

SPORTS

Sumter Touchdown Club holds annual local sports banquet

McLeod opens occupational health facility off Miller Road

Center is system's only Sumter space dedicated to workplace injuries

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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Occupational health care may not be a service every person prioritizes when looking to relocate for a job or find a place to expand an industrial facility, but one Pee Dee provider knows it is vital.

With the snip of a teal ribbon, McLeod Occupational Health marked

its opening to the Sumter community Tuesday evening, the newest health care facility in the Miller Road Professional Park where McLeod Cardiology Associates expanded a couple years ago.

"There's a facility in Florence, but people were driving [from Sumter] and were coming here, and sometimes we were going to Sumter to provide services on-site," said Octavia Williams-

Blake, vice president of workplace health and safety at McLeod Health, a locally owned and operated nonprofit health care system that serves 18 counties, including Sumter, Lee and Clarendon.

At the new facility, which was open for tours Tuesday after remarks from medical professionals and stakeholders

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Start Sandler, DO, talks with members of the community in the central area of the new McLeod Occupational Health center off Miller Road on Tuesday.

An exhibit to call their own

ADMS students' artwork displayed at college's gallery through February

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On the second floor of a college that stresses technical training and workforce development, middle school students wandered the walls, pointing and giggling in gaggles but not over stereotypical middle school topics.

They were observing art. Their own art.

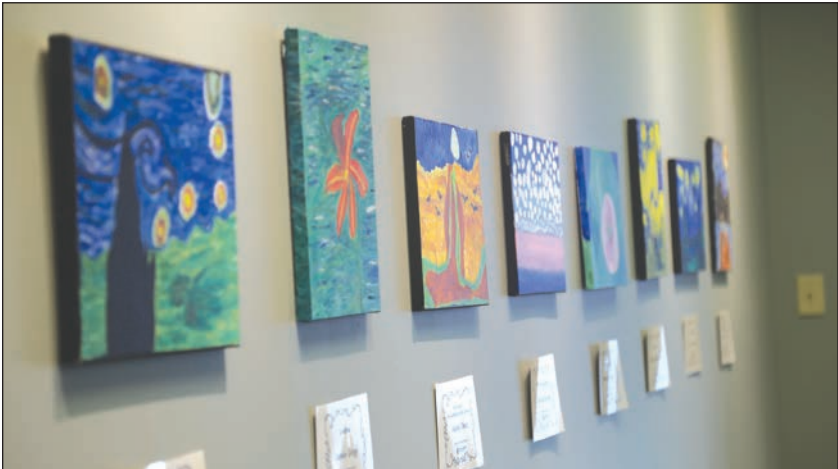
Seventh- and eighth-grade students who take art with Cynthia Hoffman at Alice Drive Middle School trekked the half-mile from their school on Miller Road to Central Carolina Technical College's main campus on Thursday to see art they have created throughout the year displayed at the CCTC Foundation Gallery of Art and Expression.

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Alice Drive Middle School students explore the Central Carolina Technical College Foundation Gallery of Art and Expression on Thursday, which is displaying their artwork for the public to see.



The students' artwork is displayed in the gallery Thursday, where it will be open to the public for free during regular school hours until Feb. 28.



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Tariffs, interest rates will factor into S.C. economy in 2019

Resolution to trade policy will impact manufacturing, USC economist says

BY BRUCE MILLS
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The U.S. and South Carolina are currently in the 10th year of an economic expansion

that has even trickled down now to some of the most rural areas, and 2019 is expected to be at least a "good year" for the state, many close observers say.



VON NESSEN

According to University of South Carolina research economist Joey Von Nessen, two factors — tariffs and interest rates — will determine whether this year's state employment growth rate is on

the same pace, or will possibly exceed, the 2018 level of 2 percent.

Von Nessen spoke Friday on various positive and negative factors currently affecting the national, state and regional economies as we enter 2019.

On the positive side, like the U.S., the Palmetto State has experienced strong job growth

in recent years, which has also been broad-based across various industry sectors, Von Nessen said. Also, South Carolina is now experiencing some wage growth and most of the state's 46 counties are trending up in employment for the first time in more than

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Memorial scholarship fundraiser set for Feb. 18

BY BRUCE MILLS
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In the spirit of carrying on the torch for future educators, current and former Sumter School District teachers of the year will host an annual scholarship fundraiser next month.

The district’s annual Hailey Bordeaux Memorial Scholarship dinner, set for Feb. 18, will honor the 2011 Sumter High School graduate who was a junior early childhood education major at the University of South Carolina when she died in a boating accident in July 2014. She was a South Carolina Teaching Fellow and was on the President’s List at USC.

The district’s Teacher Forum, composed of current and former teachers of the year, established a memorial scholarship in her honor later that same year.

The scholarship is awarded annually to a district high school senior who is planning to major in education and attend a state college or university to become a teacher.

This year’s dinner fundraiser will be at Kingsbury Elementary School, 825 Kingsbury Road, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Turkey tetrazzini dinners will be available for takeout



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The Hailey Bordeaux Memorial Scholarship dinner will be Feb. 18 at Kingsbury Elementary School.

only with drive-through and carry-out services, according to a flyer.

Tickets are \$7 and are on sale through Feb. 1. To purchase tickets or for more information, the district is advising people to contact a Teacher Forum representative, Kingsbury Elementary at (803) 775-6244 or Denice Merrick at denice.merrick@sumterschools.net.

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Checks should be made payable to Sumter School District with “Hailey Bordeaux Memorial Scholarship Fund” on the memo line. All proceeds will benefit the district Teacher Forum’s Hailey Bordeaux Memorial Scholarship for Future Educators.

This year’s scholarship will be awarded at the Teacher Forum Celebration of Excellence, which will be held in May.

Last year, Lakewood High School senior Kaleigh Geddings was the scholarship winner, receiving \$3,000.

Science and a Slinky



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Wilson Hall fifth-grade students Stirling Tindal and Braylon Stewart conduct an experiment in physics in their science class taught by Frances James. Studying Newton’s First and Second Laws of Motion, the students used a Slinky to demonstrate potential and kinetic energy.

Trump offers a ‘Dreamers’ deal for border-money

BY JILL COLVIN AND CATHERINE LUCEY
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a bid to break the shutdown impasse and fund his long-promised border wall, President Donald Trump on Saturday offered to extend temporary protection for young people brought to the U.S. illegally as children. But while Trump cast the move as a “common-sense compromise,” Democrats were quick to dismiss it at a “non-starter.”

Trump declared in a statement from the White House that he was “here today to break the logjam and provide Congress with a path forward to end the government shutdown and solve the crisis on the southern border.”

In advance of Trump’s remarks, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said the expected proposal for ending the 29-day partial government shutdown was “a compilation of several previously rejected initiatives, each of which is unacceptable.” The California Democrat said Trump’s expected offer was “not a good-faith effort” to help the immigrants and could not pass the House.

Seeking to cast the plan as a bipartisan way forward, Trump said he had support from “rank-and-file” Democrats, as top Democrats made clear they had not been consulted. He also said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell would bring the legislation to a vote this week, though Democrats appeared likely to block it. McConnell had previously stated that no vote should be held in the Senate until Trump and Democrats agreed on a bill.

Trump listed a series of White House immigration funding demands, including \$5.7 billion for the wall he argues is needed on humanitarian and security grounds.



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President Donald Trump speaks about the partial government shutdown, immigration and border security in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House in Washington on Saturday.

He said it would not be a concrete structure “from sea to shining sea,” but rather “steel barriers in high-priority locations.”

To ensure wall funding, Trump said he would extend protections for young people brought to the country illegally as children, known as “Dreamers,” as well as for those with temporary protected status after fleeing countries affected by natural disasters or violence.

Administration officials said the protections would apply only to those currently in the Obama-era program shielding them from deportation, and the temporary protected status would apply to those who currently have it and have been in the U.S. since 2011. That means people from El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Haiti — countries that saw the status revoked since Trump took office — would get a reprieve.

Democrats criticized Trump’s proposal because it didn’t seem to be a permanent solution for those immigrants and because it includes money for the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border, which the party strongly opposes. Democrats also want Trump to reopen government before talks can start.

Sumter County Council to hear audit report on Tuesday

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS
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Sumter County Council will hold a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday in County Council Chambers, third floor of Sumter County Administration Building, 13 E. Canal St., to receive an initial presentation of the county’s external audit by Webster Rogers LLP.

During its regular meeting following at 6 p.m., council will:

- Consider second reading of three of a request to rezone 46.99 acres at 2320 Beckwood Road from

agricultural conservation to residential-15;

- Consider second reading of a request to rezone a 15-acre parcel and a 1.39-acre parcel at 160 Jefferson Road from general residential to heavy industrial;
- Hear a presentation by Webster Rogers Accounting firm regarding the county’s external audit;
- Hear a presentation from Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker; and
- Discuss, and possibly ratify, appointments to council’s standing committees for the 2019-20 term.

South Carolina’s unemployment rate steady at 3.3 percent

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina’s unemployment rate remained unchanged in December.

The Department of Employment and Workforce said in a news release Friday that the state’s jobless rate remained at 3.3 percent.

Nationally, unemployment increased to 3.9 percent last month.

Officials said South Carolina’s leisure and hospitality sector added more than 5,200 jobs, as is typical over the holiday season.

Construction and financial activities lost a total of 1,300 jobs.

Officials said an additional 7,100 people were working across the state in December, marking a record total of more than 2,240,000.

Bamberg County had the state’s highest unemployment, at 5.9 percent. Lexington and Charleston counties were tied for the lowest rate, at 2.7 percent. In the tri-county area, Sumter was at 3.7, Clarendon at 4.4 and Lee at 4.2.

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Daughter of serial killer, rapist grieves for his victims

BY DANIEL J. GROSS
The Greenville News

GREENVILLE — Growing up, Deborah Brashers-Claunch thought she knew her father. As it turns out, she only knew one side of him.

"We lived with a serial killer and rapist, and I didn't know it. He was an amazing father, a father anybody would have wanted to have," she said. "They always say serial killers live two separate lives. Some live just to kill; then there's others like my father who live in plain sight for years."

The 27-year-old Alabama woman is coming to terms with the reality of who her father was while grieving over his victims, one of whom was Jenny Zitricki, a Greenville woman murdered in her apartment in 1990.

The Zitricki case came to a close last year with Robert Eugene Brashers being identified as the suspect through a series of DNA tests and other means including swabs provided by his immediate family members and the exhumation of his remains.

Zitricki, who was only 28 when she was found beaten and strangled to death in her bathtub, was only part of the story. Investigators determined Brashers was responsible for a string of killings, sexual assaults and burglaries between 1985 and 1998.

He was convicted of beating and shooting a woman in Port St. Lucie, Florida, in 1985. He sexually assaulted a 14-year-old girl near Memphis, Tennessee, in 1997. Then in 1998, he shot and killed a mother and her 12-year-old daughter in a Portageville, Missouri, home. He also sexually assaulted the child before shooting her. Brashers shot another woman across state lines in Tennessee that same day.

This Sunday marks the 20-year anniversary of the day that Brashers shot himself in a motel room during a police

standoff in Kennett, Missouri. The family had been staying there when authorities spotted a vehicle with a stolen tag parked outside, and it led them to Brashers' room.

Brashers-Claunch, at 7 years old, was in the room that day. Negotiators brought her and her family members out of the room before Brashers took his own life. He died in a hospital days later.

Brashers-Claunch spoke exclusively to *The Greenville News* earlier this month to reflect on the cases tied to her dad and to offer condolences to the families of those impacted by his actions.

"If I was in front of them and actually talking to every one of the victims he ever hurt, or their families, I would tell them I was sorry my father was the way he was. He took lives away from people who done nothing wrong at all. He got what he deserves; he's burning in hell," Brashers-Claunch said. "He is better off where he is than in prison because of the simple fact of when you're in prison, you're still alive. These people he killed aren't."

The Greenville Police Department announced the breakthrough in Zitricki's case in October 2018 after partnering with authorities in Tennessee to use the assistance of Parabon NanoLabs, Inc., a technology company that develops forensic products to help with DNA processing.

Philip Hegedusich, Zitricki's brother, stood with police officials in Greenville City Hall to make the announcement. He said nothing would have stopped him from being there that day. The investigation into his sister's gruesome death had grown cold for nearly 30 years.

"Intervening years brought painful sorrow of loss and the longing for what could have been," Hegedusich said at the Oct. 5, 2018, announcement.

Brashers-Claunch said when investi-

gators first came to her home to ask for a DNA sample for a cold case, she felt in her gut that her father was guilty. She said the timeline and locations matched up where the crimes took place and where she knew her father to be staying at those times.

She said he worked in construction, so it wasn't out of the ordinary for him to go to South Carolina, Tennessee or elsewhere for his job.

She said at home, Brashers struggled with alcoholism, but she never suspected him of being a murderer. She could only think of two or three times Brashers lost control and harmed either her or her sisters.

Once when Brashers-Claunch swallowed a penny at a young age, Brashers became enraged and beat her. Another time when her sister walked in on him in his bedroom, he dragged her out of the room by her hair and little finger.

After his death, Brashers-Claunch said she found an audio recording of Brashers centered around him experimenting with pain. She said he recorded himself cutting his own arm and his neck with a saw to see if he could withstand the pain.

Another time, she said she remembered a fistfight between Brashers and another relative, and the relative backed off when Brashers taunted him to hurt him.

She said something felt off when he would be gone from home for an extended time and return.

"He would come home one day, and he just wasn't the same," she said. "I wish he was alive so I could ask him 'why' and 'how could you?' How could you harm a child in any way knowing he had myself and my two sisters at home?"

Brashers-Claunch suspects more of Brashers' victims are still out there who have not yet been identified. She said for the surviving victims, her father likely

changed their lives forever.

She's not sure why he targeted the women that he did but said that each of the victims closely resembled her mother, his wife's, physical appearance particularly with each victim having the same hairstyle. Brashers-Claunch's mother died of several health complications at age 53 in December 2018, after Brashers was identified as a serial killer. The other siblings are all grown now and stay in touch.

"I wish I could take all their pain away," Brashers-Claunch said of the victims and their families. "He was not a man. He was a person who breathed air that he didn't deserve for many years."

In Zitricki's case, nothing was stolen from her apartment. A trail of blood was found from the bedroom to the bathroom. Pantyhose had been tied around her neck. Her purse was found floating in a sink that was filled with water. Jewelry was left in plain sight.

"He never stole anything from them. He went in and raped them and killed them. Some killers, they shoot one time and they're done," Brashers-Claunch said, adding that her father beat and assaulted his victims rather than just shoot them. "There had to be something wrong with his brain."

During the October announcement of Brashers' identity, police chief Ken Miller described a gruesome scene and one that city police investigators struggled with for years.

"He attacked her as she slept," Miller said. "He bludgeoned her, strangled her and sexually assaulted her."


Brashers-Claunch still viewed her father as "the greatest man alive" when thinking about his role as a father, but acknowledged there was a different side she never knew, she said.

"It just makes me sick to my stomach. There's no telling how many lives he ruined," she said. "He was a wolf in sheep's clothing."


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Researchers come face to face with huge great white

HALIEWA, Hawaii (AP) — Two shark researchers who came face to face with what could be one of the largest great whites ever recorded are using their encounter as an opportunity to push for legislation that would protect sharks in Hawaii.

Ocean Ramsey, a shark researcher and conservationist, told The Associated Press that she encountered the 20-foot shark Tuesday near a dead sperm whale off Oahu.

The event was documented and shared on social media by her fiancé and business partner Juan Oliphant.

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources said it was aware of photos of the great white and that tiger sharks also have been feeding on the whale.

Oliphant, who photographed the now-viral images, said it's unclear if the shark is the famed Deep Blue, thought to be the largest great white ever recorded.

"She looks the part right now," Oliphant said about the shark spotted Tuesday. "Maybe even more exciting that there is another massive, you know, super-size great white shark out there. Because their populations are so dwindling."

Ramsey, who operates Oahu-based One Ocean Diving and Research with Oliphant, said she has been pushing for several years for a bill that would ban the killing of sharks and rays in Hawaii, and hopes this year the measure will become law.

She said the images of her swimming next to a huge great white shark prove the predators should be protected, not feared.

Still, the veteran shark diver doesn't think the general public should recklessly get into the water with the giants, especially around a food source like a rotting whale carcass.

Ramsey said extensive training and time spent studying shark behavior has kept her team and customers safe. She teaches people about how to act and, more importantly, not act when they encounter a shark in the water.

Ramsey and her team observe behavior, identify and tag sharks and share that

data with researchers as well as state and federal officials. She said she previously swam with the huge shark on research trips to Guadalupe Island, Mexico.

She also leads cage-free shark diving tours.

Unlike many marine mammals, sharks are not a federally protected species, though there are laws against the sale of their fins.

"There's not a lot of sympathy for sharks because of the way they're portrayed in media, and they don't have the cute, cuddly appearance," Ramsey said. "You can't hate them for being predators. We need them for healthy marine ecosystems."

Ramsey and Oliphant want to make sure that people realize that shark bites are uncommon.

"The idea that they see people as a food source, that is rubbish and that needs to go away because really that's ultimately leading to the demise of these animals," Oliphant said.

State Sen. Mike Gabbard sponsored the shark protection legislation last session and plans to reintroduce it this year. The bill died in the House when it wasn't heard by the House Judiciary Committee.

The Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources said the decomposing whale carcass had drifted to about eight miles south of Pearl Harbor after being towed 15 miles offshore days earlier.

Officials said there have been reports that people are climbing onto the carcass to take its teeth as souvenirs, which may be a violation of state and federal laws.

The agency's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement Chief Jason Redull said people should stay out of the water around the dead whale.

"Understandably, some people want to get into the water either out of fascination or to get photographs, but it is truly dangerous to be around this carcass with so much shark activity," he said.

He also said it's impressive that the great white survived gill nets and other dangers he called a "gauntlet of human death traps."

"It's very special," he said.



JUAN OLIPHANT VIA AP

In this Jan. 15 photo, Ocean Ramsey, a shark researcher and advocate, swims with a large great white shark off the shore of Oahu. Two shark researchers came face to face with what could be one of the largest great whites ever recorded. They are using their encounter as an opportunity to push for legislation that would protect sharks in Hawaii.

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Honda celebrates 20 years in S.C., starts new line of utility vehicles at Timmonsville plant

TIMMONSVILLE (AP) — A 20-year-old Honda plant in South Carolina has started a new line of utility vehicles.

Honda of South Carolina celebrated Wednesday the start of production on its new Honda Talon 1000X and 1000R.

The two-passenger off-road vehicles are being made after Honda's \$45 million expansion to its Timmonsville plant which added 250 jobs.

The plant opened in 1998 making sports utility vehicles and now has around 1,000 workers making a dozen different models of all-terrain and utility vehicles. The plant has made about 3 million vehicles over 20 years.

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U.S. classrooms are starting to resemble arcades

Better educated or better entertained?

BY MICHAEL MELIA
Associated Press

WALLINGFORD, Conn. — It's 1 o'clock on a Wednesday afternoon in Wallingford, Connecticut, and about 20 children are watching a screen at the front of the room as they take turns navigating challenges and collecting virtual currency to unlock powers, outfits and pets for their characters. The game they're playing has some similarities to the online battle game "Fortnite." But the kids aren't fighting one another — they're racking up points for participation and good behavior in their classroom at Dag Hammarskjold Middle School, where their teacher is presenting a home economics lesson with help from Classcraft, a fantasy-themed educational program.

"It's actually a lot of fun," said 13-year-old Caiden McManus. "The pets — that's my favorite thing to do. To train the pets, you gain as many gold pieces as possible so you can get the new outfits and stuff." Peek inside your average classroom these days, and you're likely to see teachers using apps, websites and software that borrow elements from video games to connect with students living technology-infused lives. By all accounts, they're fun to use, and studies have found that some can be effective. But there is also skepticism about how often students who use them are better educated, or just better entertained. Dag Hammarskjold consumer sciences teacher Gianna Gurga said she had been looking for a way to get more out of her students. Students have been more motivated and performed better in her classes since she began using Classcraft in spring 2017, she said,



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Fifth-grade teacher Heather Dalton works with students Julian Ryno, left, and Ma'Kenley Burns doing math problems on the DreamBox system at Charles Barnum Elementary School in Groton, Connecticut. A wide array of apps, websites and software used in schools borrow elements from video games to help teachers connect with students living technology-infused lives.

and she has signed up a handful of other teachers in the school. "My kids are so addicted to it in the best way possible," Gurga said. In one session, the classroom filled with suspenseful music as Gurga began rapid-fire questioning. With each correct answer, chosen from multiple choices on the screen, students gained points that could be used for avatar upgrades, privileges like listening to music in class, and a competition against other classrooms. The available characters — warriors, mages and healers — each have different powers and must collaborate to succeed. Points are awarded for class participation as well as good behavior, but the kids can also be penalized, as was the case for one of Gurga's seventh-graders who told a classmate to "shut up." A middle school in New York

City, Quest to Learn, was the first public school to fully embrace game-based learning when it opened nearly a decade ago. The Manhattan school, developed by game theorists with the Institute of Play, has been closely followed since by researchers hoping for hard evidence of results from technology-inspired gamification. In the last school year, 43 percent of Quest to Learn's students were up to state standards on the state English test, compared to 41 percent citywide, and 29 percent of its students met state standards on the state math test, compared to 33 percent citywide. But advocates say standardized testing alone does not tell the story. Outside studies have shown growth in soft skills such as collaboration, creative thinking and empathy, according to Ross Flatt, director of programs and partnerships for the Institute of Play, a nonprofit studio that

uses game design principles to develop new learning experiences. To help educators identify programs with promise, the Johns Hopkins University Center for Research and Reform in Education launched a website that rates math and learning programs based on how they meet evidence standards for effectiveness under federal education law. The center's director, Robert Slavin, said there are some programs that have shown positive impacts but on average improvements are small. "When people talk about technology transforming everything, it may in the future, but it's not there yet," Slavin said. Some question whether the graphics, videos and sounds in so many programs are doing harm by teaching students to pursue the rewards. "Part of life is figuring out

how to learn to love things and how to persevere in things even when it's not extrinsically motivated," said Christopher Devers, an education researcher at Johns Hopkins who said his review of the evidence suggests that on balance, games-based approaches tend to influence students in negative ways. One of the better-known programs, DreamBox, teaches math by offering a series of problems that can grow increasingly challenging as the student enters correct answers. The program, which began as an app for consumers, entered the school market in 2011 and last year had 2.6 million student users. The company charges a fee of \$7,500 per school building per year. DreamBox CEO Jessie Woolley-Wilson said the program is intended as an aid for teachers who can't be expected to personalize learning for two dozen students simultaneously. "Let's figure out a way to support a way to deliver the best teaching, and allow the learning guardian to get back to art of teaching," she said. "Technology can deliver that math personalization in a way that can give the learning guardian actionable insights."

In Groton, Connecticut, early users of DreamBox reported anecdotal evidence of improved outcomes, and schools are now using it district-wide. In Heather Dalton's fifth-grade classroom at the Charles Barnum Elementary School, students spent the first half of a recent class working individually on DreamBox with headphones on. Information about their level of mastery of fractions was sent to Dalton's laptop, but the students were most excited about the short video-game rewards they received between levels and the coins they gathered for upgrades to their avatars. "There's a lot of learning," Dalton said, "but it feels like a game to the kids."

