

Helping mothers is woman's passion

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The road to motherhood is not the same for everyone, and some women need guidance and encouragement to find the path that works for them.

"A lot of our moms are scared when they come to us," said Kristin Hallal, director of Sumter Pregnancy Center. Many of them are first-time mothers, she said.

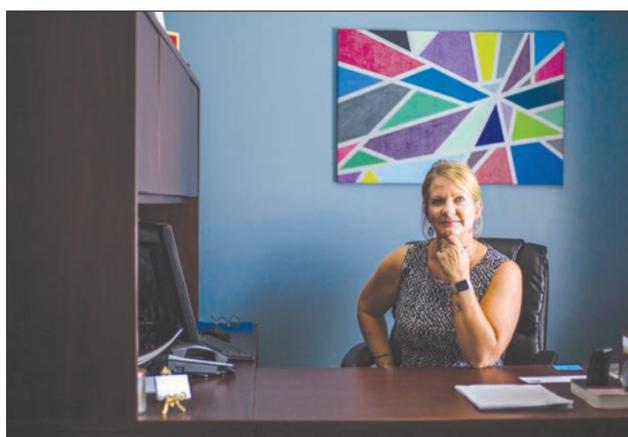
It is very important for staff to build a trusting relationship with clients and for cli-

ents to get to know each other, Hallal said.

"We were not meant to go through this life alone," she said.

Some clients even come back to volunteer and help

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Kristin Hallal, director of Sumter Pregnancy Center, helps many first-time mothers and builds relationships with them.



CCTC grads turn tassels to new chapter

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The caps and gowns may have all been navy blue with gold, but the ages, faces and degrees under them were as varied as Sumter County itself.

About 700 students graduated from Central Carolina Technical College on Friday at Sumter County Civic Center, earning diplomas for everything from nursing to industrial technology.

Michael Mikota, president of CCTC, said the college is the No. 1 economic development tool in the region because of the range of training and coursework it offers, proven by the range of ages of students.

The college saw 42 nurses graduate and 10 students leave Manning High School this year with an associate degree, said Mikota, who presided over his first commencement ceremony as president.

Debbie Seymour, freshman seminar coordinator, gave the commencement speech before students walked across the stage and turned their tassels, telling them how proud she is of what many of them have overcome to be where they are today.

"I love seeing them light up and see their excitement about discovering their passions," Seymour said. "This isn't the end. This is really the beginning of a new chapter."

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Sumter church will host leadership summit again this summer

BY BRUCE MILLS
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A renowned, world-class leadership training event is available again right in Sumter's backyard as one local church will serve as a satellite location for the two-day simulcast event held annually at one of America's largest churches near Chicago.

Mark Partin, administrative pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church, 1305

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Loring Mill Road, spoke Tuesday about The Global Leadership Summit, which the church is a local host site for and which will be held Aug. 9-10. The actual summit will be held on the campus at Willow Creek Community

Church in South Barrington, Illinois.

This year's theme for the leadership summit is "Everyone Has Influence," according to the summit's website.

Keynote speakers include presenters Craig Groeschel, co-founder and senior pastor of Life.Church, which is also one of the country's largest churches with multiple locations in nine states, and John Maxwell, a Christian leadership guru. Other keynotes include best-selling author

Simon Sinek, Pastor T.D. Jakes and restaurateur and hospitality industry TV host Danny Meyer, among others.

The leader of the summit this year will be Tom De Vries, who is in his first year as president of Willow Creek Association.

According to the association's website, the annual leadership summit exists to transform Christian leaders

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Budget process continues for Sumter city, county councils

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Sumter city and county councils continued to make progress with the 2019 budgets for their respective entities during budget workshops, both held on May 8.

Sumter County Council approved first reading of a balanced budget of \$52,752,483 million during its meeting.

Council also approved a \$2.5 million bond that is issued annually by county council to fund capital requests such as new vehicles for Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

This year the bond will also be used to renovate the former Sumter Fire Department headquarters building on Hampton Avenue and demolish the old detention center building behind the sheriff's office and construct a parking lot, said Sumter County Administrator Gary Mixon.

Renovations — estimated to cost \$700,000 — to the old fire department building will convert the building into a new headquarters for Sumter County EMS, he said.

Mixon said it will cost about \$300,000 to demolish the old jail and \$500,000 to construct a parking lot in its place.

CITY 2019 BUDGET UPDATE

As of Sumter City Council's budget workshop on May 8, the budget reflected about \$37.4 million in proposed revenues in general fund and about \$39.5 million in proposed expenditures in general funds, with a deficit of approximately \$2.1 million.

A budget worksheet issued during the meeting shows that \$1.56 million was added to the proposed revenues.

Lee Correctional officer charged with assault and battery of inmate

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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A correctional officer at Lee Correctional Institution has been arrested following an incident involving an "excessive use of force," a state prison official said.

Antonio Lavar Burns, of Columbia, has been charged with third-degree assault and battery after an arrest warrant was served on Friday, according to Jeffrey Taillon, spokesman for the South Carolina Department of Corrections.

The warrant states Burns assaulted and battered an inmate on April 28 by "stomping on the victim's abdomen while the victim was handcuffed and lying on the floor." There are reportedly witnesses to and a video of the incident.

Taillon said the inmate was seen by medical staff but did not require treatment.

Burns has been terminated from his position.

According to SCDC inmate records, the man Burns is accused of assaulting is 35 and has been serv-

ing a 13-year sentence for armed robbery and failure to stop for an officer since 2015. He had been incarcerated at the Bishopville prison, the state system's largest maximum-security campus, since March 8.

A bloody, deadly fight between inmates in three housing units at the prison on April 15 left seven inmates dead and 22 injured. Two of the injured men filed a lawsuit on Tuesday accusing state officials of negligence in failing to hire, train or monitor enough officers to maintain order.

Budget and millage priorities before Sumter school board

BY BRUCE MILLS
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Next school year's budget again headlines the agenda for Sumter School District's Board of Trustees' upcoming meeting, set for Monday night at Chestnut Oaks Middle School, 1200 Oswego Road.

A district spokesperson distributed the agenda to the media late last week.

The meeting will serve as the official public hearing on the fiscal 2018-19 budget. During his financial report, district Chief Financial Officer Chris Griner will present the budget to the board, similar to what he did two weeks ago at an April 30 budget planning session.

Griner's budget proposal presents a balanced \$131,609,396 general fund budget that doesn't include a 5.48-mill increase that the district also likely plans to ask Sumter County Council for on May 29. Included in the budget is locally funded step increases for all teachers and non-teachers. Other locally funded additional investments include increases in employer contribution for health insurance and salary schedule adjustments. There are also locally funded additional investments in student instruction and personnel and operational savings from the closing of two schools this summer (F.J. DeLaine Elementary and Mayewood Middle).

However, the \$131.6 million budget includes about a \$200,000 overall decrease in state funding because the district's enrollment is down about 300 students this school year. The proposal also keeps student-teacher ratios at 25-1 for elementary

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WHERE: Chestnut Oaks Middle School, 1200 Oswego Road
WHEN: 6 p.m. Monday

schools, 30-1 for middle schools and 31-1 for high schools. It would also not add any money to the district's fund balance next year after it's projected to be \$6 million at the end of this fiscal year on June 30, 2018.

The 5.48-mill increase translates to \$1,057,121 in additional revenue for the district that would mostly be generated from additional taxes on commercial businesses and industries in Sumter, according to Griner.

At Monday's meeting, the trustees are likely to provide input and determine the district's priorities for potential use of that additional county revenue. The administration's priority alternatives include adding six teaching positions as part of a process to inch down student-teacher ratios (valued at \$480,000), making a \$500,000 contribution to the district's fund balance, adding two information technology staff positions (valued at \$130,000) or nine custodians (valued at \$270,000), among others. The board cut several custodial positions last year as part of mid-year budget cuts after the district's fiscal 2016 audit report revealed it overspent by \$6.2 million that year.

Like all board-related meetings, the meeting is open to the public. Public participation is also listed on the agenda. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

POLICE BLOTTER

CHARGES

Marcus Hakeem Battles, 19, of Camden Road, and **Jerime Shyheed Tindal**, 19, of Broham Camp Road in Wedgefield, were arrested on Thursday and charged with strong armed robbery for allegedly taking a fanny pack containing \$800 and an S.C. identification card from the victim while on McKeiver Road on May 4. Battles and Tindal are also accused of pushing the victim off his bicycle and assaulting him, according to a news release from Sumter County Sheriff's Office.

Dwauntrez Chrishaud Keith, 31, of North Main Street, was arrested on Thursday and charged with grand larceny for allegedly taking items worth \$35,600 — a silver 2010 Chevrolet C2500 truck, a 2013 Lawri more 10-foot trailer, a black two-axle trailer, a 2012 John Deere Gator, a green-and-yellow John Deere lawn mower and a Craftsman air compressor — from a location in the 5000 block of Florence Highway between April 14 and April 15. A news release from Sumter County Sheriff's Office states Keith, who acted with co-defendants, was identified by a fingerprint left at the scene.

Sumter School District Teacher of Year to attend Supreme Court program

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Sumter School District's reigning Teacher of the Year, Zach Lowe, who was also a top-five finalist for state Teacher of the Year, has been selected for another special honor.

Lowe, a sixth- and eighth-grade social studies teacher at Mayewood Middle School, is one of 60 teachers from across the U.S. to be selected to attend the Supreme Court Summer Institute for Teachers in Washington, D.C., in June, according to a news release last week from a co-sponsor of the summer program.

The institute is open to teachers in the fields of law-related and civic education and offers six days of educational activities related to teaching about the U.S. Supreme Court, according to Street Law Inc., a non-profit agency that creates classroom programs to teach people about law, democracy and human rights worldwide.

At the summer institute, Lowe will have the opportunity to study recent Supreme Court cases in detail and learn innovative teach-

ing methods for conveying this information to students, according to Street Law. Well-known Supreme Court lawyers, reporters, scholars and educators will be among the speakers and instructors for the June 14-19 event, which will mostly take place at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Lowe and other teachers will also visit the Supreme Court in the nation's capital to attend decisions and a reception.

He said he's looking forward to the learning opportunity.

"I'm excited to not only interact with some prestigious lawyers and

others at the law school and throughout Washington, D.C., but also to learn new things to apply to my instruction at my school," Lowe said. "Additionally, I hope to bring some information back that I can help share with other teachers across Sumter and South Carolina."

A recent evaluation of the Supreme Court Summer Institute found that, after the program, teachers who attended felt more confident discussing controversial issues and Supreme Court cases in their classrooms.

The summer institute is also co-sponsored by the Supreme Court Historical Society.



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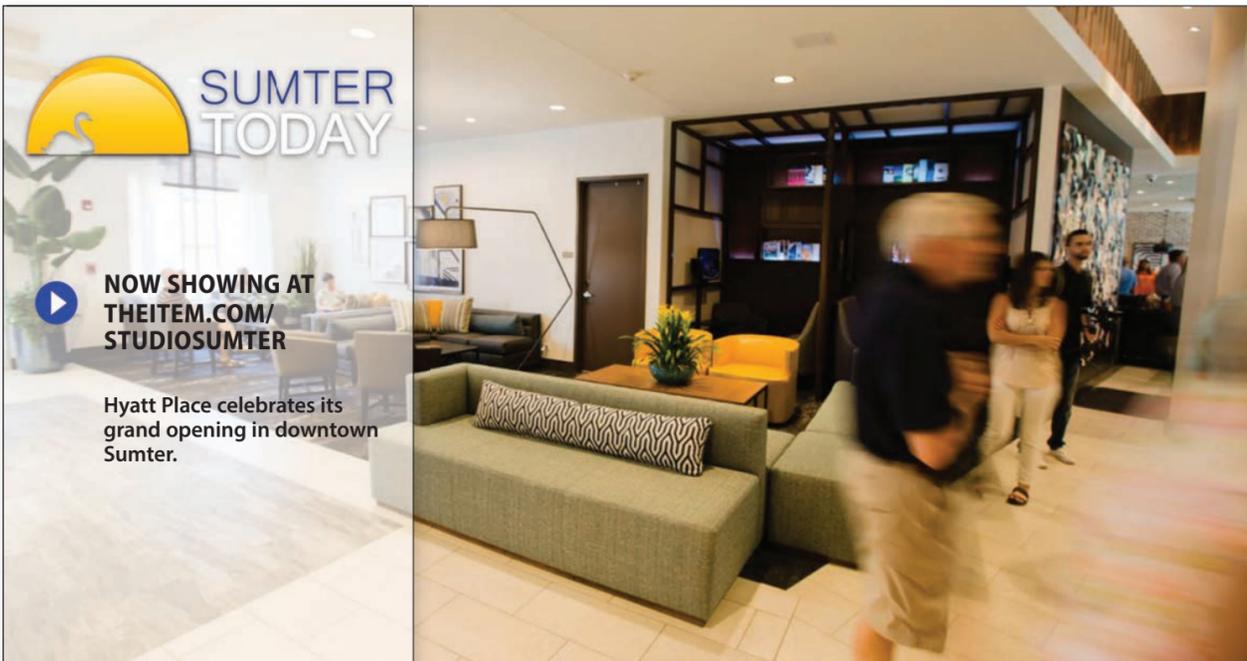
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Hyatt already proving to be a draw to downtown Sumter

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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The pieces started being envisioned 13 years ago, and while each is needed to complete the puzzle, the one that was placed Thursday afternoon in downtown Sumter may be the most connected one yet.

With the cut of a ribbon in front of 18 N. Main St., elected officials, business and industry leaders and anyone working on the revitalization of the historic street saw the grand opening of the new Hyatt Place Sumter/Downtown hotel as a long day coming and day long anticipated.

"When you look at the majority of thriving downtowns, regardless of the size of the downtown, every single one of them has one common interest, and that's accommodations," said Chris Hardy, president and CEO of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce. "You've got to have that foot traffic. When you have that foot traffic, whether it's a hotel as it is in our case, or residential own-

ership, that's when businesses start locating here. It's hard for a business to come to an area if they know they're not going to have that foot traffic."

The 93-room hotel, which had a soft opening two weeks ago, is being touted as the main ingredient in the recipe to continue downtown Sumter's upward regrowth trend.

"You have a lot of restaurants, retail shopping on the outskirts ... and it's all within walking distance of the people staying here," Hardy said.

Even just within the hotel, guests can enjoy a fitness center, meeting area, full-service restaurant and bar and a mini-Starbucks.

"We've had a lot of wedding groups so far and family reunions," said Michael Brown, director of sales for the Sumter Hyatt.

He said another central facet of the hotel is to have a place for corporate business partners to stay.

Downtown-goers do not need to book a room to enjoy the benefits of Main Street's newest addition. The 24-7 restaurant, the 15-drink Starbucks menu and the beer-wine-liquor bar is open to everyone.

After breaking ground in January 2017 and moving in this April, it may be easy to look at the finished product and leave it at that.

The idea was sparked before the building was going to be a Hyatt and before any revitalization efforts were realized to the public eye.

Greg Thompson, chairman and CEO of Thompson Construction Group, which built the hotel, credited his wife, Danielle, for the overall 13-year-old vision and for opening Hamptons to get it started.

"Yes, this is hospitality, but we're creating commerce, and this is just the beginning," he said.

Sumter Mayor Joe McElveen said the growth of downtown Sumter has only been possible through doers like the Thompsons

and through partnerships between the city and the county government.

"You don't have to say it," he said. "You just have to walk around."

McElveen, Thompson, Hardy and anyone else who talks about the hotel's opening notes while there has been much to celebrate downtown in the past years, they think the Hyatt's opening will be a page turner.

Anyone can certainly walk around to see for themselves, but it still doesn't hurt to say it, either.

"We've actually," the hotel's Brown said, "sold out the last two nights for the first time."

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around the world with an injection of vision, skill development and inspiration for the sake of the local church.

This is the third year in a row that Alice Drive Baptist has served as a satellite location, Partin said. The church is the only host site in the tri-county region of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties.

It pays to register early, Partin said. If individuals register by June 26, the cost is \$189 for the two-day event. For groups of 10 to 25 that register by the early deadline, the cost is \$149 each. For groups of more than 25 people, the early registration fee is \$129 per individual. Prices go up after June 26.

For military or educators, it's a flat rate of \$89 no matter when you register, Partin said.

He referenced that, for most locally to attend conferences of this level, one must generally travel, and it can be expensive.

"It's a great way to receive world-class leadership training at a reasonable price and still sleep in your own bed at night," Partin said.

The event runs from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, and from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10.

Each attendee will receive a conference packet, which includes biographies on all the speakers, highlighted notes from the individual talks and space available to take your own notes from the sessions, Partin said.

Those interested can go to Alice Drive's summit event website, www.sumterleaders.com, for more information and to register.

For additional questions, Partin said, they can contact him or the church office at (803) 905-5200.

IF YOU GO

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mothers who may have the same fears or questions they did, she said.

Hallal said clients are informed of their options including adoption and are informed about the abortion process if that is something they are considering when they come by, though it is not abortion staff will recommend.

Staff also provides referrals for adoptions, ultrasounds and other services that are not offered at the center.

The purpose of the center is to save babies, and the decisions will be different for each woman because they all have a different story, Hallal said. The staff is not here to judge, she said.

Hallal said the ultimate goal is for women to choose the life of their child and be prepared for when that child arrives.

People think this is just a teenager thing, but women of various ages, races and socio-economic backgrounds come to the center for help including married women, she said.

Two-thirds of clients are new mothers, and women between 20 and 29 years old make up more than 50 percent of clients, she said.

And some women, who already have children when they arrive, need emotional and spiritual assistance along with information about their options.

Staff has found out that some clients are not told that they are worthy, that they can say "no" or that they can achieve anything, Hallal said.



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Kristin Hallal sorts items donated to Sumter Pregnancy Center to be given to new mothers who visit the center for help.

They do not receive the same encouragement as some other women, she said.

Moms need to know someone else is going through the same things as them, she said.

The center is here to assist women emotionally and spiritually, and even offers a Bible study course for those who seek comfort after an abortion, she said.

Though the journey may be longer for some, Hallal enjoys taking each twist and turn with her clients.

"I'm not going to judge," she said. "I have the honor of helping

save babies and show the love of Christ."

She said one of the most rewarding things about her job is when former clients bring their children to the center after they are born. There is a wall in the teaching center with nothing but baby pictures on it, she said.

And though Hallal does not have children of her own, she said she is happy to see other women doing their best to be fantastic mothers. You see these women just light up when they talk about their child, she said.

"Most of my friends will tell you I have a whole lot of babies," she said.

Anyone seeking assistance with preparing for a child can call Sumter Pregnancy Center at (803) 773-8858 or go to pregnancyoptionssumter.com.

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Lovers pack convention

Brickworld comes to Chicago every June for 5 days

BY MARCIA DUNN
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SCHAUMBURG, Ill. — If you think five straight days of Lego are for the kiddie set, think again. Brickworld Chicago is a convention aimed at adults. Teens are welcome. So are tweens. But better nab a grown-up, boys and girls, if you want to hang with this Lego-obsessed crowd. Children under 18 must be accompanied by adults.

And no skateboarding, please, on the exhibition floor. No need to ask why, what with hundreds of painstakingly crafted Lego creations filling the hall.

Every June, Lego enthusiasts from around the world descend on this northwestern Chicago suburb to build Legos, display Legos, play Legos, swap Legos and win Legos. They watch Lego mini-figure films produced by fellow enthusiasts and play Lego bingo using cards with mini-figure characters instead of numbers and letters. They see who can build the most mini-figures in two minutes flat.

This year's convention is slated for June 13-17. The theme is "Seasons."

In the Dirty Buildster competition, participants exchange random Lego pieces, grab-bag style, and try to outdo each other with their concoctions. In hopes of setting a GBC (Great Ball Contraption) world record, they line up GBCs one after the other — some relatively simple, others crazy complicated — to funnel the mini Lego soccer balls from device to device. Last summer, the continuous circuit covered 26 long tables.

Lego machines battle, Lego flowers



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Some art knockoffs, Lego-style, are seen in June 2017 at Brickworld Chicago in Schaumburg, Illinois. Every June, Lego enthusiasts from around the world descend on Schaumburg, a northwestern suburb of Chicago, to build Legos, display Legos, play Legos, swap Legos, win Legos and more. This year's convention is June 13-17.

bloom, Lego trains chug, Lego space-craft hover, Lego bridges loom, Lego superheroes pose, Lego tables and stools actually function, along with Lego TV consoles and Lego refrigerator cases.

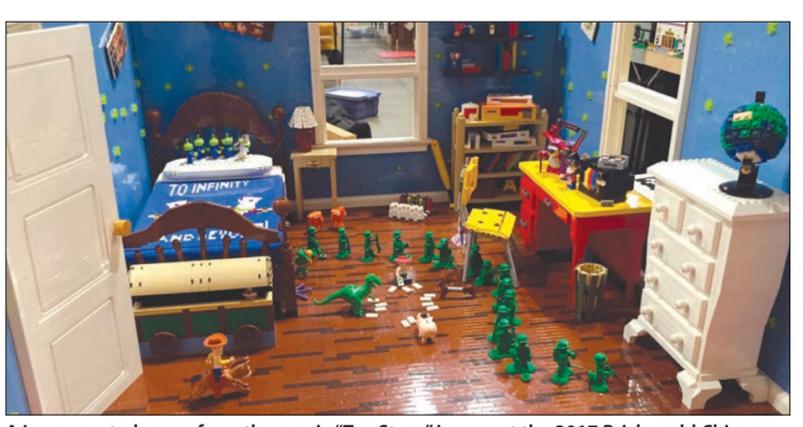
A Lego bellman even greets guests staying at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, an hour's train ride from downtown Chicago, while a restaurant there offers "Lego of My Chick" chicken-and-waffle sandwiches.

Local university student Casey McCoy will be back for his eighth Brickworld Chicago, this time to help run its film festival. Last year, he showcased a self-portrait made of more than 3,000 Lego bricks that took him three weeks to build. For the upcoming Brickworld, he created a 3,000-plus-brick portrait of character Eleven from the Netflix series "Stranger Things." It took him 13 hours.

"The very best part of Brickworld is meeting new people, getting to know their life stories, what makes them tick, why they love building," McCoy, 22, said via email. Putting a face to an online avatar — "meeting someone from the online world" — is especially satisfying, he wrote.

If you go, you'll need to know some Lego acronyms. MOC stands for My Own Creation, as opposed to a standard-issued Lego kit. AFOL is shorthand for Adult Fans of Lego, TFOL for Teen Fans of Lego, NLSO for Non-Lego Significant Other.

I fell into that last category when my 11-year-old son and I attended last summer's "Lights, Camera, Bricks" convention at the Schaumburg Convention Center, not long after the release of "The Lego Batman Movie." The staff assured me that



A Lego-created scene from the movie "Toy Story" is seen at the 2017 Brickworld Chicago.

my Lego-loving tween would fit in but warned that late-night socials were strictly for those of legal age and that it was my responsibility, as mom, to remove him from mature conversations or situations.

No worries there. We were back in our hotel following the mostly G-rated evening receptions, speeches and charity auctions. And except for a mild curse word or two, conversations were pretty tame.

The 2017 convention attracted approximately 1,000 registrants. Weekend days, open to the public, attracted

10,000 people. Interestingly, while AFOLs live to build and love showing off their MOCs to other AFOLs, they can get agitated when the public arrives. They worry a youngster will bump and destroy the creation, thus the sudden appearance of guide rails in the aisles come Saturday morning. There also are the dreaded questions.

Try answering "How long did it take you to build this?" and "How many pieces are in this?" again and again and again. Even worse: "Did you glue the pieces together?"

Kragle is an evil word among this crowd. (That's a contraction for Krazy Glue for those of you who didn't see 2014's "The Lego Movie.")

Smile and be kind when reminding the crowd not to touch, AFOLs were advised in the private opening ceremony.

So if you really want to impress these Lego masters of the universe, do NOT ask them how long it took to build their creation, how many pieces there are and whether their masterpiece is glued.

And whatever you do, don't touch.



IF YOU GO
BRICKWORLD CHICAGO: Public expo, June 16-17 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center in Schaumburg, Illinois: <https://brickworld.com/brickworld-chicago>. Weekend walk-ins, \$12. Access to all five days, June 13-17, \$55, or \$80 to display your own Lego creations; <https://brickworld.com/convention>. Online late registration, May 15-June 6.
GETTING THERE: The convention center is 12 miles from O'Hare Airport and 26 miles from downtown Chicago (via public transit, Metra's Union Pacific Northwest or Milwaukee District West train lines, then a bus to the convention area).
ACCOMMODATIONS: The Renaissance hotel onsite offers a Brickworld discount; <https://brickworld.com/locationhotel>. Alternatively, the Wyndham Garden Schaumburg Chicago Northwest is a 15-minute walk away.
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WEDDING

Funke-Dunlap

LYNCHBURG — Erika Charlotte Funke and Michael Paul Dunlap, both of Columbus, Mississippi, were united in marriage at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28, 2018, at Tanglewood Plantation.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Bryan Funke of Sumter. She graduated from Sumter High School in 2012 and Clemson University in 2016 with a Bachelor of Science in Animal and Veterinary Science. She is employed as a veterinary pharmaceutical sales representative by Boehringer Ingelheim.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunlap of Sumter. He graduated from Sumter High School in 2011 and from the United States Air Force Academy in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Behavioral Science. He is a first lieutenant and pilot in the United States Air Force stationed at Columbus Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Chaplain Eddie Rubero of Shaw Air Force Base officiated.

Music was provided by the Emerald Empire Band of Atlanta.

Escorted by her father, the bride's gown featured lace overlays, a deep sweetheart bodice with a scalloped-edged V-neckline, a lace sash, and a

layered A-line skirt finished with a sweep train. She carried a bouquet of white hydrangeas, French tulips, ranunculus, Juliet Garden Roses and sweetpea accented with white astilbe, dollar eucalyptus, olive branches and Italian ruscus with exposed stems tied with ivory ribbon.

Macy Charpentier served as maid of honor, with Elena Lim, sister of the bridegroom, as matron of honor.

Bridesmaids were Eve Sherman, Haylie Hale, Eileen Mahoney, Sarah Green, Jessica Smetana and Chelsea Wessinger.

