

3 arrested, 6K heroin injections seized

Police confiscate other drugs in months-long sting

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Three men have been arrested after an investigation that lasted several months, resulting in the seizure of pills and enough heroin to supply an estimated 6,000 injections, officials said.

Sumter Police Department searched

homes on East Newberry Avenue and Ashby Road on Thursday, according to Tonyia McGirt, public information officer for the agency.

Officers found 4.2 ounces of heroin with a street value of \$60,000; 10 grams of marijuana; 30 tablets of MDMA, which is known as Ecstasy; five guns, one of which was stolen; and \$5,000 in cash.



P.C. CLARK



P.R. CLARK



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Patrick Clifton Clark, 49, is charged with possession with intent to distribute heroin and possession with intent to distribute heroin within a half-mile

or a school or park, according to a news release.

Patrick Rashard Clark, 25, is charged with trafficking heroin, trafficking heroin within a half-mile of a school or park and felon in possession of a firearm.

Roosevelt Antonio Foster, 35, is charged with possession with intent to distribute Ecstasy, possession with intent to distribute Ecstasy within a

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Celebrating Earth Day

with the planet's future



Millwood Elementary School third-graders celebrate Earth Day on Friday. Students showcased arts and crafts they made with recycled items and went outside for a parade before school let out.

Students at Millwood Elementary School celebrated Earth Day on Friday with a parade and arts and crafts showcase with a recycling theme.

The kindergartners boasted self-Crayoned Earth Day hats that featured colorful globes. Blaire Holloway, a paraprofessional at the school, said it is important for young children to learn how vital the Earth is to them and to learn how to take care of it.

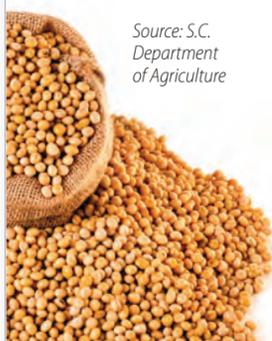
It is, she said, theirs, after all.



Kindergartners could be seen sporting hand-colored hats in commemoration of Earth Day at Millwood Elementary School on Friday.

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TOP SOYBEAN-PRODUCING COUNTIES IN 2017



Source: S.C. Department of Agriculture

County	Bushels
1. Florence	1,538,000
2. Dillon	1,395,000
3. Darlington	1,361,000
4. Horry	1,163,000
5. Williamsburg	1,156,000
6. Clarendon	1,138,000
7. Lee	1,043,000
8. Sumter	1,020,000
9. Marlboro	852,000
10. Orangeburg	658,000

Soybean farmers sitting on edge

Local, state officials say all bean producers would be affected by possible Chinese tariffs

BY BRUCE MILLS
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There has been plenty of discussion in the last couple weeks about how tough tariff talk between the U.S. and China could greatly impact

Midwestern farmers, especially after the Chinese proposed a 25 percent tariff on imports of U.S. soybeans.

Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Indiana, Nebraska, Ohio and North Dakota are among the top exporters of soybeans in

the nation and would likely suffer from potential tariffs placed on them by China, the world's largest soybean importer. But in the big picture of the global economy — and

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LOCAL & STATE BRIEFS

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Rotary club is holding its annual Vidalia onion sale

The Rotary Club of Sumter-Palmetto is taking pre-orders for its annual Vidalia onion sale, which is set for May 9-12 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. daily and until noon on Saturday.

The sale will be on Wesmark Boulevard next to Miss Libby's School of Dance and Gymnastics across from SAFE Federal Credit Union.

A 10-pound bag costs \$12, and a 25-pound bag costs \$23. The sale will benefit local club projects and scholarship funds.

For more information, call (803) 847-0780.

Waterline repairs, hydrant tests set for mid-week

The City of Sumter will be making repairs to the waterlines in the Mayesville East Subdivision on Wednesday. There will be service interruptions to customers during this work. The immediate area may experience some red water during this period as valves are exercised and lines are worked on.

Fire hydrant flow tests will be performed on West Canal Street and West Hampton Avenue between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Water customers in the surrounding area may experience temporary discolored water.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the City of Sumter Public Services Department at (803) 436-2558.

Man gets 8 1/2 years after toddler kills himself with gun

LANCASTER — A felon who wasn't supposed to have a gun was sentenced to 8 1/2 years to prison in the death of a 2-year-old who found his loaded weapon on an end table.

Nineteen-year-old Shazeem Hayes pleaded guilty Friday to child neglect and weapon charges.

The son of Hayes' girlfriend shot himself in the chest in a Lancaster home after finding the 9-millimeter pistol in July.

The Herald of Rock Hill reported that prosecutors wanted Hayes sentenced to the maximum 15 years because he is a repeat felon. Hayes' girlfriend and her family asked for mercy, and Hayes collapsed on the floor crying "he called me daddy" during the sentencing hearing.

Woman gets 6 years in daughter's beating death

BEAUFORT — A woman has been sentenced to six years in prison after authorities say her 6-year-old daughter was beaten to death.

Court records show 27-year-old Dajaa Fields pleaded guilty Thursday to unlawful neglect of a child in the killing of her daughter, D'Naja in 2015 in Beaufort County.

The girl's father was tried on a homicide by child abuse charge last year and was found not guilty.

Solicitor's Office spokesman Jeff Kidd told *The Island Packet* that prosecutors considered the verdict before offering Fields a plea deal.

Investigators say the girl died after the hospital from what appeared to be a severe beating.



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The 93-room Hyatt Place Sumter/Downtown officially opened on Friday.

Hyatt officially opens downtown

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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Downtown Sumter's revitalization efforts may have kicked off 10 years ago, picked up speed three years ago and rocket-launched into activity, openings and a new Main Street scene in the last year, but perhaps the most noticeable difference downtown is now open for business.

Hyatt Place Sumter/Downtown marked its official opening on Friday at noon. First-time customers were invited to check in to the 93-room, four-story hotel, and the bar and café began offering Sumterites and travelers alike its menu of Starbucks coffee, cocktails, freshly prepared meals or packaged sandwiches and salads.

"We are very excited to finally open our doors to the public," said Michael Brown, director of sales and marketing for the new hotel. The Sumter native is responsible for recruiting and managing the hotel's corporate partners, social groups and events and implements marketing efforts and strategies for the hotel, according to a news release.

Brown said there were about 30 reservations for opening night, "mostly just locals who wanted to experience the hotel, so that was great to see."

The doors were not the only thing to open on Friday. With all of the construction fences gone, the side of the hotel between C. Anthony's Menswear now features paved roads and grass open space, and Main Street gleams with a new road.

The hotel is under the leadership of Brown and general

manager Cheryl Baker, a Camden native who is in charge of the day-to-day operations, including overseeing more than 25 associates and ensuring "guests encounter the thoughtful service for which the Hyatt Place brand is known."

The Hyatt, 18 N. Main St., is the first Hyatt-branded hotel in Sumter County. According to Hyatt's website, the only other locations for Hyatt in South Carolina are in Columbia, Charleston and Greenville.

"I think the whole community is really excited to see us open and to finally have a hotel come to downtown Sumter," Brown said. "It's great for businesses that are already located downtown and will also help bring even more restaurants and shops to Main Street. We're excited to see Sumter grow even further now that people can stay downtown overnight and experience all downtown Sumter has to offer."

Owned and operated by Mountain Shore Properties and built by Sumter-based Thompson Turner Construction, which began construction in December 2016, the new hotel features the Hyatt Place brand's standard design and amenities, such as free Wi-Fi, 24-hour food offerings and sofa beds in rooms to create separate living, dining and sleeping spaces in customers' rooms.

Customers can enjoy a free "gallery kitchen" hot breakfast as well as freshly prepared meals 24-7. The Coffee to Cocktails Bar offers Starbucks coffee, beer, wine and cocktails.

The hotel also features 1,000 square feet of meeting space, a 24-hour gym and an outdoor pool and courtyard.

Financial update, demographics report before school board

BY BRUCE MILLS

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A financial update and demographics study report top the list of items coming before Sumter School District's Board of Trustees on Monday at its next meeting at the district office.

A district spokesperson distributed the agenda for the upcoming school board meeting late last week.

An independent consultant, Templeton Demographics, of Dallas, Texas, recently completed a county population demographics study for the school district. That study showed the district's highest student concentration density is currently in the City of Sumter and then gets smaller the farther out in the county when the indicator is measured. The study also shows that trend continuing in 10-year enrollment forecasts for each

of the district's schools.

Bob Templeton, president of the consultant company, will provide a briefing on his company's report to the full board.

District Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner will provide the budget update to the trustees.

Also, according to the agenda, Interim Superintendent Debbie Hamm will provide her regular district update of happenings around the school district.

In executive session behind closed doors, among other items, the board will review requests for proposals from independent auditors to conduct the district's annual audit, according to the agenda.

When the board returns to open session, it will possibly take action on selecting a proposer for the audit services.

Monday's meeting is scheduled to

begin at 6 p.m. at the district office, 1345 Wilson Hall Road.

The public is invited to attend. However, since the meeting is the board's regular scheduled monthly work session, public participation isn't listed on the agenda.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY

The school's board advisory finance committee will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday morning at the district office.

A district spokesperson also distributed that committee's agenda for its upcoming meeting late last week.

Griner will provide the March monthly financial report to the committee and a review of capital projects through the month, according to the agenda.

The committee meeting is open to the public and will begin at 7:45 a.m.

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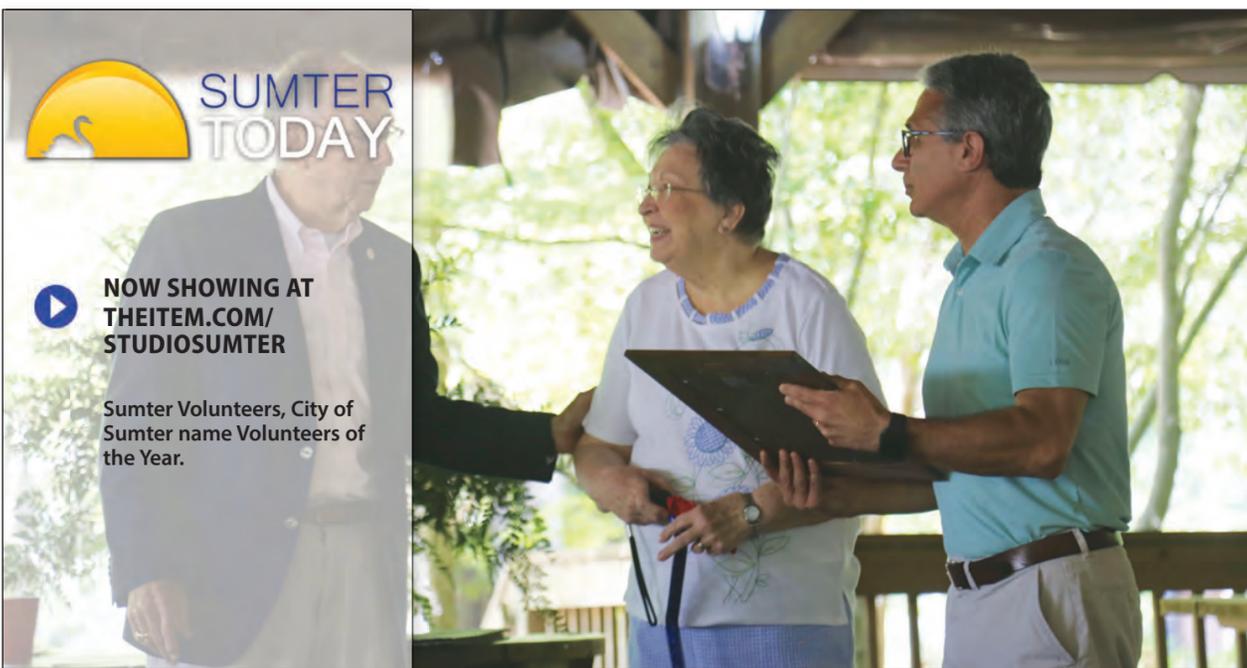
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Sumter Volunteers and city honor those who give their time for others

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Once a year, members of churches and schools in Sumter County take baking cookies to the next level. On Thursday, they, along with other community volunteers, were honored for their efforts.

The annual volunteers picnic hosted by Sumter Volunteers and the City of Sumter recognized those public and private school and church groups that baked cookies for Shower Shaw with Cookies last holiday season. School- and church-wide totals ranged from 50 to 400 dozen cookies sent to airmen based at Shaw Air Force Base and overseas. All together the event sent 5,131 dozen cookies to the base — that's 61,572 cookies.

"We like to do this during National Volunteer Week because we get to turn our volunteers into receivers for a change, and that's nice," said JoAnne Morris, executive director of Sumter Volunteers, the group that organizes the bake drive.

Each year at the picnic, which was held at the Heath Pavilion at Swan Lake-Iris Gardens, Morris chooses someone to receive the Edith Meyers Extraordinary Volunteer of the Year award, named after her mother.

Sarah Bradham, coordinator of Sumter Feeds My Starving Children, a nonprofit that feeds children in need, was this year's honoree.

Mayor Joe McElveen each year also names the city's Volunteer of the Year, and this year's recipient was Sumter United Ministries.

Mark Champagne, executive director of the nonprofit that helps those in need in a handful of areas from finances to emergency shelter to home repair to medical needs to education, asked those who volunteer for him to come to the front of the audience to be recognized.

"We have a staff, but they can only take care of their own thing. With so many minis-



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JoAnne Morris, executive director of Sumter Volunteers, awards Sarah Bradham, coordinator of Sumter Feeds My Starving Children, with the Edith Meyers Extraordinary Volunteer of the Year. **TOP OF PAGE:** Sumter Mayor Joe McElveen honors Mark Champagne, right, executive director of Sumter United Ministries, with a plaque commemorating the agency as volunteer of the year. Champagne brought Katy Greenawalt, his only predecessor in the role, with him to accept the recognition.

tries that we do, you physically can't do all those things," Champagne said.

He said volunteers allow the ministry, for example, to help rebuild roofs for residents in need without having to pay a contractor.

Plus, he said each volunteer comes from a different walk of life, bringing a unique set of knowledge and expertise.

Anyone who has not volunteered in Sumter or who would like to do more can always begin, said Steve Shumake, minister of music at Grace Baptist Church.

"Be a volunteer. I would say choose your organization, your nonprofit organization, whether it's something like the Red Cross or any other community organization that is active in the community," he said. "And get in there and be engaged ... to make our community beautiful, attractive, a place people want to visit and to stay here."

POLICE BLOTTER

STOLEN PROPERTY

A PlayStation 2 valued at \$50 and a Lenovo ThinkPad laptop valued at \$800 were reportedly stolen from a residence in Alva Drive in Sumter between 7 p.m. on April 13 and 3:30 p.m. on April 15.

A gray-and-white 4-month-old pit bull, valued at \$1,500, wearing a blue collar with a red chain was reportedly stolen from a residence on Waco Court in Wedgefield between 7:30 p.m. on April 13 and 2 a.m. on April 14.

A black 5x8 Carry-On flatbed trailer with a gate, valued at about \$530, was reportedly stolen from a residence on East Brewington Road between 8 p.m. on April 13 and 7 a.m. on April 14.

Approximately \$1,600 worth of miscellaneous jewelry; a DeWalt drill valued at \$100; a DeWalt air compressor valued at \$400; a Hitachi skillsaw valued at \$110; a Milwaukee screw gun valued at \$100; about \$200 worth of wrenches, torches and drill bits; a black Vizio flatscreen TV valued at \$300; a black Samsung Blu-ray player valued at \$65; a black PlayStation 4 valued at \$400; four wireless PlayStation 4 remotes; \$100 worth of PlayStation games; and a white Apple iPad valued at \$500 were reportedly stolen from a residence on Alva Drive about 12:45 p.m. on April 14.

A silver 2010 Chevrolet C2500 valued at \$15,000; a light green-and-black 2012 John Deere SUV 825I valued at \$4,000; a black Lawrimore trailer valued at \$1,300; a green-and-yellow John Deere lawnmower valued at \$3,000; a red Craftsman air compressor valued at \$300; and a black two-axle trailer valued at \$2,000 were reportedly stolen from a lot on Florence Highway in Mayesville between April 14 and April 16.

A pH meter, unknown make, valued at \$1,000; a chlorine meter, unknown make, valued at \$500; an iron meter, unknown make, valued at \$500; and a Pelican brand case valued at \$500 were reportedly stolen from a convenience store on Wedgefield Road between 10 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. on April 15.

A green Honda four-wheeler valued at \$3,600 was stolen from a shed on Broad Street between Wednesday and Thursday.

CHARGES

Antonio F. Kelley, 45, of Champion Lane in Wedgefield, was arrested on April 20 and charged with assault and battery, second degree, after he allegedly pushed the victim to the ground and kicked him in the ribs at a location on Champion Lane on April 14. The victim sustained three broken ribs and a fractured knee, according to a news release from Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

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Winthrop University

ROCK HILL — Winthrop University senior LaRaven Temoney has been awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program grant and will pursue her Ph.D. in public policy at the University of Florida.



TEMONEY

She was one of only five students selected in the public policy area and is the first from the College of Business Administration awarded this type of grant.

Temoney, an economics major and a McNair

Scholar from Sumter, has worked with faculty mentor Laura Ullrich on research that focuses on the inadequacy and inequity of school funding across districts in South Carolina. The plight of the Palmetto State's rural districts was captured in a 2005 documentary called "Corridor of Shame," which included the county where Temoney lives.

The NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program will provide Temoney with upwards of \$35,000 annually to pay for her graduate work.

Wilson Hall

SAT SCORES

The top quartile of the senior class earned a combined average of 1413 on the reading and math sections of the SAT, and the entire class earned a combined average of 1240, a new record for Wilson Hall. The highest score for the class is a 1510, achieved by two students. Each of the 69 members of the senior class was required to take the SAT at least once.

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA FUNDRAISER

Wilson Hall raised \$4,557 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through the Pennies for Patients and Give Green campaigns. Since 2004, the school has raised \$68,760 for this cause. The Key Club, advised by Ben McIver and led by club president and senior Chandler Curtis, coordinated the fundraising project on behalf of the school.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As of March 28, 90 percent of the 69 members of the senior class received merit-based scholarship offers totaling nearly \$3 million to a four-year college or university. The following is a partial list of scholarship recipients compiled from information submitted to the college counselor, Diane Richardson. Coastal Carolina University offered a President's Scholar Award to Jacob Cotton, Newberry College offered an academic scholarship to Abby Zilch, and Presbyterian College offered an Alumni Scholarship to Layton Creech. The Savannah College of Art and Design offered an Honors Scholarship to Breland Land and Pitch Sinlapanuntakul, and the University of South Carolina offered a Dean's Scholar Award to Chandler Curtis, Amber Prewitt and Kate Smith. Wofford College offered a Girls State Scholarship to Steph Areford and a Merit Scholarship to Hailey Ford, Madison Reaves and Matthew Tavaréz. — Sean Hoskins

Sumter School District

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR NAMED

Elizabeth Watts, a third-grade teacher at Millwood Elementary School, has been named the Air Force Association, Swamp Fox Chapter Teacher of the Year.

Watts has worked in Sumter School District for 10 years. Before joining Millwood, she taught second and third grade at Manchester and R.E. Davis elementary schools. Throughout the years, she has incorporated many STEM-inspired skills and activities into the regular education classroom through science content, lessons and experiments.

According to Principal Cornelius Leach, "Mrs. Watts has demonstrated personal and professional competencies that would enable her to represent the Air Force Association as the Chapter Teacher of the Year. Among her best qualities are her dedication and love for children, ability to work cooperatively with her peers, ability to effectively manage the students in her care, and more importantly, her enthusiasm for teaching and learning."

The award is designed to recognize exceptional performance in education at the local level and is a unique opportunity for local chapters to reward teachers who further excellence and make coming to class an adventure.

2 DISTRICT TEACHERS NAMED CHAMBER TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Christine Shuler from Alice Drive Middle School and Shawn Rearden from Willow Drive Elementary School were named Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce Teachers of the Year in their respective categories.

The Chamber recognizes the great contributions great teachers make in the lives of our youth and their abilities to foster future leaders in our community, state and nation.

The Chamber proudly presented the Educator of the Year award to recognize an elementary, middle and high school

teacher. Nominated by members of the community, the winners were recognized at the Chamber's annual gala where they received a one-time stipend of \$500 to assist in his/her classroom.

Congratulations also to Rebecca Osteen from Millwood Elementary School, Tabitha Haskins from Crosswell Drive Elementary School, Tampla Hearnel from Chestnut Oaks Middle School, Master Sgt. Eric Houston Avery from Crestwood High School and Linda Avery from Crestwood High School for being named finalists for this honor.

FREE PARENT EDUCATION SEMINAR SET FOR APRIL 26

A free training for parents, sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition, will be held on Thursday. The morning sessions will be held at Oakland Primary School, and the afternoon session will be held at Hillcrest Middle School. This parent education seminar is open to all parents in the Sumter community.

"Preventing the Summer Slide" will be offered from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Research shows, on average, children's reading skills regress by 25 percent over summer vacation. Math skills also suffer during this break in learning, and it typically takes teachers anywhere from four to six weeks to get students back on track in the fall. Educators commonly refer to this phenomenon as the "summer slide." This workshop will uncover simple ways parents can engage their children in educational activities during the summer without them even noticing they are doing it.

"Keys to Success in Middle School" will be offered from 10 to 11 a.m. This session examines both the social and academic aspects of school. Key topics in this workshop include effective communication, organization and the importance of routines. Parents will learn how they can help their students achieve academic success by setting a strong foundation in these key areas.

"Transitions—What Every Parent Needs to Know" will be offered from 2 to 3 p.m. Moving in the military is difficult enough, but when transitioning with children, changing schools, finding child care and addressing the social and emotional impact of a move can bring added stress to the family. This workshop addresses these issues and more and provides proven techniques and resources for parents with children of all ages.

To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc4gvrub>. For more details, contact Mary Sheridan at mary.sheridan@sumterschools.net. — Shelly Galloway

Morris College

ATHLETIC AWARDS BANQUET

The annual athletic award program will be held in Garrick Boykin Human Development Center on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Morris College athletic department is committed to the development of student-athletes with a primary focus on academic success first, followed by the development of skills in their respective sports. The annual award banquet highlights student-athlete achievements on and off the court.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION INSTALLATION

The Installation Ceremony/ President's End-of-the-Year Information Assembly will be held on Thursday at 10 a.m. in Neal-Jones Auditorium. All newly elected SGA officers and other student leaders for the 2018-19 academic year will be installed at this time.

Newly elected students to be inducted are: Raekwon McFadden, president; Alan Johnson III, first vice president; Xavier Smith, secretary; Dinasia Nathan, assistant secretary; Charles Freeman, treasurer; Deangelo Adams, business manager; Keshon McClam, parliamentarian; William Webb, chaplain; Shirlee P. Fleming, Miss Morris College 2018-19; Ebonie Childs, first attendant; Aun'ye Y. Wilson, second attendant; and Jalil Hafiz Barrows, Mister Morris College 2018-19.

ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT

Morris College is proud to present the Annual Spring Concert featuring the Lakewood High School Ensemble on Friday at 8:15 p.m. in the Neal Jones Auditorium. All are invited to attend. Selections to be performed by The Morris College Chorale include "Non Nobis," "His Name So Sweet," "City Called Heaven" and "Bless Me" Prayer of Jabez.

Selections to be performed by Lakewood High School include "The Word Was God," "Psalm 150" and "You Make Life Romantic" written by Morris College professor of music Lorne Lee. The combined choirs will conclude with a performance of Richard Smallwood's "Total Praise."

Morris College Chorale is led by Shawn Hair, director.

Lakewood High School Ensemble is led by Herbert Johnson, director.

COMMENCEMENT

Morris College Annual Commencement Convocation will be held on May 5 at 10 a.m. at Sumter County Civic Center. All guests should plan to arrive at the center by 9:15 a.m. and be seated by 9:45 a.m. The processional for the Commencement Convocation will begin promptly at 10 a.m. No one will be al-

lowed to enter until the processional ends (at approximately 10:30 a.m.).

Loretta E. Lynch, who served as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States, will address the graduating class of 2018 at the exercises. Under her leadership, the Department of Justice focused extensively on national security and terrorism, corruption both domestic and international, human trafficking and improving the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Lynch received her Associate of Business, cum laude, from Harvard College in 1981 and her Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School in 1984. In 1990, after a period in private practice, Lynch joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, located in Brooklyn, New York — the city she considers her adopted home.

In 1999, President Bill Clinton appointed her to lead the office as United States Attorney — a post she held until 2001. In 2002, she joined Hogan & Hartson LLP (now Hogan Lovells) as a partner in the firm's New York office. While in private practice, Lynch performed extensive pro bono work for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, established to prosecute those responsible for human rights violations in the 1994 genocide in that country.

In 2010, President Obama asked Lynch to resume her leadership of the United States Attorney's Office in Brooklyn. — Anika Cobb

Lee County School District

BISHOPVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

On March 29, Bishopville Primary School's 5K students visited the Francis Marion Dooley Planetarium. The planetarium is an innovative teaching instrument that demonstrates how the sky changes during the course of a day. The field experience offered the teachers innovative strategies to implement in the classroom as well as highlighted the South Carolina Department of Education's science standards.

March was National Women's History Month. On Friday, March 30, 2018, the young ladies of Bishopville Primary School participated in a gallery walk that featured a wealth of famous women. Women's History Month is an annual declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. Special thanks to Ms. Tamika Williams (reading coach) for coordinating the event.

The Media Technology Team of Bishopville Primary School visited the Governor's Mansion on April 11. Gov. Henry McMaster extended the opportunity to the students to tour and visit the mansion after his visit to Bishopville Primary School in December 2017.

LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The students at Lower Lee Elementary School worked diligently to meet their school and classroom goals on the Benchmark test. Students used school-wide strategies such as the RACES Method and Boxes and Bullets while reading and writing. They also displayed good test-taking behavior such as staying alert, taking notes while reading, creating graphic organizers and writing rough drafts of their essays before typing them. The students' voices were heard when they voted to attend the skating rink as an incentive for meeting their benchmark test goals. Kudos to the students who met and exceeded their academic goals!

The lovely young ladies of both Lower Lee and West Lee elementary schools fifth-grade Girl Power mentoring group toured Columbia College in Columbia. Before visiting the campus, the students researched what majors are offered and what student activities are available at the institution. Columbia College is a women's college; however, the students were surprised to learn that men can attend the college in the evening for classes as well. The students had a chance to visit a residence hall and the college bookstore and ate lunch in the dining hall.

Melinda Spencer's math students continue to improve their math skills. The majority of students improved their Math Benchmark scores. Way to go! Keep up the great work!

First-graders are working on adding,

subtracting and beginning fractions. Second-graders are working on adding and subtracting fractions as well as multiplication and division. Third-graders are reviewing all of the above plus long division, multiplying two digits by two digits and multiplying and dividing fractions.

Lower Lee Elementary School's 4K students are meeting goals by demonstrating all alphabetic letter sounds, rhyming words and picture naming. The emergent writers are writing their first and last names, constructing spaces between their words and writing three-word sentences. 4K students are blooming and are ready for the spring assessment that begins this month.

WEST LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students at West Lee Elementary School who gained 15 points or more on their benchmark test were rewarded with a field experience to Skate Station in Sumter on March 30.

LEE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lee Central Middle School Stallion Conquerors Mentoring Program visited Coker College in Hartsville on April 10. The purpose of the trip was to enhance the students' knowledge of different career paths. The program is a comprehensive, developmental program for students in sixth through eighth grades who attend Lee Central Middle School. The program's main goals are to provide cultural enrichment, build character, teach life skills and promote positive behavior. — Shawnta McKenzie

University of South Carolina Sumter

SUMMER CAMPS EXPAND AGAIN

The University of South Carolina Sumter is expanding summer camp options again this year for students ages 9-14 beginning June 11 and running through June 29. Due to the popularity of last year's new options which included a mock trial camp and a history camp, organizers have added art and e-sports classes for a total of six class options.

"Print, Paint, Shape, Create" is a week-long art studio class with projects designed to enhance students' creative problem-solving skills. Students will learn about distinctive artists and styles and will print, paint, shape and create their way through the gyotaku fish prints of Japan, build a painting from dark to light, paint colorful majolica pottery and shape Alexander Calder-type mobiles. On the last day of class, there will be a small art show.

In "Write On!" writing camp with Leah Kiernan, students participate in fun, interactive and independent writing exercises that explore the techniques of mystery writing, creative fiction, realistic narrative fiction and non-fiction. Students learn how to get started, how to "reel the reader in" and how to use the five senses to unlock the power of descriptive writing.

History Camp, "From Sumter to Appomattox," with Dr. David Decker explores the strategies and military tactics of the Civil War through a hands-on, interactive experience. Students will learn about infantry, artillery and cavalry from a leading historian and active re-enactor.

