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# 1 killed in boating wreck

23-year-old hits utility pole in Potato Creek area of Lake Marion

**BY SHARRON HALEY**  
Special to The Sumter Item

**MANNING** — A 23-year-old Williamsburg County resident died late Thursday as a result of a boating wreck on Lake Marion, according to Clarendon County Coroner Bucky Mock.

"The accident occurred shortly before 10 p.m.," Mock said. "Connor Lambert of Andrews was taken to Alex Harvin Landing by first responders who performed CPR on Lambert at the landing but were unable to revive the young man."

Mock said that he was sending Lambert's body to Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston for an autopsy to determine his

exact cause of death.

According to Capt. Robert McCullough with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Lambert and another young man were in an 18-foot Stratus boat when the boat struck a utility pole in the Potato Creek area of Lake Marion. The second boater was transported to McLeod Clarendon Hospital and released.

McCullough said more information would be available once the investigation into the wreck was concluded.

"It's critical that boaters don't travel in areas that they are not familiar with, especially at night," McCullough added. "And it's very important that all boaters wear life

jackets. Life jackets help keep boaters who fall out of boats or who are thrown from boats stay afloat as well as help in locating boaters in the water until help arrives. Life jackets can turn a potentially tragic accident into a funny story if worn appropriately."

With current temperatures in the 90s, more and more people are getting out on the water, McCullough said.

"We want everyone to have a good time, but we want boaters to be safe," he added. "Please be aware of your surroundings while on the water. Always wear a life jacket. And please just use good judgment when boating."



Members of the first area class of new officer hires to go through state Criminal Justice Academy training locally are seen Friday at Central Carolina Technical College's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Training Center. Also shown are officials from area law enforcement agencies and Central Carolina.

## New training pathway benefits all

Sumter, area law enforcement join with CCTC to create on-site training center

**BY BRUCE MILLS**  
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**BY THE NUMBERS**

With new program housed at CCTC, the state Criminal Justice Academy will be able to get more officers through its coursework.

- 560**  
Increase in state academy officer certifications per year
- 8**  
Increase in academy classes per year (from 16 now to 24)
- 2**  
Weeks between new classes at academy — down from three weeks

Source: S.C. Criminal Justice Academy

Starting Monday, the first four weeks of that program for at least six area police agencies — and potentially more in the future — will be housed at CCTC's Advanced Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St.

Sumter Police Chief Russell Roark explained how it all came about.

For several years, he said, law enforcement agencies across the U.S. and in the state have experienced higher attrition rates than before. That trend showcased that the basic model of the state's academy couldn't keep up with the attrition of law enforcement across South Carolina.

The academy's director, Jackie Swindler, and his training council came up with a new program model that allowed officers in local agencies in the field, trained by the academy, to be instructors and do class training themselves, Roark said.

Now, those initial program weeks could be done locally by law enforcement agencies on a regional level with the new model.

Roark and Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis wanted at least to include the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office, Manning Police Department, Lee County Sheriff's Office and Bishopville Police Department in a local model. All were for it.

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## Area nonprofits to benefit from online giving challenge

**BY KAYLA ROBINS**  
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An annual day of online fundraising for nonprofits throughout the Midlands will be the biggest one yet, and a handful of Sumter groups stand to benefit from donors.

Central Carolina Community Foundation will connect "everyday philanthropists" with 415 nonprofits during Midlands Gives, an 18-hour online



giving challenge that starts on Tuesday at 6 a.m. and runs through midnight.

Since its start in 2014, Midlands Gives has raised more than \$7.25 million for local nonprofits in the Midlands' 11 counties. In 2018, the fifth anniversary of the event, the community raised more than \$1.75 million for 372 organizations via 14,665 individual

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## Trustees give 1st reading approval to school board committees' charters

**BY BRUCE MILLS**  
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It appears Sumter school board will continue to allow the public on its advisory Finance Committee, but membership will be based on the full board's approval.

Sumter School District's Board of Trustees gave unanimous first reading approval to its Policy Com-

mittee's proposed charters for three existing committees and one new committee Monday night at its monthly work session.

Previously, the board's advisory Finance Committee operated without an official charter and public community members — such as certified public accountants or

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## This month in S.C. history



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Seen is a postcard depicting Winyah Indigo Society Hall.

## The Winyah Indigo Society incorporated May 21, 1757

### BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Around 1740, Georgetown planters began to gather at the Old Oak Tavern, located on Bay Street, on the first Friday of each month. They discussed news from England, local events and the best methods to cultivate and harvest South Carolina's staple crop, indigo. According to legend, initiation and annual fees were paid in indigo, and by the 1750s the club found itself in possession of a sizeable treasury. The members decided to use the surplus funds to establish a school for the poor. In the summer of 1757, the club was incorporated by the governor and Council of South Carolina.

The Act of Incorporation lists the officers of the society as Thomas Lynch, president; Joseph Poole, senior warden; Samuel Wragg, junior warden; Nathaniel Tregagle, treasurer; Joseph Dubourdieu, clerk; and Charles Fyffe and William Shackelford, junior stewards. Society rules indicate that the officers were fined between 50 cents and \$5 if they failed to attend meetings. The year after the club was incorporated, it received a royal charter from King George II.

According to the history of the society, in 1853, Fran-

cis Withers bequeathed \$5,000 along with a lot at the corner of Prince and Cannon Streets in Georgetown to the club. At that point, the society was able to construct a large building to be used as a school and headquarters for the organization. Designed by architect Edward Brickell White, the building was completed in 1857. White also designed Columbia's Trinity Episcopal Church and the French Huguenot Church in Charleston. Two years later, the books from the Georgetown Library Society were transferred to the building. From 1865 to 1868, Winyah Society Hall was used as a hospital for Union soldiers.

The Winyah Indigo Society School was reorganized in 1872. In 1887, the Legislature established the Winyah Graded School District, and the society's school merged with the graded school. In 1903, the society began the practice of bestowing an award on the honor graduate of the high school. Current members of the Winyah Indigo Society continue that tradition. The society's hall is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places and serves as an event venue. We were delighted to feature it on the South Carolina Historical Society's 2018 Fall Tour.

## Sumter Chamber celebrates Small Business Week, May 6-10

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

National Small Business Week, May 6-10, is being recognized in Sumter according to a news release from the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

The week has been celebrated nationally for more than 50 years, recognizing the contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, more than half of Americans either own or work for a small business, and they create about two out of every three new jobs in the U.S. each year.

The observation locally will begin Monday with a proclamation reading ceremony by Mayor Joe McElveen and Sumter County Council Chairman James McCain.

On Tuesday at 1 p.m., the Chamber will host a seminar for small businesses titled "How to hire the right person the right way, and new overtime regulations" by Paul Hilton, a human resource consultant.

A Google Live Stream at noon on Wednesday will consist of marketing ideas and strategies for small businesses, and on Thursday, the Chamber will host a seminar on small business lending programs presented by the Catawba Council of Governments at 1 p.m.

All seminars are free to Chamber members but registration is required at [www.sumterchamber.com](http://www.sumterchamber.com). Programs will be held at the chamber office, 32 E. Calhoun St.

Highlighting the week will be the Chamber's Small Business Celebration presented by Duke Energy from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the new Patriot Park facility. Food and beverages will be served.

At the end of the evening, two Small Business of the Year awards will be presented by the

Chamber. One will be given in the Micro-Small Business Category and another in the Small Business Category.

Finalists for the Micro-Small Business category are C.A. Harler Trophies & Engraving, Carolina Professional Title Services, Epps Orthodontics, Entre Computer Center, Creech Roddey Watson Insurance, Paul Hilton-Human Resource Consulting, United as One Wedding Services and Walton Countertops. Finalists for the Small Business category are Air Solutions Heating and Cooling, Century 21 Hawkins & Kolb, Nu-Idea School Supply, Re/Maxx Summit and Willie Sue's.

The Chamber will also present the inaugural Duke Energy Citizenship award to an individual who has been a great example of citizenship and servanthood.

Cost to attend the Thursday celebration is \$20 for Chamber members and \$30 general admission. To register, visit [www.sumterchamber.com](http://www.sumterchamber.com).

To end the week, the Chamber's Member Appreciation Picnic will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday in the Chamber parking lot. Chamber staff and volunteers will serve hamburgers and hotdogs to chamber members free of charge.

"We are extremely proud to be able to provide a full week of programs that we believe are extremely valuable to our membership and small businesses. Small businesses make up nearly 90% of our membership base and provide most of the jobs in our community. Shopping local is a big part of how we promote our community and local businesses," Chris Hardy, president and CEO of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce, said in the release.

For more information, visit [www.sumterchamber.com](http://www.sumterchamber.com) or call (803) 775-1231.

### Police: Bank robber used oblivious dad as getaway driver

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Police in Maine say a man who robbed a bank used his unwitting father as a getaway driver.

An affidavit written by a police detective says Keith Tilton dropped his 39-year-old son, Joseph Donald Tilton, at a Lewiston bank Tuesday afternoon, thinking his son needed to cash a check. In the few minutes he was inside, police say Joseph Tilton actually robbed the bank.

After dropping his son off in a different part of Lewiston, Keith Tilton drove past the bank and was stopped by police who had the getaway car's description. Keith Tilton isn't charged, as police don't think he knew what was happening.

*The Sun Journal* reports Joseph Tilton is charged with felony robbery, accused of stealing \$620. His attorney Richard Charest didn't return a call seeking comment.

### Pa. toll evader named Stiff to pay up; had \$128K in tolls, fines

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The worst toll evader in Pennsylvania is being ordered to pay up.

*The Philadelphia Inquirer* reports that Jarrett Stiff didn't pay for trips on the Pennsylvania Turnpike 2,264 times from 2012 to 2017, more than anyone else in the state. The 36-year-old from suburban Philadelphia racked up nearly \$128,000 in unpaid tolls and subsequent fines.

In a deal with prosecutors, he pleaded guilty in April to theft of services, was ordered to pay over \$11,500 and was sentenced to five years' probation.

No attorney to speak for him is listed in online court documents.

Stiff's case and two others resolved in suburban Philadelphia this week are the latest examples of the Turnpike Commission's aggressive new approach to toll evaders.



### Wilson Hall wins big at SCISA Reading Fair

Wilson Hall students won 13 of the 22 awards presented during the inaugural S.C. Independent School Association State Reading Fair held at the Sumter County Civic Center. Each student participating chose an age-appropriate book, wrote a summary of the book, created a storyboard and participated in an interview with a judge. Participants also dressed as a character from the book. Points were awarded in each of the three age divisions for fiction and non-fiction to determine the winners, and a Best Character Portrayal Award in each division was also awarded. The following students won first place in their respective divisions: fourth-grader Abel Ayers, junior Madison Landstrom, seventh-grader Davis Lee and freshman Madi Smith. Winning the Best Character Portrayal Award in their respective divisions were sophomore Bella Land, junior Madison Landstrom, seventh-grader Rhayne Owens and eighth-grader Kirti Reddy. Placing second were seventh-grader Jennings Frerichs, sophomore Bella Land and junior Mary Catherine Matthews, and placing third was fifth-grader Banks Smith. Molly McDuffie serves as the adviser for the reading fair team. From left are: Madi Smith, Jennings Frerichs, Mary Catherine Matthews, Banks Smith, Bella Land, Abel Ayers, Davis Lee, Madison Landstrom, Rhayne Owens and Kirti Reddy.

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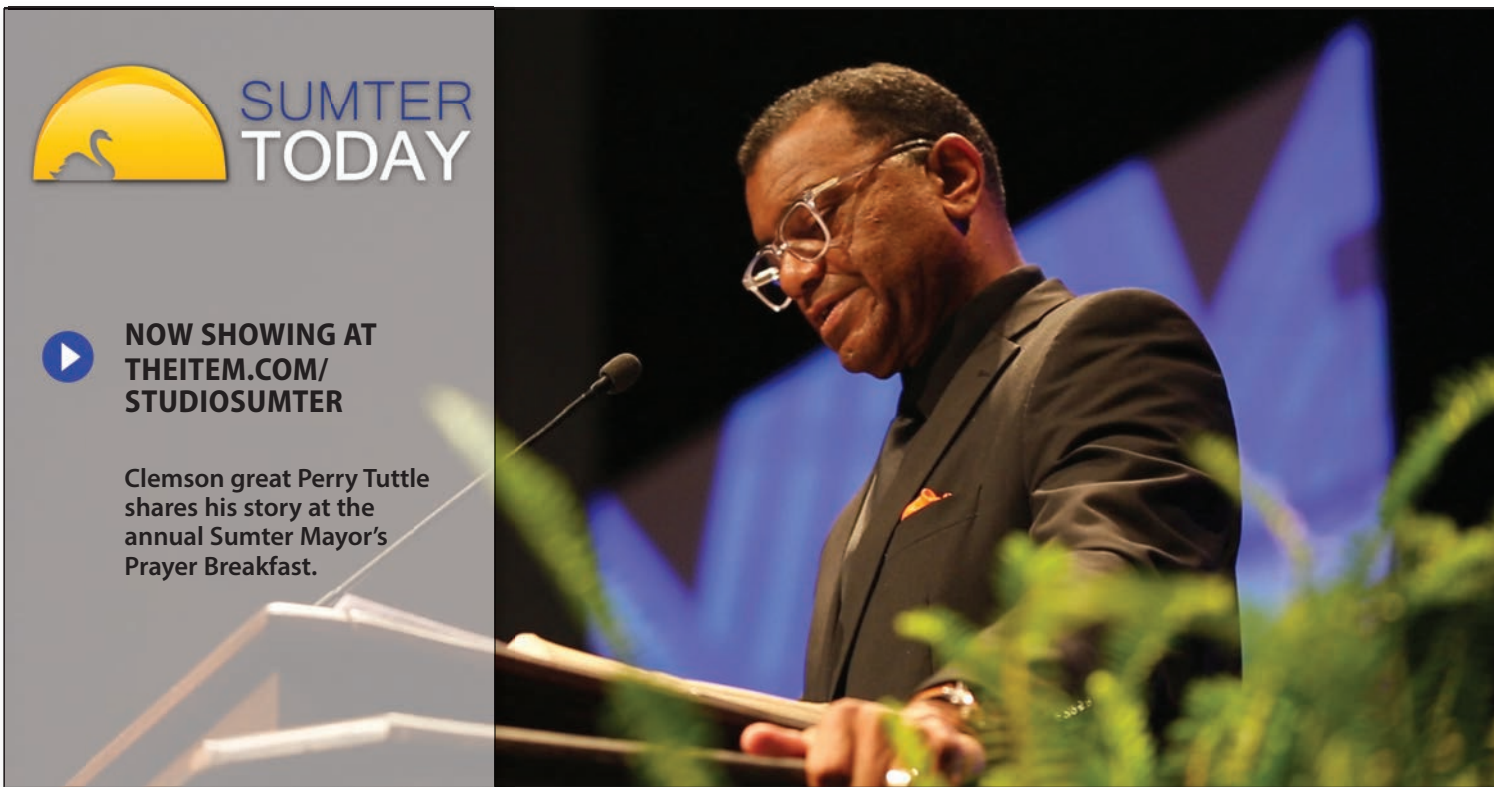
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## Crime reports

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Willie Samuel, 64, of Kinsey Drive, was arrested on April 25 and charged with domestic violence, second degree, and violation of court order protection in connection with a warrant issued on April 17.

According to a news release from Sumter County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Adrienne Sarvis, Samuel engaged in a verbal argument with his wife and threatened her at their residence, violating a court order of protection. Samuel reportedly pulled a knife and threatened to stab his wife for refusing to give him \$10. The release states that Samuel's wife told law enforcement she was



SAMUEL

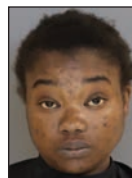
afraid for her life. The victim's order of protection is still in effect.

#### FORGERY

Kimberly Rene Boykin, 29, of Victory Drive, was arrested on April 19 in connection to a warrant issued on June 20, 2018. Boykin is charged with four counts of forgery, value less than \$10,000, according to Sarvis.