Grant Field served as best man. Groomsmen were Andrew Cohen and Alexander Funke, brothers of the bride, Clay Duggan, Hunter Nichols, Dan Perkins, Greg Copeland, Gavin O'Neil and Hayden Raabe. Jop-

lin Funke-Dunlap served as ring bearer.

The reception was given by the bride's parents at Tanglewood Plantation.

The rehearsal party was given by the bridegroom's parents at Sumter City Centre.

The couple is going on an African safari at a later date.

They reside in Columbus.



MR., MRS. MICHAEL DUNLAP

ENGAGEMENT

Schwechlen-Anderson

Dr. and Mrs. Jay Anderson of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, formerly of Sumter, announce the engagement of their son, Gabriel James Anderson of Basel, Switzerland, to Caroline Schwechlen of Saint Louis, Alsace, France, daughter of Fernand Schwechlen of Saint Louis, Alsace, and the late Fe Schwechlen.

The bride-elect graduated from University de Haute-Alsace. She is employed by Johnson and Johnson in Basel.

The bridegroom-elect graduated from Wilson Hall in Sumter and North Carolina State University with a degree in chemical engineering. He is employed by Novartis Pharmaceuticals as a technical manager in Basel.

The wedding is planned for July 7, 2018, at Church of Saints Pierre-Et-Paul, Kientzheim, France.

Visit the couple's website, www.Anderson-Schwechlen.com.



MISS SCHWECHLEN, MR. ANDERSON

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EDUCATION NEWS

Wilson Hall

TAVAREZ A TEXAS MERIT SCHOLAR

Senior Matthew Tavarez received a National Merit Scholarship from the University of Texas at Dallas. Valued at \$178,000, the scholarship covers the full cost of tuition, room, board, books and supplies, and recipients are eligible for the university's honors program. For students designated as National Merit Scholar Finalists, the scholarship program is reserved for the top academic applicants in the nation.

SENIOR SERVICE PROJECT

For their annual spring service day on April 27, the seniors raised more than \$4,000 through a walk-a-thon to benefit Sumter Feeds My Starving Children. The 69 members of the class, who met on campus before walking over four miles to First Presbyterian Church, raised the money by seeking pledges from friends and family. In addition to the funds raised through the walk-a-thon, the seniors raised more than \$7,300 for the project during the fall. FMSC is a Christian, nonprofit organization that feeds hungry children in 70 countries throughout the world by providing meals made up of a protein, vegetables, vitamins and rice all in one meal pack. FMSC has held a Sumter packing event in August for the past four years, and it has grown to almost 2,000 volunteers packing meals to feed 1,000 children for a year. The seniors are working to generate support to sponsor a Wilson Hall shift at the Mobile Pack in August, which will be an opportunity for students, faculty, families and alumni to pack meals for hungry children. In a two-hour shift, it will be possible to pack enough meals to feed more than 200 children for one year. School counselor Elizabeth Hyatt is the coordinator of the senior service project.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As of March 1, 99 percent of the 69 members of the senior class received merit-based scholarship offers totaling \$5.2 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. Louisiana State University offered a Transformation Merit Award to Katie Overby, Mars Hill University offered an academic scholarship to Grace Tristan, and the Missouri University of Science and Technology offered an Excellence Scholarship to Zack Zobrist. Ohio University offered a Distinction Scholarship to Pitch Sinlapanuntakul, Saint Joseph's University offered a Legacy Award to Megan Piasecki, Salisbury University offered a Presidential Scholarship to Madison Tash, and Texas Christian University offered an International Grant to Paul Choe. Clemson University offered an academic scholarship to Kirsten Fisher and Meredith Johnson, and Independent Scholarship to Eadon Lee, and a Palmetto Pact Scholarship to Graeson Smith and Matthew Tavarez. The College of Charleston offered a Merit Scholarship to Ragin Lee, the University of South Carolina Aiken offered an Achievement Scholarship to Hayley DuBose, and Winthrop University offered a Garnet Scholarship to Crystal Moore. The University of South Car-

olina offered a Presidential Scholarship to Chandler Curtis and Kirsten Fisher, a Dean's Scholar Award to Macie Luebert, an Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship to Kate Smith, and a Garnet Scholar Award to Grace Towery. — *Sean Hoskins*

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Thomas Sumter Academy

REED RECEIVES AWARD

Thomas Sumter Academy has the greatest faculty and staff. They are dedicated, professional, firm but fair, and they love their students. Many teachers are also coaches as well as class and club sponsors. For example, Coach BJ Reed — Coach BJ as she is referred to — was selected the Sumter Chamber of Commerce High School Educator of the year. She was most recently awarded the Debbie Nix Spirit of TSA Award as well.

Our faculty enables each student to maximize their true potential whether that be in the classroom, in a club or on the athletic field. The faculty is the glue that enables our academic foundation to be as strong as it is and ultimately in the success of TSA graduates. The Class of 2018 has a 100 percent college acceptance as did their predecessors.

Additionally, I recently spoke to two TSA alumni who are graduating early from college because of the dual enrollment classes at Thomas Sumter. Again, what a testimony to the TSA faculty. With the cost of college these days, how would you, as a parent (or student), like to be able to only pay for three years of college instead of four? All because of the dual-enrollment classes TSA offers.

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Sumter School District

DUKE TIP RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

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

Duke TIP students from Alice Drive Middle School are Sara Bartrug, Peyton

Eisenach, Carlos Hebert, Yesheo Lee, Zoe Morgan, Grace Lynn Thode, Juliana Valcourt and Shirley Wang.

From Bates Middle School, Duke TIP students are Zion Cobb, Taylor Gardemour, Malik Hannah and Andrew O'Brien.

From Chestnut Oaks Middle, Makayla De'Lay, Sheriyah Hicks, Blakelyn Pearson and Lidia Ruiz-Gutierrez were recognized.

From Ebenezer Middle School, Duke TIP recognized Briel Crespo, Morgan Mitchell, Janiyah Morton, Elora Osaki, Caleb Parker and Myah Cate Wilber.

From Hillcrest Middle School, Duke TIP students are Owen Cacal, David Collier, Lauren Feeney, Layla Krug, Jiyarian McLeod, Jayla Ricks and Evan Stevens.

Of those invited to participate in the program, the following students qualified and were invited to attend the state recognition ceremony: Lee Yesheo from Alice Drive Middle; Owen Cacal and Layla Krug from Hillcrest Middle; and Lidia Ruiz-Gutierrez from Chestnut Oaks Middle. Lee Yesheo was also invited to the Duke TIP Grand Recognition ceremony at Duke University. This is an honor awarded to about three percent of Talent Search participants.

JUNIOR SCHOLARS NAMED

Twenty-eight students in Sumter School District have been named South Carolina Junior Scholars. The program was developed in 1985 by the S.C. Department of Education to identify eighth-graders with exceptional academic talent and to develop strategies for inclusion into special programs. These students are selected based on their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT or by recognition from Duke University's Talent Identification Program.

From Alice Drive Middle School, the students were Ella Alan, Mia Bagwell, Abbey-Grace Bryant, Rebecca Closson, Anna Collins, Ryu Kim, Kelvin Li, Hayden Lyons, Katie McKellar, Molly McMahon, Jayden Milligan, William Moore, Althea Vicete and Lillian Williamson.

From Bates Middle School, Kimberly Boles, Adriana McCallister, Kobe Moses and Xander Phalin were honored.

Alddie Zarraga from Furman Middle School and Patrick Dinger and James Page from Ebenezer Middle School were named Junior Scholars.

From Hillcrest Middle School, the students were Julianna Hodge, Breanna Lundberg, Alannah Oliver and Katelyn Robertson.

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

SEAMLESS SUMMER FEEDING PROGRAM ANNOUNCED

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

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

The Summer Feeding Program will operate from Monday, June 11, through Friday, Aug. 3. The program will be closed only on July 4.

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

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

Visit the district website at www.sumterschools.net to download and complete an application. The completed application may be mailed to Sumter Food and Nutrition Services, PO Box 909, Dalzell, SC, 29040, faxed to (803) 499-5959, or emailed to Stacey.Champagne@sumterschools.net. For further information or questions, contact Leon Williams, Food Service Director, at (803) 499-5950, extension 109, or Stacey Champagne, summer feeding coordinator at (803) 499-5950, extension 105. — *Shelly Galloway*

The Citadel

CHARLESTON — Twenty of the newest Air Force officers took their commissioning oath on May 4 in Summerville Chapel, The Citadel. The cadets were officially sworn in as officers during the South Carolina Corps of Cadets commencement ceremony on May 5.

Local cadets who took their commissioning oath to become Air Force officers include: **John Shaddrick of Sumter** and **Devin Singleton of Shaw AFB**.

At the South Carolina Corps of Cadets Awards Convocation held May 3, 50 awards were presented to cadets and active-duty students in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments. **Michelle Banzon of Sumter** was presented the Intramural Athlete of the Year Award. The Intramural Athlete of the Year Award is presented to cadets who have shown outstanding performance in intramural competition demonstrating athleticism, sportsmanship and competitive spirit. Battalion and company athletic officers nominate the recipients each year.

Trump plan for drug prices won't include direct negotiations

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON — After more than a year of bold promises, President Donald Trump is unveiling his plans for reducing drug prices. But they don't include a key campaign pledge to use the buying power of the government's Medicare program to negotiate lower costs for seniors.

In advance of Trump's speech on his plans Friday, officials previewed a raft of old and new ideas to increase competition and improve transparency in the notoriously complex drug pricing system with the ultimate aim of wringing more savings for consumers.

It's an approach that avoids a direct confrontation with the powerful pharmaceutical lobby, but it could also overwhelm Americans seeking relief from escalating prescription costs.

"Consumers are ultimately going to be the judge of this announcement," said Dan Mendelson, a health care consultant. "If they don't address the cost that patients see at the pharmacy counter it's not going to be seen as responsive."

A majority of Americans say passing laws to bring down prescription drug prices should be a "top priority" for Trump and Congress, according to recent polling by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

As a candidate, Trump railed against the pharmaceutical industry, accusing companies of "getting away

with murder." But as president, he has shied away from major reforms and staffed his administration with appointees who have deep ties to the industry, including health secretary Alex Azar, a former top executive at Eli Lilly.

Azar and other Trump officials have described the problem in stark terms and promised bold action.

"Every incentive is toward higher list prices because everyone in the system gets a cut off that list price except the patient," said Azar, speaking on "Fox and Friends" on Friday morning.

He said one new proposal would allow senior citizens enrolled in Medicare who hit the catastrophic period to pay nothing out of pocket, "so really relieve a huge burden on our senior citizens."

Parts of the plan were

previously released in the president's budget proposal and would require action by Congress. Those steps include: requiring insurers to share rebates from drug companies with Medicare patients and changing the way Medicare pays for high-priced drugs administered at doctors' offices.

Trump staffers said the new steps coming could be taken immediately without congressional lawmakers, who are mainly focused on November elections. The measures aim to increase competition, create incentives for drugmakers to lower initial prices and stop foreign governments from "freeloading" off U.S. pharmaceutical research. But the officials gave few specifics.

Public outrage over drug costs has been growing for years as Americans face pricing pressure from multi-

ple sources: New medicines for life-threatening diseases often launch with prices exceeding \$100,000 per year. And older drugs for common ailments like diabetes and asthma routinely see price hikes around 10 percent annually. Meanwhile Americans are paying more at the pharmacy counter because of health insurance plans that require them to shoulder more of their prescription costs.

Trump officials have hinted for weeks that the plan, in part, will untangle the convoluted system of discounts and rebates between drugmakers and insurers, pharmacy benefit managers and other health care middlemen. FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb — another Trump official with industry ties — says this lack of transparency creates perverse incentives in which drugmakers and other health care companies all benefit from rising prices.

"Right now, we don't have a truly free market when it comes to drug pricing, and in too many cases, that's driving prices to unaffordable levels for some patients," Gottlieb said in a speech last week. Experts who study drug pricing are encouraged that the discussion has moved on from outrage to more sophisticated proposals.

"This is progress, and I think there's no question that opening up the machine to make it more clear how it works will lead to change — hopefully to constructive change," said Dr. Peter Bach, director of Memorial Sloan

Kettering's Center for Health Policy and Outcomes.

But others warn there is no guarantee that unraveling the current pricing-setting bureaucracy will lead to lower prices, because it all starts with drugmakers' initial prices.

Drugmakers generally can charge as much as the market will bear because the U.S. government doesn't regulate medicine prices, unlike most other countries.

The result, in part, is the highest drug prices in the world.

The U.S. spent \$1,162 per person on prescription drugs in 2015, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. That's more than twice the \$497 per person spent in the United Kingdom, which has a nationalized health care system.

Medicare is the largest purchaser of prescription drugs in the nation, covering 60 million seniors and Americans with disabilities, but it is barred by law from directly negotiating lower prices with drugmakers. Democrats have long favored giving Medicare that power, but Republicans traditionally oppose the idea.

Allowing Medicare to negotiate prices is unacceptable to the powerful drug lobby, which has spent tens of millions of dollars since Trump's inauguration to influence the Washington conversation around drug prices, including a high-profile TV advertising campaign portraying its scientists as medical trailblazers.



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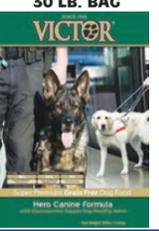
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COMMENTARY

Where's the outrage over Kerry's secret meetings for deal?

WASHINGTON — Democrats routinely express outrage over claims of collusion with a foreign power to undermine our democracy. So where is the outrage over revelations that former secretary of state John Kerry held not one but two secret meetings with Iran's foreign minister to strategize over how to undermine President Trump's plans to withdraw from the Iran nuclear deal?

An Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman confirmed the meetings after the *Boston Globe* broke the news, declaring, "We don't see the U.S. just as Mr. Trump; the United States is not just the current ruling administration." Think about what this means. Iran is a terrorist state responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Americans in Iraq, whose leaders hold rallies where thousands chant "Death to America!" Kerry was working with a sworn enemy of the United States to try to undermine the foreign policy of the elected president of the United States.

I thought we didn't like Americans who colluded with our enemies.

Kerry's meetings with Iran's leaders were not isolated incidents but part of a formal lobbying campaign that included phone calls with European Union leaders and meetings with the presidents of Germany and France in which, the *Globe* reports, he discussed "the details of sanctions and regional nuclear threats in both French and English."

On Twitter, Trump suggested that Kerry might have violated the Logan Act, which says: "Any citizen of the United States ... who, without authority of the United States, directly or indirectly commences or carries on any correspondence or intercourse with any foreign government ... with intent to influence the measures or conduct of any foreign government ... in relation to any disputes or controversies with the United States, or to defeat the measures of the United States, shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than three years, or both." In fact, no one has been prosecuted under the Logan Act in more than 160 years, and most conservative legal scholars consider it unconstitutional.

Although what Kerry did was probably not illegal, it was deeply hypocritical. Recall that in 2015, when Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark., and 46 other Republicans wrote to Iran's leaders informing them of the Senate's constitutional role in approving international agreements, Kerry was incensed. "My reac-

tion to the letter was utter disbelief," he said at the time. "To write leaders in the middle of a negotiation ... is quite stunning ... [and] ignores more than two centuries of precedent in the conduct of American foreign policy," Kerry said, adding that he would never have interfered in that way "no matter what the issue and no matter who was president." What a difference three years make.

Cotton is a sitting United States senator. The Senate has a constitutional role in foreign policy. Kerry is a private citizen.

He has a constitutional role in nothing. Kerry's defenders compare him to Henry Kissinger and other former secretaries of state who regularly meet with world leaders.

"Secretary Kerry stays in touch with his former counterparts around the world, just like every previous Secretary of State," a Kerry spokesman said. But Kissinger does not conduct rogue diplomacy. When he meets with foreign leaders, he usually coordinates with the White House, often carrying messages for the president, and then briefs administration officials afterward. Kerry did none of this.

This is not the first time Kerry has interfered in U.S. diplomacy as a private citizen. In 1970, he flew to Paris and met with the North Vietnamese while they were in the midst of negotiating the Paris Peace accords with Kissinger. Kerry admitted then that his actions were "on the borderline of private individuals negotiating." What he did last month was not on the borderline.

Kerry would not have had to resort to rogue diplomacy if he had negotiated a better deal. The agreement he struck could not even muster the support of a simple majority in the Senate, much less the two-thirds majority needed to ratify a treaty. As Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., correctly points out, the Obama administration "made a bad deal with Iran without support from Congress. ... American foreign policy makes lasting progress when it is led by the President, approved by Congress, and presented honestly to the American people." Kerry has no one to blame but himself for Trump's decision to withdraw. And he certainly has no business colluding with America's enemies against America's president.

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Marc Thiessen



COMMENTARY

How Southern lynching gave birth to South Carolina's death penalty

COLUMBIA — The National Memorial for Peace and Justice opened last month in Montgomery, commemorating 4,400 confirmed lynchings in the United States between 1877 and 1950, and documenting lynching as a

form of terrorism used to maintain white supremacy in the Jim Crow era.

Lindsey Vann

Bryan Stevenson, executive director of

the Equal Justice Initiative that built the memorial, said its purpose is to encourage Americans to wrestle with that legacy and its lingering effects on the criminal-justice system — and all of society for that matter. According to Stevenson, "our goal is not to be divisive" but to "encourage people to confront the truth of our past with more courage."

South Carolinians should heed Stevenson's call. At the center of the memorial are 800 weathered, reddish steel monuments — one for each county in which a lynching took place. South Carolina is well represented with 35 monuments — some listing more than a dozen lynching victims.

It is imperative the citizens of this state not only know, but also face lynching's long legacy.

The research that Justice 360 founder John Blume and I conducted found that the large majority of those who lost their lives to a lynch mob were black men and boys, some in their early teens, accused of rape, attempted rape or lesser "offenses" against white women. In fact, prior to 1899, no black person was legally executed in South Carolina for rape or attempted sexual assault; every single person so accused died at the hands of a lynching party.

Even after 1899, lynchings were common for perceived transgressions against "Southern white womanhood," which the public believed deserved instant justice, or when the criminal justice system did not deliver the



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A visitor at EJI's National Memorial for Peace and Justice takes in a sculpture on April 26 in Montgomery. The memorial commemorates 4,400 black people who were slain in lynchings and other racial killings between 1877 and 1950.

"correct" result. For example, after a judge directed a verdict of not guilty in a 1926 Aiken County murder case previously overturned by the S.C. Supreme Court, a mob "overpowered" the jailer and murdered the three defendants.

Lynching also occurred for minor offenses (our research identified one lynching of a man accused of stealing a Bible and of an elderly woman who allegedly covered it up) or for no crime at all (e.g., blacks not "knowing their place" in the social/economic order).

The last S.C. lynching occurred roughly 70 years ago. Willie Earle was arrested on circumstantial evidence that he killed a Greenville taxi driver. On Feb. 17, 1947, a white mob demanded the Pickens County Jail turn Earle over. The members of the mob then drove Earle to Greenville, where they stabbed and shot him.

After many of the men involved confessed their role in the lynching, 31 white men were tried for murdering Earle. An all-white jury found the defendants not guilty. The courtroom broke out in applause, and the judge, disgusted by the verdict and reactions, left the bench without thanking the jury for its service.

It is all too easy to say that lynching is a thing of the past, a product of an earlier era of our state's history best forgotten.

That would be both wrong and short-sighted. Lynching was replaced with a legal system of capital punishment that continues to mete out the death

penalty disproportionately to black defendants accused of crimes involving white victims. It became, for all practical purposes, lynching's stepchild.

The race of the victim continues to be a major determining factor in who will be executed. We have tracked every death penalty case in South Carolina since 1977 (the "modern era" of the death penalty), and 81 percent of all death sentences have been imposed on defendants accused of killing a white victim.

South Carolina's current death row is more than 56 percent African-American, though African-Americans make up less than 30 percent of our state's population. We have also identified several cases in which black men were convicted and sentenced to death by all-white juries (and judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys), making the courtroom appear (at least visually) more like a lynch mob than a court of law.

The racist roots of capital punishment are alive and well.

George Santayana said "those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Unless we face and acknowledge the ugly history of racial terror embodied by the lynch mob, there is no hope of reducing the pernicious effects of race that continue to infect South Carolina's death penalty.

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The 12th Annual Art in the Park will be held Saturday, Sept. 22, at Memorial Park. Art and craft vendor fee is \$50. Art and craft, community corner and children's craft center vendor applications can be downloaded at HSNASumtersc.com.

The Bishopville / Manning / Shaw Air Force Base Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. meets at 8 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Corinth Missionary Baptist Church, 25 Community St.

PUBLIC AGENDA

CLARENDON COUNTY COUNCIL
Monday, 6 p.m., Administration Building, Council Chambers, 411 Sunset Drive, Manning

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, 6 p.m., Chestnut Oaks Middle School, 1200 Oswego Highway

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

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

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

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

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Hold on to whatever opinion you plan to share, and consider the consequences. You'll face opposition that will turn into an unwinnable argument. If you want to make changes, look inward instead of trying to change others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Hidden matters are better left alone for the moment. Concentrate on what you can do to make your life and those of your loved ones better. Delays while traveling can be expected, along with confrontation with authority figures.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Look at all your options before making a move. Prepare strategically and without letting others know your plan; you will stand a much better chance to get things done to your liking. Protect against unwanted interference or meddling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might feel obligated to help others, but before you make a commitment to someone, consider whether you are being used. A recommendation will ensure you don't have to put up with negativity and criticism.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep a low profile or get out of the house, and you may be able to sidestep someone's overreaction. Focus on personal changes that are affordable and will make you feel good about yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Experience what life has to offer. Take part in a retreat or attend an event that will bring you in contact with people who are just as enthusiastic as you are about the changes you want to see unfold in

your community.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let the changes being made at home or with your personal spending frazzle you. If you live within your means, you won't find it as difficult to deal with the stress debt can cause. Change begins within.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make it a point to let someone you care about know how you feel. A family gathering will bring problems out into the open and encourage the support and help required to make positive adjustments. A transformation is heading your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A change in the way you feel will encourage you to resolve the issues that are causing problems. Honesty and integrity will play a role when explaining what you are willing to put up with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Put more effort into home, family relationships and making your personal life better. Express your feelings and share your sentiments about lifestyle, spending habits and the goals you would like to save for and accomplish, along with a doable plan.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A personal gain is heading your way. Making a physical change will boost your confidence and help you express your feelings for someone you love. A change of scenery will do you good. Make special plans for two.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't feel bad if someone doesn't want to contribute to your plans. You will discover that once you get started, those who show interest will benefit you far more than someone who isn't truly into what you are doing.