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Scaffes celebrate 50 years

Mr. and Mrs. James Scaffes Sr. of Sumter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 24, 2018, at Sam Kendall's in Camden. Mrs. Scaffes is the former Lila Berry of Ashwood.



MR., MRS. JAMES SCAFFE SR.

NEW ARRIVAL

The McConnells announce birth of a son, Brennan Max

Jay and Jennifer McConnell of Waxhaw, North Carolina, announce the birth of a son, Brennan Max McConnell, on Nov. 17, 2018, at Carolinas Medical Alliance, Charlotte, North Carolina. Brennan weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces. He was 21 inches long. Grandparents are John and Priscilla Dickey of Sumter and Lee and Donna Grandage and James and Paula McConnell, all of Charlottesville, Virginia. Great-grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Holmes of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and Dr. and Mrs. Lincoln Dickey of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. McConnell is the former Jennifer Dickey.



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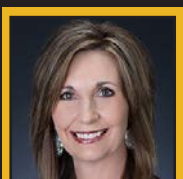
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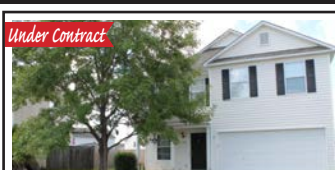
2291 KINGS MOUNTAIN RD

\$149,995-Brick home with 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths with a bonus room that could be used as a bedroom. Screened back porch, huge lot. Great Price!! Being Sold "As is". Call Reggie 803-312-5961



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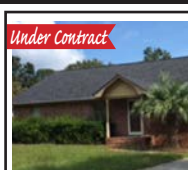
101 MIDDLE ST.

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345 WYOMING DR

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\$79,995-All brick home corner lot! Extra bath 148 sqft home! Call Reggie 803-312-5961



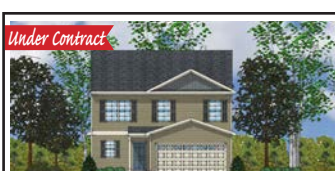
3910 NAZARENE CHURCH RD

\$89,000-Cutie Patootie!! 3 bedroom 2 bath located off Hwy 15 S on Nazarene Church Rd. Brick ranch on 1 acre! Call Adrianna for details 803-406-5609



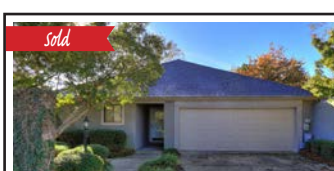
1890 PHOTINIA ST

\$175,000-This is a great home in the Wintergreen subdivision! 3 bedrooms and 2 baths, great room, dining room with an eat-in kitchen also. Screened back porch. The house sits on .79 acres and has a completely fenced in back yard with an outside storage building. The home sits in a quiet cul-de-sac. Call Mary Alice 803-491-4969



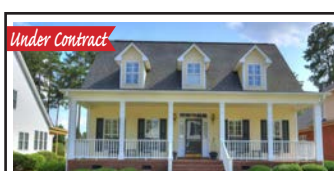
1752 GLENMORANGIE DR

\$175,645-The Monroe A-5 bedroom 2.5 bath home!! Master on main and additional bedrooms are on the secondary floor. Kitchen is open to the family room and eat-in! Call Tina 803-609-8682



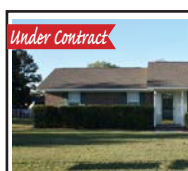
2150 GRAYSTONE DR

\$135,000- Are you tired of mowing grass? Excellent buy for a couple or a single person. Beautiful new hardwood floors in foyer and large Great Room which has recessed lighting and tray ceiling. Also new carpet in bedrooms and new luxury vinyl tile in kitchen, bathrooms and sunroom. New roof and new garage door. Large master bedroom off of sunroom. Gas logs. Calling Tina. Call Retta 803-968-3925



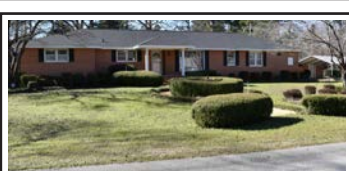
3112 MAYFLOWER LANE

\$219,000- Well-kept 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home. Double garage in Garden Gate subdivision. Call Mack 803-491-5409



4935 RIDGE

New roof 11/09/2018, Freshly painted and kitchen flooring, white kitchen open to dining area, French doors. Turn key ready! Call Susan 803-464-5900



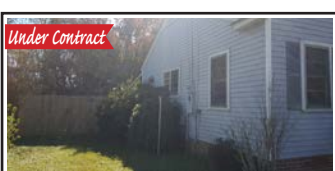
135 HORSESHOE COVE

\$245,000-This beautiful home sits on a corner lot and is over 2600 sq ft! It has a bonus room, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 master bedrooms! The flooring in this home is Pergo and it looks beautiful! The kitchen has ceramic tile floors. The property is beautifully landscaped! Call Reggie 803-312-5961



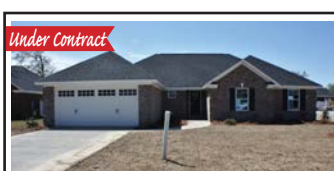
2602 HWY 260

\$125,000- Great Home - Great Price sitting on 1 acre just outside Manning's City Limits. Large kitchen w/eat-in/dining. Huge Great Room w/high ceilings/exposed beams & gas log ft. 3 Roomy bedrooms w/direct bathroom access from each one. 3rd bathroom in Master Bath w/hub & separate shower. Storage shed. Roof & HVAC only 3-5 years old. Southern style front porch for afternoon relaxing. Call Gwen 803-460-9154



43 LEMMON ST.

3 Bedroom home available! New Carpet, and new paint! Home is move-in-ready, great price in established subdivision. Backyard is fenced in. Perfect for kids and pets. Home warranty available. Lockbox on call Call Reggie 803-312-5961



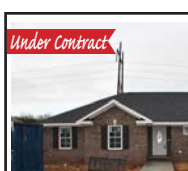
3116 DAUFASKIE RD

\$32,000- Lot 125 Popular MH Homes!! Beautiful finishes with wood, tile, granite, smooth ceilings, custom cabinets, split plan, stainless steel appliances. Cathedral in Great Room, Dining and Kitchen. Call Susan 803-464-5900



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1350 N MAIN

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1038 N GUIGNARD DR. UNIT #15

\$78,000-280/2BA Condo, community pool, club house, HOA & Regime fee. Call Renee for showing 803-491-8023



3830 HWY 261 S.

\$98,000-Open split bedroom plan with many amenities! sits on 1.5 acres, fenced back yard area, storage shed, USDA eligible area for qualified buyers! Call Susan 803-464-5900



175 NAUTICAL DR.

Executive Home and Living off 8031. Beautiful 190' great room open to kitchen with custom shiplap, fireplace, granite, white cabinets, formal dining, Florida room or living room of great room. Master & guest suite with full bath on first floor. 2 bedrooms with loft area or bonus/fam room! 3 car side load garage! Call Susan 803-464-5900



39 S. PURDY ST.

Cute colourful house has 2 bed 1 bath, 1300 sqft, close to historic downtown. A must see! \$38,000. Call Reggie Sumter @ 803-312-5961



890 CORMIER DR.

\$186,905-The Lancaster B, built by Mungo. This two-story home includes 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. The entrance from the attached two-car garage leads to the kitchen & eat-in, which is open to the family room with a fireplace, dining room. Upstairs is the master bedroom which leads to a master bathroom with 2 linen closets.



15 DANNER

\$69,000-2 bedroom 1 bath home Sac Right off of Bethel Church Rd. Call Reggie 803-312-5961



60 MASTERS DR.

\$172,506-The Lancaster, built by Mungo Homes! This two story home includes 4 bedrooms and 2.5 bathrooms. The entrances from the attached 2 car garages leads to the kitchen and eat-in which is also connected to the family room. Near the front door is the dining room/office. Upstairs the master bedroom leads to the master bathroom with 2 linen closets all rooms have walk in closets. Call Tina 803-491-8023



6 BENJAMIN LN

\$955,000-Nice, well Maintained home in Alice Drive School Area!! Sit on a corner lot in healthy Wood Subd. New Kitchen with all appliances covering. Formal Dining Room and Kitchen eat-in. Spacious family room with fireplace. Kitchen eat-in has bay window overlooking the fenced landscaped backyard with garden. Bonus room could be 4th BR/Office/Play Room, etc. Very close to Shaw, Schools & Shopping! Call Gwen 803-460-9154



212 ADAMS AVE

\$59,250-Beautiful Brick Ranch in Alice Drive School District 212 Adams Road 2400+- sqft including an 800/384 Sunroom overlooking the Back Patio. Nice Open Plan Living Space. 3 Bds, 2 Bths, 2 Car Garage, Large Fenced in Back Yard, Formal Dining, Front Formal Living Room. Carpet allowance Included. Seller willing to pay \$5000 in Closing Cost and Provide Home Warranty! Call Adrianna 803-406-5609



320 WINN ST.

\$54,900-Charming with lots of character in a great neighborhood! Beautifully refinished hardwood floors through out. Kitchen has been remodelled with granite counter tops. In ground pool, well and sprinkler system, security system. New HVAC, and all new duct work. Must See! Call Tina 803-609-8628



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\$42,000-Lots of Potential! Tons of Living on White Oak. Built in the 1940's with hardwoods and 14' ceilings. Throughout. Fenced lot with small storage shed! Great Investment Potential!



215 HIDDEN BAY

\$139,995. All brick 3 bedroom 2 bathroom home available in established subdivision. Recently installed new carpet. Large backyard with privacy fence.



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\$120,000- Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath. Four-upper with 1433 sqft on 2.61 acres. 2 storage sheds & workshop. Being sold "As Is". Lock box on the side door. Seller will make any repairs. Call Jennifer 803-757-8062



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1054 ARNAUD STREET

\$165,000- Renovated to the 9's! All brand new. Hardwoods, 06/2016, HVAC 10/2016, Roof 2017! Fabulous home with walk in attic storage, carpet with extra storage, fenced yard, all appliances stay!! Call Susan 803-464-5900



1255 SANDPIPER DR.

\$255,000-Open split plan with 3 car garage! Cathedral ceilings in living area, large rooms, 5 full baths, covered back porch! Call Susan 803-464-5900



1245 SANDPIPER DR.

\$245,000- Open split plan with 3 car garage! Cathedral ceilings, 6th soaking tub, separate shower. Call Susan 803-464-5900

LAND SECTION

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355 Albemarle - Vacant lot in Patriot Village Subdivision off of Patriot Parkway. Call Mack Kolb 803-491-5409 \$33,000

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1221 Haynesworth Mill Circle - Beautiful 1 acre Waterfront lot on Fabulous Lake Marion. Ready for your dream home!! Call Gwen Lee @ 803-460-9154

974 Meadowbrook Rd. - Wooded lot in Green Acres subdivision off of Red Bay - Good home site. \$12,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

956 Meadowbrook - 9 Acres of land with frontage on Red Bay Rd. Possible Church Site. \$50,000. Call Mack Kolb @ 803-491-5409

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Forest Lakes Area - 8.47 Acres. Homesites. \$139,900. Call Mary Alice @ 803-491-4969

3625 Furman Road - 5.29 Acres. Build your dream home or plant your favorite crop. Land is behind 3625 Furman Rd. \$29,995. Call Reggie 803-312-5961.

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3920 First Ave. and 3960 First Ave. - Two lots for sale! Make an offer today!! Call Jennifer Hannibal-Felder @ 803-757-8062.....\$3,000 each

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130 Maney St. - Lot available .24 acres. Mobile homes welcome. \$5,500. . Call Reggie @ 803-312-5961

1060 Creekside Dr. - \$25,000 3.04 acres available to build your dream home/Manufactured Home, Mobile home welcome. Make offer today! Near White Oak Landing. Call Reggie 803-312-5961

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2820 Watermark Dr - 2.24 acres, fabulous ready to build lot backing to trees/woods! There is some topography here! This isn't your boring lot call Susan Weston 803-464-5900\$15,000

2810 Watermark Dr - 3.68 acres ready to build lot!! There are beautiful trees, backs to woods! Some topography here & a 2.24 acre lot is also for sale next door. Call Susan Weston 803-464-5900\$20,000

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130 Maney St - 24 lot suitable for Mobile Home. Wooded!! Call Reggie 803-312-5961\$5,500

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1045 McKenzie Rd Manning - 1 acre of vacant residential land. Perfect to build your dream home on!! Water front! Call Gwen 803-460-9154.....\$35,000

4655 Easy Street - \$8,900-Lots approved for mobile homes in Rembert area. Owner financing. Call Mack 803-491-5409

424 Dogwood Dr. - \$5,000-Lot available! .24 acres suitable for residential. Call Reggie 803-312-5961

1518 Lobolly Dr. - Manning-Great lot for your first or next home .34 acres in popular Pine Knoll Subdivision. City sewer and water available. Very close to town, schools, shopping, medical facilities, etc. Also, minutes from Lake Marion. Call Gwen 803-460-9154\$20,000

1023 Shortleaf Dr. - Manning-Amazing price on this.39 acre lot in Popular Pine Knoll Subd. City water and sewer. Underground utilities. Close to everything - Shopping, Schools, Medical Facilities, I-95 and beautiful Lake Marion! Great Opportunity to build your next home!! Call Gwen 803-460-9154.....\$20,000

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1039 Nicole Dr. - Great lot for your next home! .68 acres lot in Popular Buckhorn II Subdivision - on the pond! Call Gwen 803-460-9154.....\$35,000

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3259 Broad St. - \$750,000- Great Location for Retail development, hotel or apartments! 6.52 Acres. Call Mack 803-491-5409

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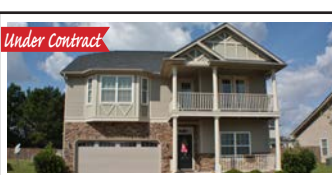
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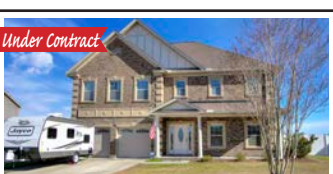
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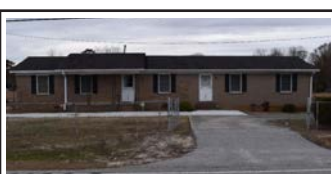
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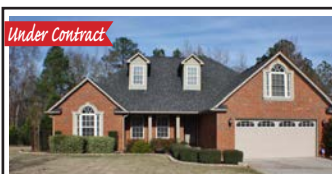
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Banksy mural on garage in Wales sold for \$129K but will stay in place

A British art dealer says he has bought a mural stenciled by street artist Banksy on a garage wall in Wales for more than \$129,000. The artwork in Port Talbot shows a child playing in falling ash from a dumpster fire, an apparent reference to the steel town's air pollution. John Brandler of Brandler Galleries in eastern England said Friday he has agreed that the mural will stay in place for at least two years.

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"I don't consider myself an artist, but I do like drawing and painting. I've been practicing for a while," said Kali Katz, an eighth grader who has three paintings and her Christmas card that won this year's City of Sumter Mayor's Christmas Card Contest displayed throughout the exhibit, which is open to the public during school and library hours through Feb. 28.

Katz is among about 180 students who take art with Hoffman a semester. The art on display is a culmination of their learning about Vincent van Gogh and Georgia O'Keeffe, the artists' personal life, artistic personality and painting techniques.

Hoffman's charge to her students was to imitate the major techniques for which the famous artists are known – van Gogh's short brush strokes, O'Keeffe's subject of flowers and rural Southwest landscapes – while incorporating their own inspiration into an original painting.

"A lot of them kind of looked really lonely, and we learned that [van Gogh] had mental problems and everything, so I thought it'd be cool to take maybe his deepest paintings, and that's over there," Katz said as she pointed toward one of her pieces.

She said she liked that van Gogh used "really think and risky brush strokes" but did not like the setting of O'Keeffe's Arizona landscapes. Instead of purely imitating O'Keeffe, she "painted something up in my own style."

As any notable artist has.

CCTC is in its first year as a Partner in Education with Alice Drive middle and elementary schools, both neighbors to each other and the college's main campus.

Nancy Bishop is responsible for the upkeep and calendar at the library and gallery. When she realized there was an opening upstairs, she called Hoffman and asked if she and her students would be interested.

"It's just been lovely. We've just had the best experience, and I can't believe that talent from these middle school students," the dean of learning resources and planning for CCTC said. "I think it's a testament to her and the program and what she's done with

her students."

An art gallery in the middle of a technical college may be a hidden gem, Bishop said, but the fact that there is a majority of curriculum focusing on workforce development does not mean art should be pushed aside.

"We are a technical institution, and we do prepare people for the workplace. We do focus and concentrate on technical skills, but there is this whole other part of the person that art needs to fill, and so we see that that's so critical," she said. "If you only have one or the other, you're missing out."

Jasmin Gregg, a seventh-grader, said she also liked van Gogh more than O'Keeffe. While Katz had showed her art to people before, this was Gregg's first time.

"It was surprising because I thought I wouldn't have mine hung up on the wall. And it was exciting because I saw different people looking at it and saying how they like it and how they thought it was great," she said.

Gregg said this process has helped her confidence as an artist.

Jeshua Espiritu, also a seventh-grader, said the hardest part of the project was figuring out how to use the famous artists' techniques while also incorporating it into his own ideas.

Eighth-grader Tori Chapman said she enjoyed meeting other schoolmates she had not seen before but who had studied the same artists and that she is excited about bringing her friends to the exhibit.

As students and parents visited the exhibit Thursday, Stephanie Valcourt snapped an iPhone photo of her daughter, eighth-grader Julianna Valcourt, in front of her original art that hung on the wall. It featured a sunflower a la O'Keeffe with a background of small brush strokes in hues of blues.

Across the room, Gary and Maria Katz talked as they stood in front of a rendition of a starry night above a wheat field with crows soaring low and high.

Gary Katz, donned in his Army camouflage, is stationed at Shaw Air Force Base at U.S. Army Central headquarters. He said his daughter, Kali, has been painting for years and that he sees each piece she creates get better.

"I just want to cover the walls with her paintings," he said.

Mississippi woman hopes to overflow coffee house's cups

BALDWYN, Miss. (AP) — After the busy lunch rush, Tammy Lee, owner of the Baldwyn-based coffee shop Fill My Cup, took some time to chat with the few locals who stopped in for a cup of coffee on a cold day, introducing her staff and making sure everyone was comfortable.

Lee completed seminary school, opened an early education center for 120 children at a South Carolina church and later worked as a foster care case worker for the Department of Human Services. Lee became a foster parent herself, adopting a young girl who is now grown.

"That's where my heart was, for the children who needed a home," Lee said.

Lee actually opened a bakery in Baldwyn a decade before opening Fill My Cup.

"When we lived in South Carolina, we were involved in the youth ministry there, and I always dreamed of a 'Solid Rock Cafe'," she said. "I wanted the youth to have to hang out, just with Christian music playing, and now 25 years later, I see that dream come to fruition."

The idea for Fill My Cup came to Lee in a dream and began when Lee was struggling and looking for a new purpose in life.

"There's no way to explain the story without going into the spiritual side of it," Lee said.

"It was a season of my life that was very difficult. There were a lot of losses and a lot of emotional pain during that season. I cried out to God, and I asked him to use my pain for his purposes," she said.

Lee went on a mission trip to Kentucky to work for a nonprofit Christian coffee house called The Well that supported the local food pantry and area needs.

"It was one of the ways God revealed to me that this was supposed to be a Christian coffee house," Lee said.

Lee said the coffee shop is just the beginning of what is to come. She has employed two women from a local Baldwyn women's shelter called Transforma-

I cried out to God, and I asked him to use my pain for his purposes.'

TAMMY LEE

Owner of the Baldwyn, Mississippi, coffee shop Fill My Cup

tion Home for Women, which is a ministry of The Anchor Church in Tupelo, to teach them marketable skills and give them work experience to be able to start their lives over.

The coffee house also sells products made by women from the home, such as jellies like Muscadine and Scupadine, or towels they have sewn.

"It's part of just trying to help women who are going through either drug addiction or just coming straight out of prison, or things like that," Lee said.

Lee took over the fairly new coffee house in March, in a Baldwyn building that was formerly owned by Jewish immigrants.

"In Jewish tradition, if you come into their home and they fill your cup half full, that means you are not a welcome guest and you will be on your way, but if they fill your cup to the point of overflowing, you are a welcome guest invited to stay, so I took that Jewish tradition and also the song 'Fill my cup, O Lord' to make the name," she said.

Fill My Cup sells a light lunch menu featuring several classic sandwiches with healthy sides, as well as a variety of freshly baked pastries, coffees and teas.

The coffee shop regularly tries to book live Christian music for its stage on Friday or Saturday evenings. Lee said she hopes to bring in more Christian artists to play their music at the shop. The shop is also a meeting place for small events.

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a decade.

However, export tariffs implemented in 2018 and four Federal Reserve interest rate hikes last year — all of which were 0.25 percent — have negatively affected those growth variables and created somewhat of an “economic tug of war” now in the state, as he describes it.

The Federal Reserve’s interest rate hikes were somewhat expected in order to prevent inflation (price increases that hurt purchasing power) and maintain a consistent growth rate in the overall economy. Steady and stable growth encourages consistent private investment during the long term, he said, which is ideal.

“Increasing interest rates makes the cost of borrowing money more expensive, and it does in effect put the brakes on economic growth, but just a little bit, to prevent inflation from getting too high,” Von Nessen said. “It effectively ‘takes the foot off the gas’ to prevent the economy from ‘overheating.’”

In the short term, the rate hikes do hurt the housing and construction markets.

The Federal Reserve has already said it expects to only increase in-

terest rates twice in 2019, and he expects it will do everything it can to maintain stability in the economy.

Tariffs, on the other hand, are the big question, he said, and can affect South Carolina, a big export state, more than other states.

In the second half of last year, tariffs hurt the state’s agriculture and automotive manufacturing sectors.

Automotive manufacturing is still growing but at a lower rate. It’s also closely linked to the state’s two other “advanced manu-

facturing” sectors — which are tires and aerospace manufacturing, he said. Sumter County’s largest private employer is tire manufacturer Continental Tire, which has a little more than 1,000 employees.

“When we’re talking about the implications and impacts of the tariffs, we have to look at ‘advanced manufacturing’ as a whole,” Von Nessen said. “It’s going to affect all three of those sectors, some more than others obviously.”

Manufacturing growth has also slowed because of a decrease in global demand, he said, but it’s still positive.

He and others see the potential resolution of U.S. trade policy as a big factor on the state’s economy this year — whether this year is

“good” overall or “better than good.”

March 1 is a day to mark on the calendar as a potential turning point for trade policy because in December both the White House and China agreed they were trying to renegotiate trade policies between each other within 90 days.

Officials expect if trade relations are improved it would be sometime in late February or early March.

If the outcome of those trade negotiations is positive, South Carolina could see additional gains to its economy as soon as the third quarter this year, Von Nessen said.

But he said that comes down to “politics more than economics,” and that’s impossible for him to speculate.

“We can say from an economic perspective that a positive outcome in terms of a reduction in tariff activity overall and an improved trading relationship with China would be immensely positive for the United States and very positive for South Carolina,” Von Nessen said. “Our state would experience a disproportionately large benefit from better trade relationships because we are so reliant on export-oriented manufacturing.”