Warrants state that Boykin forged four checks totaling \$2,635 from two banks at a store in the 1400 block of South Guignard Parkway on May 21, May 23, May 28 and June 5, 2018.

A transaction photo and copy of each counterfeit check, all with Boykin's name, were obtained by law enforcement.



BOYKIN

#### FAILURE TO RETURN RENTED OBJECTS

Vincent Byrd, 49, of Curtis Drive, was arrested on April 24 in connection to a warrant issued on May 10, 2018.

Byrd is charged with failure to return rented objects, value more than \$2,000 but less than \$10,000, according to Sarvis.

A warrant states Byrd rented a mortar mixer valued at \$4,000 from a business in the 1200 block of South Guignard Drive on Feb. 13, 2018, and has failed or refused to return it. The rental agreement required the mixer be returned on Feb. 15, 2018. Byrd allegedly requested an extension, which was granted via a phone conversation. The phone agreement extended the rental until March 14, 2018.



BYRD

### Sumter Girl Scout to be recognized today

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

GREENVILLE — Kayleigh Jordan of Sumter is among Girl Scouts being honored today with the Girl Scout Gold Award in Belk Auditorium at Presbyterian College.

The Gold Award honors Girl Scouts who demonstrate outstanding leadership by initiating and completing sustainable service projects.

Kayleigh Jordan, inspired by her brother, created Quiet Books for younger children who have autism. The books are designed to offer quiet educational activities on each page that they can do while meeting with a therapist. The donated Quiet Books are filled with activities made out of different types of sensory fabric that is detachable.

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# Hospital administrator Gaymon wins Gold Award for nursing excellence

BY TRACI QUINN  
Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital

To her peers, her leaders and those who call her “boss,” Susan Gaymon is a superhero.

When asked to share this nurse’s attributes for a recent award nomination, every single person described her compassion, her leadership, her enthusiasm and willingness “to always put the needs of the team before her own.” One leader called her commitment to health care “unparalleled” and said, “Susan shines brightly in the big moments, but equally as bright in the small, tender moments with team members and patients.”



GAYMON

Her motto, they all agree, is: “Whatever it takes.”

Gaymon is a nurse leader at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital and is one of 12 Prisma Health nurses who won the Gold Award for excellence in nursing and commitment to the profession last week.

Gaymon has served patients and co-workers at the Sumter hospital for more than 30 years. She was last year’s recipient of the Prisma Health James E. Lathren Lead by Example Award. Nurse Executive Terrie Carlton, who nominated Gaymon, said team members call her “a valued leader,” “a compassionate nurse,” “always enthusiastic,” “a treasure!” She “invests in others” and “is respected and admired by all.”

Gaymon leads five departments at Tuomey and is responsible for 175 team

members. “She doesn’t miss an opportunity to invest positively in others,” Carlton said. “She sets high standards for herself and others and tackles each day with enthusiasm.”

During a recent team member engagement survey, one person called her department “a sisterhood” and said that she “cherishes Susan’s leadership style.”

Gaymon is always just a phone call away for the nursing supervisors — even when she’s not on call. “The trust that our nurses have in Susan is unparalleled, and because she is respectful and honest in all situations, the AODs often reach out to her for guidance,” Carlton said. “One of them commented: ‘I am amazed at how available and willing she is to help me out whenever I have a need, literally no matter the time of day or night. Her commitment and dedication to problem-solving is remarkable and the support I feel from her, incredible.’”

Gaymon was honored with the Gold Award for “daily demonstrating a breadth of knowledge and incredible proficiency in caring for both patients and fellow team members.” Her passion extends to community programs, other organizations and internal projects.

She drove the successful Baby Friendly initiative for the hospital. She serves as a link between the hospital and Central Carolina Technical College, providing insight and feedback on the development of student nurses. She holds classes for new nursing students to teach them about the importance of prioritization and delegation. One evaluator commented: “I love how she takes complex situations and breaks them down in a manner that makes perfect

sense. I feel more much comfortable handling challenging situations because of her guidance and real world experience.”

As a cancer survivor, Gaymon is an annual fundraiser and steadfast supporter of the Relay for Life. She lovingly shares her personal story of survivorship and perseverance during every orientation for new Tuomey team members.

She is an active member of the Shared Governance Leadership Committee, an active participant in the re-design and planning of Tuomey’s Emergency Department expansion project, was instrumental in the acquisition of the hospital’s TelePsych program, and is an engaged member of the Improving Organizational Performance Committee. She also participates in the Department of Pediatrics and Department of OB/GYN meetings and is a Pediatric Advanced Life Support instructor.

“Her breadth of knowledge and incredible sense of caring for the parents and children provide a great sense of peace, connectivity and comfort,” Carlton said.

This nurse is also a tremendous advocate for the Sumter community. Every year, she spearheads Camp SCAMP, designed to teach kids how to cope with living with asthma. She participates in such events as Feed My Starving Children, March of Dimes Cooking for Babies and Sumter’s Art in the Park.

She is a member of South Carolina Organization of Nurse Leaders, Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society and an active member of Central Carolina’s Nursing Advisory Board.

Gaymon received a Bachelor’s degree in Nursing from the University of South Carolina and a Master’s degree in Nursing from Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois. She and her husband, Hugh, have three children and two grandchildren. Gaymon is a huge Gamecocks fan.

The Palmetto Gold award is part of the Palmetto Gold Nurse Recognition and Scholarship Program. Nurses receiving the award must meet the following criteria:

- Promotes and advances the profession of nursing in a positive way in the practice setting or in the community.
- Contributes to overall outcomes in the practice area/setting.
- Displays caring and commitment to patients, families and colleagues.
- Demonstrates leadership and assists others in growth and development.

Other winners in Prisma Health — Midlands are:

- Andrew J. Lane, BSN, RN, nurse manager, Medical and Surgical Oncology, Prisma Health Richland Hospital
- Melissa Joy Loftis Berzins, BSN, RN, CCRN, nurse manager, Cardiovascular ICU, Prisma Health Heart Hospital
- Christina L. McCaw, RN, BSN, nurse staff educator, Prisma Health Richland Hospital
- Alfreda C. Oree, BSN, RN, CMS-RN, nurse manager, Acute Care for the Elderly, Prisma Health Richland Hospital
- Brittany Sorgen, ADN, RN, CMSRN, Medical/Surgical Acute Care, Prisma Health Parkridge Hospital

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Ordinance #19-908

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**An Ordinance To Provide For A Levy Of Taxes For County Purposes Of Sumter County, S. C., (Known As The Budget Ordinance) For The Fiscal Year Of Said County Beginning July 1, 2019, To Direct The Expenditures Of Said Taxes And Other Funds Of Said County, And To Provide For Other Matters Related Thereto.**

This public hearing will be held in the Chambers of the said County Council on the third floor of the Sumter County Administration Building, 13 East Canal Street, Sumter, South Carolina, or at such other location within the said County as proper notice might specify. The said ordinance can be reviewed or a copy obtained from the Clerk to Council at the Offices of County Council on the third floor of the said County Administration Building. The public is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing.

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**LEFT:** Hameed Rafi, brother of the late Rahila, shows his sister's watch during an interview with the Associated Press at the Rahila Library in Kabul, Afghanistan. Rafi says he'll never forget the day he joined a panel of civilian war victims and family members and spoke about the suicide bombing in Kabul that killed his sister last August.

**ABOVE:** An Afghan woman looks at belongings of war victims displayed in the Afghanistan Center for Memory and Dialogue in Kabul, Afghanistan. Launched in February by the Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization, the center seeks to salvage, protect and share memories and stories of civilian victims of the country's four decades of war.

## Memory center takes visitors through 4 decades of Afghan war

**BY RAHIM FAIEZ**  
Associated Press

**K**ABUL, Afghanistan — A teary-eyed Hameed Rafi said he'll never forget the day he joined a panel of civilian war victims and family members and spoke about the suicide bombing in Kabul that killed his sister last August.

Sharing his story with them in March at the Afghanistan Center for Memory and Dialogue, Rafi recalled how all of the wounded in the attack had been taken to hospitals, so he began searching lists of wounded hanging on hospital walls. But he couldn't find the name of his sister, 18-year-old Rahila, who had been studying in an education center for her

college entrance exam when the attack happened.

Then, a doctor suggested Rafi also search lists of those killed.

"That shocked me, I had never considered that my sister wouldn't be alive anymore," he said. But as he learned later, Rahila had perished, he told those who attended the panel discussion.

Rafi's chance to share his story is at the heart of the memory center's mission. Launched in February by the Afghanistan Human Rights and Democracy Organization, it seeks to salvage, protect and share memories and stories of civilian victims of the country's four decades of war.

The center, located in a small basement of a rental house in west Kabul, contains exhibits reminding visitors of the years of carnage and loss, including drawings, garments, photos and toys with accompanying personal information

such as names, places and causes of death or injury.

But the center is also a safe space for family and friends of civilian victims like Rafi to share their stories and preserve the memories of their loved ones. Each family has its own story, but when they listen to the narratives of others they realize they're not alone in their pain.

Afghanistan has experienced some 40 years of continuous wars, and the center has divided them into periods, starting with the former communist regime from 1978-1992, which led to the 1979 invasion by the former Soviet Union to support the government and Afghanistan's subsequent spiral into war.

That period was followed by the civil war in the Islamic State of Afghanistan, from 1992-'96. During these years, many of the warlords, who were later returned to power by the international communi-

ty in 2001, waged a brutal war against each other for power, killing 50,000 people in Kabul alone.

The Taliban regime, the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, ruled the country from 1996-'01. The years 2002-present represent the current period that followed the collapse of Taliban rule.

More than 2 million civilians are estimated to have been killed in the fighting in Afghanistan between 1978 and 2001, with thousands more killed and wounded in the past 17 years, since the U.S.-led NATO intervention.

The center grew out of the concept of the "memory box," in which survivors or family members would bring favorite items of victims and put them in boxes of different sizes and materials, many of them ornately decorated. As they met other victims' family and friends, they began to exchange stories.

Later, the center asked survivors to write letters to their lost loved ones and to the larger Afghan community to let them know about their pain. This took place over about eight years, during which hundreds of memory boxes were constructed with more than 4,000 personal objects and stories.

Strolling through the mem-

ory center, visitors see in one exhibit a Barbie doll and accompanying make-up table that belonged to a young girl named Saima, who was killed in a suicide car bomb attack near the former parliament building in April 2015.

In another exhibit, a wrist-watch still shows the time for visitors, but not its owner, who is unidentified. The watch belonged to the victim of a suicide bombing attack in Kabul that killed and wounded dozens. Center organizers were unsure of the date of the attack.

In yet another exhibit, a small piece of paper has a handwritten note from a prisoner to his family, who has not seen or heard from him in decades. Family and friends still hope he will return home one day.

"Unfortunately, in Afghanistan there was not a policy of remembrance for thousands of war victims that we have in this country," said Hadi Marifat, the human rights organization's director.

The memory center is "a tribute to the war victims, and it is for them (and survivors) to come here and share their stories and to, of course, at the same time get acknowledgement, which is very, very important in a context like Afghanistan," Marifat said.

Rafi, whose sister was one of 50 students killed in the Islamic State group's suicide attack on the Mawood Educational Center in western Kabul, understands the need to pay tribute to the lost.

Upon returning home a day after Rahila's burial, he went through her diary and discovered her love for books and education. In a short note, she writes that education is the only way out of the crisis in Afghanistan.

The note inspired Rafi to establish a library on Oct. 25 in Dasht-e Barchi neighborhood in west Kabul, not far from where Rahila lost her life, to encourage a culture of reading and studying among youths. The Rahila Library has more than 7,000 books with a separate reading space for visitors. So far, more than 4,000 people have visited the library since it opened.

"We lost Rahila, but we hope Rahila's name and kindness will be remembered by people through this library," he said.



Belongings of war victims are displayed in the Afghanistan Center for Memory and Dialogue.



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# Sexual assault reports in military spike by 13%

## Survey shows problem may be much larger

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reports of military sexual assaults jumped by 13% last year, but an anonymous survey of service members released Thursday suggests the problem is vastly larger.

The survey results found that more than 20,000 service members said they experienced some type of sexual assault, but only a third of those filed a formal report.

The survey number is about 37% higher than two years ago, when one was last done, fueling frustration within the department and outrage on Capitol Hill.

"I am tired of the statement I get over and over from the chain of command: 'We got this, madam, we got this.' You don't have it!" Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, a New York Democrat, shouted during a Senate Armed Services Committee confirmation hearing Thursday for Army Gen. James McConville. "You're failing us."

McConville has been nominated to be the next chief of staff of the Army, and that service saw a spike of more than 18% in the number of sexual assault reports filed last year. The Marine Corps had the largest jump, at 23%, while the Navy saw a 7% increase and the Air Force was up by about 4%.

The Pentagon releases a report every year on the number of sexual assaults reported by troops. But because sexual assault is a highly underreported crime, the department sends out an anonymous survey every two years to get a clearer picture of the problem.

The increase in assaults has triggered another round of Pentagon programs to try to reduce misconduct.

Nate Galbreath, deputy director of the Pentagon's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, told reporters Thursday that the latest numbers are "disheartening and it personally makes me angry," but he said he's "not without hope."

The sharp increase in reported Marine assaults comes on the heels of two troubled years for the Corps. In 2017, the service was rocked by a massive online nude-photo sharing scandal, and later launched a large public campaign to raise awareness of inappropriate behavior and beef up enforcement. Nearly 60 service members eventually faced some type of punishment.

Gen. Robert Neller, commandant of the Marine Corps, said Thursday that his troops "cannot truly be loyal to our nation without first being loyal to each other. All Marines must be involved in preventing and addressing sexual assault and harassment."

Col. Kathy Turner, an Army spokeswoman, said leaders must enforce standards to ensure a healthy command climate and prevent sexual misconduct by soldiers.

The survey found that young and junior enlisted women between 17 and 20 were most likely to experience sexual assault. In the vast majority of the cases the alleged perpetrator was a military man, often near the same rank as the victim and usually someone she knows. The report also found that nearly two-thirds of all incidents involved alcohol use by the victim and/or the offender.

Galbreath said the department has to reassess why prevention programs are not working as well with younger troops and adjust those efforts to better reach them. Programs that worked a few years ago, he said, are no longer effective.

The studies also found that there are often more problems in military units that have poor command climates or low levels of unit cohesion.

Last year, when the Pentagon announced that assaults in 2017 had increased by 10% over 2016, then-Defense Secretary Jim



Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., the ranking member of the Senate Armed Services Subcommittee on Personnel, listens as the panel holds a hearing about prevention and response to sexual assault in the military, on Capitol Hill in Washington in March.

Mattis called the problem a cancer in the ranks and ordered the department to redouble its efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assaults. On Thursday, Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan called this year's increase unacceptable and directed the military to enact new programs to identify serial offenders and beef up scrutiny of new recruits to ensure they have the right character for military service.

"Sexual assault and sexual harassment are persistent challenges," Shanahan said in a memo to military service leaders. "We cannot shrink from facing the challenge head on. We must, and will, do better."

Galbreath said one change

expected to begin later this summer will have the military begin comparing information on offenders from victims who file so-called "restricted" reports. Filing a restricted report allows victims to seek treatment, but they avoid any criminal complaint or prosecution. Many victims choose that route to skirt any potential retribution or stigma of a public trial.

Under the new plan, Galbreath said the military would put information on alleged attackers into a database so repeat offenders can be identified. Galbreath said if officials find a possible repeat offender, they would go back to the victims to see if they might change their minds and agree to prosecute.

## TRAINING FROM PAGE A1

What they needed next was a facility to develop an on-site training center for the state's academy.

Roark and Dennis reached out to Central Carolina, which has facilities in Sumter, Clarendon, Lee and Kershaw counties with its main hub campuses in Sumter.

CCTC President Michael Mikota said the college's new advanced manufacturing training center could be a perfect fit with available class space and technology, and a partnership was struck.

Now, four-week program classes here will also free up space at the state academy, Roark said, after conversations with Swindler. The Columbia academy will be able to start a new class every two weeks, as opposed to every three weeks.