"Mad About Science" Science Camp with Dr. Dan "The Science Man" Kiernan introduces students to human biology, environmental science, psychology, biochemistry and physics in fun and interactive ways. Participants conduct scientific experiments and explore first-hand the environment in which we live.

"Mock Trial" with Dr. Damien Picariello explores the court system from the inside, acting as lawyers, judges, witnesses and jurors as they try their own court cases. It is a great opportunity to have fun while building valuable skills, including public speaking, logic, reasoning, reading and writing.

Finally, in "E-Sports Hands On" camp, students experience what it is like to be a part of an eSports program and learn how to: practice, study game-play, discuss tactics and strategies and learn about streaming!

Students may participate in one or multiple camps. For additional information, contact Lara Richardson at (803) 938-3890. — Misty Hatfield

St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School



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St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School swept the SCISA Lower School Regional Quiz Bowl last week held at its campus. They will now defend their 2017 State Championship on Wednesday as the host of the SCISA Lower School Quiz Bowl State Tournament. The Guardians now stand 18-0 in SCISA Middle/Lower School regional play since 2015. The regional winners are from left: Coach Dan Spivey, J. Reisenauer, E. Rodriguez, C. Carpenter, A. Hutchison and A. Lujan.



PANORAMA

The Power of the Song

Singer-songwriters at Opera House

BY IVY MOORE
Special to The Sumter Item

Vicki and Jay Parnell believe that music is powerful. They've been making music together and with others for years, and lately they've been expanding their exploration of the strength of songs performed by their writers. On Saturday, April 28, they'll host what Vicki calls "Sumter's first singer-songwriter's night at the Sumter Opera House."

"The Power of the Song — A Storytelling Evening with Singers and Songwriters" will bring together several singer-songwriters to talk about the inspiration and process behind the writing of their often very personal music.

The impetus for the concert, Vicki said, was "writing with Nashville's Rick Tiger," a well-known singer-songwriter who often plays at that city's famed Bluebird Café. Saturday's concert at the Sumter Opera House is loosely based on the format and philosophy of Bluebird Café. The small club, a Nashville icon, features performers playing all acoustic music only, as the Opera House concert will.

Tiger, Front Porch Junkies, Floyd Callen, and Kassie Jordan and Troy Brooks, who perform as Blue Honey, will be on stage to share their music "and the stories behind the songs," she said.

The Parnells and Eddie Rogers are the Front Porch Junkies.

"This is something new for Sumter," Vicki said. She and husband, Jay, previously had the popular variety band Virtually Unshockable, which



RIGHT: Rick Tiger is a popular singer-songwriter based in Nashville who will perform and talk about the creation of several of his original songs.

played mostly rock and pop.

During a trip to Nashville to record the Junkies' first CD, Vicki and Rick Tiger, a noted singer-songwriter there, came up with the idea for the Opera House concert. All of the songs will be original to the performers — no covers — and most are classified country or Americana. The singer-songwriters will talk to the audience about their experiences making music — or as Vicki said, "how a song is born."

Floyd Callen, formerly of Sumter and now living in Texas, is returning to town to take part in the concert. On his website, floydcallen.com, he states that he started writing music and lyrics in 1982, finally finding "what I love to do." Samples of his recordings can be heard on the site.

The husband-and-wife duo that is Blue Honey comprises Kassie Jordan and Troy Brooks, who sing, write music and play acoustic and lead guitar respectively. They are



RIGHT: Blue Honey, the husband-and-wife duo of Troy Brooks and Kassie Jordan of Nashville, will sing their original country and American songs during the evening at the Opera House.



LEFT: Eddie Rogers, Vicki Parnell and Jay Parnell, collectively known as the acoustic country band Front Porch Junkies, will play the original songs from their first CD, *Howlin' in the Wind*, and other acoustic country originals during "The Power of the Song — A Storytelling Evening with Singers and Songwriters." The Junkies are hosts for the April 28 concert at the Sumter Opera House.



Floyd Callen, a country performer and recording artist from Sumter now living in Texas, will return for "The Power of the Song."

based in Nashville, where each had a solo career before they formed Blue Honey.

On their website, www.bluehoney.com, Brooks describes their music:

"My guitar playing is really grounded in the blues, but I really enjoy singing and working in a country scene. Kassie has strong musical influences from Michael Jackson to Patsy Cline. So, when we get together to pop songs out of our heads, they fall somewhere among Americana, blues and country."

Rogers and Jay and Vicki Parnell all sing, write music and play guitar, concentrating on country music as the Front Porch Junkies.

"I think country songs tell a story," Vicki said. "Country music is more uplifting. It's very popular in Sumter, and

the South is known for good country music. Like they say, 'a really good country song is three chords and the truth.' That's kind of what Rick Tiger has taught me.

"The lyrics and music are equally important — maybe the lyrics have a little bit of an edge because everyone wants to know the story."

Front Porch Junkies will perform all five songs on their new CD titled "Howlin' in the Wind," she said.

"Jay wrote the last song," Vicki said. "It's called 'If Not for You.' Jay wrote it in about 15 minutes right after the funeral for Cody and Jessi (their young sons who died in a car wreck). He says God gave him the song, ... It's beautiful."

Immediately following the 7:30-to-10 p.m. concert at the

Sumter Opera House, the musicians invite the audience to an after party at La Piazza for more music — not all country songs and some covers of songs by other writers. Admission will be free, and beverages and food will be available for purchase.

CDs by the performers will be available for purchase at the Opera House.

Sponsors for the event are MWS Construction, Hampsons and Sturkie Law, LLC.

Tickets for "The Power of the Song — A Storytelling Evening with Singers and Songwriters" are \$25 and are available at the Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.; (803) 436-2500; or on the Facebook page "The Power of the Song." There are also links at the Angel Boys Productions website.

WEDDING

Riley-Scott

EDISTO ISLAND — Sarah Morgan Riley of Aiken and Dustin Charles Scott of Sumter were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2018, at Cypress Trees Plantation.

The bride is the daughter of Drs. John Wade and Melissa Morgan Riley of Aiken and the granddaughter of the late R.L. and Sandy Riley of Aiken and the late Melissa Morgan Chestnut of Charleston. She graduated from Presbyterian College in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science and from the University of South Carolina in 2017 with a Master of Education in Language and Literacy. She is employed as a teacher by Lexington-Richland School District Five.

The bridegroom is the son of Robert Bradford Scott Sr. of Sumter and Deidre Martino Anderson of Lampasas, Texas, and the grandson of the late Ollie Clyde "O.C." Scott Jr. of Sumter; Mary Faith Scott of Virginia Beach, Virginia; the late Col. Charles William Martino of Clayton, Georgia; and Sara

Thomas Martino of Lampasas. He graduated from Presbyterian College in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science and from Winthrop University in 2015 with a Master of Business Administration. He is employed as an accountant at McNair Law Firm.

The Rev. Holly Shoaf-O'Kula of First Presbyterian Church in Aiken officiated.

Music was provided by George Grinton, bagpiper, and Kipper Ackerman, harpist.

The bride was escorted by her father.

Susan Katherine Wade served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Dr. Allison Lee Hajec, Laura Ann Lane, Blythe Elizabeth Reynolds, Cullie Rebecca Reynolds, Ashley Atkins Scott and Ashley Elizabeth Stokes. Addison Dupree Hudson served as flower girl.

The bridegroom's brother, Robert Bradford Scott Jr., served as best man. Groomsman were Dylan Nathaniel Brandon, Michael Ferrell Carli, Kevin



MRS. DUSTIN CHARLES SCOTT

James Flanagan, Benjamin Wade Riley, Horace Lee Scott Jr. and Christopher Michael Stokes. Bryson Thomas Scott, Parker Bradford Scott and Thomas William Stokes served as ring bearers.

Also participating was Holly Kathryn Scott, program attendant.

The bride's parents held the reception at Cypress Trees Plantation.

The bridegroom's stepfather and mother, John and Deidre Anderson, held the rehearsal dinner at Ella and Ollie's on Edisto Island.

Following a wedding trip to Antigua, the couple will reside in Columbia.

CLUB DIGEST

NU MASTER CHAPTER OF BETA SIGMA PHI

Members met on Feb. 15 at the home of Dot Edwards. A business meeting was held after a lunch of soup and cornbread.

The chapter continues its service projects of providing food to United Ministries, The Fireside Fund and The Salvation Army. Members cleaned out their closets and donated 15 garbage bags of clothes to the Crisis Closet.

The March 1 business meeting was held at the home of Jenny Sumner. A Valentine brunch was held on March 7 at the Sidewalk Café in Sumter. Libby Singletary was selected as chapter Valentine Queen.

Rickey Allen hosted the March 15 business meeting. Elections were held for the 2018-19 sorority year. Results were president, Margaret Dougherty; vice president, Dot Edwards; recording secretary, Barbara Smith; corresponding secretary, Liz Wild; and treasurer, Toni Burkhart.

Rickey presented a program about Elvis Presley and showed her son's collection of Elvis memorabilia.

On March 17, the annual Potato Party was held at the home of Rick Espelien. On

April 5, members met at the home of Libby Singletary. After lunch, Libby presented an informative program on her 10-day mission trip to Africa. She and others from her group took sewing machines, fabric and other supplies to teach the people to sew.

Founder's Day will be held on April 27 at the Carolina Skies Club. A Golden Circle Ceremony will be held for Carolyn Hudson who will receive her pin for being a member of Beta Sigma Phi for 50 years. Sadly, Joe Kolar, husband of sorority sister Fran Kolar, died after a long illness.

THE COUNCIL OF GARDEN CLUBS OF SUMTER

The Council of Garden Clubs has awarded a \$500 scholarship to John Peters of Sumter. Majoring in Landscape Architecture at Clemson University, John's studies combine his love for the outdoors, plants and creative design. His minor is in horticulture. Eventually, John wants to start his own landscape architecture firm in Charleston or Greenville.



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Poll: Americans expect Russia tension will get worse

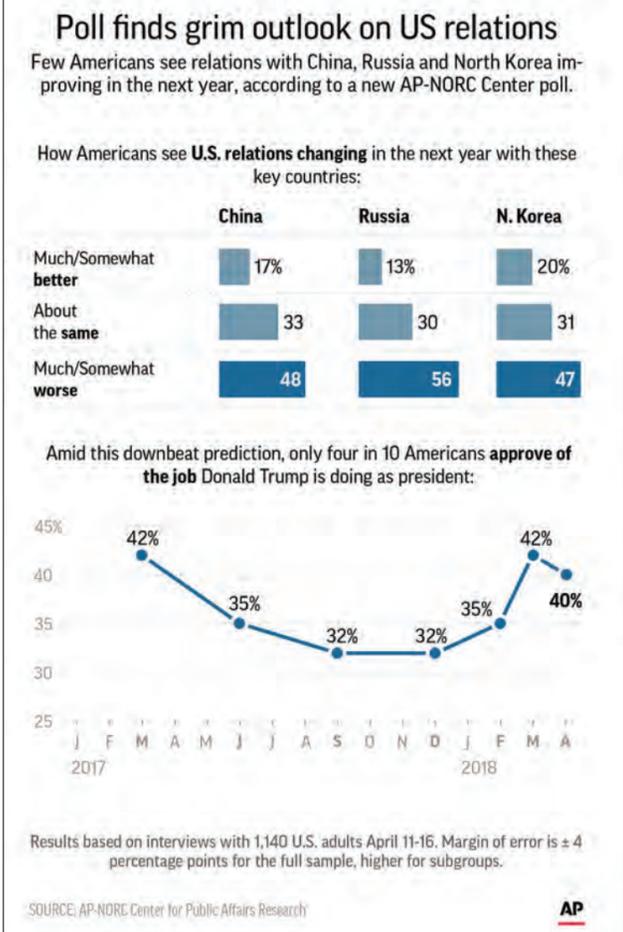
WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans largely fear the country's relationship with Russia and China will get worse in the coming year, and despite signs of diplomatic progress with Kim Jong Un on nuclear weapons, nearly half say the same about North Korea.

That's according to a new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research that provides insight into the public's view on the direction of U.S. ties with those key strategic rivals, 15 months after President Donald Trump took office.

"Trump has opened up a whole bucket of worms, and he's doing it with too many countries all at once," said John Parker, 70, of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "It's almost like he's trying to get us into trouble."

The poll found that Americans are most downbeat about the relationship with Russia: 56 percent think it will get worse over the next year, while just 13 percent think it will improve. Even among Republicans, more expect the relationship with Russia to get worse than better, 40 percent to 20 percent, though another 40 percent expect it to stay about the same.

Eric Brammer, 30, an information technology specialist from Roanoke, Virginia, who describes himself as Democrat, said he expects tensions to continue over Russia's support of the government of President Bashar Assad in civil



war-racked Syria, where the U.S., Britain and France last week launched missile strikes against Syrian chemical weapons facilities.

Brammer also said that if more allegations of Russian interference in U.S. elections come to light, it will sow more distrust among the American public and

worsen the relationship. On China — with which Trump has forged cooperation against North Korea but drawn sharp differences on trade — some 48 percent expect relations to get worse in the next year, while just 17 percent expect things to get better. "The farmers here are

worried about trade with China because of the soybeans, corn and hogs that all go there," said Dorothy Jorgensen, a retiree from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who expects relations with the world's second-largest economy to deteriorate. "If one side raises taxes and the other side does the same, it's not going to help either country."

As Trump looks to narrow the U.S. trade deficit, he has threatened to raise U.S. tariffs on up to \$150 billion of Chinese goods to counteract what he says are that country's unfair trade policies.

That has fueled fears of a trade war. China has threatened to retaliate with tariffs of its own, including on American agricultural produce.

But Marta Vicentini, a retired neurophysiologist from Miami Beach, Florida, said Trump was right to hit back against China over theft of U.S. know-how and trade secrets and predicted his strategy would work in America's favor.

"They (China) have no alternative but to trade with the U.S.," she said.

Vicentini also supports the Republican president's approach toward North Korea.

She said the imposition of sanctions is paying off, and the young dictator Kim has been brought to the table by fears Trump will resort to military force and even a nuclear strike.

"He (Kim) is going to

grow up and mature, and he's going to realize that he's playing with fire," Vicentini said.

Trump is planning to meet with Kim by June, in search of a deal in which North Korea would give up his nuclear weapons. It would be the first U.S.-North Korea summit after six decades of hostility since the Korean War.

Despite the promise of the summit, far more Americans think relations with North Korea will get worse than better, 47 percent to 20 percent.

Republicans are more optimistic. Forty percent think that the relationship that grew increasingly tense last year will improve in the next year.

Some 34 percent think it will stay about the same, and just 25 percent expect it to worsen.

Outside of foreign affairs, 40 percent of Americans approve of the overall job Trump is doing as president, the poll found.

That's about the same percentage as said so a month ago, up slightly from where it's been for most of the year. Fifty-nine percent now say they disapprove of the job the president is doing.

Americans are also largely pessimistic about the state of the country generally. Sixty percent think the U.S. is headed in the wrong direction, though a majority of Republicans — 67 percent — think it's headed the right way.

ISIS will give up last pocket in Damascus

BEIRUT (AP) — Islamic State militants agreed to give up their last pocket in Damascus on Friday, state media reported, as the government seeks to retake the entire Syrian capital and its surrounding areas for the first time since 2011.

The capitulation followed a week of escalations by pro-government forces against the IS-held Hajar al-Aswad neighborhood and Yarmouk Palestinian camp in Damascus.

Pro-government forces bombed the two areas and blanketed them with artillery fire in a crescendo of violence captured by the state-affiliated Central Military Media outlet on Friday.

The U.N.'s refugee agency warned that the spiraling violence was a threat to 12,000 Palestinian refugees still there — Palestinians who came to Syria since 1948 and their descendants.

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Woman who lost her pink house, court case seeks box office win

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Susette Kelo's Supreme Court case now has a Hollywood ending, just not the one she hoped for.

What Kelo wanted when she took her case to the high court more than a decade ago was to get to stay in her little pink house in New London, Connecticut. The city was trying to force her out to make way for development, and Kelo didn't want to go. The high court ruled against her.

Now, however, Kelo's story has been turned into a movie, "Little Pink House," which opened Friday in limited nationwide release. It's a movie she and those involved in the film hope will get people to think about the government's power to take private property for public use. Governments can use that power, called eminent domain, as long as they fairly compensate owners.

Kelo, who was in Washington this week to speak about the film, said what city and state officials did "ripped our hearts out."

Kelo wasn't looking for a fight when she bought her house overlooking the Thames River in 1997 and had it painted Odessa Rose pink. Divorced and with five grown sons, she was looking for a place of her own. She found it in the 100-year-old cottage. Shortly after she moved in, pharmaceutical manufacturer Pfizer announced it would move in nearby, building a research facility that opened in 2001.

New London hoped Pfizer's move could help revitalize the city and, with the help of a private nonprofit development corporation, sought to redevelop land near the facility. A hotel, housing, office space, restaurants and shopping were planned. To get it done, the city authorized the use of eminent domain.

Kelo thought that was wrong, and she and a small group of other homeowners took on the city. They acknowledged eminent domain could be used to take their homes for public uses such as a road or military base, but they argued the planned development didn't count.

"She was just fearless," said Oscar-nominated actress Catherine Keener, who plays Kelo in the movie. "She took on everybody."

Kelo had help. The Virginia-based Institute for Justice represented her and the other homeowners. The group was also instrumental in the new movie's making, bringing a book about the case to the attention of filmmakers Courtney Moorehead Balaker and Ted Balaker.

Courtney Balaker, the movie's writer and director, said she was "blown away" by Kelo's case but also by Kelo herself. She compared her story to that of Erin Brockovich, a non-lawyer and divorced mother of three who took on utility company PG&E over contaminated groundwater in Hinkley, California, inspiring a 2000 movie. One big difference: Brockovich won.

In 2005, the Supreme Court ruled against Kelo 5-4. Three justices who sided with the city — Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer and Anthony Kennedy — are still on the court. The two others — John Paul Stevens



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Susette Kelo, former owner of the little pink house, stands in front of her old home at its new location in New London, Connecticut, in 2008. Kelo lost her home when the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 in June 2005 that local governments may seize homes and businesses even against the owners' will for private economic development.

and David Souter — have since retired. The justices wrote that the city had carefully crafted a development plan it thought would benefit the community. They agreed the use of eminent domain was permitted.

"I want people to walk away thinking about if that's right," Balaker said.

Stevens, the Supreme Court justice who authored the opinion, has acknowledged it was the most unpopular one he wrote. Justice Antonin Scalia, who dissented from the decision, ranked it among the court's biggest mistakes.

After the decision, more than 20 states significantly revised their laws to make it more difficult to take property through eminent domain, said Dana Berliner, litigation director for the Institute for Justice.

Those changes didn't help Kelo, who had to move. And despite the lengthy legal battle, her land still stands empty. Pfizer announced in 2009 that it would leave New London. But submarine builder General Dynamics Electric Boat now occupies its former facility with many more employees, said New London Mayor Michael Passero.

Passero said that's now helping spur development. Passero, a Democrat who grew up in the city, said while the movie vilifies the development corporation, he thinks the people behind it had good motives, though they also made mistakes. More than anything, he said, the story is a cautionary tale about two sides becoming so polarized they couldn't find a middle ground.

Kelo's little pink house was ultimately saved. Disassembled and moved but still painted pink, it stands on New London's Franklin Street. Although Kelo doesn't live there, she says she thinks about her former home and her legal fight often.

"A lot of people ask: 'How are you all doin'? ... How are your neighbors? How did you survive this?' she said of recent appearances in connection with the movie. She answers that they've left the city, bought new homes and are trying to do "the best we can to recover."

U.S. Army lowers '17 recruiting goal; more soldiers staying on

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Army will not meet its mission to recruit 80,000 active duty soldiers this year and has officially lowered that goal. But Army leaders said the service has been able to encourage more experienced service members to stay on the job to satisfy a growing demand for troops.

Army Sgt. Maj. Daniel Dailey said Friday that the updated goal will be 76,500. Six months into the recruiting year, the service has brought in just 28,000 new soldiers.

Dailey said the goal is to grow the Army to 483,500, as approved by Congress, and it's up to the Army whether to use more recruiting or reenlistment. He said that retaining current soldiers has been more successful this year than in the past, with 86 percent staying on, compared with 81 percent in previous years.

Army Secretary Mark Esper said there is a mismatch between the number of soldiers in the Army and the demand for more troops and acknowledged that the "strong economy does make it challenging." He said, however, that the Army will not sacrifice quality for quantity and that standards will not be lowered to meet recruiting goals.

The struggle to meet this year's higher recruiting numbers — a significant increase over last year's mission of 69,000 — was expected, mainly because of the favorable American economy and increased competition from private sector employers who are able to pay graduates more money.

Maj. Gen. Jeff Snow, head of the Army's recruiting command, predicted late last year that the higher enlistment goal would be difficult

to meet, considering economic factors and the military's need for recruits to pass strict physical testing that many young people can't complete.

"This mission is going to be a significant challenge for the command," he told The Associated Press in December. Meeting the increased mission this year, Snow said, could force the Army to take in more recruits who would require waivers for marijuana use, low test scores or other more basic health issues.

Asked if the Army has approved more waivers so far this year, Esper and Dailey said they didn't know totals. The Army has historically kept and provided detailed data on waivers.

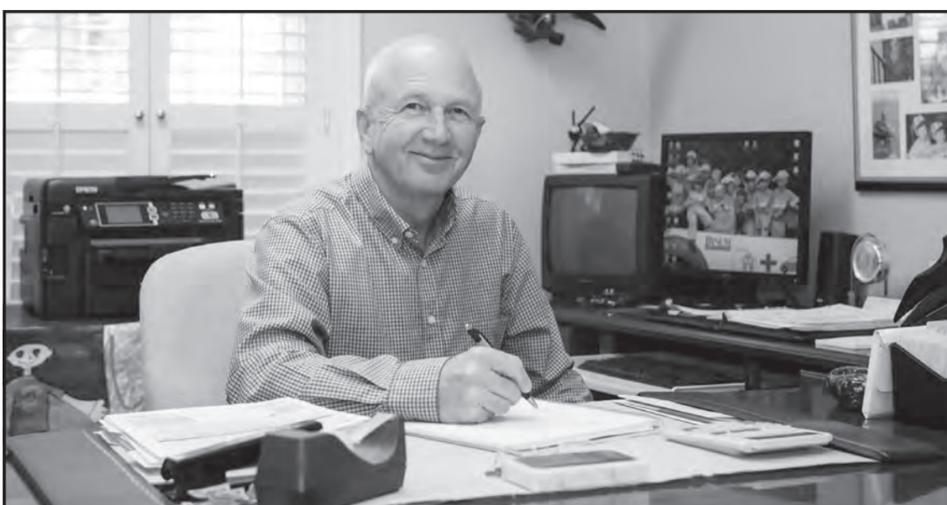
"The numbers don't tell the whole story," Dailey said, adding that waivers require the Army to take a closer look at a recruit who may have had a legal problem when they were younger, smoked pot or has had some type of health problem. The issue could range from simple colorblindness to an arrest.

But in December, Snow said his goal for 2017 was to have fewer than 2 percent of the new recruits be considered "category four," meaning they scored 31 or less, out of 99, on the aptitude test. Esper said Friday that he had directed that the Army not exceed the 2 percent limit, even though the Defense Department allows up to 4 percent.

Military leaders have increasingly warned of recruiting challenges, noting that lower unemployment, a strong economy and declining quality of the youth market have steadily shrunk the number of young people considered eligible to be recruits.

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Here's why
authoritarian
right is rising

A fortnight ago, Viktor Orbán and his Fidesz Party won enough seats in the Hungarian parliament to rewrite his country's constitution.

To progressives across the West, this was disturbing news.

For the bete noire of Orbán's campaign was uber-globalist George Soros. And Orbán's commitments were to halt any further surrenders of Hungarian sovereignty and independence to the European Union, and to fight any immigrant invasion of Hungary from Africa or the Islamic world.

Why are autocrats like Orbán rising and liberal democrats failing in Europe? The autocrats are addressing the primary and existential fear of peoples across the West — the death of the separate and unique tribes into which they were born and to which they belong.

Modern liberals and progressives see nations as transitory — here today, gone tomorrow. The autocrats, however, have plugged into the most powerful currents running in this new century: tribalism and nationalism.

The democracy worshippers of the West cannot compete with the authoritarians in meeting the crisis of our time because they do not see what is happening to the West as a crisis.

They see us as on a steady march into a brave new world, where democracy, diversity and equality will be everywhere celebrated.

To understand the rise of Orbán, we need to start seeing Europe and ourselves as so many of these people see us.

Hungary is a thousand years old. Its people have a DNA all their own. They belong to a unique and storied nation of 10 million with its own language, religion, history, heroes, culture and identity.

Though a small nation, two-thirds of whose lands were torn away after World War I, Hungarians wish to remain and endure as who they are.

They don't want open borders. They don't want mass migrations to change Hungary into something new. They don't want to become a minority in their own country. And they have used democratic means to elect autocratic men who will put the Hungarian nation first.

U.S. elites may babble on about "diversity," about how much better a country we will be in 2042 when white European Christians are just another minority and we have become a "gorgeous mosaic" of every race, tribe, creed and culture on earth.

To Hungarians, such a future entails the death of the nation. To Hungarians, millions of African, Arab and Islamic peoples settling in their lands means the annihilation of the historic nation they love, the nation that came into being to preserve the Hungarian people.

President Emmanuel Macron of France says the Hungarian and other European elections where autocrats are advancing are manifestations

of "national selfishness."

Well, yes, national survival can be considered national selfishness.

But let Monsieur Macron bring in another 5 million former subject peoples of the French Empire, and he will discover that the magnanimity and altruism of the French has its limits, and a Le Pen will soon replace him in the Elysee Palace.

Consider what else the "world's oldest democracy" has lately had on offer to the indigenous peoples of Europe resisting an invasion of Third

World settlers coming to occupy and repopulate their lands.

Our democracy boasts of a First Amendment freedom of speech and press that protects blasphemy, pornography, filthy language and the burning of the American flag. We stand for a guaranteed right of

women to abort their children and of homosexuals to marry.

We offer the world a freedom of religion that prohibits the teaching of our cradle faith and its moral code in our public schools.

Our elites view this as social progress upward from a dark past.

To much of the world, however, America has become the most secularized and decadent society on earth, and the title the ayatollah bestowed upon us, "The Great Satan," is not altogether undeserved.

And if what "our democracy" has delivered here has caused tens of millions of Americans to be repulsed and to secede into social isolation, why would other nations embrace a system that produced so poisoned a politics and so polluted a culture?

"Nationalism and authoritarianism are on the march," writes *The Washington Post*: "Democracy as an ideal and in practice seems under siege." Yes, and there are reasons for this.

"Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people," said John Adams. And as we have ceased to be a moral and religious people, the poet T. S. Eliot warned us what would happen:

"The term 'democracy' ... does not contain enough positive content to stand alone against the forces you dislike — it can easily be transformed by them. If you will not have God (and he is a jealous God), you should pay your respects to Hitler and Stalin." Recall: Hitler rose to power through a democratic election.

Democracy lacks content. As a political system, it does not engage the heart. And if Europe's peoples see their leaders as accommodating a transnational EU, while failing to secure national borders, they will use democracy to replace them with men of action.

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COMMENTARY

The Senate must confirm Pompeo

WASHINGTON — For the first time in the history of the republic, it appears increasingly likely that a majority of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will vote against the president's nominee for secretary of state. If this happens, it would be a black mark not on Mike Pompeo's record but on



Marc Thiessen

the reputation of this once-storied committee. There are no instances of a secretary of state nominee ever

receiving an unfavorable committee vote since such votes were first publicly recorded in 1925 (before that, the committee voted in closed session).

Democrat John Kerry was approved in a unanimous voice vote, including from Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who opposes Pompeo.

Democrat Hillary Clinton was approved 16 to 1, despite concerns about foreign donors to the Clinton Foundation. Madeleine Albright was approved unanimously, with the strong support of my former boss, the committee's conservative then-chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., who called Albright "a tough and courageous lady" and voted for her despite saying that she was "sincerely wrong" in some of her foreign policy views.

Other Democrats, including Warren Christopher and Cyrus Vance, were also approved unanimously in committee, as were Republicans Colin Powell, James Baker and George Shultz.

Indeed, no secretary of state going all the way back to Henry Kissinger had ever received more than two negative votes in the Foreign Relations Committee — until Don-

ald Trump became president.

Last year, all 10 Democrats on the committee voted "no" to Rex Tillerson's nomination, making him the first secretary of state in history to be approved on a party-line vote. Now, thanks to the opposition from those 10 Democrats and Paul, it appears that Pompeo could soon become the first secretary of state nominee in history to receive a negative recommendation from the committee.

There is simply no excuse for this. There are no ethical questions hanging over Pompeo's nomination. He has engaged in no disqualifying personal conduct.