WEATHER

AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Plenty of sunshine	Mainly clear	Partly sunny and very warm	Cloudy, a t-storm; humid	Cloudy, a t-storm; humid	A shower and t-storm around
95°	65°	92° / 67°	83° / 68°	83° / 69°	85° / 68°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 60%	Chance of rain: 60%
SSW 4-8 mph	SSW 4-8 mph	S 6-12 mph	SE 6-12 mph	SSE 6-12 mph	S 7-14 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

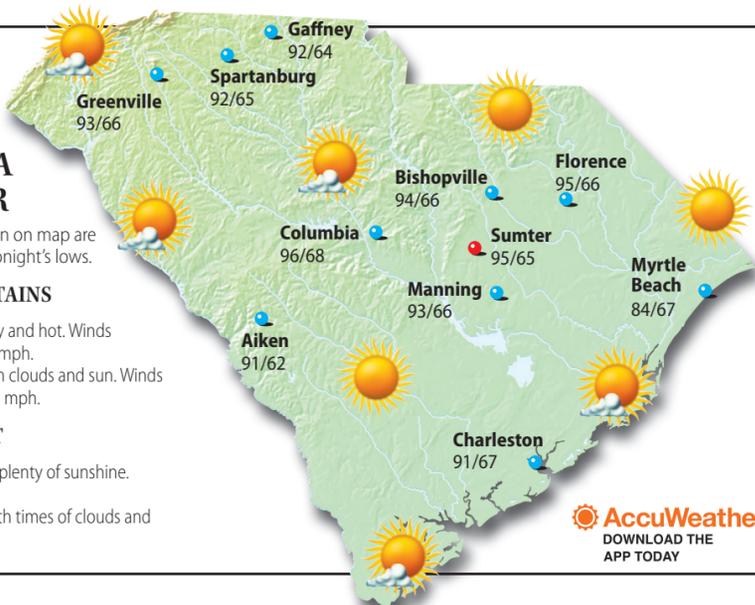
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Mostly sunny and hot. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph.
Monday: Warm with clouds and sun. Winds south-southwest 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Humid with plenty of sunshine. High 81 to 89.
Monday: Humid with times of clouds and sun. High 78 to 84.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature

High	93°
Low	65°
Normal high	81°
Normal low	56°
Record high	96° in 1963
Record low	42° in 1966

Precipitation

24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	trace
Normal month to date	1.17"
Year to date	9.43"
Last year to date	15.43"
Normal year to date	15.52"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.06	-0.01
Marion	76.8	75.70	-0.05
Moultrie	75.5	75.38	none
Wateree	100	97.49	-0.14

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	5.26	-0.70
Congaree River	19	3.69	-0.01
Lynches River	14	3.05	-0.16
Saluda River	14	3.00	+0.12
Up. Santee River	80	77.47	-0.32
Wateree River	24	10.05	-1.12

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:22 a.m.	Sunset	8:15 p.m.
Moonrise	5:24 a.m.	Moonset	6:24 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
May 15	May 21	May 29	June 6

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:05 a.m.	3.0	2:41 a.m.	0.1
	8:26 p.m.	3.4	2:51 p.m.	-0.3
Mon.	8:53 a.m.	3.0	3:31 a.m.	-0.1
	9:13 p.m.	3.6	3:38 p.m.	-0.4

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	91/69/s	88/67/t
Chicago	67/56/sh	75/57/pc
Dallas	89/72/pc	91/72/pc
Detroit	68/55/c	79/59/pc
Houston	90/72/pc	91/68/pc
Los Angeles	69/55/pc	68/54/pc
New Orleans	91/72/pc	91/73/s
New York	59/54/r	72/62/c
Orlando	80/69/t	80/70/r
Philadelphia	62/53/r	79/64/c
Phoenix	90/68/s	94/68/s
San Francisco	68/54/pc	66/55/pc
Wash., DC	75/62/t	86/70/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	88/60/s	87/62/t	Florence	95/66/s	93/68/pc
Athens	94/63/s	91/64/t	Gainesville	86/67/pc	79/67/r
Augusta	94/61/s	92/63/t	Gastonia	93/64/s	91/67/t
Beaufort	89/67/pc	84/69/t	Goldboro	93/69/s	92/69/pc
Cape Hatteras	79/70/s	79/70/pc	Goose Creek	91/66/pc	86/69/pc
Charleston	91/67/pc	87/69/pc	Greensboro	92/67/pc	92/69/t
Charlotte	94/66/s	93/68/t	Greenville	93/66/s	92/68/t
Clemson	92/65/s	89/67/t	Hickory	92/64/s	90/67/t
Columbia	96/68/s	94/69/t	Hilton Head	84/69/pc	82/70/pc
Darlington	94/66/s	93/68/t	Jacksonville, FL	86/68/pc	79/67/r
Elizabeth City	86/67/pc	90/69/pc	La Grange	93/67/s	87/67/pc
Elizabethtown	93/67/s	91/68/pc	Macon	94/65/s	88/64/t
Fayetteville	95/69/s	95/70/pc	Marietta	92/66/s	89/66/t

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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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

INTERSECTIONAL: Where streets meet
By Fred Piscop

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- Islam's Almighty
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- Columbus craft
- Low man at the opera
- Inflamed mood
- It's told around a campfire
- Metaphorical breaking point
- Domingo (Caribbean capital)
- "Make it snappy!"
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- Aired again
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SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

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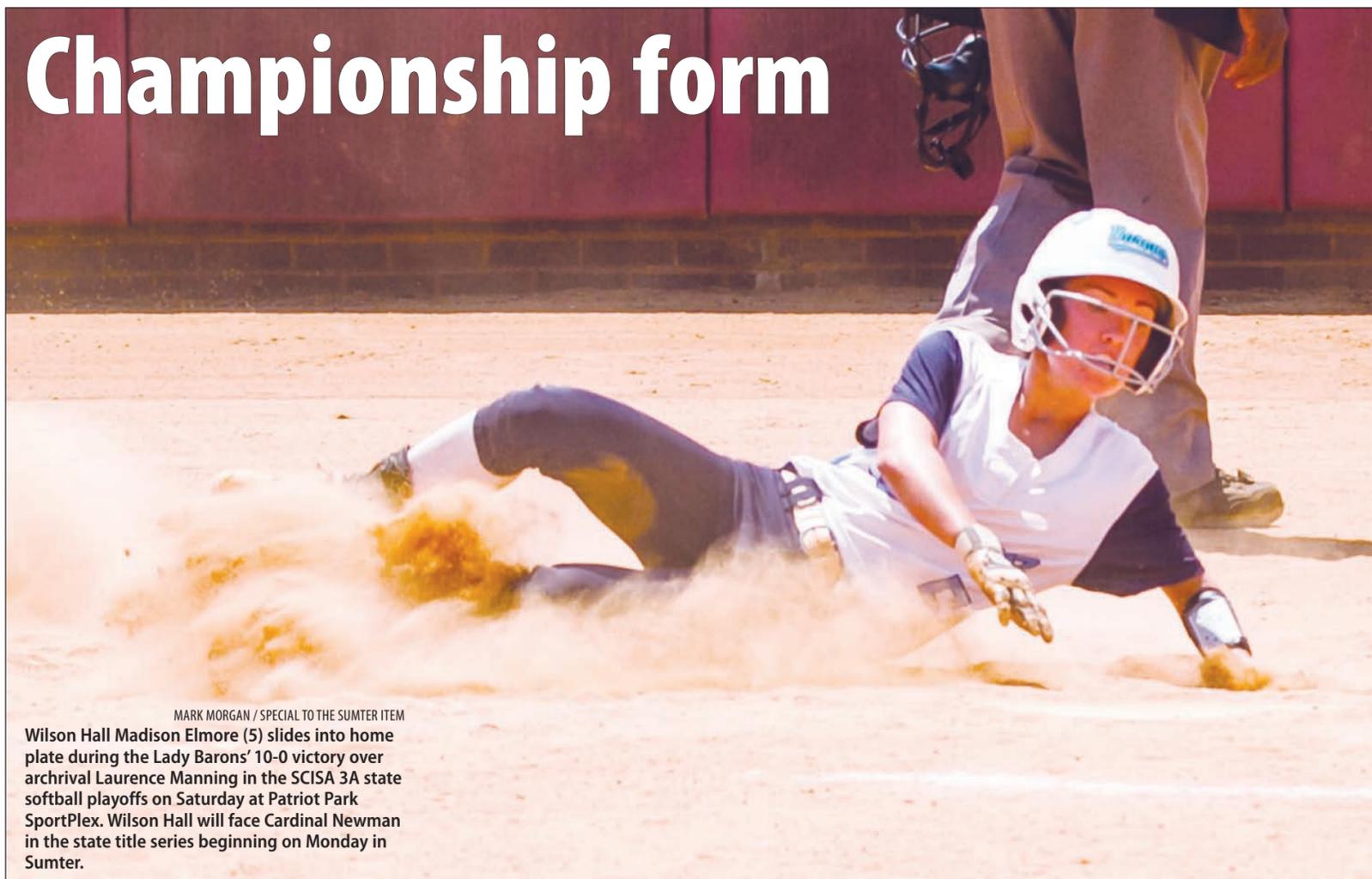
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YOUTH BISON BAKERY OUTWIT

When her brother tied her shoes together, he was being a — "KNOTTY" BOY

PREP SOFTBALL

Championship form



MARK MORGAN / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall Madison Elmore (5) slides into home plate during the Lady Barons' 10-0 victory over archrival Laurence Manning in the SCISA 3A state softball playoffs on Saturday at Patriot Park SportPlex. Wilson Hall will face Cardinal Newman in the state title series beginning on Monday in Sumter.

Lady Barons blank LMA 10-0, earn spot in 3A title series

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Wilson Hall had the bases loaded with one out in the bottom of the second inning of its game against Laurence Manning Academy in the championship round of the lower bracket in the SCISA 3A softball state tournament with leadoff batter Madison Elmore at the plate.

The sophomore worked LMA start-

ing pitcher Cakhi Fowler to a 3-2 count and then fouled off several pitches before drawing a walk. That made it 2-0 and started a 7-run inning and that was more than enough as Drake Ives tossed a no-hitter in a 10-0, 5-inning victory on Saturday at Patriot Park SportPlex in

The win moved the Lady Barons into the state championship series for the second straight year with a 24-9 overall. WH will play Cardinal

Newman, a 5-4 winner over Augusta Christian School on Saturday, in the state championship series. It begins on Monday at Patriot Park with a start time of 6 p.m. The second game will be in Columbia on Tuesday. If a third game is needed, it will be played on Wednesday at a neutral site.

The Lady 'Cats saw their run as 2-time state champion come to an end, finishing the year with a 16-11-

1 record.

Wilson Hall led 1-0 going to the second when Becka Noyes led off with a base hit. After Fowler struck out Madison Sliwonik, Kathryn Sistare put down a bunt and reached for a base hit. Amelia Weston drew a walk to load the bases for Elmore and her battle with Fowler.

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PREP SOFTBALL



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

East Clarendon's Kinsley Driggers winds to throw to first during the Lady Wolverines' victory over Hannah-Pamplico last week in Turbeville. ECHS will face Lewisville in the 1A state championship series starting Monday at the East Clarendon field.

Lady Wolverines to face Lewisville for 1A crown

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The East Clarendon High School softball team is in a position with which it is very familiar: occupying the lower state's spot in the 1A state championship series.

The Lady Wolverines clinched a spot in the best-of-3 series for the fifth time in sixth years with a 6-3 victory over Hannah-Pamplico on Friday in the championship game of the lower state tournament in Turbeville.

However, it will be a bit odd for EC because the upper state representative will be Lewisville. In its four previous

appearances, East Clarendon's foe was Dixie.

"It's going to be different," said Lady Wolverines head coach Lisa Ard, whose defending state championship team brings an 18-6 record into the series. "We thought it would be Lewisville last year, but Dixie beat them twice to make it back.

"They (Lewisville) have a good team," Ard added. "They are a strong, experienced group. They have a good pitcher, good slappers. They are a good team and we're going to have to be ready to play."

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs, Celtics in Eastern Conference rematch

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — The jerseys and venues will be the same, but so much has changed since the last time Cleveland Cavaliers and Boston Celtics met in the Eastern Conference finals.

Kyrie Irving was dealt to Boston in a blockbuster off-season deal for Isaiah Thomas and Jae Crowder. But following a roster upheaval in February, the Cavs were left with only five players from last year's team that rolled past the Celtics 4-1 to earn a place in the NBA Finals.

Irving will watch this year's rematch from the sideline after a pair of knee surgeries late in the regular season denied him an opportunity to play this postseason. It was the capstone of an injury-plagued year in Boston that also saw the seasons of Gordon Hayward and rookie Daniel Theis truncated.



AP FILE PHOTO

Cleveland's LeBron James (23) drives against Boston's Marcus Morris (13) during the third quarter of a February game in Boston. They both took winding paths to get here, but the Cleveland Cavaliers and Boston Celtics are back in the Eastern Conference finals for the second straight season. James is looking to join an elite list of players to appear in eight consecutive NBA finals.

The one constant has been Cleveland's LeBron James, who at age 33 has again found another gear in the playoffs despite the different pieces surrounding

him. His 34.3 scoring average in these playoffs is his highest since the 2009 postseason.

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PREP BASEBALL

REL set for 2A state series against Pee Dee Academy

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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The Robert E. Lee Academy baseball team is where head coach David Rankin thought it would be — the SCISA 2A state championship series — playing who he thought it would play — Pee Dee Academy.

"I felt like we were the two best teams, and I thought we'd be playing each other," said Rankin, whose squad lost to Pee Dee 2-0 in last year's championship series. "Now baseball is baseball and things can happen, but I thought we were the two best

teams."

The best-of-3 series begins on Monday in Bishopville with a 7 p.m. start. The second game is scheduled for Tuesday in Mullins, also with a 7 p.m. start. A third game, if needed, will be played on Wednesday at a neutral site.

The teams played each other twice during the regular season, splitting the two games. The Cavaliers won 8-1 in Bishopville in March, while Pee Dee won 4-3 in Mullins in April.

"Neither team threw their best pitchers in either game," Rankin said.

"That's a big difference." The Cavaliers take a 23-3 record into the series, while the Eagles are 19-2.

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RANKIN

PRO GOLF

Simpson stretches Players lead to 7 shots

BY DOUG FERGUSON
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Webb Simpson didn't back off at The Players Championship with another shot he wasn't planning to make, atonement on the island-green 17th and a 4-under 68 that stretched his lead to a record seven shots Saturday.

He started out with an 8-foot birdie putt on the opening hole. His shot from the back bunker to a front pin on the par-5 11th raced across the green and into the cup for an unlikely eagle.

And that island on the par-3 17th was no problem at all. A day after making double bogey to ruin his bid to break the course record, Simpson rapped in a 3-foot birdie putt.

It added to a 19-under 197, tying the 54-hole record set by Greg Norman on a soft course in March. And the 32-year-old Simpson has history on his side. No one has ever lost a seven-shot lead in the final round in PGA Tour history.

Tiger Woods had his best round on the Stadium Course, playing the final six holes in 1 over for a 65. Jordan Spieth made two bogeys in his round of 65 as both charged up the

leaderboard in the morning with big crowds and loud cheers.

That got them into the top 10, but they made up only three shots on Simpson. They still were 11 shots behind.

Danny Lee was leading the B-Flight with a bogey-free round, but only two birdies on the par 5s on the back nine. He shot a 70 and will be in the final group.

Dustin Johnson at least improved his chances of staying for No. 1 with four birdies over his final 10 holes for a 69. He was in third place, nine shots behind and figured all he could do Sunday was go as low as he could and see where it led.

Johnson is among three players to lose a six-shot lead in the final round, last fall in Shanghai. And with danger lurking at every corner on the Pete Dye-designed Stadium Course, that would suggest that the crystal and largest paycheck in golf — just shy of \$2 million — doesn't belong to Simpson just yet.

He just hasn't shown any signs of cracking.

His only two bogeys came on the toughest par-3 at Sawgrass (No. 8), and a three-putt from 40 feet on the 14th, the toughest hole in the third

round. He finished the day with a par putt from 18 feet.

A trio of PGA champions — Jason Dufner (66), Jimmy Walker (70) and Jason Day (71) were at 9-under 207, along with Xander Schauffele (71).

Lee was at 204, a score that would have led The Players in all but three of the years since it moved to May in 2007.

"If you take Webb out of the equation, the golf course is playing about like it always does," Johnson said. "He's the only one that's going really low."

For one morning, Woods created the biggest buzz of the week.

He ran off four birdies in five holes at the start of his round, made the turn in 30 and then added a two-putt birdie at No. 11 and a pitch to 8 feet on the short 12th. He was in range of the course record that eluded Simpson on Saturday. Woods didn't do anything spectacularly wrong the rest of the way, he just didn't convert and dropped his lone shot on the 14th with a drive into thick rough that kept him from reaching the green.

"Eventually I was going to put all the pieces together and today, for the most part, I did that," Woods said.



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Tiger Woods reacts to a missed putt on the ninth green during the third round of The Players Championship on Saturday in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

6 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Singles Championship and Doubles Matches from Madrid and Internazionali BNL d'Italia Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).

9:55 a.m. — Formula One Racing: Grand Prix of Spain from Barcelona, Spain (ESPN2).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Chelsea vs. Newcastle United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Brighton vs. Liverpool (WIS 10).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Leicester City vs. Tottenham (BRAVO).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Stoke City vs. Swansea (CNBC).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. West Ham (E).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Huddersfield (MSNBC).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — West Brom vs. Crystal Palace (OXYGN).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Southampton vs. Manchester City (SYFY).

10 a.m. — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Watford vs. Manchester United (USA).

10:30 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Madrid Open Singles Championship and Doubles Matches from Madrid and Internazionali BNL d'Italia Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).

Noon — College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from College Park, Md. — Robert Morris vs. Maryland (ESPN).

Noon — College Baseball: Vanderbilt at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).

1 p.m. — College Baseball: Texas A&M at Arkansas (ESPN2).

1 p.m. — College Baseball: Kansas at Kansas State (FOX SPORTS 1).

1 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WFFFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

1 p.m. — College Baseball: Austin Peay at Clemson (WJMZ-FM 93.1).

1:30 p.m. — College Baseball: Missouri at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).

2 p.m. — PGA Golf: The Players Championship Final Round from Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. (WIS 10).

2 p.m. — College Baseball: Oklahoma State at Baylor (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).

2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs or Texas at Houston (MLB NETWORK).

2:15 p.m. — College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from South Bend, Ind. — Denver vs. Notre Dame (ESPN).

3 p.m. — College Baseball: Mississippi State at Kentucky (SEC NETWORK).

3:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Championship Series Game 1 — Cleveland at Boston (WOL 25).

4 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Seattle at Portland (ESPN).

4:30 p.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Rocco Forte Open Final, Round from Sicily, Italy (GOLF).

5 p.m. — College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game — Georgetown vs. Johns Hopkins (ESPN).

6 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Orlando (FOX SPORTS 1).

6 p.m. — College Track and Field: Southeastern Conference Outdoor Championships from Knoxville, Tenn. (SEC NETWORK).

7:15 p.m. — College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament First-Round Game from Syracuse, N.Y. — Cornell vs. Syracuse (ESPN).

8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington at Arizona (ESPN).

8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Eastern Conference Final Series Match 2 — Washington at Tampa Bay (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

8:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: New York City at Los Angeles (FOX SPORTS 1).

10 p.m. — College Softball: NCAA Women's Softball Championship Selection Special (ESPN2).

MONDAY

5 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Internazionali BNL d'Italia Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).

10 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Internazionali BNL d'Italia Early-Round Matches from Rome (TENNIS).

2 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Chicago Cubs (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, MLB NETWORK, WFFFN-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay at Kansas City (ESPN).

7 p.m. — College Baseball: Georgia Tech at Virginia (ESPN).

8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoff Western Conference Final Series Match 2 — Vegas at Winnipeg (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

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Chicago	9	27	.250	9
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	23	15	.605	—
Houston	24	16	.600	—
Seattle	21	16	.568	1½
Oakland	19	20	.487	4½
Texas	16	24	.400	8

FRIDAY

Seattle at Detroit, p.p.d.
Chicago Cubs 11, Chicago White Sox 2
Baltimore 9, Tampa Bay 4
Oakland 10, N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto 5, Boston 3, 12 innings
Kansas City 10, Cleveland 9
Texas 1, Houston 0
Minnesota 5, L.A. Angels 4

SATURDAY

N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 6, 11 innings
Chicago Cubs 8, Chicago White Sox 4
Baltimore 6, Tampa Bay 3, 1st game
Boston 5, Toronto 2
Cleveland 6, Kansas City 2
Detroit 4, Seattle 3, 1st game
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 6:10 p.m., 2nd game
Texas at Houston, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 7:20 p.m., 2nd game
Minnesota at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.

TODAY

Oakland (Anderson 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Severino 5-1), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 4-2) at Baltimore (Bundy 1-5), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Pomeranz 1-1) at Toronto (Biagini 0-1), 1:07 p.m.
Kansas City (Duffy 1-4) at Cleveland (Kluber 5-2), 1:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 2-1) at Detroit (Hardy 0-0), 1:10 p.m.
Texas (Moore 1-4) at Houston (Keuchel 2-5), 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Giolitto 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
Minnesota (Romero 2-0) at L.A. Angels (Ohtani 3-1), 4:07 p.m.

MONDAY

Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
Oakland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	22	15	.595	—
Philadelphia	22	16	.579	½
Washington	23	18	.561	1
New York	19	17	.528	2½
Miami	14	24	.368	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	22	14	.611	—
Milwaukee	23	16	.590	½
Chicago	21	15	.583	1
Pittsburgh	22	16	.579	1
Cincinnati	12	27	.308	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	24	15	.615	—
Colorado	21	18	.538	3
San Francisco	19	20	.487	5
Los Angeles	16	22	.421	7½
San Diego	14	26	.350	10½

FRIDAY

Chicago Cubs 11, Chicago White Sox 2
N.Y. Mets 3, Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 11, San Francisco 2
Miami 6, Atlanta 3
Milwaukee 11, Colorado 10, 10 innings
Washington 3, Arizona 1
Cincinnati 6, L.A. Dodgers 2
St. Louis 9, San Diego 5

SATURDAY

Chicago Cubs 8, Chicago White Sox 4
Washington 2, Arizona 1
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
St. Louis at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
Cincinnati at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

TODAY

Atlanta (Newcomb 3-1) at Miami (Urena 0-5), 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 3-0) at Philadelphia (Nola 5-1), 1:35 p.m.
San Francisco (Holland 1-4) at Pittsburgh (Nova 2-2), 1:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Giolitto 1-4) at Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Suter 2-2) at Colorado (Gray 4-4), 3:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 2-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Hill 1-1), 4:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 1-2) at San Diego (Richard 1-5), 4:10 p.m.
Washington (Hellickson 1-0) at Arizona (Godley 4-2), 8:08 p.m.

MONDAY

Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland 4, Toronto 0

Tuesday, May 1: Cleveland 113, Toronto 112, OT
Thursday, May 3: Cleveland 128, Toronto 110
Saturday, May 5: Cleveland 105, Toronto 103
Monday, May 7: Cleveland 128, Toronto 93
Boston 4, Philadelphia 1
Monday, April 30: Boston 117, Philadelphia 101
Thursday, May 3: Boston 108, Philadelphia 103
Saturday, May 5: Boston 101, Philadelphia 98, OT
Monday, May 7: Philadelphia 103, Boston 92
Wednesday, May 9: Boston 114, Philadelphia 112

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Houston 4, Utah 1

Sunday, April 29: Houston 110, Utah 96
Wednesday, May 2: Utah 116, Houston 108
Friday, May 4: Houston 113, Utah 92
Sunday, May 6: Houston 100, Utah 87
Tuesday, May 8: Houston 112, Utah 102
Golden State 4, New Orleans 1
Saturday, April 28: Golden State 123, New Orleans 101
Tuesday, May 1: Golden State 121, New Orleans 116
Friday, May 4: New Orleans 119, Golden State 100
Sunday, May 6: Golden State 118, New Orleans 92
Tuesday, May 8: Golden State 113, New Orleans 104

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Cleveland vs. Boston

Sunday, May 13: Cleveland at Boston, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 19: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
Monday, May 21: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 23: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.
x-Friday, May 25: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 27: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Houston vs. Golden State

Monday, May 14: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.
Sunday, May 20: Houston at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 24: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 26: Houston at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, May 28: Golden State at Houston, 9 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington 4, Pittsburgh 2
Thursday, April 26: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2
Sunday, April 29: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 1
Tuesday, May 1: Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
Thursday, May 3: Pittsburgh 3, Washington 1
Saturday, May 5: Washington 6, Pittsburgh 3
Monday, May 7: Washington 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1
Saturday, April 28: Boston 6, Tampa Bay 2
Monday, April 30: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 2
Wednesday, May 2: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 1
Friday, May 4: Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3, OT
Sunday, May 6: Tampa Bay 3, Boston 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Winnipeg 4, Nashville 3
Friday, April 27: Winnipeg 4, Nashville 1
Sunday, April 29: Nashville 5, Winnipeg 4, 2OT
Tuesday, May 1: Winnipeg 7, Nashville 4
Thursday, May 3: Nashville 2, Winnipeg 1
Saturday, May 5: Winnipeg 6, Nashville 2
Monday, May 7: Nashville 4, Winnipeg 0
Thursday, May 10: Winnipeg 5, Nashville 1
Vegas 4, San Jose 2
Thursday, April 26: Vegas 7, San Jose 0
Saturday, April 28: San Jose 4, Vegas 3, 2OT
Monday, April 30: Vegas 4, San Jose 3, OT
Wednesday, May 2: San Jose 4, Vegas 0
Friday, May 4: Vegas 5, San Jose 3
Sunday, May 6: Vegas 3, San Jose 0

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

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington 1, Tampa Bay 0
Friday, May 11: Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2
Sunday, May 13: Washington at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, May 15: Tampa Bay at Washington, 8 p.m.
Thursday, May 17: Tampa Bay at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Saturday, May 19: Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.
x-Monday, May 21: Tampa Bay at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, May 23: Washington at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Winnipeg vs. Vegas
Saturday, May 12: Vegas at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Monday, May 14: Vegas at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16: Winnipeg at Vegas, 9 p.m.
Friday, May 18: Winnipeg at Vegas, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, May 20: Vegas at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
x-Tuesday, May 22: Winnipeg at Vegas, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, May 24: Vegas at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

PGA SCORES

THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday
At TPC Sawgrass (Players Stadium)
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.
Purse: \$11 million
Yardage: 7,189; Par 72
Third Round
Webb Simpson 66-63-68—197
Danny Lee 68-66-70—204
Dustin Johnson 66-71-69—206
Jason Dufner 72-69-66—207
Jimmy Walker 69-68-70—207
Xander Schauffele 68-68-71—207
Jason Day 69-67-71—207
Charl Schwartzel 68-66-73—207
Jordan Spieth 75-68-65—208

Tiger Woods 72-71-65—208
Tommy Fleetwood 69-71-68—208
Ian Poulter 70-69-69—208
Harold Varner III 71-67-70—208
Matt Kuchar 66-71-71—208
Patrick Cantlay 66-68-74—208
Marc Leishman 71-71-67—209
Rafa Cabrera Bello 71-71-67—209

NBA PLAYOFFS



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Houston head coach Mike D'Antoni was a forerunner in the style of play much of the NBA now uses, but he probably needs an NBA title to validate his status.

Rockets' D'Antoni, king of 3, drawing praise for his role

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry and Draymond Green admire Rockets coach Mike D'Antoni from afar for how he empowers all his players to be scorers.

No matter who you are, just let it fly — and for the Rockets that means regularly from 3-point range. And in transition whenever possible.

Golden State coach Steve Kerr praises D'Antoni for influencing the way NBA teams now play offense: the pace and the space; precise ball movement and playing small without a traditional center; shooting at will and shooting from way back.

Still, for all his success in leading the West's top team this season, D'Antoni might need a championship to validate his style.

Standing in the way are the defending champion Warriors, who open the best-of-seven Western Conference finals at Houston on Monday night.

"He empowers everyone to shoot the basketball, and that's dangerous," said Green, Golden State's bruising forward. "That's why he's been

so successful, especially on that side of the ball with any team he's ever coached because that's definitely an area where he's a mastermind."

D'Antoni downplays his significance in developing today's game.

"I think a lot of things combined to change it," he said. "One, they changed the rules and, two, the analytic people came in and put validation over 3s and stuff we were doing in Phoenix. Yeah, we kind of jumped out there because of the team we had and Steve Nash before anybody really caught on. And it worked. So in a little sense part of it, but there was a lot of factors."

D'Antoni's teams recall those running, high-flying Denver Nuggets of the '80s, led by Alex English, Dan Issel and Kiki VanDeWeghe.

While Kerr has long expressed how much he learned from mentor Gregg Popovich of the San Antonio Spurs, he notes, "I was inspired by Mike."

"The guy who deserves the most credit for changing the way the league is played is Mike D'Antoni," Kerr said. "He's the guy who just eliminated the center position and said, 'Let's go small and fast and shoot more 3s.'"

PRO BASKETBALL

Casey's firing means good isn't good enough

BY TIM REYNOLDS

The Associated Press

The regular season is irrelevant.

That's the message the Toronto Raptors sent Friday when they fired Dwane Casey, two days after his now-former peers in the NBA said he did the best coaching job in the league this season. Casey led the Raptors to the No. 1 seed in the Eastern Conference this season, along with the second-best record in the league. He even got to coach in the All-Star game.

Didn't matter.