"That's going to really help not only the Sumter Police Department, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office, but the state at large in getting people trained and into the communities," Roark said.

"It's still a 12-week program — you do four in the field and then eight at the academy," he said. "But, that frees up the bed space at the academy, and it frees up the classroom space, to allow more opportunities for training and more classes throughout the year."

Mikota said the partnership is an example for other state agencies, all of which currently face challenges in managing their resources effectively and

*'This is a perfect example where we can work together to manage our resources.'*

### MICHAEL MIKOTA

CCTC President

seeking the best possible training opportunities for individuals.

"This is a perfect example where we can work together to manage our resources," Mikota said.

In the future, Roark said the new on-site training center may open training opportunities for new law enforcement hires with Kershaw County agencies and also other neighboring counties.

Also in attendance Friday at CCTC was the first class of about 20 new officer hires who will start the area's four-week program Monday. On Friday, they had orientation sessions.

One relatively new Sumter Police Department hire, April Beaudet, said it's been a life-long dream of hers to go into law enforcement. The new program path locally moves up her academy training start date more than a month, since it was originally scheduled for mid-June.

"This saves me time and gets me out there to do the job that I was hired to do quicker," Beaudet said.



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# Capone's newly discovered prison roomie gets cot in exhibit

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — When mobster Al Capone was jailed in Philadelphia in 1929, one newspaper portrayed his cell as a luxurious lockup, adorned with richly colored oriental rugs, polished wood furniture and other trappings the mob boss told the reporter were “very comfortable.”

The Eastern State Penitentiary, which is now a museum, worked hard to recreate the cell to fit that description.

Turns out, that account might not have been entirely accurate, and a key detail was missing: “Public Enemy Number One” had a roommate.

What started in January as a simple project to repaint Capone’s cell turned into a complete reworking of it and led to an entirely new exhibit.

The new Capone cell, now with an extra cot and less fancy decor, opened to the public Thursday.

Workers prepping for the paint job found dozens of layers of highly decorated paint on the walls of the cell, one depicting an apparent mural, another with intricately painted faux wood grain, said Liz Trumbull, manager of historic preservation at Eastern State Penitentiary.

They decided to preserve the various paint examples in Cell 1 and move the Capone exhibit next door to Cell 3. It was never certain that Capone was housed in Cell 1 to begin with, said Sean Kelley, director of interpretation at the museum; he could have been in any of the four cells that held high-profile prisoners, a stretch dubbed “Park Avenue.”

“As we began to research what the cell looked like at the time, we began to question if his treatment was as luxurious as portrayed,” Kelley said.

They discovered that the day after the *Public Ledger* reporter wrote about Capone’s fancy digs, a journalist from a competing paper found that the mobster’s abode was not the lap of luxury.

“Capone’s cell, which he shares with an embezzler known as ‘Bill’ Coleman, prison statistician, doesn’t look like the cozy den of a king of leisure,” reads the *Philadelphia Record* account from Aug. 21, 1929. It goes on to describe a small table with a vase of gladiolas, a prison-made rag rug on the floor, a dresser and two cots at the rear of the cell. The only fancy detail was a “smoking stand in the form of a butler.”

“It is by no means the most luxuriously furnished cell in the prison. There are others that are more sumptuous,” the article ends.

The museum has recreated the room to better match that description but retains other items from the previous exhibit, including the period radio that plays waltz music.

Another addition is a roll of toilet paper by the commode, underscoring the new understanding that Capone didn’t



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Seen is a recreation of mobster Al Capone's 1929 cell at the Eastern State Penitentiary, which is now a museum in Philadelphia.



AP FILE PHOTO

Chicago mobster Al Capone is seen at a football game on Jan. 19, 1931.



Tourists visit a cellblock of the Eastern State Penitentiary on Thursday.

have privacy, Kelley said. “Even with all of his money and all of his fame he was still living in prison, and people in prison don’t have much privacy,” he said. “When he used the toilet, his roommate was in the same room.”

Capone dominated organized crime as a bootlegger in Chicago during the period when liquor was banned. His legend grew in 1929 with the St. Valentine’s Day Massacre

— when seven men linked to a rival gang were lined up facing a garage and shot dead. No one was ever charged in the deaths, though experts point to Capone.

In August 1929, Capone and his entourage were driving back to Chicago from Atlantic City when he was apprehended on concealed deadly weap-

on charges in Philadelphia. Some accused him of tipping off authorities himself to arrange his arrest as a way to hide out from escalating gang violence.

He was released in March 1930.

Less than two years later, a federal court convicted Capone on multiple charges of

tax evasion, effectively ending his criminal career, and he served nearly 11 years at Alcatraz.

Capone so terrorized the public that federal authorities couldn’t get witnesses or associates to rat on him for any violent crimes, forcing them to pursue a lesser charge of tax evasion.

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private business leaders with an extensive financial background — were appointed by the committee’s chairman. Now, the process would be more detailed and defined and ultimately involves vetting and approval by the full board. That means five trustees’ votes will be needed for a recommended community member to serve on the committee.

Board Chairman the Rev. Ralph Canty said second reading on the proposed charters will likely be this month, before it would become official board protocol.

With a five-member turnover to the nine-member school board in the November midterm election, new trustees requested detailed definitions listing clear roles of existing committees, which include finance, facilities and policy. The finance committee was the only one that included existing community members and Canty prepared proposed charters and suggested grandfathering in those members. Those members at the time included private business owners Greg Thompson, Ben Griffith and Bobby Anderson and community leader Patty Wilson. However, new trustees Frank Baker and Brian Alston expressed concerns with grandfathering in those committee members.

The board’s Finance Committee has been a focal point for 2.5 years, ever since the fiscal 2016 audit re-

port — disclosed in December of that year — revealed the district overspent its budget by \$6.2 million that year and drained its fund balance to \$106,449.

Thompson — who is also chairman of the Sumter Development Board — was outspoken against Baker, who was the district’s superintendent at the time, on the district’s audit and lack of financial controls at the district level. In the wake of the financial crisis, Baker — the long-time leader of the former Sumter School District 2 — resigned in July 2017.

However, Baker ran for and won an at-large seat on the board in November.

Since Baker and the other new trustees joined the board, the majority of the trustees have moved in an opposite direction from the previous board, many local leaders say, including trying to reopen Mayewood Middle School. The previous board closed Mayewood in April 2018, due to what it said was low enrollment and in an effort to save money.

The vote to reopen Mayewood on Feb. 11 was 6-3, and votes on key issues since then have been the same, or similar.

The move to reopen the East Brewington Road school diverted from the board’s own financial recovery plan approved by the state Department of Education in May 2018. Subsequently, in late February, state Superintendent Molly Spearman placed the district under a fiscal emergency declaration, and it’s

not expected Mayewood will be allowed to reopen for next year by the state department.

Since that time, Thompson has been outspoken against Baker’s work on the board, and last week he resigned from the committee. In his resignation, Thompson also cited a lack of movement by the trustees on a technical high school concept, which the industrial leader says he thinks is critical to better preparing the district’s students for local industrial careers.

Thompson now says he wants to start a similar school as a public charter in Sumter to serve as an enrollment option to the district’s schools. He served on the Finance Committee for 6.5 years.

**MORE ON PROPOSED CHARTERS**

The Policy Committee’s proposals call for a seven-member Finance Committee with four community members — still certified public accountants or private business leaders with financial expertise — and three trustees. The committee would be chaired by a board member appointed by the board chairman, but the committee chairman is also subject to full board approval. Previously, the board chair solely selected committee chairs, Canty said last week. The board’s facilities and policy committees would be structured similarly with the same conditions.

A new Citizens Advisory Commit-

tee, composed of numerous community members, would also be created and meet quarterly. That committee’s role would be to provide advice and improve communication between the board and community at large. The opinions of the committee would be strictly advisory and non-binding on the board, according to its proposed charter.

**HILLCREST MIDDLE EDUCATOR NAMED TEACHER OF YEAR**

District staff recognized Hillcrest Middle School science teacher Richard Phillips for recently being named the Swamp Fox Chapter of the Air Force Association Teacher of the Year. He also earned the association’s state teacher of the year award.

In granting him the honors, the association noted Phillips’ commitment to teaching his students science and engineering practices.

**OTHER NEWS**

• District administration announced keynote speakers for its upcoming annual E3 professional development conference, set for June 11-13. Those will include Ken Shelton discussing Generation NOW: Contemporary Teaching and Learning; Sarah Delano Moore, What Works in the Modern Classroom?; and Randy Pierce, Reaching Your Peak Potential.

• The school board unanimously approved its monthly personnel report, 9-0.

**MIDLANDS**

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donations, breaking all previous years’ records.

“Midlands Gives celebrates our community’s generosity,” said JoAnn Turnquist, president and CEO of CCCF. “With record-breaking nonprofit participation, it’s more important than ever for our region to come together to support these organizations. On May 7, we have the opportunity to top the charts again to provide much-needed funding to hundreds of terrific nonprofits.”

In Sumter, the participating nonprofits are #WeBall-4Destin Foundation, the CART Fund, Freedom Rings Rescue, Ragin Preparatory Christian Academy, Saving Sumter’s Strays, Sumter County Gallery of Art, Sumter County Museum, Sumter Family YMCA, Sumter Habitat for Humanity, Sumter Little Theatre and Sumter United Ministries.

Clarendon County nonprofits include RBA Corporation, JCMC-Haven of Rest and Forgotten Tails Animal Rescue.

Funds raised through the event donated to the museum will go toward traveling exhibits and programming in the Temple Sinai Jewish History Center’s new Ackerman Exhibition Hall, including the installation of the traveling exhibit “Anne Frank: A Private Photo Album” produced by the Anne Frank Center for Mu-

tual Respect as well as two theatrical performances of the Anne Frank Center’s “Letters from Anne and Martin,” which combines the voices of Anne Frank and Martin Luther King Jr.

Any donations made to the museum through Midlands Gives on Tuesday will be doubled thanks to a match from Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital and Sumter Utilities up to \$1,000.

Donations to the Sumter County Gallery of Art will be used toward community outreach programs including HYPE Afterschool program and the gallery’s art camp scholarship fund.

Donations to the Sumter Little Theatre will help expand the theater education program.

All other participating nonprofits will use the money donated to them through Midlands Gives to help run their organization and programming that helps people and pets throughout Sumter.

With donations starting at \$20, the online platform is easy to use. New this year, donors can set up automatic recurring gifts during the event.

CCCF moved to the First Base Building in the Bull Street District in January. Its new next-door neighbor, Segra Park, formerly Spirit Communications Park, will serve as the headquarters and central location for Midlands Gives this year. The ballpark’s concourse served as headquarters for the event in 2016.

While all giving takes place online, nonprofits and community members are encouraged to come to Segra Park to cheer for their favorite charities on live television. Local stations will be on air during early morning, midday and evening broadcasts.

Midlands mayors and

council chairs will again compete for regional causes in a pitching contest sponsored by Nephron Pharmaceuticals. Beginning at 4:45 p.m., local leaders will compete for an array of \$250 prizes that will be donated to the nonprofits they select.

Corporate Philanthropy Champions — including Dominion Energy, Aflac, Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corp., BB&T, BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, Southeastern Freight Lines and more — are providing financial incentives, matching gifts and prizes for nonprofits. The impact of individuals’ contributions of \$20 or more will be amplified through these sponsored

prize incentives. The full list of prizes can be found at <https://www.midlandsgives.org/prizes>.



Midlands Gives will again use CiviCore as its online platform. Easy to use on mobile devices, the website makes giving as convenient as online shopping. As always, after a 2.1% credit card fee and 2.8% technology fee from CiviCore, 100% of each contribution goes to the donor’s selected nonprofit. Donors also have the option to cover the fees for their gifts. 71% of donors covered their gifts’ fees in 2018.

