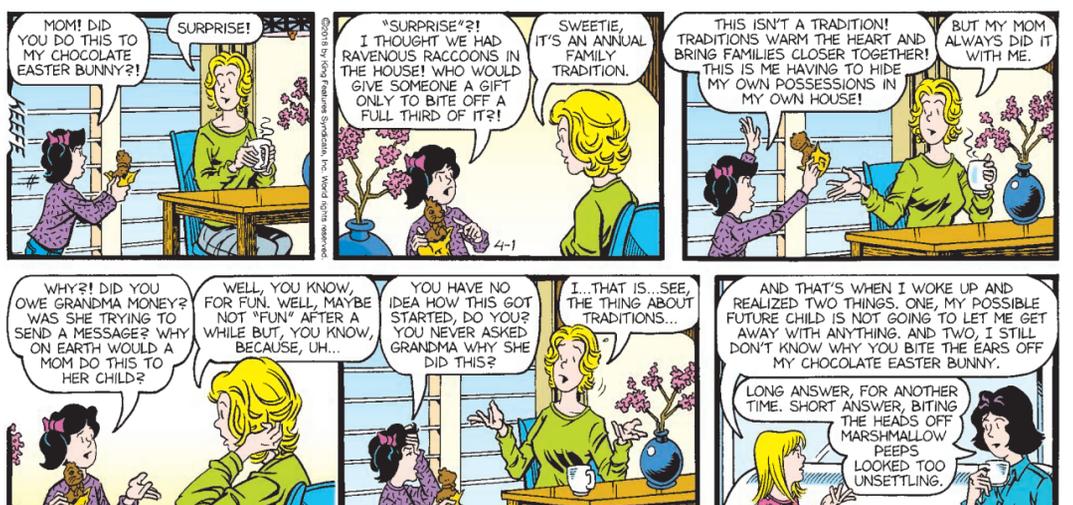
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HELP BOSCO THE KOALA JOIN HIS FRIEND SAMMY THE MONKEY!

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DOODLE ZOO

WHEN YOU'VE SEEN ONE SHOPPING CENTER, YOU'VE SEEN A MALL.

DRAW!!

DRAW A CLOWN!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHERE DOES RUSSIAN MILK COME FROM?
A. MOSCOWS.
Brian Schiff, Oceana, WV

Q. WHY DID THE BEE HAVE TO STAND IN THE CORNER?
A. IT DIDN'T BEEHIVE.
Rhiana Probst, Long Beach, CA

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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FRANK AND ERNEST

ERNIE, I'VE BEEN A PROMINENT POLITICAL CONSULTANT FOR DECADES. I'VE WORKED ALL OVER THE WORLD.

I HAVE A REPUTATION FOR EFFECTIVENESS, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. I'M PROUD OF MY CAREER!

AS YOU KNOW, I RECEIVED THIS AWARD FOR THE WORK I DID IN A RECENT CAMPAIGN.

IT'S A PRESTIGIOUS AWARD AND I WAS HONORED TO ACCEPT IT...

...SO PLEASE STOP SAYING THAT I "MEDALED IN THE ELECTION"!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

I HAVE SEVERAL SUITS, I'LL WEAR ONE OF THOSE TO THE WEDDING.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

HOW DO I GET MYSELF INTO THESE THINGS?

OH, YOU CAN'T WEAR ANY OF THOSE OLD THINGS! I INSIST YOU BUY A NEW SUIT!

WELL, OKAY, IF YOU REALLY THINK IT'S NECESSARY,

GOOD! I'LL BE BACK IN A FEW HOURS,

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE WEARING A NEW SUIT, I NEED TO HAVE A NEW OUTFIT, TOO!

WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

COCK-A-DOODLEY-DOODLEY-DOO

YAWN

FUMP

SSSSS...

Toss

I HATE YOU ON APRIL FOOLS' DAY

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU EATING? A DANISH.

IT LOOKS LIKE THE FOOD EQUIVALENT OF A BARBIE DREAMHOUSE.

YOU'RE JEALOUS 'CAUSE CATS DON'T HAVE A SWEET TOOTH.

YEAH, NO. WE GOT THE UPGRADED MURDER TOOTH.

WELL, VIKINGS WERE DANISH. BEHOLD THE PILLAGE PASTRY!

NICE TRY, YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT AND YOU'RE A BIG, GREASY TART.

AND WHAT ARE YOU EATING?

THIS? UH... I THINK THIS WAS A SHARK CONVICTED OF MURDER.