Swept in the playoffs, swept out of Toronto.

The Raptors were good this season. They weren't great. And they can't beat LeBron James, who has engineered the ouster of Toronto now in each of the last three seasons, the last two of them being sweeps. So Casey paid the price, and with that comes the reminder: Winning isn't enough in this NBA. Coaches must meet expectations, regardless of how misguided they may be.

"In some ways I think the

time has come," Raptors President Masai Ujiri said Friday, a few hours after telling Casey that he was done in Toronto. "Sometimes these things come to an end, relationships come to an end. And we'll figure out a way to move on, a new voice, just a new everything in terms of that position."

That's becoming a mantra around the NBA. Last summer, all 30 coaches kept their jobs. Next season on opening night, there will be at least nine coaches in roles they didn't have 365 days earlier.

Lloyd Pierce will be one of them after the Atlanta Hawks gave him his first head coaching job in the NBA on Friday. The former Philadelphia and Memphis assistant replaces Mike Budenholzer, who left last month after the Hawks finished 24-58.

And there are some great names out there: Stan Van Gundy was let go in what seems to have been a power struggle in Detroit. Frank Vogel is a proven coach who didn't have much talent to work with in Orlando.



Toronto head coach Dwane Casey, left was named NBA Coach of the Year and then fired after the Raptors were swept by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

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NBA FROM PAGE B1

James can become the sixth player in league history to play in at least eight consecutive NBA Finals. The five others who have done so all played with the Celtics, led by Hall of Famer Bill Russell's run of 10 straight appearances.

James hasn't yet had a chance to reflect on his own run but says he isn't taking anything for granted at this point in his career.

"You dream about being able to play in big games in the NBA and even when I got to the NBA that was one of my only goals to be as great as I can be, to play in big games in the NBA and be remembered and I think I've done that in my career," he said. "Just trying to add onto it while I can."

The series starts Sunday in Boston. This is the eighth playoff matchup between the teams overall, with the Celtics leading 4-3.

The Celtics are seeking their first trip to the NBA Finals since 2010, when they got past James and the Cavs in the East semifinals.

Since Irving's injury, Celtics coach Brad Stevens has relied heavily on veteran Al Horford and a youthful corps that includes 24-year-olds Terry Rozier and Marcus Smart, 21-year-old Jaylen Brown and 20-year-old rookie Jayson Tatum.

Horford is averaging career playoff-high 17 points per game, while carrying the leadership torch.

Rozier has flourished in a starting role since Irving was sidelined in mid-March. It's carried over into the postseason where he is averaging 18.2 points per game. And Tatum is coming of a series against Philadelphia that saw him average 23.6 points per game — the second-highest by a Celtics rookie in franchise history.

"I feel like we more together (than last year)," Rozier said. "Obviously guys been going down all year and it's like you never know who's going to down. But we found a way, we pulled together."

As for Rozier's prediction for the series?

"Stay tuned," he said.

Some other things of note in the Eastern Conference finals:

BUCKEYE ROOTS

Like James, Rozier first bounced a ball in Northeast Ohio.

Rozier is from Shaker Heights, Ohio, a suburb on Cleveland's east side. He's been on James' hoops radar since he was a high school freshman. And while Rozier has been a breakout star in these playoffs to NBA fans, James knew he would eventually shine.

"He was a confident kid then when I watched him at Shaker. And he's a confident

player now, so I'm not surprised," James said. "He's gotten better and better. It was a steal when they drafted him out of Louisville, and he's just showcasing his abilities. ... So, everybody is going crazy over what he's doing but I'm not. He's a local guy."

(TD) GARDEN PARTY

Boston has become a preferred spring destination for James.

After a 2-9 start to his playoff career in New England, James has won his six straight postseason games on the road against the Celtics, a streak that began with his

epic 45-point, 15-rebound performance in Game 6 for Miami in the 2012 conference finals. In those six wins, James averaged 34.3 points, 9.5 rebounds and 6.5 assists.

James has averaged 30.5 points, 8.8 rebounds and 6.1 assists while going 8-9 on Boston parquet's hardwood.

Since losing two straight series with Cleveland to Boston in 2008 and 2010, James has eliminated the Celtics four times, going 8-1 in the past two matchups.

CELTIC PRIDE

Indiana pushed Cleveland to seven games in the opening

round. The Pacers were physical, resilient and confident.

The Cavs feel the young Celtics might be a greater challenge.

"Boston is better than Indiana," Cavs forward Kyle Korver said. "With as much respect as we have for Indiana, obviously, they took us to seven, I think defensively Boston is elite. They're really good. They're always in the right spot. They have a great game plan."

"For sure the Indiana series has prepared us for the playoffs in a lot of ways. Now that we're through that series, we're glad."



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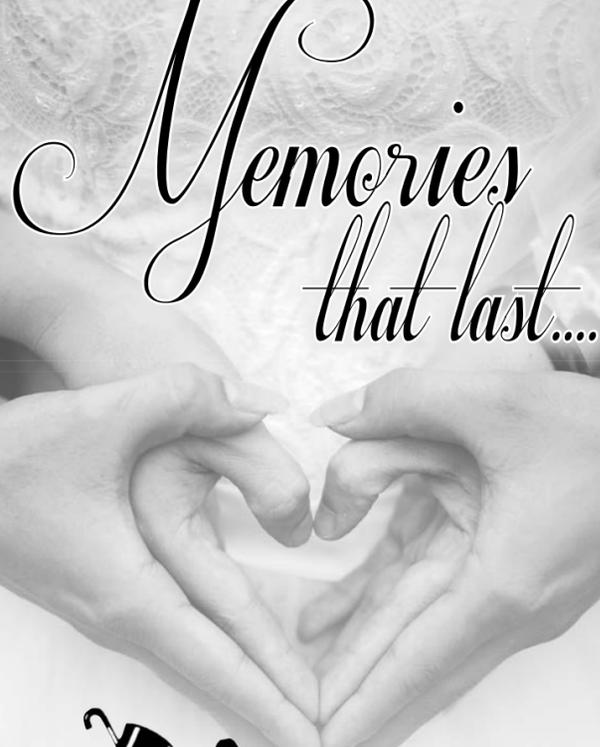
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PRO BASEBALL

Harvey debuts for Reds in 6-2 win over Dodgers

BY BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Matt Harvey toed the rubber against Chase Utley and fell behind 3-0 facing his first batter in his Reds debut.

His next pitch was a 91-mph strike and then he got Utley to fly out to left for his first out in his first start since April 19.

From there, Harvey tossed four innings of one-hit ball and Cincinnati defeated the scuffling Los Angeles Dodgers 6-2 on Friday night, extending their season-high winning streak to four games.

"Everybody was saying we haven't lost since they traded for me," Harvey said. "I had to go out there and keep that going for everybody."

Harvey struck out two and walked none in a 55-pitch outing that was cut short because of his lack of recent game competition. The right-hander's fastball topped out in the mid-90s.

"I hadn't seen that in a while. It was good to know it's still in there," said Harvey, whose velocity had been questioned. "I let one go and I took a peek just to see where I was at. It was nice."

The lone hit Harvey gave up was a fluke. Right fielder Scott Schebler lost a high pop up by Cody Bellinger in the lights against a sky dark with clouds, allowing Bellinger to slide into third for a triple in the second.

"The first-time jitters kind of hit me a little bit in that



Cincinnati starting pitcher Matt Harvey throws during the first inning of the Reds' 6-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Friday in Los Angeles.

terim Reds manager Jim Riggleman said. "The ball was coming out of his hand good. He'll pitch in San Francisco and hopefully carry that stuff out there with him again."

Harvey returned from Tommy John surgery in 2015 and helped the Mets reach their first World Series in 15 years. But he was 5-7 with a 6.70 ERA last season and was sidelined from mid-June to September because of a right shoulder injury. The 29-year-old has yet to regain the All-Star form he had in 2013, and his off-field exploits made him a tabloid regular in New York.

"He really pitched efficient and executed a bunch of pitches," catcher Tucker

The Dodgers fell to 8-11 at home and got no help from Kenta Maeda (2-3), who hasn't won in nearly a month.

"Right now we are just not in sync," Dodgers manager Dave Roberts said. "When you are mired in a situation like this, then guys collectively try and do a little too much."

Maeda gave up season-highs in runs (five) and hits (nine) in 4 2/3 innings, struck out five and walked two.

Maeda put the Dodgers in an early hole for the third time in as many starts. Joey Votto's RBI single gave the Reds a 1-0 lead in the first before Maeda escaped a bases-loaded jam on Barnhart's line-out to end the inning.

MLB ROUNDUP

Marlins end skid with 6-3 win over Braves

MIAMI (AP) — J.T. Realmuto had three hits Friday and wanted one more, even though his team didn't need it.

Realmuto finished a triple shy of the cycle, but did plenty to help the Miami Marlins break a four-game losing streak by beating the Atlanta Braves 6-3.

No Marlin has ever hit for the cycle in the franchise's 26 seasons, as Realmuto is well aware.

"I've been a triple away like four different times, and a double away once," he said. "It's very frustrating. It's just one of those crazy stats. It's really tough to get. But, oh well."

Realmuto doubled and scored in the first inning, homered in the third and singled home a run in the fourth. He grounded out and lined into a double play in his final two at-bats, leaving his average at .325.

"He is, to me, one of the toughest outs in the league," Braves catcher Kurt Suzuki said. "I mean, the guy's a good player — really good player."

Ozzie Albies hit his 12th homer for the Braves, who had a three-game winning streak snapped. They had won eight consecutive road games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 7
ATHLETICS 6

NEW YORK — Left fielder Brett Gardner threw out Matt Olson at the plate with the help of a replay reversal, and the New York Yankees beat the Oakland Athletics 7-6 Saturday on Neil Walker's run-scoring single in the 11th inning.

Yankees closer Aroldis Chapman walked three straight batters around a wild pitch starting the ninth. After visits to the mound by both pitching coach Larry Rothschild and a trainer to check on a cracked fingernail, Chapman struck out Mark Canha, and pinch-hitter Jonathan Lucroy followed with a fly ball to left.

Gardner's one-hop throw to

the plate was slightly to the first-base side, and Gary Sanchez had to try for a sweep tag at the sliding Olson. Plate umpire James Hoye made an emphatic safe call, but the Yankees asked for a video review and replays appeared to show Sanchez's mitt just glancing Olson's jersey.

New York stopped a two-game losing streak that followed its 17-1 run. A.J. Cole

(2-1) pitched two innings for his first win with the Yankees.

ORIOLES 6
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BALTIMORE — David Hess pitched six effective innings in his big league debut, Jonathan Schoop hit two home runs and the Orioles beat the Rays in the first game of a doubleheader.

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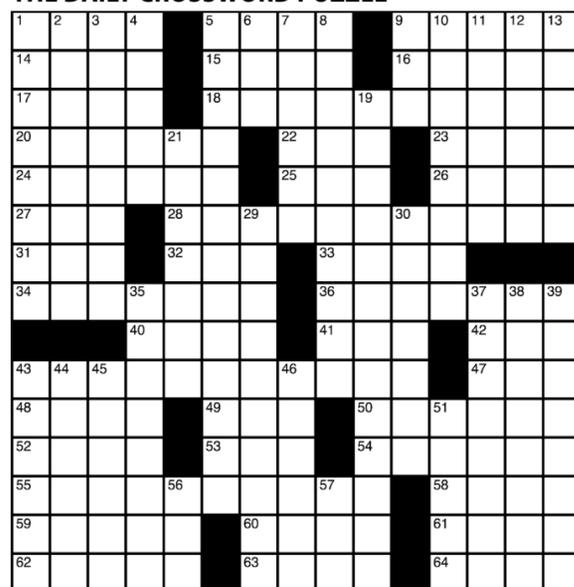
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SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Greg Johnson 5/12/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bubbly stuff
 - 5 Skiing venue
 - 9 "Got it, man!"
 - 14 Inventory evaluation acronym
 - 15 Very top
 - 16 Babysitter, maybe
 - 17 Mtn. stats
 - 18 Superstitious warning
 - 20 Quick
 - 22 Word in Montana's motto
 - 23 Pre-Columbian stoneworker
 - 24 Apollo's place
 - 25 Word with window or rum
 - 26 Beach bird
 - 27 One with secrets to tell
 - 28 Some judicial officials
 - 31 Want-ad letters
 - 32 Get one's signals crossed, say
 - 33 Creative writing assignment
 - 34 Assurance of honesty
 - 36 "That's a little better"
 - 40 Forced-air system output
 - 41 Phi-psi link
 - 42 Astounded reaction
 - 43 Workplace dispute negotiator
 - 47 When repeated, a football chant
 - 48 Cry of dismay
 - 49 What candles may represent
 - 50 Sneak
 - 52 Phnom
 - 53 Single dose?
 - 54 Most unusual
 - 55 Bush 43, for one
 - 58 Kitchen addition?
 - 59 Spaghetti
 - Western director Sergio
 - 60 Fry out loud
 - 61 An earring
 - 62 Vicks brand
 - 63 Page with views
 - 64 Sailing group
- DOWN**
- 1 Undesirably rapid hardening of concrete
 - 2 Specialized painting surface
 - 3 Words spoken with a gentle hand gesture
 - 4 German wine valley
 - 5 Billboard #1 song in 1975 and 2001
 - 6 Mil. address
 - 7 Vader enemy
 - 8 Loaded with heat
 - 9 Pasta ending
 - 10 Lesser component of "The Legend of Zelda," say
 - 11 Six-sided fastener
 - 12 Winter hangover?
 - 13 Flower girl's tossings
 - 19 "Let every heart prepare him room"
 - 21 Greek goddess of the harvest
 - 29 Mata Hari portrayer
 - 30 Brought back to work
 - 35 Tribe that sold horses to Lewis and Clark
 - 37 Leaves in a chest
 - 38 Nocturnal travel guide
 - 39 Stray protection
 - 43 Places for pins
 - 44 Former Soviet premier
 - 45 Hit hard
 - 46 Hand-wiping item
 - 51 Well-rehearsed
 - 56 Bug
 - 57 Be behind

Previous Puzzle Solved



JUMBLE

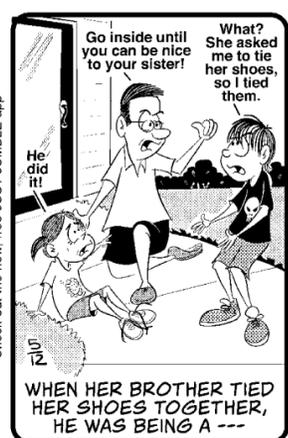
THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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TUTWIO

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Answer here: "O O O O O O O O" (Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: GIDDY TULIP DECEIT ABSORB
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SUDOKU

HOW TO PLAY:
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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5	3	8	6	1	7	4	9	2
1	7	9	5	4	2	6	8	3
9	5	1	7	8	3	2	6	4
8	2	3	9	6	4	1	5	7
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THE ANSWERS TO THESE PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON TODAY'S DAILY PLANNER PAGE.

NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning eye bounce-back performance against Capitals

BY FRED GOODALL
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRANDON, Fla. — Jon Cooper is confident the Tampa Bay Lightning will be fine.

Experience tells the coach and his players they shouldn't be overly concerned about losing the opening game of the Eastern Conference finals at home.

The way the Washington Capitals are playing, though, it could be more difficult to rebound from a shabby performance this time.

Game 2 is Sunday night, and Cooper expects the Atlantic Division winners to be at their best.

"It's unfortunate how we played a couple of these Game 1s in the last couple of rounds, (and) dug ourselves a small hole this series," the coach



Tampa Bay center Steven Stamkos (91) celebrates in front of Washington right wing Tom Wilson (43) after scoring during the third period of Game 1 of the NHL Eastern Conference finals on Friday in Tampa, Florida.

said after a workout Saturday at the team's suburban practice facility.

"I guess the positive side is we've

been here before, so we've seen this. But we can't keep playing with fire and dropping these Game 1s, which we've done. All of a sudden you've thrown home ice advantage back at them. Now you've put pressure on yourself. You got to go win games on the road, which you have to do anyway in the playoffs, but your margin for error gets smaller and smaller. We're really going to need a good effort (Sunday)."

The Capitals won the opener 4-2, ending an eight-game playoff losing skid to Tampa Bay dating to the 2003 postseason.

Alex Ovechkin, T.J. Oshie, Jay Beagle and Lars Eller scored for Washington, while rejuvenated goaltender Braden Holtby stopped 19 shots to help the Caps improve to 6-1 on the road this postseason.

The Lightning didn't take solace in breaking through for a pair of third-period goals.

"We dissected the game a little bit," Cooper said. "There were so many good things we've done in two rounds of hockey that I think if you bottled up all the bad things in those first 10 games it would be about half of what we did in that one game last night."

"You fueled the fire of a good team, and that's what Washington is. I thought a lot of their opportunities we just handed to them, and a lot of our opportunities were stomped out just by our not sticking to our plan of what's worked."

The Capitals, in the conference finals for the first time in the Ovechkin era, said they can't afford a drop-off in performance.

OBITUARIES

PATRICIA Y. SAUL

Patricia Yeager Saul, 89, died on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



SAUL

Born on Oct. 2, 1928, in Claremont, Michigan, she was a daughter of the late Walter Lee Yeager and Dorothy Fern Yeager. She served her country as both an administrative secretary for the Department of Defense as well as being a stay at home mother of three and wife of an active duty military husband. She returned to the work force and finished her career working with Sumter School District 17. She was known and will be remembered for loving God, her family and serving others by volunteering at the school district, her church, and so many other ways. She was an active and faithful member of Crosspoint Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Wendy Simmons of Surfside Beach and Christi Waynick of Sumter; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Alan Dwayne Yeager (Evelyn) of California; two nieces; a nephew; and seven great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Walter James "Wally" Saul; and a son-in-law, Denzil David Simmons II.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Crosspoint Baptist Church with the Rev. John Sorrells officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at Crosspoint Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to America's Vetdogs, 371 E. Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown NY 11787 (<https://www.vetdogs.org>)

The family would like to express their appreciation to the staff of McElveen Manor for all of their loving care and compassion.

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

KATHERINE L. BROWN

Katherine Louise Brown, 67, of Sumter, South Carolina died Thursday, May 10, 2018 surrounded by family.



BROWN

Born March 11, 1951 in Lee County, South Carolina she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Mary Caughman.

Preceding Katherine in death are also two grandchildren, Nichole and David Sanchez.

Kathy graduated Edmunds High School in 1969. She spent her younger years as a beautician, then a stay at home Mom. She is remembered for her cooking, sewing, having fun and taking her kids on all kinds of adventures.

Surviving are: daughters Cher Sanchez, Jennifer Magrone and husband Joseph. 6 siblings, John (Ray) Caughman, Charles and wife Deborah Caughman, Janet Smith, James Caughman, Sarah Osborne and Ruby Kucera; 3 grandkids, Mat-

thew, Grace, and Faith Sanchez; 12 nieces and nephews; 16 great nieces and nephews.

She enjoyed spending time with family and making people laugh. Some of Kathy's favorite things were fried chicken, ice cream, diet cokes, make-up and perfume.

A visitation and memorial service will be held Monday, May 14, 2018 beginning at 10:00 A.M. at Bullock Funeral Home in Sumter, South Carolina. A burial service will follow at Sumter 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.



SAM PRICE JR.

Sam Price Jr., age 88, beloved husband of 29 years to Arletta McCormick Price, passed away on Friday, May 11, 2018 at his residence.



PRICE

He was born in Johnson City, Tennessee, to the late Sam Price Sr. and Mary Lee Bowen Price. Sam was a member of the United States Air Force, serving both in the Korean and the Vietnam wars. He retired as a senior master sergeant after 22 years of service. Sam served as a past president of the Sumter Lions Club and was a very faithful member of St. James Lutheran Church. He enjoyed reading in his spare time and was an avid golfer. He will be remembered as a very loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Sam is survived by his loving wife, Arletta; three sons, David M. Price and his wife Laura of Seneca, Sam Price III and his wife Kathy of Boerne, Texas, and Steven A. Price and his wife Kim of Cary, North Carolina; three daughters, Sharon Hobgood and her husband Michael of Oxford, North Carolina, Valerie Kinsley of Sumter and Shelly Vargo of Irmo; 11 grandchildren, Michael, Jennifer, Sarah, Samantha, Amy, Will, Matt, Tara, Alex, Brandon and Shannon; and five great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his first wife, Joan B. Price; a daughter, Pamela Daugherty; two brothers, Ray Price and William Price; and two sisters, Edna Cantrell and Allie Mull.

A memorial service will be held on Monday at 1 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church with the Rev. Keith Getz officiating and full military honors.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service, from noon-1 p.m. in the church parlor.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. James Lutheran Church or school, 1137 Alice Drive, Sumter, SC 29150, or a charity of one's choice.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.

ARTHUR S. BAHNMULLER

Arthur S. Bahnmuller, 87, widower of Virginia "Ginny" Bahnmuller, died on Friday, May 11, 2018, at Covenant Place.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, May 26, 2018, at Grace Baptist Church.

The formal obituary for Mr. Bahnmuller will appear at a later date.

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

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



CHRISTINE M. COLVIN

Christine Murray Colvin, 86, widow of Charles A. Colvin, died on Monday, May 7, 2018, at Covenant Place.

Born on Dec. 28, 1931, in Wilson County, North Carolina, she was a daughter of the late John W. and Hattie Tedder Murray. She was an active member of St. Andrews United Methodist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star, Mizpah No. 36 in Charlotte, North Carolina. After graduating from Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, she taught elementary school for 36 years combined in Palatka, Florida, Wilson, Raleigh and Monroe, North Carolina. She always placed family first and truly loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and she kept a special place in her heart for animals.

Survivors include her daughters, Marilyn Taylor Adams of Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, and Lisa Taylor Richey (Dave) of Wake Forest, North Carolina; granddaughters, Heather Adams Corley (Robert) and Kristen Adams Crane (David); four great-grandchildren; and a twin sister, Irene Murray Fleming of Raleigh.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Beulah M. Leggette; and two brothers, Dr. L.L. Murray and Carl Murray.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Wilson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be sent to Amedisys Hospice, 198 E. Wesmark Blvd., Suite 2, Sumter, SC 29150 or Sumter SPCA, 1140 S. Guignard Drive, Sumter, SC 29150, <http://www.sumterscpca.com/donate.html>.

Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements while coordinating with Joyner Funeral Home of Wilson.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



MARY P. ROGERS

Mary "Sister" Peterson Rogers, 83, departed this life on Friday, May 11, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1934, in Lynchburg, a daughter of the late Levi Peterson and Jannie Fulwood.

The family will receive friends at the home, 15 Rast St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

INEZ W. BULLARD

Inez Weathers Bullard, 96, was called from life into eternal rest on Thursday night, May 3, 2018, in Lyons, Georgia.

Born on July 7, 1921, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Nellie Hunter and Janie and Edmund Gadson. She accepted Christ at an early age and became a member of High Hills AME Church.

She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education from Allen University, Columbia. For more than 40 years, she utilized her God-given talents as an educator to transform young minds and received numerous accolades and certificates. During her extensive career, she was employed in the school districts of Williamsburg County, Jasper County, Evans County, Georgia, Screven County, Georgia and, ultimately, in Toombs County, Georgia, where she retired after 33 years.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Edward Bullard of Lyons; two sisters, Angie Gathers of Sumter and Harriett White of Baltimore; six nephews, including two that were like her own, Carl (Rosa) Hunter of Sumter and Darryll (Cynthia) Gadson of Durham, North Carolina; nine nieces, including a dedicated and devoted niece, Deirdre Robinson of Columbia; two stepdaughters, Geneva Terrell of Vidalia, Georgia, and Mae Bullard of Bradenton, Florida; one stepson, Charles Bullard of Bradenton; two step-grandchildren; and a host of grandnieces and grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews, extended family and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her sister, 1585 N. Kings Highway, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at High Hills AME Church, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, with the Rev. Keith R. Mayes Sr., pastor, evangelist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m. for viewing until time of services.

The procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at High Hills AME Churchyard cemetery.

Services directed by the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web at www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

HATTIE P. GIBSON

MANNING — On Thursday, May 10, 2018, Hattie Prince Gibson, widow of the late Ronald Elijah Gibson, heard

her master's call in Manning.

Born on Oct. 4, 1947 in the Jordan Community of Manning, she was a daughter of the late Jonathan and Robertha Mack Prince.

The family is receiving relatives and friends from 2-7 p.m. at the residence 9290 Raccoon Road in Manning.

Funeral services are incomplete and shall be announced by the Fleming & DeLaine Funeral Home and Chapel.

MARIANNE H. REITHER

Marianne Carol Hanson Reither, 74, wife of George W. "Bill" Reither Jr., died Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Covenant Place.

Born in Red Wing, Minnesota, she was a daughter of the late Clyde R. Hanson and Margaret Esther Anderson Hanson. Mrs. Reither loved and lived life for her family. She also had an affection for arts and crafts and was known to many as "Mari Crafty."

Survivors include her husband of Sumter; one daughter, Susan H. Wild (Robert) of Sumter; three grandchildren, Jillian N. Huckleba, Drew Huckleba (Brittany) and Samantha R. Wild; one great-granddaughter, Millie Huckleba; and two step-children, Carol J. Dalton (Korby) of Texas, and George W. Reither, III (Rose) of Korea.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Bob Calvert officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Monday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Covenant Place Rehabilitation Services, 2825 Carter Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

MARY LOU M. ACHZIGER

Mary Lou McLean Achziger, 82, wife of Harvey Walter Achziger Sr., passed away on Friday, May 11, 2018 at her home.

Born on June 23, 1935, in Charlotte, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Harold Jack McLean Sr. and Mary Roberts McLean. She retired from McLean Marine Inc. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her husband of 56 years; two children, Mary Katherine "Kaye" Achziger and Harvey Walter Achziger Jr (Tammy); and one granddaughter, McLean Marie Achziger, all of Sumter.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barber officiating.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home.

The family would like to express special thanks to her dear friend and caregiver, Eloise Harvin.

Memorials can be made to Amedisys Hospice Care, 198 E. Wesmark Blvd., Suite 2, Sumter, SC 29150.