And no one questions that he is extraordinarily qualified for the job. Indeed, Sen. Ben Cardin, D-Md., said that Pompeo "has a clear record of public service to his nation — in uniform, in Congress and as the director of the CIA." Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said he believes that Pompeo "will work hard to restore morale at State and work to supplement, not atrophy, the diplomatic tools at the Secretary of State's disposal." Yet both are voting against him. Indeed, nine of the committee's 10 Democrats have already declared their opposition to Pompeo — including two, Tim Kaine, D-Va., and Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H. — who voted for him to lead the CIA.

Their opposition comes just as President Trump is preparing for a high-stakes nuclear summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Pompeo recently returned from North Korea, where he met with Kim and laid the groundwork for this historic meeting.

Democrats ought to ask themselves how their actions will be seen in Pyongyang. To deliver such an undeserved rebuke to Pompeo at such a

critical diplomatic moment would be a shameful abdication of the committee's responsibilities.

It would also breach two centuries of precedent in which the committee has carefully examined the credentials and qualifications of the president's nominee for secretary of state but acknowledged that the president should have his choice of who should be his chief diplomatic adviser. It is one thing for senators to use a nomination as leverage to gain commitments on specific policy matters. (Helms insisted that Albright work with him on his plans to reform the United Nations and reorganize the State Department, which she did.) Effective senators understand how to use the nomination process to win policy fights.

But for senators to vote down a highly qualified nominee over their disdain for the president is completely unwarranted and, quite frankly, a breach of Senate norms.

A negative vote would hurt the Foreign Relations Committee more than Pompeo. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., will bring his nomination to the floor regardless of what the committee does, and it is expected that some Democrats — such as Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., who has publicly announced her support — will vote for him. And when Pompeo is confirmed by the full Senate, he would be more than justified in determining that the State Department is best served by working closely with the appropriators and Senate leadership and bypassing a committee that can't make policy, can't legislate and can't lead.

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given the simple rules of supply and demand — all soybean farmers would be hurt by a Chinese tariff, including those in Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties, according to local and state farm officials.

Two Sumter soybean farmers, a state agricultural economist and a state grain broker spoke this past week on ripple effects from a possible tariff imposed by China.

Unlike the Midwest, soybean farmers in South Carolina process most of their beans locally for use as animal feed in the production of livestock, such as poultry and hogs. The nearest soybean crushing machine process operations for state farmers are in the town of Kershaw; Fayetteville, North Carolina; and in the Augusta, Georgia, area, according to officials.

Midwestern states — which lack high levels of livestock — export more of their beans internationally.

Sumter County farmer John Rivers, who serves as president of the South Carolina Corn and Soybean Association, said everyone worldwide competes on price.

There's not just a South Carolina market for soybeans, Rivers said. If export tariffs affect soybean prices for a Midwest farmer, it affects his price.

"If they can't export soybeans because of price, well, it will come this way by rail," Rivers said. "Then, that will flood our market, and our beans have less value, and it will drive the price per bushel down."

He said the cost is minimal to ship a 100-car train full of grain from the Midwest to South Carolina.

"It's all about supply and demand," Rivers said.

Nathan Downer, a Sumter farmer with J. Lynwood Davis & Sons on



Sumter County farmer Nathan Downer of J. Lynwood Davis & Sons, at 3775 U.S. 521 South, harvests 20,000 to 25,000 bushels of soybeans annually.

U.S. 521 South in the Concord community of Sumter County, said farmers — like most industries — compete on thin margins.

A 23-year-old Clemson agri-business graduate, Downer said he hopes President Trump and his administration and China's leaders will work something out better all around.

He and others said even if a potential tariff is less than 25 percent that it would cause a big hurt on all soybean prices.

Downer said he thinks, in the short term, soybean farmers could manage by selling their beans to another country, such as Argentina, which would then sell them to

China. But in the long term, it would create a lot of problems.

"Long-term, I could see a lot of farmers fall off," Downer said.

"Most farmers have more than one crop; so, I'm not saying everybody is going to just quit. But people might start saying, 'Alright, hey, maybe we farm peanuts now and try something new?'"

He said farmers have already taken a hit by international tariffs levied by President Trump for steel (25 percent) and aluminum (10 percent) imports to the U.S.

"If you look around here, you will see how much stuff we have made from metal," Downer said. "If I don't have that equipment, I have to

buy that stuff. Now, it becomes an even bigger investment than it would have been."

He said a lot of people might not see the big picture for farmers with the higher prices for machinery and equipment and lower prices for soybeans. Downer described it as a "double whammy."

Gib McKenzie, a grain broker with Palmetto Grain Brokerage in Jasper County, said he thinks no one wants to see a trade war.

He and Nathan Smith, an agricultural economist with Clemson University, said the current trade "threats" started after Trump imposed the international tariffs for steel and aluminum about one month ago.

"When Trump came out with that, China certainly felt like it was targeted to them," Smith said. "So, they came back out with their list of, I guess, what they considered to be about reciprocal tariffs in terms of dollars."

Smith said he couldn't try to estimate the probability that the soybean tariffs from China would materialize, but he did say if it does happen it will be a big blow to farmers in the state.

"I don't know if I want to predict whether it will happen," Smith said. "The probability of it happening is like trying to predict what the political winds are of this administration."

McKenzie said China historically has made it difficult for the U.S. to do business there, even though we make it easy for them to sell goods here.

He also said there are no hard dates on the calendar for when the trade threats might be resolved between the two countries.

Because the U.S. exports more agricultural products than it consumes, the agri industry could be particularly affected.

"We could lose as farmers," McKenzie said, "and yet win as Americans in all this."

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half-mile of a school or park and felon in possession of a firearm.

All three suspects have extensive criminal records that include various drug and violent crimes, McGirt said. They are being held without bond at Sumter-Lee Regional Detention Center.

Sumter Police Chief Russell F. Roark III and Organized Crime and Vice Control Unit detectives called the amount of heroin confiscated "significant."

In addition to the arrests and drugs seized, officers also seized a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, a 2017 Chevrolet Camaro and a 2007 Dodge Charger belonging to the suspects.

An investigation is continuing, and Sumter County Sheriff's Office assisted.

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Orangeburg County fire officials said the blaze started about 5 p.m. Friday at Don's Car Crushing in Holly Hill.

No one has been injured, and authorities said the cause of the fire has not been determined.

At least 30 different agencies are helping fight the fire, and officials said it could burn for a few more days.

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The City of Sumter will accept applications for its Summer Youth Employment Programs through May 5. Students ages 14-15 will work in city government and students age 16 through high

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It will ease stress and add to your comfort if you bring about positive changes at home. Love and romance will encourage a healthy attitude. Open your doors to friends and family.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't overreact or make rash decisions. Emotional situations will build and take over, causing a problem between you and a friend. Make a point to get along and to listen to what others want; you will find a solution.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let anyone push you in a direction you don't want to go. See what unfolds before you make a move. Know your financial position and what you can afford before you make a purchase.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A change at home will bring you joy. Host a small gathering or make an effort to revise situations that are causing you undue stress. Taking care of personal business will be reason to celebrate with the people you love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't feel you have to make a snap decision because someone else does. Bide your time and put energy into personal pleasure and self-improvements. Children will play a role when choosing events and activities in which you participate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put energy into something constructive, like improving your surroundings or living arrangements. Consider doing something that will encourage peace and love or a better relationship with the people you care about most. Romance should be a priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A change to your personal identity, records or financial standing will leave you questioning what to do next. Look at your options, and you'll find a way to cut corners. Avoid people who encourage bad habits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put more effort into personal observation and self-improvement. Deal with bad habits or unsavory situations involving a friend or relative. Don't leave matters to fester and grow into something uncontrollable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep expenses down. Home improvements should be limited to what's necessary. Taking care of someone else's affairs will be taxing. Offer to help only if what you'll receive in return is worth your while.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't put up with anyone acting erratic or causing difficulties. Make your position clear; refuse to be dragged into someone else's melodrama. Focus on personal gains, physical improvements and reuniting with people with whom you have something in common.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A positive

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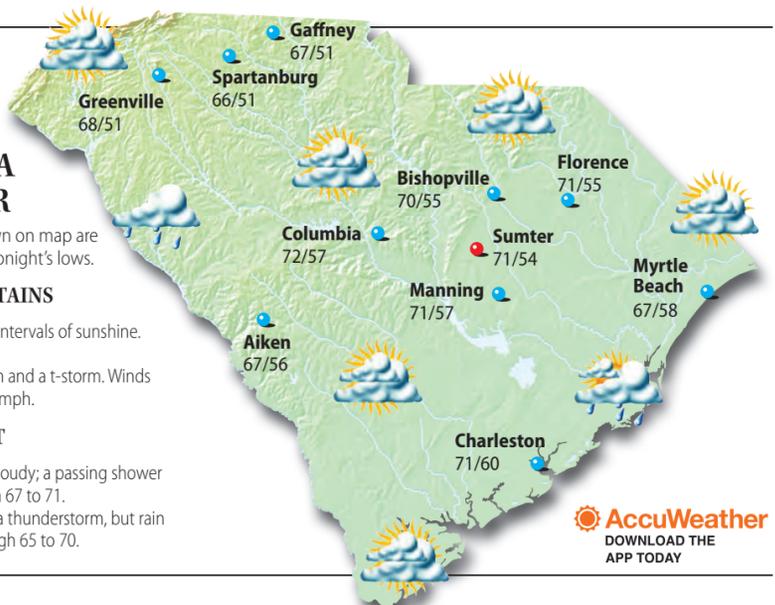
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Today: Clouds and intervals of sunshine. Winds east 4-8 mph.
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Monday: Rain and a thunderstorm, but rain in northern parts. High 65 to 70.



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Normal month to date	2.12"
Year to date	6.59"
Last year to date	10.70"
Normal year to date	13.41"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.25	-0.11
Marion	76.8	75.45	-0.03
Moultrie	75.5	75.15	none
Waterree	100	97.54	+0.08

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	7.86	-0.28
Congaree River	19	5.39	-1.59
Lynches River	14	5.84	+0.37
Saluda River	14	6.94	-0.03
Up. Santee River	80	80.11	+0.15
Waterree River	24	8.70	-1.58

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:43 a.m. Sunset 7:58 p.m.
Moonrise 12:33 p.m. Moonset 1:57 a.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr. 22	Apr. 29	May 7	May 15

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	2:42 a.m.	3.3	9:56 a.m.	0.2
	3:25 p.m.	2.8	10:08 p.m.	0.1
Mon.	3:49 a.m.	3.2	11:00 a.m.	0.2
	4:33 p.m.	2.8	11:16 p.m.	0.1

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta	64/57/c	66/56/r
Chicago	59/40/pc	59/45/s
Dallas	69/49/s	74/53/pc
Detroit	62/40/s	68/48/s
Houston	75/55/pc	78/54/pc
Los Angeles	80/57/s	78/56/pc
New Orleans	77/59/t	76/61/c
New York	62/43/s	62/44/s
Orlando	81/66/t	83/66/t
Philadelphia	65/43/s	68/46/s
Phoenix	94/69/s	96/72/s
San Francisco	71/52/s	74/52/s
Wash., DC	64/49/pc	69/51/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Asheville	64/47/pc	56/49/r	Florence	71/55/pc	63/56/r
Athens	65/53/c	64/56/r	Gainesville	78/67/c	79/65/t
Augusta	70/56/c	69/59/r	Gastonia	68/52/pc	60/53/r
Beaufort	71/62/c	70/63/r	Goldsboro	73/51/s	63/55/r
Cape Hatteras	64/56/s	61/60/pc	Goose Creek	70/60/pc	66/61/r
Charleston	71/60/c	68/61/r	Greensboro	69/49/s	62/49/r
Charlotte	70/52/pc	62/54/r	Greenville	68/51/pc	60/54/r
Clemson	64/51/c	58/54/r	Hickory	67/49/pc	58/49/r
Columbia	72/57/pc	66/61/r	Hilton Head	69/62/c	68/63/r
Darlington	71/55/pc	61/58/r	Jacksonville, FL	72/65/t	78/64/t
Elizabeth City	64/49/s	58/56/pc	La Grange	65/60/r	73/56/r
Elizabethtown	72/53/s	61/57/r	Macon	70/60/c	74/57/t
Fayetteville	73/53/s	63/55/r	Marietta	64/54/c	63/54/r

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

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SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

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She invested in the pizza parlor because she wanted a — PIECE OF THE ACTION

PREP SPORTS

LMA gets walk-off win against Barons

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Wilson Hall's varsity baseball team was two outs away from ending Laurence Manning Academy's undefeated run through SCISA Region II-3A.

Then, just as often is the case in this heated rivalry, a late rally resulted in a walk-off win, with the Swampcats coming out on top this time, 5-4, Friday at Tucker Belangia Diamond.

The bottom of the seventh inning began with Wilson Hall starting pitcher Tanner Epps clinging to a 4-3 lead and looking to give the Barons their second complete game win on the mound of the week. Epps opened the frame by striking out Dawson Hatfield before LMA's No. 8 and 9 hitters, Andrew Boyd and Brewer Brunson, reached on a single to left and a walk.

With the potential winning run on at first, Wilson Hall head coach Adam Jarecki went to Daniel Reynolds on the mound. Reynolds, facing leadoff hitter Taylor Lee, got likely what he and Jarecki were seeking, a fly ball, but the ball apparently got lost in the lights and fell in shallow left with three Barons surrounding it. Lee's hit loaded the bases and set the table for Braydon Osteen to come through with a hit into left field that plated Boyd and Brunson with the tying and winning runs.

"These kids, since they were sophomores, they just don't give up," said LMA head coach Barry Hatfield, whose team is seeking a third consecutive state championship. "They don't give up. That was seniors (coming through at the plate). Taylor is a senior and Braydon is a senior, and they just don't quit. We had a strikeout to lead off the inning, but we just got a base hit and then got another guy on, and I told Taylor when they were changing pitchers that this was exactly what I wanted, I wanted you at the plate with a runner at second. Now, I'm glad we dropped that fly ball where we did, but I had confidence that they could get the job done."

Wilson Hall scored all of its runs in the top of the fifth. Epps opened the frame with a double to right-center for the first hit off of Osteen, the LMA starter. Trent Elmore followed with a single to left, scoring Epps, before two fly ball outs brought No. 9 hitter Bryce Lyles to the plate. Lyles reached on an infield error to keep the inning going and cycle back around to Reynolds, who walked to load the bases.

Daulton Dabbs lifted a fly ball to shallow left that found a place to fall in among three Swampcat fielders, bringing home Elmore and Lyles to tie the score at 3-3. A wild pitch then brought Reynolds home as the Barons took their first lead.

Epps held that lead for the until the seventh, retiring the Swampcats in order in the sixth after allowing two baserunners in the fifth, hitting Brunson with a pitch before a fielder's choice grounder by Osteen retired Brunson at second base.

"First off, I'm really proud of Tanner Epps," said Jarecki, whose team dropped to 8-7 overall and 3-3 in region play. "We threw (Charlton) Commander for a big conference win (9-4 over Florence Christian on Tuesday) and we saved Tanner for this. Tanner's been consistent all year, thrown well all year, and he pitched his guts out tonight. He pitched good enough to win tonight. I'm super proud of his effort tonight and what he did. He threw strikes all night long, and we made plays behind him."

"A couple of botched plays here and there came back to hurt us, but I'm still proud of the way we played. We feel good about, in the playoffs, now having more arms (available to pitch), and we can rely on that arm, too."

The come-from-behind finish made a winner out of Jake Jordan, who came on in the top of the seventh in relief of Osteen. Jordan set the Barons down in order with one strikeout in his inning of work, following Osteen's 2-hit, seven strikeout effort through six.

SEE WILSON HALL, PAGE B6

Breaking good



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

Sumter pitcher Josh Bryant and the rest of the Gamecocks will open the 5A state playoffs with a home game on Tuesday against Blythewood at 7 p.m.

SHS baseball has home field for district; Lakewood will play host to A.C. Flora

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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By virtue of second-place finishes in their respective regions, the baseball teams from Sumter and Lakewood high schools will open the state playoffs with home games on Tuesday.

And because of the uneven number of regions in 5A, SHS is actually getting an advantage normally reserved for region champions: home field throughout the district tournament of the 5A state playoffs provided it wins.

Gamecock head coach Brooks Shumake couldn't be any happier about having the opportunity to be at home for the first two games for sure.

"After playing on the road on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday last week, we're happy to be at home on Tuesday and Thursday," said Shumake, whose squad plays host to Blythewood in a District VI tournament game at Gamecock Field at 7 p.m. in "it's really a big deal. Hopefully we'll be able to take

advantage of it."

The other game in the district tournament will have Spring Valley playing at Wando.

While Lakewood is at home, it doesn't have an easy draw in the District VIII tournament of the 4A playoffs. The Gators will play host to perennial 4A power A.C. Flora at 6:30 p.m.

The other game will have No. 4 seed Wilson playing at No. 1 Cane Bay.

With only seven regions in 5A, that means one of the second-place region teams gets the opportunity to be the team with the homefield advantage in the bracket. This year it's Region VI and it happens to be Sumter.

The Gamecocks, 11-12 on the season, face the No. 5 seed from Region V in Blythewood. Wando is the second-place team from Region VII, while Spring Valley is the fourth-place team from Region V.

Shumake said he is hoping for some close games in the district because the Gamecocks have been very successful in tight contests.

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MLB

New York Yankees pitcher and Sumter native Jordan Montgomery delivers a pitch against the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday in New York. Montgomery (2-0) pitched six innings and allowed one run on four hits.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Montgomery pitches 1-run ball for 6 innings in Yankee's victory

BY JEFFREY METALLO
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge hit an early homer off respected Twitter rival Marcus Stroman, then scored on a disputed play during a seven-run burst in the sixth inning that sent the New York Yankees over the Toronto Blue Jays 9-1 Saturday.

Judge put the Yankees up 2-0 with his sixth homer, a two-run drive in the third. It came after Stroman and Judge exchanged tweets at the end of last season during which the Toronto ace said their "future battles will be legendary."

Judge is now 7 for 16 with four home runs against Stroman (0-2).

It was 3-1 in the sixth when the Yankees loaded the bases with no outs. Aaron Hicks hit a chopper up the first base line and Stroman made a backhanded toss to catcher Luke Maile, trying for a force-out.

The ball bounced off Maile's glove as Judge slid in safely.

SEE YANKEES, PAGE B6

NBA

Davis leads Pelicans to sweep of Blazers

BY BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Anthony Davis scored 33 of his franchise playoff-record 47 points in the second half, and the New Orleans Pelicans completed a first-round playoff sweep of the Portland Trail Blazers with a 131-123 victory on Saturday.

Jrue Holiday capped his 41-point performance with an 18-foot pull-up jumper that gave the Pelicans a six-point lead with 40 seconds left.

Rajon Rondo added 16 assists, and Davis also had 11 rebounds and three blocks for New Orleans, which is moving on to the second round of the playoffs for only the second time since the NBA returned to the city 16 seasons ago.

C.J. McCollum scored 38 for the Trail Blazers, which responded to a blowout loss in Game 3 by keeping Game 4 close until the final minute. Al-Farouq Aminu scored 27, Damian Lillard added 18 points and Jusuf Nurkic had 18 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out.



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New Orleans Pelicans guard Jrue Holiday (11) shoots over Portland Trail Blazers guard Damian Lillard (0) in Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series in New Orleans on Saturday.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

5:30 a.m. – Professional/International Tennis: Monte Carlo Masters Doubles and Singles Championship Matches and Fed Cup Semifinals Day 2 – United States vs. France (TENNIS).
8 a.m. – Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Trophée Hassan II Final Round from Rabat, Morocco (GOLF).
8:25 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – West Ham vs. Arsenal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9 a.m. – Women’s College Golf: Southeastern Conference Championships from Hoover, Ala. (SEC NETWORK).
9:20 a.m. – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Mainz vs. Augsburg (FOX SPORTS 2).
9:30 a.m. – Professional/International Tennis: Monte Carlo Masters Doubles and Singles Championship Matches and Fed Cup Semifinals Day 2 – United States vs. France (TENNIS).
10 a.m. – International Soccer: FA Cup Semifinal Match from London – Southampton vs. Chelsea (FOX SPORTS 1).
11:25 a.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Swansea vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon – College Football: Tulsa at Houston (ESPNU).
Noon – International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match – Schalke 04 vs. Cologne (FOX SPORTS 2).
1 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 4 – Boston at Milwaukee (WOL 25).
1 p.m. – College Lacrosse: Ohio Stat at Maryland (ESPNU).
1 p.m. – PGA Golf: Texas Open Final Round from San Antonio (GOLF).
1:30 p.m. – Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Atlanta (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
1 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Cleveland at Baltimore or Toronto at New York Yankees (MLB NETWORK).
1 p.m. – College Baseball: Clemson at Wake Forest (WJMZ-FM 93.1).
1:30 p.m. – Professional Basketball: Euroleague Game – Teams To Be Announced (NBA TV).
1:30 p.m. – College Baseball: Louisiana State at South Carolina (WMKT-FM 107.5).
2 p.m. – College Baseball: Nevada at Air Force (SPECTRUM 1250).
2:30 p.m. – Women’s College Tennis: Southeastern Conference Championship from Knoxville, Tenn. (SEC NETWORK).
3 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 6 – Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (WIS 10).
3 p.m. – PGA Golf: Texas Open Final Round from San Antonio (WLTX 19).
3 p.m. – College Softball: Tennessee at Alabama (ESPN2).
3 p.m. – College Baseball: Oklahoma at Texas Tech (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
3 p.m. – Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Legends of Golf Final Round from Ridgedale, Mo. (GOLF).
3:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 4 – Golden State at San Antonio (WOL 25).
3:30 p.m. – IRL Racing: IndyCar Series Grand Prix of Alabama from Birmingham, Ala. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. – Major League Soccer: Minnesota at Seattle (ESPN).
4 p.m. – College Softball: Nebraska at Minnesota (ESPNU).
4 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Colorado or Seattle at Texas (MLB NETWORK).
5 p.m. – College Softball: Texas A&M at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).
6 p.m. – Major League Soccer: New York City at Portland (FOX SPORTS 1).
6 p.m. – LPGA Golf: Hugel-JTBC Open Final Round from Los Angeles (GOLF).
6 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 4 – Toronto at Washington (TNT).
7 p.m. – NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Quarterfinal Series Match 6 – Nashville at Colorado (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
8 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Washington at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN).
8:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 4 – Cleveland at Indiana (TNT).
9:30 p.m. – Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Los Angeles (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
MONDAY
5 a.m. – Professional Tennis: Barcelona Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
1:30 p.m. – Professional Tennis: Barcelona Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).
2:55 p.m. – International Soccer: English Premier League Match – Newcastle United vs. Everton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. – Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Cincinnati (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WWFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).
7 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Minnesota at New York Yankees (ESPN).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Louisville at Florida State (ESPNU).
7 p.m. – College Softball: Tennessee at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
8 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 4 – Houston at Minnesota (TNT).
10 p.m. – Major League Baseball: Washington at San Francisco or Miami at Los Angeles Dodgers (MLB NETWORK).
10:30 p.m. – NBA Basketball: Western Conference Playoffs Quarterfinal Series Game 4 – Oklahoma City at Utah (TNT).

Midnight – College Equestrian: Southeastern Conference Championship from Blythewood (SEC NETWORK).
1:30 a.m. – IRL Racing: Indy Lights Series from Birmingham, Ala. (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
5 a.m. – Professional Tennis: Barcelona Open Early-Round Matches (TENNIS).

MLB STANDINGS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	14	5	.737	—
Philadelphia	12	7	.632	2
Atlanta	11	8	.579	3
Washington	10	10	.500	4½
Miami	5	14	.263	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	12	8	.600	—
St. Louis	12	8	.600	—
Milwaukee	12	9	.571	½
Chicago	9	8	.529	1½
Cincinnati	3	17	.150	9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	13	6	.684	—
Colorado	11	10	.524	3
Los Angeles	8	10	.444	4½
San Francisco	8	11	.421	5
San Diego	8	13	.381	6

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 1
 N.Y. Mets 5, Atlanta 3, 12 innings
 Milwaukee 8, Miami 0
 St. Louis 4, Cincinnati 2
 Chicago Cubs 16, Colorado 5
 San Diego 4, Arizona 1
 San Francisco 8, L.A. Angels 1
 Washington 5, L.A. Dodgers 2

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 4:05 p.m.
 Miami at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
 San Diego at Arizona, 8:10 p.m.
 San Francisco at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.
 Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 1-1) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
 Pittsburgh (Williams 3-1) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-0), 1:35 p.m.
 Miami (Smith 0-2) at Milwaukee (Guerra 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati (Castillo 1-2) at St. Louis (Mikolas 2-0), 2:15 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Quintana 1-1) at Colorado (Marquez 1-1), 3:10 p.m.
 San Francisco (Cueto 1-0) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 4:07 p.m.
 San Diego (Lucchesi 2-0) at Arizona (Corbin 3-0), 4:10 p.m.
 Washington (Hellickson 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 0-2), 8:05 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
 San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
 Miami at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
 Washington at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	17	2	.895	—
Toronto	13	7	.650	4½
New York	10	9	.526	7
Tampa Bay	6	13	.316	11
Baltimore	6	14	.300	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	8	6	.571	—
Cleveland	9	8	.529	½
Detroit	9	10	.474	1½
Chicago	4	12	.250	5½
Kansas City	4	15	.211	6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	14	7	.667	—
Los Angeles	13	7	.650	½
Seattle	10	8	.556	2½
Oakland	9	11	.450	4½
Texas	7	14	.333	7

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Detroit 3, Kansas City 2, 1st game, 10 innings
 Baltimore 3, Cleveland 1
 Toronto 8, N.Y. Yankees 5
 Kansas City 3, Detroit 2, 2nd game
 Tampa Bay 8, Minnesota 7, 10 innings
 Seattle 6, Texas 2
 Houston 10, Chicago White Sox 0
 Boston 7, Oakland 3
 San Francisco 8, L.A. Angels 1

SATURDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 9, Toronto 1
 Detroit 12, Kansas City 4
 Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
 Houston at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
 Boston at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
 San Francisco at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland (Kluber 2-1) at Baltimore (Cashner 1-2), 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (Garcia 2-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Skoglund 0-2) at Detroit (Liriano 2-1), 1:10 p.m.
 Minnesota (Hughes 0-0) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 1:10 p.m.
 Houston (McCullers 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-2), 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle (Ramirez 0-0) at Texas (Perez 1-2), 3:05 p.m.
 Boston (Price 2-1) at Oakland (Mengden 2-2), 4:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Cueto 1-0) at L.A. Angels (TBD), 4:07 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES

Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Oakland at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Toronto 2, Washington 1
 Saturday, April 14: Toronto 114, Washington 106
 Tuesday, April 17: Toronto 130, Washington 119
 Friday, April 20: Washington 122, Toronto 103
 Sunday, April 22: Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Toronto, TBA
 x-Friday, April 27: Toronto at Washington, TBA
 x-Sunday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBA
Boston 2, Milwaukee 1
 Sunday, April 15: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT
 Tuesday, April 17: Boston 120, Milwaukee 106
 Friday, April 20: Milwaukee 116, Boston 92
 Sunday, April 22: Boston at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 24: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA
 x-Thursday, April 26: Boston at Milwaukee, TBA
 x-Saturday, April 28: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA
Philadelphia 3, Miami 1
 Saturday, April 14: Philadelphia 130, Miami 103
 Monday, April 16: Miami 113, Philadelphia 103
 Thursday, April 19: Philadelphia 128, Miami 108
 Saturday, April 21: Philadelphia 106, Miami 102
 Tuesday, April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA
 x-Thursday, April 26: Philadelphia at Miami, TBA
 x-Saturday, April 28: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA
Indiana 2, Cleveland 1
 Sunday, April 15: Indiana 98, Cleveland 80
 Wednesday, April 18: Cleveland 100, Indiana 97
 Friday, April 20: Indiana 92, Cleveland 90
 Sunday, April 22: Cleveland at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA
 x-Friday, April 27: Cleveland at Indiana, TBA
 x-Sunday, April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