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WIS	10	3	10	Ellen's Game of Games "Some Like It Hot Hands" Contestants play for a chance to win.			World of Dance "World Final" (Season Finale) The top acts compete for the title. (N)			Good Girls "This Land Is Your Land" Beth is determined to live crime-free. (N) (DVS)		WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	RightThisMinute (N)	Paid Program Paid programming.								
WLTX	19	9	9	60 Minutes (N)			The Red Line "For We Meet by One or the Other, We Need Glory for a While" Jira meets her birth mother. (N)			NCIS: Los Angeles "No More Secrets" The NCIS team travels to Cuba. (N) (DVS)		News 19 at 11pm (N)	NCIS: New Orleans "NOLA Confidential" Lasalle investigates his former partner. (DVS)	"NOLA Confidential" Lasalle investigates his former partner. (DVS)								
WOLO	23	5	12	America's Funniest Home Videos People are stumped by a simple riddle. (N) (DVS)			American Idol "216" (N) (Live)			(:01) Shark Tank A modern phone booth design. (N) (DVS)		ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	House Flipping 101	Elementary A killer tries to mummify his victim.								
WRJA	27	11	14	Dialogue in Metal: A collaborative art project.			Call the Midwife Nurse Crane's back troubles return. (N)			Les Misérables on Masterpiece Jean Valjean and Cosette go to Paris. (N)		(:07) Unforgotten on Masterpiece The case takes a devastating turn. (N) (DVS)	Growing a Greener World	Family Travel With Colleen Kelly	Call the Midwife							
WACH	57	6	6	The Simpsons "Bart's Not Dead" (DVS)	Bob's Burgers "I Bob Your Pardon" (DVS)	The Simpsons "Woo-Hoo Dunnit" (N) (DVS)	Bob's Burgers "P.T.A. It Ain't So" (N) (DVS)	Family Guy "Girl, Interrupted" (N) (DVS)	Family Guy "Married With Cancer" (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N)		Gamecock Insider University of South Carolina athletics.	Ring of Honor Wrestling The Kingdom takes on Lifeblood; Kelly Klein; P.J. Black. (N)	The Kingdom takes on Lifeblood; Kelly Klein; P.J. Black. (N)	The Big Bang Theory "The Love Spell Potential"							
WKTC	33	4	22	How I Met Your Mother "Wait for It"			How I Met Your Mother "We're Not From Here"			Supergirl "Will the Real Miss Tessimacher Please Stand Up?" Alex gets a long-awaited phone call. (N)		Charmed "Ambush" The sisters and Harry band together. (N)	Family Guy "Scammed Yankies"	Family Guy "An App a Day"	Bob's Burgers "The Grand Mama-Pest Hotel"	Bob's Burgers "Aquaticism"	Movie					
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>																						
A&E	46	130	Live PD Presents: PD Cam		Live PD Presents: PD Cam		Live PD Presents: PD Cam		Live PD Presents: PD Cam		Live PD Presents: PD Cam		(:01) Live PD Presents: PD Cam (N)		(:32) Live PD Presents: PD Cam (N)		(:04) Live PD Presents: PD Cam		(:34) Live PD Presents: PD Cam		(:12:03) Live PD Presents: PD Cam	
AMC	48	180	(5:30) * "Gone in 60 Seconds" (2000, Action) Nicolas Cage.		Killing Eve "Smell Ya Later" The MI6 team make a pact with the devil. (N)		A Discovery of Witches "Episode 5" Tensions between the creatures grow.		(:02) Killing Eve "Smell Ya Later" The MI6 team make a pact with the devil.		(:02) A Discovery of Witches Tensions between the creatures grow.		(:12:04) "Lara Croft: Tomb Raider"									
ANPL	41	100	The Zoo: Bronx Tales (N)		The Zoo "Mending Willow" (N)		Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters: Beneath		(:03) Fish or Die (N)		(:04) Extinct or Alive		Jeremy Wade									
BET	61	162	(2:55) The Temptations		The Bobby Brown Story "Part 1" Bobby Brown's career blows up.																	
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Porsha is expecting her first child.		The Real Housewives of Atlanta The couple must get on the same page. (N)		The Real Housewives of Potomac Gizelle delivers treats to Karen.		Watch What Happens Live		The Real Housewives of Potomac		Watch What Happens Live		(:36) The Real Housewives of Atlanta The couple must get on the same page.							
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "Retro Fitness"		Undercover Boss "Alfred Angelo"		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss							
CNN	3	80	CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		The Redemption Project (N)		United Shades of America (N)		United Shades of America		Redemption									
COM	57	136	(6:45) The Office		(:20) The Office "Get the Girl"		(7:55) ** "Step Brothers" (2008, Comedy) Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.		Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.		Will Ferrell, John C. Reilly, Richard Jenkins. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.											
DISN	18	200	*** "Ratatouille" (2007, Children's) A French rat enjoys good food and longs to become a chef.		Voices of Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. Animated. A French rat enjoys good food and longs to become a chef.		Sydney to the Max "Can't Dye This"		Sydney to the Max		Bizaardvark		Coop & Cami Ask the World		Andi Mack		Raven's Home		Bizaardvark			
DSC	42	103	Naked and Afraid: Uncensored (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		(:01) Naked and Afraid A deadly spider bite puts Gwen at risk. (N)		(:01) Naked and Afraid A deadly spider bite puts Gwen at risk. (N)		(:01) Naked and Afraid "Fire and Fury"		Naked and Afraid									
ESPN	26	35	MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball St. Louis Cardinals at Chicago Cubs. From Wrigley Field in Chicago. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)											
ESPN2	27	39	Baseball (N) (Live)		Baseball (N) (Live)		Boxing Artur Beterbiev vs. Radivoje Kalajdzic.		Boxing Artur Beterbiev vs. Radivoje Kalajdzic.													
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games		Worst Cooks in America (N)		Worst Cooks in America (N)		Bake You Rich "A Star Is Baked" (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	(6:00) *** "The Incredibles" (2004, Children's) Voices of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter.		(:40) ** "Thor: The Dark World" (2013, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Natalie Portman, Tom Hiddleston. Premiere. Thor must save the Nine Realms from an ancient enemy.		(:20) *** "The Bourne Ultimatum" (2007) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles.															
FSS	21	47	College Baseball Kansas State at Baylor.		College Baseball Kansas State at Baylor.		College Softball Oklahoma at Oklahoma State.		College Softball Oklahoma at Oklahoma State.		College Baseball		College Baseball									
HALL	52	183	"Paris, Wine & Romance" (2019, Romance) Jen Lilley, Dan Jeannotte. A winemaker from Oregon enters a French wine competition.		When Calls the Heart "Heart of a Mountie" A new Mountie arrives early.		"Summer Love" (2016, Romance) Rachael Leigh Cook, Lucas Bryant, Travis Milne. A widowed mom struggles to adjust to a new fast-paced job.		The Golden Girls													
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers "Mountain Chic"		Lakerefront Bargain		Beach Hunters		Beach Hunters (N)		Island Life (N)		Island Life (N)		Hawaii Life		Hawaii Life		Beach Hunters			
HIST	45	110	American Pickers (DVS)		American Pickers "Texas Treasures"		(:02) American Pickers: Bonus Buys (N)		(:05) American Pickers (DVS)		(:05) American Pickers (DVS)		American Pickers									
ION	13	18	NCIS: Los Angeles "Free Ride" Hetty goes on a trip. (DVS)		NCIS: Los Angeles "Drive" A former defendant is targeted. (DVS)		Private Eyes "A Fare to Remember" The duo picks up an unexpected fare.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Paper Soldiers" A Marine's widow wants an investigation.		NCIS: Los Angeles "The Chosen One" Infiltrating a network of terrorists.		NCIS: Los Angeles "Kill House"									
LIFE	50	145	(5:30) *** "Magic Mike" (2012) Channing Tatum. Premiere.		"Psycho Stripper" (2019, Suspense) Karissa Lee Staples, Tyler Johnson. Premiere. An exotic male dancer becomes obsessed with a bride-to-be.		(:03) "Seduced by My Neighbor" (2018, Suspense) Andrea Bogart, Trevor St. John, Sierra McCormick. A neighborhood watchman stalks a single mom.															
MSNBC	36	92	Kasie DC (N)		Kasie DC (N)		Headliners		To Be Announced		Dateline Extra		Lockup: Washash									
NICK	16	210	SpongeBob		SpongeBob		** "Spy Kids 3: Game Over" (2003) Antonio Banderas. Premiere.		The Office		The Office		(:35) Friends		(:12:10) Friends							
PARMT	64	153	(:05) Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue "Ice, Mice, Baby"		Bar Rescue "All Twerk & No Pay"		Bar Rescue "Liv'n on a Prayer" (N)		(:01) Bar Rescue "Un-Civil War"		Bar Rescue									
SYFY	58	152	(5:57) ** "The Scorpion King" (2002) The Rock, Steven Brand.		** "John Carter" (2012, Science Fiction) Taylor Kitsch, Lynn Collins, Willem Dafoe. A human soldier becomes embroiled in a conflict on Mars.		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		*** "Ocean's Eleven" (2001) George Clooney. A suave ex-con assembles a team to rob a casino vault.		Futurama "Love & Rocket"		Futurama "Leela's Homeworld"		Futurama					
TBS	24	156	*** "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" (2016, Science Fiction) Felicity Jones, Diego Luna, Alan Tudyk. Resistance fighters unite to steal plans for the Death Star. (DVS)		*** "The Misfits" (1961, Western) Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe, Montgomery Clift. A divorcee and an older cowboy become mismatched lovers.		(:15) *** "McLintock!" (1963, Western) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Yvonne De Carlo. A cattle baron meets his match in a strong-willed woman.															
TCM	49	186	(6:00) *** "In the Heat of the Night" (1967) Sidney Poitier.		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? "In for a Shock" Nicole has a surprise for Azan. (N)		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)		90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)		90 Day Fiancé		90 Day Fiancé							
TNT	23	158	NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Portland Trail Blazers. Western Conference Semifinal, Game 4. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)		Inside the NBA (N) (Live)		NBA Basketball Denver Nuggets at Portland Trail Blazers. Western Conference Semifinal, Game 4. (N Subject to Blackout) (Live)															
TRUTV	38	129	Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Impractical Jokers		Tacoma FD		Tacoma FD		Impractical Jokers					
TV LAND	55	161	Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Love- Raymond		Two and Half Men		Two and Half Men		King of Queens		King of Queens		King of Queens			
USA	25	132	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An 8-year-old boy is kidnapped.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An 8-year-old boy is kidnapped.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An underage escort is found dead.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit An underage escort is found dead.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Ben-son finds herself in mortal danger.		Modern Family "Grab It"		Modern Family "The Alliance"		Modern Family "Finding Fizbo"					
WE	68	166	Law & Order "Promises to Keep"		Law & Order "Mother Love"		Law & Order "Conduct Unbecoming"		Law & Order "Animal Instinct"		Law & Order "Jurisdiction"		Law & Order		Law & Order							
WGNA	8	172	Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing		Last Man Standing					

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<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>																						
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)			Entertainment Tonight (N)			The Voice "Top 13 Performances" The top 13 artists perform. (N)			The Enemy Within "The Embassy" The Cointel team goes under cover. (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon (N)							
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)			Inside Edition (N)			The Big Bang Theory (DVS)			Man With a Plan Adam and Andi try to help Lowell.	The Code "Maggie's Drawers" Two Marines are accidentally killed. (N)	Bull "When the Rains Came" Bull defends a prison guard. (N)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert					
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Big Money" (N)			Jeopardy! "Teachers Tournament" (N)			The Bachelorette "The Bachelorette Reunion: The Biggest Bachelorette Reunion in Bachelor History Ever!" Revisiting memorable dates and moments. (N)			(:01) The Fix "Queen for a Day" Loni comes clean to Maya. (N) (DVS)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live							
WRJA	27	11	14	Travels With Darley			Born to Explore With Richard Wiese			Antiques Roadshow "Churchill Downs Racetrack Hour 1" Twin spires painted roof slate. (N) (Part 1 of 3)			Antiques Roadshow "Billings" Japanese suit of armor; oil painting. (Part 2 of 3)			Independent Lens "Out of State" Hawaiian inmates are sent to Arizona. (N) (DVS)		Amanpour and Company (N)		Antiques Roadshow Twin spires painted roof slate.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory The guys go on a road trip.			The Resident "The Unbefriended" (Season Finale) Bell considers selling the hospital. (N) (DVS)			9-1-1 "Careful What You Wish For" A calamity at a chocolate factory. (N) (DVS)			WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	33	4	22	Last Man Standing "Gameday Forecast: Showers"			Last Man Standing Ryan and Kristin find a secret safe.			DC's Legends of Tomorrow "Nip/Stuck" Sara hesitates to make a tough call. (N)			Arrow "Living Proof" SCPD shows up for Felicity. (N)			Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Self-Made" The death of a budding novelist.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Lonelyville" Strangulation.		The Game Derwin stresses about becoming a father.		
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>																						
A&E	46	130	Live PD: Police Patrol		Live PD: Police Patrol		Live PD: Police Patrol		Live PD: Police Patrol (N)		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 05.06.19" (N) (Live)		To Be Announced		Live PD: Police Patrol							
AMC	48	180	"Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995)		*** "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (2011, Science Fiction) James Franco, Freida Pinto, John Lithgow. Premiere. A medical experiment results in a superintelligent chimp.		Into the Badlands "Seven Strike as One" The heroes face off with Pilgrim.		(:01) Into the Badlands The heroes face off with Pilgrim.		(:12:02) ** "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"											
ANPL	41	100	Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.		Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.		Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.		Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.		Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.		Alaska: The Last Frontier- Frozen Edg.		Alaska: Last Fr.							
BET	61	162	(6:00) ** "National Security" (2003, Comedy) Martin Lawrence, Steve Zahn, Colm Feore. Two feuding security guards go after murderous thieves.		*** "Barbershop: The Next Cut" (2016, Comedy) Ice Cube, Cedric the Entertainer. The neighborhood from crime.		Summer House (N)		Watch What Happens Live		Vanderpump Rules "Reunion Part 1" (Part 1 of 3)		Reunion Part 1"									
BRAVO	47	181	Summer House Cast reacts and gives commentary.		Summer House Cast reacts and gives commentary.		Vanderpump Rules "Reunion Part 1" (Part 1 of 3)		Summer House (N)		Watch What Happens Live		Vanderpump Rules "Reunion Part 1" (Part 1 of 3)		Reunion Part 1"							
CNBC	35	84	American Greed		American Greed "The Dirtiest Con"		American Greed		American Greed "Top Gun of Fraud"		American Greed		American Greed									
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper									
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "Angry Andy"		(:25) The Office "Fundraiser"		The Office "Turf War"		The Office "New Guys"		The Office "Roy's Wedding"		The Office Jim reveals a secret.		The Office "Work Bus"		The Daily Show With Trevor Noah		(:36) The Jim Jeffries Show		(:12:06) South Park	
DISN	18	200	Jessie		Jessie		Sydney to the Max		Sydney to the Max		Jessie Mrs. Kipling becomes famous.		Sydney to the Max		Coop & Cami Ask the World		Andi Mack		Raven's Home		Bizaardvark	
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws "Time"		Street Outlaws: Full Throttle (N)		Street Outlaws (N)		(:02) Diesel Brothers "Episode 11" (N)		(:03) Diesel Brothers		Street Outlaws									
ESPN	26	35	SportsCenter (N) (Live)		MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at St. Louis Cardinals. From Busch Stadium in St. Louis. (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter									
ESPN2	27	39	NFL Live		2018 World Series of Poker		2018 World Series of Poker		2018 World Series of Poker		UFC Countdown (N)		Roster Select									
FOOD	40	109	Spring Baking Championship		Spring Baking Championship (N)		Spring Baking Championship		Spring Baking Championship		To Be Announced		Spring Baking									
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night With Shannon		Tucker Carlson									
FREE	20	131	(5:30) ** "Thor: The Dark World" (2013) Chris Hemsworth.		Shadowhunters "Alliance; All Good Things..." (Series Finale) Foes threaten the Shadow World. (N)		gown-ish "Face the World"		The 700 Club		** "Evan Almighty" (2007)											
FSS	21	47	Fight Sports: In 60 (N)		Fight Sports: In 60 (N)		3 Aces: Glavine		Braves Live!		MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Los Angeles Dodgers. From Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles. (N)											
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Love to the Rescue" (2019) Nikki DeLoach, Michael Rady.		When Calls the Heart "Surprise" Elizabeth confronts Nathan on parenting. (N)		The Golden Girls "Before and After"		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls					
HGTV	39	112	Love It or List It		Bargain Mansions		Bargain Mansions		Bargain Mansions		One of a Kind (N)		Hunters Int'l		House Hunters		House Hunters		Bargain Mansions			
HIST	45	110	American Pickers (DVS)		American Pickers "Presidential Picks"		American Pickers (N)		Knightfall "Death Awaits" (N)		(:02) American Pickers (DVS)		(:12:03) Knightfall									
ION	13	18	Criminal Minds "If the Shoe Fits" J.J. struggles with her sister's death.		Criminal Minds "Hashtag" Popular social media members are slain.		Criminal Minds "Fate" The BAU tracks a remorseful killer. (DVS)		Smart Justice: The Jayme Closs Case: The abduction and rescue of Jayme Closs.		(:12:01) "I Am Elizabeth Smart"											
LIFE	50	145	(6:00) "New York Prison Break: The Seduction of Joyce Mitchell" (2017)		All In With Chris Hayes		The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)		Rachel Maddow									
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews		SpongeBob		Full House		Full House		Friends		Friends		Friends		(:35) Friends		(:12:10) Friends			
NICK	16	210	The Loud House		Dude Perfect																	

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## Barr hearing was much ado about nothing

**W**ASHINGTON — If Shakespeare had titled Attorney General William Barr's appearance on Wednesday before the Senate Judiciary Committee, he would have called it "Much Ado About Nothing."

Democrats seized on the supposed "bombshell" that special counsel Robert Mueller wrote a letter to Barr expressing dissatisfaction with the attorney general's four-page memo to Congress from March 24, declaring it "did not fully capture the context, nature and substance" of his report. Barr told senators upon receiving the special counsel's letter that he immediately called Mueller and said, "Bob, what's with the letter? Why don't you just pick up the phone and call me if there's an issue?"

Here's a better question he should have asked: "Bob, why didn't you accept my offer to review the memo before it was released to the public?"

The fact is, Barr gave Mueller the chance to go over the document, and offer comments or suggested edits, before the attorney general made it public. Mueller declined to do so. Sorry, you don't get to turn down an opportunity to review a document before re-

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lease and then complain about it later if you don't like how it is being covered by the media.

And putting his complaints in a letter — "going to paper" in Justice Department parlance — the details of which (surprise, surprise) were then leaked to the media on the eve of Barr's testimony, was dishonorable. The entire episode hurts Mueller's reputation more than it does Barr's.

Moreover, officials told *The Washington Post*, "When Barr pressed [Mueller] whether he thought Barr's letter was inaccurate, Mueller said he did not, but felt that the media coverage of the letter was misinterpreting the investigation." So, there was nothing wrong with Barr's letter per se. What Mueller really wanted was for Barr to release more information — specifically the introduction and executive summaries of each volume of the report, which he had "marked with redactions to remove any information that potentially could be protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure that concerned declination decisions; or that related to a charged case."

But, as Barr testified on Wednesday, even if he had agreed that releasing the introductions and executive summaries was a good idea (which he did not), he could not have done so be-

cause they required additional redactions from the intelligence community. Barr did not want to release the report piecemeal. "I thought what we should do is focus on getting the full report out as quickly as possible," he said. The attorney general did just that.

Regardless, the whole issue was moot by the time Barr testified, because the entire 448-page report — including the introduction and executive summaries — has been released to the public. That did not stop Democrats from using it to attack Barr's credibility. Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, told Barr "you lied to Congress" and had "chosen to be the president's lawyer" rather than America's lawyer. She announced that she had asked the Justice Department inspector general to investigate his conduct. She called on Barr to resign. "Being attorney general of the United States is a sacred trust. You have betrayed that trust. America deserves better." It was a disgusting partisan display. Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., rightly chastised Hirono, declaring, "You slandered this man from top to bottom."