When looking at the overall international economy, he said a key question is whether the use of tariffs as a tool as part of a negotiation strategy is a good political strategy to get a good outcome?

“That’s to be determined, and that’s not something I can speculate on,” Von Nessen said.

Study: Asteroids smacking Earth twice as often

WASHINGTON (AP) — Giant rocks from space are falling from the sky more than they used to, but don’t worry.

For the past 290 million years, large asteroids have been crashing into Earth more than twice as often as they did in the previous 700 million years, according to a new study in Thursday’s journal Science.

But no need to cast a wary glance up. Asteroids still only smack Earth on average every million or few million years, even with the increased crash rate. NASA’s list of potential big space rock crashes shows no pending major threats. The biggest known risk is a 4,200-foot-wide asteroid with a 99.988 percent chance that it will miss Earth when it whizzes very near here in 861 years.

“It’s just a game of probabilities,” said study lead author Sara Mazrouei, a University of Toronto planetary scientist. “These events are still rare and far between that I’m not too worried about it.”

Mazrouei and colleagues in the United Kingdom and United States compiled a list of impact craters on Earth and the moon that were larger than 12 miles wide and came up with the dates of them. It takes a space rock that’s half a mile wide to create holes that big.

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such as the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, medical staff accepts appointments set up by employers or walk-ins when employees incur workplace injuries.

“We met with businesses and industries and about what was their health care need here, and they said what was lacking was a focus on occupational medicine,” Williams-Blake said.

McLeod’s newest health care center offers more than treatment for on-the-job injuries. Employees can also get pre-work screenings, which make sure they’re healthy and capable of performing their job duties, drug screenings, sick visits and specialized visits such as hazmat or federal Department of Transportation physicals.

With McLeod being the largest employer in the Pee Dee region and employing a service area total of about 750 medical staff members, more than 2,700 licensed nurses, more than 8,500 employees and more than 75 physician practices, they have their own employees and those of their community’s businesses of whom they need to take care if the need arises.

“Employers want to keep their employees at work,” Williams-Blake said. “It’s productive. It keeps them working. It keeps them en-

gaged, and they don’t miss out on pay. And instead of now driving 45 minutes, an hour away, they’re driving 10 minutes.”

Before, an employee may have had to take a whole day off work to deal with an injury or take a drug screening or a physical. Those who didn’t want to or couldn’t afford that time off may have been choosing to wait in an emergency room, even if their injury did not warrant that level of care — which comes with a higher bill.

“If it’s truly an emergency, our nurses can assess that and determine if they really need to be in an emergency room situation or really need to be at work, or if a lesser level of care is required,” Williams-Blake said.

That main decision-maker in the new Sumter facility is Vonny Clanton, a registered nurse practitioner and Sumter resident who has been in nursing for 28 years. She said most of the workplace injuries she’ll see are appendages “because of the nature of the beast of doing industry.” Other health needs derived from a labor-focused job include long-term carpal tunnel, repetitive injuries to joints and back injuries.

McLeod Occupational Health-Sumter has three treatment rooms and a triage room where X-rays are taken.

Clanton, who moved to Sumter more than 20 years ago to be closer to her father after he retired from Shaw Air Force Base, said McLeod

and her team thinks of the employers and employees as extended family. She learns the employers by first name, and they can call each other to communicate directly about a situation.

“Industries will be more

comfortable to come here knowing there’s a dedicated occupational health unit,” she said.

Her facility can also lead wellness programs for businesses, including weight loss and diabetes control.

“I feel like Sumter is my community, and I want to help the community,” she said. “I know a lot of people here, and I know the surroundings, and I feel like they’re a part of the family. And McLeod is a big family.”

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	SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM		
LOCAL CHANNELS															
WIS	10	3	10	** “Minions” (2015, Children’s) Voices of Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton. Animated. Masterless Minions look for someone new to serve.						Dateline NBC		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	RightThisMinute (N)	Paid Program Paid programming.	
WLTX	19	9	9	(6:30) NFL Football New England Patriots at Kansas City Chiefs. The Patriots play in their eighth-straight AFC championship game as they visit the Chiefs. (N) (Live)						Magnum P.I. “Winner Takes All” Magnum tracks a man accused of murder. (N)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	The Late Late Show With James Corden (N)		
WOLO	25	5	12	America’s Funniest Home Videos Thanksgiving-related videos. (DVS)		America’s Funniest Home Videos Fishing mishaps. (DVS)		Shark Tank A boutique shave club for women. (N) (DVS)		(:01) Shark Tank A dissolvable protein pack product. (DVS)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	ASTA FX TRY ASTA FX SUPER FORMULA FREE.	Elementary Probing a private investigator’s murder.	
WRJA	27	11	14	(6:30) Downton Abbey on Masterpiece Romances become complicated. (DVS)		Victoria on Masterpiece “Uneasy Lies the Head That Wears the Crown” Revolution sweeps across Europe.		Victoria on Masterpiece “London Bridge Is Falling Down” Victoria must decide whether to fight. (N)		Victoria & Albert: The Wedding Reconstructing the royal wedding. (N)		Growing a Greener World Stone Barns Center.	Family Travel With Colleen Kelly	Victoria on Masterpiece	
WACH	57	6	6	The Simpsons “My Way or the Highway to Heaven”		Bob’s Burgers (DVS)		The Simpsons Animated. Lisa finally snaps.		Bob’s Burgers Animated. The kids seek revenge.		Family Guy “Send in Stewie, Please” (DVS)		The Cool Kids “Hank the Cradle Robber”	
WKTG	63	4	22	How I Met Your Mother “Romeward Bound”		How I Met Your Mother “The Bro Mitvah”		Supergirl “Suspicious Minds” Haley seeks Supergirl’s true identity. (N)		Charmed “Keep Calm and Harry On” The sisters seek advice about Harry. (N)		Family Guy Animated. Peter starts smoking.		Family Guy Animated. Stewie gets an STD from Brian.	
CABLE CHANNELS															
A&E	46	130	(6:00) ** “Walking Tall” (2004) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville.			*** “Men in Black” (1997, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Linda Fiorentino. Secret agents monitor extraterrestrial activity on Earth.			(:01) ** “Men in Black II” (2002, Action) Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith, Rip Torn. Agents Jay and Kay defend Earth from a sultry alien enemy.			(12:03) *** “Men in Black”			
AMC	48	180	(6:00) *** “The Matrix” (1999, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne. A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation.			*** “The Matrix Reloaded” (2003, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss. Freedom fighters revolt against machines.			*** “The Matrix Revolutions”			*** “The Matrix Revolutions”			
ANPL	41	100	Crikey! It’s the Irwins			Crikey! It’s the Irwins (N)			How-Animals		How-Animals		(:01) Crikey! It’s the Irwins		
BET	61	162	(4:59) *** “Creed” (2015) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone.			(:02) ** “Snakes on a Plane” (2006, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Kenan Thompson. An FBI agent contends with a swarm of deadly serpents.			(:33) Martin “Credit Card Blues”		(:02) Martin		(:31) Martin		
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Porsha confronts Eva over past comments.			The Real Housewives of Atlanta Eva receives devastating news. (N)			Temptation Island “Temptation Begins” Couples at a crossroads try single life.		The Real Housewives of Atlanta Eva receives devastating news.		Watch What Happens Live		
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank			Shark Tank (DVS)			Deal or No Deal		Deal or No Deal “Flying High”		The Profit “The Casery”		
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)			CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)			American Style (Part 3 of 4)		American Style (Part 4 of 4)		American Style (Part 2 of 2)		
COM	57	136	(5:00) “Meet the Fockers” (2004)		(:35) * “Dirty Grandpa” (2016, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Zac Efron, Aubrey Plaza. A lawyer brings his foulmouthed grandfather to spring break.		** “Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby” (2006, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Sacha Baron Cohen. A NASCAR driver has a new rival.								
DISN	18	200	** “Hotel Transylvania” (2012, Children’s) Voices of Adam Sandler, Andy Samberg, Selena Gomez.			(:35) Bizaardvark		Coop & Cami Ask the World		Andi Mack		Star Wars Resistance (N)		Bunk’d Finn fears public speaking.	
DSC	42	103	Alaska: The Last Frontier			Alaska: The Last Frontier Exposed (N)			Alaska: The Last Frontier (N)		The Last Alaskans “Biting Back” (N)		Homestead Rescue “Shock and Awe”		
ESPN	26	35	(6:00) SportsCenter High School Basketball			UFC Top 10 (N)		SportsCenter (N)		NFL PrimeTime (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)			
ESPN2	27	39	Women’s College Basketball			Golf (N)		UFC Main Event		2019 Australian Open Tennis Round of 16. From Melbourne, Australia. (N) (Live)					
FOOD	40	109	Worst Cooks in America			Guy’s Grocery Games		Worst Cooks in America (N)		Beat Bobby Flay		Beat Bobby Flay		Worst Cooks	
FOXN	37	90	FOX News Sunday With Chris Wallace			Watters’ World		The Next Revolution With Steve Hilton		Life, Liberty & Levin (N)		Watters’ World		Revolution	
FREE	20	131	(4:50) *** “The Incredibles”		*** “Moana” (2016, Children’s) Voices of Dwayne Johnson, Auli’i Cravalho, Rachel House. Premiere. Animated. A once-mighty demigod and a teen sail across the ocean.			*** “The Lion King” (1994) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jeremy Irons. Animated. The son of a king battles treachery to claim his destiny.			(12:05) ** “Pocahontas”				
FSS	21	47	Future Phenoms		Power of Sports			Women’s College Basketball Kansas State at Texas Tech.			Live From Chop Fest			Boxing	
HALL	52	183	Winterfest Movie Countdown: A countdown of favorite movies.			Winterfest Movie Countdown: A countdown of favorite movies.			Winterfest Movie Countdown: A countdown of favorite movies.			Winterfest Movie Countdown			
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers			Beach Bargain		Beach Bargain		Bahamas Life (N)		Bahamas Life (N)		Island Life (N)	
HIST	45	110	American Pickers (DVS)			American Pickers: Bonus Buys “Small Business, Big Picks” The guys find a massive warehouse. (N)			NCIS: Los Angeles “Rocket Man” A rocket engine expert is killed.		NCIS: Los Angeles “Plan B” Deeks must protect his main informant.		NCIS: Los Angeles “Imposters”		
ION	13	18	NCIS: Los Angeles “Enemy Within” NCIS investigates a disappearance.			NCIS: Los Angeles “The Job” Investigating an attempted robbery.			Private Eyes Investigating a pro-bono medical clinic.		NCIS: Los Angeles “Rocket Man” A rocket engine expert is killed.		NCIS: Los Angeles “Plan B” Deeks must protect his main informant.		
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) “The Wrong Friend” (2018, Suspense) Li Eubanks, Jared Scott.			“Deadly Match” (2019, Crime Drama) Alyssa Lynch, Mitch Ainley, Tatyana Ali. Premiere. Trina uses her dating site to look for a killer.			(:03) “Escaping the Madhouse: The Nellie Bly Story” (2018, Suspense) Christina Ricci, Josh Bowman. Investigative reporter Nellie Bly feigns mental illness.			(12:01) “Deadly Match” (2019)			
MSNBC	36	92	Kasie DC (N)			Kasie DC (N)			Headliners Rep. John Lewis is an icon.		Hope & Fury: MLK, The Movement and the Media			Headliners	
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob		SpongeBob			** “Alvin and the Chipmunks” (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.			The Office		The Office		
PARMT	64	153	(5:30) *** “Dumb & Dumber” (1994)			** “We’re the Millers” (2013, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Jason Sudeikis, Will Poulter.			*** “Dumb & Dumber” (1994, Comedy) Jim Carrey, Jeff Daniels.						
SYFY	58	152	(5:05) *** “Jurassic Park” (1993, Adventure) Sam Neill. (DVS)			** “The Lost World: Jurassic Park” (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite. An expedition returns to monitor dinosaurs’ progress. (DVS)			** “Jurassic Park III” (2001, Adventure) Sam Neill. A search party encounters new breeds of prehistoric terror.						
TBS	24	156	(5:30) * “Gone in Sixty Seconds” (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage. (DVS)			*** “Doctor Strange” (2016, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Rachel McAdams. The Ancient One introduces Dr. Stephen Strange to magic. (DVS)			*** “Doctor Strange” (2016, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor. The Ancient One introduces Dr. Stephen Strange to magic. (DVS)						
TCM	49	186	(5:30) *** “The Remains of the Day” (1993) Anthony Hopkins.			*** “All That Heaven Allows” (1955) Jane Wyman. Outside criticism mars a widow’s love for a gardener.			(:45) **** “Giant” (1956, Drama) Elizabeth Taylor, Rock Hudson, James Dean. George Stevens’ Oscar-winning portrait of feuding Texans.						
TLC	43	157	Sister Wives: Countdown			Sister Wives “Meri, on Her Own...” Meri’s offer on the B&B is accepted.			Seeking Sister Wife		(:03) Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Sister Wives		
TNT	23	158	(5:30) * “Gone in Sixty Seconds” (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage. (DVS)			** “The Accountant” (2016, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Anna Kendrick, J.K. Simmons. An accountant who works for criminals. (DVS)			An agent tracks an		*** “The Sum of All Fears” (2002, Suspense) Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman, James Cromwell. Terrorists plan to detonate a nuclear bomb in the U.S.				
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Olivia’s brother asks for help.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit The team searches for a missing child.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-son tries to stop a home invasion.			Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A girl is being held captive by her dad.			
WE	68	166	Law & Order “Empire”		Law & Order “Ambitious”		Law & Order “Admissions”		Law & Order “Refuge”		Law & Order “Refuge”		Law & Order		
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Married ... With		

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AMC		48		180		** "Road House" (1989, Action) Patrick Swayze, Kelly Lynch, Sam Elliott. A legendary bouncer agrees to tame a notorious gin mill.										*** "The Breakfast Club" (1985, Comedy-Drama) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald. Five teenagers make strides toward mutual understanding.										(:45) *** "Pretty in Pink" (1986) Molly Ringwald, Jon Cryer.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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BRAVO		47		181		Vanderpump Rules "Ice Queens" Stassi and Ariana throw a party.				Vanderpump Rules "Love Thy Mother" Stassi tries to make amends with Beau.				Vanderpump Rules "Girls' Night In" Brittany throws a tantrum. (N)				Vanderpumped "Pumped Up Edition: Girls' Night In" Katie hosts a party. (N)				Watch What Happens Live		To Be Announced		Vanderpump Rules "Girls' Night In"																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																															
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COMMENTARY

Crime does pay?

South Carolina Department of Corrections Director Bryan Stirling announced plans for a program to provide tablets for inmates so they can call family at cheaper rates and access pre-loaded educational materials, movies and music in an attempt to make illegally smuggling cell-phones less attractive.

America is a privileged country, and that can be seen in many areas including, unfortunately, the prison system.

Inmates should have the opportunity to speak with family, but why should they also be allowed to stream movies? I thought you weren't supposed to have access to entertainment when you're on restriction.

What's next? A Play-Station?

I know some inmates are nonviolent people who found themselves in unfortunate situations, but prison is still a punishment. My comments are not directed toward all inmates.

In an Associated Press article *The Sumter Item* ran on Friday about the program, Stirling said the tablets will give "idle inmates something to do and occupy time that could be spent on misdeeds."

How long can the calls be, and how often can inmates make calls? Are they training to be telemarketers? What about actual classes where they can learn soft skills and a trade they can use when they get released?

And, if an inmate is convicted of something that requires a long or life sentence, why can't the punishment include phone calls that cost 10 cents a minute, as it is traditionally now, instead of the proposed 5.5 cents a minute?

Prison shouldn't be convenient.

Stirling also said the tablets will give inmates more access to support systems outside. Does he mean the same support systems the inmates had contact with prior to entering state custody? Do support systems only work after you get locked up?

This program reminds me of San Francisco's "solution" to the high use of syringes by drug users. The city provides about 400,000 free syringes a month in an attempt to reduce the spread of diseases. The result: streets covered in



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syringes.

Take what people are doing now and multiply it by time. The result isn't resolution if you're adding to the problem.

Stirling said the tablets will be "heavily restricted, monitored and mined for data by Corrections Department analysts." Just like the regular searches for cellphones that currently happen?

But, wait. There's more.

"... If it turns out that an inmate somehow is able to download material onto the tablet or hack the system, the provider is subject to up to \$2 million in fines." So it's possible this whole thing could fail. Who's the provider? Is the fine per device because what is the real threat of \$2 million to a company possibly worth billions?

Tablets do not address the issue of contraband cellphones.

Cellphones facilitated the attempted murder of Capt. Robert Johnson, a former corrections officer and a Sumter native, at his home in 2010. The inmate who orchestrated the hit, in which Johnson was shot six times in the chest and abdomen and left for dead, did so from within Lee Correctional Institution in Bishopville.

Cellphones are said to have been used during a riot at Lee Correctional, a maximum-security prison, in April 2018 where seven inmates were killed and 22 others were injured. There are gruesome pictures of the aftermath of the hours-long riot, the nation's deadliest in 25 years, floating on the internet.

I wonder where they came from.

Inmates have already outsmarted the system regarding cellphones, and now they'll probably be able to draw 3D diagrams of their plans on tablets.

I guess the lesson here is if you break the rules for long enough, the people in charge will give up and cave in.

It seems the inmates have pulled the wool so far over prison officials' eyes they've turned into sheep.

I'm still holding out for this to be a very early April Fool's joke.

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COMMENTARY

A stalemate as Trump goes factual, Democrats illogical about the wall

The televised presidential address from the Oval Office, a staple of communication between the chief executive and the people in the second half of 20th century, has recently been in desuetude. Former President Barack Obama delivered only three such addresses in his eight years in office. President Donald Trump recently delivered his first one, just days short of completing half his term.

It was a sober address, short but touching some emotive chords, carefully based on facts and proposals — contrary to the Democrats' meme that it would be based on fears, not facts.

Post-speech fact-checking was particularly farcical. *The Washington Post* said Trump's claim that ICE officers made "266,000 arrests of aliens with criminal records" in two years is accurate but "misleading" because the number includes all crimes. Huh?

Another complaint is that Trump claimed 1 in 3 women in migrant caravans is sexually assaulted. The complainer pointed to a study that says it is 60 to 80 percent of those women. Obviously, nobody knows the actual numbers; a good guess might be "a lot." But it is pretty obvious what's been happening on the southern border.

Attempted border crossings were way down in 2017, presumably for fear of tough Trump enforcement. They rose in 2018, as many Central Americans started arriving with children, hoping to gain entry into the United States by exploiting court-created loopholes in American asylum law. Few had legitimate claims on the political persecution or other traditional grounds



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for asylum; many complained of high local crime rates, for which, so far as I know, no nation has ever granted asylum.

Now it may be objected that the number of illegal southern border crossings was much higher 15 and 20 years ago. That's why Congress, including Sen. Chuck Schumer, voted in 2006 for more border protection.

And it's possible to argue that in the current hot labor market, illegals have little depressing effect on wages and that the numbers of violent crimes by illegals, though regrettable, are bearable in a nation of 328 million. Democrats understandably tend to shun these valid but hard-hearted arguments.

Instead they insist vehemently that a wall, which many supported a dozen years ago, will inevitably be ineffective and must be regarded as "immoral."

This first argument flies in the face of evidence. As American Enterprise Institute's Michael Rubin pointed out in 2017, Israel's wall with the West Bank, Morocco's with Algeria, India's with Bangladesh, Hungary's with Serbia and others have reduced illegal crossings to near zero. This year, Rubin reports that France, Iraq, Lithuania, Estonia and Norway are putting up walls. "(I)t is simply counterfactual to suggest that walls won't work, a willful subordination of facts to the politics of the day," he writes.

And why are walls immoral? Democratic Rep. Eric Swalwell recognizes the "but the Berlin Wall was to keep people in" argument but insists a wall to keep people out is "medieval" and "a symbol of 'us and not us.'" Well, yes — U.S. citizens and not U.S. citizens. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Adam Smith says Trump's call for the wall is rooted in "xenophobia and racism."

To say that it is impermissible or racist to distinguish between American

citizens and others is to make a case for open borders. Even in the days of Ellis Island, health restrictions blocked some would-be immigrants and deterred perhaps millions of others.

Trump made the argument more gracefully, pointing out that wealthy politicians build walls, fences and gates around their property not "because they hate the people on the outside but because they love the people on the inside." A backyard fence is not a prison wall.

In his speech, Trump was careful to stress that he is seeking better technology, more personal humanitarian assistance and asylum law changes, as well as "a physical barrier." He says, "At the request of Democrats, it will be a steel barrier rather than a concrete wall."

In her response, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi conceded, "we need to secure our borders." And Sen. Schumer said, "Democrats and the president both want stronger border security." You might see these words as pointing toward a deal. I don't.

Pelosi and Schumer insisted, without citing evidence, that a wall is "ineffective" and "unnecessary." Their party seems emotionally fixated on blocking a wall and impervious to argument, even as Trump, perhaps surprisingly, made a dignified and factual case that it's needed to "protect our country."

Government shutdowns, formerly headline news, seem less painful these days (three-quarters of government is funded). Looks like a stalemate.

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Capt. Robert Johnson was a corrections officer at Lee Correctional Institution for 15 years and was shot six times at his home in a hit ordered from an inmate's illegal cellphone. Now, South Carolina Corrections Director Bryan Stirling has announced that S.C. inmates will have access to tablet computers, a move Stirling says will keep prisons safe.

PREP FOOTBALL

Touchdown Club holds banquet



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Ten local student-athlete football players were selected as Merit Scholars and were awarded \$500 college scholarships during the Sumter Touchdown Club Presented by FTC season-ending banquet on Thursday at the Central Carolina Technical College Health Science Building. Those selected were, first row, left to right: Chris Livingston of Manning High, Lakewood's Kevin Carson, Robert E. Lee Academy's Hunter McGee, Wilson Hall's Mills Herlong and Crestwood's Zeke Workman. Second row: Laurence Manning Academy's Brewer Brunson, Manning's Jack Owens, Sumter's Abraham Temoney, Thomas Sumter Academy's Mason Warren and A'Monte Brown of Scott's Branch.

Student-athletes honored for play, work in classroom

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The Sumter Touchdown Club presented by FTC held its second annual season-ending banquet on Thursday at the Central Carolina Technical College Health Science Building on South Main Street. The club, which honors local high school football players on a weekly basis during the season, honored the play-

ers for their season achievements, both on the field and in the classroom, with various awards. And, to top the evening off, former Wofford College head coach Mike Ayers offered an inspirational message to the student-athletes – as well as everyone else in attendance – as to what they need to do to



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continue to achieve success. “Now you have to choose what your course of action is,” said Ayers, who claimed his voice wasn’t at 100 percent though he raised it several times during the speech, often startling the close to 300 people in attendance. “You received that award; now where do you go from here? Is this it?” Of course, Ayers talked of continuing to strive for excellence in whatever is to come

their ways in life. He spoke of how he came to Wofford beginning in the 1988 season, taking over a program that was 0-10 the previous season. He said when he first met the players after being hired, they wouldn’t look him in the eyes. He yelled at the players – demonstrating how he did so to the banquet audience – telling them to look him in the eyes. He knew he needed to be excellent for them to be better.