Western Conference

Houston 2, Minnesota 0
 Sunday, April 15: Houston 104, Minnesota 101
 Wednesday, April 18: Houston 102, Minnesota 82
 Saturday, April 21: Houston at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Houston, TBA
 x-Friday, April 27: Houston at Minnesota, TBA
 x-Sunday, April 29: Minnesota at Houston, TBA
Golden State 3, San Antonio 0
 Saturday, April 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92
 Monday, April 16: Golden State 116, San Antonio 101
 Thursday, April 19: Golden State 110, San Antonio 97
 Sunday, April 22: Golden State at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, April 24: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA
 x-Thursday, April 26: Golden State at San Antonio, TBA
 x-Saturday, April 28: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA
New Orleans 3, Portland 0
 Saturday, April 14: New Orleans 97, Portland 95
 Tuesday, April 17: New Orleans 111, Portland 102
 Thursday, April 19: New Orleans 119, Portland 102
 Saturday, April 21: Portland at New Orleans, 5 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, April 24: New Orleans at Portland, TBA
 x-Thursday, April 26: Portland at New Orleans, TBA
 x-Saturday, April 28: New Orleans at Portland, TBA
Oklahoma City 1, Utah 1
 Sunday, April 15: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108
 Wednesday, April 18: Utah 102, Oklahoma City 95
 Saturday, April 21: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10 p.m.
 Monday, April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA
 x-Friday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Utah, TBA
 x-Sunday, April 29: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Eastern Conference
Tampa Bay 4, New Jersey 1
 Thursday, April 12: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 2
 Saturday, April 14: Tampa Bay 5, New Jersey 3
 Monday, April 16: New Jersey 5, Tampa Bay 2
 Wednesday, April 18: Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1
 Saturday, April 21: Tampa Bay 3, New Jersey 1
Boston 3, Toronto 1
 Thursday, April 12: Boston 5, Toronto 1
 Saturday, April 14: Boston 7, Toronto 3
 Monday, April 16: Toronto 4, Boston 2
 Thursday, April 19: Boston 3, Toronto 1
 Saturday, April 21: Toronto at Boston, 8 p.m.
 x-Monday, April 23: Boston at Toronto, TBA
 x-Wednesday, April 25: Toronto at Boston, TBA
Washington 3, Columbus 2
 Thursday, April 12: Columbus 4, Washington 3, OT
 Sunday, April 15: Columbus 5, Washington 4, OT
 Tuesday, April 17: Washington 3, Columbus 2, 2OT
 Thursday, April 19: Washington 4, Columbus 1
 Saturday, April 21: Washington 4, Columbus 3, OT
 Monday, April 23: Washington at Columbus, TBA
 x-Wednesday, April 25: Columbus at Washington, TBA
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2
 Wednesday, April 11: Pittsburgh 7, Philadelphia 0
 Friday, April 13: Philadelphia 5, Pittsburgh 1
 Sunday, April 15: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 1
 Wednesday, April 18: Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 0
 Friday, April 20: Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 2
 Sunday, April 22: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, April 24: Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA
Western Conference
Nashville 3, Colorado 2
 Thursday, April 12: Nashville 5, Colorado 2
 Saturday, April 14: Nashville 5, Colorado 4
 Monday, April 16: Colorado 5, Nashville 3
 Wednesday, April 18: Nashville 3, Colorado 2
 Friday, April 20: Colorado 2, Nashville 1
 Sunday, April 22: Nashville at Colorado, 7 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, April 24: Colorado at Nashville, TBA
Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
 Wednesday, April 11: Winnipeg 3, Minnesota 2
 Friday, April 13: Winnipeg 4, Minnesota 1
 Sunday, April 15: Minnesota 6, Winnipeg 2
 Tuesday, April 17: Winnipeg 2, Minnesota 0
 Friday, April 20: Winnipeg 5, Minnesota 0
Vegas 4, Los Angeles 0
 Wednesday, April 11: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
 Friday, April 13: Vegas 2, Los Angeles 1, 2OT
 Sunday, April 15: Vegas 3, Los Angeles 2
 Tuesday, April 17: Vegas 1, Los Angeles 0
San Jose 4, Anaheim 0
 Thursday, April 12: San Jose 3, Anaheim 0
 Saturday, April 14: San Jose 3, Anaheim 2
 Monday, April 16: San Jose 8, Anaheim 1
 Wednesday, April 18: San Jose 2, Anaheim 1

PGA TEXAS OPEN PAR SCORES

Saturday

At TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course)

San Antonio
Purse: \$6.2 million
Yardage: 7,435; Par 72
Third Round

Zach Johnson	70-65-68—203	-13
Andrew Landry	69-67-67—203	-13
Trey Mullinax	74-68-62—204	-12
Ryan Moore	68-67-70—205	-11
Sean O'Hair	72-70-65—207	-9
Jimmy Walker	71-69-67—207	-9
Chris Kirk	73-66-68—207	-9
Martin Laird	73-65-69—207	-9
Richy Werenski	72-68-68—208	-8
Grayson Murray	67-69-72—208	-8
Joaquin Niemann	72-70-67—209	-7
Andrew Putnam	73-68-68—209	-7
J.T. Poston	72-69-68—209	-7
Vaughn Taylor	72-68-69—209	-7
Beau Hossler	71-69-69—209	-7
Billy Horschel	68-71-70—209	-7
Aaron Baddeley	71-71-68—210	-6
Brandt Snedeker	70-72-68—210	-6
Chesson Hadley	68-71-71—210	-6
Dylan Frittelli	72-71-68—211	-5
Kevin Streelman	74-68-69—211	-5
Kevin Chappell	72-72-67—211	-5
Keegan Bradley	68-71-72—211	-5
David Hearn	70-68-73—211	-5
Kevin Tway	72-71-69—212	-4
Nick Watney	71-69-70—212	-4
Matt Atkins	68-73-71—212	-4
Sam Ryder	71-71-68—212	-4
Ben Crane	72-66-74—212	-4
Ernie Els	73-69-71—213	-3
Austin Cook	70-74-69—213	-3
Jason Kokrak	74-70-69—213	-3
J.J. Spaun	72-70-71—213	-3
Zac Blair	73-69-71—213	-3
K.J. Choi	73-69-71—213	-3
Brendan Steele	70-74-69—213	-3
Nicholas Lindheim	74-67-72—213	-3
Denny McCarthy	72-67-74—213	-3
Ollie Schniederjans	71-71-72—214	-2
Troy Merritt	73-70-71—214	-2
Graeme McDowell	72-71-71—214	-2
Adam Schenk	71-71-72—214	-2
Corey Conners	70-74-70—214	-2
Johnson Wagner	72-72-70—214	-2
Keith Mitchell	70-72-72—214	-2
Joshua Creel	69-72-73—214	-2
Danny Lee	76-68-70—214	-2
Retief Goosen	73-71-70—214	-2
Harris English	69-72-73—214	-2
Julian Suri	74-71-69—214	-1
Jim Furyk	71-73-71—215	-1
Zecheng Dou	71-71-73—215	-1
Rod Pamplung	72-70-73—215	-1
Daniel Summerhays	74-70-71—215	-1

LPGA TOUR LA OPEN PAR SCORES

Friday
At Wilshire Country Club
Los Angeles
Purse: \$1.5 million
Yardage: 6,450; Par 71
Second Round
a-denotes amateur

Moriya Jutanugarn	68-66—134	-8
Marina Alex	67-68—135	-7
So Yeon Ryu	71-65—136	-6
Un-Hee Ji	68-69—137	-5
Inbee Park	66-71—137	-5
Min Young Ko	71-67—138	-4
Morgan Pressel	71-68—139	-3
Azahara Munoz	69-70—139	-3
Lexi Thompson	68-71—139	-3
Caroline Inglis	68-71—139	-3
Georgia Hall	71-69—140	-2
Ayako Uehara	71-69—140	-2
Yu Liu	70-70—140	-2
Katherine Kirk	69-71—140	-2
Emma Talley	68-72—140	-2
Shanshan Feng	74-67—141	-1
Mi Hyang Lee	71-70—141	-1
Lindsey Weaver	69-72—141	-1
Aditi Ashok	68-73—141	-1
Jennifer Song	73-69—142	E
Mi Jung Hur	72-70—142	E
Ariya Jutanugarn	71-71—142	E
Jessica Korda	71-71—142	E
Sherman Santiwijwatthanaphong	70-72—142	E
Lizette Salas	70-72—142	E
Bronze Law	70-72—142	E
Minjee Lee	69-73—142	E
Anne-Catherine Tanguay	76-67—143	+1
Carlota Ciganda	74-69—143	+1
Michelle Wie	73-70—143	+1
Beatriz Recari	72-71—143	+1
Chella Choi	72-71—143	+1
Brittany Lincicome	72-71—143	+1
Cydney Clanton	71-72—143	+1
Tiffany Chan	71-72—143	+1
Pornanong Phatlum	71-72—143	+1
Kassidy Teare	70-73—143	+1
Charley Hull	75-69—144	+2
Lee-Anne Pace	74-70—144	+2
Amy Olson	73-71—144	+2
Austin Ernst	73-71—144	+2
Kelly Shon	72-72—144	+2
Kris Tamulis	72-72—144	+2
Sydnee Michaels	72-72—144	+2
Paula Creamer	71-73—144	+2
Nasa Hataoka	71-73—144	

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL draft offensive top prospect thumbnails

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The Associated Press

A look at the top prospects available at each position in the upcoming NFL draft (x-denotes early entrant):

OFFENSE
QUARTERBACKS

Position outlook: This is a quarterback draft. There could be as many as six taken in the first round and five in the first 15 picks. It's not crazy to come up with a scenario where four quarterbacks are taken in the first five picks.

x-Sam Darnold, 6-3, 220, USC

Strengths: Excellent arm, good size and can make accurate throws — or the occasional positive run — when the pocket breaks down. Works his progressions.

Weaknesses: Ball security. Ball security. Ball security.

Fact: His grandfather, Dick Hammer, was an Olympic volleyball player and an actor who played the Marlboro Man.

Gone by: Pick No. 3.

x-Josh Rosen, 6-4, 226, UCLA

Strengths: Polished passer with excellent mechanics and nice touch.

Weaknesses: Durability issues in college. Will force plays unnecessarily.

Fact: Was an elite youth tennis player.

Gone by: Top five or so.

Baker Mayfield, 6-1, 215, Oklahoma

Strengths: Accuracy, competitiveness, and command of the offense. Gets the ball out quickly and decisively.

Weaknesses: Undersized. Elusiveness and mobility that was a plus in college might not translate to the NFL.

Fact: Went from walk-on to 2017 Heisman Trophy winner. Plus, had two other top-five Heisman finishes.

Gone by: Pick 15.

Josh Allen, 6-5, 233, Wyoming

Strengths: Arm strength, athleticism, size. It's all ideal.

Weaknesses: Accuracy and ability to change speed on his throws while still being on target.

Fact: Had no major college scholarship offers coming out of high school.

Gone by: Top 10.

x-Lamar Jackson, 6-foot-3, 200 pounds, Louisville

Strengths: All the arm a team would need, plus speed and elusiveness unlike anything the NFL has seen from a top quarterback prospect since Mike Vick.

Weaknesses: Repeatable and consistent throwing mechanics for reliable accuracy.

Fact: Won the Heisman Trophy in 2016 and finished third in 2017 voting.

Gone by: First 20 picks.

Mason Rudolph, 6-5, 235, Oklahoma State

Strengths: Size, strength, and ability — and willingness — to throw deep.

Weaknesses: Limited mobility. Was asked to make limited reads in the offense.

Fact: Completion percentage and yards per pass increased each of last three seasons.

Gone by: Early second round, but could be sixth first-round QB.

Others to watch: Luke Falk, Washington State; Kyle Lauletta, Richmond; Mike White, Western Kentucky.

RUNNING BACKS

Position outlook: Saquon Barkley is the No. 1 player on a lot of experts' boards, but there are several backs that could provide great value outside the first 20 picks.

x-Saquon Barkley, 6-0, 233, Penn State

Strengths: Quick feet, sharp cuts, top-end speed, powerful lower body, solid pass catcher, willing blocker and, by all accounts, excellent work ethic.

Weaknesses: The one knock: He needs to use that power to run through more tacklers and push piles forward.

Fact: The first Penn State player to reach 3,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving.



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Former South Carolina tight end Hayden Hurst is expected to be one of the top tight ends selected when the NFL draft begins on Thursday.



Southern California quarterback Sam Darnold could be the first overall pick in the NFL draft, which begins on Thursday.

Gone by: Browns at No. 4. Sony Michel, 5-11, 220, Georgia

Strengths: Three-down back with good speed, decent receiving skills and ability to pass protect.

Weaknesses: Limited shiftiness.

Fact: Ran for 3,638 yards in four seasons at Georgia while mostly sharing carries with Nick Chubb.

Gone by: Middle of second round.

x-Derrius Guice, 5-10, 212, LSU

Strengths: Runs violently once he breaks the line of scrimmage and has break-away speed.

Weaknesses: Some durability concerns. Might not be a three-down back.

Fact: Set an SEC record with three career 250-yard games.

Gone by: Middle of second round.

x-Ronald Jones II, 5-11, 200, USC

Strengths: Darting, tough runner who finishes runs by falling forward.

Weaknesses: His style at that size could limit him in NFL.

Fact: Broke Charles White's USC freshman rushing record in 2015.

Gone by: Late second round.

Others to watch: Nick Chubb, Georgia; Rashaad Penny, San Diego State; Kerryon Johnson, Auburn.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Position outlook: No first-round locks, but expect at least one or two to go on Day 1.

x-Calvin Ridley, 6-0, 189, Alabama

Strengths: Game-breaking speed and explosive out of his cuts.

Weakness: Slender. Can he play through contact at the line?

Fact: Surpassed 1,000 yards receiving as a freshman, but limited passing game by Alabama held his numbers down in 2016 and '17.

Gone by: Top-25 pick, likely first receiver taken.

Courtland Sutton, 6-3, 218, SMU

Strengths: Big, physical red-zone target.

Weaknesses: Possession receiver-type speed.

Fact: Was recruited as a defensive back out of high school.

Gone by: A need-and-fit pick who could slip to third round.

x-D.J. Moore, 6-0, 210, Maryland

Strengths: Elusive after the catch. Excelled with underwhelming quarterback play.

Weaknesses: Needs to improve on catching contested passes.

Fact: Big Ten receiver of the

year in 2017 while catching passes from four quarterbacks.

Gone by: Middle of second round.

x-Christian Kirk, 5-10, 200, Texas A&M

Strengths: Good hands and slippery runner. Could be a game-breaking return man.

Weakness: Size could limit him to slot receiver.

Fact: Returned six punts and one kickoff for touchdowns in three seasons at A&M.

Gone by: End of second round.

Others to watch: James Washington, Oklahoma State; D.J. Chark, LSU; Dante Pettis, Washington.

TIGHT ENDS

Position outlook: Some intriguing athletes and potential receiving mismatches, but no early-off-the-board picks.

Mike Gesicki, 6-5, 247, Penn State

Strengths: Big-time athlete who can make plays downfield.

Weaknesses: Blocking needs a lot of work.

Fact: A highlight-reel dunker on the basketball court.

Gone by: Maybe Day 1.

Maybe Day 2.

Dallas Goedert, 6-5, 255, South Dakota State

Strengths: Was used effectively all over the field.

Weaknesses: Needs to refine route running and be a more physical blocker.

Fact: Two-time AP FCS All-American.

Gone by: Middle of second round.

x-Hayden Hurst, 6-4, 250, South Carolina

Strengths: Good hands. Powerful runner.

Weaknesses: At 24, concerns that he has limited ceiling.

Fact: Drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 17th round in 2012, played two seasons of minor league baseball before college football.

Gone by: Late second round.

Others to watch: x-Mark Andrews, Oklahoma; Ian Thomas, Indiana; Troy Fumagalli, Wisconsin.

OFFENSIVE TACKLES

Position outlook: A lack of clear left tackle prospects and some tackles who might have to move to guard.

Mike McGlinchey, 6-8, 312, Notre Dame

Strengths: Good athlete, solid technique and team leader.

Weaknesses: Could use more bulk and might be better suited for right tackle.

Fact: Four-year starter.

Gone by: Top-20 pick.

x-Kolton Miller, 6-9, 310, UCLA

Strengths: Length, quickness and effort.

Weaknesses: Pass protection technique needs work.

Fact: Only played one season at left tackle in college.

Gone by: Middle of second round.

x-Connor Williams, 6-5, 320, Texas

Strengths: Good footwork and strong technique with his hands.

Weaknesses: Size and power issues have led to projections as a guard.

Fact: Missed much of last season with a knee injury, but played like an elite prospect in 2016.

Gone by: Late second round.

x-Orlando Brown, Oklahoma

Strengths: Massive man who plays with a healthy mean streak.

Weaknesses: Lacks athleticism across the board.

Fact: Brown's late father, Orlando "Zeus" Brown, played 11 seasons in the NFL.

Gone by: Bad combine. Better pro day. Difficult to predict when he goes. Late Round 1? Day 3?

Tyrell Crosby, 6-5, 325, Oregon

Strengths: Gets good push off the line as a run blocker.

Weaknesses: Pass protection technique could land him at guard.

Fact: A foot injury cost him much of his junior season or he would likely already be in the NFL.

Gone by: End of Day 2.

Others to watch: Martinus Rankin, Mississippi State; x-Brian O'Neill; Pittsburgh; Chukwuma Okorafor, Western Michigan.

ter prospects than the top tackles.

Quenton Nelson, 6-5, 329, Notre Dame

Strengths: Maybe the most likely to succeed of any player in this draft class. Powerful, tenacious and sound.

Weaknesses: Not much to complain about. Could do better at getting off the line and getting to second level.

Fact: Watch Nelson block and expect to see plenty of defenders being pushed to the ground.

Gone by: Pick 10. And that would probably be about five picks too low.

Will Hernandez, 6-2, 345, UTEP

Strengths: Quick feet for a massive and powerful player.

Weaknesses: A little short in height and arm length.

Fact: Four-year starter.

Gone by: Top-40 pick.

Isaiah Wynn, 6-3, 313, Georgia

Strengths: Good athleticism and attitude.

Weaknesses: Power to drive defenders off the line could use improvement.

Fact: Played left tackle last season and did it well, but that height makes him an NFL guard.

Gone by: Versatility gets him off the board in top 75 picks.

Others to watch: Braden Smith, Auburn; Wyatt Teller, Virginia Tech; Austin Corbett, Nevada.

Strengths: Good athleticism and attitude.

Weaknesses: Power to drive defenders off the line could use improvement.

Fact: Played left tackle last season and did it well, but that height makes him an NFL guard.

Gone by: Versatility gets him off the board in top 75 picks.

Others to watch: Braden Smith, Auburn; Wyatt Teller, Virginia Tech; Austin Corbett, Nevada.

CENTERS

Position outlook: A few low-risk prospects who could step into starting roles right away.

Billy Price, 6-4, 312, Ohio State

Strengths: Very strong. Very aggressive. Played at lot of guard with the Buckeyes, too.

Weaknesses: That aggressiveness can lead to sloppiness.

Fact: Started a school-record 55 games at Ohio State.

Gone by: End of second round.

x-James Daniels, 6-3, 295, Iowa

Strengths: Quick off the line and into linebackers.

Weaknesses: Straight-up, one-on-one power could be a problem.

Fact: Played with brother, running back LeShun Daniels, during first two seasons at Iowa.

Gone by: Early second round.

Frank Ragnow, Arkansas

Strengths: Big and powerful with good awareness.

Weaknesses: Lacks great athleticism.

Fact: Ragnow's father, Jon, died of a heart attack during the 2016 football season.

Frank managed to play, and play well, through the season.

Gone by: End of third round.

Others to watch: Bradley Bozeman, Alabama; Mason Cole, Michigan; x-Will Clapp, LSU.

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BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

CHS boys soccer gets 3rd place

Crestwood High School's varsity boys soccer team clinched third place in Region VI-4A with a 2-1 victory over Lakewood on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

The Knights, who lost to LHS 6-2 earlier this season, improved to 9-5 overall and finished 4-4 in region play. The Gators dropped to 7-8-1 overall and 3-5 in the region.

Both teams will be in the state playoffs.

rin and William Cooper.

WILSON HALL
First Place: Doc Walker 400 hurdles, long jump, triple jump; Will Singleton 100 dash, discus; William Cooper 400 dash; Sumter Cooper 200 dash, shot put; Will Croft pole vault; 4x100 relay (Thomas Kang, Devin Nether, Harsh Patel, Singleton); 4x400 relay (Alex Jackson, Wilson Frerichs, Hugh McLaurin, William Cooper).

Second Place: McLaurin 110 hurdles; William Cooper long jump; Frerichs 400 dash; Sumter Cooper 400 hurdles; Patel discus; Nether shot put; 4x800 relay (Duncan James, Lee Mims, Jackson, James Hiott).

Third Place: McLaurin 400 hurdles; Walker 110 hurdles; Alex McLeod 800 hurdle; Nether discus; Quinn Alderson high jump.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

WILSON HALL WINS

ORANGEBURG — Wilson Hall scored 234 points and rolled to an easy victory in the 7-team Orangeburg Prep Invitational on Tuesday at the OP track.

Second-place Ben Lippen had 112 points.

The Barons' Doc Walker was recognized as the high point winner. He won the 400-meter hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump.

Other individual winners for WH were Will Singleton in the 100 dash and the discus, William Cooper in the 400, Sumter Cooper in the 200 and shot put and Will Croft in the pole vault.

The 4x100 relay team of Thomas Kang, Devin Nether, Harsh Patel and Singleton won as did the 4x400 team of Alex Jackson, Wilson Frerichs, Hugh McLau-

VARSITY BASEBALL

CRESTWOOD 17 TIMBERLAND 10

Crestwood High School defeated Timberland 17-10 on Senior Night on Wednesday at CHS field.

Shane Gaymon pitched 6-plus innings to get the victory for the 3-19 Knights. He also had two hits and scored three runs.

Richard Scurry had a hit and three runs batted in, AJ Herrea had a double, an RBI and three runs, Jeremiah Scott had a hit, four RBI and two runs, Dejuan Boyd had two hits and Chris Baxley had a double and two RBI.

VARSITY TRACK

WILSON HALL SECOND

Wilson Hall finished second in a 14-team meet at Spencer Field on Wednesday.

Ben Lippen won with 149 points followed by the Barons with 103.5. Palmetto Christian had 90 and Thomas Sumter Academy 66.5 for fourth.

Laurence Manning was 10th with 21 points.

Chandler Scott was the lone winner for Wilson Hall, winning the 100 hurdles. TSA's Triston Furrow won the shot put and LMA's Grayson Gamble won the discus.

WILSON HALL

First Place: Chandler Scott 110 hurdles (17.6 seconds).

Second Place: Van Patten triple jump; Nathan Drakeford pole vault.

Third Place: William Cooper 400 hurdles; Wise Segars triple jump; Grey Holler high jump; Justin Timmons pole vault; 4x400 relay (Layton Creech, Bryce Lyles, Michael Towery, Graham Van Patten).

THOMAS SUMTER

First Place: Triston Furrow shot put (44 feet, 1 inch)

Second Place: Ed Lee discus; 4x100 relay (Daniel Brown, Solomon Brown, Zach Logsdon, Caleb Todd);

Third Place: Billy Colquitt 200 dash; Furrow discus; 4x800 relay (David Crofts, Liam Miller, Ethna Robertson, William Wright).

LAURENCE MANNING

First Place: Grayson Gamble discus (130-04).

Third Place: Gamble shot put

JV BASEBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 12 WILSON HALL 0

MANNING — Laurence Manning Academy lost to Wilson Hall 12-0 on Friday at Tucker Belangia Diamond.

Hunter Ives, Tate Sistare and Tripp Mills each had hits for WH.

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

Barons softball defeats LMA 8-6

MANNING — Wilson Hall's varsity softball team defeated Laurence Manning Academy 8-6 in eight innings on Friday at Julie Skolar Field.

The game was tied 5-5 after seven innings. WH scored three runs in the top of the eight.

Madison Elmore led the Lady Barons, who improved to 18-8 on the season, with two hits, two runs scored and two runs batted in. Drake Ives had a 2-run double, while Carly Allred had two hits and an RBI, Liza Lowder had a hit and an RBI, and Kathryn Sistare had a hit and scored twice.

Ives picked up the victory. Trinity Harrington led LMA, going 3-for-5 with two doubles and an RBI. Randi-Lynn Holcombe was 3-for-3 with a run and an RBI, Cakhi Fowler was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI and Brooke Reed scored two runs. McKenzie Truett had a double and a run, and Bre Hodge had a hit and an RBI.

THOMAS SUMTER 13 ROBERT E. LEE 9

DALZELL — Carmen Silvester had four hits and drove in five runs to lead Thomas Sumter Academy to a 13-9 victory over Robert E. Lee Academy on Thursday at the TSA field.

Among Silvester's four hits were a home run and two doubles. Josie Reed had three hits, including a double with two RBI and Cassidy Brunson had three hits and an RBI. Riley Delavan had two hits and an RBI and Lindsay Daniel had two hits.

Leading REL was Rebecca Dinkins, who was 2-for-3 with two runs and an RBI. Meg Gaskins had a hit and three RBI, Clara Kelly had a hit and two RBI, McKenzie Watts had a triple and a run and Emily Watson scored twice.

On Tuesday in North Charleston, TSA beat Northwood 13-5. Reed had three hits, including a double and a triple and two RBI. Carmen Silvester had two hits, including a homer, and four RBI. Sydney Daniel and Brunson both had two hits, each with a double, and two RBI. DeLavan had two hits, one a double, with an RBI, and Lizzie Silvester had a triple.

LAKEWOOD 19 MANNING 9

Lakewood High School de-

feated Manning 19-9 on Thursday at the LHS field.

Darby Watford led the Lady Gators with two doubles and four runs. Emily McDonald, Keeley Hulse and Grace Newman each scored three times. Hulse hit a home run and had a double, while Newman tripled.

VARSITY TRACK

WILSON HALL WINS MEET

Wilson Hall scored 142 points to win a 10-team meet on Wednesday at Spencer Field.

Following the Lady Barons was Palmetto Christian with 125.5 points, Ben Lippen with 121.5, Thomas Sumter Academy with 94, Calhoun Academy with 35 and Laurence Manning Academy with 29.5.

Picking up victories for WH were Kayla Porter in the 400-meter dash, Anne Land Welch in the discus, Chandler Patrick in the pole vault, and the 4x400 relay team of Cameron Duffy, Emily Reynolds, Gracyn Coker and Chandler Curtis.

WILSON HALL

First Place: Kayla Porter 400 dash (1 minute, 2.30 seconds); Anne Land Welch discus (76 feet, 3 inches); Chandler Patrick pole vault (06-06); 4x400 relay (Cameron Duffy, Emily Reynolds, Gracyn Coker, Chandler Curtis).

Second Place: Molly Moss 3,200 run; Porter 100 dash, 200 dash; Ivey Edwards pole vault.

Third Place: Liza Segars long jump.

THOMAS SUMTER

First Place: Carmen Silvester shot put (31-05); Taja Hunley (33-09).

Second Place: Bella Crowe 1,600 run, 800 run; Aubrey Stoddard 400 dash; Silvester discus; Hunley long jump.

Third Place: Hunley 100 hurdles; Stoddard 1,600 run, 4x100 relay; Josie Reed shot put.

LAURENCE MANNING
Second Place: 4x800 relay (Audrey Bennett, Emma Danback, Sarah Fraser, Eaddy Gamble).

VARSITY SOCCER

LAKEWOOD 1 CRESTWOOD 0

Lakewood High School clinched third place in Region VI-4A with a 1-0 win over Crestwood on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

Treasure Smalls scored the Lady Gators' goal on an assist from Monet Reevey.

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FLORENCE — Sumter High School lost to South Florence 5-1 on Friday at the SF field.

Penelope Moore scored the Lady Gamecocks' goal.

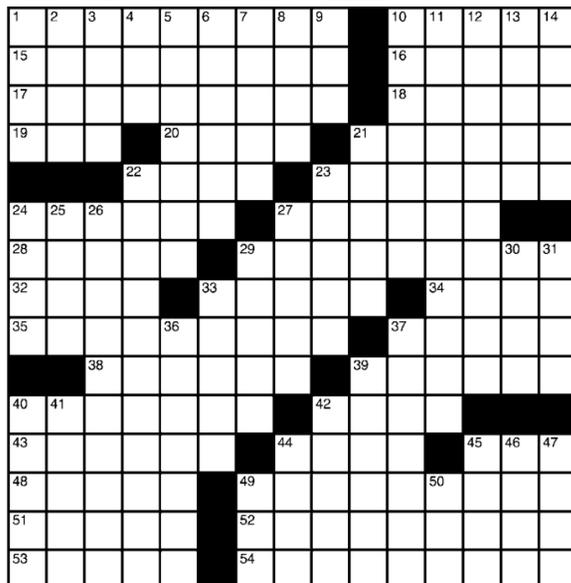
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SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Daniel Nierenberg

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ACROSS

1 Classic dramatic device

10 Demonstration of power, perhaps

15 Winter carnival attraction

16 Mythical myrtle-and-roses wreath wearer

17 Updated "What a shame!"

18 Cane-carrying Mr.

19 Country E of Cyprus

20 Marsh growth

21 Beauty aisle brand

22 Virus eponym

23 Assigns new rankings to

24 Narrow types

27 Caravan components

28 Parting word

29 1848 classic song about an Alabama-to-Louisiana traveler

32 Court pros

33 Lingerie specifications

34 Hair products

35 Uris WWII novel

37 Harass

38 "Help me out, bro"

39 Nissan compact

40 Actor's dream

42 Cleverly planned, as a trick

43 Warn, in a way

44 Territory with a palm tree in its seal

45 Onetime JFK arrival

48 Like some casks

49 Fate of Peter's father, in kiddie lit

51 Sections

52 Dell gaming brand

53 Barista's offering

54 Intimidating psychological tactics

DOWN

1 Makes sense

2 Hurting

3 Run like the wind

4 Liable

5 Research subjects

6 Message disseminators

7 Not as punctual

8 Justified serious studying for

9 Former NFL receiver

10 Sinestro and Professor Zoom, in their respective universes

11 Tour coordinator

12 Home on a high cliff, perhaps

13 Rose

14 18-Across and others

21 Important player in the founding-of-Rome story

22 Child-raising technique?

23 Rough-sounding

24 Wire sticker

25 What a raised index finger may indicate

26 Present often mailed

27 Lout

29 "Law of parsimony" philosopher

30 Brewer, e.g., briefly

31 Cinema pooch

33 Waiting room site

36 Matisse work featuring hand-holding

37 Wearing a grin

39 Skate home

40 Skimboarding hazard

41 Top prom wear?

42 Abu Simbel's region

44 Severe blow

45 Filter target

46 "Game of Thrones" address

47 Screen-printing targets

49 Sound from a fan

50 Lindbergh Line airline

Previous Puzzle Solved

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
 By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app



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

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: STASH WHINE IODINE MANAGE
 Answer: "Victory" and "victory" are — "WON" AND THE SAME

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.