Far from lying, Barr has bent over backward to be open with Congress and the American people. He overrode Justice Department regulations and released the full Mueller report with only minor redactions. That's virtual-

ly unprecedented. And he has made an almost completely unredacted version of the report available to members of Congress, who now have access to all but one-tenth of 1 percent of the document. And while the Justice Department worked overtime to speed the redaction process, he released a memo which accurately informed the American people about Mueller's bottom line conclusions. It is a fact that Mueller declared that his "investigation did not establish that the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities."

And it is a fact that while the report "does not exonerate him" of obstruction, it also "does not conclude that the president committed a crime." For two years, Trump was falsely accused of being a Russian agent and colluding with Russian President Vladimir Putin — including by many of those on Capitol Hill now attacking Barr's credibility. If members of Congress want examples of dishonesty and efforts to mislead the American people, they can start by looking in the mirror.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### DRAMA FROM SCHOOL DISTRICT FITS WITH CONSPIRACY THEORIES

I am not one given to conspiracy theories. However, the drama this school board has put forth for the last couple of years seems to fit right in. This inept school board of supposedly educated people is now leading Sumter County schools backward.

With its top secret executive meeting, it has hammered the last nail into the coffin and is now waiting for the body to be embalmed and buried. It has given the last justification for a public charter school to be established. This school board, with its dictatorial and nonsensical rulings, has given justification for white flight from the school district. This action will take valuable talent (teachers) and resources (dollars) the students need and give them to a competing school district.

Those students whose parents cannot afford Wilson Hall, Thomas Sumter Academy or any of the other many private schools will now have an affordable alternative. If this was not a conspiracy, it was a well-played hand.

Well done school board.

MINISTER ROBERT JOHNSON  
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#### NOW IS NOT THE RIGHT TIME TO FURTHER FUND SCHOOL DISTRICT

I commend the Rev. Canty for his candid assessment of our school district's situation in *The Sumter Item* last Sunday and agree with everything he said including the district needing more funds. However, I cannot support providing more funds with the majority of trustees appearing to be incompetent fiscal managers, and I fear the money would just be squandered away. When Frank Baker and his followers are gone and common sense returns would be the right time.

Frank Baker is doing great harm to our community and needs to go.

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## Biden is making himself into a big target

BY DICK MORRIS

**I**n today's toxic political environment, if they can see you, they will kill you. The feeding frenzy that engulfs front-runners is much like a nuclear reactor. The chain reaction it catalyzes gets more and more intense until it explodes in a bomb blast and destroys the front-runner. To win, a candidate must advance in stealth, avoiding the searing intensity to which any front-runner is exposed.

Now it's coming to be Biden's turn in the spotlight. Following his announcement of candidacy, he has surged in the CNN poll by 11 points (up

to 39%) and in the Morning Consult survey by 6 points (up to 36%) — both double digits ahead of Sanders.

And so, the attacks against him are escalating ... and Biden is very vulnerable. His long, long record sets him up for hits such as the criticisms with which Bernie slammed him on Monday, saying, "I helped lead the fight against NAFTA; (Biden) voted for NAFTA. I helped lead the fight against (permanent normal trade relations) with China; he voted for it. I strongly opposed the Trans-Pacific Partnership; he supported it. I voted against the war in Iraq; he voted for it." Hits like these will under-

mine the nascent Biden Boom very quickly.

The anatomy of Biden's surge highlights its fragility: His biggest gains are among blacks, where the Morning Consult poll has him in first place at 43%, followed by Sanders at 20% and Harris at 10%.

Biden stoked black support with his announcement statement, which focused on the Charlottesville riots and accused President Donald Trump of calling opponents of dismantling Confederate statues "fine people" despite the presence of white supremacists and Nazis in their ranks.

But Biden cannot maintain

a front-runner status among blacks in a field that includes candidates of color such as New Jersey Sen. Cory Booker and California Sen. Kamala Harris.

Under fire from his 20 competitors (and counting) for the Democratic nomination, from journalists smelling blood and from Trump's tweets, Biden will fall back from his momentary high. Then the headlines will herald his "fall," and he will find himself in the sand trap that lies in the path of any elderly candidate: being labeled as yesterday's news.

And Biden will also find himself increasingly under scrutiny for the good fortune

of his son, Hunter, in securing a \$1.5 billion investment for his hedge fund from the government-owned Bank of China while his father was vice president. The investment was inked 10 days after Dad visited China and met with its president.

Between his past unprogressive record and the potential for scandal in the Hunter-China relationship, Biden will become an easy target. In conventional parlance, he is peaking too soon.

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PUBLIC AGENDA

SANTEE-LYNCHES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS Monday, noon, Central Carolina Technical College Advance Manufacturing Technology Training Center, 853 Broad St.

SUMTER CITY COUNCIL Tuesday, 1 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST ARIES (March 21-April 19): Look for opportunities as well as pitfalls that might get in your way. Refuse to let anyone take advantage of you or deter you from achieving what's rightfully yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look for any opportunity to travel, learn or spend time with someone you love. Invest in people and activities that bring you joy and ease your stress.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change will do you good and help take your mind off situations and people causing you difficulties. Distancing yourself from stress will lead to an attitude adjustment that will help you put matters in perspective and solutions in place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do your own thing, stick close to home and be sure to take time for a little personal pampering. Spending time with someone you love will bring you closer together and give a chance to discuss plans.

WEATHER

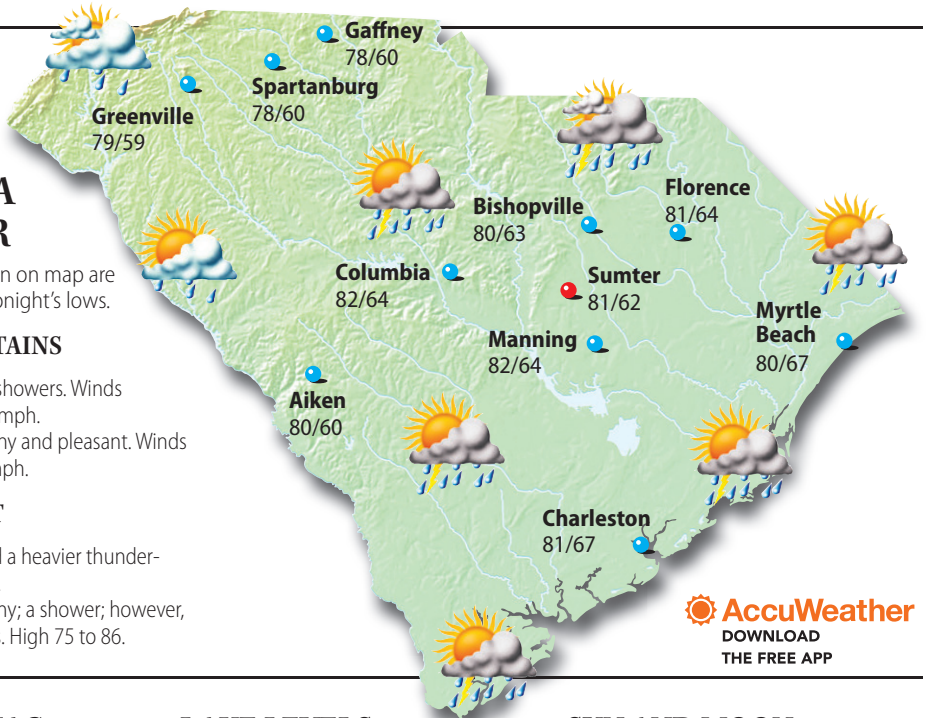
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperatures, and chances of rain.

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: A couple of showers. Winds west-southwest 4-8 mph. Monday: Partly sunny and pleasant. Winds east-northeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Showers and a heavier thunderstorm. High 80 to 84. Monday: Partly sunny; a shower; however, dry in southern parts. High 75 to 86.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Table with 2 columns: Category (Temperature, Precipitation) and Value (High 89°, Low 69°, etc.).

LAKE LEVELS

Table with 4 columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Moonrise, Sunset, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for May 11, 18, 26, and June 3.

RIVER STAGES

Table with 4 columns: River, Flood stage, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: Time, High, Low, Height.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today Hi/Lo/W, Mon. Hi/Lo/W.

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

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CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues and answers.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

CROSSWORD

Grid of crossword answers.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid.

JUMBLE

GRILL LASSO MILDEW BEACON He scaled Yosemite's 'El Capitan' without a rope, which had onlookers — CLIMBING THE WALLS

Word search grid with words hidden in letters.

Rockwell's style 52 Beast of Borneo 53 Self-possession 54 Deeply felt 55 Cozy home 57 Whodunit plot element 62 "What's it gonna be?" 63 It means "wrongly" 65 Added up 68 Exams for jrs. 70 Sicilia, per es-empio 71 Racer in goggles 72 132 Across' granddaughter Lauder 73 Tempe sch. 74 Plywood layer 75 "\_\_\_ been a long time" 76 All over again 81 Needing liniment 83 Walk-on role 84 "yesterday" 85 Mitchell's belle 86 Capital of Somalia 87 Film producer in Argo 88 Seminarian's subj. 90 Early jobs for Regis Philbin and Willard Scott 93 Metaphor for intrigue 95 Former MGM rival 96 Certain syn-copated tune 100 Parts of tuxedos 102 Washday removal 103 Rechargeable battery 104 Shy away from 105 Thin in tone 107 Hair-losing experience 108 Monologue deliverer 109 Pop artist Lichtenstein 111 Tolstoy title subject 113 Hotel staffers 115 Ready for harvesting 117 Burst forth 119 Piece of a book or branch 123 After expenses 124 Poetic pugilist 125 "Dapper" guy 126 FDR employment project As certified by Guinness World Records, LEGO (26 Across) is the world's largest tire producer, with over 300 million made yearly. ISAAC BASHEVY SINGER (70 Across) was awarded a Nobel Prize and two National Book Awards. Jack, the youngest of the four WARNER BROTHERS (94 Across), was born in Canada, after the family had emigrated from Poland.

## USC SUMTER TENNIS

# USC Sumter tennis team needs funds to reach nationals



PHOTO PROVIDED

Leo Zancheta (pictured) is one of three USC Sumter tennis players ranked in the top 50 in the NJCAA. The Fire Ants are heading to the national championship tournament in Tucson, Arizona after winning the Region X championship.

BY DANNY KELLY  
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The 11th-ranked University of South Carolina Sumter men's tennis team has made it to nationals after winning the NJCAA Region X championship. Now it needs all the help it can get to make the trip.

The national championship tournament will be held in Tucson, Arizona, May 13-17, and the Fire Ants will be flying out on Friday. Ten players and two coaches will be making the trip.

The team has been raising money all season to prepare for the chance

to go to nationals, but it still needs donations to achieve its goal of making the trip.

"Throughout the year, we've been doing clinics at tennis facilities and playing members of clubs (to raise money)," Fire Ants head coach Alex Poda said. "Now we're taking donations because it's getting close. With finals, it's hard to do anything as a unit right now."

The major costs of the trip will be the flights and hotels, and the team also needs funds for food and vehicle rentals.

"The rest adds up, but not to the degree that those two (flights and hotels) do," Poda said.

The team is 8-10 on the season and has played primarily 4-year college opponents, while going 2-2 against ranked junior college foes.

The Fire Ants are looking to do some serious damage at nationals.

"We're vying for a top 10 spot," Poda said. "We have three players ranked in the top 50 looking to do very well (Israel Rojas, seventh; Leo Zancheta, 35th; Lucas Rodrigues, 37th). We can use all the help we can get."

To donate, call the Office of University Advancement at (803) 938-3782 or email Vicki Singleton at [sin-glev@uscsumter.edu](mailto:sin-glev@uscsumter.edu).

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Go west, young man



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Former Lakewood and The Citadel cornerback Khafari Buffalo will play his final season of college football with Boise State as a graduate transfer.

## Former Lakewood standout Buffalo playing final year at Boise State after 3 at The Citadel

BY DANNY KELLY  
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Former Lakewood High School standout defensive back Khafari Buffalo played the first three years of his college football career with The Citadel in Charleston. As a graduate student transfer, Buffalo is taking his talents out of the state of South Carolina for his final year.

Way out of state. Buffalo is heading out west – to Boise, Idaho, to be exact – to play for Boise State in the 2019 season.

Buffalo's biggest reason for leaving The Citadel was he wasn't fully able to be himself there.

"It was a long four years," said Buffalo who redshirted in 2015. "It was a challenging four years with my personality. I'm always smiling. It's a

strict, straightforward school, so I had to adjust."

Last season with the Bulldogs, Buffalo recorded 38 tackles, including 28 solo stops and one for a loss, an interception, six pass breakups and a quarterback hurry.

"One thing Khafari could always do was run," Citadel head football coach Brent Thompson said. "He just needed to develop his skills. We started him

off at safety and then we moved him out to corner(back), which I think is a bit of what got him recruited at Boise. When you're a 6-foot-1(-inch) corner, you're gonna be able to match up against 6-1 to 6-4 wide receivers."

Buffalo said he's liked Boise State ever since he was little, and he's glad he's now a part of the program.

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## HORSE RACING

# In a stunner, Country House wins Kentucky Derby via DQ

BY BETH HARRIS  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Maximum Security led all the way in the Kentucky Derby on Saturday, only to become the first winner disqualified for interference in the race's 145-year history. After a long wait, 65-1 shot Country House was declared the winner.

Country House finished second in the slop before an objection was raised, causing a lengthy delay while stewards repeatedly reviewed several angles of video footage, before he was elevated into the winner's circle.

The stunning outcome gave Hall of Fame trainer Bill Mott his first Derby victory at age 65.

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Flavien Prat rides Country House to the finish line during the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Kentucky. Country House was declared the winner after Maximum Security was disqualified following a review by race stewards.

## CLEMSON BASKETBALL

# Clemson, basketball assistant part ways amid corruption trial

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA — Clemson has parted ways with men's basketball assistant coach Steve Smith after his voice was heard on a federal wiretap involving defendant Christian Dawkins on the ongoing trial into college corruption.



SMITH

The video from 2017 included Smith commenting about why Clemson's football team is so successful and Dawkins telling Smith he could help get cash to the family of ex-Duke star Zion Williamson if he had chosen to attend Clemson.

University officials said Friday that Clemson would not renew Smith's contract that expired last month.

Clemson basketball coach Brad Brownell said he supports the decision to let his seven-year assistant go.

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PRO GOLF

# Jason Dufner takes Wells Fargo lead with a 63

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE — Jason Dufner's game was going nowhere, so he changed everything from his swing coach to his equipment to his caddie.

It didn't get any better. He at least is starting to see signs of it coming together with an 8-under 63 on Friday in the Wells Fargo Championship, matching his career-low score on the PGA Tour and giving him a one-shot lead going into the weekend at Quail Hollow.



DUFNER

Dufner considers it the best two rounds he has put together since the 2017 Memorial, which also is the last time he had a 36-hole lead.

"See how it goes being in the heat of it on Saturday and Sunday," Dufner said. "I've been there before. It's been a while, but I kind of know what to expect. It will be a good challenge to see where I'm at, what I'm doing."

Dufner was at 11-under 131. Joel Dahmen made his first bogey of the week on his final hole of the second round — from the middle of the fairway, no less — but still had a 66 and was one-shot behind. So was Max Homa, who also knows about coping with bad results when he missed the cut in 14 out of 17 events in 2017. He birdied his last two holes for a 63.

The weekend at the Wells Fargo Championship will not feature Phil Mickelson for the first time since he started playing it in 2004. Mickelson shot 41 on the front nine and wound up with a 76 to miss the cut by four shots.

Rory McIlroy was stride for stride with Dufner until he dropped three shots over the last two holes. McIlroy made double bogey with a fat shot out of a bunker and a pitch too strong over the green at No. 8, and then went over the green on No. 9 for a bogey and a 70.

Even so, he was five behind and in the mix for a third title at Quail Hollow. He was at 6-under 136 along with Patrick Reed, who had a 69 as he goes for his first top 10 of the year. Defending champion Jason Day (69) was six behind.

"I stood up here last night talking about that I got the most out of it yesterday, and today it was the complete opposite. I turned a 66 into a 70," McIlroy said. "Golf, it's a funny game and these things happen."