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



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ABOVE: Laurence Manning third baseman RandiLynn Holcombe (2) looks to throw to first during the Lady Swampcats' 10-0 loss to Wilson Hall in the SCISA 3A state tournament on Saturday at Patriot Park SportPlex. BELOW: Wilson Hall pitcher Drake Ives delivers during her no-hit performance. Wilson Hall face Cardinal Newman in the state championship series beginning on Monday in Sumter.

STATE FROM PAGE B1

"I was just up there trying to make something happen" Elmore said of her mindset at the plate in that at-bat. "I just wanted to do something productive that would help us have a good inning.

The walk forced in Noyes to make it 2-0. Carly Allred followed with an RBI single, and Ives came behind her with a 2-run single to make it 5-0.

Sydney Jarecki had a sacrifice fly to drive in another run before Liza Lowder and Madison Sliwonik came up with RBI singles to make it 8-0.

"Madison is all to quality (at-bats)," said Lady Barons head coach Teresa Alexander. "She has bought in and her concern is to have a quality at-bat.

"Kathryn Sistare had a big at-bat in that inning as well. She put down that bunt to make them make a play and she was able to reach. That helped set the inning up."

Laurence Manning was unable to do anything against Ives. In tossing the no-hitter, Ives struck out and walked one. Just two runners got on base – a walk to Abbie Beard and when Hannah Truett reached on a wild pitch after a strikeout.

"We just didn't swing the bats that well today," said LMA head coach Glenda Hodge, whose team beat Orangeburg Prep 9-0 earlier in the day to get to Wilson Hall. "I didn't feel like we hit the ball well in the first game and that was against a slower pitcher. The second game a lot of it had to do with Drake Ives."

"Drake Ives is just a giant," Alexander said of her senior. "She does it for us in the circle and at the plate. She's just outstanding."

Ives had an RBI single in the third to make it 9-0. Her double in the fifth moved Elmore to third, who had had led off the inning with a double. Jarecki's sac fly scored Elmore with the game-ending run.

Ives was 3-for-4 with three RBI. Elmore and Allred both had a hit scored twice and drove in a run, Noyes had two hits and Jarecki drove in two runs.

Wilson Hall and Cardinal Newman split two games in



the regular season. The Lady Barons won 17-5 in Columbia in March while CN won 10-9 in Sumter on May 2.

Wilson Hall outscored its foes 43-0 in 11 innings in its three tournament games. Needless to say, Alexander would have preferred to continue playing on Saturday.

"Absolutely, that's what I would have preferred," she said. "Your goal is to be playing your best ball at the end of the year, and I feel like that's what we're doing."

Elmore said she and her teammates hope to bring home a title this week.

"This was about redemption," Elmore said of getting back to the title series. We wanted to get back here for our seniors. Now we want to win it for them."

In the win over OP, LMA's Lundee Olsen tossed a shut-out. She scattered seven hits

and didn't walk a batter while striking out seven.

Laurence Manning was led by Trinity Harrington at the plate. She was 3-for-4 with a double, two runs and two RBI. Maggie Josey had a double, RandiLynn Holcombe scored twice and Olsen drove in two runs.

Hodge was in her first year as LMA head coach. She replaced Maria Rowland, who won eight state titles in 22 years as head coach.

"We struggled a little bit early," she said. "We had some younger players having to adjust, and then we had girls who had played for Coach Rowland for several years, and they were having to adjust to me.

"Our goal was to try and get better from game to game, and I feel like for the most part we did that. I think there is a bright future ahead for Laurence Manning softball."

after two innings before East Clarendon scored twice in the third and added single runs in both the fourth and the fifth.

"We came out tight, and I don't know why," Ard said. "You'd think as many times as we've played these kind of games that wouldn't happen. But they nervous."

"And Hannah-Pamplico played well though. They were going for everything."

Marleigh Floyd pitched five innings to get the win for EC. She allowed four hits, two runs, none earned, while

striking out three and walking none. Amanda Floyd pitched the final two innings.

Caitlin Timmons, Kinsleyh Driggers, Olivia Singletary and Britni Anderson each had two hits in East Clarendon's 14-hit attack. Anderson drove in two runs, while Timmons, Driggers and Singletary had an RBI apiece.

Lewisville defeated McBee 2-0 on Friday to go undefeated in the upper state tournament. Chloe Thomas tossed a 1-hitter, striking out six and walking none.

AREA ROUNDUP

Lady Cavaliers' fall in elimination game

Robert E. Lee lost to Williamsburg Academy 12-1 in an elimination game in the SCISA 2A softball state tournament on Saturday at Patriot Park SportPlex.

Rebecca Dinkins scored the only run on an RBI double by Carson Shannon. Dinkins also finished with a hit, and Alex White had a double. REL finished the year with a 9-11 record.

On Friday at Patriot Park, the Lady Cavaliers lost to Marlboro Academy 12-0 before beating Carolina Academy 10-6 in nine innings.

Dinkins was 2-for-2 with a walk against Marlboro and Shannon had REL's only other hit of the game.

The Lady 'Cavs second game was likely Patriot Park's game of the day. The game was tied 4-4 at the end of seven innings, necessitating the use of an international tiebreaker rule by which teams start an inning with a runner on second base. REL, the designated visiting team, put up two runs in its half of the eighth before Carolina answered with two in its half, forcing another extra frame.

The Lady 'Cavs opened the ninth with Emily Watson on second base. A Dinkins groundout sent Watson to third and Watson would then come home on a Charley Grace Norris

double to right. Shannon then delivered a triple to centerfield that Plated Norris. A Clara Ann Kelly single brought Shannon home and Kelly would score the game's final run on an Alex White sacrifice fly to left.

Dinkins closed 2-for-5 with an RBI while Charley Grace Norris, Shannon and Clara Ann Kelly had two hits apiece. Norris had a single, double, three runs and an RBI. Shannon's final batting line included a double, triple, two runs scored and one RBI while Kelly had a single, double, two runs and two RBI.

TSA SWEPT

Thomas Sumter Academy went 0-2 in the SCISA 2A state tournament on Friday at Palmetto Park.

The Lady Generals, who finish the year with a 4-12 record, lost to Pee Dee Academy 7-4. They then lost to Thomas Heyward Academy 7-2 in an elimination game.

In the loss to Pee Dee, Josie Reed, Sydney Daniel and Carmen Silvester had two hits apiece for TSA. Daniel scored twice and Silvester drove in two runs.

Riley DeLavan and Cassidy Brunson both had a hit and an RBI.

In the THA loss, Reed had two doubles and two RBI.

From staff reports

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Rankin is pleased with the way his team has performed this season.

"We've been playing pretty good defense all season," said Rankin, who has now guided REL to four of the past five championship series, winning in 2014. "Our pitching has been strong all year; we have a team earned run average

under 2(.00). Pitching and defense has been our strengths."

Rankin plans to start Austin Windham on and will go with either Dustin Kennedy or Jenkins McCullum in Game 2.

In winning last year's series, Pee Dee won by the scores of 4-3 and 5-2.

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The series will open on Monday with Lewisville coming to Turbeville for a 6 p.m. contest. Lewisville will be at home on Wednesday in Richburg, which is located in Chester County. If a third game is needed, it will be played on Friday at a neutral site.

EC didn't have as easy of a time against H-P on Friday as it did on Monday in a 10-0 victory. The game was tied 2-2

after two innings before East Clarendon scored twice in the third and added single runs in both the fourth and the fifth.

"We came out tight, and I don't know why," Ard said. "You'd think as many times as we've played these kind of games that wouldn't happen. But they nervous."

"And Hannah-Pamplico played well though. They were going for everything."

Marleigh Floyd pitched five innings to get the win for EC. She allowed four hits, two runs, none earned, while

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IN BRIEF

Patients, health care workers call for affordable insulin supply

Activists rallied Saturday in Cambridge, Mass., demanding more affordable insulin. The Boston chapter of the Right Care Alliance called for an end to what the organization calls “insulin profiteering.”

The coalition of patients, health care professionals and community members said price increases have made an essential drug unaffordable for many with diabetes and resulted in unnecessary deaths.

Rally organizers say the average cost in the U.S. has tripled in the past 10 years, and it costs a person with Type 1 diabetes an average of \$1,000 per month for insulin and supplies.

Flooding in Eastern Washington reaches emergency levels

Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee proclaimed a state of emergency Saturday for counties in the eastern part of the state that are experiencing severe flooding.

Flooding is affecting communities in Ferry, Okanogan and Pend Oreille counties and could get worse. The proclamation covers these three plus the 17 other Eastern Washington counties facing an increased threat of flooding over the next week.

Bloomberg warns of ‘epidemic of dishonesty’ threatening U.S.

Americans are facing an “epidemic of dishonesty” in Washington that’s more dangerous than terrorism or communism, former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg warned in a commencement speech Saturday at Rice University in Texas.

Bloomberg said “an endless barrage of lies” and a trend toward “alternate realities” in national politics pose a dire threat to U.S. democracy.

Islamic State claims knife attack that left 1 dead, 4 injured in Paris

PARIS – The Islamic State has claimed a stabbing attack Saturday that left one victim dead and four others injured in the city’s opera district.

Shortly after the attack, the terror group’s news agency called the suspected attacker one of its “soldiers.”

Prosecutor Francois Molins said witnesses reported the suspect shouted “Allahu Akbar,” or “God is great” in Arabic. Police tweeted that the suspect died in the incident. French media reported police shot and killed him.

Italian court rules Berlusconi may run for yet another term in office

A court has ruled that former three-time premier Silvio Berlusconi is eligible to seek public office again, nearly five years after a tax fraud conviction sidelined him as a candidate.

Milan daily newspaper Corriere della Sera reported Saturday that Milan’s Surveillance Tribunal concluded Berlusconi gave “effective and constant proof of good conduct” after carrying out his punishment.

From staff and wire reports



These sponsored posts encouraging users to like pages are among the Russian Facebook ads intended to stir dissension in the U.S. FACEBOOK

Russian Facebook ads overwhelmingly fanned racial tension

Analysis finds two-pronged effort to stir the pot

Nick Penzenstadler, Brad Heath and Jessica Guynn
 USA TODAY

The Russian company charged with orchestrating a wide-ranging effort to meddle in the 2016 presidential election overwhelmingly focused its barrage of social media advertising on what is arguably America’s rawest political division: race.

The roughly 3,500 Facebook ads were created by the Russia-based Internet Research Agency, which is at the center of special counsel Robert Mueller’s February indictment of 13 Russians and three companies seeking to influence the election.

While some focused on topics as banal as business promotion or Pokémon, the company consistently promoted ads designed to inflame

race-related tensions. Some dealt with race directly; others dealt with issues fraught with racial or religious baggage like protests over policing, the debate over a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border and relationships with the Muslim community.

The company continued to hammer racial themes even after the election.

USA TODAY NETWORK reporters reviewed each of the 3,517 ads, released to the public this week for the first time by the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The analysis included not only the content of the ads but also information that revealed the specific audience targeted, when the ad was posted, roughly how many

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No easy feat in North Korea

Dismantling its nuclear program could be costly and take years

Jim Michaels
 USA TODAY

If President Trump is successful in convincing Kim Jong Un to dismantle North Korea’s nuclear weapons program, the effort will be unprecedented in its size and complexity, analysts say.

“This would be the biggest undertaking by the international community when it comes to denuclearization or disarmament,” said Olli Heinonen, an arms control expert at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, a national security think tank.

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Olli Heinonen
 Foundation for Defense of Democracies

If Trump and Kim reach an agreement, the process could take years and cost hundreds of millions of dollars, Heinonen said.

North Korean officials announced Saturday that they will take the first steps in less than two weeks to dismantle the country’s underground nuclear test site. That effort will include collapsing its tunnels with explosions, blocking its entrances, and removing all observation facilities, research buildings and security posts, according to media reports.

Journalists from the U.S., Russia, South Korea, China and Britain will be invited to witness the process, North Korean state media said.

The move comes weeks before Trump is scheduled to meet with Kim on June 12 in Singapore to discuss the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula. Both sides say they hope for a breakthrough.

The United States has said its objective is the complete dismantling of North Korea’s nuclear program and the elimination of its weapons stockpile. It

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Most popular baby names of 2017 announced

Ashley May
 USA TODAY

Like the names Liam and Emma? So does every other new parent, according to national records.

The names were announced Friday in a Facebook Live on the Social Security Administration’s page as the most popular baby names of 2017.

Pamela Redmond Satran, co-founder of baby name site Nameberry.com, told the Associated Press the rise of Liam reflects the Irish population.

“I think you see ethnic influences coming into play in a more indirect



Emma, 2017’s top name for baby girls, was also the most popular girl’s name in 2016, 2015 and 2014. GETTY IMAGES

way. You see more parents looking back and looking for places in their lives that hold meaning that can be translated into names,” Satran said.

Girl names	Boy names
1. Emma	1. Liam
2. Olivia	2. Noah
3. Ava	3. William
4. Isabella	4. James
5. Sophia	5. Logan
6. Mia	6. Benjamin
7. Charlotte	7. Mason
8. Amelia	8. Elijah
9. Evelyn	9. Oliver
10. Abigail	10. Jacob

Russian ads

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views it received and how much the ad cost to post.

Among the findings:

■ Of the ads, more than half made express references to race. Those nearly 2,000 ads accounted for 25 million ad impressions — a measure of how many

times the spot was pulled from a server for transmission to a device.

■ At least 25% of the ads centered on issues involving crime and policing, often with a racial connotation. Separate ads, launched simultaneously, would stoke suspicion about how police treat black people in one ad, while another encouraged support for pro-police groups.

■ Divisive racial ad buys averaged about 44 per month from 2015 through the summer of 2016 before seeing a significant increase in the run-up to Election Day. Between September and November 2016, the number of race-related spots rose to 400. An additional 900 were posted after the November election through May 2017.

■ Only about 100 of the ads overtly mentioned support for Donald Trump or opposition to Hillary Clinton. A few dozen referenced questions about the U.S. election process and voting integrity, while a handful mentioned other candidates like Bernie Sanders, Ted Cruz or Jeb Bush.

Young Mie Kim, a University of Wisconsin-Madison researcher who published some of the first scientific analysis of social media influence campaigns during the election, said the ads show that the Russians are attempting to destabilize Western democracy by targeting extreme identity groups.

“Effective polarization can happen when you’re promoting the idea that ‘I like my group, but I don’t like the other group’ and pushing distance between the two extreme sides,” Kim said. “And we know the Russians targeted extremes and then came back with different negative messages that might not be aimed at converting voters but suppressing turnout and undermining the democratic process.”

The most prominent ad — with 1.3 million impressions and 73,000 clicks — illustrates how the influence campaign was executed.

A Facebook page called “Back the Badge” landed Oct. 19, 2016, following a summer that saw a huge number of protests over racial tensions and police shootings of black men.

The information analyzed by the USA TODAY NETWORK shows the Internet Research Agency paid about \$1,785 for the Facebook spot. It targeted 20- to 65-year-olds interested in law enforcement who had already liked pages such as “The Thin Blue Line,” “Police Wives

Unite” and the “Officer Down Memorial Page.”

The very next day, the influence operation paid for an ad depicting two black brothers handcuffed in Colorado for “driving while black.” That ad targeted people interested in Martin Luther King Jr., Malcom X and black history. Within minutes, the Russian company targeted the same group with an ad saying that “police brutality has been the most recurring issue over the last several years.”

USC professor Nick Cull, author of *The Cold War and the United States Information Agency*, said the ad campaign is reminiscent of tactics employed during the Soviet era. His book explored how the KGB tried to disrupt the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics by faking propaganda from the KKK threatening black athletes.

“Soviet news media always played up U.S. racism, exaggerating the levels of hatred even beyond the horrific levels of the reality,” Cull wrote in an email.

Adam Schiff, the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, said he made the ads available to the public so that academics could study both the intention and the breadth of the targeting.

“These ads broadly sought to pit one American against another by exploiting faults in our society over race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and other deeply cynical thoughts,” Schiff said in an interview.

The USA TODAY NETWORK analysis found that the Russians’ effort first used a raft of viral memes referencing banal American pop culture, like Spongebob Squarepants and Pokémon, apparently to build support behind legitimate-looking connections before deploying the racially tinged spots.

Hundreds of ads mixed race and policing.

It’s hard to measure the precise impact of the campaign targeting police and their families, but it certainly didn’t help, said Jim Pasco, senior adviser to the president of the National Fraternal Order of Police, the nation’s largest police union.

“There is absolutely no doubt that these ad placements further inflamed tensions in already volatile and already sensitive situations at critical times,” Pasco said.

North Korea

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is not clear what, if anything, North Korea will agree to at the summit or what Kim means by denuclearization.

In developing a plan to denuclearize North Korea, disarmament experts would look to several successful precedents. But none has involved a country with a program as advanced and large as North Korea’s.

John Bolton, Trump’s national security adviser, said the dismantling of Libya’s nuclear program in 2003 might serve as a model.

“One thing that Libya did that led us to overcome our skepticism was that they allowed American and British observers into all their nuclear-related sites,” he told CBS News recently. “It wasn’t a question of relying on international mechanisms. We saw them in ways we had never seen before.”

But Libya’s program was not nearly as advanced as North Korea’s, and the country had not already stockpiled weapons.

“It would have taken them about five years to produce enough material for one weapon,” Heinonen said.

Most of the program was dismantled within months, and nuclear material was shipped out of the country.

Several years later, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi was removed from power by rebels backed by NATO air support. Ironically, Gadhafi’s fate is one of the reasons Kim has clung so steadfastly to his nuclear weapons. Kim sees the survival of his regime as linked to the nation’s nuclear program.

South Africa, which was further along in its nuclear program, voluntarily offered to dismantle it in the 1990s. The country had already developed a small number of weapons but stopped production by then. It destroyed its six weapons and invited international inspectors to certify its work.

Other denuclearization efforts include the removal of nuclear materials from Kazakhstan; Belorussia, now known as Belarus; and Ukraine after the Soviet Union’s collapse. The countries turned their arsenals over to Russia in return for security guarantees.

“North Korea is well beyond what these other countries had,” Heinonen said.

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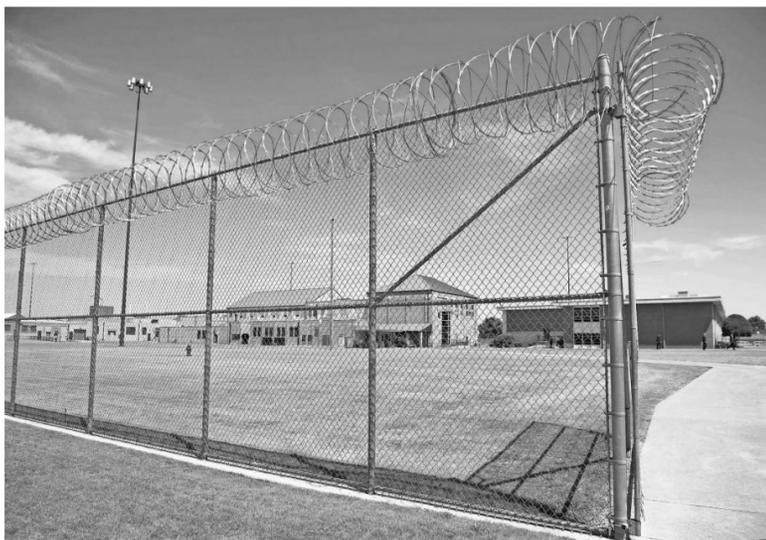
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The Bureau of Prisons reversed some measures that affect the transgender community in prisons. SAUL LOEB/GETTY IMAGES

Trump rolls back protections for transgender prisoners

‘Biological sex’ to decide housing of inmates

Christal Hayes
USA TODAY

The Bureau of Prisons rolled back some measures Friday that helped prevent transgender prisoners from being harassed, assaulted and sexually abused.

The rules, posted just two days before President Trump’s inauguration, laid out a number of guidelines for how prisons and guards should treat transgender inmates.

The manual instructed prisons to “recommend housing by gender identity when appropriate.”

Now, under Trump, some of the policies have been altered, according to an updated manual posted to the Bureau of Prisons website Friday.

Officials will now use “biological sex as the initial determination” for where transgender inmates are housed. The line recommending housing by gender equality was struck out and highlighted.

The new policy notes that “the designation to a facility of the inmate’s iden-

tified gender would be appropriate only in rare cases.” The guide says “health” and safety” of the inmate should be considered when deciding where they will be housed.

Transgender inmates face a higher rate of sexual assault than other inmates, according to a study on statistics from more than 600 correctional facilities during 2011 and 2012.

The analysis by the Bureau of Justice found more than one in three transgender inmates in state and federal prisons had been sexually assaulted within a year. In the general population, one in about 25 inmates said they’d experienced sexual assault.

The changes to the manual also include adding the word “necessary” to a section about hormone and medical treatment. The section is now titled “hormone and necessary medical treatment,” a possible signal on roll-backs for certain procedures or treatments.

BuzzFeed News, which first reported the change, noted the alterations come after four women filed a lawsuit in Texas that targeted the manual and protections for transgender inmates, which were put in place in 2012.

Singapore a neutral, orderly place to host Trump, Kim summit

Jim Michaels and Thomas Maresca
USA TODAY

In choosing Singapore for their historic summit, President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un agreed on a neutral nation known as a bastion of law and order where even littering can draw a heavy fine.

Trump announced Thursday on Twitter that the meeting will be held June 12 on the small but affluent island nation in southeast Asia.

“It’s discreet,” said David Albright, president of the Institute for Science and International Security, which tracks arms-control issues. “They can control the press. They can be trusted on security.”

The White House had considered holding the summit at the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Korea. Kim met there last month with South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Images of the leaders holding hands and crossing the DMZ were broadcast around the world.

The United States will want more control over images, linking the pictures to substance of the talks. “Can you imagine if Trump walked across the border holding hands with this guy,” Albright said.

Singapore offers a more controlled environment where the leaders can meet behind closed doors and emerge for orchestrated photo opportunities.

“Singapore is a very disciplined place,” said Robert Einhorn, an arms control analyst at the Brookings Institution and a former State Department official who negotiated with the North Koreans in the 1990s. “You can count on the authorities there to ensure an orderly situation.”

Einhorn said the North Koreans have held meetings in Singapore and would be comfortable holding a summit there. The North Koreans have an embassy there.

It will be a rare trip abroad for Kim,

who has almost never left the country since assuming power in 2011. His trip this week to Dalian, China, was the first time a North Korean leader has flown abroad in more than 30 years.

Singapore, which has a modern infrastructure and a strong economy, has close economic and defense ties with America. The U.S. Navy has a logistics hub in Singapore, and American warships frequently make port calls there.

“Singapore is a close strategic partner of the U.S. and enjoys wide-ranging and multifaceted cooperation on a range of areas from defense, economic and people to people ties,” Singapore’s Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

“Singapore is a very disciplined place. You can count on the authorities there to ensure an orderly situation.”

Robert Einhorn, arms control analyst and former State Department official

Singapore’s low crime rate has come at the expense of civil liberties, some critics say.

The country bans the import of chewing gum and tightly enforces littering laws. A man was fined \$15,000 several years ago after being caught on surveillance camera throwing cigarette butts out his apartment window, Reuters reported.

The country recently announced a plan to link facial recognition software to surveillance cameras around the country, according to the news agency. The government said the purpose of the program would be to help identify suspects in terror attacks.

The country also has restrictions on the press and was ranked 151 out of 180 countries for press freedoms by Reporters Without Borders. The government places pressure on journalists through defamation lawsuits and other means, the organization said.

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McCain champions immigrants

Ailing senator makes his final push for reforms in upcoming book

Dan Nowicki Arizona Republic
USA TODAY NETWORK

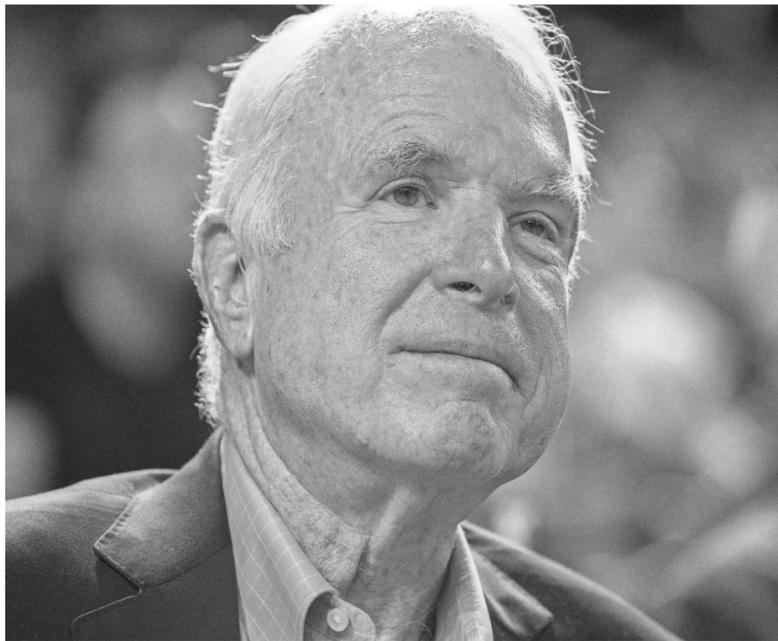
In his forthcoming memoir, Sen. John McCain makes one more argument for immigration reform while taking swings at border hard-liners such as President Trump, former Maricopa County (Ariz.) sheriff Joe Arpaio and Rep. Steve King of Iowa.

McCain, the 81-year-old Arizona Republican who is fighting a deadly form of brain cancer, restates his case for overhauling the nation's immigration system in *The Restless Wave: Good Times, Just Causes, Great Fights and Other Appreciations*.

In a chapter titled "Fighting the Good Fight," McCain praises Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., his late colleague and collaborator on comprehensive immigration reform in the mid-2000s. Kennedy died in 2009 of the same kind of brain cancer, glioblastoma, that McCain is fighting.

The original McCain-Kennedy legislation, while unsuccessful, created the broad framework for subsequent bipartisan reform efforts: a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants who have settled in the United States; border-security upgrades; and a foreign-worker program.