DORIS G. HAEDRICH

Doris Carmella Gennett Haedrich, age 83, passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at her residence.

Doris was born on June 13, 1934, in Lynbrook, New York, a daughter of the late John and Madeline Berton Gennett.

**HAEDRICH**

She was known as "Grammie Doe" or "Big D" to those who knew and loved her. A wonderful cook and homemaker, she also helped care for other people's

children. She had a laugh that was unmistakable, a mischievous sparkle in her eye and a smile that lit up a room. She loved jazz and old movies and was always there to help a friend in need. She ran a tight ship in her house and her yard and other people's yards who didn't know they needed help. She loved her cat, Sugar, and had a soft spot for all animals. She grew up in Hempstead, New York, lived in Japan, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Greenville and Charleston before settling in Sumter 54 years ago to raise her four daughters.

She is survived by her four daughters, Linda Thomas and Pamela Headrich, both of Sumter, Laura Mayes and her husband, John, of Vine Grove, Kentucky, and Madeline Haedrich and her wife, Peggy Pringels, of Panama City Beach, Florida; five grandchildren, Michael Mayes of Vine Grove, Kentucky, Ashley Thomas of Columbia, Kevin Thomas and his wife, Allison, of Sumter, Mathew Thomas and his wife, Tolly, of Fort Worth, Texas, and Jaron Smith and his wife, Victoria, of McDonough, Georgia; and three great-grandchildren, Alana Thomas of Sumter, and Bonnie Thomas and Presley Thomas, both of Fort Worth. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three brothers, John Gennett, Richard Gennett and Peter Gennett; and one half brother, Ron Berton.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday in Bullock Funeral Home Chapel.

Memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Donor Services, P.O. Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309 or Alzheimer's Association Mid-State S.C. Chapter, P.O. Box 7044, Columbia, SC 29202-7044.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter for the arrangements.

**MARY LEE J. SMITH**

Mary Lee Johnson Smith, widow of William Smith Sr., was born on Dec. 4, 1947, in Wedgefield, a daughter of the late Jackson and Evelyn

**SMITH**

Johnson. She departed this life peacefully on April 17, 2018, at her home in Sumter County, surrounded by her loved ones.

Mary attended the public schools in Sumter County. She later married the love of her life, William Smith, and served as a housewife up until the time of his unexpected death. Mary continued on as a single mom, and her greatest joy in life was taking care of her four beloved sons and making sure they were well provided for. Mary was a hard worker and enjoyed helping others in her community. She never complained or said no when asked to pitch in and help with a task. She enjoyed life to the fullest and was very passionate about gardening, cooking and cleaning. Mary also enjoyed laughing and talking on the phone with her sisters and three sisters-in-law.

We will never forget her kindness, her gentleness and the love that she shared with us all.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished by her three sons, William Smith Jr. and Carl Smith, both of the home,

and David Smith of Sumter; four sisters, Marie Gray of Plainfield, Connecticut, Daisy (Cornelius) Clay of New London, Connecticut, Irene (Pelzer) Goodwater of Holly Hill and Gennett (Lawrence) Singleton of Sumter; three brothers, Robert Lee Johnson of New London, Michael (Carol) Johnson of Glasgow, Kentucky, and Booker T. Johnson of Sumter; four sisters-in-law, Matilda Smith, Mary Lou (Frank) Maple, Mary E. Smith and Betty Council of Sumter; four grandchildren, Jermaine Hilton, Davyanna Smith, Cherele Smith and Angel Smith of Sumter; seven great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rickey Lee Smith; and a sister, Gladys Knox.

Public viewing will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

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

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday at Wayman Chapel AME Church, 160 N. Kings Highway, Sumter, with the Rev. Charlie Howard officiating and the Rev. Dr. Dennis Broughton Jr., eulogist.

Interment will follow at Wayman Chapel Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at 1045 Mayfield Drive, Sumter, SC 29154.

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.

JAMES TAYLOR

DULUTH, Ga. — James Taylor, 52, was born March 16, 1966, in Soesterberg, Netherlands, to Lee Ernest and Ida Dwyer Taylor Sr.

He departed this life on Thursday, April 19, 2018, in Duluth, Georgia.

James leaves to cherish his memory two sons, Shawndell Brewer Jr. and Kenton Wright; daughter, Breanna Taylor; his parents, Lee and Ida Taylor Sr.; four grandchildren; two sisters, Sonja Lucas and Erica Taylor; brother, Lee Taylor Jr.; a special companion, Chereese Cooper; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. from Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike East in Sumter, with Rev. Dr. Aurelia Hill, pastor, and Minister Cheray James, officiating. Interment will follow in Walker Davis Cemetery.

A public viewing will be held on Monday from 2 to 6 p.m. at the mortuary.

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

The family is receiving friends at 202 Cuttino Road in Sumter.

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

CONSTANCE M. LAREAU

CHARLESTON — Constance Mathurin Lareau died peacefully, Friday, April 20, 2018. She was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and a good friend to many.

She was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, to the late

Oliva Mathurin and Eva Schnadd Mathurin on Dec. 30, 1924, and married Alain Lareau in 1943. She was his beloved wife, and together they had eight children.

The family moved to Sumter in 1957, where they made their home for more than 60 years. Connie was an active member of St. Anne's Catholic Church.

As a mother, she gave several incredible gifts to her children. First, she let them be "children." She let them (made them) play outdoors. They now know that being relegated to the wild swamp lands of their backyard in Sumter was one of the most

clever ways that she kept her sanity with "the children." While her children were forced outside in all kinds of inclement weather, they soon learned to love and respect nature.

Another gift that is closely connected to nature is the love of water. Connie was afraid of water and never learned to swim, but she never let her children know about her fear. Her gift was not imparting fear to her children, but rather letting them revel in this glorious part of nature while she sat on the shore counting heads and praying!

The other gift Connie gave her children was the gift of reading. Every week she would load all the children in the non-air-conditioned Chevy station wagon and drive them to Sumter Carnegie Library. They loved it, but the matronly librarians dreaded the onslaught of eight happy, energetic children. The children did not dare lose any book because that meant not going to the library for a whole week!

Another gift was the gift of art. Connie was a very fine painter. She enjoyed oils, and many of her children have continued to develop their artistic gift. Lastly, Connie enjoyed cooking and baking for them! She made the best homemade bread from scratch. She was known for making pancakes, French toast, fried eggs and bacon, or homemade doughnuts. She was also smart enough to realize when life was too hectic, cold cereal would suffice.

Connie is survived by seven children; four sons, Alain H. Lareau Jr. of Bishopville, Noel E. Lareau and his wife, Carol, of Asheville, North Carolina, Blaise S. Lareau and his wife, Ashley, of Sumter and Neil W. Lareau and his wife, Dianne, of Duluth, Georgia; three daughters, Leslie A. DeWitt of Mt. Pleasant, Sister Donna F. Lareau of Charleston and Paula A. Lareau of Greenville.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in by her husband, Alain H. Lareau, and her daughter, Jane Lareau.

A mass of Christian burial will be held on Monday at St. Anne's Catholic with Fr. Giovannie Nunez, CRM officiating. A private family burial will follow in the St. Lawrence Cemetery.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**LINDA C. WELCH**

GEORGETOWN — Linda Gail Cooper Welch, 64, passed away on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at her son's home.

Born on Oct. 1, 1953, in Conway, she was a daughter of Lucille Larrimore Cooper and the late McNeal Cooper. Faith in Jesus Christ was the most important part of Ms. Welch's life. She was a soldier for Christ and always let her light shine as a witness to others. Ms. Welch enjoyed cooking, sharing her biscuits and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her mother of Conway; three children, Bruce Richardson of Georgetown, Stephanie Hebard (Chad) of Lake Worth, Florida, and Brian Welch (Susan) of Georgetown; seven grandchildren, Ricky Richardson, Brandon Richardson, Kayla McCray, Savannah McCray, Carleigh Hebard, Allison Welch and Stella Welch; one great-grandchild; one sister, Debra Jean Feagin (Tony) of Conway; two brothers, Ronnie Cooper (Karen) of Sumter and Randy Cooper (Darlene) of Ladson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, McNeal Cooper Jr. and Ricky Earl Cooper.

Services will be private. Memorials may be made to Tidelands Community Hospice, 2591 N. Fraser St., Georgetown SC 29440 or to Tidelands Health Foundation, P.O. Box 1269, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576.

Online condolences may be

left at www.ridgewayfh.com

Ridgeway Funeral Home of Georgetown is in charge of the arrangements, (843) 485-4242.

JANE P. BROWN

Jane Olivia Perry Brown, 73, wife of Monroe Newton Brown, was promoted to glory on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at her residence.

Born in Bradenton, Florida, she was a daughter of the late William Alfred Perry and Jane Mulbarger Perry. Jane worked as a registered nurse until becoming an officer with The Salvation Army, where she remained for more than 25 years, until her retirement.

Surviving in addition to her husband are five daughters, Jayne May of Kingsport, Tennessee, Elizabeth Paye of Orange City, Florida, Debbie Patterson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Christine Wright of Park Hill, Oklahoma, and Kim Willis of Claremore, Oklahoma; 14 grandchildren, Jessica, Michael, Donald, William, Emma, Graeme, Shelby, Tyler, Ashley, Maeghan, Mitchell, Tucker, Jessica and Daniel; nine great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Sharyn Hoosier of Atlanta, Ethel Phillips of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and Cindy Quinn of Loxahatchee, Florida.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Westview Cemetery, 1680 Westview Drive SW, Atlanta, GA 29033.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, P.O. Box 2229, Sumter, SC 29151.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

**L. STORM BAILEY**

COLUMBIA — L. Storm Bailey, 86, of Columbia, passed away on April 18, 2018, at his home.

Storm is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty McClintock Bailey; one son, Storm M. Bailey and his wife, Erin, of Decorah, Iowa; two daughters, Betye L. Bailey of St. Louis and Laurie B. Kilarski of Decorah; one brother, Michael Bailey of Marietta, Georgia; one sister, Sabra Cooper of Kennesaw, Georgia; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Eric S. Bailey.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at Greenlawn Memorial Park. Interment will follow.

Family and friends may sign the online guest book at www.thompsonsfuneral.com

REVEDELL SIMMONS

Revedell Simmons, 90, widow of Roosevelt Simmons, died on Thursday, April 19, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Nov. 29, 1927, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Jessie Frierson Sr. and Mary Alston Frierson.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at her home, 5650 Alcott Drive, Wedgefield.

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

EVELYN L. ATKINSON

DARLINGTON — Evelyn Logan Atkinson, 93, formerly of Elliott, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 20, 2018.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Wells Cemetery in Lynchburg. The family will speak to those attending after the service.

Mrs. Atkinson was born in Lynchburg, a daughter of the late Jessie James and Eda Wilson Logan. Evelyn worked with the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Service before retiring. She was a member of Elliott Baptist Church, where she was the church organist for more than 60 years.

She was married to the late H.W. "Dick" Atkinson. Surviving are extended

family; sisters-in-law, Dixie Logan and Edna Earle Logan; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Steven Wade Atkinson; and three brothers, Clinton, Otis and Ira "Buck" Logan.

Memorials may be made to Elliott Baptist Church.

You are invited to sign the guestbook at www.laytonandersonfh.com

Layton-Anderson Funeral Home, 4210 W. Palmetto St., Florence, is assisting with arrangements.

ROSA M. WITHERSPOON

Rosa Mae Witherspoon was born on Nov. 27, 1936, in Pinewood to the late Frankie and Sarah Billie Shaw. She was raised by the late Thomas Fannie Brown along with their children. She was the wife of Jessie Witherspoon of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Rosa departed her earthly journey on Friday, April 13, 2018, in the Peak Center Nursing Home in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Rosa Mae leaves to cherish her memories her husband, Jessie Witherspoon of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; one loving son of the home, George Witherspoon of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one brother, Robert Brown of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; three sisters: Victoria Gallishaw of Dalzell and Martha Gregg and Virginia Kind, both of Sumter; two sisters-in-law, Mary Billie of Wilton, North Carolina, and Jametta Brown of Sumter; and a special cousin, Mary Mellette.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Charlie Billie, Jimmie Lee Thomas and Junior Brown; and sisters, Rosa Lee Burch, Hattie Dwyer, Lillie Mae McFadden-Haynesworth and Fannie Times.

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

Mrs. Witherspoon will be placed in the church on Tuesday at noon for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at Beulah UME Church, 2380 S. St. Pauls Church Road Sumter, SC, with Rev. Jonathan Smith officiating.

Interment will follow in Beulah Haynesworth Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at the home of her sister, Martha Gregg, 223 W. Williams St., Sumter, SC after 11 a.m. daily.

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

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

WILLIE L. SAMUEL

MANNING — Willie "Bill" Lee Samuel, 73, husband of Pamela Grant Samuel, died Monday, April 16, 2018. He was born Aug. 3, 1944, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a son of the late James Samuel Sr. and Bertha Pringle Samuel.

Funeral services for Mr. Samuel will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday at Mt. Pisgah AME Church, 217 W. Bartlette St., Sumter, with the Rev. Laddie N. Howard officiating and Pastor Robert R. Cale assisting. Burial will follow in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia.

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

GENEVA A. SCARBOROUGH

BISHOPVILLE — Geneva A. Scarborough, 78, widow of Jessie Scarborough, passed on Friday, April 20, 2018, at McLeod Regional Hospital, Florence.

Born in Lee County, she was the daughter of Marion and Louise Durant Anderson.

The family is receiving friends and relatives at the home, 98 China Hill Road, Bishopville.

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

PLAYOFFS FROM PAGE B5

"We're not the kind of team that's going to play with a lot of separation," said Shumake, whose squad went 7-3 in region play. "We've been able to play with a lot of poise, with a lot of maturity in close games. That's why we were able to win three games in the eighth inning in region."

"Usually when you're in the district games, they're going to be tight games," he added. "That's where we feel like we have an advantage."

Lakewood finished with a 6-2 record in Region VI and is 15-6. While Flora has a rich history, it finished third in Region V and doesn't appear to be as formidable as in years past.

That has no bearing on the approach to the game by Gators head coach Bill DeLavan.

"It's going to be tough," DeLavan said. "I went and saw them play last week, and they're very good. We're going to have our hands full."

We've got to go out and play well against them."

LHS will go with ace right-hander Lathan Todd on the mound.

"You think about maybe holding him for the next game, but you've got to run him out there for that first game," DeLavan said of Todd. "You've got to win that first one, and if you pitch him in that he'll be ready earlier for another game."

Manning will begin play in the District V tournament of the 3A playoffs on Tuesday as well. The Monarchs, who finished third in Region VII, will travel to Bluffton, the No. 2 from Region VIII, for a 6:30 p.m. contest.

The other game in the district will have Lake City at Strom Thurmond.

East Clarendon won the Region VII-1A title and is in the District VII tournament. The Wolverines receive a first-round bye and won't play until Thursday.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Pitcher Lathan Todd and the rest of the Lakewood Gators will play host to A.C. Flora on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in their opening game of the 4A state playoffs.

PRO BASKETBALL

76ers take control, top Heat 106-102 for 3-1 series

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Ben Simmons and Joel Embiid certainly aren't acting like playoff first-timers, and JJ Redick provided the veteran leadership that Philadelphia so desperately needed.

The 76ers might very well be the NBA's team of the future.

And that future might be starting sooner than many envisioned.

Simmons was the first rookie to since Magic Johnson in 1980 to have a playoff triple-double, Redick led Philadelphia with 24 points and the 76ers moved one win from the second round by topping the Miami Heat 106-102 on Saturday to take a 3-1 lead in their Eastern Conference first-round series.

"I'm shocked that we won this game," 76ers coach Brett Brown said. "We really didn't have a right to win the game."

Here's why he said that: His team turned the ball over 27 times, shot 7 for 31 from 3-point range and trailed by 12 late in the third quarter in an extremely hostile environment against a desperate opponent.

Despite it all, the 76ers were unfazed.

Philadelphia turned a 10-point deficit into a seven-point lead with a 19-2 run that ended midway through the fourth

quarter, then absorbed the best shot Dwyane Wade could throw at the 76ers in the final minutes before heading home with a chance to close the Heat out in Game 5 on Tuesday.

Wade led all scorers with 25 points off the Heat bench, 12 of them coming in the fourth. But it wasn't enough.

"They don't let you off the hook," Wade said, tipping his cap to the 76ers. "You make one mistake, or you take your foot off the gas for one second, they make you pay."

Wade doesn't have a contract for next season. He's said if he plays, he'll be back with Miami — though there's no guarantees.

And that means Saturday might have been his last home game in a Heat uniform. If he knows what the future holds, he didn't offer any hints.

"I'm focused on the next game, trying to win that one," Wade said.

Simmons became the first rookie since Magic Johnson in 1980 to post a playoff triple-double — 17 points, 13 rebounds, 10 assists. Joel Embiid finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds for Philadelphia.

"We took care of business," Embiid said.

Wade carried the comeback effort, with the Heat down six and less than 2

minutes left. His three-point play cut the margin in half and his next two field goals got Miami within one each time.

The Heat got no closer.

Goran Dragic scored 20, James Johnson had 15 and Hassan Whiteside finished with 13 points and 13 rebounds for Miami, which now needs to pull off some history. The Heat have erased a 3-1 deficit only once, in 1997 against New York.

"We all feel that we're this close," said Heat coach Erik Spoelstra, holding his thumb and index finger maybe a millimeter apart. "That's what makes this game tough. They made bigger plays than us in the fourth quarter."

Miami held slim leads at the half — 2-0 in players who went to the locker room injured, 4-0 in stitches received, 61-56 on the scoreboard.

A wild scene was the story of the second quarter. Philadelphia's Dario Saric was driving from the right wing and had his dribble knocked away by Justise Winslow, and four players wound up on the floor as they went for the loose ball. Josh Richardson took the worst of it, getting slammed into by Embiid. Richardson stayed down for more than a minute, eventually getting helped to his feet and to the Miami locker room. Hardly anyone noticed.

All eyes were on the other end, where Dragic was shoved to the floor by Robert Covington. James Johnson — a black belt and MMA fighter — took exception and went toward Covington, so Simmons came in for a few words.

"He was protecting his guy," Covington said of Johnson.

"Physical, competitive basketball," Spoelstra called it all.

The 76ers kept hitting Miami in the second half too, albeit on the scoreboard. And now Tuesday awaits, with Philadelphia — coming off a Super Bowl title and Villanova's NCAA crown — on the brink of another celebration.

"We've got to finish it," Simmons said.

TIP-INS

76ers: Embiid went out for a play in the fourth quarter without his mask, drawing a foul, then getting the mask back on. ... Philadelphia finished with 27 turnovers, 17 of those in the first half — after not having more than 14 in any of the first three games of the series.

Heat: Winslow needed four stitches and Richardson bruised his left shoulder in the second-quarter physicality. ... Richardson had a Heat playoff record seven steals. ... Miami started 1 for 6 from the foul line, and finished 13 for 25.

WILSON HALL FROM PAGE B1

"He (Osteen) did really well," said Coach Hatfield, whose team stands at 13-4 overall and 5-0 in the region with three games scheduled for next week. "He kept his pitch count down, threw well. He had that one rough inning where the breaks didn't necessarily go our way, but they got a leadoff double, and that was huge. He had a long inning that inning, and I had an idea of what I wanted to do, but Braydon did very well."

The game started out as a pitcher's duel between Epps and Osteen, with both not allowing a hit through the first two innings. The only baserunner during that time came on an Epps walk to Riley Nettles to open the second before Epps rallied to retire the next three batters in order.

The Swampcats broke through in the bottom of the third as Boyd took an Epps pitch to right for the game's first hit. Brunson then

reached on an infield error ahead of a Lee single to left that loaded the bases. Osteen and Morgan Morris followed with sacrifice flies to bring home Boyd and Brunson for a 2-0 LMA lead.

The Swampcats added a third run in the fourth as Nettles singled up the middle and took second on a Jake Jordan single. Both runners moved up 90 feet on an Epps balk and Nettles would come home on another sac fly, this one from the bat of Dawson Hatfield.

"Osteen threw the ball well.

He's a senior, been a top pitcher for them for years. It really took us a little while to get going, to put the ball in play and have good at-bats," Jarecki said. "I'm just proud of my guys' effort. I knew that we were going to play hard, and we always do against this bunch. If we can get that kind of effort and play that way, I feel good about what we can do in the playoffs."

With weather concerns for both Monday and Tuesday of next week, the Swampcats are scheduled to close out region play Monday at Orangeburg

Prep, play First Baptist at home for Senior Night on Tuesday and head to Columbia to face Cardinal Newman on Wednesday.

"The weather doesn't look good for the first part of the week," Hatfield said. "We won't push anything past Wednesday, because the playoffs open on (the next) Monday. This group of seniors, they've got an unbelievable record here at the school from the time they started B team until now. I'm going to honor them Senior Night. That's going to happen."

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Blue Jays manager John Gibbons unsuccessfully argued with plate umpire Will Little that Maile had possession.

Rookie Miguel Andujar added a three-run double and Judge capped the inning with an RBI single.

Montgomery (2-0) pitched six innings and allowed one run on four hits. He worked around three walks, and allowed the leadoff hitter on base in three consecutive innings.

Toronto loaded the bases in the third with one out before Montgomery was able to escape the jam with a strikeout and a popup.

Montgomery and two relievers combined to retire the last 15 Blue Jays batters.

Stroman, a prep star from Long Island, saw his ERA jump to 8.55. Six of the eight runs he surrendered in 5 1/3 innings were earned.

Steve Pearce singled home Randal Grichuk in the fifth. Grichuk was walked twice by Montgomery despite beginning the game with an .088 batting average.

FASTER AND FASTER

Judge's home run was his 62nd in his 201st game, making him the fastest player to reach 62 home runs in major league history. He surpassed Mark McGwire, who did it in 205 games.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Blue Jays: 2B Devon Travis ran on the

field prior to the game for the first time since fouling a ball off his left foot Thursday night. Gibbons said Travis was feeling better and would be given one more day off. ... C Russell Martin was given the day off after catching Friday night. Gibbons also opted to give 1B Justin Smoak a day off.

Yankees: Placed reliever Adam Warren on the 10-day disabled list with a right back strain and recalled right-hander Jonathan Holder from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Holder pitched two perfect innings and struck out two. ... C Gary Sanchez was given the day off after catching Friday night's game. Manager Aaron Boone said he is OK after getting hit with a foul tip behind the plate. ... A decision on activating INF Brandon Drury from the disabled list, possibly as early as next week, is really close, Boone said. Drury has been on the 10-day DL since April 7 with severe migraines and blurred vision. He said before the game that he's seeing improvement with his symptoms.

UP NEXT

Blue Jays: LHP Jaime Garcia (2-0, 3.86) starts Sunday as Toronto tries to split the four-game series.

Yankees: RHP Luis Severino (3-1, 2.63) starts on extended five days' rest due to an off day Wednesday.

More AP baseball: <https://apnews.com/tag/MLBbaseball>

OBITUARIES

DOROTHY O. THOMPSON

FLORENCE — On Sunday, April 8, 2018, Dorothy Owens Thompson, widow of the late Elder James Albert Thompson, exchanged time for eternity at the McLeod Hospice House in Florence.

Born on April 26, 1936, in the Bloomville community of Manning, she was a daughter of the late Cleveland and Josephine Ragin Owens Sr.

Service of remembrance will take place today at 1:30 p.m. from the Words of Victory Outreach Ministries, 308 Dyson St. in Manning, where Pastor Michael Abraham shall bring word of hope. The service of committal will follow in the Thompson family plot located in the Scarborough Cemetery, Manning.

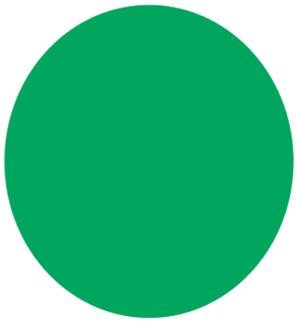
The family is receiving relatives and friends at the residence, 2109 Mallette Road, in the Sugar Hill community of Manning. Fleming & DeLaine Fu-

neral Home and Chapel is in charge of these services. Online condolences for the family may be sent to www.flemingdelaine.com or flemingdelaine@aol.com.

WILEY J. RUFUS SR.

Mr. Wiley James Rufus Sr. entered eternal rest on Monday, April 16, 2018, at Palmetto Health Richland in Columbia. The family is receiving friends at the residence, 337 Fat Back Road in Dalzell. Visitation will be held on Monday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at the Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church in the Woodrow community in Sumter, with the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Friendly J. Gadson, officiating. Interment will follow in the Mt. Olive Memorial Garden.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.



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ATTITUDES ABOUT THE GIG ECONOMY

In a survey of workers participating in the “gig economy,” T. Rowe Price found that

- 78% say they are more involved in their personal finances
- 39% report checking their accounts more regularly
- 32% focus more on their bills
- 23% are more “hands on” with their investment accounts

ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

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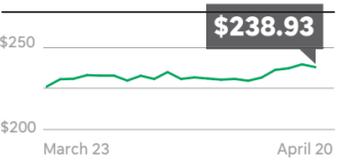
The e-commerce company said it now has more than 100 million paid Prime subscribers, which tops Costco Wholesale’s 90 million members.



DOMINO'S PIZZA



The pizza chain says it will now deliver to beaches, parks and other outdoor spots, about 150,000 outdoor locations.



TESLA



The electric-car maker halted its Model 3 sedan production to improve automation.

CEO Elon Musk laid out measures that will boost production later.



BEST BUY



The electronics retailer is teaming with Amazon and will exclusively sell 11 smart Fire TVs, which will be paired with the Echo personal assistant.



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On average, getting cited for texting and driving adds

16%

to the cost of your annual auto insurance policy.

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To boost portfolio, you may just need confidence

Delays on financial moves may not be a money problem



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Adam Shell
USA TODAY

Too little cash. Don't know what I'm doing. Not the right time.

These often-cited excuses for postponing key financial decisions — such as saving for retirement — may be more myth than fact, according to new research from Principal Financial Group and behavioral economist Dan Goldstein and obtained exclusively by USA TODAY.

Putting off action that will boost your financial well-being is not about a lack of money or abundance of debt. It's more about a lack of confidence in money matters and not having the right mind-set, the study found.

Seven in 10 Americans postpone making financial decisions at least sometimes, the study found. Perhaps more startling: 56% of the 1,400 adults surveyed had not made a big money-related decision — making a large pur-

“The only thing holding you back is you.”

Jerry Patterson
Senior vice president, Principal Financial Group

chase (a home), opening an investment account or moving money around in a 401(k) — in the past three years.

But what's behind the “I'll get to it another day” mentality may surprise you. “The only thing holding you back is you,” said Jerry Patterson, senior vice president of retirement and income solutions at Principal Financial Group.

For example, while 60% of the respondents said their current income is the biggest reason why they don't pull the trigger on financial decisions, Principal's research showed that current finances or lack of money *do not* play a significant role in procrastination.

Indeed, 23% of high-income households (those earning more than \$150,000 a year) were part of the group that postponed financial decisions. And only 55% said they would feel confident planning for their retirement.

What's more, the research noted that it only takes a modest income — say \$40,000 — for people to begin to feel comfortable enough to make decisions that will affect their long-term savings.

So what, then, exactly is to blame for the inaction? “A lack of knowledge and confidence related to investing,” Patterson said.

A lack of financial literacy holds people back the most. The study found that just 30% of Americans felt comfortable with their knowledge level needed to manage their finances.

Getting over the intimidation of investing isn't as hard as it sounds. Seek help from a financial adviser. Think twice about blowing things off. Seek knowledge on the Internet.

Afraid to commit? Subscribe instead

Philip Reed
NerdWallet

If you'd like to be able to switch cars depending on your needs, and even your moods, then you might want to subscribe to your next car.