Dufner didn't find too much funny about last year, when his world ranking fell from No. 41 to No. 124 and he missed the cut 11 times. That's when he decided to make changes to just about everything.

"This is my fourth caddie of the year so far," he said. "I left Chuck Cook, started doing some other things. I started working with Phil Kenyon. I think I'm on my fourth or fifth putter this year. I'm on my fourth or fifth driver, my fourth or fifth golf ball, fourth or fifth lob wedge. I'm trying to find stuff that's going to work."

It worked on Friday at Quail Hollow.

He started his round by missing the green 35 yards to the left and holing the chip over the bunker. He made a 20-foot eagle. He missed a 3-foot par putt. He drove the green on the par-4 14th for another birdie. And he capped it all off with a 40-foot birdie putt on the peninsula green at the par-3 17th.

It was the first time he shot 63 since Oak Hill in 2013, the year he won the PGA Championship.

# DERBY FROM PAGE B1

"It feels pretty darn good," Mott said. "It was an odd way to do it and we hate to back into any of these things. We'll just have to prove ourselves in the future."

Jockey Flavien Prat, who originated the claim of foul, also won his first Derby.

"I'm kind of speechless right now," Prat said, letting out a long sigh.

Country House paid \$132.40 to win — the second-highest payout in Derby history.

It was a crushing turn of events for Maximum Security trainer Jason Servis and jockey Luis Saez, who already had begun celebrating what they thought were their first Derby victories.

Instead, previously undefeated Maximum Security was dropped to 17th of 19 horses. The colt was the 9-2 second choice in the wagering.

Prat claimed that Maximum Security ducked out in the final turn and forced several horses to steady.

War of Will came perilously close to clipping heels with Maximum Security, which could have caused a chain-reaction accident.

The stewards reviewed race footage for nearly 20 minutes while keeping the crowd of 150,729 in suspense, clutching their betting tickets. Trainers and jockeys involved stared at the closest video screen waiting for a result.

Code of Honor was moved up to second and Tacitus was third.

Improbable was fourth and Game Winner was fifth, two of trainer Bob



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Luis Saez rides Maximum Security across the finish line first during the 145th running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs on Saturday in Louisville, Kentucky. Country House was declared the winner after Maximum Security was disqualified following a review by race stewards.

Baffert's trio of entries. His other horse, Roadster, was 15th.

The last claim of foul by a jockey in the Derby was unsuccessful. John Velazquez, aboard runner-up Invisible Ink in 2001, alleged interference at the quarter pole against Monarchos and Jorge Chavez, who crossed the finish line 4¾ lengths in front. The stewards didn't change the result.

The only other disqualification in the Derby occurred long after the race in 1968. Dancer's Image, the first-place finisher, tested positive for a prohibited medication, and Kentucky state racing officials ordered the purse money to be redistributed. Forward Pass got the winner's share. A subsequent court challenge upheld the stewards' decision.

## SCOREBOARD

### TV, RADIO

#### TODAY

**7:20 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Schalke 04 vs. FC Augsburg (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**8:55 a.m.** — International Soccer: Italian Serie A Match — Atalanta vs. Lazio (ESPNEWS).  
**8:55 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester United vs. Huddersfield Town (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Watford vs. Chelsea (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Fortuna Dusseldorf vs. SC Freiburg (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**10:30 a.m.** — Women's College Beach Volleyball: NCAA Tournament Semifinal Match from Muscle Shoals, Ala. — Louisiana State vs. Southern California (ESPN2).  
**11:25 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Brighton vs. Arsenal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**Noon** — Women's College Lacrosse: Big 10 Conference Tournament Championship Match — Maryland vs. Northwestern (BIG TEN NETWORK).  
**Noon** — Men's College Lacrosse: Patriot League Tournament Championship Match — Army vs. Lehigh (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**Noon** — Men's College Lacrosse: Ivy League Tournament Championship Match — Yale vs. Pennsylvania (ESPN).  
**Noon** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Frankfurt vs. Bayer Leverkusen (FOX SPORTS 2).

**12:30 p.m.** — College Baseball: Florida at Georgia (ESPN2).  
**1 p.m.** — College Baseball: Kansas State at Baylor (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Miami (FOX SPORTSOUTH, WYFF-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**1 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship Final Round from Charlotte (GOLF).

**1 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Minnesota at New York Yankees or Seattle at Cleveland (MLB NETWORK).  
**1:30 p.m.** — College Baseball: Vanderbilt at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**2 p.m.** — College Softball: Michigan at Maryland (BIG TEN NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** — Women's College Beach Volleyball: NCAA Tournament Championship Match from Muscle Shoals, Ala. — UCLA vs. Louisiana State or Southern California (ESPN).

**2 p.m.** — College Baseball: Texas Tech at Oklahoma (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Gander RV 400 from Dover, Del. (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**3 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Western Conference Semifinal Series Match 6 — St. Louis at Dallas (WIS 10).  
**3 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Wells Fargo Championship Final Round from Charlotte (WLTZ 19).  
**3 p.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions Inscrity Invitational Final Round from The Woodlands, Texas (GOLF).

**3:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 4 — Toronto at Philadelphia (WOLO 25).  
**3:30 p.m.** — College Baseball: Mississippi at Louisiana State (ESPN2).  
**4 p.m.** — College Softball: Northwestern at Minnesota (BIG TEN NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Houston vs. Los Angeles Angels from Monterrey, Mexico (ESPN).  
**4 p.m.** — College Softball: Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**4 p.m.** — College Baseball: Alabama at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).  
**5 p.m.** — College Softball: California-Davis at Long Beach State (ESPN).  
**6 p.m.** — LPGA Golf: Medinah Championship Final Round from Daly City, Calif. (GOLF).  
**7 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: St. Louis at Chicago Cubs (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — Men's College Lacrosse: NCAA Tournament Selection Special (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Kansas City (FOX SPORTS 1).

**MONDAY**  
**12:30 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: San Francisco at Cincinnati (MLB NETWORK).  
**2:55 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester City vs. Leicester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — College Baseball: Boston College at Virginia Tech (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Eastern Conference Semifinal Series Match 6 — Boston at Columbus (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Eastern Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 4 — Milwaukee at Boston (TNT).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia at St. Louis (ESPN).  
**9:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: West Conference Playoffs Semifinal Series Game 4 — Golden State at Houston (TNT).  
**10 p.m.** — Major League Baseball: Atlanta at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, WYFF-FM 100.1, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**10 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Playoffs Western Conference Semifinal Series Match 6 — San Jose at Colorado (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).

**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
All Times EDT  
**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Milwaukee 2, Boston 1**  
Sunday, April 28: Boston 112, Milwaukee 90  
Tuesday, April 30: Milwaukee 123, Boston 102  
Friday, May 3: Milwaukee 123, Boston 116  
Monday, May 6: Milwaukee at Boston, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 8: Boston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
x-Friday, May 10: Milwaukee at Boston, TBD  
x-Monday, May 13: Boston at Milwaukee, TBD  
**Philadelphia 2, Toronto 1**  
Saturday, April 27: Toronto 108, Philadelphia 95  
Monday, April 29: Philadelphia 94, Toronto 89  
Thursday, May 2: Philadelphia 116, Toronto 95  
Sunday, May 5: Toronto at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 7: Philadelphia at Toronto, 8 p.m.  
x-Thursday, May 9: Toronto at Philadelphia, TBD  
x-Sunday, May 12: Philadelphia at Toronto, TBD

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Golden State 2, Houston 0**  
Sunday, April 28: Golden State 104, Houston 100  
Tuesday, April 30: Golden State 115, Houston 109  
Saturday, May 4: Golden State at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
Monday, May 6: Golden State at Houston, 9:30 p.m.  
x-Wednesday, May 8: Houston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.  
x-Friday, May 10: Golden State at Houston, TBD  
x-Sunday, May 12: Houston at Golden State, TBD  
**Portland 2, Denver 1**  
Monday, April 29: Denver 121, Portland 113  
Wednesday, May 1: Portland 97, Denver 90  
Friday, May 3: Portland 140, Denver 137, 4OT  
Sunday, May 5: Denver at Portland, 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 7: Portland at Denver, 10:30 p.m.  
x-Thursday, May 9: Denver at Portland, TBD  
x-Sunday, May 12: Portland at Denver, TBD

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	21	11	.656	—
New York	18	14	.563	3
Toronto	15	17	.469	6
Baltimore	15	18	.455	6½
Baltimore	11	22	.333	10½

## MLB STANDINGS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	18	14	.563	—
Seattle	18	16	.529	1
Los Angeles	15	17	.469	3
Texas	14	16	.467	3
Oakland	15	19	.441	4

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

N.Y. Yankees 6, Minnesota 3  
Oakland 14, Pittsburgh 1  
Tampa Bay 7, Baltimore 0  
Cleveland 2, Seattle 1  
Detroit 4, Kansas City 3  
Toronto 1, Texas 0, 12 innings  
Boston 6, Chicago White Sox 1

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota 7, N.Y. Yankees 3  
Kansas City at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.  
Seattle at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
Boston at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.  
Houston vs. L.A. Angels at Monterrey, 7:10 p.m.  
Toronto at Texas, 8:05 p.m.

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay (TBD) at Baltimore (Means 3-3), 1:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Keller 2-3) at Detroit (Turnbull 2-2), 1:10 p.m.  
Seattle (Swanson 0-3) at Cleveland (Anderson 0-0), 1:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Montas 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Lyles 2-1), 1:35 p.m.  
Boston (Porcello 2-3) at Chicago White Sox (Covey 0-1), 2:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Buchholz 0-1) at Texas (Smyly 0-2), 3:05 p.m.  
Minnesota (Pineda 2-2) at N.Y. Yankees (German 5-1), 4:05 p.m.  
Houston (Verlander 4-1) vs. L.A. Angels (Harvey 1-2) at Monterrey, 4:10 p.m.

### MONDAY'S GAMES

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.  
Seattle at N.Y. Yankees, 6:35 p.m.  
Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.  
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Kansas City at Houston, 8:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	18	13	.581	—
Atlanta	16	16	.500	2½
New York	16	16	.500	2½
Washington	13	18	.419	5
Miami	9	22	.290	9

### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 0  
Oakland 14, Pittsburgh 1  
Philadelphia 4, Washington 2  
Atlanta 7, Miami 2  
San Francisco 12, Cincinnati 11, 11 innings  
Milwaukee 3, N.Y. Mets 1  
Arizona 10, Colorado 9  
L.A. Dodgers 4, San Diego 3

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 4:05 p.m.  
Atlanta at Miami, 6:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 7:10 p.m.  
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.  
Arizona at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta (Teheran 2-4) at Miami (Lopez 2-4), 1:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Montas 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Lyles 2-1), 1:35 p.m.  
Washington (Sanchez 0-4) at Philadelphia (Eflin 3-3), 2:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets (Vargas 1-1) at Milwaukee (Davies 3-0), 2:10 p.m.  
Arizona (Greinke 5-1) at Colorado (Marquez 3-2), 3:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Maeda 3-2) at San Diego (Margevicius 2-3), 4:10 p.m.  
San Francisco (Samardzija 2-1) at Cincinnati (Castillo 3-1), 4:10 p.m.  
St. Louis (Wainwright 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Quintana 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

### MONDAY'S GAMES

San Francisco at Cincinnati, 12:35 p.m.  
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.  
Washington at Milwaukee, 7:40 p.m.  
Miami at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 8:05 p.m.  
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

## NHL PLAYOFFS

### CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

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

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

**Columbus 2, Boston 2**  
Thursday, April 25: Boston 3, Columbus 2, OT  
Saturday, April 27: Columbus 3, Boston 2, 2OT  
Tuesday, April 30: Columbus 2, Boston 1  
Thursday, May 2: Boston 4, Columbus 1  
Saturday, May 4: Columbus at Boston, 7:15 p.m.  
Monday, May 6: Boston at Columbus, 7 p.m.  
x-Wednesday, May 8: Columbus at Boston, TBA  
**Carolina 4, N.Y. Islanders 0**  
Friday, April 26: Carolina 1, N.Y. Islanders 0, OT  
Sunday, April 28: Carolina 2, N.Y. Islanders 1  
Wednesday, May 1: Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 2  
Friday, May 3: Carolina 5, N.Y. Islanders 2

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

**Dallas 3, St. Louis 2**  
Thursday, April 25: St. Louis 3, Dallas 2  
Saturday, April 27: Dallas 4, St. Louis 2  
Monday, April 29: St. Louis 4, Dallas 3  
Wednesday, May 1: Dallas 4, St. Louis 2  
Friday, May 3: Dallas 2, St. Louis 1  
Sunday, May 5: St. Louis at Dallas, 3 p.m.  
x-Tuesday, May 7: Dallas at St. Louis, TBA  
**San Jose 2, Colorado 2**  
Friday, April 26: San Jose 5, Colorado 2  
Sunday, April 28: Colorado 4, San Jose 3  
Tuesday, April 30: San Jose 4, Colorado 2  
Thursday, May 2: Colorado 3, San Jose 0  
Saturday, May 4: Colorado at San Jose, 10 p.m.  
Monday, May 6: San Jose at Colorado, 10 p.m.  
x-Wednesday, May 8: Colorado at San Jose, TBA

## PGA SCORES

### WELLS FARGO CHAMPIONSHIP

**Friday**  
**At Quail Hollow Club**  
**Charlotte, N.C.**  
**Purse: \$7.9 million**  
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**Second Round**

Jason Dufner	68-63—131
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Max Homa	69-63—132
Rory McIlroy	66-70—136
Patrick Reed	67-69—136
Justin Rose	70-67—137
Seamus Power	68-70—137
Jason Day	68-69—137
Pat Perez	68-70—137
Brendon Todd	68-70—138
Sebastián Muñoz	68-70—138
Martin Laird	67-71—138
Kyle Stanley	69-69—138
Sungjae Im	70-69—139
Fabián Gómez	70-69—139
Aaron Wise	69-70—139
Jhonattan Vegas	72-67—139
Lucas Glover	70-69—139
Vaughn Taylor	68-71—139
Richy Werenski	70-69—139
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Harris English	71-71—142
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Keith Mitchell	68-74—142
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Nick Taylor	67-75—142
Luke List	75-68—143
Matthew Short	76-67—143
Ryan Blaum	71-72—143
Ollie Schniederjans	74-69—143
Hideki Matsuyama	73-70—143
Gary Woodland	73-70—143
Brian Harman	68-75—143
Cody Gribble	71-72—143
Bud Cauley	73-70—143
Jojo Niemann	73-70—143
Hank Lebioda	71-72—143
Chase Wright	71-72—143
Julián Etulain	73-70—143
Zack Sucher	72-71—143

## PRO FOOTBALL

# 3 Clemson stars highlight Raiders' 2019 rookie class

BY JOSH DUBOW  
The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Coach Jon Gruden has already altered one aspect of rookie minicamp for the Oakland Raiders based on what the team did in the draft.

Gruden said the coaching staff will don Clemson shirts on the final day of the weekend minicamp in homage to the three draft picks from the national-champion Tigers.

"I guess that's kind of the joke around here," first-round defensive end Clelin Ferrell said Friday, the first day of rookie minicamp. "We just added a bunch of Clemson guys and (defensive line) Coach (Brentson) Buckner was a Clemson guy. I mean, I wouldn't doubt it. I wouldn't be mad if I see some more around here, that's for sure."

Oakland has plenty right now after taking Ferrell fourth overall, cornerback Trayvon Mullen in the second round and receiver Hunter Renfrow in the fifth round.

Gruden was so impressed by what he saw on tape scouting those three that he wouldn't mind adding some of their teammates in the next couple of drafts.

"I got this to say about Clemson; you got to watch all their tape because they are the best team in college football and they got a lot of good players at every position," Gruden said. "Some of the underclassmen will keep us wearing that orange color next year, I hope, because they are loaded."

The Tigers trio weren't the only players with winning pedigrees that the Raiders added in the draft. They also took Alabama running back Josh Jacobs 24th overall, giving them four players from last season's national championship game.