"We failed twice, and then once more after Ted had passed away, despite big majorities in both houses of Congress in favor of it," McCain and co-author Mark Salter wrote. "I'd like to say I'll try again. But that is not up to me anymore. That's a harder disappointment than other defeats have been because first, it's something that most Americans want, and most members of Congress know is the



In his memoir, John McCain laments a "decline in civility" and an "all-consuming partisanship" that has divided Americans. LOREN TOWNSLEY/ARIZONA REPUBLIC

right thing to do.

"But most of all, because it's something this country needs to do now, in this political moment, as old fears and animosities that have blighted our history appear to be on the rise again, exploited by opportunists who won't trouble their careers or their consciences with scruples about honesty or compassion for their fellow man," they wrote.

He further emphasizes that "anyone can become an American if they embrace our values. Anyone. You don't even have to speak the language. As a practical matter, you'll have an easier time of it here if you learn English. But even a common language isn't essential to assimilation. Not in this country."

McCain pulls no punches against anti-"amnesty" activists and other reform foes and their policy proposals.

Although McCain in a 2010 re-election ad famously called for completion

of "the danged fence," he argues that a Trump-style wall along the southern border "isn't going to solve the problem" and "might make it worse" by diverting resources from "more effective border security and enforcement."

McCain uses an expletive ("bulls--t") to describe the hard-line prescription to "round up all the 'illegals' and deport them."

He also suggests that racism motivates some opponents of immigration reform.

"There are politicians today who would have Americans believe that illegal immigration is one of the worst scourges afflicting the country," McCain and Salter wrote. "Some who espouse that nonsense believe it to be true. ... Others are doing it for more sinister reasons they're reluctant to acknowledge publicly, including racial prejudice. Whatever their reasons, the cynical and

the ignorant promotion of false information and unnecessary fear have the same outcome. Decent, hardworking people who mean no harm are blamed for crime, unemployment, failing schools, and various other ills, and become in the eyes of many the objects of hate and fear."

McCain also vents his frustrations about those who have stood in the way of reforms such as the path to citizenship or a guest-worker program.

He takes swings at some of the harshest critics of illegal immigration, including former U.S. Rep. Tom Tancredo, a Colorado Republican who made the issue central to his short-lived run for the 2008 GOP presidential nomination, which McCain received.

"Once, when we were both in the same South Carolina restaurant, Tancredo sent my table an order of chips and salsa, meaning I'm not sure what," McCain recalls in the memoir. "I guess he thought that since I didn't want to kick out of the country every Mexican-born immigrant, I must like chips and salsa."

McCain blasts King, the anti-immigration congressman, as "a backbench House Republican from Iowa" who at times "seems to go out of his way to offend as many people as he can with his crude insults of folks who came to this country for freedom and opportunity."

McCain offers a few ideas that might help pass immigration reform.

One is that Democrats regain control of the House.

Another is that "problem-solving House Republicans" back a discharge petition, a procedural maneuver that could force a floor vote over House Republican leaders' opposition. A group of House Republicans is trying to take that route.

Or those GOP leaders could work with Democrats to get around the Freedom Caucus, which McCain describes as "the say-no-to-everything crowd."

McCain and Salter's *The Restless Wave* is set for publication May 22.

Debate in Mexico turns to amnesty for drug trade

Front-runner's proposal meets strong opposition

David Agren
Special to USA TODAY

MEXICO CITY — The front-runner in Mexico's upcoming presidential election wants to give amnesty to anyone involved with illegal drugs — from the dealers to the peasant farmers growing opium poppies.

Leftist Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who leads in polls by double digits ahead of the July 1 vote, offered the controversial proposal as a way to combat the drug cartels as they fight over territory and the production of heroin and methamphetamine.

The idea of forgiving those involved in the illegal-drug business has stoked strong emotions in Mexico, where a decade-long drug war has claimed more than 200,000 lives and violence has increasingly crept into corners of the country once considered placid.

Mexico had its most murderous year on record in 2017, with 29,168 homicides. The monthly homicide rate has raced even higher in 2018.

Amnesty proponents call for a change in security strategy, arguing that sending soldiers into the streets to confront the drug cartels isn't working — especially in the face of claims of human rights abuses by the army and corruption among police.

"You can't put out fire with fire," López Obrador said at the first candidates' debate April 22.

His proposed amnesty is still ill-defined, but advisers have said it excludes cartel kingpins and others accused of kidnapping, murder and other crimes. Opponents have denounced it as dangerous and akin to a deal with the devil.

"What Mexico needs is more of a state presence to defend Mexicans against insecurity," tweeted former first

lady Margarita Zavala, who is running as an independent in the field of five candidates. "An amnesty or ignoring the problem are not the solution to the country's violence."

The other presidential hopefuls support long-proposed plans such as improving intelligence, properly training police and going after the cartels' cash.

Jaime Rodríguez, the cowboy-governor candidate known as "El Bronco," has a low standing in the polls but has campaigned in favor of chopping off the hands of thieves, bringing back the death penalty and opening "militarized" high schools.

A poll published May 2 by the *Reforma* newspaper showed López Obrador of the Morena party with 48% support, while Ricardo Anaya of a left-right coalition was second at 30%. José Antonio Meade of the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party was third at 17%.

López Obrador's opponents have attacked him as a dangerous populist and denounced the idea of amnesty seemingly more than they campaign on their own promises to combat crime.

"There's not much strategy (with López Obrador), and there's also not much of a plan. It's just that he has a wider gamut of options than the others are willing to entertain," said Federico Estévez, a political science professor at the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico. "They attack him on it because it's easy."

López Obrador has claimed he can calm Mexico in three years and would convene forums with experts and spiritual leaders — including Pope Francis — to solve Mexico's security problems.

Support for amnesty appears weak, with 73% of Mexicans opposed to it, according to a poll in the newspaper *El Financiero*.

Still, some analysts support giving an exit to low-level workers in the drug cartels, such as the army of spies on street corners known as *halcones* and



Leading presidential candidate Andrés Manuel López Obrador has said amnesty for drug dealers would help fight cartel violence. MIGUEL SIERRA/EPA-EFE

"If you start a process of amnesties with mobsters ... the amnesty process will be tainted. People will see it as a Mafia pact, and it will collapse."

Edgardo Buscaglia
Senior scholar in law and economics at
Columbia University

the *campesinos* who grow opium poppies and marijuana to make ends meet.

"Thousands of people pass through our penal system whose only main fault is being young and poor, having tattoos and having dark skin," tweeted Catalina Pérez Correa, a professor at the Center for Research and Teaching in Economics in Mexico City. "Amnesty is a good start in repairing the social damage, but the underlying problems must be resolved, too."

Edgardo Buscaglia, senior scholar in law and economics at Columbia University, said other countries have offered similar amnesties and seen positive results. But he said Mexico would need to make major changes for that to work: "clean out" the political class accused of

corruption, overhaul the justice system and establish truth commissions.

"The logistical structure of the cartels doesn't allow them to be given amnesty without a social process to legitimize it," he said. "If you start a process of amnesties with mobsters ... the amnesty process will be tainted. People will see it as a Mafia pact, and it will collapse."

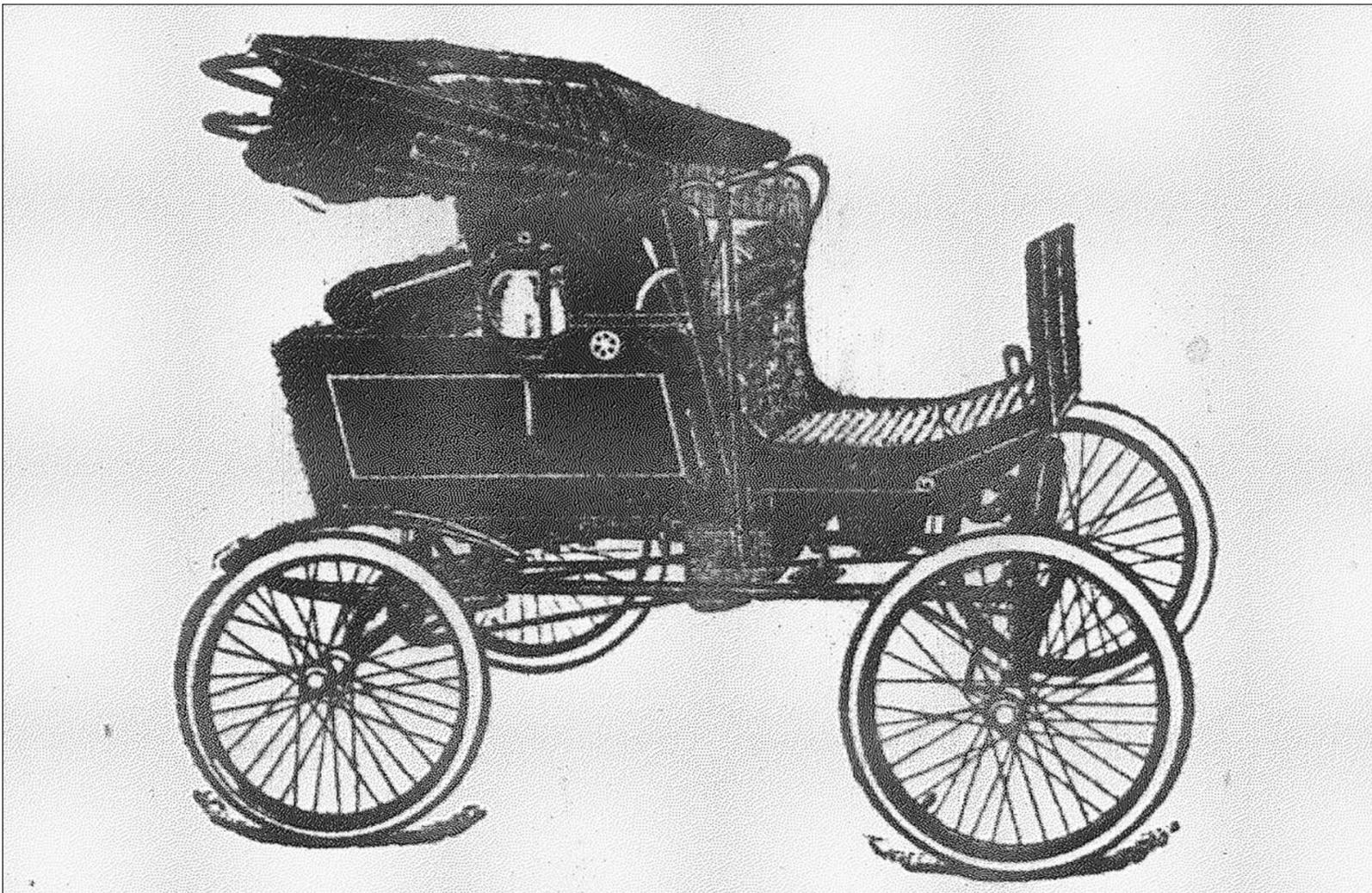
President Enrique Peña Nieto, who is ineligible to run for a second term under Mexico's constitution, was elected in 2012 by promising to combat crimes plaguing ordinary Mexicans, such as kidnapping and extortion. Instead, he focused on economic changes, such as opening the state-controlled oil industry and improving Mexico's image with investors by tamping down talk of violence.

"He thought problems would be able to fix themselves if they weren't spoken about," said Lilian Chapa Koloffon, editor of the security blog at *Nexos*, a Mexican magazine.

Some victims of crime have criticized the notion of amnesty, saying it would only promote more drug violence.

"There can't be forgiveness," said José Díaz Navarro, president of a collective of 100 families who have lost loved ones to drug violence in Chilapa, a hub for trafficking heroin. "Impunity is generating more violence. It's generating more crime. It's generating conditions that we can't live with anymore."

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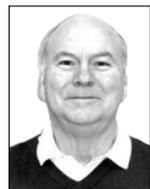


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The Locomobile was operated by steam and was bought by H. C. Bland of Mayesville and shipped to Sumter from Connecticut in 1901.

Sumter's 1st car was a Locomobile

Reflections remembers research done on the arrival of the automobile in the Sumter community. An article published in 1963 by reporter Jobie Dixon presents an insightful perspective on this event. Additional resources were taken from *The Sumter Item* archives in order to expand the data presented. Because of the length of the articles, the author was required to use a degree of editing.



Sammy Way
REFLECTIONS

"One of the first vehicles to arrive in the Sumter area was a 1901 Locomobile, a steam car bought by H. C. Bland of Mayesville, who later moved to Sumter and managed the fledgling Ford agency here until his retirement."

The vehicle he ordered was shipped via train and arrived in a large wooden crate marked "this side up." However, when the crate was opened, it revealed that the auto was sitting upside down. The manufacturers had made an error in posting the sign so that the vehicle was shipped from Bridgeport, Connecticut, on its top.

"The early Locomobile was operated by steam, thus the boiler was positioned directly under the driver's seat, eliminating any possibility of minor injury if it exploded. Kerosene was poured on a rod with a pad and then lighted with a match which hopefully started the engine. The water was allowed to boil to provide steam to get the engine underway. The vehicle sat on hard, tubeless wheels which were surprisingly durable and quiet. Steering was done using a lever which could be pushed from side to side.

"Another auto that appeared in Sumter was the Oldsmobile, 'which looked like a snow sleigh with a buckboard seat on a box, containing the engine.' The vehicle was started by turning a hand crank on the side until the engine engaged. Several new models were later introduced including the Milburn electric car. With more autos being brought to Sumter, more and more auto dealerships sprang up to handle the influx. In 1917, H. C. Bland came to Sumter to manage the new Hud-Sex motors. He became the distributor for the Essex, Cadillac, Hudson and Oldsmobile autos in the Sumter area."

In 1914, McCollum Motors opened a Dodge dealership on the corner of Main and Bartlette streets and placed a gas pump on the property.

"Many Sumterites questioned this action as two pumps were already operating in the city. Later Jeff Williams would open the Chalmer's car agency which was located at the former site of the Coca-Cola plant. Since the first auto arrived in Sumter, a number of makes have been produced with the vast majority now out of existence.



Allis-Chalmers Tractor Machinery was at the former site of the Coca-Cola plant.

Some of the most popular models were the Hubmobile, Pierce-Arrow, Maxwell, Essex, Dort, Liberty, Overland, Franklin, Moon, Reo and the White and Stanley Steamers."

Headlights on the first vehicles were often attached by owners who wanted this convenience.

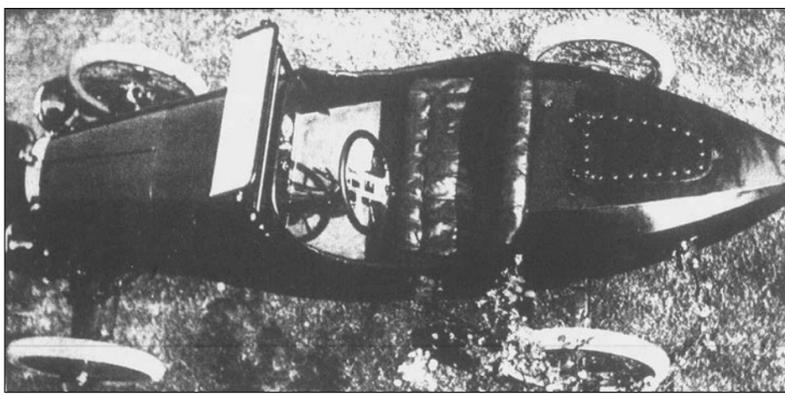
"They couldn't be cut on simply with a switch; when dusk arrived, and the street lighter was lighting the city's lamps, car owners would light the filament on his headlights with a match." Most of the early vehicles came as basic units, and any extras including windshields had to be added by the owner. The roads were in poor shape as there were no paved streets for years. During the summer months, the roads were extremely sandy, and the winter turned them into mud. Tubes for the tires were not common, requiring the owner to fix his tires or carry a number of spares in case of an emergency.

"Several years before World War I, a big race was held on Main Street for auto owners to demonstrate their wares. The race began at the Claremont Hotel and concluded where Morris College begins today. The winning car registered an amazing speed of 32 mile per hour. Most of the early autos have faded into the past; however, there are some still existing in museums across the nation. These early machines both encouraged and enabled progress to take place in the daily lives of our community's citizens."



ABOVE: Members of McCollum Motors are seen in 1949. From left are J. H. McCollum, F. K. Holman, Vaughan Jennings, Walter LeNoir, R. T. Brown Jr., Harry Brunson, Carl Tobias, John I. Steele, Joseph Puglia, Harvey Reynolds, Patterson Clarke and Ben E. Furse.

BELOW: Seats and a back rest upholstered in leather put the Bland streamliner in the elite class. It was built by H. C. Bland in his back yard in Mayesville for \$38.



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Civilians praised for war efforts; Biltons open 6th dealership

75 YEARS AGO — 1943
Dec. 4 — Dec. 10

• The Shaw Field public relations office said that during October and November, planes based at Shaw had flown the equivalent of 400 round trips to Tokyo. Figures released by the post command showed the last graduating class from this basic flying training school had a safety record of only one major accident in 3,000,000 miles of flying. Since Shaw Field began its training program two years ago, the public relations office said airmen from this base had flown 2,000,000 miles for every fatality — a record, it said, which bore out official statistics that aviation cadets in training had a far higher survival chance than other young men of the same group in civilian life.

• Gov. Charles G. Tennent and Mrs. Tennent were guests of the Sumter Rotary Club last Monday. Gov. Tennent, whose home is in Asheville, North Carolina, serves the 190th district of Rotary which embraces all South Carolina and western North Carolina. The Tennents were the house guests of President Edwin Boyle of the local Rotary and Mrs. Boyle during their stay in Sumter.

• With Billy Britt of Asheville leading the way, the North Carolina high school All-Stars defeated the South Carolina All-Star team in Charlotte on Saturday afternoon by the score of 20-7. A crowd of 12,000 watched the spectacle. Britt ran the opening kickoff back for 90 yards and a touchdown and the Tar Heels were never headed, but the South Carolina boys gained more territory on the ground. Their kicking department was inferior, however. Two Sumter boys, Tommy Hughes and Lynwood Vaughn, started the game. Both distinguished themselves and Vaughn caught several places; Hughes made several nice gains.

• Sumter High School's football squad, which recently completed a season marred by only two losses, will be guests of honor at the annual banquet given by Sumter fans, scheduled to be held at 8 o'clock at the Edmunds High School cafeteria. The team's coaches, Johnnie McMillan and Harold Hartel, and managers will be honorees at the banquet. Two hundred forty persons are expected to gather, in all, with about 40 of that number the guests. Solicitor Frank A. McLeod of Sumter will be the speaker for the evening.

• The Atlantic Coast Line News, publication of the Atlantic Coast Line railway, in its latest issue gives credit to M. M. Brice, Sumter car inspector, for saving a soldier's life. Mr. Brice performed that heroic deed in September, when, disregarding his own safety, he pulled a soldier who had fallen from a moving train away from its wheels.

• Lt. Clyde W. Vickery, son of L. W. Vickery, manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and Mrs. Vickery, has been awarded the Silver Star by Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney, a dispatch from Allied headquarters in the Southwest Pacific said recently. The decoration was given to Lt. Vickery, one of the crew members of two Liberator bombers which guarded a badly damaged third on the way back from a raid on Rabaul, New Britain. The Liberators were part of a formation which attacked Rabaul without fighter cover. On the return, one of the bombers was losing altitude and surrounded by about 50 Japanese fighters. In a 30-minute run-

ning battle, the two guarding bombers shot down eight enemy fighters, destroyed a ninth and damaged two others. Eventually, the enemy scurried for cover. The disabled Liberator crashed into the ocean, but all its crew were saved.

• Seventy years of age, foster father of 13 children and for 25 years president of the Salem National Farm Loan Association, an all-black farmers' organization — that is just a small part of the record of Joe E. Frierson, of Sumter County. Frierson is a real farmer, a philosopher and a man totally respected by both whites and blacks. He is the kind of farmer who never comes to town unless he has something to sell, and he has a philosophy of life that the harder a row is to hoe, the harder the person doing the hoeing must work.

• Praising civilian employees at Shaw Field for their zealous efforts during two years of war but warning them that the conflict is not over yet, Col. R. C. W. Blessley, commanding officer, presided over the issuing of awards to 600 Shaw Field civilians being honored by the War Department for "faithful and meritorious service" at the big basic flying training school. The ceremonies were held in conjunction with the start of the third year of war for the nation, and the awards represented the War Department's official recognition of the vital role being played by civilian workers of this base.

• Women and girls can continue to swoon happily, for the United States Army declared Frankie (the voice) Sinatra 4-F physically unfit for military service. Expressing disappointment, the crooner announced the outcome of his selective service pre-induction examination at the Newark induction station. "I've got a hole in my left ear drum," said Sinatra, whose singing on the radio and theater stage is the current rage of the feminine sex. The crooner commented that he had hoped to enter the marine corps.

• Now that the highway department has begun checking on the new licenses, City Manager Raffield advised that the local police department has been instructed to enforce the city ordinance requiring that highway licenses be displayed on all motor vehicles operating in the city. This ordinance is for assisting the highway department in having all vehicles properly licensed, and the co-operation of owners is requested.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968
Aug. 5 — 10

• Dillon tackles defending state champion Orangeburg while host Sumter faces Winnsboro as first round play gets underway in the Palmetto Majors State Tournament at Riley Park tonight. The Palmetto Majors is considered one step below American Legion baseball. Each contest will be seven innings. This is the first of two big baseball tournaments to be hosted by Sumter this summer.

• Drivers at Sumter Speedway found the track lightning fast and the competition rough and tough, with Billy Baker, Red Moore and Bob Wilson taking home first-place money in their events. Action was started with the two heat races for Jalopy drivers to determine the starting positions for the 20-lap main event.

• Several staff changes, including a new principal for Hillcrest School, have been announced by Dan L. Reynolds, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Sumter School



OFFICIAL U.S. MARINE CORPS PHOTO

1943 — Somewhere in the South Pacific, Capt. B.O. Cantey Jr. of Sumter and Chief Marine Gunner Laurie P. Mallard of California are seen in the field. Both were officers in a Marine artillery outfit.

District No. 2. The new Hillcrest principal for 1968-69 is Charles D. Kyzer, principal of James Island High School for the last 11 years. Kyzer succeeds D. Wyman Taylor at Hillcrest. Taylor, who had served as principal since March 1, 1968, requested that he be named assistant principal at Furman School. Thomas W. Cooper Jr. will serve as assistant principal of Hillcrest School during the coming school year.

• The promotion of H. Leon McDonald to vice president of the South Carolina National Bank in Sumter has been announced. McDonald is a commercial loan officer and credit officer. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club and a director of the Sumter Jaycees. He is a graduate of North Greenville Junior College and Clemson University with a degree in industrial management. He is also attending summer sessions of the South Carolina Bankers School.

• Winnsboro and Orangeburg took first-round victories in the Palmetto Major State Tournament at Riley Park, and the two teams will meet in the feature contest of the second round. Host Sumter tackles Dillon with the loser being eliminated from the tournament. The winner will meet the Winnsboro-Orangeburg loser. In the first round, Orangeburg, the defending champion, had little trouble in romping past Dillon 7-0, while Winnsboro defeated Sumter 8-3 in the second tilt.

• Gov. Robert E. McNair termed the 60-unit Mt. Pisgah Apartments a "tangible, physical example of what the spirit of cooperation can mean" to Sumter in dedication ceremonies. The dedication ceremony climaxed two years of planning and construction by Mt. Pisgah A.M.E. Church to provide housing for low-income families. The \$620,000 apartments on College Street off Lafayette Drive will be administered by a nonprofit, Mt. Pisgah Apartments Inc.

• Brig. Gen. Howard T. Markey, 126th Air Refueling Wing commander (Illinois Air National Guard), and 19th ANG key personnel of the 126th ARW staff visited Ninth Air Force headquarters at Shaw. The wing members visited with their Ninth Air Force counterparts to brief the Ninth Air Force commander, Maj. Gen. Gordon M. Graham, and his staff on the mission and status of the 126th ARW. The 126th ARW flying KC-97L Strata-Freighters has done most of the in-flight refueling of military jets over Europe since May 1967.

• "There are many more young people willing to work than there are jobs available." This remark by Jack Harvie,

YMCA director, is the consensus concerning part time and summer work for high school and college students. Several factors are responsible for the dearth of temporary jobs for young people, one of which involves the type of businesses in the Sumter area. In an agrarian community, local industries which hire large numbers of people (woodworking, clothing making, soup canning, battery manufacturing, casket making) are not ones needing temporary or part-time workers.

• Winnsboro fought off a strong Sumter challenge to carve out a 9-6 decision for the 1968 Palmetto Majors State Championship at Riley Park. The winners banged out 13 base hits, including two doubles and two triples, in clinching the tournament title with a perfect 3-0 record. Jack Pope's two singles and triple paved the way offensively for the Winnsboro crew. Sumter, which lost its opening game of the tourney, had clicked off two straight wins before last night's defeat.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993
May 7 — 13

• "They gathered in joy" to honor him. So said United Methodist Bishop the Right Rev. Joseph Bethea of those attending a ceremony honoring S.C. Supreme Court Justice Ernest A. Finney Jr. of Sumter. A portrait of Finney, the state's first black circuit court judge and its first black Supreme Court associate justice, was unveiled during the ceremony, which was marked with both adulation and wisecracks. More than 500 people packed into the Sumter County Courthouse's main courtroom for the unveiling, including the other members of the Supreme Court and more than two dozen circuit and family court judges from across the state.

• A little friendly competition with playing partner Charlie Whittington helped propel T.J. Jackson, of Mobile, Alabama, into a one-shot lead after one round of play in the T.C. Jordan Professional Golf Tour's Lakewood Links Classic. Jackson, who started on the 20th tee, made the turn at one-under par 35 but made six birdies down the stretch to finish with a seven-under 65 for the day. Jackson had to get hot over the final nine holes, though, because Whittington converted six consecutive birdie opportunities during that same span en route to a 66.

• Anita Kieslich, assistant principal at Sumter's Lemira Elementary School, has been named the 1993-94 Assistant Principal of the Year by the S.C. Association of School Administrators. The award is based on Kieslich's record of school leadership, a statement released by the association

said. The Assistant Principal of the Year is selected by the awards committee of the elementary and middle school principal's division of the administrators' association. Criteria for the award include: professional experience and activities, awards and honors, community relations, ability to improve student achievement, development of positive learning environments and the ability to anticipate and solve problems.