Car subscription services offer a simple and flexible alternative to buying or leasing a car — you get a car commitment-free, for one monthly fee, and you can often swap it out for a different ride in days. You can even skip the haggling at the dealership and manage your plan on your computer or smartphone and have your wheels delivered to your door.

“This seems to be what people have been asking for all along — a negotiation-free way of driving a car,” says Matt Jones, a senior consumer advice editor at Edmunds. “And there's no fear of buyer's remorse — if you don't



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like the car, jettison it and get something else.”

Manufacturers such as Cadillac, Ford, Volvo and Porsche offer subscriptions to their cars, while companies such as Fair, Flexdrive, Clutch and Carma allow members to drive a variety of makes and models. Generally, subscribers pay an upfront fee. Then the car pay-

ment, insurance, maintenance and, in many cases, roadside assistance are bundled into one monthly fee.

Subscribers to Book by Cadillac can hop between different models of Cadillacs up to 18 times a year for \$1,800 per month. With Ford's service, Canvas, monthly subscription fees for pre-owned Ford vehicles start at around \$400, depending on your vehicle and mileage. Fair subscriptions start at \$235 a month, according to Edmunds.

Many subscriptions can be for as short as a month.

Though car subscription services address today's desire for simplicity, it's difficult to say whether they're more expensive than buying or leasing.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow Jones industrial average ▲0.4% week ▼0.9% month ▼6.2% 3 months	S&P 500 ▲0.5% week ▼1.5% month ▼5.0% 3 months	Nasdaq composite index ▲0.6% week ▼2.7% month ▼2.6% 3 months	Wilshire 5000 ▲0.8% week ▼1.4% month ▼4.7% 3 months	Gold Ounce, Comex ▼0.6% week ▲1.2% month ▲0.3% 3 months	Oil Light sweet crude ▲1.3% week ▲4.7% month ▲7.7% 3 months	Euro Dollars per euro ▼0.0051 week ▼0.0049 month ▲0.0049 3 months	Yen Yen per dollar ▲0.19 week ▲1.50 month ▼3.00 3 months
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Artful landscaping can boost home value

Right moves will make it appeal to you or a buyer

Beth Buczynski
NerdWallet

When designing his current home, Andre Kim knew he wanted a garden.

Not just a few herbs or tomato plants, but a permanent feature that could change his family's diet and help them all feel more connected to the land.

Kim, a real estate developer from Los Angeles, found Farmscape, an urban farming company in California, and hired the team to design his dream garden.

Three years later, Kim's family can't imagine life without their four raised beds full of organic vegetables. Each week, the garden is meticulously seeded, pruned and weeded by a Farmscape farmer. Over the two growing seasons each year, the family harvests more than a dozen crops.

Kim says the garden has significantly increased the time he spends outside and is easily the landscaping feature his family enjoys most. "All around, one of the best things we could have done for this house," he says.

But will that beautiful garden lead to a better price when it's time to sell the home?



It's not hard or expensive to keep landscaping well maintained, but it is important. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Landscaping and resale value

When landscaping is really dialed in — like the gorgeous backyards you see in Home Depot commercials — people will definitely pay for it, says Ryan Lundquist, a certified residential appraiser in Sacramento.

Don't aim for a 100% return on your landscape investment, though. Making sure your house stands out in the crowd is a more realistic goal.

Landscaping can enhance marketability, and homes with attractive yards are likely to sell faster than those without, says Jim Murrett, president of the Appraisal Institute. The key is choosing updates that make sense for your area.

Demand for local produce is high in Southern California, according to Kim, and real estate brokers have said the garden adds to his home value.

Mark Gochman and Tamara Rothenberg, who also worked with Farmscape and installed an expansive, terraced garden on their Los Angeles property,

have received similar feedback: "We're planning to rent out our home ... and the Realtors we consulted all cited the farm as a big selling point for potential renters," they said in an email.

Understand your market

While urban farms may appeal to Californians, other outdoor improvements may be more desirable in your market. Use these tips to prioritize projects that scream "added value" where you are.

■ **Think about maintenance.** Will watering that giant garden be easy and affordable? Will the humid climate have you refinishing that wood deck year after year? Considering upkeep in advance can help avoid an unnecessary burden — on you and your home's future owner.

■ **Clean, then customize.** Unkempt landscaping can damage a home's ap-

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pearance and make buyers worry about what they might find inside, Murrett says. Pruning or trimming doesn't require much money or effort, but it gives new life to an overgrown yard.

■ **Keep it tasteful.** Visit open houses in your area to discover the latest landscaping trends. If you plan to sell in the next year or two, avoid features that may not appeal to the average buyer. But if you plan to stay awhile, don't be afraid

to customize landscaping to your lifestyle.

■ **Focus on space and comfort.** Designs that create outdoor entertainment space or add shade often have the biggest impact on home value because people can envision themselves spending time there, Lundquist says.

■ **Let the market be your guide.** In a well-manicured neighborhood, great landscaping is expected, so don't bank on a big reward. Spending top dollar on landscaping in an area with lower-value homes doesn't make sense either, Murrett says. It's "going to stick out like a sore thumb."

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Q&A: RETIREMENT

Filing for bankruptcy may or may not be lifeline out of debt



Robert Powell
Columnist
USA TODAY

Question: I am 63, single, have no dependents and am upside down on my house, which is a money pit. I have a \$2,500 car loan, a \$168,000 mortgage and \$50,000 in credit card debt. My monthly retirement income is \$4,100.

I'm thinking about filing for bankruptcy, and went to a bankruptcy attorney who advised that strategy. I was not raised to overspend, but I've had issues and yes, I have at times lived beyond my means. If I file for bankruptcy, I know it will affect my credit score, but does that really matter that much at my age? I've always paid bills on time and have had good credit in the past. So when I was told to stop payments, I felt my pride kicking in. I've talked to various people and most tell me not to do a bankruptcy. — M.R.

Powell: You are appropriately cautious, says Willa Williams, an accredited financial counselor with Trinity Financial Coaching.

"Although filing bankruptcy can be beneficial to some, it is not the financial remedy for everyone," she says. "Whether or not to file is very personal and individual and should not be done without proper due diligence."

The recommendations received when investigating a bankruptcy are, at times, driven by who is giving the advice, says Williams.

"Those who don't understand the process may tell you to avoid it, bankruptcy professionals may suggest that it is the way to go, and those who have been through the process may say 'never again' or 'yes, it worked for me,'" she says.

Before making any decisions, she says to consider these questions and then to talk through your thoughts with an accredited financial counselor:

■ Is the bankruptcy to get yourself back on track financially?

■ Is it because you can't see yourself ever paying off the debt?

■ Are you trying to cut your losses before they get even bigger?

■ Are you considering the bankruptcy because a loss of job or medical problems have prevented you from working?

■ Did you get sick and now can't pay the medical bills?

"Identify the thing or things that prompt you to consider filing and see how else they may be resolved," says Williams, adding that a financial counselor can explain potential solutions that don't involve bankruptcy.

If you do decide to file, factor in the attorney costs, which Williams says can be several thousand dollars. "If you file you should use a professional bankruptcy attorney to help you navigate the process," she says. "It is not recommended to try to do it on your own."

Williams also notes that not all debt will be wiped out with a bankruptcy. For instance, she says, secured debt is handled differently from unsecured debt. And there are some types of debt that are not dischargeable, no matter the type of bankruptcy you file.



When figuring out how to get out of debt, consider what life circumstances put you there first. GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

"How a house and car are handled in the process may be different from how credit card debt or personal loans are handled," she says.

A typical bankruptcy filing will remain on your credit report for seven to 10 years. In turn, "your access to credit, jobs and housing — renting and ownership — may be impacted," she says.

Williams doesn't believe your age is a major factor in a decision whether to file, but it could be important if the home is sold or lost and you need to find other living arrangements. "Management companies may not look favorably on someone who has a bankruptcy on their credit report as a tenant," she says.

Bottom line: Williams recommends that you meet with an accredited financial counselor to talk things through.

Q: Will Roth IRAs and traditional IRAs count as assets to determine financial eligibility for Medicaid? — S.B.

Powell: Unfortunately, that depends on the state, says Harry Margolis, the founder of legal information website ElderLawAnswers, as well as the founder of Margolis & Bloom, a law firm specializing in elder law issues.

According to the Administration on Aging, the assets that typically count for eligibility include:

- Checking and savings accounts.
- Stocks and bonds.
- Certificates of deposit.
- Real property other than your primary residence.
- Additional motor vehicles if you have more than one.

And, assets that do not get counted generally include the following:

- Your primary residence.
- Personal property and household belongings.
- One motor vehicle.
- Life insurance with a face value of less than \$1,500.
- Up to \$1,500 in funds set aside for burial.

■ Certain burial arrangements such as pre-need burial agreements

"This stuff can be complicated and affected by local rules," says Margolis. "Ultimately, one needs to consult with a local elder law attorney to get definitive answers and counsel."

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PERSONAL FINANCE

Don't fall for false claims from advisers

Dear Pete: I'm confused. I've heard both a radio and a television commercial for fee-based financial advisers that claim they "only benefit when I benefit." What does that mean? Don't I have to pay them whether I make money or not?

— Matt, Newark



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Pete the Planner

Peter Dunn
USA TODAY

Dear Matt: You just hit on my biggest pet peeve in investment management marketing. If you don't pay attention closely, the ads will have you believe that when you lose money, your adviser doesn't make any money at all.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Matt, let's give you a hypothetical portfolio worth \$500,000, which is being managed by your investment adviser, "Beverly." Since Beverly is a fee-based adviser, you are to pay her 1% of your total portfolio value each and every year. One percent is a rather standard fee in the wealth management industry, and typically, you pay the fee on a quarterly basis, which complicates the math a bit, but don't worry. I'll do it for you.

If your portfolio value is \$500,000 at the end of the first quarter, then your fee would be \$1,250. Now, you can either pay the fee out of that account or out of your own pocket. It makes a difference: If you pay out of the account, it will stifle your growth. If you pay out of pocket, it certainly reduces your discretionary cash flow, but allows your portfolio money to grow without taking a tiny step backward each quarter.

Let's say your account value increases by 2.5% per quarter this year. Your \$500,000 grows to \$512,500 by the end of the first quarter. And because your adviser "only makes more money when you make more money," Beverly's fee increases to \$1,281.25.

If this same pace were to continue for four quarters and you paid the fees out of pocket, your end-of-the-year balance would be \$551,906.45. You made \$51,906.45 — and for that, you paid her \$5,320.41 for the year, which is a fee increase of \$320.41 vs. the previous year.

Not too shabby. Under this positive scenario, no one would complain. Everything is sunny when it's sunny.

Yet, sometimes it's not sunny. Sometimes the market ends down, as does your portfolio.

Yes, your adviser's job is to smooth out the bumps, and at times, generate positive returns when the market is otherwise falling, but that doesn't always go as planned. So instead of your

\$500,000 gaining you 2.5% per quarter for one year, let's assume it goes the other direction and loses 2.5% per quarter for one year.

Your new account value at the end of the first quarter is \$487,500, and your out-of-pocket fee at the end of the year is \$1,218.75. Accounting for the whole year of losses and fees at that pace, you will have lost \$48,156.05 and it would have cost you \$4,695.22 in fees to do so.

Don't get me wrong, Beverly did her job. That's a tough pill to swallow when you're writing the quarterly checks totaling \$4,695.22, but she did perform a year's worth of services. And it wasn't necessarily her fault that you lost money. Maybe the market lost 6% per quarter, and she limited your losses to 2.5% per quarter. If that were the case, then maybe you send a dozen cookies with the check for the management fee.

In year two, your portfolio ends the year up 2.5% per quarter. If you chose to pay Beverly's fees out of the account, which I generally frown upon, then your balance at the beginning of year two would be \$447,342. The 2.5% quarterly account increase by the end of the year would result in an ending account balance of \$488,862.99, and of course your fee would increase, too.

If you paid your fee out of the account balance again, after two years, you will have paid \$9,419.91 in fees and your portfolio will have lost \$1,137.01 of value. The "we only make more money when you make more money" assertion feels pretty darn empty. Primarily because advisers make money when you lose money, too.

I'm not suggesting an adviser shouldn't get paid what they're paid. I'm simply suggesting the "we only make more money when you make more money" rationale is insincere at best and misleading at worst. The right adviser can bring tremendous value to you and your finances, but the integrity of the relationship can be compromised based on the language an adviser uses to try to get you to walk through the door.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

PBS shows hard to find for many cord-cutters



Talking Tech

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USA TODAY

LOS ANGELES — A big question for many cord cutters: Why isn't PBS included in the new crop of cable alternative services?

Offerings from YouTube, DirecTV and Dish often offer fewer channels and cost one-third or more of traditional cable bills. With top channels such as the broadcast TV networks, CNN, AMC and ESPN, they make an attractive offer for those looking to avoid cable TV bills.

CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox and the CW are featured on most of the alternatives, but PBS, the other longtime traditional broadcast TV channel, is not. "It's a high priority for us," says Ira Rubenstein, chief digital officer for PBS. "We hope to be there sooner rather than later."

The reasons for PBS' absence are complicated, but it comes down to this: Unlike CBS and the other broadcast networks, PBS and its member stations don't have the live/linear streaming rights for all of the shows they air, some of which come from different distributors. Rubenstein says he's working with stations to get those rights.

Beyond the savings, the other big benefit of the cord-cutting cable alternatives is that unlike most cable offerings, with these services you can watch these shows live anywhere. The choices include TV, tablet, phone or computer, and you can also record shows for playback and enjoy anywhere.

Viewers still have plenty of ways to see PBS on all those platforms. They could buy a digital antenna and watch PBS on the TV dial, or view with the PBS app, which is available for TVs, tablets and phones, but not all the shows are day and date viewing. For instance, PBS's popular *Masterpiece* airs Sunday nights on TV but doesn't show up on the app until the following day.

The problem is that many people aren't up for switching between apps

and services. If you can get all your favorite networks within a service such as YouTube TV, which costs \$40 monthly, and record and view your favorite shows there, who wants to leave for the app?

PBS is not part of some popular digital packages. The major broadcast networks (CBS, NBC, ABC and Fox) are included (with many other channels) on DirecTV Now (starts at \$35 monthly), YouTube TV PlayStation Vue (\$39.99) and Hulu Live TV (\$39.99).



PBS brings the British drama series "Victoria" to U.S. airwaves, via local public TV stations. PBS

PBS says it wants to be included with the cable alternatives on services such as YouTube TV and DirecTV Now and hopes to get there by the end of the year. But PBS contends that it isn't really a traditional broadcast network, but is primarily a syndicator of content to independent public TV stations.

Cord-cutters can still watch PBS online, but not always for free.

The PBS Video app, which is available on phones, tablets and for streaming players such as Roku, Apple TV and Amazon Fire TV, offers most of the available PBS programming, usually day and date with broadcast, but not always. *Masterpiece*, for instance, is available the morning after the Sunday premiere, and only for two weeks.

If you don't catch it right away, you could pay \$60 a year for a PBS Passport membership, which promises a monthly \$5 donation to your local PBS station and unlocks the complete library for on-demand viewing.

THE WEEK AHEAD



The U.S. economy routinely underperforms in Q1. SPECIAL TO USA TODAY

Did U.S. economy turn in another first-quarter dud?

Paul Davidson
USA TODAY

Spring is here, and that means it's time for another potentially disappointing report on first-quarter economic growth. The economy has routinely underperformed early in the year, though many economists attribute the poor showings to government measurement problems.

A busy week of economic news also brings fresh readings on consumer confidence, new and existing home sales and business investment.

Existing home sales have been choppy, largely because of supply shortages. Cold weather in March likely further curtailed purchases, Nomura economist Lewis Alexander says. Also, climbing house prices and mortgage rates are partly offsetting healthy demand fueled by solid job and income growth. After existing home sales rose 3% in February, economists expect the National Association of Realtors on Monday to report a modest 0.2% bump in March to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.55 million.

New home sales face similar hurdles. Home building is picking up but has been limited by shortages of construction workers and available lots, as well as stringent regulations in many cities. Unseasonably cold temperatures last month also played a role. After new home sales fell for three

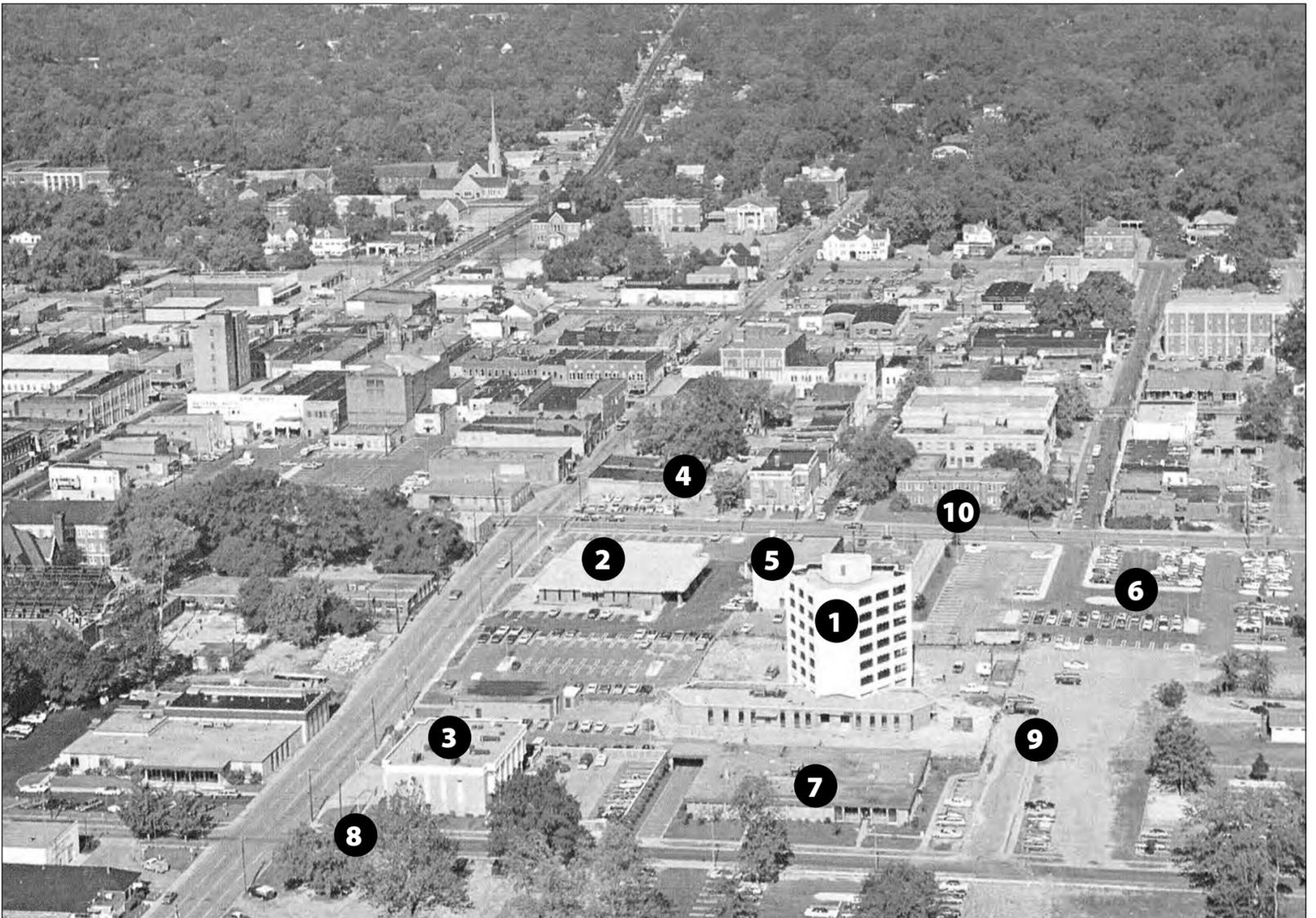
months, the Commerce Department is projected to record a 1.4% increase for March to an annual rate of 627,000.

Consumer confidence has hovered close to the 18-year high reached in February on the healthy labor market, still-high stock prices and recent tax cuts, Alexander says. But growing trade standoffs between the U.S. and China likely damped Americans' outlook somewhat, he says. Economists expect the Conference Board to report a modest dip in its consumer confidence index for April to a level that remains elevated.

On Thursday, Commerce releases a report on business purchases of computers, appliances, factory equipment and other long-lasting goods. Economists estimate core capital goods orders excluding aircraft and defense rose a sturdy 0.6% last month.

After growing at a better than 3% annual rate the last nine months of 2017, the economy appears due for a characteristic first-quarter slowdown. Consumer spending, which makes up 70% of economic activity, was weak early in the year, Barclays Chief Economist Michael Gapen says. Business spending and stockpiling, he says, probably posted solid growth but residential investment sagged. All told, economists expect Commerce on Friday to estimate the economy grew at a 2.1% annual rate the first three months of the year. Gapen, however, thinks the measurement problems will help trim that to 1.5%.

REFLECTIONS



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTOS

Can you identify all the buildings in this picture taken in Sumter about 1970?

Civic Center brings changes to Sumter

This issue of Reflections focuses on the changes wrought by the construction of the Sumter Civic Center. We have asked our



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

readers to identify 15 buildings from a photo of Sumter's skyline circa 1970, which may have been altered or torn down.

The concept of a Civic Center was proposed and adopted in 1963 as "it was the opinion of both the County Planning Board and the City Planning Commission that the adoption and construction

of a Civic Center in the downtown area would increase the economy and add immeasurably to the beautification of the downtown area." It was determined that because of the "size and diversity of buildings it would attract more people into one area" rather than dispersing them to public buildings which were located on several sites throughout the city.

The site chosen for the center with the way left open for possible future revision of boundaries and was bounded on the east by Lafayette Drive, west by North Harvin Street, South by East Hampton Avenue and south by Calhoun Street.

This site was "composed of 19.20 acres, and the estimated cost for the acquisition of this area was \$1,074,000."

Articles and photos used in preparing this paper were obtained from *The Item* archives.



Civic Center study committee co-chairmen B.L. Williams and H.D. Osteen (left and right, seated) review their report before the joint meeting of the city and county planning bodies in 1964 at City Hall. The planning bodies adopted the study.



View overlooking the Civic Center from the top of the City-County Building.



Sumterites break ground for the library in 1967 with the Agricultural building in the background.

LEFT: Buildings were removed to make room for the Civic Center.

- ANSWERS**
- 1. Sumter City-County Building
 - 2. Police Department
 - 3. Fire Department
 - 4. Farmers Exchange building, which was removed
 - 5. Sumter County Library
 - 6. Future home of Health Department and Environmental Control
 - 7. Sumter County Summary Court building
 - 8. Future home of Sumter County Health Department
 - 9. Vietnam Memorial building, later removed
 - 10. Agricultural building, later removed

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Family has 6 Air Force pilots; fire damages club house

25 YEARS AGO — 1993
April 16 — 22

• Football has been a large part of Freddie Solomon's life. From his high school days at Lincoln and Sumter High schools to his college years at the University of Tampa, and on to an 11-year National Football League career with Miami and San Francisco that included two Super Bowl rings, football has been an integral part of his life, bringing him much recognition and many honors. He will be inducted into the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame in an awards ceremony at the Downtown Columbia Marriott hotel. "I'm excited about it, but it was totally a surprise for me," Solomon said in a recent telephone interview.

• Wilson Hall has been accustomed to success in golf in recent years. The Barons finished second in the SCISAA state tournament last year and in 1990 and won the state title in 1991 and the PAC state title in 1989. Hugh Hill, who has coached Wilson Hall through all that success, was thinking there might be a break in that success before this season started. Of his top six players, one graduated, one transferred to another school, and two chose not to play golf this year. "I guess inexperience is the best way to what has been happening to us this season," Hill said. "Our veteran players have been helpful and encouraging to the more inexperienced players."

• Clarendon School District 2 Superintendent Dr. Sylvia Weinberg is considering a 1994 run for the state's highest education office. Weinberg, 55, is deciding whether to run as a Democrat for state superintendent of education, a post now held by Dr. Barbara Nielsen, a Republican in her first term. "I'm going to be thinking it over," Weinberg said. "I'm continuing to think about it." She said she has been approached by state education and business leaders "about statewide leadership." Weinberg, a lifelong educator, has been superintendent of Clarendon 2 for five years and has been with the district continuously since 1970.

• Volunteer Sumter, the volunteer center of United Way, will join in the celebration of National Volunteer Week on April 18-24. According to Jo Anne Morris, director of Volunteer Sumter, this year's theme is: "Volunteer, A Chance to Change Tomorrow." "We are not the same community we were yesterday, and this is due to the extraordinary work of our volunteers," Morris said. "Volunteer, A Chance to Change Tomorrow is a challenge to anyone who has the potential to make a difference in the lives of others and who also wants to witness tangible changes in the community."

• The records of the Wilson Hall and Thomas Sumter softball teams gave the appearance of a big showdown between the two rivals. The Barons came into the game with a 6-1 record while TSA entered at 8-2. It never materialized. The Generals scored eight runs in the top of the first inning and cruised to a 21-6, five-inning victory. Thomas Sumter pounded out 13 hits and took advantage of seven walks and 11 errors from Wilson Hall. TSA added a seven-run spot in the third to break the game open at 15-1.

• Defying slim odds of genetics, aptitude and aspiration, a family with ties to Shaw Air Force Base that reach back more than 50 years has produced six Air Force pilots in just two generations. Sumter's Bob Freaney, 62, is a retired Air Force colonel and former cargo-plane pilot. His brothers — Thomas, 78, and Patrick, 70 — were Army Air Corps pilots in World War II, instructor and cargo pilots, respectively. And of Freaney's four sons, three are Air Force pilots; two — Bob Jr., 37, and Mark, 32 —



1968 — The dining room at Camp Harmony, 12 miles east of Manning, was noted for its delicious meals. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Burgess Sr. were camp overseers.

are cargo pilots like their father, and the third — Dave, 35 — is an F-15 fighter-plate pilot at the prestigious Fighter Weapons school at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada. The fourth son — Jim, 36, Freaney's second-oldest — has long worn eyeglasses and knew early in his life that he could not pass the Air Force's pilot physical. Even so, the Seattle investment banker holds a pilot's license and flies private planes for fun.

• Sumter rallied for two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to claim a 10-9 baseball win over South Florence. But the Gamecocks' final comeback, in front of a large Sumter Kids in Baseball night crowd at Sumter High School, was less dramatic than a five-run seventh that sent the game into extra innings. Down 9-0 heading into the bottom of the ninth, Lee Hatfield reached on a third-strike wild pitch. Randy Goodroe beat out a bunt single, and the runners advanced to second and third with one out on a wild pitch. Ontrell McCray delivered the tying run with an infield grounder to shortstop, and Bo Betchman followed with a sharp single off the glove of South Florence shortstop Brian Urquhart to score Goodroe from second with the game-winning run.

• Five Sumterites were honored by the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce for their "outstanding achievement" and service to Shaw Air Force Base and Sumter County. Sumter Mayor Steve Creech, Jim Kepner, Jule Eldridge, Ray Wilcox and Theo Palmer were the 1993 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients. Each was recognized and presented a plaque during the chamber's annual banquet, which was held at Shaw's Officers Club and attended by more than 220 Chamber members.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968
July 14 — July 20

• Sumter city officials are making plans to extend city services as soon as possible to the area annexed to Sumter in a special election. City Manager Wade Kolb told *The Item* about progress to provide city services to the area northwest of the city. City water rates will be applied immediately, Kolb said, for persons already using water from city-owned water lines. The reduction of rates, which amounts to about a 40 percent cut, will take effect with the Aug. 1 billing.

• Issuance of food stamps will begin in Sumter County Aug. 1, according to U. S. Department of Agriculture officials, but only about a third of the stores in the county are currently authorized to accept the stamps. Stores cannot accept food stamps until authorized to do so by the agriculture department. Out of the approximately 200 stores selling food in Sumter County, 72 retail and two wholesale grocers have been authorized to accept the stamps.

• The recently formed County Action Program Agency, funded by the OEO for 1963, has received notice from Sen. Ernest F. Hollings of the

approval of a \$12,000 OEO grant for emergency food and medical services. This is the first grant which will be disbursed by the newly formed permanent CAP Agency staff, organized to handle Clarendon County OEO programs. The broad base CAP Agency consisting of 30 members drawn equally to represent the poor, elected officials and businesses and organizations works on a voluntary basis.

• Fired-up Olanta, sparked by the stellar pitching performance of Davis Scurry, edged Sumter, 2-1, in a thriller Monday night to just about crush any hopes the P-15's had of taking the American Legion League III crown. Loop-leading Camden, which has not played in more than a week, had its game at Manning rained out again but probably got a big psychological lift from the Sumter setback. Camden needs only a win over Manning and a victory over Olanta to wrap up the title.

• The Sumter National Guard unit ended its annual field training encampment at Fort Stewart, Georgia, with a top superior rating. The performance of each unit at camp is evaluated daily in all activities. The Sumter unit received an overall superior, the highest possible. The annual encampment is the climax of the monthly training requirements carried out through weekend drills. It is held to stimulate and practice what would be required of the unit if it were called into active duty.