Oakland defensive end Clelin Ferrell (96) is one of three former Clemson players in the Raiders' rookie camp. The others are cornerback Trayvon Mullen and wide receiver Hunter Renfrow.

Gruden said adding players with championship pedigrees was important as the Raiders try to rebuild after posting just one winning record in the past 16 seasons.

The rookies hope to contribute to building a winning culture in Oakland.

"It's a lot more fun to win than lose," Renfrow said. "We won a lot of games at Clemson. It's not just one person, it takes a whole team buy in. That's why I'm excited. I haven't met

a lot of the team yet, but I'm excited to kind of get in and interact with them. It was such a good thing to bring in a guy like Clelin so early because he's one of those guys that just brings people along. He'll say, 'All right, follow me. We're going to go and we're going to go do what it takes to win.' Same with Trayvon as well and Josh Jacobs at Alabama. They know what it takes to win and it's been fun to be around them."

## PRO FOOTBALL

## Former USC PK Fry in hunt for Bears' job

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Eight kickers walked onto the practice field at the end of Friday's rookie camp session as the Chicago Bears began trying to solve their greatest problem through a mass off-season kicking competition.

Coach Matt Nagy lined the 70 rookies at the weekend camp along the 50-yard line behind the eight kickers, watching as each attempted a 43-yard field goal, the same distance Cody Parkey missed with a double-doink to end Chicago's season in a 16-15 playoff loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

Out of a snap and hold, without a pass rush, only two of the eight kickers made the 43-yard field goal.

Back to the drawing board? "This is going to be a little bit of a process," Nagy said. "It already has been."

The Bears had Chris Blewitt, Elliott Fry, Redford Jones, John Barron II, Casey

Bednarski, Emmitt Carpenter, Spencer Evans and Justin Woo on hand for the start of this competition at rookie camp after holding several tryouts already in the offseason. Blewitt, Fry, Jones and Barron were the kickers who had already been signed, and the other four were brought in for tryouts at the rookie camp.

Only Barron and Evans made the 43-yard kick. When the kickers had competition amongst themselves away on another practice field, Fry and Jones stood out.

Fry was a kicker in the Alliance of American Football and went 14 for 14 with Orlando, and is the only one of the eight with any real professional experience.

Nagy was immediately asked about the poor performance after practice.



FRY

"I'm surprised you're starting with that question," Nagy said, laughing.

Nagy said it was no coincidence they started the post-practice competition from the 43-yard line, and the kickers are well aware.

"They know, they already know," Nagy said. "They know loud and clear why."

The Bears have hired a kicking consultant now to help them solve the problem. They've added Jamie Kohl, who conducts kicking camps. Nagy said Kohl has a good relationship with Bears special teams coordinator Chris Tabor.

"It's like a consultant, but he'll be here not every day, but he'll be here throughout the season," Nagy said. "We're excited about that."

Nagy called it a case of adding, "somebody that has expertise in that, and understanding a lot more than I know."

## SMITH FROM PAGE B1

Smith was scheduled to have his contract renewed at a board of trustees meeting last week until he was heard in court talking with Dawkins and an undercover FBI agent about several things, including why Clemson's national championship football program is so successful.

Smith said in the July 2017 video "if you do it and use resources at Clemson, like you can really keep everything tight."

Later in the video, Smith said, "It's a small college town. You can come to a game one night, after the game, you see a dude out there in a nice looking suit, you like, 'wait a minute now.'"

Testimony from financial adviser Marty Blazer indicated he believed that meant boosters would give players improper benefits.

Dawkins and amateur basketball coach, Merl Code Jr., are charged with paying bribes to assistant basketball coaches to help secure NBA-bound players as customers. Ex-assistant coaches at Arizona, Au-

burn, Oklahoma State and Southern Cal have pleaded guilty to bribery conspiracy and await sentencing.

Clemson started a review of its football and men's basketball programs after the wiretap was played in court.

"We feel very strongly that those were unfortunate comments and we are doing our due diligence, but there is no reason to believe, and nothing that we've been able to find at this point in time, that implicates the football program in any of that," Clemson athletic director Dan Radakovich said.

Radakovich met with Brownell and Smith this week.

Clemson football coach Dabo Swinney told The State newspaper of Columbia at a booster club event that Brownell had reached out to apologize for Smith's comments.

Swinney was disappointed with the characterization and is proud of how he runs his program.

"We've always been a program committed to doing things right way and we always will be," Swinney said.

## PRO FOOTBALL

## Daniel Jones gets more than passing grade at Giants camp

BY TOM CANAVAN  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — After two days of rookie minicamp, it's easy to see why the New York Giants drafted Daniel Jones of Duke with the No. 6 pick.

He reminds them of someone they know: Eli Manning.

Jones can throw all the passes. His focus is football. And when he talks about life in the NFL, he sounds like a coach.

Jones may be bland, but that's the way the Giants like their players these days. Team first, everything else second.

Rock the boat and the Giants' patience will run out — as it did with Odell Beckham Jr.

In the minicamp that ends Sunday, Jones' throws were crisp. If there was any drawback, some tosses had a little too much heat on them.

He showed he could handle the media. He said nothing controversial and didn't bother to see what anyone had written or said about him.

"I got up, got over here and opened up the second install," he said. "That's what I needed to do."

Coming to the camp, the Giants gave Jones a portion of their playbook so they could run plays with the 76 players in attendance.

"It has been manageable, but it's all new stuff for everyone," Jones said. "I think it was a good amount of stuff. It's going to be a challenge just to learn the verbiage and the way everything is called, the way everything is structured in the offense. I thought it was a good amount for the first day and we kind of got an equal amount the second."

Jones will be given a bigger package to take home to North Carolina. The rookies and free agents are due back a week from Monday, when they will start working with the veterans.

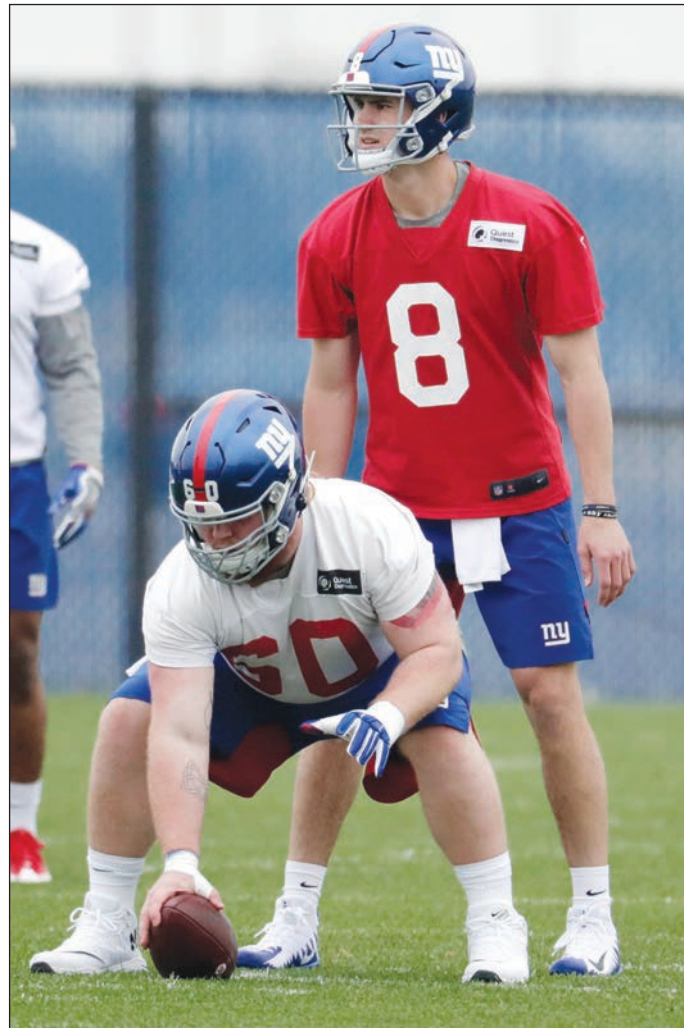
"I'm going to try to learn as much as I possibly can," said Jones, who also plans to throw during the week off. "It's tough without being on the field necessarily in 11-on-11 football, but if he expects me to do it, I will make sure I do my best to do it."

Coach Pat Shurmur has been pleased with what he has seen, although the 21-year-old is going to have to make adjustments.

While the fundamentals are relatively the same, New York has its quarterbacks under center much more than Duke did. The Giants also have different drop backs that will cause Jones to adjust some of his footwork, the coach said.

## MORE TO THE STORY

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New York Giants quarterback Daniel Jones (8), who was drafted No. 6 overall last week, has looked good in rookie camp so far.

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PRO BASEBALL



Atlanta's Ronald Acuna Jr. hits a single during the first inning of the Braves' 7-2 victory over Miami on Friday in Miami.

# Braves settle score with Ureña, beat Marlins 7-2

BY STEVEN WINE  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Kevin Gausman was ejected trying to settle a score with Jose Ureña, so a couple of home run swings did the job instead for the Atlanta Braves.

Freddie Freeman and Brian McCann went deep off Ureña, who was at the center of a melee last season with the Braves, and they beat the Miami Marlins 7-2 Friday night.

Gausman was tossed in the second inning for throwing a 97 mph fastball behind Ureña. Touki Toussaint (2-0), recalled from Triple-A Gwinnett, replaced Gausman and allowed one run in four innings with six strikeouts.

"It's a special win," Toussaint said.

"Things happen during a game," Braves manager

Brian Snitker said. "We just kind of refocused and got back to work."

Ureña (1-5) allowed five runs in six innings. He said Gausman's inside pitch set a bad example for the fans.

"That's the way they claim they are professional?" the Dominican said in Spanish. "I've never had anything against them. They are the ones keeping it going."

Marlins manager Don Mattingly was asked if the feud between the two NL East teams is over.

"We'll see," he said.

Freeman hit his sixth home run in the first inning. He has 26 career homers versus Miami, the most he has hit against any team.

McCann hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth and a two-run homer in the sixth, his second. Josh Donaldson, back in the lineup after missing three

games with a calf injury, contributed three hits and three RBIs.

Gausman's first pitch to Ureña was knee-high behind the batter, and plate umpire Jeff Nelson immediately signaled the ejection.

"He was ejected for intentionally throwing at the batter," Nelson said.

The game was Ureña's first against the Braves since he was suspended for six games for intentionally hitting Atlanta's Ronald Acuña Jr. on the arm with a pitch last August, triggering a bench-clearing confrontation.

Nelson declined to say whether that history was a factor in the ejection, but Snitker said that was part of the umpires' rationale.

"You don't have to agree," Snitker said. "They're doing their job the best they can."

PRO BASEBALL

# Cubs' Hendricks needs just 81 pitches in 4-0, complete-game win over Cards

CHICAGO (AP) — Kyle Hendricks needed just 81 pitches for a four-hitter, Anthony Rizzo homered for his third straight game and the Chicago Cubs beat the NL Central-leading St. Louis Cardinals 4-0 on Friday.

The second-place Cubs won their season-high fifth in a row while cutting St. Louis' lead to 1 1/2 games. The Cardinals have back-to-back losses after five consecutive victories.

Hendricks (2-4) pitched his third career shutout and fourth complete game, his first since he shut out Miami on Aug. 1, 2016. The right-hander struck out three and did not walk a batter, after getting pounded in a loss at Arizona last week. Hendricks improved to 6-2 in 15 starts against St. Louis.

Rizzo made it 3-0 with a three-run drive against Jack Flaherty (3-2) in the third and finished with three hits. Javier Baez added an RBI single in the seventh, and the Cubs opened a 10-game homestand with a win.

Flaherty allowed three runs and four hits in 5 1/3 innings.



Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Kyle Hendricks needed just 81 pitches in a 4-0, complete-game shutout win over St. Louis on Friday in Chicago.

## SATURDAY PUZZLES

### THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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Pawel Fludzinski 5/4/19

- ACROSS**
- 1 One of the X-Men
  - 10 Prior's superior
  - 15 Essential supply for an ophiologist
  - 16 Home of Bosch's "The Garden of Earthly Delights"
  - 17 Vehicle in the 2012 film "Arbitrage"
  - 18 New Mexico school athletes
  - 19 Italy's equivalent of the BBC
  - 20 Some necklaces
  - 22 Its solution refutes its existence
  - 27 Not on edge
  - 28 Collections of plant specimens
  - 32 Flow
  - 33 Fill a hold
  - 34 Ireland's Féin
  - 35 Follower of the old school?
  - 36 Favor, slangily
  - 37 Jokers
  - 38 "Everybody Loves \_\_\_": Johnny Cash novelty song
  - 39 Pound, e.g.
  - 40 Brawl
  - 41 One with a family practice?
  - 43 Gap-related
  - 44 Becomes an overnight sensation in
  - 46 Department store staple
  - 49 Names
  - 50 "Grand Hotel" star (1932)
  - 51 Like 24/7 news channels
  - 57 Listing
  - 58 Erin Brockovich, for one
  - 59 Classic battlers
  - 60 Reacts to a blow
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Nursery noise
  - 2 White
  - 3 Monopoly bill
  - 4 Inc. in Ipswich
  - 5 Bookie's cut
  - 6 High point of Hillary's career
  - 7 Put a new front on, as a building
  - 8 Nunavut native
  - 9 "Under a Glass Bell" author
  - 10 Where a gaffer or grip is recognized
  - 11 Started to perspire
  - 12 Diamond immortal, with "The"
  - 13 Fridge-cleaning motivation
  - 14 Not sleep well
  - 21 Took on
  - 22 Iconic dot-eater
  - 23 Flammable gas
  - 24 Rise on hind legs
  - 25 "Knowing where your food comes from" movement
  - 26 Aspen abodes
  - 29 Grand Canal span
  - 30 Ready to roll
  - 31 Canonized Archbishop of Canterbury
  - 33 Part of a blabbing metaphor
  - 36 Abrupt increase
  - 40 Prayer books
  - 42 Occult decks
  - 43 Hard-to-overcome evils
  - 45 Brew in Brest
  - 46 Ottoman officers
  - 47 Crown
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  - 55 Less-common spelling: Abbr.
  - 56 Local boundaries?

Previous Puzzle Solved

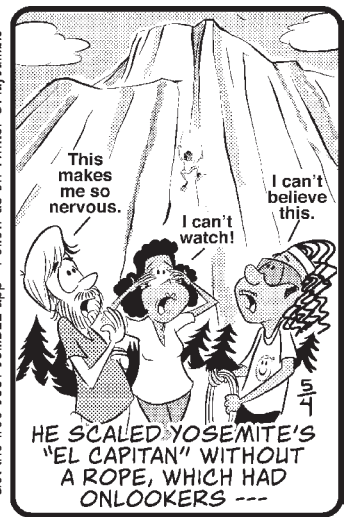
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### JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

LIRGL  
SLOAS  
LIMWED  
CABONE



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

THE

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: DRINK RODEO JOVIAL MEDIUM  
Answer: She was becoming angrier, but, after thinking about it, it was — MIND OVER "MADDER"

### SUDOKU

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

#### PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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## AREA ROUNDUP

# Fire Ants fall 5-0 to SMC in Region X tournament

LEXINGTON — The University of South Carolina Sumter baseball team fell into the losers bracket of the NJCAA Region X tournament with a 5-0 loss to Spartanburg Methodist College on Saturday at Lexington County Stadium.

The Fire Ants, 28-21 on the season, will take on the winner of Saturday's elimination game between USC Salkehatchie and USC Union at 10 a.m. on Sunday.

Vince Hanna, Lee Metts, Kyle Kalick and Jakob Woods each had a hit for Sumter. Daniel Twitty worked 2 1/3 innings and took the loss.

On Friday, the Fire Ants beat USC Lancaster 12-4, scoring five runs in the top of the ninth inning.

Alex Sanchez worked 5 1/2 innings with 10 strikeouts to improve to 3-5 on the season. Tyler Turner led the offense, going 3-for-5 with two runs batted in. Payton Young had two



hits, scored three runs and had an RBI. Hanna also had two hits and an RBI.