• In an apparent show of confidence in the executives of NBSC, the corporation's stockholders approved a change in bylaws to make getting shareholder approval of major corporate transactions easier. During the bank company's annual stockholders meeting at the Opera House in Sumter, stockholders voted to drop the "Super majority" provision from the 1982 incorporation articles. The clause required that mergers and other major transactions be approved by 80 percent of shareholders. Those transactions can now be made if only two-thirds of shareholders give approval, the minimum percentage allowed by state law.

• Sumter School District 17's Parent Forum told trustees and administrators it wants the district to offer full-day kindergarten and reduce student/teacher ratios in elementary grades — a wish list that would cost taxpayers \$1.5 million. But District 17 officials told the parents that Sumter County Council, which levies school taxes for both of Sumter's public-school districts, will not approve such a tax increase. District officials asked the group, which represents parents from the district's schools, for input as they formulate next year's budget.

• Lee Correctional Institution will open Dec. 1 as scheduled, even though no money is allocated for it in a state budget proposal, a state corrections department official said. The Senate Finance Committee included no funds to open new prisons in Bishopville, Turbeville or Ridge-land in its \$3.8 billion state budget proposal for fiscal 1993-94 that was sent to the Senate floor. "We had been promised \$3 million (of transition funds) by the Budget and Control Board for the Lee County prison," state Department of Corrections spokeswoman Robyn Zimmerman said.

• If you've driven through the Lowcountry towns of St. George, Holly Hill or Moncks Corner in the last 45 years, chances are you've passed at least one car dealership wholly or partly owned and run by the families of Jim Bilton and his sons — Woody, William, Steve and Al. Now the family has moved a little north, opening in Sumter last month their sixth dealership — and first Lincoln-Mercury outlet — by buying the former Bundy Lincoln-Mercury. "The family's in the car business," Al Bilton explained with understatement last week that Jim, Al and Steve Bilton are the joint owners of the family's newest dealership, and it will be managed by Woody's son Jamie Bilton.

• "I am, I can, and I will." That's the message that Dr. Joe L. Dudley Sr., a man whose life is a rags-to-riches epic, gave 138 graduating students at Morris College's commencement. Dudley, founder and chief executive officer of the Greensboro, North Carolina-based Dudley Products Co., a multi-million-dollar hair care and cosmetics company, told the graduates that if they aim high, they can achieve success as he did. One of 11 children raised in a three-room farmhouse in Aurora, North Carolina, Dudley, who had a speech impediment that's still with him, was mistakenly labeled mentally retarded in the first grade. Today, he owns what he calls one of the largest minority-owned manufacturing companies in the Southeast.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Lynn Brogdon Gamble of Manning and Cheryl Tisdale McCabe of Wedgefield**
- **Tristan Jamarquis Ikeem Shaw of Dalzell and Rikiah Shavonne Stuckey of Rembert**
- **Jeffery Tyler Raley and Chelsey Tra'Chelle Newman of Bishopville**
- **Jordan Tyler Brinson and Kelsey Brooke Osteen**
- **Michael Melvin and Carrie Lee Woods of Darlington**
- **Ujama Sampson Reese and Lekenisha Renee Clea**
- **Jonathan Blake File and Kristen Lynn Knight of Knoxville, Tennessee**
- **Ricardo Jermaine Holmes and Shanika Lashaun Davis**
- **Richard Oliver Weeks Jr. and Tara Yvonne Vaught, both of Hope Mills, North Carolina**
- **Dashan Lamont Glisson and Nicole Elaine Golden of Wedgefield**
- **Ryan Emerson Hess and Isabelle Ann Golden**
- **Raymond John Ramirez III and Kaila Nicole Allen**
- **Exree Sessoms Jr. and Alysha Renee Taft**
- **Troy Lee Georgia Jr. and Tracey Michelle McConico of New Zion**
- **Michael Allen Moore Jr. and Felisha Nakia Jacobs**
- **Clifton Morris Ardis and Karen Celeste Jackson**
- **Lewis Hartwell Warr of Moore and Mary Rachel Scott of Columbia**
- **Adaryl Tremayne Myers of Rembert and Carla Lisette Dennis of Camden**
- **Ryan David Brehm and Kelli Lynn Powell, both of Dalzell**
- **Walter Belton Jr. of McBee and Oree Miller Pate of Rembert**
- **Ryan Wesley Green Adkins and Victoria Alexis Shreve, both of Dalzell**
- **Ray Arnold Kershaw of Myrtle Beach and Leadea Mae Kershaw**
- **William Wayne Brettelle and Jessica Ann Bickley of Knoxville, Tennessee**
- **Christopher Allen Blackwell and Joni Rae Jenko**
- **Kandi Renee Velvet Wamack and Stephanie Jean Turner**
- **Mason Roy Geddings and Courtney Aileen Sutherland**
- **Steven Clark and Barney Mae Gilbert**
- **Kelvin Jermaine Moore and Altresha Desha Jenkins, both of Bishopville**
- **Marvin David Wilson and Denise Nicole Parrott**
- **Jerry Kent Bellamy and Terry Sue Newman**
- **Calvin White of Alcolu and Kenya Areshia Wilson of Manning**
- **Emil Phillip Wodicka Jr. and Sandy Leigh Hallman, both of Dalzell**
- **Douglas Wayne McQueen and Shelley Renee Matthews**
- **Nicholas Sinclair Seavert and Crystina Celine Casias, both of Cary, North Carolina**
- **Nicholas Alexander Jacobs and Kiara Danielle Davis**
- **Terrance Cardell Wells and Tamara Janine Prayleau, both of Washington, D.C.**
- **Joseph Gregory Mews and Sharda Laren Thorne**
- **Jammie Luther Powell and Mickie Nicole Chapman**
- **Collin X. Grant and Matrese L. Wilson**
- **James Allsbrook and Joyce Diane Jordan, both of Wedgefield**
- **Calvert Lee Archie and Victoria Ortiz**
- **Matthew Carrison McCoy and Keltsey Diane Bettencourt**
- **Keiven Maurice Butler and Brittany Ashley China'**
- **Marquis Tyrell Rogers and Shanora Renee Carter**
- **William Levone Nickens and Angela Rubin**
- **Daiquan Derell Anthony and Meonice Kenielle Moore, both of Greenville**
- **Keith Roland Brown of Rembert and Kendra Lashawn Singleton**
- **Karl Frederick Schuhly Jr. and Laura Lee Bode, both of Dalzell**
- **Ahkeem Azi McClinton and Manosia Antionna Williams**

BUILDING PERMITS

- **Santee Lynches Regional Development, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 210 Highland Ave., \$11,875 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Development, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 101 Dixie Drive, \$11,750 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Development, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 109 Dixie Drive, \$11,750 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Development, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 218 Highland Ave., \$12,185 (residential demolition of house, residential).**
- **Jean G. Richburg (lifetime estate), owner, Dooleymack Constructors of Georgia Inc., contractor, 204 West Ave. North, Pinewood, 9,100 heated square feet, \$930,000 (new commercial retail construction — Dollar General).**
- **Richard B. Burns Jr., owner, Erus Builders LLC dba Erus Energy, contractor, 1290 Tivolli Road, \$19,680 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Rose A. Rodriguez, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1022 Bordeaux Ave., \$3,900 (install metal roof, residential).**
- **Robert Kenny McLeod, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 5565 Panola Road, \$11,000 (install metal roof, residential).**
- **Goodwill Presbyterian Church, owner, Joshua W. Neal dba JW Neal Construction, contractor, 255 N. Brick Church Road, Mayesville, 3,145 heated square feet, \$454,000 (construct a new fellow-**

ship hall, commercial).

- **Stephen G. Morrow and Marian B M, owners, Stephen G. Morrow, contractor, 4290 Granada Drive, 840 heated square feet, \$46,200 (living room addition to front of home, residential).**
- **Alfred Leon Rollerson, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractor, 308 Manning Ave., \$4,000 (commercial demolition of old block building, commercial).**
- **Jeffery S. and Ronda Feinstein, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 110 N. Brick Church Road, \$5,500 (reroof, residential).**
- **Pinewood American Legion Trust, owner, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 111 E. Clark St., Pinewood, \$4,000 (reroof — shingles, commercial).**
- **Cephus Gregg Sr. and Martha E.*, owners, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 223 W. Williams St., \$6,000 (brick veneer, residential).**
- **NAM LLC, owner, Aycok Construction LLC, contractor, 2295 Watersong Run, 3,200 heated square feet and 1,300 unheated square feet, \$300,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Elijah Simon, owner, Ken-Co Homes, contractor, 2840 McKnight Road, Lynchburg (mobile home, residential).**
- **William A. Carlisle Jr. and Barbar, owners, Southern Current LLC, contractor, 777 S. Hampton St., Pinewood, \$35,000 (ground mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Henry Lee Shaw, owner, Thompson Construction Group Inc., contractor, 4580 Amonn Road, \$8,000 (residential demolition of single family house, residential).**
- **Sandra Burkpile, owner, Barwick Plumbing Co., contractor, 4115 Gabby Lane, 810 heated square feet, \$5,000 (set up of single family dwelling moved, residential).**
- **Alfred E. Shaw, owner and contractor, 307 Lindley Ave., 384 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (detached shop / office / workshop, residential).**
- **James M. Eaves, owner, Sign Wave, contractor, 2880 Broad St., \$3,585.52 (change face of freestanding sign — Ashley Furniture, commercial); James M. Eaves, owner, Sign Wave, contractor, 2880 Broad St., \$10,527 (change face of wall sign — Ashley Furniture, commercial).**
- **John and Lucinda Y. Herriott, owners, John Herriott, contractor, 1685 Reedman Road, 1,620 heated square feet, \$40,000 (completion of bedroom and bathroom addition, residential).**
- **Clyde D. Strain, owner, Infinigy Engineering PLLC, contractor, 5260 Clyde Drive, Dalzell, \$22,000 (NV 2.5 upgrade — equipment installation — antenna modification, commercial).**
- **Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 14 Hatfield St., \$15,500 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 10 Harris St., \$9,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 15 Branch St., \$13,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 28 S. Blanding St., \$23,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 20 Charles St., \$15,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 107 H St., \$18,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 43 Dunway Drive, \$8,900 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 109 Laurel St., \$16,500 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 301 Wright St., \$18,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 408 Dingle St., \$12,000 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 512 Dingle St., \$13,690 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 525 Dingle St., \$14,800 (residential demolition of house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, Jones Grading & Building Inc., contractor, 307 W. Bartlette St., \$22,800 (residential demolition of house, residential).**
- **William C. and Virginia Saunders, owners, Gene Altman Construction, contractor, 885 S. St. Pauls Church Road, 1,670 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$150,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Devon McAlister, owner and contractor, 116 Mood Ave., \$6,000 (renovate master bathroom — move toilet, add shower tile and drywall, residential).**
- **James Baxter Pierson Sr. and Dubo, owners, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 2252 Brought Court, \$6,000 (remove / replace shingles and felt, residential).**
- **Joanne Conyers, owner, Elijah Johnson dba Johnson and Johnson, contractor, 736 Point Drive, \$20,000 (hanging sheetrock throughout house, residential).**
- **Pierson Investments LLC, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 40 Shadybrook Court, \$11,500 (remove / replace shingles and felt, residential).**
- **Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 2240 Alden Drive, Dalzell, 3,611 heated square feet and 612 unheated square feet, \$126,530 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Sumter Builders Inc., owner, Hawkins**

- and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 1151 N. Pike West, \$98,543 (renovations to existing office, commercial).
- **Matthew James Huhs, owner, Cephus Gregg dba Designer Thoughts, contractor, 2767 Browning Ridge Drive, \$3,500 (brick underpinning, residential).**
- **Raffield Brown Jr., owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 5565 Melik Circle, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).**
- **Pamela Haddock, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 8 Dillard Drive, \$3,800 (reroof, residential).**
- **Richard S. and Susan D. Marks, owners, Julius David Gainey dba Dream Builder, contractor, 2819 Hathaway Drive, \$10,000 (new roof, residential).**
- **Continental Tire The Americas, owner, Quality Refrigeration Concepts Inc., contractor, 1805 U.S. 521 South, \$25,000 (install refrigeration equipment, commercial).**
- **Gainey Construction Co. LLC, owner and contractor, 675 Maple Creek Drive, \$40,000 (repair structure — fire damage / replace windows, repair electrical, residential).**
- **Andria M. and Ronald A. Turner, owners, Hardee Construction Co. Inc., contractor, 4865 E. Brewington Road, Gable, 1,500 unheated square feet, \$26,500 (1,600 square foot ag pole barn for storage, commercial).**
- **Stephen W. Hopkins, owner, Enloe Aluminum, contractor, 2925 Narrow Paved Road, Lynchburg, \$35,138 (wall sign — A&J Grocery, commercial).**
- **James E. Knight, owner, Atlantic Pools & Water Features Inc., contractor, 2825 Old Field Road, \$28,300 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Loretta Simmons, owner, Michael Porcher dba LJ Construction, contractor, 530 Deschamps Road, 80 heated square feet, \$4,200 (add laundry room to rear of house, residential).**
- **Lloyd A. and Rebecca N. Webb, owners, Robert Burleson, contractor, 2305 Harper St., \$6,800 (repairs to floor covering, floor joist, rafters, residential).**
- **John Henry or Louise J. Ransom, owners, PM3 Management and Constr Svcs LLC, contractor, 5480 Pisgah Road, Rembert, \$6,183 (repairs roofing, residential).**
- **Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 2215 Alden Drive, Dalzell, 3,611 heated square feet and 612 unheated square feet, \$125,000 (new dwelling, residential); Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 2250 Alden Drive, Dalzell, 4,219 heated square feet and 734 unheated square feet, \$129,000 (new dwelling, residential); Hurricane Construction Inc., owner and contractor, 2185 Alden Drive, Dalzell, 4,219 heated square feet and 734 unheated square feet, \$130,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Patricia K. Gaddy, owner, Danny Marshall, contractor, 9 Bancroft Drive, \$4,875 (14 vinyl replacement windows, residential).**
- **Timothy L. Chorey, owner, Julius David Gainey dba Dream Builder, contractor, 2295 Stadium Road, \$6,000 (new roof, residential).**
- **Richard O. and Valerie M. Bernier, owners, Jeffrey D. Haas dba Square It Up Roofing, contractor, 2785 Watermark Drive, Dalzell, \$5,985 (reroof, residential).**
- **William E. and Fannie G. Watts, owners, James Cameron, contractor, 1600 Florence Highway, \$10,792 (replace 16 windows, residential).**
- **Diane A. Helton (lifetime estate), owner, James Cameron, contractor, 855 Goodson Road, \$16,717 (replace siding and soffit, residential).**
- **Margie E. and Isaac Bolden, owners, James Cameron, contractor, 222 Burns Drive, \$14,987 (replace 20 windows, residential).**
- **Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3809 Moseley Drive, 2,241 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$104,779 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1215 Sandpiper Drive, 2,384 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$125,123.34 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1767 Trevino Drive, 2,557 heated square feet and 344 unheated square feet, \$110,583.18 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1225 Sandpiper Drive, 2,397 heated square feet and 460 unheated square feet, \$137,380.50 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3781 Moseley Drive, 3,040 heated square feet and 471 unheated square feet, \$122,375.21 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3810 Moseley Drive, 2,272 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$104,390.20 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3773 Moseley Drive, 3,124 heated square feet and 464 unheated square feet, \$127,363.65 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1779 Trevino Drive, 2,341 heated square feet and 387 unheated square feet, \$108,724.73 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 1773 Trevino Drive, 2,698 heated square feet and 413 unheated square feet, \$119,689.55 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3049 Girard Drive, 2,314 heated square feet and 377 unheated square feet, \$145,188.67 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3265 Debidue Lane, 2,145 heated square feet and 415 unheated square feet, \$90,435.44 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 3041 Girard Drive, 2,062 heated square feet and 392 unheated square feet, \$125,761.16 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Daniel J. and Patricia D. Breen, owners,**

- Michael Reu dba Archadeck of Central SC, contractor, 165 Nautical Drive, 288 unheated square feet, \$23,000 (detached patio and roof structure, residential).
- **Oreilly Automotive Inc., owner, Inviro Design and Consulting LLC, contractor, 600 Broad St., \$16,200 (roof mount solar panel system, commercial).**
- **James L. and Marie E. Regan, owners, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 677 Pringle Drive, \$16,098.55 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Robert M. and Linda L. Gozdur, owners, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 4280 Hickory Road, \$35,561.90 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Melissa Jean Hudson, owner, Birch Construction Co., contractor, 934 Houck St., \$250,000 (interior rehab of existing structure — apartment building, commercial).**
- **Michael C. and Tami J. Nix, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 2625 Indigo Drive, \$6,500 (replace existing deck — 228 square feet, residential).**
- **Raj Patel, owner, Hunter Builders, contractor, 2607 Broad St., \$6,855 (wall sign — Tru by Hilton, commercial).**
- **Navya Hotels Groups Inc., owner, Hunter Builders, contractor, 2607 Broad St., \$8,250 (freestanding sign — Tru by Hilton, commercial).**
- **Jyoti Inc., owner, Hunter Builders, contractor, 2430 Broad St., \$5,610 (free-standing sign — America's Best Value Inn, commercial).**
- **Margaret Jeanette D. Ingram, owner, Christopher Nelums dba Nell Tech LLC, contractor, 6340 Rhodes Drive (6325-6345), Rembert, \$7,180 (roof and soffit repair, residential).**
- **Thomas Marion Shuler, owner, Tefon Construction Co., contractor, 1905 Coral Way, \$169,000 (fire damage repairs, residential).**
- **Robert W. and Karen Phillips, owners, Pelican Pool Service, contractor, 2055 Hobbit Way, \$40,504 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Shelisha Hodge, owner, Jacob Randall, contractor, 154 Shannon St. (mobile home, residential).**
- **Boom Inc., owner, KG Contracting Co., contractor, 2020 McCrays Mill Road, 777 heated square feet, \$275,000 (dining room addition for Sonic Drive In, commercial).**
- **Merilyn Durant, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 4045 Ollie Drive, Rembert, \$5,700 (repairs to roof, smoke detectors and doors, residential).**
- **Bertha Ingram, owner, Michael Partin dba Partin Construction, contractor, 10520 Nero Circle, Olanta, \$8,000 (repairs to door, smoke detectors, residential).**
- **Ashley E. McArthur and Ja Hibbard, owners, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 3100 Pawleys Lane, \$18,700 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Island Investments of Sumter, owner, Signs Plus Sign Systems, contractor, 2610 Hardee Court, \$3,600 (wall sign — First Command, commercial).**
- **Michael P. Conner (trustee), owner, Jeffrey Kolp dba All Points Prest Contro, contractor, 3832 Stonewood Drive, \$3,500 (fire damage under bathroom — structural, residential).**
- **Joseph R. and Sandra L. Roberts, owners, Terry Wayne Sanford, contractor, 475 Pringle Drive, \$8,740 (replacements windows, residential).**
- **Paul E. Capell, owner, Ralph Brown, contractor, 5545 Craven Lane, Dalzell (mobile home, residential).**
- **Anthony Brendell, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 940 Reaves St., \$6,325 (remove / replace 10 windows no change to structure, residential).**
- **Darryl Z. Johnson / L. Randolph, owners, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 38 Lincoln Ave. (mobile home, residential).**
- **Douglas Witherspoon, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Building, contractor, 726 Webb St., \$3,500 (14 windows, sheetrock and paint, residential).**
- **SLS Co Ltd (C. Stewart / C. Lang), owners, Jacob Randall, contractor, 460 Tampa Gold Road, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential); SLS Co Ltd (C. Stewart / C. Lang), owners, Jacob Randall, contractor, 804 S. Main St. (mobile home, residential).**
- **City of Sumter (John Macloskie), owner, Berry's Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 225 W. Liberty St. (residential demolition of res garage, residential).**
- **William N. and Virginia M. Coulter, owners, Dylon Graham dba Graham Construction, contractor, 70 Paisley Park, 785 heated square feet and 175 unheated square feet, \$150,000 (add laundry room, breakfast nook, great room, new driveway, residential).**
- **Melvin Hudson Jr., owner, Chris Collett dba C&C Remodeling and Repair, contractor, 4830 Solstice Drive, Dalzell, \$8,347 (install metal roof and vinyl siding, residential).**
- **Johnny M. James, owner and contractor, 3635 Katwallace Circle, 2,020 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$135,000 (new dwelling, residential); Johnny M. James, owner and contractor, 3655 Katwallace Circle, 2,250 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$150,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Jimmie L. Jones, owner, Jones & Lorand Inc., contractor, 622 Manning Ave., \$6,000 (repair metal roof, commercial).**
- **Faith Baptist Church of Sumter, owner, WJA Construction, contractor, 1600 S. Pike East, \$11,720 (remove / replace shingle roof, commercial).**
- **Tabitha V. Holland, owner, Howard Wayne Rogers, contractor, 853 Club Lane, 420 heated square feet, \$39,900 (two bath and closet addition, residential).**

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Cow calling, baby deer and gun rights

The forest here is like a cathedral, with towering hardwoods that rise into the mist of an early morning. I was sitting in the edge of the woods, at the base of a giant pine, just a few yards from the pasture fence. I could see cows scattered across the pasture. Their forms were shrouded in a fine wispy fog. The turkeys were out there somewhere, too. I could hear them, but they were not visible.

I made a few soft calls on my slate. The turkeys answered but just drifted farther away. The cows that were close to me looked up when I called. They seemed to be curious about the strange sound coming from the edge of the woods.

I leaned my shotgun against the tree and shifted around a little to get more comfortable. I would wait these turkeys out. They wouldn't likely cross the highway at the far side of the pasture and would probably make their way back to these shady woods once the fog burned off and the sun got hot.

After an hour, I realized that I could see all the way across the pasture to the highway. The fog was gone, and so were the turkeys. I stood up and looked the pasture over carefully with my binoculars. No turkeys were in sight. I pulled



A baby deer is seen curled up by a log in the spring woods.

my slate call back out and ran off a series of loud yelps and cuts. The gobbler answered from the piney woods across the highway.

Almost desperately, I launched into a barrage of loud and excited calls. The turkey didn't answer, but I noticed that all the cows in the pasture were looking in my direction. They started walking, then trotting and finally running in my direction. Thirty black cows and two donkeys came right to the fence and stood there staring into the woods at me. I figured there wasn't any need to

stay there any more.

I headed back to my truck that was parked on Shoot Yo Leg Alley. These woods are just a remnant of the beautiful bottomland that was here five or six years ago. The timber company had clear cut most of this section. This small area had been left because it was too wet, but it has been marked again for harvest.

It was now mid-morning and warm. I was following the fence line and walking slowly and deliberately while scanning the woods and ground ahead carefully. I was startled to see a whitetail deer fawn curled up beside a log directly in my path. I didn't see the baby deer until I was just steps away. It did not move, and I guessed it to be just a few days old. I knew that the mother deer was somewhere nearby.

It was a sight that not many people get to see. I pulled out my phone and took a few pictures, but I was careful to not get too close. I didn't want to disturb the scene. The sheer beauty of the moment made me want to linger, but I needed to move on.

Back at the truck, I sent the fawn picture to a buddy of mine, Michael Scofield. Mike was hunting nearby, and he called to let me know that he had just seen the big gobbler and two hens. They were back in the cow pasture. I told him to come on, and we would go back after them. He was more than ready. Oh yeah, he liked the fawn picture, too. I waited at the truck until Mike got

there, and we headed back through the woods to the pasture. Just as we approached the fence we saw two hens out in the pasture. I stopped, and Mike went on down the fence line. In a few minutes, he called. He had also found a baby deer, and he sent me a picture. The two hens wandered down a ditch bank toward the highway and disappeared.

It was getting close to noon when Michael came tipping back through the woods to my location. We sat and talked for a while, reliving our hunts of the day. The talk eventually turned to our guns. Mike's shotgun was a 12-gauge camouflaged Remington Versa Max semi-automatic. It was a beautiful gun. The gun I was carrying that day was a 12-gauge black synthetic Remington 870 pump shotgun. There is no better shotgun than the 870.

I'm glad that we live in a country where we can choose to have a gun and can choose whatever type that we like. I don't want anyone else to make that decision for me. Our Second Amendment rights are what make our way of life possible.

The NRA has been a strong defender of the Second Amendment. The Friends of NRA are having a fundraising event starting at 6 p.m. Thursday at 31 Artillery Drive in Sumter. Tickets are available at Strong Arms, (843) 319-4438. The event helps fund pro-gun, pro-safety and shooting sports programs. Be sure to check out this event.



Dan Geddings



PHOTO PROVIDED BY SCDNR

New size limits and dates are in place for Santee striped bass

BY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Recent changes to state law will extend the period during which striped bass caught in the Santee River system can be kept. The law changes also include additional size/slot requirements for keeper fish.

Anglers planning to fish for striped bass anywhere in the Santee River system between now and June 15 need to be aware of recent changes enacted by South Carolina lawmakers that will affect both the size of legal striped bass they can keep and the time period during which legal-sized fish can be kept.

Anglers are encouraged to practice the best catch-and-release methods to minimize stress when releasing undersized striped bass, particularly when water temperatures remain above 70 degrees. Fish should be handled with wet hands and returned to the water as quickly and gently as possible.

The changes to state law (signed by Gov. Henry McMaster on May 3 and effective immediately) stipulate that within the boundaries of the Santee River system (including lakes Marion and Moultrie), from Oct. 1 through June 15, it is "unlawful to take or possess a striped bass less than 23 inches or greater than 25 inches, provided that one striped bass taken or possessed may be greater than 26 inches."

Practically speaking, what

this change in law means is that anglers fishing the Santee system from now until June 15 can still keep three fish, but they must be between 23 and 25 inches, or one of the three may be greater than 26 inches. Previously, the limit for striped bass in the Santee River system during the open period was three fish, all of which had to be at least 26 inches.

The law also extends the legal period for keeping fish for two additional weeks — through June 15. Previously, the waters of the Santee system were closed to striped bass fishing between June 1 and Sept. 30.