• Race fans on hand at Sumter Speedway saw a real change from the usual spins and crashes that have become custom for the past few weeks. Instead, they saw a real show of driving skill and very few red flags. The 50 cars on hand seemed to stick to the track, and the spin-outs were few and far between. Lee Johnson pulled the surprise of the night when he qualified second to Dick Poling in the late Model Sportsman event. Johnson started in the outside pole position and put his '55 Chevy in the lead on the first lap and kept it out front all the way. Johnson was challenged by Dick Poling for the first 21 laps, but Poling found the going a little rough in the second turn and ended up going in the wrong direction.

• Three titles were decided in the women's division, and top-seeded Jimmy Boykin advanced to the semi-finals of the men's singles during play in the 1968 City Tennis Tournament at the Memorial Park and Swan Lake Courts. Championship action is to be concluded Wednesday afternoon according to tournament director Fred Wilson. Kendra Edwards took top honors in the Junior Women's flight where she defeated Mary Abbott in the finals.

• Walter I. Davids Jr. has been named resident manager of Coker's of Sumter, and James D. Edwards will serve as assistant manager, according to an announcement today by P. H. Beattie, vice president and general manager of J. L. Coker and Co. Davids, a New York City native, has a background of 27 years of retailing

experience and recently served as manager of W. A. Family Store in Sumter. He is active in the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is married and has three sons.

• Col. Kendall S. Young became commander of the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing on Monday. The 48-year-old colonel came to Shaw after serving one year as commander of the 66th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at RAF Upper Heyford, England. Born in Baltimore, Maryland, Col. Young attended Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and the University of Maryland. He was commissioned a second lieutenant of Infantry in February 1941 but transferred to the Army Air Forces where he completed pilot training in September 1942. Col. Young saw combat in World War II in North Africa and Italy as a B-24 pilot and commanded 727th Bomb Squadron, 451st Bomb Group. His next assignment was on the operations staff of First Air Force at Mitchell Field, New York. He was also a test pilot at nearby Gruman Aircraft Corp. for a brief period.

• More than 60 officers and airmen from the 507th Tactical Control Group will be participating in the largest joint Army and Air National Guard field training exercise ever staged within the continental United States. The exercise will get underway Saturday and continue through Aug. 3. Called "Guard Strike II," the massive war game is designed to polish teamwork between Guard air defense units and tactical air-ground forces, using the sophisticated communications networks of the modern tactical control system. These networks will link 15 states in the exercise area, covering the entire Northeastern United States from Minnesota to Massachusetts, with military units in 19 other states.

• Mayor Bo Graham will throw out the first ball to kick off the annual Police vs. Fire baseball game at Riley Park. The firemen will be after their fifth win in a row in the 8 o'clock contest. Cost of tickets for the game is \$1 for adults. Children under 12 will be admitted free. All proceeds of the game will go to support Palmetto Boys teams sponsored by the police and fire departments.

75 YEARS AGO — 1943
Nov. 13 — Nov. 19

• For some time, Sumter has not had local facilities for financing automobiles. Recognizing the need for such a service, T. D. Duncombe and Ben Haile have organized the Southern Discount Co., which will be located at 105 West Liberty St. Mr. Duncombe has had more than 17 years' experience in the automobile and automobile financing business and has been in Sumter for the past four years. Mr. Haile has been actively associated with automobile financing for the past seven years and will manage the new company. It is contemplated, said Mr. Haile, that the Southern Discount Co. will start operations Nov. 15.

• The beautiful Thomas Lemmon trophy, donated by Company I of the State Guard to the winner of the competitive drill staged recently, is on display in the window of Folsom's Jewelry Store on North Main Street. The announcement came from Capt. L. F. Cuttino of Sumter's Company I, who said that people might wish to see the trophy which commemorates Ensign Thomas Lemmon, well-known lawyer and civic leader missing in action. Company K of Manning is the first winner of the trophy, having been judged the best drilled company in recent State Guard maneuvers here. The cup will be passed on to subsequent winners, and when the State Guard is disbanded will be given to Mrs.

G. A. Lemmon, mother of the missing man.

• A growing scarcity of popular brand cigarettes and low-priced cigars — attributed to labor shortages, early Christmas buying and heavy overseas shipments — was reported today in many cities throughout the nation. Especially scarce were inexpensive cigars. The Cigar Institute of America said the normal reserves of cigars for Christmas sales were being sold now to meet heavy demands and added that prospects were slim for obtaining extra supplies for the Yuletide. There is widespread voluntary rationing of both cigars and cigarettes, an associated Press survey showed.

• Shaw Field's commanding officer of the sub-depot has swapped a gold leaf for a silver one and changed his title from Maj. C. F. Peterson to lieutenant colonel, the post public relations office announced. Col. Peterson has seen longer service at Shaw Field than almost any other of the base officers, having come here in November 1941. He was a first lieutenant then, with a little less than a year of active service behind him but prior to entering the army had been a member for 13 years, of a National Guard unit.

• Gamecock Lodge 17 of the Knights of Pythias will have its annual dinner-meeting tonight at the Masonic Hall. Special guest will include Grand Chancellor J. Earl King, Hartsville; Grand Prelate Andrew J. Bethea, Columbia; and R. L. Ridgill, district deputy grand chancellor, Manning. Charles L. Cuttino is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, and ladies of the Iris Chapter, Eastern Star, will serve supper. All members of the Lodge are urged to attend.

• Winning four places in the October competition, *Sumter High News* is now in third place in the Story-of-the-Month competition conducted by the Journalism department of Winthrop College and *The State*, Columbia's newspaper. Winners for *Sumter High News* were: Second place news story, Mary Quincy; fourth place interview, Jean Dunn; and fifth place interview, Mary Leffelman. The winners gave Sumter a total of nine points. First place in the first month went to *Florence Yellow Jacket*, 19 points; second place (tie) to *Greenville High News* and *The Scribbler*, Spartanburg, 10 points. Fourth position was taken by *Columbia Hi-Life* with seven points. Lois-Anne Dollard is editor of *Sumter High News*, and Miss Virginia Boney is the editorial adviser.

• A fire at the Shaw Field Non-Commissioned Officer's Club this morning resulted in some damage to the club house, public relations officials at the field announced this afternoon. Staff Sgt. George W. Sharpe, secretary of the club, discovered the fire when he went to the building about 9:30, and he immediately called the Shaw Field fire department. Firemen found that the blaze was under the floor of the refreshment room, and it was their belief it had been smoldering all night. A defective fireplace in this room is thought to be the cause of the fire. The exact amount of the damage has not been estimated, but officials said it would probably be necessary for the club, located on the Shaw Field highway, to be closed for a few days until repairs are made.

• Lightweight Champion Bob Montgomery, of Philadelphia, and former Champion Beau Jack, of New York, each boxed five rounds at Stillman's gym in preparation for their return 15-round title bout at Madison Square Garden on Friday night. Montgomery dethroned Jack by winning a 15-round decision in their first meeting May 21.

BUILDING PERMITS

• **Clarence W. Brunson III**, owner, W Wheeler dba WW Repairs & Renovations, contractor, 3915 Tearcoat Branch Road, \$10,000 (reroof, residential).

• **Billy Lloyd**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 210 E. Newberry Ave. (mobile home, residential).

• **Allison Leigh Turner**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 3150 Cains Mill Road / 1945 Follin (mobile home, residential).

• **Earlene Dawson Swann**, owner, Michael Porcher dba LJ Construction, contractor, 4400 Dawson Road, Rembert, \$7,000 (floor covering / paint / molding / hang three lights, residential).

• **Capital Investment Properties**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1044 S. Main St., \$13,000 (six foot fence, residential); Capital Investment Properties, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1 Eaton Blvd., \$12,000 (six foot brick fence, residential); Capital Investment Properties, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1044 S. Main St., \$22,500 (cover front porch, add 10x14 bathroom, sand floor, paint interior, residential).

• **Brian D. Staller Jr.**, owner, James W. Ross, contractor, 4415 Manigault St., Dalzell, \$5,550 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Lille M* and Lillian Latr Pearson**, owners, Sharon D. Tindal dba Tindal Construction, contractor, 511 Pitts Road, \$6,300 (reroof shingles, door trim and gutters, residential).

• **Tabitha V. Holland**, owner, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 853 Club Lane, \$31,007.57 (swimming pool, residential).

• **J. Dwayne and Cindy P. Jackson**, owners, James Cameron, contractor, 2829 Sequoia Drive, \$13,359 (replace 10 windows and reface shower, residential).

• **Wes Fowler**, owner, Keith Oakley dba R&M Holdings LLC, contractor, 85 Willow Drive, \$3,507.50 (replace window / repair vinyl siding / wrap windows, residential).

• **James Aaron Dyson Construction**, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construct, contractor, 2850 Forest Lake Drive, 1,777 heated square feet and 475 unheated square feet, \$105,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Linda K. McGowan and John Slaten**, owners, Paul Joyce, contractor, 1564 Bradham Blvd., \$17,054 (roof mount solar panel systems — garage, residential).

• **Robert D. Belk dba Sumter Mtg**, owner, Burriss Building Systems, contractor, 2935 Broad St., \$825,000 (14,116 square foot auto body shop, commercial).

• **Caralyn Elizabeth and Ja Huntley**, owners, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 6144 Fish Road, Dalzell, 336 heated square feet and 240 unheated square feet, \$31,880 (porch, bedroom and bath addition, roof, plumbing, electric, HVAC, residential).

• **G&G Mortgage Service LLC**, owner, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 515 W. Liberty St., \$4,950 (six foot vinyl fence, residential).

• **Judith Terry (trustee)**, owner, Randolph Wells dba Wells Builders, contractor, 19 Glendale Court, \$4,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **April Welch**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 3800 Furman Road, \$7,710 (reroof, residential).

• **Adam Hall**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 4935 Rooster Circle, Pine-wood (mobile home, residential).

• **Navya Hotels Group Inc.**, owner, Smiley & Sons Inc., contractor, 2607 Broad St., \$58,407 (fire alarm system for Tru Hotel, commercial).

• **Betty Mabelle Geddings and Hatf**, owners, Robert Bursleson, contractor, 3170 Ebenezer Road, \$4,200 (frame walls / install siding / door and four windows, residential).

• **YWCA of Sumter Area Inc.**, owner, Carolina Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 246 Church St., \$7,500 (install 17 vinyl replacement windows, commercial).

• **Brandon T. Losacker / Whitney L**, owners, Brandon T. Losacker, contractor, 1150 Rockdale Blvd., 288 unheated square feet, \$7,694 (detached enclosed portable shed, residential).

• **Jessie Myers and Abriell Gooden**, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 34 Baker St., \$3,995 (reroof, residential).

• **David Ryan McKinley**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 3965 Blackberry Lane (mobile home, residential).

• **Lawrence W. and Helen K. McLeod**, owners, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 3965 Blackberry Lane, %3,800 (brick underpinning, residential).

• **Sean D. Lynch**, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 918 Kolb Road, \$28,850 (siding and replace 12 windows, residential).

• **Ira M. Griffith Jr.**, owner and contractor, \$8,000 (detached enclosed building on concrete, residential).

• **Patrick K. and Christina B. Kelly**, owners, Patrick Kelly, contractor, 4365 Excursion Drive, Dalzell, 900 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (detached pole building, residential).

• **Willie E. Miller**, owner and contractor, 10 Collingwood Court, 480 heated square feet, \$16,000 (den addition to house, residential).

• **Florence Concrete Products Inc.**, owner and contractor, 865 Industrial Road, \$30,000 (bathroom addition, commercial).

• **Sumter County**, owner, South Carolina Tel-Con, contractor, 211 General Drive, \$238,000 (communication tower, commercial).

• **Sumter Mall LLC**, owner, Gemini Con-

struction Co. LLC, contractor, 1057 Broad St., \$5,000 (install new glass storefront / build wall in interior of space, commercial).

• **Roger A. Jarrett and Lori R. Acuff**, owners, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 2764 Powhatan Drive, \$5,500 (replace shingles, residential).

• **SLSCO Ltd. — Carolyn Heatley**, owner, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 845 N. St. Pauls Church Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Ophelia M. Williams**, owner, Precision Fence and Decks, contractor, 894 Gordon Drive, \$5,000 (six foot wood fence, residential).

• **Roscoe Billy and Nancy C. Pendry**, owners, Elvin Terry Osteen dba Terry Osteen Cont, contractor, 122 Horse-shoe Cove, \$6,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Frank Matthews et al**, owner, Frank Cobs, contractor, 826 Legare St., \$4,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 1708 Kodiak Court, 2,286 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$100,783.60 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1700 Kodiak Court, 2,272 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$99,610.82 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2892 Girard Drive, 1,798 heated square feet and 388 unheated square feet, \$113,071.55 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 575 Curlew Circle, 2,225 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$118,961.96 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3057 Girard Drive, 2,062 heated square feet and 392 unheated square feet, \$126,463.16 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3789 Moseley Drive, 3,040 heated square feet and 471 unheated square feet, \$126,423 (new dwelling, residential).

• **David W. II and Edith R. Buckner**, owners, Archadeck of Central South Carolina, contractor, 2600 Turningleaf Lane, Dalzell, 266 unheated square feet, \$8,500 (deck addition and screen in existing open porch, residential).

• **Gainey Construction Co. LLC**, owner and contractor, 1342 Geraint Road, 1,270 heated square feet and 425 unheated square feet, \$82,585 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Santee Lynches Regional Dev**, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 170 Carolina Ave., \$10,000 (residential demolition — single family, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 13 Foxworth St., \$10,000 (residential demolition — single family, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 17 Foxworth St., \$12,000 (residential demolition — single family, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 123 Jackson St., \$9,000 (residential demolition — single family, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 109 Orange St., \$10,000 (residential demolition — single family, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 1035 Dibert St., \$15,900 (residential demolition — single family, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 12 Broad Court, \$9,000 (residential demolition — single family, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 878 S. Harvin St., \$12,500 (residential demolition — single family, residential).

• **Crystal M. Prophete**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 2545 Nicholson Drive, \$4,920 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Erick W. and Karin D. Nason**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 1860 Barnwell Drive, \$3,900 (five foot ornamental fence, residential).

• **John W. and Christa Clark**, owners, Pack Construction LLC, contractor, 935 Morningside Drive, 300 heated square feet, \$73,345.36 (complete house from fire damages and kitchen addition / interior and exterior repair, residential).

• **John Henry or Louise J. Ransom**, owners, Christopher Nelums dba Nell Tech LLC, contractor, 5480 Pisgah Road, Rembert, \$6,133 (reshingle roof and floor repairs, residential).

• **JJP Lions Wine & Spirits Inc.**, owner, Triple R Construction LLC, contractor, 1220 Alice Drive, \$4,800 (build z-partition walls, sheetrock, paint, install two interior door units, commercial).

• **Percy Womack Jr. and Francis T. Womack**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 5630 Edgehill Road, \$3,750 (six foot vinyl fence, residential).

• **SLSCO Ltd. (C. Stewart / Glend)**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 113 Palm Springs Drive, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).

• **Katrina Denise McFadden**, owner, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 601 W. Oakland Ave., \$36,000 (remodel second story of home, kitchen, bath, residential).

• **Continental Tire The Americas**, owner, Southcon Building Group LLC, contrac-

tor, \$855,432 (upfit of an existing shell space for use as a canteen, commercial).

• **Patsie P. and H. Barry Shuler**, owners, H. Barry Shuler, contractor, 110 Haile Drive, \$5,000 (six foot wood fence, residential).

• **Timothy B. and Kathleen M. Buddin**, owners, Gene Altman Construction, contractor, 995 Winkles Road, 1,700 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$150,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Linda K. McGowan and John Slaten**, owners, Sunrun Inc. dba Sunrun Installation Service, contractor, 1564 Bradham Blvd., \$9,543 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Marcia B. Oliver**, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 968 Shad-ow Trail, \$11,100 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Rowland P. Alston / Martha O Al**, owners, James P. Dennis, contractor, 6195 Camden Highway, Rembert, 2,400 unheated square feet, \$12,000 (pole shed for hay — agricultural, commercial).

• **Marie B. Wolfe**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 1938 W. Oakland Ave., \$5,225 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **J. Thomas Cubbage**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3350 Black River Road, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).

• **Willie H. Brown and Nipa B (trustee)**, owner, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 2575 Merganser Point, \$4,133.17 (install and wrap 16 windows, residential).

• **Darrell and Shirley Nelson**, owners, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 5315 Col-clough Plantation Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Maunuel Torres / Kelley Torres**, owners, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 45 Promenade Lane (mobile home, residential).

• **Katie Budd Small**, owner, Berry's Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 211 W. Oakland Ave., \$7,500 (residential demolition — single family, residential).

• **Anthony Pleasant Jr. (Estate)**, owner, Berry's Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 902 S. Main St., \$4,500 (residential demolition — single family, residential).

• **Priscilla Colclough**, owner, Berry's Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 714 S. Sumter St., \$4,000 (residential demolition — single family, residential).

• **Bethel Baptist Church**, owner, Jefferson Barns and Salvage Inc., contractor, 2450 Bethel Church Road, \$10,000 (front cover over exterior, commercial).

• **Terry Linda Crowder**, owner, South Carolina General Contracting LLC, contractor, 3610 Britton Brogdon Road, \$19,128.26 (repairs to roofing, interior / exterior, residential).

• **Ula Mae Cooper**, owner, South Carolina General Contracting LLC, contractor, 2017 Bishop Drive, \$8,461.28 (repairs to drywall, painting and interior, residential).

• **Dorothy Vaughn**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 10 Wilder St., \$8,000 (repairs to roof, deck, floor covering, smoke detector, residential).

• **Pamela D. Bracey**, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 1289 N. Pike East, \$7,800 (repairs to roof, doors, smoke detectors, residential).

• **Hank F. Ardis**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 5735 Alcott Drive, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).

• **Jackie D. and Janice M. Rearden**, owners, James Cameron, contractor, 950 Dads Lane, \$7,330 (replace 11 windows, residential).

• **Mark James Huggins**, owner, James Cameron, contractor, 213 Thomas Drive, \$6,825 (replace 12 windows, residential).

• **Charles A. Williams**, owner and contractor, 1119 Shoreland Drive, 600 unheated square feet, \$10,500 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).

• **Robert L. and Nancy Y. Bradley**, owners, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 118 Phifer St., \$5,850 (reroof, residential).

• **Russell S. Johnson**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 3640 Furman Road (mobile home, residential).

• **Heidi M. Adler**, owner, U-Save Solar LLC, contractor, 28 Chestnut St., \$15,000 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Roger Koppa**, owner, Palmetto South Carolina Solar LLC, contractor, 2672 Old Field Road, \$39,828 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Deloris Ann McCauley**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 6465 Keystone Road, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).

• **Darrell E. Bruce**, owner, Alan Cecil Losee, contractor, 3640 Galloway Lane, \$13,215.30 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).

• **Palmetto Plaza of Sumter LLC**, owner, Joy Construction Inc., contractor, 471 N. Guignard Drive, 720 heated square feet, \$45,000 (new construction 24x24 building with six foot front porch — shaved ice, commercial).

• **Harold Wilson**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 1059 E. Sherwood Drive, \$6,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Orr Co.**, owner, Environments Unlimited Inc., contractor, 1954 McCrays Mill Road, 2,109 heated square feet, \$800,000 (new Arby's restaurant, commercial).

• **Charles W. Anderson Jr. and Willia**, owners, Pinewood Construction and Demolition, contractor, 525 W. Liberty St., \$4,500 (commercial demolition of old

service station, commercial).

• **Brenda Viola Belton**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 511 Colonial Drive, \$4,686 (reroof, residential).

• **David Allen and Linda Benenhaley**, owners, James E. Standley, contractor, 4480 Bigum St., Dalzell, \$5,748 (roof replacement, residential).

• **Nicole M. Hanson**, owner, Jeffrey D. Haas, contractor, 3320 Sheila Circle, Dalzell, \$5,575 (reroof, residential).

• **H.K. Willie and Eula G. McCray**, owners, Sharon D. Tindal dba Tindal Construction, contractor, 12440 Lynches River Road, \$17,600 (painting / ramp / kitchen — sink, floor / bath — toilet, vanity, cabinet / windows, residential).

• **Tasha Y.N. Gardner**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 6 Yeadon St., \$3,758 (replace shingles, residential).

• **31 Plowden Mill LLC**, owner, Kirk Commercial Construction LLC, contractor, 31 Plowden Mill Road, \$202,671.30 (install new joist and docking and reroofing, commercial).

• **SBA Communications**, owner, SBA Network Services LLC, contractor, 765 Mayfield Drive, \$10,000 (antenna and equipment swaps / upgrades on existing cell tower, commercial).

• **Wayman Chapel AME Church**, owner, Premier Roofing, contractor, 200 N. Kings Highway, \$20,900 (roof replacements, commercial).

• **Josey Sadie Bell**, owner, Golden Construction, contractor, 31 E. Patricia Drive, \$4,625 (remove and install shingles, residential).

• **Sylvester W. McGee**, owner, Golden Construction, contractor, 2025 Avenue B, Mayesville, \$4,200 (remove and install shingles, residential).

• **Charles M. Smith**, owner, Tefon Construction Co., contractor, 2640 N. Main St., 700 unheated square feet, \$8,500 (carport attached by breezeway, residential).

• **Jordan K. and Nicole Wilkins**, owners, James E. Standley, contractor, 3045 London Road, \$10,460 (finish bonus room, residential).

• **GRE Limited LLC**, owner, South Carolina Tel-Con, contractor, 760 Letcher Ave., \$9,400 (add RRU and fiber to existing tower / no electric work, commercial).

• **Kathleen A. Moore**, owner, South Carolina Tel-Con, contractor, 2190 Turbev-ille Lane, Lynchburg, \$9,400 (add RRU and fiber to existing tower / no electric work, commercial).

• **Tracy G. Baker**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 1415 Nature Trail, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).

• **Timothy A. and Teressa F. Berry**, owners, JES Columbia LLC dba Mount Valley Founda, contractor, 15 Buford St., \$6,000 (foundation repair, residential).

• **Diane T. Jordan**, owner, Digging Deep Construction LLC, contractor, 3275 Generations, Lynchburg, \$5,000 (residential demolition — single family home, residential).

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• **Robert W. Horsey**, owner, John Taylor, contractor, 3035 Bovine Lane, Olanta (mobile home, residential).

• **Brenda Kaye Whaley**, owner, Knapp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 6555 St. Julien Drive, \$4,650 (replace 13 windows, residential).

• **Maria Burgos**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 1405 Nature Trail, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).

• **Rubin and Cindy Billie**, owners, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 49 Carolina Ave., \$9,200 (repair / electric / wood / patch roof / plumbing, residential).

• **Brandon C. Hodge**, owner, Henry E. Floyd Builders, contractor, 665 Bell Road, \$4,500 (new shingles, residential).

• **SLS Co. Ltd (Michael Mims)**, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 1860 Goodman Road, Lynchburg (mobile home, residential).

• **Charles Smith Co. LLC**, owner, Tefon Construction Co., contractor, 1580 Airport Road, \$15,000 (new metal roof, commercial).

• **Samuel A. Davis**, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 2855 Ambrose Drive (mobile home, residential).

• **David H. Enzor**, owner, Sharon H. Chapman, contractor, 5015 Queen Chapel Road, Dalzell, 1,200 heated square feet and 250 unheated square feet, \$70,000 (new dwelling, residential).

• **Cassandra McCray**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 3035 Joann Drive (mobile home, residential).

• **Ansel C. Williams Jr.**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 26 Baker St., \$5,349.25 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **James F. Arnemann Jr. and Helen D. Arnemann**, owners, John Bailey, contractor, 851 Kingsbury Drive, \$4,975 (remove / replace shingles, residential).

• **Frances C. Moss**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 728 Estate St., \$7,215 (reroof, residential).

• **John F. Deakin Jr. and Marissa H. Deakin**, owners, David Mabey dba: David Mabey Repairs, contractor, 224 Mason Croft Drive, \$27,000 (bathroom remodel and painting, residential).

• **Cynthia A. and Kerry A. Corley**, owners, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 60 Flat Lane, Alcolu, 2,435 heated square feet and 1,027 unheated square feet, \$205,000 (new dwelling, residential).

Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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A gobbler in the wind

It was cold, and the wind was blowing in waves across the big field carpeted in red sour weed. I could see the ground blind just over the crest of the field, in the edge of the pines. There were no turkeys in the field, and I was hopeful that none would see my approach to the blind.

When I got to the ground blind I leaned my gun against a tree and stepped off 20 paces into the field. I stuck up my hen decoy and returned to the blind. Inside I settled into a comfortable folding chair.



Dan Geddings

I zipped the little side windows down till they were about half open, then I unzipped the front all the way across but only down about six inches. Sitting back in the dark interior I knew that I would be well hidden.

The time was 8:30 a.m. The ground blind blocked most of the cold wind, and I was determined to sit as long as I could. I knew there was a longbeard in the area.

That morning I had rolled over and looked at the clock on my night stand. It was showing 3:29 a.m., and before it could pierce the night time quiet, I reached over and turned off the alarm. I could hear the wind howling outside my bedroom window.

I got up and went to the back door, where I turned on the porch light. A fine mist of rain was blowing sideways in the wind. I didn't want to drive to the Lowcountry in that weather, so I picked up a comforter and curled up on the couch.

When I woke it was still dark, and the clock on the mantel showed 5:30 a.m. The wind was still blowing, but the rain had stopped. I got dressed, loaded my gear and pointed my truck toward the Edisto. On the way, I realized that I was hungry, so I stopped at the Waffle House in St. George and ate breakfast. I had already missed daybreak, and there was no hurry now.

There were two other hunters on the club when I got there around 8 o'clock, and another had just left. I signed out the section with the old cotton fields. Now here I was tucked into a cozy ground blind, overlooking a field that the turkeys used — especially in bad weather.

I didn't have long to wait, and I was surprised when I saw a couple of hens out in the field on my right. They were out there about 50 yards away. I had not seen their approach — they were just there when I looked in that direction. I knew there could be a gobbler trailing along behind them. My gun was leaning in the corner of the blind, so I picked it up and laid it across my lap.

The hens were slowly working back and forth in the sour weed just out from the woodline. Another hen

joined them. She approached from the woods on my right front. I could see another turkey coming from that direction, so I pulled out my small pocket binoculars to get a better look.

That one was a gobbler! The sour weeds were tall enough that I couldn't see its beard, but I knew that it was most likely a mature tom. Its head and neck were thick, and its body size was large. He was walking slowly toward the hens on my right.

I scrambled around in my vest and grabbed my box call. I thought that I might get him to look in my direction if I made a soft call. I hoped that he might see my decoy and come closer. Fifty yards is a doable shot, but I like to get them closer if I can.

Before I could make a sound on the call, the gobbler turned, saw my decoy and puffed up. His head went from gray and pink to blood red, with blue cheeks and a brilliant white pate. The transformation was instant. He quickened his pace and started walking straight in my direction. Very good! His feathers were puffed out, and the iridescent colors were gleaming in the soft sunlight. I could see his long beard swinging from his chest, and I knew that he was mine!

At 35 yards, I pulled the trigger. My gobbler was down. The hens flew from the field when I stepped from the blind.

The wind was still whipping across the field.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Dan Geddings' friend Buck took this picture at their club on the Edisto. It was a cold and windy day.

When I rolled through the gate on the clubhouse road I could see a truck pulled over at the bottom of the hill. It was Buck Nettles. Buck is the very definition of a good turkey hunter, and he is a friend. I pulled over to show him my bird. We talked

about our hunts and measured the beard and spurs on my bird. Buck took my picture with the turkey.

At the club house, I signed back in and recorded my gobbler in our harvest log. It was just now 9:30. Soon I was on my way home.

Curious about bats? Try S.C. Bat Watch

BY JENNIFER KINDEL, SCDNR WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST, and BECKY BROWN, WNS TECHNICIAN

Are you curious about bats? Do you have a bat box or know of a bat roost you're interested in monitoring?

Then become a part of S.C. Bat Watch. This citizen science project counts emerging bats from maternity roosts twice each summer. Anyone is welcome to participate, and no experience is necessary.

WHY?

Bats are a challenging group to study, which has led to a lack of basic information about many bat species. In addition, there has been great concern for bats because of White Nose Syndrome, a fungal disease causing devastating declines in bat populations. Eleven of the 14 bat species in South Carolina are considered species of greatest conservation need, and seven of these roost in colonies. Three S.C. species regularly utilize bat boxes, and several others are known to use manmade structures for their maternity colonies.

By helping monitor roosting bats, you will be collecting valuable information on bat species and contributing data that will help biologists better understand bat populations in our state.

WHEN?

The Bat Watch project offers two levels of involvement:

Level 1: Bat Tracker — two counts; one count between May 15 - June 15 and a second count between July 1 - 31

Level 2: Bat Enthusiast — A minimum of four counts: two counts between May 15 to June 15 and two counts between July 1 to July 31. Counts can be conducted as often as every two weeks.