“God had brought all of those Jims, Joes and Johns into my life,” Ayers said, “and everyone one of them was special.” The Terriers went 5-5 that first year, the first of 30 for Ayers at the Spartanburg school. He would finish 207-139-1 at Wofford, reaching the playoffs 10 times and winning five Southern Conference titles.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Spring Valley knocks off Sumter girls 61-45

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Sumter High School found itself in a good position heading into the fourth quarter of its Top 4 varsity girls basketball showdown against defending 5A state champion Spring Valley on Friday at the SHS gymnasium. The Lady Gamecocks, ranked fourth among 5A teams in the South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association poll, trailed No. 2 Spring Valley 40-35 as the final eight minutes began. When SHS’ CeCe Wells hit two free throws just five seconds into the final stanza, the lead was down to three. And that would be as good as it would get for Sumter. In just over two minutes, the Lady Vikings opened an 11-point lead on the way to a 61-45 triumph that gave them sole possession of Region IV.

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Sumter’s CeCe Wells (4) watches a shot during the Lady Gamecocks’ 61-45 loss to Spring Valley in a showdown between the top two teams in Region IV-5A on Friday at the Sumter High gymnasium.

5 THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK:

- 1 Super Bowl Setup: The opponents for Super Bowl LIII will be determined today as the two conference championship games will be played. New Orleans will play host to the Los Angeles Rams for the NFC crown beginning at 3 p.m., while Kansas City will be at home against New England for the AFC crown.
- 2 Sumter School District Showdown: The Swamp, Lakewood High School’s gymnasium, will be the site of the first meeting between the boys and girls teams from Lakewood and Crestwood on Tuesday beginning at 6 p.m. The teams will be vying for seeding in Region IV-4A and earning playoff berths.
- 3 Wilson Hall, LMA meet: Wilson Hall will be making the short trip to Manning on Wednesday to face off against Laurence Manning Academy at Bubba Davis Gymnasium. The junior varsity girls game, the first of four, will begin at 4 p.m.

4 Big Week For USC Hoops: The South Carolina men’s basketball team, at the top of the Southeastern Conference entering the weekend, hopes to stay in that position. The Gamecocks play host to No. 14 Auburn in an SEC contest on Tuesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. before traveling to Oklahoma State for a 2 p.m. game on Saturday in the SEC/Big 12 Challenge.

5 USC Baseball Fan Appreciation Day: The South Carolina baseball program will hold its Fan Appreciation Day on Saturday at Founders Park in Columbia. Gates will open at noon with warmups and batting practice followed by an intra-squad scrimmage beginning at 1:30 p.m. Fans will get to meet the players and get autographs following the scrimmage. It is free and open to the public.

PREP BASKETBALL

Bishop England stifles Manning in 50-30 victory

BY EDDIE LITAKER
Special to The Sumter item

MANNING -- John Franklin Thames Arena was the site on Friday for two basketball games that would determine the girls and boys region front-runner at the midway point of Region VIII-3A play. In the end, both Bishop England and Manning could claim a share of first place, with the top-ranked Lady Bishops routing the cold shooting No. 2 Lady Monarchs, 50-30, and the Monarchs holding off a late rally to defeat the Bishops, 65-54. In the much anticipated girls game, Manning struggled to get quality shots for much of the night, with a whopping 31 of their 50 shots coming from beyond the arc. Unfortunately for head coach Darren Ma-



zyck’s squad, the shots just weren’t falling as Manning hit on only five of 31 shots, or 16.1 percent, from 3-point range. When they were able to work it inside, the Lady Monarchs had more success, hitting on seven

of their 19 shots, but closed at the 24 percent mark on total shooting. By comparison, the Lady Bishops, who improved to 18-1 overall and 5-0 in the region, hit at a 44 percent clip, going 22 for 50 with a miss on their lone 3-point attempt. “They played great defense, and they gave us the shot that they wanted to give,” said Mazyck, whose team dropped to 17-4 and 4-1. “When you’re playing against someone, you don’t want to give them the best shot they have. They took away our inside game from us, attacking with (Myisha) Smiling and (Measha) Jones and they made us shoot 3-point shots, and tonight was just not a good night for us shooting the ball from the outside, period.”

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AFC CHAMPIONSHIP



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Kansas City Chiefs cornerback Steven Nelson (20), defensive back Orlando Scandrick (22), inside linebacker Anthony Hitchens (53) and defensive end Chris Jones (95) stretch during workouts Friday in Kansas City, Missouri. The Chiefs host the New England Patriots in the AFC championship game today.

Chiefs’ bandwagon rolling into Arrowhead for mighty Patriots

BY DAVE SKRETTA
The Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — It seems football fans everywhere are suddenly on the Chiefs’ bandwagon, enthralled by Kansas City’s record-setting young quarterback and exciting playmakers and hopeful the amiable coach can finally win the big one.

Then again, maybe they’re just fans of anybody facing New England.

The Patriots have dominated the AFC for nearly two decades, and the coach-quarterback combination of Bill Belichick and Tom Brady will be playing in an eighth consecutive conference title game Sunday night when New England visits the Chiefs at frigid, hostile Arrowhead Stadium.

But whereas Brady & Co. once instilled awe in their opponents, the Chiefs view their showdown as an opportunity for Patrick Mahomes to take the baton as the league’s best quarterback and for Kansas City, seeking its first Super Bowl appearance in 49 years , to surpass the Patriots as the NFL’s “it” team.

“It’ll be huge,” Mahomes said. “When I got here, the goal was to win the AFC championship and get to the Super Bowl, and win that. To do that early in my career, it would be a huge thing.”

There aren’t two more dichotomous teams than the Patriots and Chiefs.

New England has won five Super Bowls during the Belichick-Brady era, setting all kinds of records along the way. The cruel efficiency with which they’ve sliced up the AFC has made them the bane of fans everywhere but New England and given them the kind of unbeatable aura that accompanied the New York Yankees teams of Derek Jeter and the Chicago Bulls teams of Michael Jordan.

It’s not just petty jealousy, though. Many fans have been turned off by Deflategate, Spygate and other instances over the years that have saddled the Patriots with a rather unsavory reputation.

Brady has mostly shrugged it off. So has Belichick, who almost seems to embrace the villain role.

“I don’t think about it too much, what people might say or think,” said Brady, whose team is a rare playoff underdog Sunday. “I know we’re playing against a very good football team. They’re the first seed for a reason. They’ve had a great season and we’re going to have to go into a really tough environment and play our best football, and it’s a great opportunity for us.”

MORE TO THE STORY

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NFC CHAMPIONSHIP

Saints-Rams NFC title game a clash of like-minded coaches

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — One way or another, the NFC Championship between the Los Angeles Rams and New Orleans Saints will be won by a coach named Sean — with an Irish surname — who designs and calls plays for one of the most innovative and productive offenses in the NFL.

The ties between the Saints’ Sean Payton and the Rams’ Sean McVay go well beyond a shared name.

“We both cut our teeth in this league under Jon Gruden,” Payton said. “That (Rams) staff — there’s a ton of guys that we’re friendly with and that we know on that staff. Guys who we have worked with, and Sean and I have a real good relationship. He is an engaging guy, a fun guy to be around.”

Gruden, the current Oakland Raiders coach, was the offensive coordinator with the Eagles in 1997 when Payton was hired as quarterbacks. In 2008, Gruden was the head coach in Tampa Bay when he hired McVay as a receivers coach.

During the past two seasons Payton and McVay have led their teams to the playoffs with one of the best offenses in football, thanks in part to elite quarterbacks — Drew Brees with New Orleans (14-3) and Jared Goff of Los Angeles (14-3).

Both coaches have acknowledged they watch each other’s offensive film nearly every week — not just because of the possibility of playing against one another; they’re looking for good ideas.

And then there are some connections on the roster and coaching staff. One of the Rams’ top receivers, Brandin Cooks, was Payton’s first-round draft choice in 2014. Los Angeles’ running game coordinator is Aaron Kromer, a former running backs and offensive line coach under Payton, including on the 2009 Super Bowl-winning squad.

Players on both teams praise their coach’s intangible feel for how a game is developing.

Saints Pro Bowl left tackle Terron Armstead extolled Payton’s “fearlessness” in his play calling and said the coach has “so much believe and confidence in us and the system that we can go out and make a play no matter the down and distance.”

Goff mentioned how McVay sends in plays “with confidence and having a good feel for everything.”

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New Orleans Saints wide receiver Ted Ginn (19) and quarterback Teddy Bridgewater (5) dance to music during stretches at their practice in Metairie, Louisiana, on Friday. The Saints will host the Los Angeles Rams for the NFC Championship today.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
8:25 a.m. — international Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester City vs. Huddersfield Town (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9:30 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hertha Berlin vs. FC Nurnberg (FOX SPORTS 1).
10:55 a.m. — international Soccer: English Premier League Match — Tottenham vs. Fulham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
11 a.m. — Amateur Golf: Latin America Amateur Championship Final Round from Casa de Campo, Dominican Republic (ESPN2).
11 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men’s and Women’s Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).
11:50 a.m. — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke vs. Wolfsburg (FOX SPORTS 2).
Noon — College Basketball: Providence at Marquette (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
Noon — College Basketball: Florida State at Boston College (ESPN).
Noon — Women’s College Basketball: Virginia Tech at North Carolina State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
Noon — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic First Round (GOLF).
12:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Washington at Chicago (WIS 10).
2 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Fordham at Dayton (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
2 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Penn State at Maryland (ESPN2).
2 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Houston at Wichita State (ESPN).
2 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Tournament of Champions Final Round from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (GOLF).
2 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Louisiana State at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
2:30 p.m. — College Wrestling: Lehigh at Navy (STADIUM).
2:30 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: North Carolina at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
3 p.m. — LPGA Golf: Tournament of Champions Final Round from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (WIS 10).
3 p.m. — NFL Football: National Football Conference Playoffs Championship Game — Los Angeles Rams at New Orleans (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).
3 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Butler at Creighton (FOX SPORTS 1).
3 p.m. — PGA Golf: The Desert Classic Final Round from La Quinta, Calif. (GOLF).
3 p.m. — Professional Basketball: Santa Cruz vs. Oklahoma City (NBA TV).
4 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: La Salle at St. Joseph’s (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Texas A&M at Georgia (ESPN2).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Bradley at Southern Illinois (ESPN).
4 p.m. — College Basketball: Duquesne at George Washington (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
4 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Florida at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).
4 p.m. — College Wrestling: Duke at Navy (STADIUM).
5 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: West Virginia at Baylor (FOX SPORTS 1).
6 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Minnesota at Nebraska (ESPN2).
6 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Colorado at Utah (ESPN).
6 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Indiana (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).
6:30 p.m. — NFL Football: American Football Conference Playoffs Championship Game — New England at Kansas City (WACH 57, WWFN-FM 100.1, WNKT-FM 107.5).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men’s and Women’s Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).
7:30 p.m. — High School Basketball: IMG Academy (Fla.) at Oak Hill Academy (Va.) (ESPN).
9 p.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men’s and Women’s Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).
3 a.m. — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men’s and Women’s Round-of-16 Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).

MONDAY
11 a.m. — High School Basketball: Ranney (N.J.) vs. Federal Way (Wash.) (ESPN).
12:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Oklahoma City at Atlanta

(NBA TV).
2 p.m. — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic Second Round (GOLF).
3 p.m. — High School Basketball: Sierra Canyon (Calif.) vs. Montverde Academy (Fla.) (ESPN).
3 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Orlando at Atlanta (NBA TV).
5 p.m. — High School Basketball: Dematha (Md.) vs. La Lumiere (Ind.) (ESPN).
5:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: New Orleans at Memphis (TNT).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Maryland at Michigan State (FOX SPORTS 1).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: American at Boston University (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Virginia Tech at North Carolina (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Missouri at South Carolina (ESPN2, WNKT-FM 107.5).
7 p.m. — College Basketball: Jackson State at Texas State (ESPN).
7 p.m. — Women’s College Basketball: Alabama at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).
8:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Creighton at Georgetown (FOX SPORTS 1).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Marshall at Western Kentucky (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa State at Kansas (ESPN).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Baylor at West Virginia (ESPN).

NFL PLAYOFFS

WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 5
Indianapolis 21, Houston 7
Dallas 24, Seattle 22
Sunday, Jan. 6
L.A. Chargers 23, Baltimore 17
Philadelphia 16, Chicago 15

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS
Saturday, Jan. 12
Kansas City 31, Indianapolis 13
L.A. Rams 30, Dallas 22
Sunday, Jan. 13
New England 41, L.A. Chargers 28
New Orleans 20, Philadelphia 14

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC
L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 3:05 p.m. (FOX) AFC
New England at Kansas City, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)

PRO BOWL
Sunday, Jan. 27
At Orlando, Fla.
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL
Sunday, Feb. 3
At Atlanta
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

NBA PLAYOFFS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	13	.723	—
Philadelphia	30	17	.638	4
Boston	27	18	.600	6
Brooklyn	24	23	.511	10
New York	10	34	.227	22½
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	22	23	.489	—
Miami	21	22	.488	—
Washington	19	26	.422	3
Orlando	19	26	.422	3
Atlanta	14	30	.318	7½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	32	12	.727	—
Indiana	29	15	.659	3
Detroit	20	24	.455	12
Chicago	10	35	.222	22½
Cleveland	9	37	.196	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	27	20	.574	—
Houston	25	19	.568	½
New Orleans	21	25	.457	5½
Dallas	20	24	.455	5½
Memphis	19	26	.422	7
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	30	14	.682	—
Oklahoma City	27	18	.600	3½
Portland	28	19	.596	3½
Utah	26	21	.553	5½
Minnesota	21	24	.467	9½
Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	32	14	.696	—
L.A. Lakers	25	21	.543	7
L.A. Clippers	24	21	.533	7½
Sacramento	23	22	.511	8½
Phoenix	11	36	.234	21½

FRIDAY’S GAMES
Boston 122, Memphis 116
Brooklyn 117, Orlando 115
Detroit 98, Miami 93
San Antonio 116, Minnesota 113
Utah 115, Cleveland 99
Golden State 112, L.A. Clippers 94
Portland 128, New Orleans 112

SATURDAY’S GAMES
Oklahoma City 117, Philadelphia 115
Charlotte 135, Phoenix 115
Dallas at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY’S GAMES
Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

MONDAY’S GAMES
Oklahoma City at New York, 12:30 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 2 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 3 p.m.
Sacramento at Brooklyn, 3:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Memphis, 5:30 p.m.
Miami at Boston, 6 p.m.
Houston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.
Portland at Utah, 9 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

TUESDAY’S GAMES
Sacramento at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Portland at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	48	36	10	2	74	193	137
Toronto	47	29	16	2	60	166	133
Boston	48	27	16	5	59	141	125
Montreal	49	27	17	5	59	150	143
Buffalo	48	24	18	6	54	140	144
Florida	46	18	20	8	44	142	166
Ottawa	48	19	24	5	43	152	181
Detroit	49	18	24	7	43	140	167
Metropolitan Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	47	28	15	4	60	142	119
Columbus	47	28	16	3	59	153	144
Washington	47	27	15	5	59	157	141
Pittsburgh	47	26	15	6	58	166	139
Carolina	47	22	20	5	49	126	140
N.Y. Rangers	47	20	20	7	47	136	162
New Jersey	48	18	23	7	43	140	164
Philadelphia	47	18	23	6	42	134	167
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Central Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Winnipeg	47	31	14	2	64	165	130

Nashville	49	28	17	4	60	153	129
Colorado	48	22	18	8	52	166	153
Dallas	48	23	21	4	50	122	126
Minnesota	47	23	21	3	49	131	137
St. Louis	46	20	21	5	45	128	142
Chicago	49	16	24	9	41	145	183
Pacific Division							
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	49	31	13	5	67	182	141
San Jose	49	28	14	7	63	175	149
Vegas	49	28	17	4	60	147	131
Anaheim	49	21	19	9	51	119	145
Vancouver	49	22	21	6	50	142	154
Edmonton	47	23	21	3	49	136	148
Arizona	47	21	22	4	46	124	136
Los Angeles	49	19	26	4	42	110	147

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

FRIDAY’S GAMES
Montreal 4, Columbus 1
Florida 3, Toronto 1
Ottawa 4, Carolina 1
N.Y. Islanders 2, Washington 0
Calgary 6, Detroit 4
Pittsburgh 3, Arizona 2, OT
Vancouver 4, Buffalo 3

SATURDAY’S GAMES
Anaheim 3, New Jersey 2
Colorado 7, Los Angeles 1
Ottawa at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Montreal, 7 p.m.
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Florida at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Vegas, 10 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY’S GAMES
Washington at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Anaheim vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 3 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 4 p.m.
Arizona at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.

MONDAY’S GAMES
Nashville at Colorado, 3 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Minnesota at Vegas, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Florida, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY’S GAMES
San Jose at Washington, 7 p.m.
Arizona at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Carolina at Calgary, 9 p.m.

PRO GOLF

DESERT CLASSIC SCORES
Saturday
La Quinta, Calif.
Purse: \$5.9 million
5-Stadium Course (Host Course) 7,113 yards; Par 72
q-La Quinta Country Club 7,060 yards; Par 72
n-Nicklaus Tournament Course 7,159 yards; Par 72
Third Round a-denotes amateur
Phil Mickelson 60q-68n-66s=194
Adam Hadwin 65s-66q-65n=196
Adam Long 63n-71s-63q=197
Steve Marino 66s-65q-67n=198
Michael Thompson 68q-66n-65s=199
Patrick Cantlay 67n-66s-66q=199
Dominic Bozzelli 67n-69s-64q=200
Jon Rahm 66q-66n-68s=200
Sungjae Im 71q-65n-64s=200
Tailor Gooch 67s-67q-66n=200
J.T. Poston 68s-68q-64n=200
Scott Langley 70n-65s-66q=201
Joey Garber 68s-64q-69n=201
Sean O’Hair 66n-67s-68q=201
Jason Kokrak 71n-65s-66q=202
Carlos Ortiz 72s-62q-68n=202
Sam Burns 68q-66n-68s=202
Alex Cejka 66n-68s-68q=202
Jordan Varner III 68q-67n-68s=203
Vaughn Taylor 68n-66s-69q=203
Nick Taylor 70s-66q-67n=203
Peter Malnati 70q-65n-68s=203
Zach Johnson 71q-68n-64s=203

TOP 25 ROUNDUP



Tennessee forward Grant Williams (2) attempts a shot in between Alabama forwards Alex Reese (3) and Galin Smith (30) in the second half of the Volunteers' 71-68 victory on Saturday in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Vols make case for No. 1 with 71-68 victory over Alabama

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Grant Williams scored 21 points, and No. 3 Tennessee rallied past Alabama 71-68 on Saturday for its 12th straight win and a chance to climb atop the AP Top 25.

After No. 1 Duke lost to Syracuse on Monday and No. 2 Michigan fell at Wisconsin on Saturday, the Volunteers (16-1, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) could lead the poll Monday for the first time since 2008.

After winning its first four SEC games by an average of 25 points, Tennessee had a much tougher time with the Crimson Tide. John Petty matched a career high with 30 points, and Alabama (11-6, 2-3) erased a 15-point deficit to lead late in the second half. But Petty also had a critical turnover in the closing seconds.

WISCONSIN 64
(2) MICHIGAN 54

MADISON, Wis. — Ethan Happ scored 26 points and had 10 rebounds as Wisconsin handed No. 2 Michigan its first loss of the season, breaking away in the final minute for a 64-54 victory Saturday.

Fans rushed the floor after the Badgers (12-6, 4-3 Big Ten) finished off the upset.

The Wolverines (17-1, 6-1) closed within 57-54 on Isaiah Livers' 3-pointer with just under a minute to play. Michigan put on a full-court press that the Badgers broke, and Ignas Brazdeikis was whistled for an intentional foul on Happ, who was across the court from the ball.

WEST VIRGINIA 65
(7) KANSAS 64

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — Jermaine Haley hurried up the court and hit a layup with 8.5 seconds left, completing a late rally that lifted West Virginia over No. 7 Kansas 65-64 on Saturday.

West Virginia (9-9, 1-5 Big 12) scored the final seven points to break a five-game losing streak.

Dedric Lawson and Marcus Garrett made layups 29 seconds apart to give the Jayhawks (15-3, 4-2) their largest lead at 64-58 with 2:34 left. But Kansas didn't score again.

(9) VIRGINIA TECH 87
WAKE FOREST 71

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Nick-eil Alexander-Walker scored 24 points and No. 9 Virginia Tech used a 14-4 first-half run to pull away from Wake Forest in an 87-71 victory Saturday.

Ty Outlaw added 14 points and Ahmed Hill 12 for the Hokies (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference). Outlaw, Hill and Justin Robinson each made a 3-pointer during the burst, which turned a 17-all tie into a 31-21 lead with 4 ½ minutes left in the half. The Demon Deacons didn't get closer than eight the rest of the way.

Brandon Childress scored 18 of his 28 points in the second half for Wake Forest (8-9, 1-4). Childress was 7 of 12 from the field and the rest of the team was 11 of 36. Wake Forest lost despite a 38-22 edge in free-throw attempts.

(12) KENTUCKY 82
(14) AUBURN 80

AUBURN, Ala. — Tyler Herro made two free throws with 24 seconds left and Immanuel Quickley added another to help No. 12 Kentucky survive a big rally from No. 12 Auburn, 82-80 on Saturday.

The Wildcats (14-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) rebounded after losing a 17-point second-half lead to finish off a showdown between two of the league's top teams.

Auburn (13-4, 2-2) took an 80-79 lead on Jared Harper's contested 3-pointer over Ashton Hagans with 32 seconds left. Herro grabbed the lead back from the line, then Harper held onto the ball for what he hoped would be a game-winner.

(13) NORTH CAROLINA 85
MIAMI 76

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Cameron Johnson scored 22 points, including 3-pointers on consecutive possessions in the closing minutes, and No. 13 North Carolina won a seesaw game Saturday against Miami 85-76.

The Tar Heels shot 55 percent, including 9 for 20 from beyond the arc, and showed why they're ranked second in

the nation in rebounds by grabbing a 38-23 advantage on the boards.

North Carolina (14-4, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) earned its third road win in the league. The Hurricanes (9-8, 1-4) remained winless in three games against ranked teams this season.

(17) N.C. STATE 77
NOTRE DAME 73

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — C.J. Bryce scored 23 points and No. 17 North Carolina State withstood several second-half challenges from Notre Dame for a 77-73 victory Saturday.

(18) MISSISSIPPI 84
ARKANSAS 67

OXFORD, Miss. — Breein Tyree scored 22 points, Terence Davis added 18 and No. 18 Mississippi never trailed in an 84-67 victory over Arkansas on Saturday.

Ole Miss (14-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference) pushed out to an 11-point lead by half-time and had a comfortable advantage through most of the second half. The Rebels had a 40-31 rebounding edge and helped force 17 Arkansas turnovers.

Ole Miss has won 11 out of its past 12 games.

Arkansas (10-7, 1-4) has lost four straight games since winning its conference opener. The Razorbacks were led by Keyshawn Embery-Simpson, who scored 16 points.

PURDUE 70
(25) INDIANA 55

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Carsen Edwards scored 20 points and backcourt mate Nojel Eastern had his first double-double Saturday to send Purdue past No. 25 Indiana 70-55 for the Hoosiers' fourth straight loss.