The seasonal closure was started in 2008 to reduce the stress-related mortality of striped bass during the warm summer months. Length limits alone cannot protect striped bass during the warm season because catch-and-release stress results in a high rate of mortality, even when handling is minimized. Most striped bass anglers who fish the Santee system have closely adhered to the initial regulations and are acknowledging the positive effects of that sacrifice. The 26-inch minimum size limit has increased the number of fish reaching minimum spawning size and age.

"These changes to the Santee Cooper striped bass limits are the result of collaboration between the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Striped Bass Stakeholder Group and the General Assembly," said SCDNR Fisheries

Chief Ross Self. "The limits and restrictions imposed on the fishery in 2008 had a significant impact on increasing the numbers of stripers in the lakes. This new change will focus harvest on the size fish that are most abundant in the system, provide increased protection for stripers in the reproductive sizes while still allow anglers to keep a bigger, memorable, fish. We expect this change to provide additional improvements for the striped bass fishery, and SCDNR staff will continue to monitor the progress of the population's recovery."

The bill passed by the South Carolina House and Senate in April and signed into law by McMaster — in addition to the specific change noted above — includes amendments to current law that will affect other sections of the S.C. Code of Law that pertain to striped bass fishing and to the geographical boundaries of some waterways. The full text of House Bill 3698, sponsored by Rep. Steve Moss of Blacksburg, Rep. Greg Duckworth of North Myrtle Beach, Rep. Cal Forrest of Monetta, Rep. David Hiott of Pickens and Rep. Bill Hixon of North Augusta, can be read on the South Carolina Legislature Online website at <https://bit.ly/2rub90M>.

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources is in the process of placing signage at boat ramps and other prominent locations to let the angling public know about the new laws.

S.C. has largest number of wintering orioles for 4th year in a row

BY SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Long known for its hospitality to visiting Northerners, South Carolina can now claim to be the state where Baltimore orioles feel most at home during the winter.

For the fourth year in a row, South Carolina had the largest number of orioles wintering in the United States. Those results were recorded during the fourth-annual Baltimore Oriole Winter Survey, conducted by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources on Feb. 16-19. SCDNR's survey was held in conjunction with the Great Backyard Bird Count. Tapping into this longstanding citizen-scientist project allowed SCDNR to get a better picture of the status and distribution of this beautiful songbird wintering in the Palmetto State.

Survey participants in South Carolina submitted 64 reports and recorded 228 orioles. The number of reports was similar to past years, and the number of orioles recorded was noticeably less for the second year in a row. A high count of 463 was recorded in 2016. Even though many participants were having large numbers of orioles present at their feeders this year, earlier in the winter, unseasonably mild weather was in place before and during the survey period. During milder weather, orioles may not frequent feeders as often as they would during colder weather or may be completely absent as they forage for natural foods.

This year, 33 of the 64 participants were new to the survey, for a total of 142 participants to date. Participation in the survey may have been down because of the lack of orioles visiting their usual sites. Participants counted and reported the largest number of orioles they could see at one time, on one, two, three or all four days of the survey period. When possible, the age and sex of the orioles

were recorded as well. Participants were also encouraged to report the absence of orioles and the largest number they have seen at one time so far, during the winter months (December, January and February). Reporting the absence of orioles is just as important to the survey as the number of orioles seen.

An interesting addition to the survey this year was a female Bullock's oriole, visiting a feeder in Mt. Pleasant. There are only a handful of records for this species in the state. This Western species was once lumped with the Baltimore oriole and considered to be one species, the Northern oriole. Female Bullock's can be very difficult to identify. Like female Baltimore's, they can have a good bit of variation in their plumage color. The bird was first seen by a local birder, who thought it was a strong possibility for a Bullock's. Identification was confirmed by an experienced bird bander who was able to trap the bird to collect measurements, study its plumage in the hand and band it.

Orioles were recorded in 13 South Carolina counties and ranged from the Midlands and throughout the coastal plain, from North Myrtle Beach to Hilton Head. Charleston County had the most reports and recorded the largest number of orioles, reporting 33 percent of the total number of orioles in the state. Neighboring counties, Berkeley and Dorchester, reported good numbers as well. In the Columbia area, Lexington and Richland counties had a slight increase in reports and orioles recorded.

According to the GBBC and the SCDNR survey, there were a total of 229 reports and 686 orioles recorded this year in the United States. These numbers are down some from last year. This was likely because of the unusual cold weather early in the season and the mild weather around the survey time period.

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Nancy S. Jones
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In loving memory of Ollie Mae Morris
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Happy Mother's Day Bessie Smith White
We love and miss you on this very special day. Love your (Son) Leroy, (Daughter-in-law) Mona Lisa, and the White Family



Happy Mother's Day Edith Banks Adams
We love & miss you on this special day. Love, Mona Lisa, Bernard, your son-in-law Leroy & the Banks family



Happy Mother's Day
Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday. Sadly Missed & Forever Loved, Dorothy, Mae, Eula, Bessie, Leroy, Redell, Maxine, Michael, Lana & Grandchildren

In Memory

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Love, Mary, Bobby and Elizabeth

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Sweet smile on your face, resting in God's arms. An Angel in the Heavenly Choir. We feel you're still with us, watching over your family. **Happy Mother's Day! We love you!** Isiah, Olander, Lisa, Sterling and Kenneth



In Memory of Our Sweet Mother Mrs. Willie Mae Mack-Himes
Happy Mother's Day in Heaven Momma, It's been two years. You gave us the world and so much more. We Love and miss you so much. Sharon, Denise and Lorenza Himes and Family



Happy Mother's Day Hattie Mae Bells
Of all the gifts in life, however great or small, to have you as our mom was the greatest gift of all. Happy Mother's Day in Heaven! Love, your husband, kids, grand-kids & great grand-kids.



Happy Mother's Day Bessie Smith White
We love and miss you on this very special day. Love your (Son) Leroy, (Daughter-in-law) Mona Lisa, and the White Family



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ADVERTISE YOUR VACATION PROPERTY FOR RENT OR SALE to more than 2.1 million S.C. newspaper readers. Your 25-word classified ad will appear in 101 S.C. newspapers for only \$375. Call Alanna Ritchie at the South Carolina Newspaper Network, 1-888-727-7377.

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31.0 acres near Elliot. 13.5 acres near St. Charles, owner financing. Call 803-427-3888 or harrivyes@hotmail.com

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CHEAP CARS, TRUCKS & VANS
Starting at \$1395
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AIRLINE MECHANIC TRAINING - Get FAA certification. No HS Diploma or GED - We can help. Approved for military benefits. Financial Aid if qualified. Job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance 866-367-2513

LEGAL NOTICES

Legal Notice

NOTICE OF SUMTER CITY-COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Sumter City - County Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018, at 3:00 P.M.** in the Planning Department Conference Room located in the Liberty Center (12 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, South Carolina). This is a public meeting.

If there are any questions, please call George McGregor or Donna McCullum at (803) 774-1660.

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS AND NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS C/A NO: 2018CP4300444 (NON-JURY MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

Lisa Seignious, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of Vernese Seignious; Michael Royce Miles; Vanessa Seignious; Tuomey Healthcare System; and The United States of America, acting by and through its agency the Internal Revenue Service, DEFENDANT(S).

TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to answer the Complaint herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, or to otherwise appear and defend, and to serve a copy of your Answer to said Complaint upon the subscribers at their office, 4000 Faber Place, Suite 450, P.O. Box 71727, North Charleston, South Carolina, 29415, or to otherwise appear and defend the action pursuant to applicable court rules, within thirty (30) days after service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint or otherwise appear and defend within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for relief demanded therein, and judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

TO MINOR(S) OVER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE, AND/OR TO MINOR(S) UNDER FOURTEEN YEARS OF AGE AND THE PERSON WITH WHOM THE MINOR(S) RESIDE(S) AND/OR TO PERSONS UNDER SOME LEGAL DISABILITY:

YOU ARE FURTHER SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to apply for the appointment of a guardian ad litem within thirty (30) days after the service of this Summons and Notice upon you. If you fail to do so, application for such appointment will be made by the Plaintiff.

YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Rule 53(b) SCRPC, as amended effective September 1, 2002, the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference to the Master in Equity for Sumter County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53(b) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master in Equity is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this action. If there are counterclaims requiring a jury trial, any party may file a demand under rule 38, SCRPC and the case will be returned to the Circuit Court.

NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the original Complaint in the above entitled action, together with the Summons, was filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on March 14, 2018 at 1:07 P.M.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Supreme Court of South Carolina Administrative Order 2011-05-02-01, you may be eligible for foreclosure intervention programs for the purpose of resolving the above-referenced foreclosure action. If you wish to be considered for a foreclosure intervention program, you must contact Finkel Law Firm LLC, 4000 Faber Place Drive, Suite 450 (29405), P.O. Box 71727 (29415), North Charleston, SC 29405, or call (843) 577-5460 within thirty (30) days from the date of this notice. Finkel Law Firm LLC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you and is not authorized to provide you any legal advice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION PROCESS, THE FORECLOSURE MAY PROCEED.

NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT (15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.): This is an attempt to collect a debt and any information you provide will be used for that purpose. However, if you have previously received a discharge from bankruptcy, this message is not and should be construed as an attempt to collect a debt, but only as a requirement pursuant to the administrative order.

FINKEL LAW FIRM LLC
THOMAS A. SHOOK
Post Office Box 71727
North Charleston, S.C. 29415
(843) 577-5460
Attorney for Plaintiff

Public Hearing

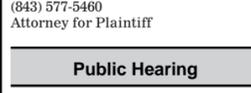
Lee County School District Board of Trustees
Notice of Public Budget Hearing for 2018-2019 School Year
May 18, 2018 5:00 p.m.
District Administration Complex
310 Roland Street
Bishopville, SC 29010

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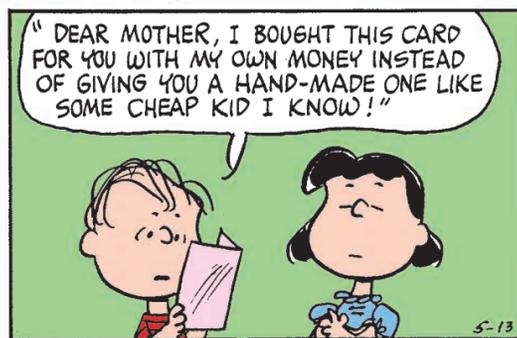
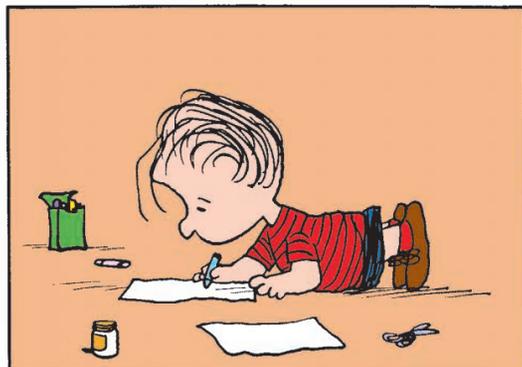
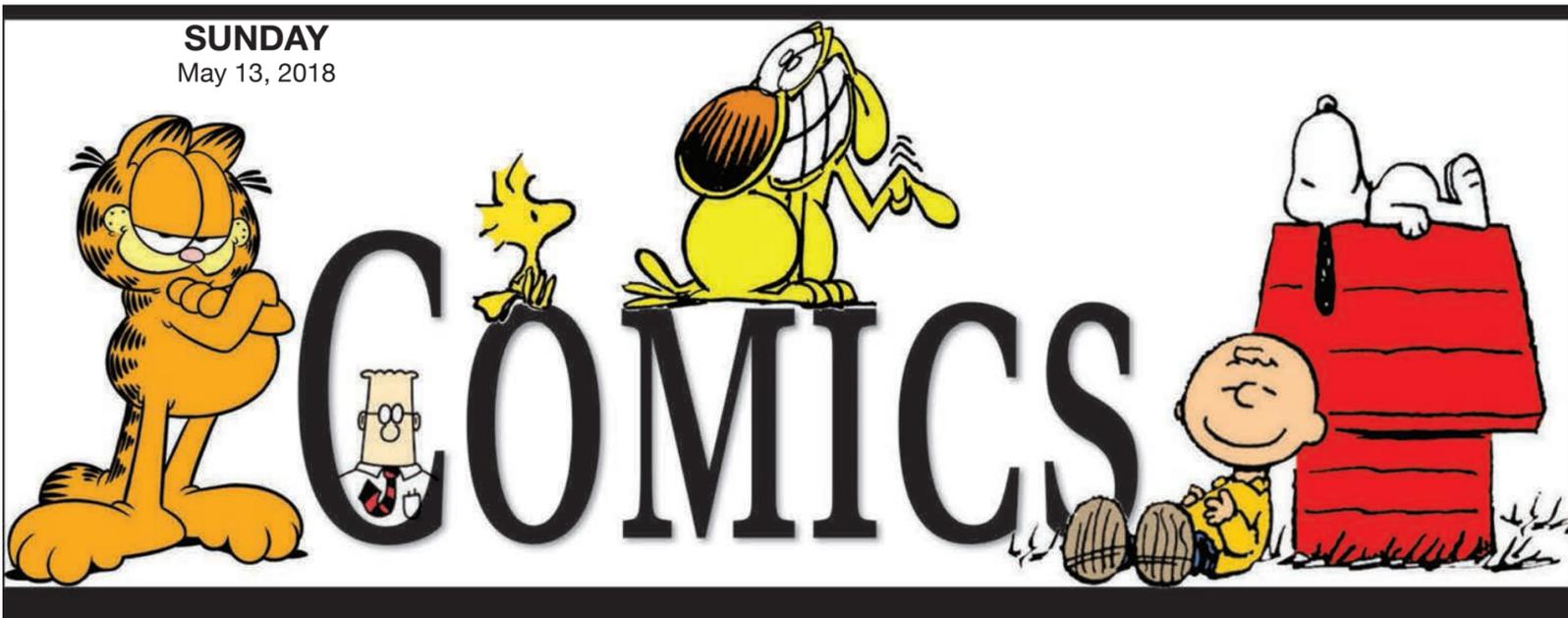
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START

FINISH

BARBER SHOP

Send your riddles and puns to: Doodles, P.O. Box 106, Excelsior, MN 55331

DOODLE ZOO

MY AUTO REPAIR SHOP CAME HIGHLY WRECK-AMENDED.

DRAW!!

DRAW A PAIR OF SCISSORS!

RIDDLES!!!

Q. DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE GUY THAT INVENTED BREATH FRESHENERS?
A. HE MADE A MINT.
Chris McClaren, Denver, CO

Q. HOW DO CATS GET OVER A FIGHT?
A. THEY HISS AND MAKE UP.
Sandra Ziglar, Long Island, NY

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Box is smaller. 2. Bag is smaller. 3. Finger is moved. 4. Hat is moved. 5. Window in door is lower. 6. Picture is moved.

FRANK AND ERNEST

MY DIGITAL ASSISTANT DEVICE HEARS THINGS IN MY HOUSE AND THEN TARGETED ADS ARE SENT TO ME, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THERE ARE STILL SOME BUGS IN THE SYSTEM.

I CAN EXPLAIN IT, FRANK. YOU'RE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT GOLF. THE DEVICE HEARS "TEE" AND YOU GET ADS FOR "TEA."

WHEN THE GOLF PROS ARE ON TV I GET ADS FOR CARS AND PET SHOPS. THAT'S BECAUSE THE DEVICE REPEATEDLY HEARS "LONG DRIVE" AND "BIRDIE."

THEN WHEN I TALK ABOUT ME PLAYING GOLF, I GET ADS FOR KNIVES AND FISHING EQUIPMENT.

OF COURSE! THE DEVICE HEARS "SLICE" AND "HOOK" OVER AND OVER!

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

YOU EMBARRASSED ME AT THE PARTY!

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM BY MIKE PETERS

NO, STAY IN BED, WE'RE MAKING MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST!

WHAT DID I DO?

YOU TOLD ONE OF YOUR DUMB BLONDE JOKES IN MY PRESENCE!

WIZARD OF ID
by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

WOW

THIS WEATHER IS FOR THE BIRDS

WOW! THE WEATHER IS PERFECT

YOU READY?

HOLD ON. GOTTA GRAB A FEW MORE THINGS

HON, WE GOING OR WHAT?!

OKAY... I'M READY FOR A DAY AT THE BEACH!

WHY DON'T WE JUST COME BACK AT NIGHT?

GET FUZZY BY DARBY CONLEY

YAA! GHOST BE GONE!

SATCHEL! LISTEN TO ME!

OH, SPIRIT OF THE VENT! THOU SPEAKETH MY NAME!

GET ME OUT OF HERE, YOU IDIOT!

WELL, THAT'S RUDE EVEN FOR A--OH! BUCKY! GET OUT OF THERE, THERE'S A GHOST DOWN THERE!

THAT COULD MEAN BUCKY DOESN'T EXIST! HOW...? OH!

MORON! STOP DOGGING AROUND AND GET ME--

OW!

BUCKY! BUCKY! SPEAK TO ME BUCKY!

HE'S GONE! AND I'VE ANGERED THE GHOST!

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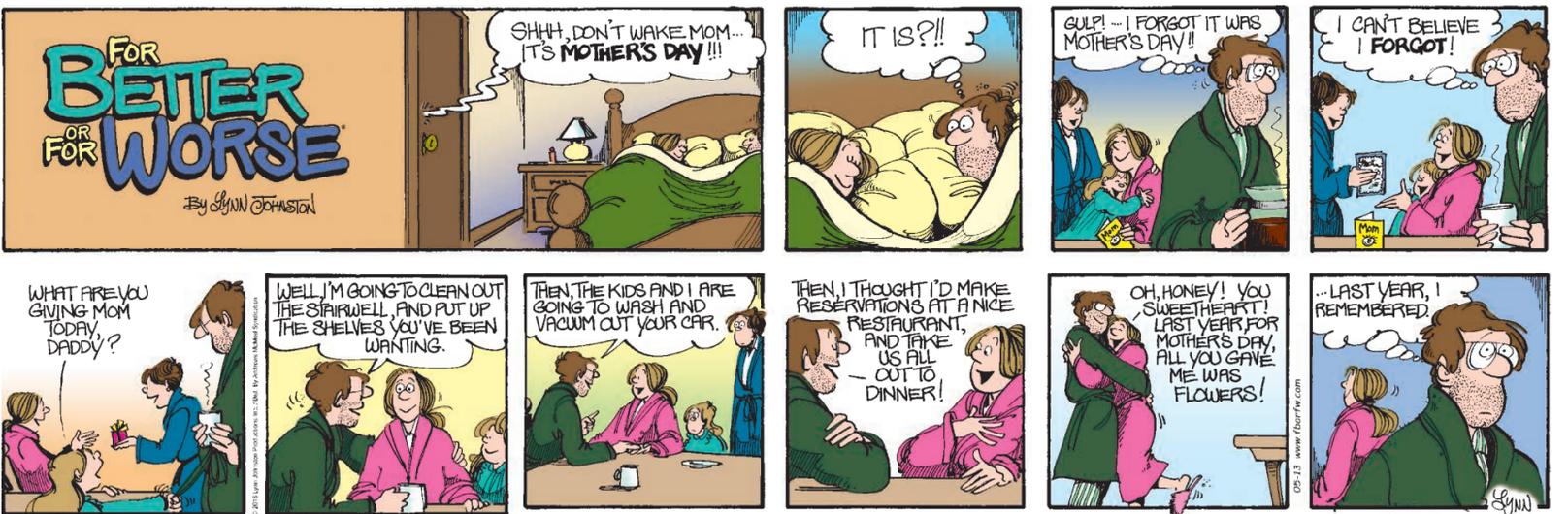
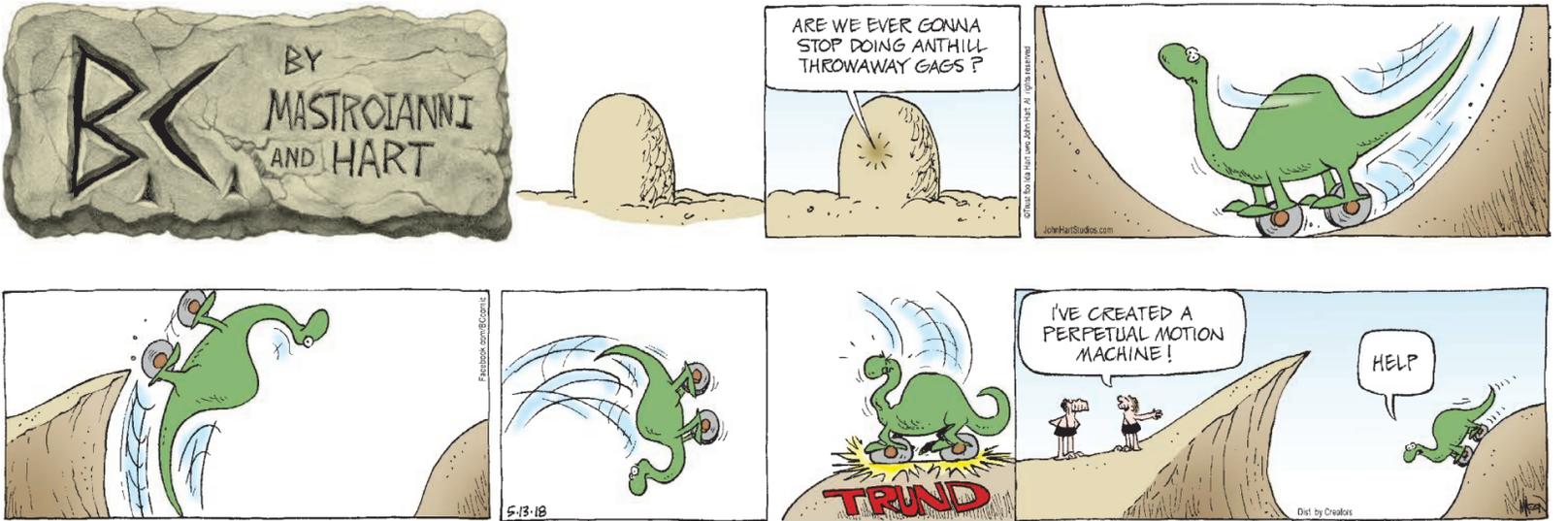
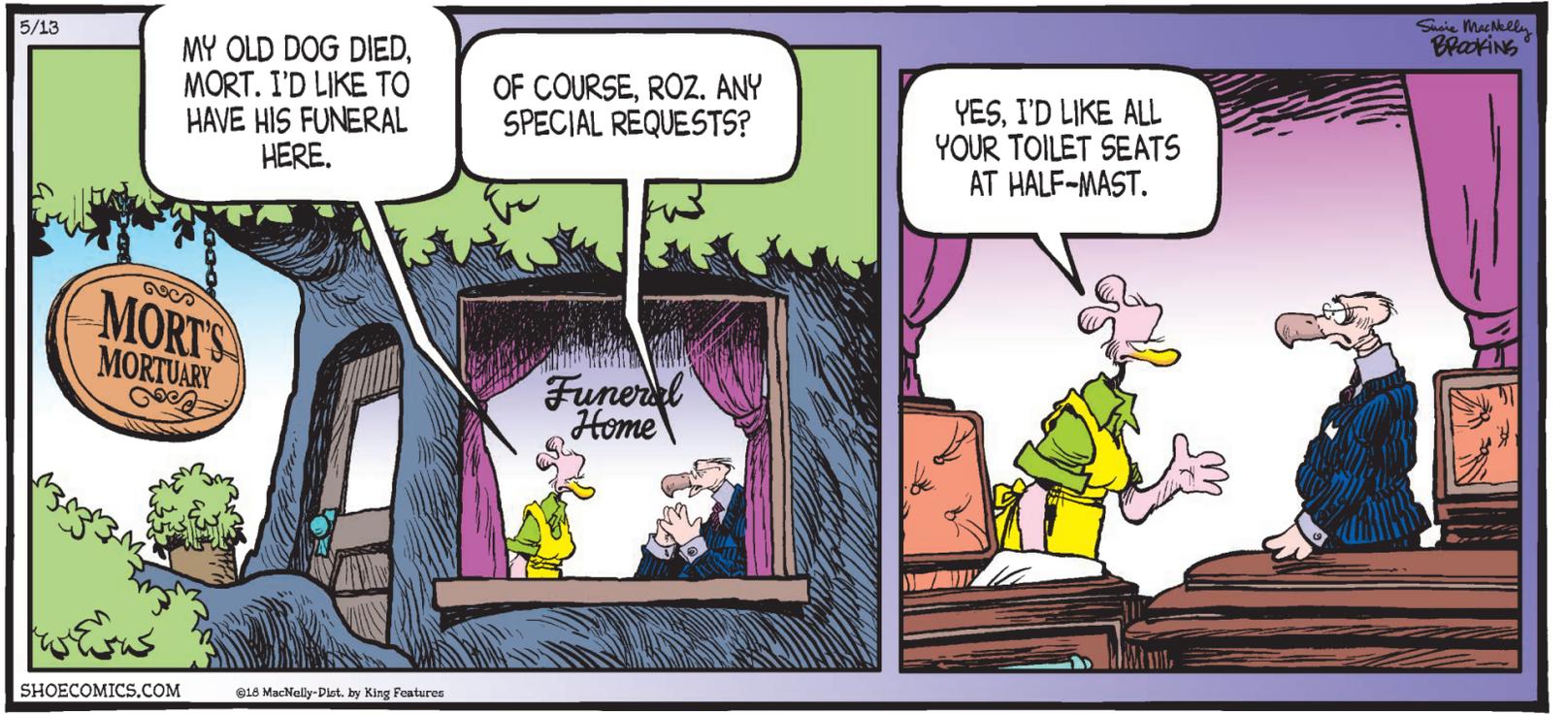
WELL, I CERTAINLY WASN'T REFERRING TO YOU!

YOU ARE EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT!

BESIDES, EVERYONE KNOWS YOU'RE NOT REALLY A BLONDE!

SHOE

BY GARY BROOKINS & SUSIE MACNELLY



DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