HOW?

Arrive at the roost a half hour before sunset, and record the number of bats as they emerge. For S.C. Bat Watch instructions, data sheets and bat ID guide, visit <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bats/bat-watch.html>.

There will be a Bat Watch Training on



You can become part of S.C. Bat Watch and help collect information on bat species that can help biologists learn more about statewide bat populations.

April 28 at 7:45 p.m. at Sunrift Adventures, 1 Center St., Travelers Rest. Attendance is not necessary to be a part of S.C. Bat Watch, but join us to learn more about the program and how best to count emerging bats. <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bats/BatWatchTrainingFlyer.pdf>

If you know of an existing bat colony but can't commit to emergence counts, you can still report information about the colony online at <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bats/batbox.html>. Note: This form is for informational purposes only, not for emergency or nuisance reporting.

DON'T KNOW OF AN EXISTING BAT COLONY?

Consider putting up a bat box to provide a home for bats in your neighborhood.

Bat Conservation International offers plans for building your own bat box, links to businesses that offer bat boxes that have met the standards of BCI's Bat Approved Certification Program, as well as helpful tips for where to place your bat box: <http://www.batcon.org/resources/getting-involved/bat-houses>.

Also, consider checking with your local state park — it may already have a bat box and might be willing to let you conduct an emergence count.

Jennifer Kindel is an SCDNR wildlife biologist and White Nose Syndrome specialist. Becky Brown is an SCDNR bat technician also specializing in WNS.

Spring is busy time for bees and their keepers

BY DEAN FOSDICK
The Associated Press

Spring is the busiest time of year for bees and their beekeepers. Queens begin laying their eggs, scouts head out of the hive to find food to replenish diminished stocks, and the rest of the workers shoulder the load in raising more brood.

For beekeepers, late summer and autumn are the primary harvest periods for honey, while winter provides a pause for equipment cleaning and repair. Spring is all about honeybee regeneration, said Jeffrey Harris, a research professor with the Mississippi State University Extension Service.

"Bees are seasonal animals that depend upon flowers," Harris said. "You can't grow brood without pollen, and there's only a discreet amount of time available for blooming."

Beekeeping seasons vary in length according to climate, of course. That ranges from about 10 weeks in Alaska to 11 months or more along the Gulf of Mexico.

"The seasons are shorter in Alaska, but you can make more honey per colony," Harris said. "Things bloom hard, and daylight runs about 20 hours per day. Down here (Mississippi), it's greatly different. We have a little winter lasting about two weeks."

Overwintering honeybee colonies in hives is tricky but not unworkable. The key to high wintering success is ensuring that the bees are healthy at the beginning of the cold season and have enough nutrition to carry them over.

Beekeepers face colony mortality because of disease-carrying mites, moisture building up in the hives and extreme cold. Few plants will bloom outdoors in single-digit tem-

peratures, and their absence triggers starvation.

"If bees are to starve, it's generally in February and March," Hollis said. "We don't start to see much flowering down here until March."

"Beekeepers need to provide artificial syrup and candy (pollen patties) to sustain and help them with the ups and downs of weather in the early spring."

The four types of bees most commonly seen in North America are wild bees, bumblebees, Mason bees and honeybees.

Honeybees are among the first of the bee species to become active each year, said Andony Melathopoulos, a bee specialist with Oregon State University Extension.

"Unlike all the other bees in the U.S., they winter as a colony so they can jump into action as soon as it gets warm" — approximately 55 degrees Fahrenheit, he said. "In the middle of the winter, all the rest of the bees are in some form of dormancy, either in the ground or in hollow stems."

Gardeners can make their properties more hospitable by choosing plants attractive to bees, massing them in broad strips or swaths and selecting those that flower successively, starting in early spring, Melathopoulos said.

"People should be aware that many plants with gorgeous blooms don't always attract pollinators," he said. "A hybrid tea rose has really no benefit to pollinators. So look out for plants that pollinators visit when strolling around your neighborhood."

"The best policy is to plant a variety of bee-attractive flowers, ones with different shapes and colors, that bloom at different times of the year," Melathopoulos said.

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Bids for this work will be opened in County Council Chambers located in the Sumter County Administrative Office Building, 3rd Floor, 13 Canal Street, Sumter, SC on **Thursday the 24th day of May 2018 at 2:00 pm.**

There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Conference held on **Thursday, May 10, 2018, at 10:00 am** in Room 104 of the existing facility located at 141 North Main Street, Sumter, SC.

This project consists of replacing all the existing exterior steel windows, repair and cleaning of existing brick masonry, cleaning and painting all exterior stonework, and construction of a 988 SF 3-story new entrance, elevator and accessible toilet addition and replacing existing storm sewer on the Harvin Street side of the existing facility and all associated miscellaneous building and site work.

Contractors may obtain plans and specifications from the Architect: JAMES, DURANT, MATTHEWS & SHELLEY, INC., 128 East Liberty Street, Sumter, SC 29150, (803) 773-3318, either in hard copy upon furnishing a \$200 refundable deposit or electronically for a non-refundable charge of \$20. Other parties may obtain complete sets in hard copy for the non-refundable cost of reproduction or electronically for a non-refundable charge of \$20.

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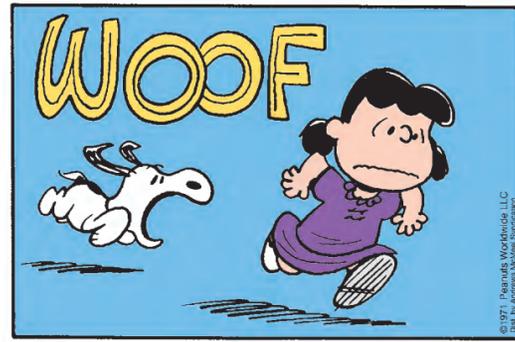
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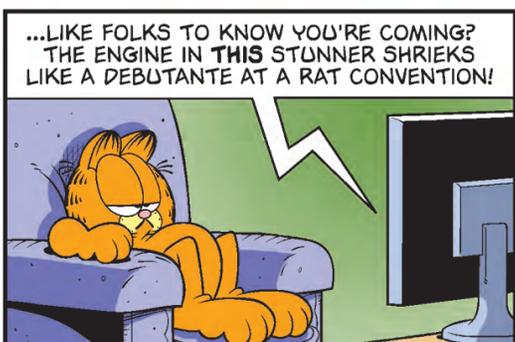
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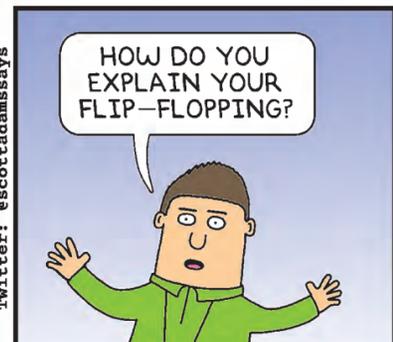
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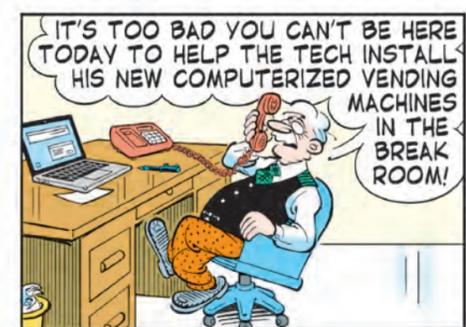
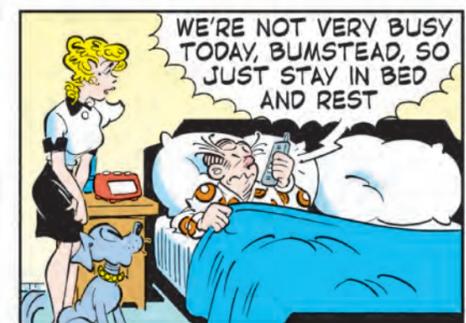
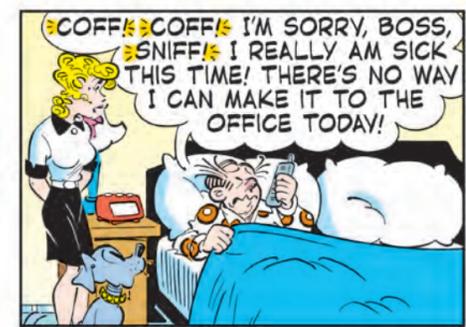
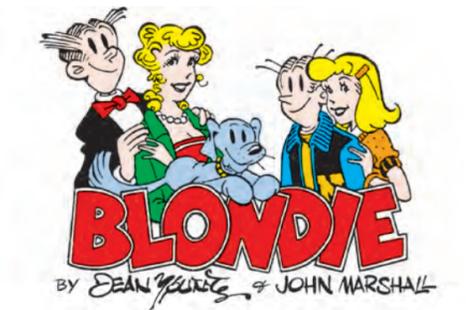
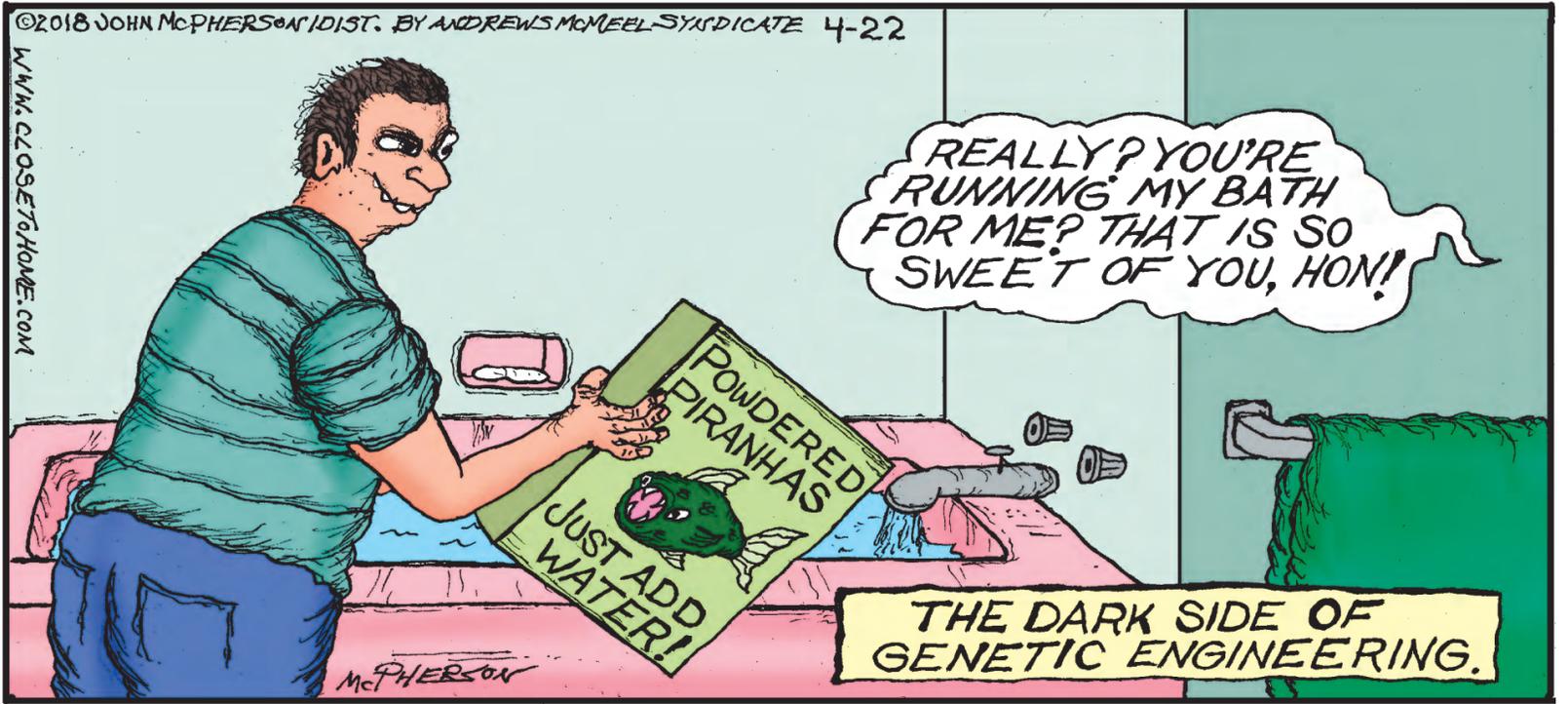
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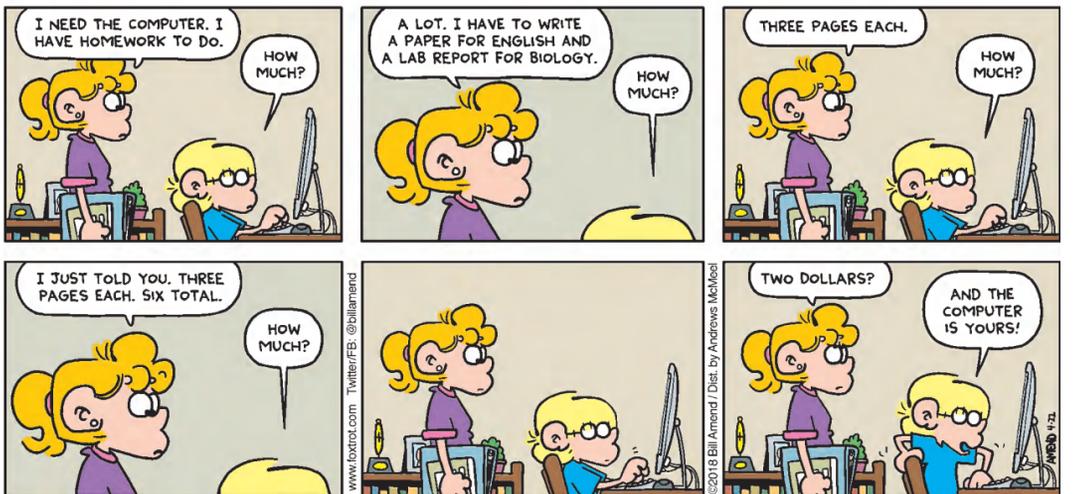
CLOSE TO HOME

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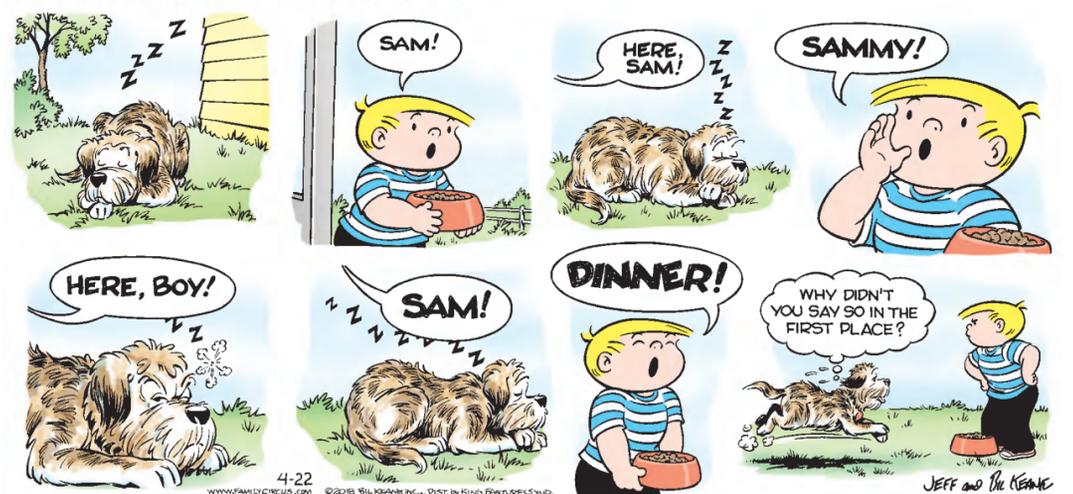
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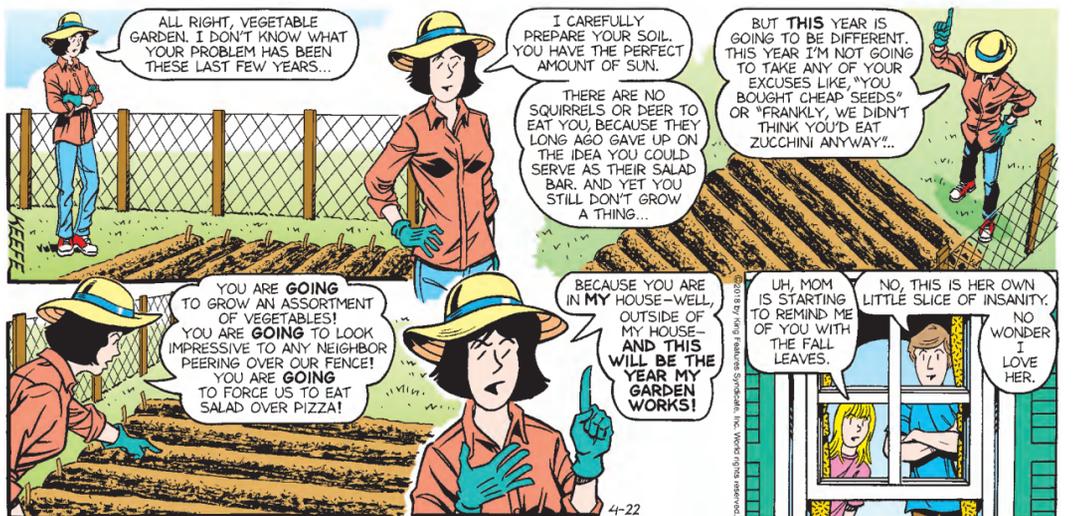
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Phil Keane



SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE



DOODLES

By Foote & Sacko

DO YOU KNOW DINOS? IF YOU DO, WHICH DINO PARTS BELONG TO WHO?

Send your riddles and puns to: Doodles, P.O. Box 106, Excelsior, MN 55331

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- FIND THESE DINO PARTS:
- STEGOSAURUS
 - TYRANNA-SAURUS
 - TRICERATOPS
 - PTERODACTYL

DOODLE ZOO

ONCE I TOLD A CHEMISTRY JOKE... BUT THERE WAS NO REACTION.

DRAW!!

DRAW A DINOSAUR!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. WHERE DOES HAMBURGER GO TO DANCE?
A. A MEATBALL.
Luis Carter, Nashville, TN

Q. WHAT KIND OF FRUIT GROWS AT THE BOTTOM OF A LAKE?
A. WATERMELON.
Ellie Bracken, Paterson, NJ

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTHOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Raquet is moved. 2. Mouth is not open as wide. 3. Hat is larger. 4. Sign is different. 5. Golf bag strap is missing. 6. Hand is moved.

FRANK AND ERNEST

ERNE, I HEAR YOU'RE AN AMATEUR BOTANIST WHO BELIEVES SOME PLANTS ARE BASEBALL FANS.

YES, IVY PLANTS ROOT FOR THE CHICAGO CUBS AND DREAM OF BEING IN WRIGLEY FIELD THEMSELVES ONE DAY.

KING FERNS ARE FANS OF THE KANSAS CITY ROYALS.

CATTAILS FOLLOW THE DETROIT TIGERS.

AND REDWOOD TREES ARE HUGE SUPPORTERS OF THEIR LOCAL TEAM IN SAN FRANCISCO.

THAT MAKES SENSE... GIANTS LOVE THE GIANTS! REDWOOD TREES ARE THE TEAM'S BIGGEST FANS!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS

AS FOR THE CARPET... MAKE IT LOOK LIKE AN ACCIDENT.

the CAT GODFATHER

WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

ROD STROLL ON OVER TO THE EASTERN KEEP AND FIND THE WIZARD

YES, SIRE

'CAUSE I'M A CARRIER PIGEON, I SUPPOSE

SIGH... I FEEL DEEP-SEATED SHAME FOR EVEN EXISTING AS A MEMBER OF THE SPECIES...

AS YOU SHOULD

HAPPY EARTH DAY

GET FUZZY

BY DARBY CONLEY

I'LL GIVE YOU THIS FOR YOUR DUCK CHUNX.

FIVE CENTS? NOPE.

NO, NO. THAT'S WORTH MORE THAN U.S. MONEY.

IT'S A NICKEL WITH A "B" WRITTEN ON IT IN MARKER.

IT'S ILLEGAL TO CHANGE U.S. MONEY.

THAT'S NOT U.S. MONEY, IT'S BUCKCOIN.

WHAT IS BUCKCOIN?

IT'S THE WORLD'S NEWEST CRYPTO-CURRENCY.

WHAT DOES CRYPTO MEAN?

SECRET.

WELL IT'S NOT CRYPTO! IT'S RIGHT HERE-O! HA HA!

IT'S FIVE ILLEGAL CENTS! SOUNDS MORE LIKE CRAPTO CURRENCY!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HEY, THAT'S MY DOLLAR.

THIS IS NOW A BUCKBUCK. IT'S WORTH A BILLION U.S. DOLLARS.

OOO, THE CRYPTO SERVICE IS COMING FOR YOU!

THE BORN LOSER



WE PLANTED A SMALL FIR TREE FOR EARTH DAY. THEY GAVE THEM OUT AT SCHOOL.

GOOD FOR YOU! TREES BENEFIT THE EARTH AND EVERY INHABITANT OF IT! THE MORE TREES, THE BETTER!

SO PLANTING A TREE IS A PERFECT WAY TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY! WHERE DID YOU PLANT THE TREE?

IN OUR BACKYARD, OUT BY THE BIRDBATH.

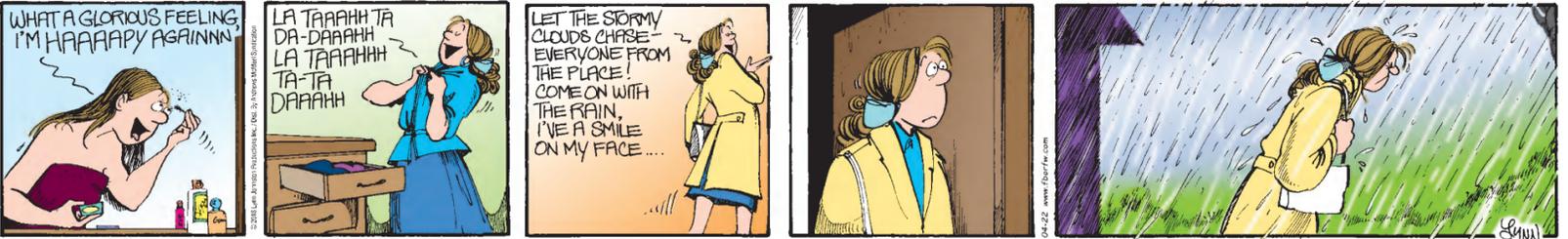
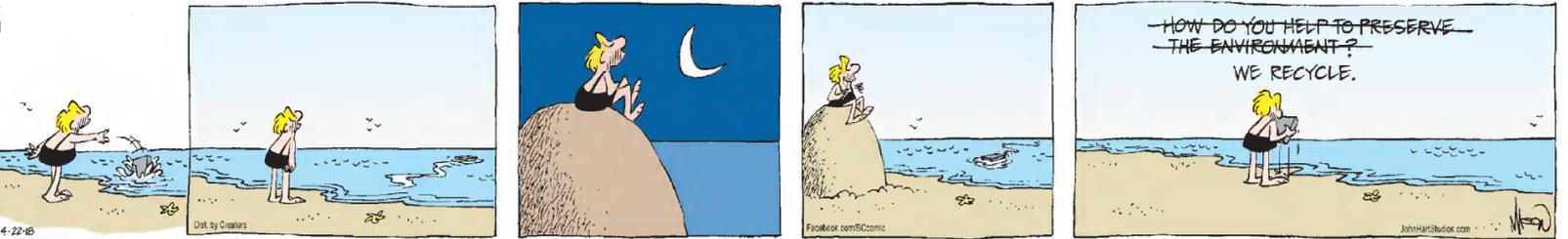
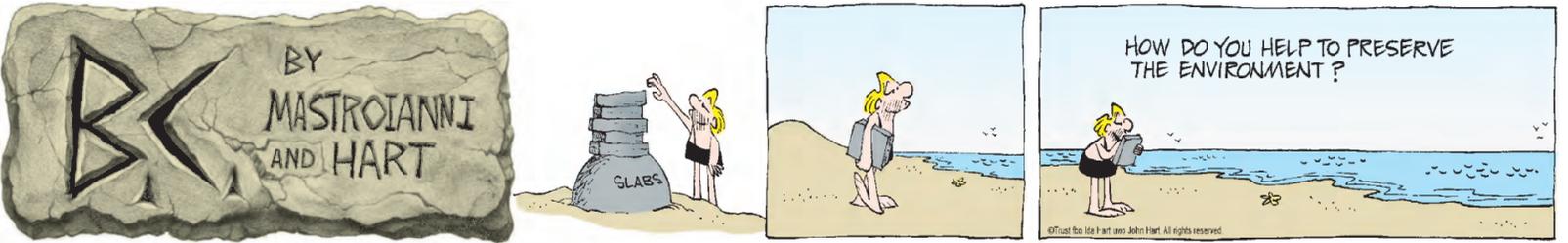
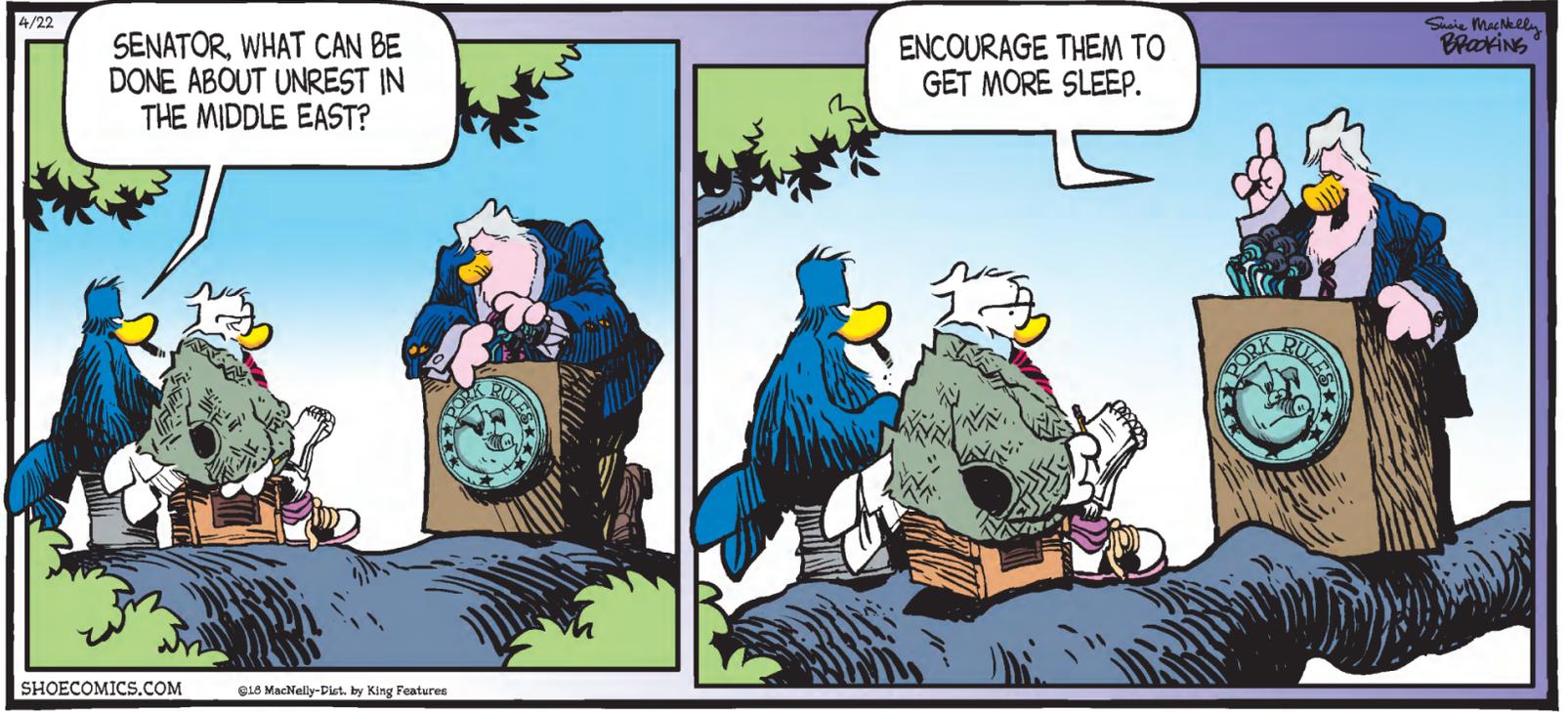
BUT WE ALREADY HAVE A BEAUTIFUL FLOWERING CRABAPPLE TREE THERE.

NOPE, WE CHOPPED IT DOWN TO MAKE ROOM FOR THE NEW TREE!

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SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