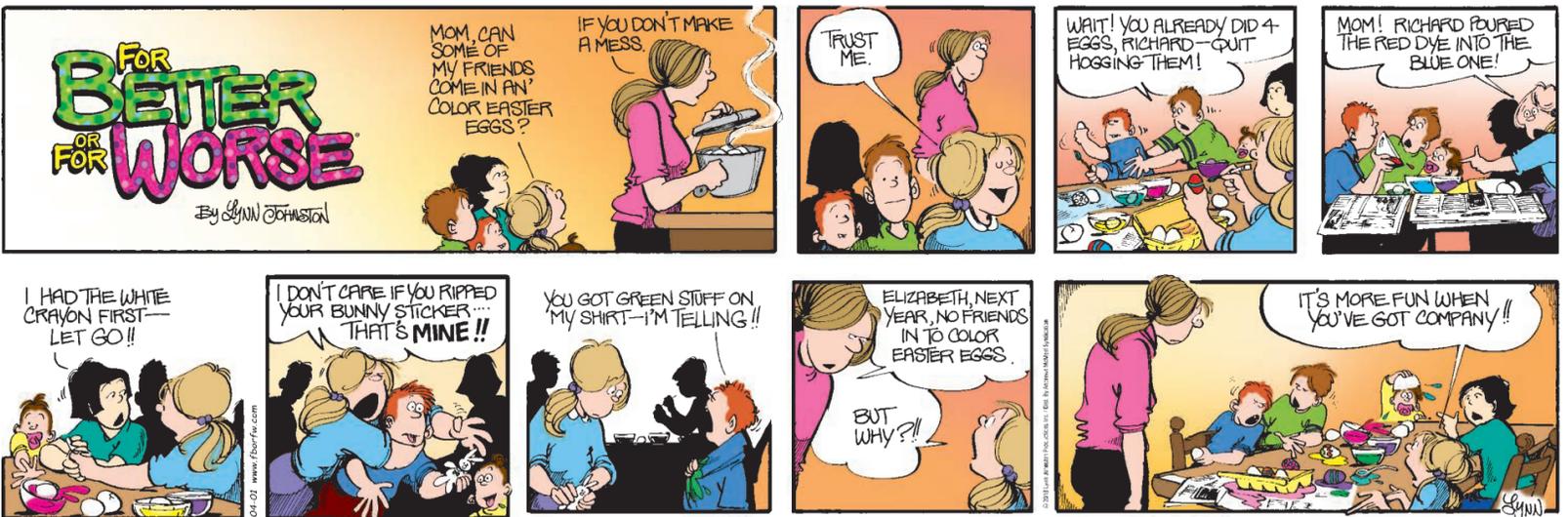
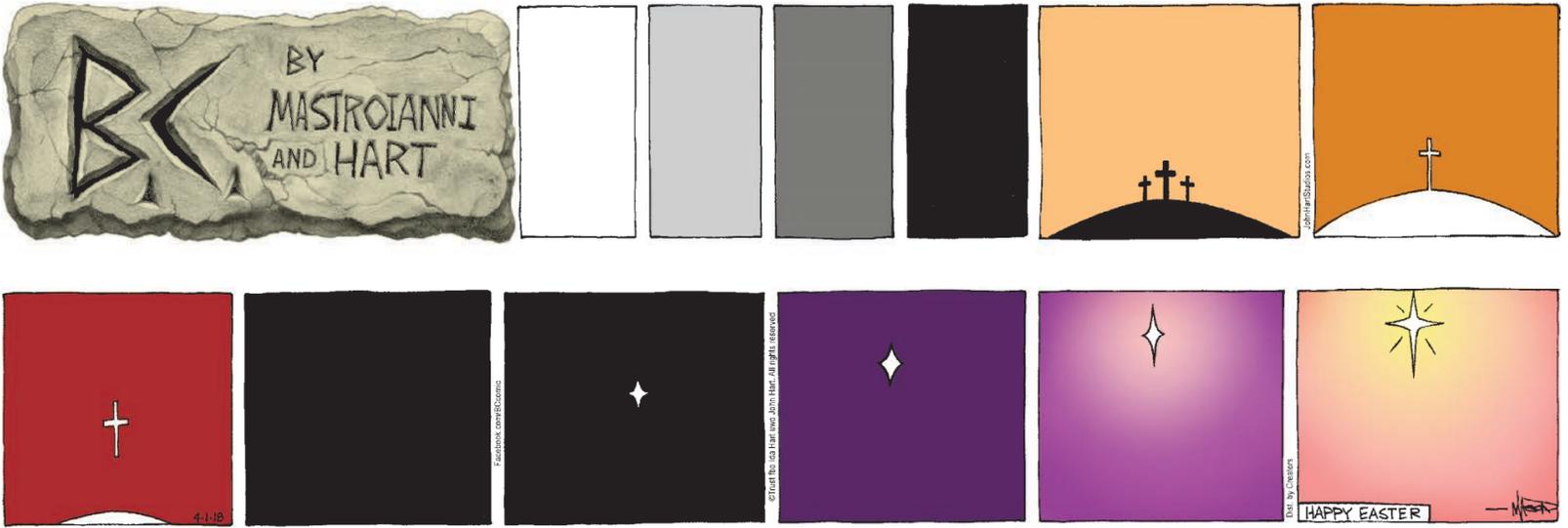
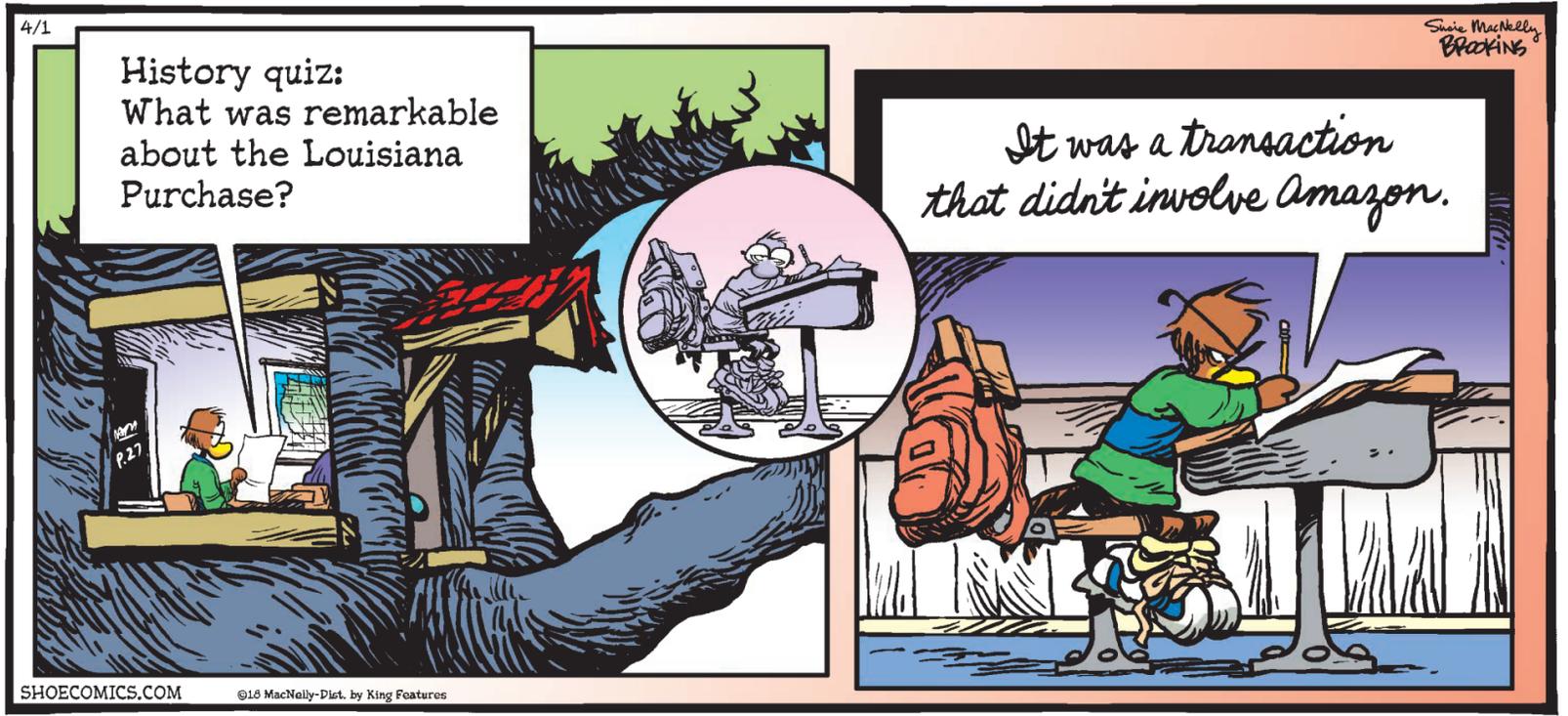
WANT! THE BUCKET SAYS HONEY BATTERED CHICKEN! HA HA!

BUCK-BUCK-BUCK-BUCK-EE!

BUCKY, ARE... ARE YOU EATING A DOG SHOCK COLLAR?

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