Eastern finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds while locking down Indiana star freshman guard Romeo Langford in this state rivalry. Langford had just four points on 2-of-10 shooting and committed three turnovers. He missed all four of his free throws and was dogged with "overrated" chants most of the game.

SPORTS ITEMS

LSU ends Gamecocks' SEC streak with 87-65 victory

BATON ROUGE, La. — Emmitt Williams and Naz Reid each scored 15 points as LSU extended its winning streak to seven games by defeating South Carolina 89-67 in a Southeastern Conference game Saturday night.

The Tigers (14-3, 4-0), who led for nearly the entire game, have won their first four SEC games for the first time in 13 seasons. LSU's 2006 Final Four team won its first seven conference games.

Williams, whose 15 points matched his season-high, also grabbed a season-best 13 rebounds. Williams and Reid were two of six LSU players who scored at least ten points. Kavell Bigby-Williams, Ja'veonte Smart and Tremont Waters each had 12 points. Marlon Taylor had 10 points.

A.J. Lawson led the Gamecocks (9-8, 4-1) with 18 points and Keyshawn Bryant scored 10. South Carolina, which had its five-game win streak snapped, was outscored 32-6 at the foul line.

Two good stretches enabled LSU to build a 48-28 half-time lead. A basket by Williams with 12:03 before halftime capped a 10-2 run and put LSU ahead 21-13.

Williams scored seven points as LSU went on a 15-4 run over the final six-plus minutes of the first half. A layup by Skylar Mays with 51 seconds left gave the Tigers a 48-28 lead at the break.

SMITH SCORES 23, WINTHROP RALLIES TO BEAT USC UPSTATE

SPARTANBURG — Nych Smith scored 23 points and Winthrop dominated the second half to defeat South Carolina Upstate 82-72 on Saturday.

After trailing by eight at halftime, Winthrop outscored the Spartans 43-25 in the second half. Winthrop first took the second-half lead, 54-53, when Kyle Zunic's 3-pointer capped a 15-6 run with 14:17 remaining. Later, the Eagles went up 62-61 on a layup by Smith with 8:27 remaining and Winthrop led the rest of the game.

Winthrop, which lost to Longwood on Wednesday, improved to 12-6 overall and at 4-1 in the Big South remains one game behind Radford (5-0).

Adam Pickett scored 16 points and Zunic had 14 for the Eagles.

Deion Holmes made 6-of-9 3-pointers and scored 31 points for Upstate (5-15, 0-5).

Winthrop had a 47-34 rebounding advantage and out-shot the Spartans 44 percent to 38 percent. Both teams were 11 of 29 on 3-pointers.

MOGLIA RESIGNS AS COASTAL CAROLINA COACH AFTER RETURN SEASON

CONWAY — Joe Moglia, the one-time CEO of TD Ameritrade, has resigned as head football coach at Coastal Carolina.

The 69-year-old Moglia announced the decision Friday. He said he'll stay on as Coastal's chairman of athletics for the final two years of his contract and have authority over the football program. Offensive coordinator Jamey Chadwell has been promoted to head coach.

Moglia, who went 56-22 in six seasons as Coastal coach, says now is the right time to step aside and give Chadwell more responsibility. Moglia missed the 2017 season when dealing with a respiratory issue. Moglia won four Big South Conference championships during five seasons as an FCS program, making the NCAA playoffs all five years.

The Chanticleers are part of the Sun Belt Conference of the FBS the past two years. Coastal Carolina finished 5-7 this season.

PATRIARCH OF WOOD BROTHERS RACING TEAM GLEN WOOD DIES AT 93

Glen Wood, the patriarch of the famed Wood Brothers Racing team who had been the oldest living member of the NASCAR Hall of Fame, has died after a long illness in Stuart, Virginia. He was 93.

"It's with profound sadness that we mourn the passing of team founder and family patriarch Glen Wood this morning," Wood Brothers posted on social media Friday morning. "We want to thank family, friends, our small-town Virginia community of Patrick County, as well as everyone in the NASCAR community for their unwavering support."

Wood, alongside younger brother Leonard, co-founded the Wood Brothers Racing team in 1953, and won four races over an 11-year racing career. Glen Wood in 1998 was named one of NASCAR's 50 Greatest Drivers — a list that included 20 drivers who had once raced a Wood Brothers car.

Wood is also a member of Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and in 2011 was elected to the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

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PREP BASKETBALL

Knights still looking for region win after 57-46 loss to O-W

BY DANNY KELLY
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The Crestwood varsity boys basketball team is still searching for its first win in Region IV-4A play after falling to Orangeburg-Wilkinson 57-46 on Friday at The Castle.

“We were able to compete, but we’re not a good basketball club,” Crestwood head coach Tony Wilson said. “We were where we wanted to be against a good team in O-W, but we had a turnover at a crucial time. We did two or three good things down the stretch, then we turned the ball over. Rebounds hurt us; we were standing there watching.”

Junior point guard K.J. Richardson and junior center Mark Huffman both led the Knights in scoring with 12, and junior guard Mitchell Pollard added 10.

Senior guard Frank Lee led the Bruins in scoring with 14 and senior forward Devin Green added 13.

Crestwood started off the first quarter on a 6-0 run, but the Bruins would score the next nine points for a 3-point lead after one quarter.

Crestwood cut Orangeburg-Wilkinson’s lead to 18-17 with 3:31 to go in the half, but the Bruins went on an 8-2 run at



the end of the quarter to go up 26-19 at halftime.

The Bruins went on a 9-2 to run to take a 39-26 lead with 3:15 to go in the third, but Crestwood finished the quarter on a 6-2 run to cut Orangeburg-Wilkinson’s lead to 41-32 entering the fourth quarter.

Crestwood started the fourth on an 11-4 run capped off by a 3-pointer from Richardson to cut the Bruins’ lead to 45-43 with 4:07 to go in the game.

However, the Bruins would go on a 10-0 run that included eight points from Lee to give Orangeburg-Wilkinson a 55-43 lead with 38 seconds left.

“We have to go back to the drawing board and continue to work hard,” Wilson said.

The loss dropped the Knights to 4-13 on the season and 0-4 in region play. The Bruins improved to 16-4 over-

all and 3-1 in region play. The Crestwood girls had a much more satisfying night, beating the Bruinettes 51-49 in a heart-pounding thriller.

“We were composed and didn’t get down,” Crestwood head coach Larry Crosby said. “The team is starting to gel a little better. That will help us moving forward.”

A’yonna Young led the Lady Knights in scoring with 16, Shania Davis had 10 and Monijah Lewis added eight.

“When we’re listening, good things start taking place,” Crosby said.

D’Mya Tucker led Orangeburg-Wilkinson with 20 points, Deondra Darby had 11 and Brandi Rivers added 10.

The win improved Crestwood’s overall record to 7-10 and its Region IV-4A record to 2-2. The Bruinettes fell to 11-7 overall and 2-2 in region play.

Crestwood will travel to The Swamp on Tuesday to take on Lakewood.

“That’s a big Sumter County rivalry right there,” Crosby said of the matchup.

“We have to rebound, compete, play quality basketball and cut mistakes,” Wilson said of what Crestwood has to do to be successful against the Lakewood boys.

PREP SCHEDULE

MONDAY
Varsity Basketball
Lakewood vs. Wilson in MLK Bash (at Eau Claire in Columbia) (Boys Only), 1:30 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
Chesterfield at Lee Central, 6 p.m. East Clarendon at Carvers Bay, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY
Varsity Basketball
Sumter at Irmo, 6 p.m. Crestwood at Lakewood, 6 p.m. Lee Central at Chesterfield, 6 p.m. Carvers Bay at East Clarendon, 6 p.m.
Varsity and JV Basketball
Manning at Academic Magnet, 4 p.m. C.E. Murray at Scott’s Branch, 4 p.m. Christian Academy at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m. St. John’s Christian at Clarendon Hall (No JV Girls), 5 p.m. Williamsburg at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
Sandhills Christian at Sumter Christian (Boys Only), 5 p.m.
B Team Basketball
St. John’s Christian at Clarendon Hall (Girls Only), 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Varsity and JV Basketball
Wilson Hall at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Basketball
Irmo at Sumter, 6 p.m. Lakewood at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
B Team Basketball
Irmo at Sumter (Boys Only), 5 p.m. Wilson Hall at Trinity-Byrnes, 5 p.m.
Middle School Basketball
Furman at Alice Drive, 5 p.m. Manning at Bates, 5 p.m. Chestnut Oaks at R.E. Davis, 5 p.m. Hillcrest at Ebenezer, 5 p.m. Johnakin at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Bowling
Wilson Hall, Laurence Manning vs. Cardinal Newman (at Gamecock Lanes), 5 p.m.

Varsity Wrestling
Colleton County at Sumter, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
Varsity and JV Basketball
Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry (No JV Girls), 5 p.m. Pee Dee at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Basketball
Sumter at Lugoff-Elgin (Girls Only), 6 p.m. A.C. Flora at Crestwood, 6 p.m. Lakewood at Orangeburg-Wilkinson, 6 p.m.

B Team Basketball
Sumter at Lugoff-Elgin (Boys Only), 7 p.m. Laurence Manning at Trinity-Byrnes, 5 p.m. Clarendon Hall at Patrick Henry

(Girls Only), 4 p.m.
Middle School Basketball
Alice Drive at Ebenezer, 5 p.m. Bates at R.E. Davis, 5 p.m. Chestnut oaks at Manning, 5 p.m. Hillcrest at Furman, 5 p.m. Hannah-Pamplico at Lee Central, 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Varsity Basketball
Lugoff-Elgin at Sumter, 6 p.m. Crestwood at A.C. Flora, 6 p.m. Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Lakewood, 6 p.m.

Varsity and JV Basketball
Manning at Georgetown, 4 p.m. East Clarendon at Hannah-Pamplico (No JV Girls), 5 p.m. Orangeburg Prep at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m. Laurence Manning at Trinity-Byrnes, 4 p.m. Marlboro Academy at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m. Thomas Sumter at Northside Christian (No Varsity Girls), 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Basketball
Sumter Christian at Orangeburg Christian (Boys Only), 6 p.m.

B Team Basketball
Orangeburg Prep at Wilson Hall, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY
Junior Varsity Basketball
Sumter JV, Sumter B in Sumter Boys Tournament, TBA

SATURDAY PUZZLES

THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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 - 33 Washington team
 - 34 Goat-man of myth
 - 35 Rocks below bridges?
 - 38 Cabinet member under Dubya
 - 39 See 43-Across
 - 40 "Clown Prince of Hip-hop" Biz
 - 41 Boards around the house
 - 42 Rocky Mountain rodents
 - 43 With 39-Across, "Listen up, lads"
 - 44 Ones sniffing out trouble
 - 46 Reactor meltdown site
 - 47 Old cooking show with a Creole theme
 - 48 Outcomes
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 - 21 Johnnycakes
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 - 25 Impromptu competition
 - 27 Golfer's yardage book data
 - 29 Bar food
 - 30 "There's no doubt about this"
 - 31 Hearing-related
 - 32 River to the Black Sea
 - 33 "Why, sure!"
 - 34 Conventional writing method
 - 35 "Uh-uh"
 - 36 "Little House" antagonist Nellie
 - 37 Digital camera insert, briefly
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Previous Puzzle Solved

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

Barons outlast Florence Christian 37-33; Gators beat Dreher 65-47

FLORENCE — Wilson Hall’s varsity boys basketball team picked up its first victory in SCISA Region II-3A with a 37-33 win over Florence Christian School on Friday at the FCS gymnasium.

Chandler Scott led the Barons, 5-8 on the season and 1-2 in region play, with 16 points. Grant DeVarona had nine points, and Grey Holler grabbed 12 rebounds.

LAKEWOOD 65
DREHER 47

COLUMBIA — Lakewood High School picked up its first Region IV-4A win with a 65-47 triumph over Dreher on Friday at the DHS gymnasium.

The Gators, 7-10 overall and 1-3 in region play, were led in scoring by Quentin Hodge and Juwan Perdue with 20 points apiece.

Lakewood plays Wilson on Monday in the MLK Bash at Eau Claire High School in Columbia beginning at 1:30 p.m.

CENTRAL 62
LEE CENTRAL 54

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School suffered its first loss in Region IV-2A, falling to Central 62-54 on Friday at the LCHS gymnasium.

Javonte McCloud led the Stallions, 13-overall and 6-1 in region play, with 19 points. LeBron Thomas had 17 points and DaVeon Thomas had nine.

LAURENCE MANNING 57
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 52

LEXINGTON — Laurence Manning Academy improved to 7-10 with a 57-52 win over Northside Christian School on Friday at the NCS gymnasium.

Umar Lawson led the Swampcats with 21 points. Chase Lee added 17.

THOMAS SUMTER 53

CALHOUN 40

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy picked up its first SCISA Region II-2A on Friday with a 53-40 triumph over Calhoun Academy at Edens Gymnasium.

Mason Warren led TSA, which is 5-8 overall and 1-2 in region play, with 17 points. Cameron Dixon and Tyler Millwood both had double-doubles. Dixon had 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Millwood had 11 points and 16 boards.

DREHER 63
CRESTWOOD 51

COLUMBIA — Crestwood High School lost to Dreher 63-51 on Tuesday at the Dreher gymnasium.

KJ Richardson led the Knights with 10 points.

MULLINS 54
EAST CLARENDON 52

MULLINS — East Clarendon high School outscored Mullins 26-13 in the fourth quarter but still fell short in a 54-52 loss on Friday at the MHS gymnasium.

Tyjahai Calvin led the Wolverines with 17 points. Marquis Pearson added 14, and Jalen Bryant had 11.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

BATES 48
ALICE DRIVE 45

Bates Middle School remained undefeated with a 48-45 win over Alice Drive on Thursday at the Bates gymnasium.

Nate Butler led the 10-0 Bantams with 14 points. Corean Nelson added 13 points, Zyeir Gamble had eight points and seven rebounds, and Matthew Rogers had six rebounds and five points.

Marquis Lane-Owens led the 8-2 Hawks with 17 points and nine re-

bounds. Brandon Oliver had 12 points, while Quantez Jenkins had 11 points and nine rebounds. Keon Jett and Amarion Smith both had four steals.

MANNING 64
FURMAN 55

Justin Daniel scored 23 points to lead Manning Junior High

School to a 64-55 win over Furman on Thursday at the FMS gymnasium.

Jeh’Qwaun Hilton added 16 for the 7-3 Monarchs, while Ernie Calloway had 13.

CHESTNUT OAKS 57
HILLCREST 7

Quamir Stovall scored 19 points to lead Chestnut Oaks Middle School to a 57-7 win over Hillcrest on Thursday at the COMS gymnasium.

Tykeem Johnson added nine points and five steals for the Falcons.

JV BASKETBALL

ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON 36
CRESTWOOD 24

ORANGEBURG — Crestwood High School lost to Orangeburg-Wilkinson 36-24 on Thursday at the O-W gymnasium.

Adam Pollard led the Knights with 10 points.

THOMAS SUMTER 32
CALHOUN 28

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy defeated Calhoun Academy 32-28 on Friday at Edens Gymnasium.

Brandon Burns led TSA with eight points.

LEE CENTRAL 46
CENTRAL 34

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School improved to 7-4 with a 46-34 victory over Central on Friday at the

LCHS gymnasium.

Rylik Slater led the Stallions with 14 points. Javontae Price had a double-double of 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Samaki Hickman had seven points.

WILSON HALL 41
FLORENCE CHRISTIAN 20

FLORENCE — Wilson Hall improved to 8-3 with a 41-20 win over Florence Christian School on Friday at the FCS gymnasium.

Jackson Duvall led the Barons with 13 points, while Wade Payne had 11.

B TEAM BASKETBALL

SUMTER 51
ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON 36

ORANGEBURG — Sumter High School improved to 3-3 with a 51-36 win over Orangeburg-Wilkinson on Wednesday at the O-W gymnasium.

Ny’Keem Isaac led the Gamecocks with 14 points and eight rebounds. Joseph Durant had 12 points and seven assists, Malik McKenzie had seven points and seven rebounds, and Jabari Tiller and Sincere Pearson had five points apiece.

WILSON HALL 47
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 21

LEXINGTON — Wilson Hall improved to 9-4 with a 47-21 victory over Northside Christian School on Thursday at the NCS gymnasium.

Clark Kinney led the Barons with nine points and 10 rebounds. Shawn Matthews added eight points, while Dylan Richardson and John Osteen both had seven points.

Blake Van Patten had six points and Tucker Burnette grabbed six rebounds.

From staff reports

MANNING

FROM PAGE B1

The first period went back and forth, with two ties and four lead changes, before Bishop England took a 9-8 lead on a free-throw line jumper from Josie Dennis with 59 seconds to go in the frame. That basket would mark the beginning of a 13-4 run for the Lady Bishops, who would carry a 22-14 lead into the break.

Manning’s offensive struggles were only accentuated in the third quarter as the Lady Monarchs connected on just two of their 12 shots, with all but one coming from deep. The one time that Manning was able to work it into the low post, Ariyonia Busby’s shot would not fall as Bishop England stretched its lead to 19, 39-20, heading into the final quarter.

In boys play, Israel Brown provided nearly half of Manning’s offense, finishing his night with 32 points, eight steals, five rebounds and two assists. Brown was at his most lethal in the third quarter, scoring 14 points that included a 3-pointer to open the quarter’s scoring and a traditional 3-point play late in the quarter.

Graham more than did his part to support Brown’s effort, closing with 17 points, 11 rebounds five assists and three steals for the Monarchs, who moved to 16-2 overall and 4-1 in region play.

The Bishops entered the night with more losses — seven — than all three other teams combined, but hung around and gave Manning a scare late before finally succumbing. The Monarchs led 35-22 at the half and 51-35 heading into the final quarter before Bishop England began to slowly chip away.

The Manning lead was still 16, 58-42, after an Xavier Hicks layup with 3:07 to go, but the Monarchs then hit a nearly 2-minute dry spell. The Bishops took advantage, going on a 9-0 run to trim the lead to seven, 58-51, on a low-post basket from Will Daniel off a steal with 1:27 on the clock.

Brown hit two free throws to break Manning’s scoreless skid at the 1:20 mark but a Ty Schaafsma trey pulled Bishop England within six with 1:07 on the clock. That would prove to be the last points of the night for the visitors as the home team sealed the win with Graham and Brown connecting on a combined 3-of-5 free throws and Graham adding a late layup to take the final margin back to double digits.

Schaafsma scored 16 and Patrick Antonelli added 15 for the Bishops, who drop to 11-8 and 3-2.



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Manning’s Ariyonia Busby (25) tries to put up a shot between a pair of Bishop England defenders during the Lady Monarchs’ 50-30 loss in the matchup between the state’s top 2 teams in 3A on Friday at John Franklin Thames Arena in Manning.

SHS FROM PAGE B1

“They turned up the pressure on us, playing tough man-to-man (defense),” Sumter head coach Jeff Schaffer said. “We just didn’t respond well at that point.”

Spring Valley improved to 17-2 on the season and 3-0 in region play. Sumter dropped to 16-2 and 2-1.

After the Lady Gamecocks cut the lead to 40-37, Lauryn Taylor hit a layup in the low post for Spring Valley. Ashley Williams got a layup on a fast break to make it 44-37 with 7:03 left in the game.

Wells scored to break the mini-run, but Taylor Britt hit a shot and Williams added two more to make it 50-39 with 5:32 to go.

The Lady Gamecocks got the deficit down to single digits one final time, but SV ran off nine straight points to go up 59-41.

“We knew coming in that it was going to be a struggle for us,” Schaffer said.

“They’re a very good team with a lot of experience. We’re still a young team with a lot of sophomores and juniors.

“We need to take and learn from this,” he added. “This has allowed us to see where we stand, and see what we need to do to get better.”

The Lady Vikings got out to a 7-0 lead, but Layken Cox’s five points and a 3-point shot from Temerah Brown made it 9-8. Spring Valley led 15-10 after one quarter.

Brown drilled two more treys to start the second quarter, putting Sumter up 16-15, its only lead of the night. The Lady Vikings ran off eight straight to go up 23-16, but the Lady Gamecocks rallied once more. A 3 from Ki’Ari Cain tied the game at 26-26, but Spring Valley scored the final four points for a 30-26 advantage.

SV played zone most of the first half, but switched to man to start the second half to counter Sumter’s outside shooting. After hitting five 3-pointers in the first half, the Lady Gamecocks only attempted two 3s in the second half.

“We switched (to man defense) because (Brown) hit four 3-pointers in the first half,” said Spring Valley head coach Megan Assey. “We did a good job of getting out on them.”

Brown led Sumter in scoring with 12, all of them in the first half.

“She got a little frustrated when they switched to man,” Schaffer said. “We just need to take what we learned from this and get to work on Monday.”

Taylor Lewis led Spring Valley with 20 points. Williams had 15, and Britt had 10.

The boys game followed much the same pattern as the girls contest. Sumter rallied from a 7-point halftime deficit to tie the game only to see it get away in quick manner in a 63-48 loss.

Spring Valley, which improved to 11-7 overall and 3-0 in region play, led 25-18 at halftime. The Gamecocks got back into the contest with a pair of treys from Omar Croskey and another from Cody McCoy, tying the game at 32-32.

The Vikings responded with a trey from Ja’len Roberson to make it 35-32.

Gamecock head coach Shawn Jones was hit up with a technical foul for arguing a call, and Joshua Felder hit both of the free throws. SV retained possession and Felder drained another trey to make it 40-32.

Spring Valley would go on to score the final four points of the third quarter and the first four of the final stanza — the first one coming on a free throw after Jones received another technical leading to his ejection — for a 48-32 lead.

“That really did turn the game,” Jones said. “That’s my fault, that’s on me. I didn’t think I did anything (to warrant the technical). I was just frustrated with how we had played in the first half”

Sumter, which fell to 9-10 overall and 1-2 in region play, made one final charge. It cut the lead to 56-46 with three minutes left, but a final trey secured the win for Spring Valley.

Omar Croskey and Jalen Johnson both scored 14 points to lead Sumter. Felder led Spring Valley with 23, while Roberson had 18 and Nicolas Doctor 10.

TD CLUB FROM PAGE B1

The touchdown club honored its four players of the year, three of them coming from Sumter High School and another from Wilson Hall.

Gamecock running back Jonathan Henry is the offensive player, linebacker Donte’ Coleman the defensive player and offensive tackle Tayvian Gass the offensive lineman. Wilson Hall placekicker/punter Mills Herlong is the special teams player.

The club also honored the 50 players who made up The Sumter Item All-Area and All-Independent teams for their performances on the field.

Off the field, the club handed out Merit Scholarships for the fourth straight year. After increasing the total from five to seven last year, the club handed out 10 scholarships of \$500 apiece on Thursday to student-athletes selected by the board based on nomina-

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tions by the head coaches of the 17 schools that participate in the club.

“We’re very proud that the club has been able to grow into a scholarship organization,” said board member Lee Glaze, pointing out that a dramatic increase in sponsors allowed the increase in scholarships. “We hope we’ll be able to continue to grow

that number.”

Those receiving the scholarships were A’monte Brown of Scott’s Branch, Zeke Workman of Crestwood, Mason Warren of Thomas Sumter Academy, Abraham Temoney of Sumter, Jack Owens of Manning, Brewer Brunson of Laurence Manning Academy, Hunter McGee of Robert E. Lee, Chris Livingston of Manning, Kevin Carson of Lakewood and Wilson Hall’s Herlong.

The club also honored 13 scholar athletes. They were

Christian Oliver of Scott’s Branch, LMA’s Brunson, Williamsburg Academy’s Palmer Richburg, Lakewood’s Carson, Kade Elliott of Clarendon Hall, Wilson Hall’s Mitchell Matthew, Sumter’s Temoney, Crestwood’s Workman, REL’s McGee, DeAblo Halley of Lee Central, TSA’s Ethan Lisenby. Manning’s Owens and David Covert of C.E. Murray.

Sumter’s Brian Jackson was selected as the assistant coach of the year.

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

Cooper pours in 37 as Lady Wolverines edge No. 3 Mullins 58-56

MULLINS — Talaysia Cooper had a double-double of 37 points and 14 rebounds to lead No. 2 East Clarendon past No. 3 Mullins 58-56 on Friday at the MHS gymnasium.

The Lady Wolverines outscored Mullins 24-10 in the fourth quarter to pick up the win.

FLORENCE CHRISTIAN 37
WILSON HALL 27

FLORENCE — Wilson Hall suffered its first loss in SCISA Region II-3A, falling to Florence Christian School 37-27 at the FCS gymnasium.

Wilson Hall led 11-6 after on quarter, but Florence Christian led 18-17 at halftime. The Lady Eagles led 29-24 after three quarters.

Sydney Jarecki led the Lady Barons, 13-2 overall and 2-1 in region play, with seven points. Haley Roone McCaffrey had six points and Cameron Duffy had five.

SCOTT'S BRANCH 79
BETHUNE-BOWMAN 21

BOWMAN — Cambria Parker scored 29 points to lead Scott's Branch High School to a 79-21 win over Bethune-Bowman on Friday at the B-B gymnasium.

Teja Madison had a double-double of 15 points and steals to go with five assists. Tonia Lawson had 14 points and five steals, while Mary Wimberly had seven points, 10 rebounds and four steals.

LEE CENTRAL 59
CENTRAL 10

BISHOPVILLE — Lee Central High School improved to 6-1 in Region IV-2A with a 59-10 win over Central on Friday at the LCHS gymnasium.

Robionne Myers led the Lady Stalions, 12-7 overall, with 12 points. Kendra Lesane added 10, while A'Yanah Lucas, Tashanna Harris and Jada Rogers each had eight.

THOMAS SUMTER 47
CALHOUN 29

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy improved to 3-0 in SCISA Region II-2A with a 47-29 win over Calhoun Academy on Friday at Edens Gymnasium.

The Lady Generals 6-7 overall and 3-0 in the region, were led by Aubrey Stoddard with 15 points. Lindsay Daniel added 12 points, Karleigh Young had 10 and Sydney Daniel had eight.

LAKEWOOD 46
DREHER 42

COLUMBIA — Lakewood High School picked up its first win in Region IV-4A with a 46-42 win over Dreher on Friday at the DHS gymnasium.

Lashala Harvin led the Lady Gators, 7-9 overall and 1-3 in region play, with 19 points. Steyve Sinkler added 14, and Rahteisha Burgess had six.

ROBERT E. LEE 52
DILLON CHRISTIAN 45

DILLON — Caleigh Barrett had a double-double to lead Robert E. Lee Academy to a 52-45 win over Dillon Christian School on Friday at the DCS gymnasium.

Barrett scored a game high 20 points and grabbed 17 rebounds to lead REL, which is 11-4 overall and 3-3 in SCISA Region IV-2A. Rebecca Dinkins had 18 points, seven rebounds, five steals and six blocked shots.

Carson Shannon grabbed 21 re-

bounds, and MJ Logan had 15 rebounds.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

HILLCREST 36
CHESTNUT OAKS 33

Hillcrest Middle School improved to 8-2 with a 36-33 win over Chestnut Oaks on Thursday at the COMS gymnasium.

Teniya Morant led the Lady Wildcats with 18 points. Ollaysia Williams had 15 points.

R.E. DAVIS 49
EBENEZER 23

Tashianna Farmer scored 28 points to lead R.E. Davis to a 49-23 victory over Ebenezer on Thursday at the EMS gymnasium.

Farmer also had six steals and grabbed six rebounds for the 7-3 Lady Vikings. Liliana Ignacio added 12 points.

BATES 30
ALICE DRIVE 20

Bates Middle School improved to 9-1 with a 30-20 win over Alice Drive on Thursday at the Bates gymnasium.

Keziyah Sanders and Dalaisha Brunson both had eight points for the Lady Bantams. Brunson also grabbed seven rebounds, while Kharya Reed had five points and six rebounds.

MANNING 38
FURMAN 18

Taylor Gourdine scored 19 points to lead Manning Junior High School to a 38-18 win over Furman on Thursday at the FMS gymnasium.

Simaya Witherspoon added 12 points for the Lady Monarchs.

LEE CENTRAL 36

SPAULDING 23

LAMAR — Lee Central Middle School defeated Spaulding 36-23 on Thursday at the SMS gymnasium.

Kamonie Charles led the Lady Stalions with 15 points. Sha'niah Thomas added eight.

JV BASKETBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 27
NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN 23

LEXINGTON — Laurence Manning Academy defeated Northside Christian School 27-23 on Friday at the NCS gymnasium.

Bryce Erickson led LMA with 11 points. Paisley Anderson added seven points, and Madison Truett had five.

THOMAS SUMTER 27
CALHOUN 16

DALZELL — Savanna Price had a double-double to lead Thomas Sumter Academy to a 27-16 win over Calhoun Academy on Friday at Edens Gymnasium.

Price scored 10 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Leah Stokes grabbed eight rebounds and scored four points, while Riley Hyder had five points.

WILSON HALL 30
FLORENCE CHRISTIAN 27

FLORENCE — Wilson Hall improved to 9-2 with a 30-27 victory over Florence Christian School on Friday at the FCS gymnasium.

Gracyn Coker led the Lady Barons with 11 points. Andi Grae Wingate added seven points, including hitting two free throws with three seconds remaining in the game to seal the win.

From staff reports

OBITUARIES

ESTHER B. THOMAS

MANNING — Esther Barwick Thomas, 81, widow of Henry Louis “H.L.” Thomas Sr., died Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at her home.

Born Aug. 14, 1937, in Manning, she was a daughter of the late Charlie Levi Barwick and the late Alice Logan Barwick.

She attended Trinity United Methodist Church in Alcolu.

She is survived by two daughters, Marie Bollinger of Longs and Marsha Carter (Bob) of Manning; a son, Tiger Thomas (Laura) of Alcolu; four grandchildren, Reece and Carson Thomas, R.H. Carter and Erin Carter Oliver (Patrick); a great grandson, Casen Carter; a special sister, Pat Powell of Florence; and many nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. today at Trinity Cemetery in Alcolu with the Revs. David Richardson and Mark Evans officiating.

Visitation will be held from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to graveside service at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 6245 Juneburn Road, Manning.

Memorials may be made to Amedisys Hospice Care of Sumter, www.amedisys.com.

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

ALMENA L. RICHARDSON

Almena Leaf Richardson, 96, widow of Albertus Richardson, died on Monday, Jan. 14, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

Born in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late Harrison Sr. and Lou Ida Singletary Leaf.

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



ADA MAE LAWSON HALL

Ada Mae Lawson Hall, 73, died on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

Born on Oct. 13, 1945, in Lee County, she was a daughter of the late Moses and Carrie Cook Lawson. She was married to Curtis Hall. She received her education in the public schools of Lee County.

She attended many churches around the Sumter community. She was an amazing cook and enjoyed serving her family and friends. She loved Chuck Norris and all of his movies and television shows. She also loved all of her soap operas, namely the “Days of our Lives.”

She leaves to cherish her memories: three children, Rosa Mae Lawson, Willie James Lawson and Betty Jean Hall, all of Sumter; nine grandchildren, six of whom were reared in the home, Claretta (Jamar) Snow of Moncks Corners, Lorraine Lawson of Goose Creek, Marquetta Lawson of Dalzell, Willie Lawson, Terrence Lawson, Samantha Lawson, Tekemo Wilson, Nicholas Brown and Tianna Rhodes, all of Sumter; six sisters, Almena Woods of Mayesville, Elizabeth (Theodore) Sharper, Betty Jean Lawson, Elouise Lawson, Marguerite (John) Sumter and Patricia Lawson, all of Sumter; two sisters-in-law, Mary Lee Lawson of Mayesville and Lillie Mae Lawson of Sumter; one aunt, Dorothy Epps of Sumter; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 1030 Acres Ave., Sumter.

Celebration of Life services will be held at 2 p.m. today at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, 126 E. Sumter St., Mayesville, with the Rev. Eugene Myers Jr., pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 1 p.m.

The procession will leave at 1:20 p.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Mayesville Cemetery, Mayesville.

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.

ROBERT LELAND SANDY

BETHUNE — Robert Leland Sandy, age 80, died on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

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

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



ELIJAH PRINGLE

Elijah Pringle, 94, widower of Rosa May Bracey Pringle, died on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

Born on Aug. 7, 1924, in Sumter County, he was a son of Elijah Pringle Sr. and Alice Frances Pringle.

The family will receive relatives and friends at the home, 710 Simmons Road.

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

JOHN COOK JR.

Mr. John Cook Jr., 65, died, Jan. 18, 2019, at Providence Hospital Columbia. Born in Lee County on July 21, 1953, he was the son of the late John and Phyllis Cook.

The family will receive relatives and friends at 3150 Spring Hill Road, Dalzell.

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

ERIC LAMONT SPANN

Eric Lamont Spann, 42, died on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

Born on Aug. 9, 1976, in Sumter County, he was a son of Harry Spann and Juanita Brown Rouse.

The family will receive relatives and friends at 14 W. Williams St. and 2476 Lisbon Drive.

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

LOUISE FLEMING MACK

Louise Fleming Mack, 98, widow of Henry Mack, departed this life on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2019, at Sumter Health & Rehab Center.

She was born on June 4, 1920, in Sumter, a daughter of the late Henry and Frannie Fleming.

The family will receive friends at the home of her grandson, 4965 Trinity Road, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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

EVA MAE LAWSON

Eva Mae Lawson, 87, widow of Charlie Lawson Sr., departed this life on Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey.

She was born on Jan. 30, 1931, in Sumter County, a daughter of the late George and Mattie W. Jackson.

The family will receive friends at the home of her daughter, 10 Van Buren St., Sumter, SC 29150.

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

GERALDINE D. WEATHERS

Geraldine Deloris Harris Weathers, 67, daughter of the late Frank and Fannie Mae Stavits Harris, was born on Oct. 17, 1951, in Rembert. Her earthly journey came to an end on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2019, at her home surrounded by family and loved ones. She was educated in the public schools of Sumter County. In 1970, she received her high school diploma from Ebenezer High School.

Geraldine professed her faith in Jesus Christ and joined Greater Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, where she was a loyal and faithful member for 26 years. She dutifully served in many capacities, including the Missionary Society, Pastor's Aide, Hospitality Ministry and Culinary Ministry.

Geraldine's passion was taking care of people and she did so for 27 years as a Certified Nursing Assistant. Until her health started to fail she was employed with Believe in Faith Home Care for three years. She also worked for National Health Care, Lake Marion, and Mariner & Martin's Run.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her children, one daughter, Latanya Weathers of Wilmington, Delaware; two sons, Robert (Yolanda) Weathers Jr. and Jerry (Nicole) Weathers, both of Sumter; three sisters, Ethel (Simon) Major and Elizabeth English, both of Sumter, and Carolyn Ritter of Brooklyn, New York; two brothers, Frankie Harris of Washington, D.C., and John Harris of Rembert; her grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 6300 Dinkins Mill Road, Rembert.

Funeral services will be held Monday at 11 a.m. from the Greater Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, 515 N. Main St., Sumter, with Bishop Marvin Hodge Sr., pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

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

Burial will be in the Greater Mount Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery, Rembert.

Services directed by The Management and Staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821

N. Main St., Sumter. Online messages may be sent to the family at williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com. Visit us on the web — www.WilliamsFuneralHomeInc.com.

MITCHELL L. BOYKIN

DALZELL — Mitchell L. Boykin entered into his peaceful rest on Jan. 15, 2019.

Born in 1946, he was a son of the late Willis LeRoy Boykin and the late Vida Ree Davis Boykin.

Mitchell loved the Lord and talked and prayed to Him often. He rejoiced in the life the Lord gave him on this Earth and shared the Lord's love with everyone he knew. Mitchell would like to plant two seeds for the Lord he loved and in remembrance of those he left behind, Matthew 5:16 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Mitchell's wishes were to be cremated with no funeral or memorial service to be held. He asks for your understanding at this time through your love for him and for the Lord.

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

TONY E. SMITH

MANNING — Tony Everette Smith, 40, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence. He was born Sept. 18, 1978, in Manning, a son of the late Anthony Smith and Mildred Miller Smith.

The family is receiving friends noon until 6 p.m. daily at his residence, 2862 Bradham Road, Manning.

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

WILLIE CLARK

Mr. Willie Clark passed away on Jan. 15, 2019, at Carolina Pines Medical Center.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Monday at St. Mark Pentecostal Church in Lamar. Interment will follow in the Plaza Memorial Gardens in Lamar.

The public may view today from 2 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Professional and courteous services provided by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

CURTIS 'BIG JIM' CONYERS

MANNING -- Curtis “Big Jim” Conyers, 67, died Friday, Jan. 18, 2019, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning. He was born May 25, 1951, in Manning, a son of the late Jack Conyers and Camilla Spann Conyers.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his niece, Kimberly Watson, 6819 Silver Road, Manning.

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

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South Carolina turkey season proposal

In a recent article, I speculated that the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources would propose to the state Legislature a statewide opening date of April 1 for the wild turkey season. Actually, it’s worse than I thought.

Prior to 2015, the turkey season in 12 Lowcountry counties began on March 15 and ended on May 1. The rest of the state opened April 1 and ended May 1. This split season recognized seasonal differences between the Lowcountry and the Upstate and was in place for 40 years. Act 41 was passed by the General Assembly in 2015. It temporarily set the wild turkey hunting season from March 20 to May 5 statewide in an effort to standardize regulations. It also reduced the bag limit from five gobblers to three. The act required SCDNR to conduct research and issue recommendations for seasons and bag limits after three years. A subsequent act extended Act 41 an additional year.

SCDNR has proposed to the state Legislature a new statewide opening date of April 10 for the wild turkey season, with the season extending to May 15. The proposal is outlined in a SCDNR report dated Nov. 1, 2018.

The report, mandated by the Legislature, is 28 pages long and is filled with technical language, graphs and charts. Hunter harvest surveys, summer production surveys and a gobbling chronology and nesting study are cited. It makes many debatable

conclusions based on nothing more than supposition. The DNR report has placed blame on the Act 41 season adjustments for causing an increased harvest in a slightly decreasing turkey population. The report goes on to cite early season harvest of dominant gobblers and hunting-related activities as other limiting factors. Things that didn’t seem to be a factor in the 40 years prior to Act 41. The department’s report

also states that causes in wild turkey declines may include changes in habitat, forestry practices and predation, but the only factor that can be managed is hunter harvest activities. So, the only result is a reduced hunting opportunity?

The report states that an April 10 opening date is an average of 15 Southeastern states but doesn’t name those states. The internet only recognizes 12 Southeastern states to include Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Kentucky borders the Ohio River, Tennessee extends beyond the Appalachian Mountains, and Arkansas is west of the Mississippi River and is in another time zone. Not good comparisons.

I know that Alabama has a March 15 opening with a five-bird limit, so I went online to look at some other Southern states. Georgia opens turkey season March 23 and ends May 15. That’s more than 50 days. Florida has split seasons that open March 2 and 16. Mississippi opens March 15. Texas opens March 17. I wonder what other states helped to make up the average.

So, why do I have a problem with an April 10 opening

date and a May 15 ending for the South Carolina turkey season? Tradition, yes, that’s a factor. I’ve only been hunting turkeys for 25 years, but a March opening has been a tradition for me and many others. The weather is cool, bugs and snakes aren’t out, and the woods aren’t yet cloaked in green. Nobody wants to hunt later into May.

Hunters don’t care about gobbling frequency or how many days it takes to get a gobbler. We care about the experience and ample opportunity. Don’t take that from us; we’re the ones that support conservation and put dollars in the mix for wildlife. I think that the DNR wants to protect the resource, but at what cost to the hunters of our state? There could be a better balance.

I will offer the following. Keep the current season structure that was passed by Act 41. If a greater reduction in harvest is desired, then limit the daily harvest to one. Limit the county harvest to one, and limit the WMA harvest per unit to one, with a total season limit of three.

Unlike the deer limit bill, the proposed turkey season changes have seen no public scrutiny. There have been no

public meetings, nor meaningful input from hunters, land managers and outfitters. Hunters will not support this proposal as offered, and the DNR knows it.

The Lowcountry will be the biggest loser in this change. It is a destination; hunters travel there to see the region and get an early start on the turkey season. They spend money on gas, food, licenses and are an economic factor in the region. If this proposal becomes law, they will go somewhere else.

There’s one final thing that bothers me more than anything else. A biologist at the DNR told me in a telephone conversation four years ago that the department would recommend a statewide April opening date for turkeys. I knew then that there would be no objectivity in their decision. It seems to me that they had already made up their minds before Act 41 was passed into law, before three years of stabilized regulations and before any surveys and studies were done.

The sportsmen of South Carolina deserve better than that.

Reach Dan Geddings at cdgeddings@gmail.com.

Rare tortoises getting head start at Aiken heritage site

BY DAVID LUCAS
S.C. Department of Natural Resources

Research being conducted at South Carolina Department of Natural Resources’ Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve is a true team effort that will help identify best practices for repopulating this imperiled species — hopefully keeping it from reaching “threatened” status here in South Carolina.

The first thing I learned on a recent visit to the preserve to photograph a group of juvenile gopher tortoises being released into a 2.5-acre “pen” is that 2-year-old gopher tortoises reared in captivity are roughly the size of small grapefruits — that is, if the grapefruits were smashed a little flattish (and had cute, charismatic heads and small, scaly feet poking out of them). The 1-year-olds are more tennis-ball-sized (or I guess avocado-sized, to keep the fruits and veggies metaphor going).

That’s somewhat larger than their similar-aged counterparts would be in the wild, and the scientists working to repopulate this species at the preserve are hopeful that the “head start” provided to captive-reared tortoises will make a difference in their chances of long-term survival. Gopher tortoises are listed as a state-endangered species in South Carolina and are also candidates for federal listing under the Endangered Species Act.

PARTNERSHIPS A KEY TO SUCCESS

Bringing a viable population of tortoises back to the preserve is a long-term joint project for SCDNR and for



This tortoise was one of a group of tortoises reared at the University of Georgia’s Savannah River Ecology Lab from eggs collected at the SCDNR’s Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve.

the University of Georgia’s Savannah River Ecology Lab, where researchers have been studying these critters at the preserve and other sites within their historic range for more than a decade. More recently, their efforts have been bolstered by partnerships with Columbia’s Riverbanks Zoo and by financial support from the nonprofit The Longleaf Alliance. The hatchlings are the offspring of “waif” tortoises rescued and translocated from other states such as Florida. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has provided significant funding for activities to restore gopher tortoises at the preserve since the beginning of the project. Funding from the USFWS, Riverbanks Zoo and the Animal Welfare Institute has allowed partners to begin to evaluate the success of restoration efforts, and a recent grant award from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to The Longleaf Alliance, made

through its Forestland Stewards partnership with International Paper, will help to increase the lab’s capacity to provide even more head-started tortoises for release into the wild. American Forests also recently provided some funding to support this project. This growing group of agencies is working together to conserve this imperiled species in South Carolina.

Gopher tortoises require a very particular type of habitat (fire-adapted longleaf pine sandhills), and the disappearance of much of that landscape in the southeastern portion of the Palmetto State because of development, timbering and agriculture is why, by the late 20th century, these once fairly common critters had begun to disappear from the landscape.

So, step one in rebuilding a sustainable gopher tortoise population is restoring the appropriate habitat. That’s exactly what SCDNR has been engaged in over the last decade at the preserve, gradually bringing back the landscape on 1,400-odd acres to a long-leaf pine and wiregrass-dominated ecosystem using prescribed burning and other strategies.

Outside the confines of rearing facilities like the ones at the lab and Riverbanks — where the routine includes optimal nutrition delivered daily and zero predators — life for small tortoise hatchlings is fraught with peril, says lab Senior Research Associate Kurt Buhlmann.

“These things are snacks for everything,” he explains. “Maybe you’re lucky if two out of 10 survive the first year, and remember, these guys have to survive for 15-20 years to produce

their first clutch of eggs if they’re a female.”

Those are pretty daunting odds, but upon reaching sexual maturity, a female tortoise may produce up to 400 eggs (as many as 10 per year) over her lifespan. So, if just two or three of those 400 hatchlings make it to maturity, that’s enough to keep a population stable. With the headstarted tortoises, survival rates after that first year are more like 75 percent, Buhlmann said. And by closely monitoring the tortoises released on the preserve, scientists hope to refine post-release strategies and protocols that will increase those odds even more over time.

Today’s group of head-started tortoises are released into a 2.5-acre “pen” (just a low wall made of thin sheet metal, but it’s enough to keep them from wandering very far) on a portion of the preserve with great habitat that is pockmarked with tortoise burrows. This technique, developed by the lab’s researchers, has proven to be effective for developing “site fidelity.” Eventually, the walls will come down, but the hope is that by that time the tortoises will have adapted to their new habitat and developed social groups with other nearby tortoises that will last throughout their lifespans.

Needless to say, there’s a lot more to this project than just releasing the tortoises and waiting to see what happens. Each released tortoise — whether within the confines of the pen or outside it — is marked with a unique identifier, and the GPS coordinates where each is released are carefully recorded. These initial data points will form the baseline record for what will be years of intensive monitoring and data collection.

Some of the tortoises are equipped with radio tracking devices that allow technicians to find them using radio telemetry and download detailed data about their movements. Data is collected on a weekly basis during the warmer months, when they are most active, and every two weeks when they are hunkered down for the winter, said SCDNR Herpetologist Andrew Grosse, who recently inherited the project from former project coordinator Will Dillman, now SCDNR’s assistant chief of wildlife.

“We’re really interested in where they are moving and how far are they moving,” Grosse said, “and more specifically, what habitats they are using and how well are they able to survive.”

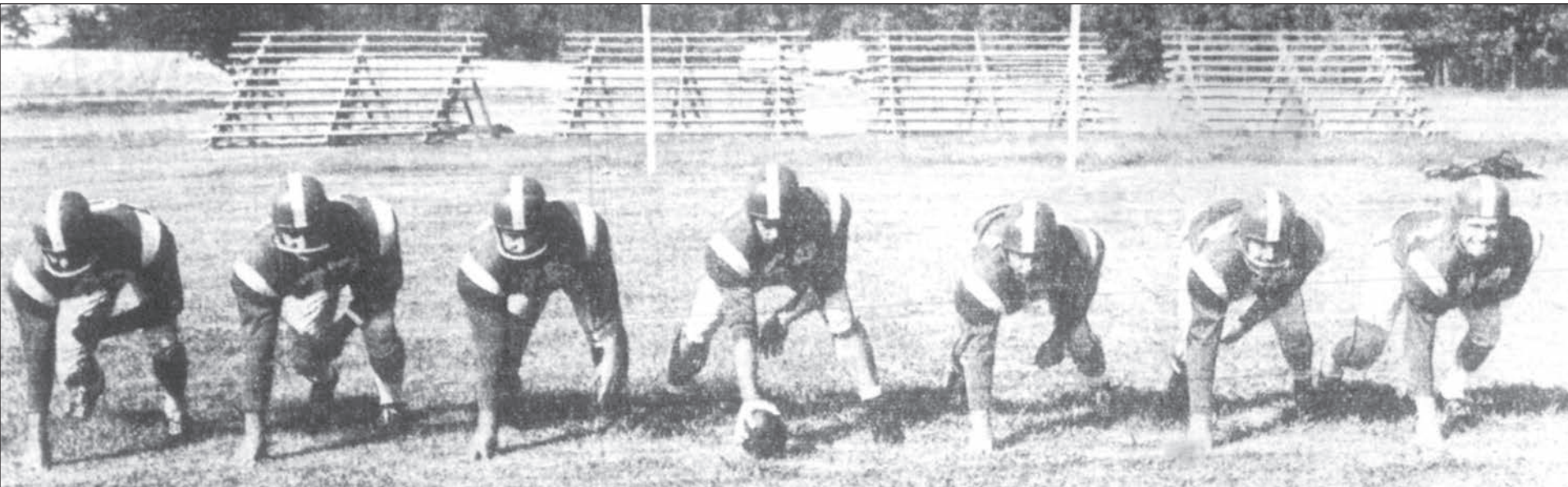
The eventual goal for Aiken Gopher Tortoise Heritage Preserve is at least 250 animals released, the number that scientists working on the project feel will make for a viable, self-sustaining population on the property, but what they learn about these new techniques will have a much wider application and could change how these types of re-population projects are approached in the future.

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PART 3 — 1955-1956

Shaw football hits its stride



The starting line from end to end for the Ninth Air Force Commanders was, from left, end Doug Goodsell, tackle Harvey Achziger, tackle Stacey Young, center Pete Brown, guard Carl Weiler, tackle John Gordon and end James Wittlesey. Absent at the time was guard Bobby Burrows.

The Fliers became consistent performers

Because of the volume of material about the Shaw football team in the 1950s, there will now be four parts to this series about the team. The third segment of Shaw’s football expose spans the years of 1955 to 1956. The team had developed



Sammy Way
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into a well-coached, efficient organization and a consistent performer. They battled numerous service league teams for dominance at their level of

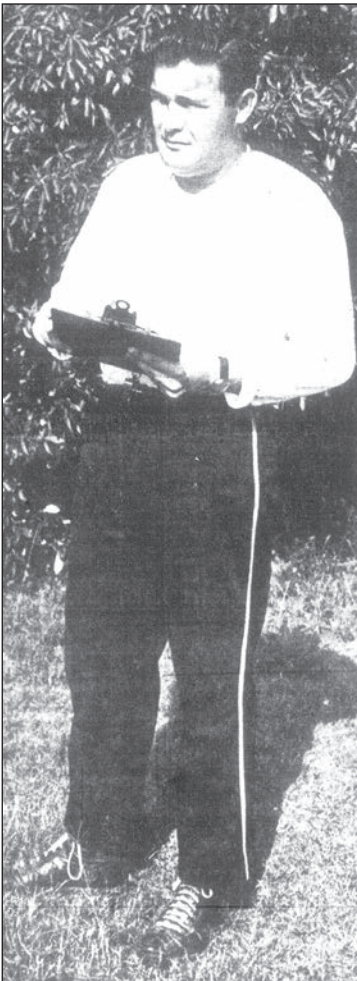
play. 1955 was an exceptional year as Shaw’s consistent performance assured them an opportunity to play in several post-season bowl games. In addition to improved play, the team encouraged fans to select a new name for the organization.

At the midpoint in the 1955 season, Shaw’s team boasted a 3-1 record with its next game scheduled against a powerful Fort Benning Army team. The Fliers featured Jerry Barger at quarterback and fullback “Touchdown” Tom Wilson, who had made all-conference following the ’54 season. The team depended on Bob Burrows, Bill Baldwin and Jim Bennett to lead the defense. The Benning team was led at quarterback by Yale Lary, “a former Texas Aggie standout. He was tri-captain along with Ernest Stockert, an end from UCLA, and Ray Correll, an All-American guard from Kentucky.” Shaw’s stadium was expanded with the addition of a 1,000-seat bleacher, added to meet the increasing need for additional seating. The Fliers defeated the Fort Benning Army squad 21-14 setting the stage for their Thanksgiving Day Elks Charity Bowl against Fort Jackson at Carolina Stadium in Columbia.

The Fort Jackson team featured several all-star players including three former All-Southeastern Conference selections, fullback Tommy Lewis (Alabama), center Ralph Carrigan (Alabama) and guard John Hammock (Florida). The head coach, Lt. Hal Miller of the Fort Jackson Eagles, expected “an even game” against the Shaw 11. Miller reminded football fans that the Fliers had played one of the Fort Benning teams earlier in the season and won 27-13. The Jackson Eagles played the same team and lost 16-0. The week prior to the



ABOVE: Shaw griddier gets away a high boot toward the goal posts in a game against the Bolling Generals as defenders come charging in. Bolling’s No. 73 (at far right) is leaping over Shaw linemen in an attempt to get in a position to block the kick. The furiously uncontested game went to the unbeaten Washington, D.C., team 33-6. RIGHT: Shaw Commanders’ Football Coach Bill McDonald jots down memos concerning his charges as they go through a workout on the Shaw practice field in 1956.



LEFT: The Commanders’ Chiefs — The task of duplicating, and possibly bettering, the 1955 season record (6-2-1) was in the hands of, from left, the Ninth Air Force’s Dick Beckwith, end coach; Bill McDonald, head coach; Jerry Barger, backfield coach; and Bob Burrows, line coach. MIDDLE: In the thick of the fray against the Fort Jackson Eagles were to be three Shaw stalwarts, quarterback Albert Long, guard Bobby Burrows and quarterback Jerry Barger. Burrows and Barger were to play their last game for the Commanders. RIGHT: A Bolling defender goes high into the air to knock down a potential scoring pass by Shaw’s Commanders during a game against the Bolling Generals in 1956. The Bolling Generals went on to hand Shaw its first defeat of the season, 33-6.

Bowl game Shaw played Fort Benning’s second team and handled them the score of 33-6.

Shaw Coach Bill McDonald was pleased with the play of his men in the Elks Charity Bowl, tying Fort Jackson 20-20 before a slim turnout of 4,000 fans.

“It was one of the best games we played all year,” Coach McDonald said. “We made mistakes but controlled the ball most of the game,” noting that his team didn’t get any breaks. He singled out several players for their exceptional play. The team was invited to play in the Conch Bowl at Key West, Florida, where they fell to a Fort Belvoir Army team 32-13. That was not indicative of Shaw’s ability as several of its linemen were injured and had to be removed from play. This allowed Belvoir’s offensive unit to move the ball at will. This game ended Shaw’s 1955 season.

The team, again led by Coach Bill McDonald, began practice for the 1956 season in July. McDonald had played for Coach Bray on the 1954 team. He was considered by Bray to be a dependable and knowl-

edgeable player. The team opened its season on Sept. 21 against Fort Bragg and prior to the game a “name the team” contest was conducted by Shaw Air Force Base personnel with the winner receiving \$25. Airman Second Class Jimmie Randolph won the contest, choosing the name “The Commanders.”

Coach McDonald announced his 1956 line which included “Doug Goodsell at right end; Harvey Achziger, right tackle, All-American from Colorado A&M; Stacey Young, right guard; Pete Brown, center; Georgia Tech and the San Francisco 49’ers; Bob Burrows, former Duke player, left guard; John Gordon, left tackle; James Wittlesey, left end; Jerry Barger, quarterback; Willie Lightfoot, right half; David Railford, left half; and Gil Gonzales, fullback. The games would be broadcast on WSSC with Jim Kingman doing the play by play.

In their first game of the ’56 season, the Shaw Commanders easily dispatched the team from Fort Bragg 45-0 and immediately began preparations for the Fort Campbell, Kentucky, squad. The team board-

ed a C-119 and was flown to the game for the first time. Shaw steamrolled Fort Campbell by the score of 66-0 to remain unscored on. The Commanders gained a total of 525 yards rushing and passing, compared to the Engineers’ 81 yards of total offense.

The Shaw program fell from the ranks of the “unscored on” as their next opponent, the Eglin Air Force Base Flyers, scored six points against 26 registered by the Air Force. The Eglin team was led by Zeke Bratowski, All-American from Georgia and the Chicago Bears. Eglin’s only touchdown was caught by Max McGee, former Tulane and Green Bay Packers star. Following Eglin, Mitchel Air Force Base provided the Commanders’ next competition at Shaw Air Force Base. The remaining schedule featured Parris Island, Oct. 19; Bolling AFB, Oct. 27; Keesler AFB, Nov. 2; Norfolk Navy, Nov. 10; Pensacola Naval Air Station, Nov. 16; and Fort Jackson, Dec. 1.

The Ninth Air Force Commanders swamped Mitchel Air Force Base by the score 54-0 as their first stringers saw little action, allowing Coach Bill McDonald to play

every member of the team. Their next game saw the Shaw Commanders, ranked third in service play, take on the top-rated service team in the nation — the Bolling Air Force Base Generals. Shaw officials expected the largest crowd of the season to watch the contest. The Bolling Generals lived up to their top-ranked billing by defeating the Shaw Commanders 33-6 in a hard-fought contest before 7,500 appreciative fans. “Bolling’s depth and Shaw’s first half attack of fumble-itis accounted for the final score.” “The U. S. Air Force Marching Band from Washington, D.C., performed at half time while a short-wave transmission carried a description of the game direct to the Pentagon.”

Following their loss to the powerful Bolling team, Shaw rebounded by soundly defeating Kessler AFB, Norfolk Navy and the Pensacola Goshawks before taking time off to prepare for their Thanksgiving clash with the Fort Jackson Eagles. The army unit was successful in ending Shaw’s regular season by defeating them 26-20 leaving the Commanders record at 8-2.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Sumter Urban Area Transportation Study (SUATS) pursuant to the requirements of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), gives notice of the following action. Effective January 20, 2019, SUATS will accept public review and comment on amendments to the 2017 - 2022 Sumter Urban Area Transportation Study's (SUATS) Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The SUATS TIP outlines federally funded transportation projects that SUATS is considering for the next four (4) years and serves as our plan to improve transportation services in the Sumter community.

TIP Amendment Description: Addition of S-152 (Manning Ave.) Bridge Replacement to SUATS TIP

Public review and comments will be received until **10:00 a.m. Monday, February 11, 2019.** Copies of the document and additional information concerning this action are available upon request at the address cited below. This public notice and the time established for public review of and comments on the TIP satisfies SWRTA Section 5307 Program of Project (POP) requirements.

Written comments may be sent to Mr. Jeff Derwort, Senior Planner, Sumter City-County Planning Commission, Mailing Address - PO Box 1449, Sumter, SC 29151 Physical Address - 12 W. Liberty St., Sumter, SC 29150.

Any written comments submitted may be reviewed by the public at the address above, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.
Chairman, SUATS Policy Board

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION VIOLATIONS

The following is a Violation of 40 CFR Part 403 (General Pretreatment Regulations) for an industry that discharged to the City of Sumter's Pocolaligo Wastewater Treatment Plant during 2018:

1. Industry Name: Mount Franklin Nutritional
Address: 2720 Southgate Drive, Sumter, SC 29154
Violation: Exceeded permitted limits for arsenic, copper, oil and grease, total suspended solids and zinc multiple times during 2018.

Action Taken: Mount Franklin Nutritional was placed under Consent Order 18-002. The industry hired an engineering and consulting firm to identify source of heavy metals and oil and grease in their production process. The industry installed a pretreatment system to remove the pollutants from their waste stream.

Bid Notices

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The County of Sumter is accepting separate sealed bids from qualified electrical contractors to install a Generator at the Wedgefield Well site as called for in the attached specifications. Bids will be received in the Office of the Purchasing Agent at the Sumter County Administration Building, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, SC 29150 until 10:00 a.m. February 5, 2019 Any bids received after the stated date and time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time. Sumter County reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any and all technicalities.

Bids may be mailed to or hand delivered to:

Office of the Purchasing Agent
County of Sumter
13 East Canal Street
Sumter, SC 29150

A mandatory Pre-Bid will be held January 29, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Wedgefield Water System facility located at 6130 McLaurin Rd., Wedgefield, SC 29168

RETURN BID ENVELOPES MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED: "WEDGEFIELD WATER SYSTEM WELL SITE #1 GENERATOR"

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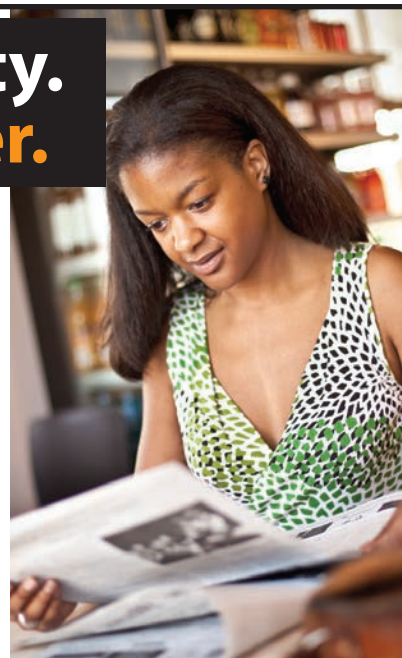
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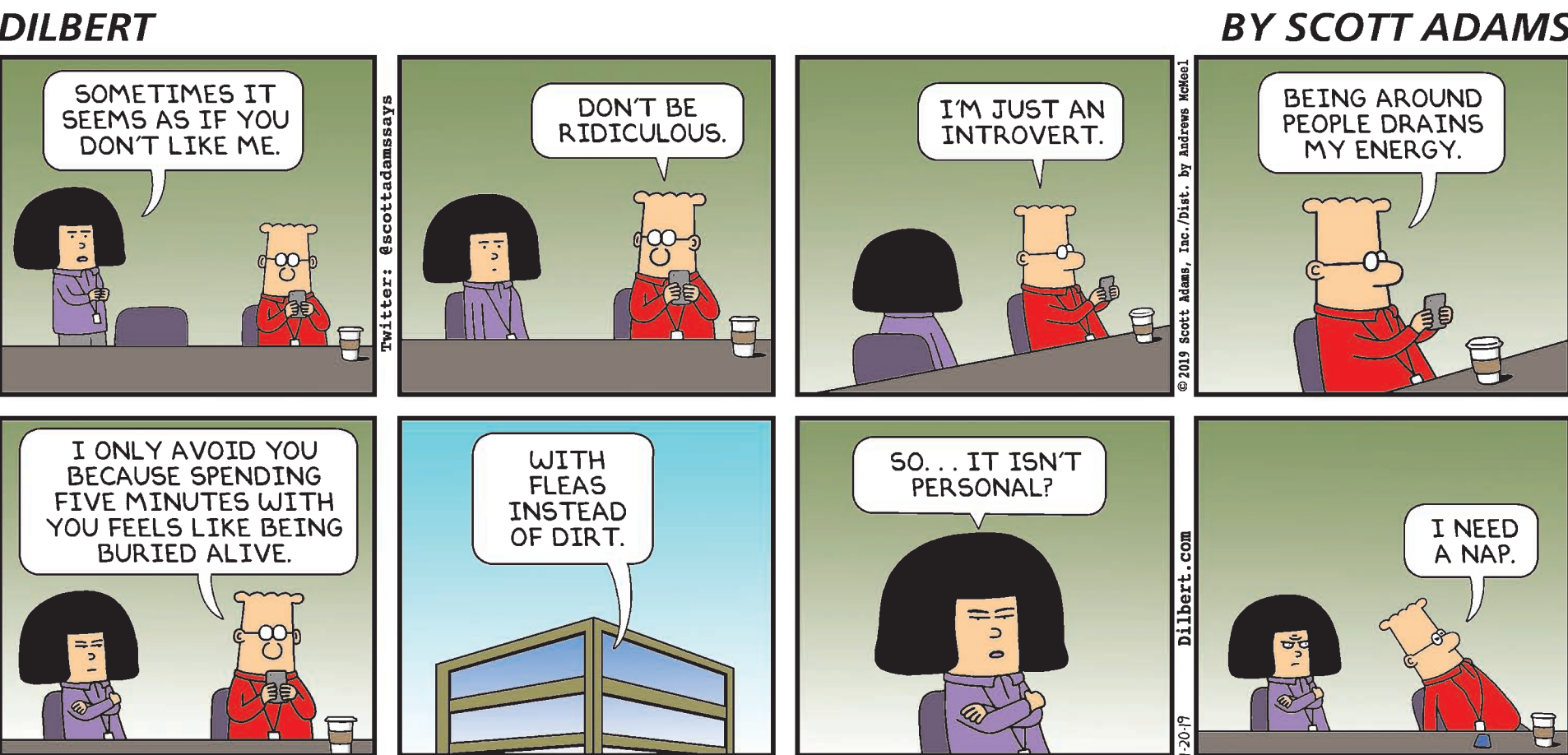
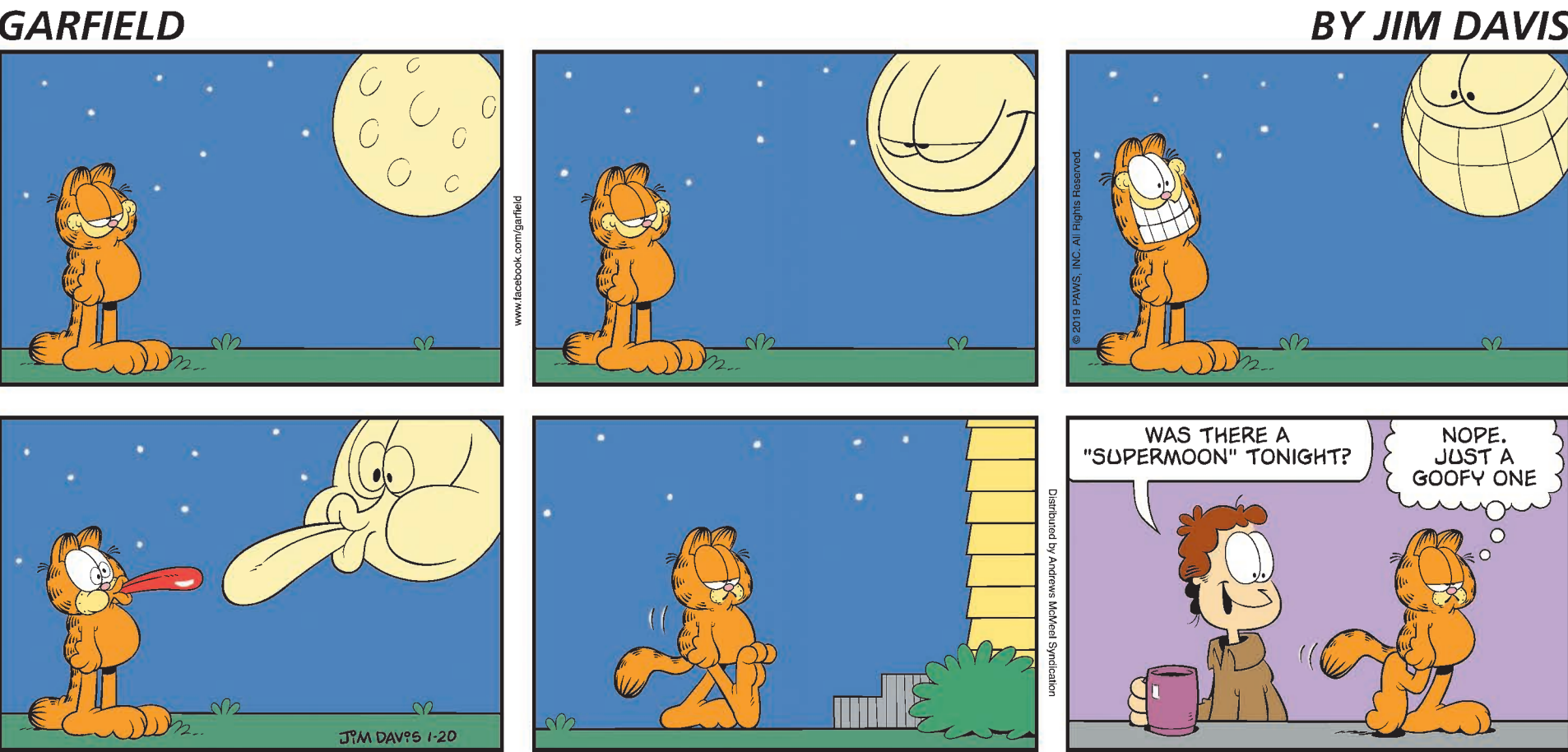
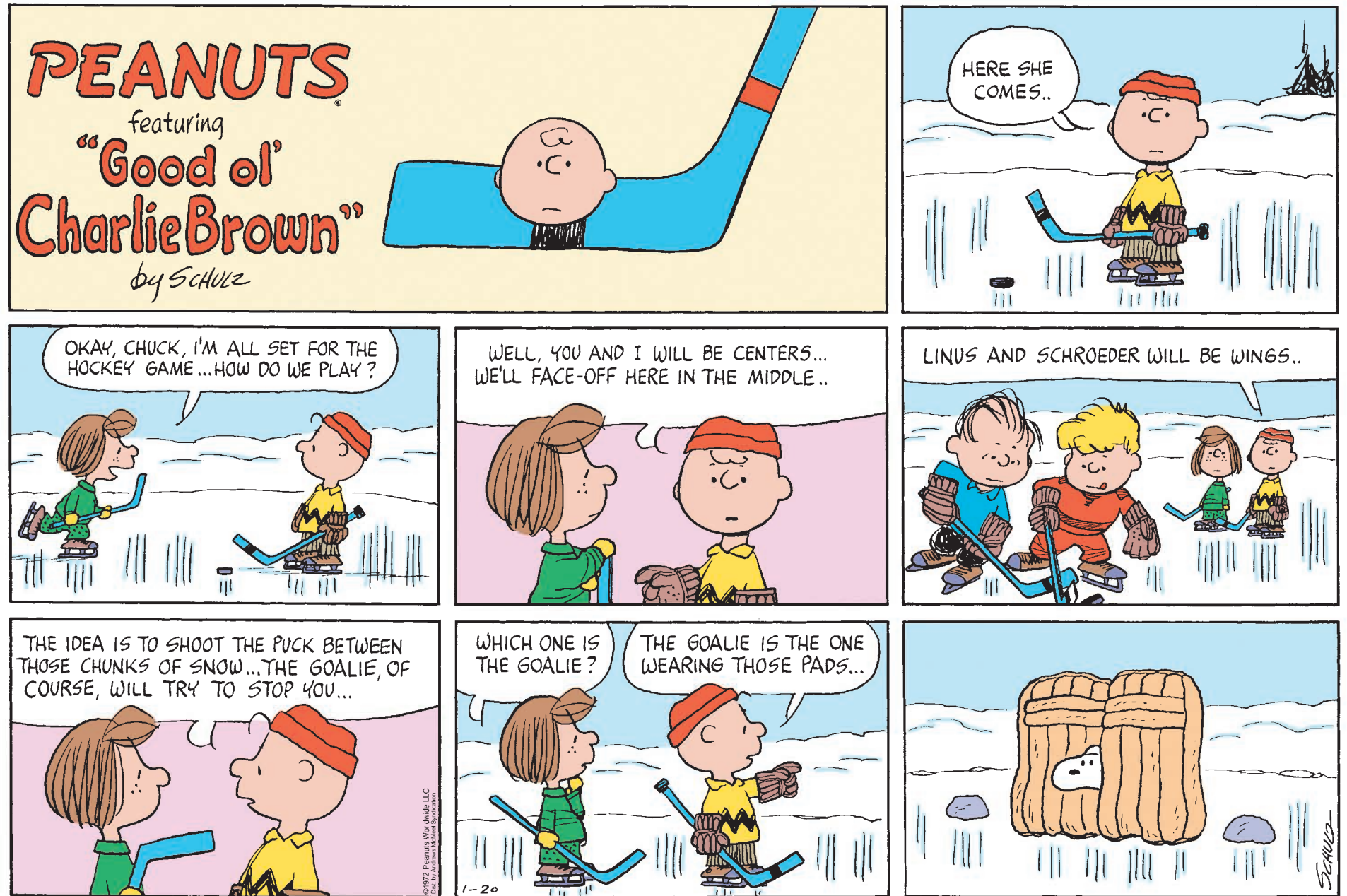
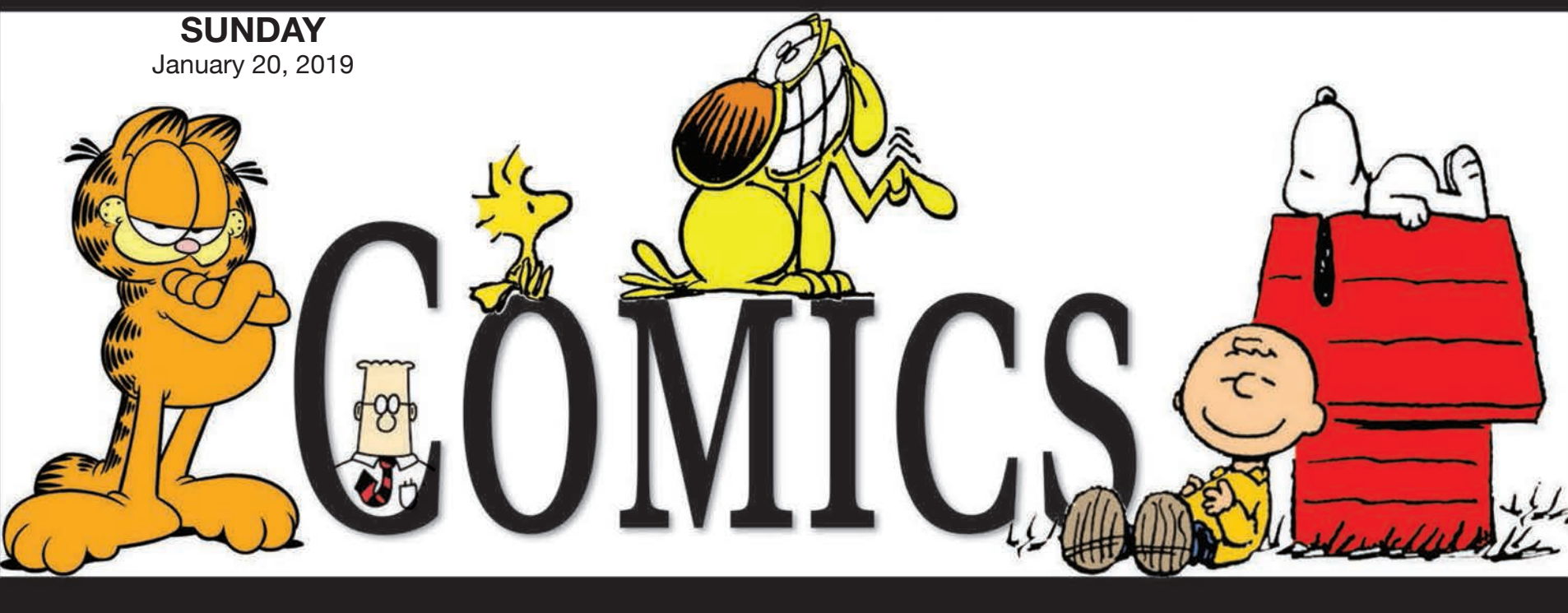
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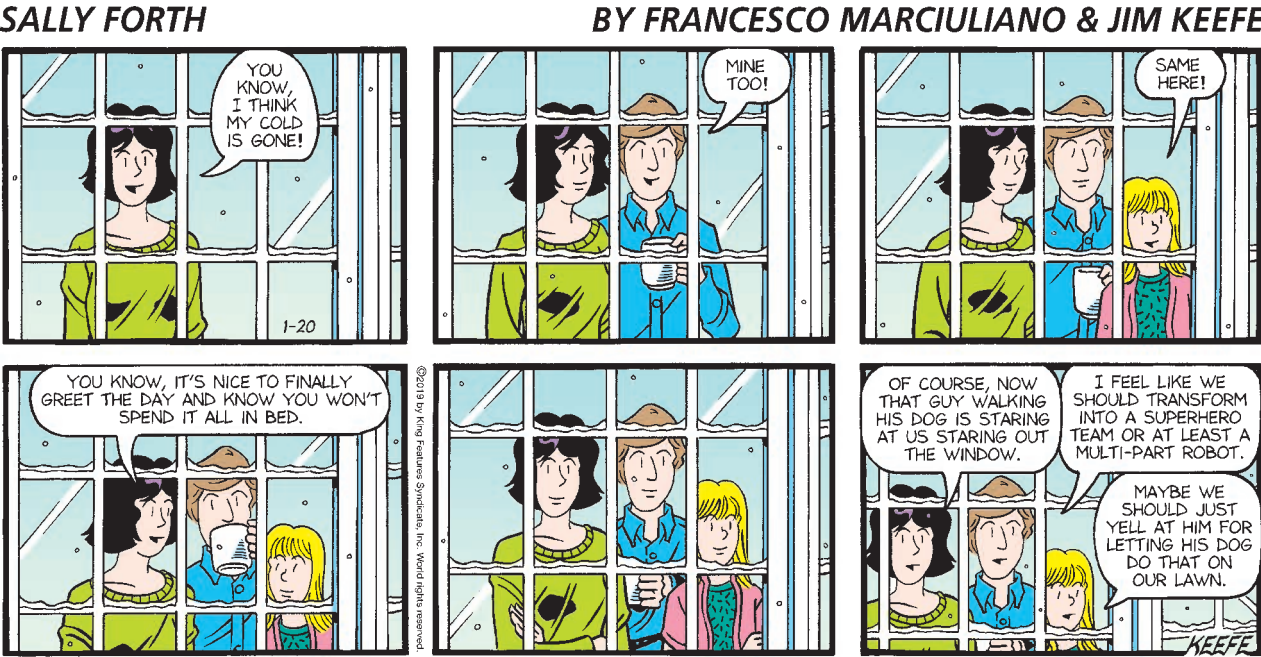
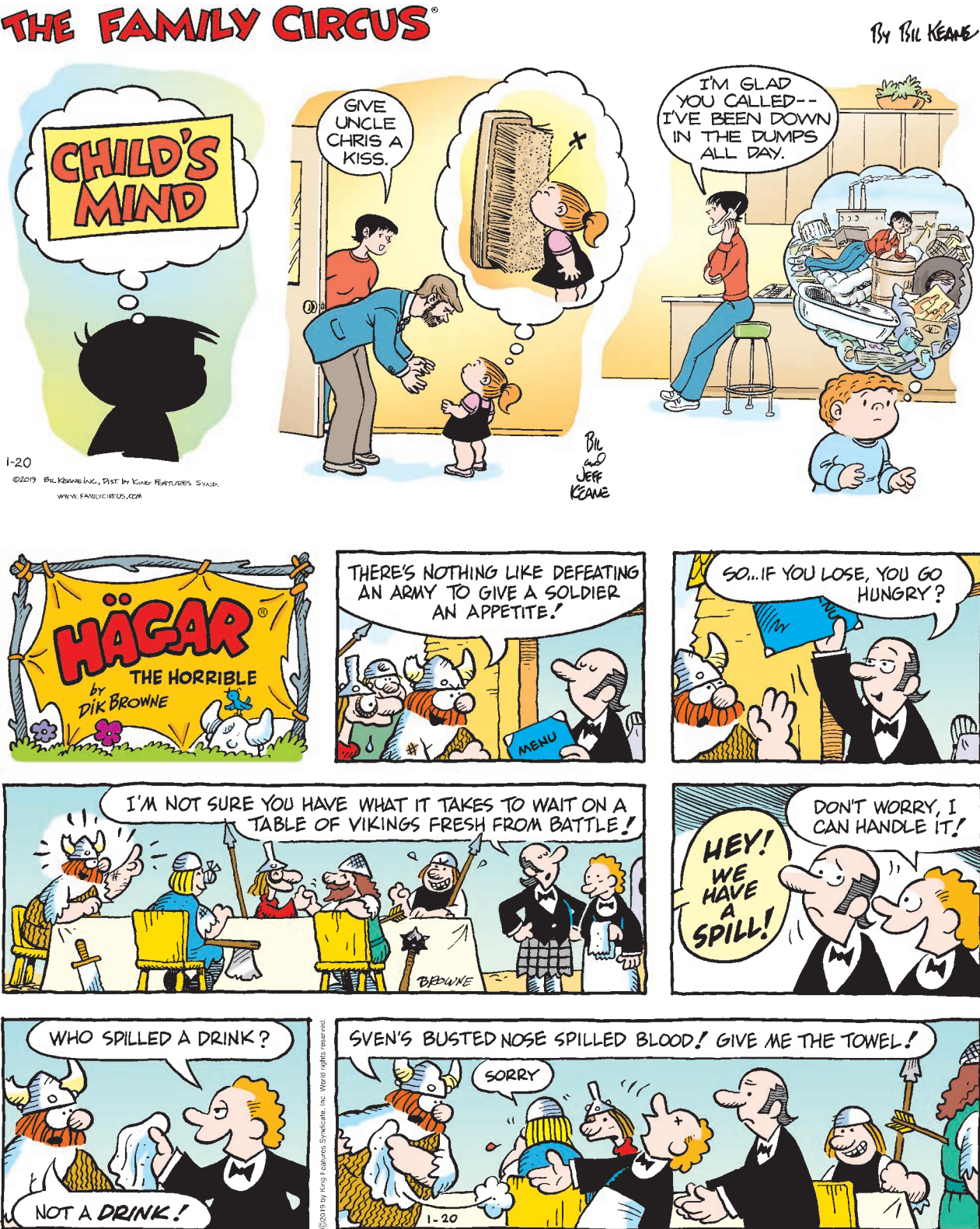
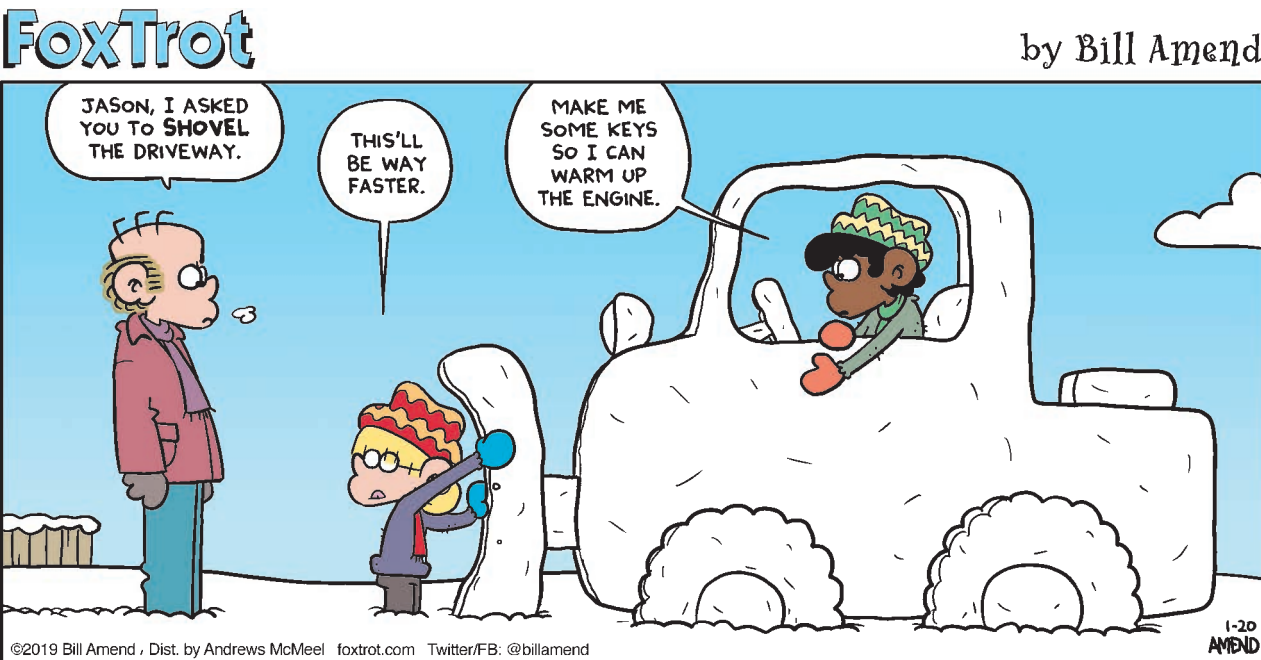
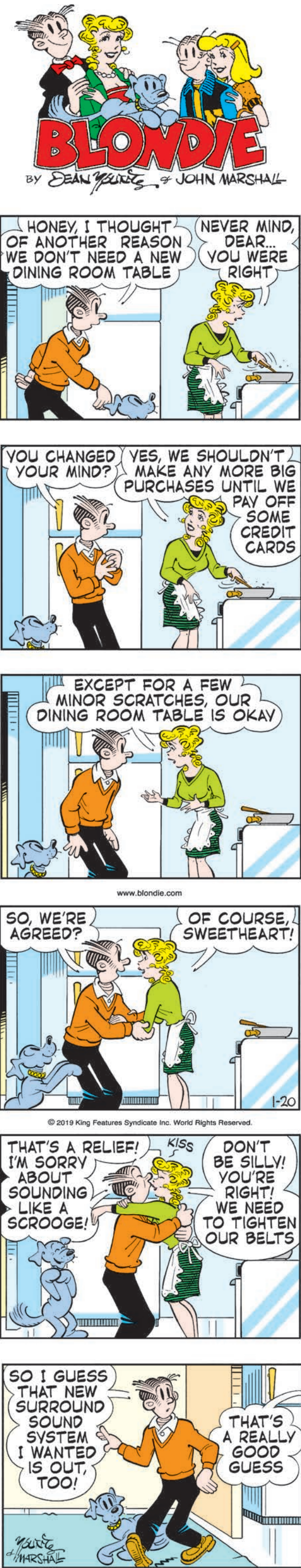
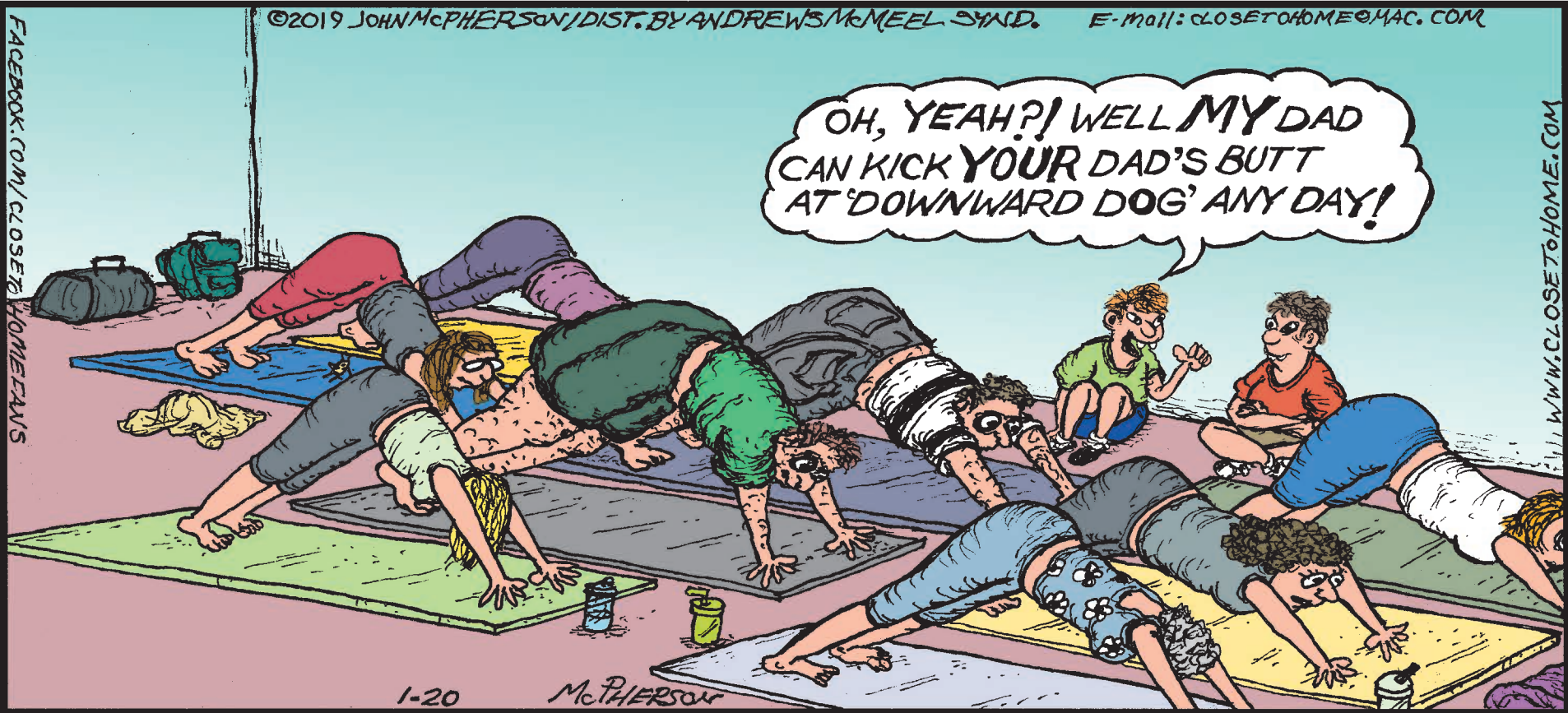
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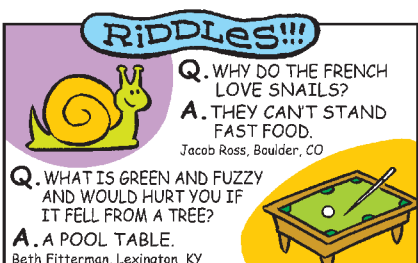
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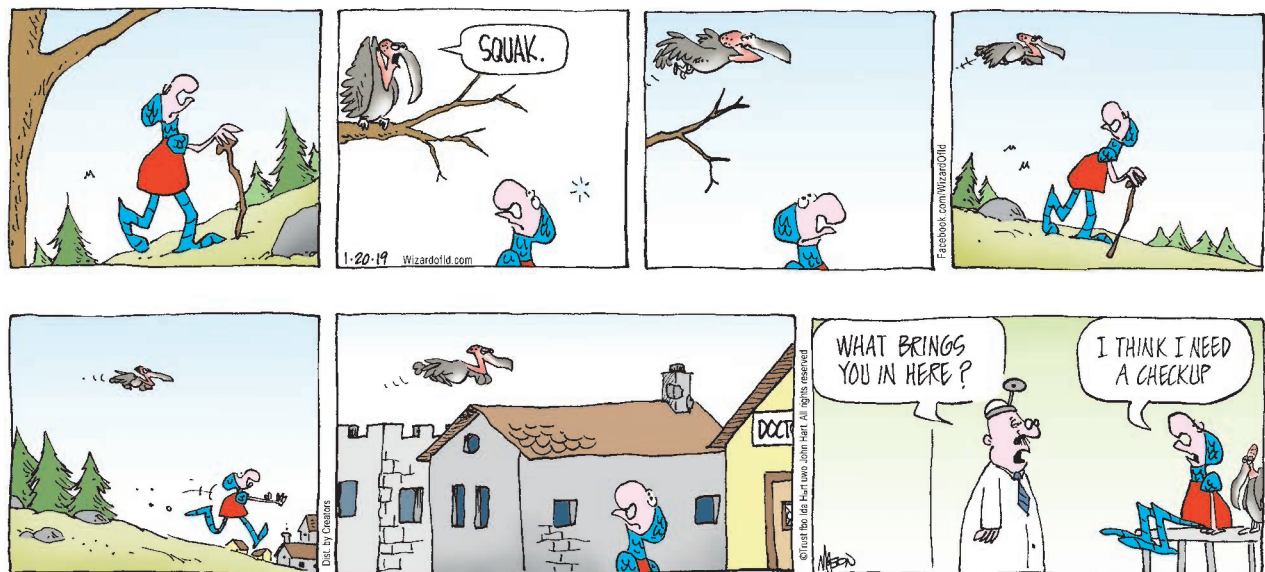
I-20 THAVES

BY MIKE PETERS



SO I SAID TO HIM, LET'S JUST SUE! SUE! SUE!

MUST BE COMING UP ON VULTURE PASS



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DAD, WHY ARE HUMANS SO VIOLENT?

IF WE KNEW THAT, WE'D RULE THE WORLD.

BOSS

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... ★ HOW?

FOR BETTER FOR WORSE

BY LYNN JOHNSTON

HISTORY'S NOT YOUR STRONGEST SUBJECT, MIKE. SHOULDN'T YOU GO OVER YOUR NOTES?

IT'S SATURDAY, MOM!—ALL THE GUYS ARE WAITING FOR ME—I'LL STUDY LATER.

MICHAEL: IT'S SUNDAY ALREADY, AND— I'LL STUDY!—I'LL STUDY!!

WELL, IT'S MONDAY. I HOPE YOU KNOW ENOUGH TO PASS THAT EXAM.

MOM, WILL YOU LEAVE OFF?

BOY, SHE ACTS LIKE THERE'S NO TIME LEFT TO STUDY AT ALL!!

IF THE LIGHTS ARE AGAINST US... I'VE GOT 20 MINUTES.

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL VIEW!

SURE IS NICE.

LOOK, GEORGE!

DENNIS IS WAVING AT US FROM ACROSS THE STREET!

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...

...I THINK I'M READY FOR A CHANGE OF SCENERY.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD TRY FACING THE WALL!

SLAM!

Mort Walker's
beetle bailey

I GOTTA FIND A GOOD SPOT TO REST

WOW! THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO GOOF OFF!

ALL IT NEEDS IS SOME SOFT STUFF TO SLEEP ON

A LITTLE DECORATION AND FRAGRANCE...

GREG + MORT WALKER

...SOME SOFT MUSIC...

LOOK! HE'S MADE A HOME FOR HIMSELF

COMFY!