## GIRLS VARSITY SOFTBALL

CLARENDON HALL 13  
ORANGEBURG PREP 2

Clarendon Hall's varsity softball team defeated Orangeburg Prep 13-2 on Thursday.

Amberly Way led the Lady Saints with three hits, while picking up the win in the circle. She gave up five hits and two runs, striking out seven in 6 2/3 innings.

Hannah Corbett, Bailey Corbett and Hannah Johndrow both had two hits.

Olivia Wilson, Lauren Pifer, McKenly Wells, Johndrow, McKenzie Bagnal and Bailey Corbett each had an RBI in a 7-run sixth inning.

Wells also stole two bases.

ROBERT E. LEE 7  
THOMAS SUMTER 0

BISHOPVILLE — Carson Shannon hit a grand slam home run, doubled, had five RBI and pitched a shutout to lead Robert E. Lee Academy to a 7-0 varsity softball win over Thomas Sumter Academy on Friday at the REL field.

Shannon allowed four hits, striking out six and walking one.

Caleigh Barrett also had two hits for REL.

Emily Jackson had two hits for TSA.

GRAY COLLEGIATE 5  
EAST CLARENDON 4

WEST COLUMBIA — Gray Collegiate tied the game with two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning and scored the winning run in the eighth on a suicide squeeze bunt to beat East Clarendon 5-4 on Thursday in the opening game of the 2A baseball lower state tournament.

Turner Thackston got down the bunt to score Guy Epps with the winning run.

Ashton Mixon had a double and an RBI for EC.

Matthew Coker, Grant Barrineau and Dusty Hancock had doubles for the Wolverines.

East Clarendon was scheduled to play host to Hannah-Pamplico on Saturday in an elimination game.

From staff reports

## NHL PLAYOFFS



Carolina's Teuvo Teravainen (86), Sebastian Aho (20) and Jordan Staal (11) celebrate Aho's goal against the New York Islanders during the Hurricanes' series-clinching, 5-2 win in Game 4 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Friday in Raleigh, North Carolina.

## 'Canes get comfortable in new territory of the playoffs

BY JOEDY MCCREARY  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — The formerly last-place Carolina Hurricanes stormed back to knock out their division's best team in seven games. Then they swept the second-best team.

Maybe it's time to rethink the significance of those Metropolitan Division standings.

The Hurricanes advanced to another Eastern Conference final after polishing off a sweep of the New York Islanders on Friday night with a 5-2 victory in Game 4.

And for a team that played its way into the postseason with a hot second half, they've done absolutely nothing to play itself out of it. Carolina enters the conference final having won six straight games and eight of nine since dropping the first two of its first-round series with Washington.

"To sit here and say I expected to be here, our goal wasn't to be one of the four teams remaining," first-year coach Rod Brind'Amour said. "Our goal was to keep playing and be the best team. That's our goal. Not too many people expected us to be sitting here, but we did. ... We're super excited, but there's more. We have to do more."

A little over five months ago, the Hurricanes were tied for last in the division and one point out of the basement in the Eastern Conference.

"We weren't even trying to envision" this kind of run, defenseman Justin Faulk said. "We were in a pretty big hole there. We couldn't get ahead of ourselves."

But starting on Dec. 31, they went 31-12-2 to earn 64 points — the third-most in the league, and two behind Tampa Bay — and sneaked into the playoffs as the first wild-card.

"The guys believed that the style of play that we were trying to establish was working, and would work," Brind'Amour said. "Now, we're still here."

They beat the Capitals — who had a division-best 104 points — in seven games, advancing on Brock McGinn's double-overtime winner in Game 7. They had no trouble with the Islanders (103 points), locking down defensively on them in two games in Brooklyn before winning two more in Raleigh by identical 5-2 scores.

Now they're halfway to the second Stanley Cup in club history.

It's a familiar position for the franchise and its fans, even if it's still new territory for so many of the players

themselves.

The Hurricanes don't make the playoffs every year — this was their first appearance since 2009 — but when they do, they make them count. Each of the last four times they've made the postseason, they've advanced at least to the conference final, and have won 11 of their last 13 series. The only losses in that stretch came to teams that went on to win it all — Detroit in the 2002 Cup final, and Pittsburgh in the '09 conference final.

And now, with the Boston-Columbus series tied at 2 with Game 5 set for Saturday night, Carolina can savor some extended rest time and get some key players healthy.

Physical forward Micheal Ferland hasn't played since Game 3 of the Washington series on April 15. Another winger, Saku Maenalanan, missed the final two games of the series with an upper body injury. And starting goalie Petr Mrazek, day to day with a lower body injury that forced him from Game 2 of this series early, could benefit from the break.

"I think we need a break," Brind'Amour said. "Our group, just so proud of these guys. ... They just grinded. Wasn't pretty. A break is what they need more, almost mentally. ... We need it."

## PRO BASKETBALL

## Blazers go up 2-1 after 140-137 win in 4 OTs over Denver

BY ANNE M. PETERSON  
The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Rodney Hood checked back into the game, a fresh body among the weary ones all over the court.

Eager for postseason redemption after struggling in the playoffs last year, Hood got his chance Friday night.

All he had to do was wait until an NBA postseason record-tying fourth overtime.

Hood hit the key 3-pointer with 18.6 seconds left and the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Denver Nuggets 140-137 to take a 2-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Hood was a starter for Cleveland last season when the playoffs opened, but fell out of favor and refused to check into the final minutes of a blowout win over Toronto in the second round. He was acquired by the Blazers in a February trade.

"I didn't give up. I didn't give up on myself, just kept playing, kept working," he said. "I had no idea that I'd end up in Portland in this type of situation. But to be here, to have my family in the crowd when I saw a lot of sad faces last go-round, to be here is very emotional for me, to be quite frank."

"A lot more basketball to go, though. A lot more basketball."

The Blazers and Nuggets played a lot already.

It was just the second quadruple-overtime playoff game in NBA history, joining a 1953 game between the Boston Celtics and the Syracuse Nationals.

CJ McCollum matched his career playoff high with 41 points and Damian Lillard added 28 for Portland, which stretched its winning streak at home to 12 games dating back to the regular season.

Hood scored seven points in the final OT and helped

the Blazers remain unbeaten at home this postseason.

Nikola Jokic had his third triple-double of the playoffs with 33 points, 18 rebounds and 14 assists, but missed a crucial free throw with 5.6 seconds to go. The 7-foot center played 65 minutes, two shy of the postseason record.

Jamal Murray had a playoff-high 34 points for the Nuggets. Game 4 is Sunday.

"We fought, we fought, we fought. That's all you can ask for. Too many second-chance points too many turnovers, that was the difference in the game," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "But that was a hell of a basketball game by two very good basketball teams."

Hood's jumper tied the game at 133 with just over a minute left in the final overtime. Will Barton missed the first of two free throws for Denver before Hood added a baseline jumper. Paul Millsap's hook shot with 27 seconds left gave the Nuggets the edge.

But Hood's 26-foot 3-pointer gave Portland a 138-136 lead as time wound down. Jokic missed the first of two free throws for Denver and Seth Curry made free throws for the Blazers to close it out.

Hood finished with 19 points.

"Rodney Hood a huge impact on the game, and they went to him," Malone said.

In the first overtime, McCollum's layup tied it at 109 with 8.7 seconds left and Jokic missed an off-balance 3-pointer at the buzzer.

With the game knotted at 118 in the second overtime, Jokic missed a 3-pointer and a jump ball with 5.7 seconds left was grabbed by McCollum. Portland called a timeout with 4.1 seconds on the clock but Lillard missed a 3-point attempt as time ran out.



Denver Nuggets guard Jamal Murray (27) is defended by Portland's Enes Kanter (00) and Rodney Hood (5) during the Trail Blazers' 140-137, 4-overtime win on Friday in Portland, Oregon.

## AUTO RACING

## Kyle Busch nearing milestone top-10 streak to start a season

BY DAN GELSTON

The Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Morgan Shepherd pushed his No. 89 Chevrolet for a few feet through the garage with all the might a 77-year-old NASCAR driver could muster before yielding to his crew.

Pushing 80, Shepherd just might race long enough for his age to match his car number.

"Oh, yeah. That won't be nothing," Shepherd said.

Shepherd made his mark with a smaller, yet significant, number in 1990: 11. Shepherd posted a record 11 straight top-10 finishes to open the season in the Cup series, driving for Hall of Fame car owner Bud Moore.

Kyle Busch is nipping at Shepherd's milestone, going 10 for 10 headed into Sunday's race at Dover International Speedway. Busch, the 2015 NASCAR champion, already has three wins and barely extended the streak last week-end when he finished 10th at Talladega.

"It is kind of on our mind right now," Busch said. "Going into every week, we want to win. That is what we strive to do every time we hit the track. We thought it would come to an end last week at Talladega and it was close. We were right on the verge, but we made it through another one."

Busch is one of NASCAR's greatest drivers and just hit 200 career wins across all three national series. That he would run off this kind of consistency is hardly a surprise for the Joe Gibbs Racing driver that is a threat for a checkered flag each time he races.

Shepherd's streak might be a bit of a surprise to a generation of fans who mostly know him as a senior citizen usually running at the back of the pack. Shepherd won four times in his prime and was a top contender in 1990



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Kyle Busch will be trying for his 11th straight top-10 finish to start the season in the Gander RV 400 on Sunday in Dover, Delaware. That would tie him with Morgan Shepherd for the record.

to win the championship. But his top-10 run ended when a blown engine led to a 20th-place finish at Sonoma. It took him six more races before he scored another top 10 and, though he won the season finale at Atlanta, finished fifth in the season standings. Shepherd was a spry 48 years old behind the wheel of the No. 15 Ford.

"We started blowing motors," Shepherd said. "I was running with Bud Moore then and we had a lot of good runs back then."

He still races in the second-tier Xfinity Series and was rooting for Busch to at least match the mark.

"He's plenty capable," Shepherd said. "He's still got to have a little luck here. I knew he was knocking on the door. At Raceway Park in Indianapolis, I was the only one that won three races. Kyle came along and he

matched it. He just tied me. Hopefully, he just ties me here."

Busch started the streak when he finished second behind teammate Denny Hamlin in the Daytona 500. He has two thirds, a sixth, an eighth and two 10th-place finishes to go with his wins during the streak.

Busch has three career wins in 28 starts at Dover and finished 35th in the track's first race last season. He starts 22nd on Sunday.

Here's what else is going on at Dover.

## TOP OF THE CHARTS

I want my MTJ!

Martin Truex Jr. took a break from turning laps to spin some tunes on satellite radio. Truex, the 2017 NASCAR champion, recently played the hits and talked music as a guest DJ on Sir-

## GANDER RV 400 LINEUP

At Dover International Speedway  
Dover, Del.  
Lap Length: 1 mile  
(Car number in parentheses)  
1. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 165.960 mph.  
2. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 165.555.  
3. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 165.464.  
4. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 164.722.  
5. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 164.707.  
6. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 164.331.  
7. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 164.249.  
8. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 164.151.  
9. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 164.114.  
10. (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 164.017.  
11. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 163.577.  
12. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 163.347.  
13. (19) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 163.228.  
14. (41) Daniel Suarez, Ford, 163.095.  
15. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 162.999.  
16. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 162.970.  
17. (95) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 162.837.  
18. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 162.631.  
19. (1) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 162.602.  
20. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 162.514.  
21. (6) Ryan Newman, Ford, 162.338.  
22. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 161.921.  
23. (8) Daniel Hemric, Chevrolet, 161.674.  
24. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 161.312.  
25. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 161.254.  
26. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 161.247.  
27. (43) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, 160.578.  
28. (32) Corey LaJoie, Ford, 159.490.  
29. (47) Ryan Preece, Chevrolet, 158.604.  
30. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 157.876.  
31. (00) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 156.876.  
32. (36) Matt Tiff, Ford, 155.629.  
33. (51) Cody Ware, Ford, 154.050.  
34. (52) BJ McLeod, Chevrolet, 153.951.  
35. (77) Quin Houff, Chevrolet, 153.420.  
36. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 0.000.  
37. (27) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 0.000.

ius XM Radio's 80s on 8 station. Among the classic cuts, Truex put "The Reflex" by Duran Duran and the Bon Jovi smash "Livin' on a Prayer" on his playlist.

Former MTV VJ Riki Rachtman tuned out Truex's tunes.

"Is that what he picked," Rachtman asked incredulously of Truex's selections. "And I was such a fan of Truex. That's one of the worst Duran Duran songs. He didn't even pick a good Duran Duran song."

Rachtman hosts the "Cathouse Hollywood" podcast and has served for years as the host of Dover's race weekends.

Truex said the last-minute stint had him scrambling to find 1980s songs he liked.

## OBITUARIES

## THOMAS J. TISDALE JR.

Thomas Jefferson Tisdale Jr., 75, of Charleston, husband of Carol Martin Tisdale, passed away on Wednesday,

May 1, 2019.

A reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at J. Henry Stuhr Inc., West Ashley Chapel, 3360

TISDALE

Glenn McConnell Parkway.

Born on Aug. 14, 1943, in Sumter, he was a son of the late Thomas Jefferson Tisdale Sr. and Henrietta Touchberry Tisdale. Jeff attended Clemson University and was the drum major from 1962 to 1965. He was a founding member of the Clemson University Tiger Band Association with the first impromptu meeting of former Tiger Band Alumni taking place at the Clemson House on April 22, 1977. He retired from the state of South Carolina, where he was the Special Schools Education Manager. Jeff was a member of the Charleston Rifle Club, Elks Lodge 242 and German Friendly Society. He loved planes, mechanics, history and was an avid reader. He was a walking GPS. No matter where you were in the state of South Carolina, you could call him and give him a mile marker and he could tell you what exit to take and which highways / roads it would connect you with. He will be remembered for his love of family, friends, golf, dancing and Clemson University.

He is survived by his wife, Carol; daughters, Kelly Smith (Scott) and Katie Wise (Kent); sons, Jeff Tisdale III (Barbie) and Ryan Tisdale (Beth); sister, Cyndy Cherry (Dean); as well as grandchildren, Stephen, Evan, Shelby, Ansley, Kayla and Watts; and great-grandchildren, Hendrix and Emma.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to CUTBA, P.O. Box 1348, Clemson, SC 29633.

A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at [www.jhenrystuh.com](http://www.jhenrystuh.com).

## HENRIETTA BOWMAN

Henrietta Bowman was born on April 3, 1925, in St. Charles to the late Dave and Harriet Lillie McLeod Sr. Henrietta entered into eternal rest on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at

Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital in Sumter.

Henrietta was educated in the public schools of Lee

County and was a faithful member of Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church for many years until she became ill.

Henrietta was a resident of James Village for 45 years, where she enjoyed spending time with her neighbors, Janet Haynesworth and Jeanette Greene. She then relocated to National HealthCare after becoming ill.

In addition to her parents, Henrietta was preceded in death by her late husband, Robert Lee Bowman; seven children, Carolyn Bowman, Jimmy Bowman, Nathaniel Bowman, Rosa Peters, Verniece Elliot, Thomas Clark and Tracey Bradshaw; a sister, Annie Mae McLeod; and five brothers, Alio McLeod, Russell Johnson, Dave McLeod Jr., Eugene McLeod and Ervin McLeod.

Henrietta leaves to mourn her loss: her daughter, Thomasina B. Holloway of Sumter; sons, Willie Lee (Barbara) Bowman of Bishopville, Robert (Thelma) Clark Jr. of Newark, New Jersey, Andrew (Terri) Bowman of Jersey City, New Jersey, Eddie (Susan) Benjamin of Turbeville, Freddie McLeod and Jimmy (Loretta) Wilson both of Sumter; one sister, Blanche Cooper of Sumter; 33 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and other dear relatives and friends.

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

Mrs. Bowman will be placed in the church on Monday at 2 p.m. for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Monday at Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, 805 S. Harvin St., Sumter, SC 29150, with Pastor Marion H. Newton, Senior Pastor Officiating, and Pastor Ervin McLeod, Eulogist.

Interment will follow in Walker Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at the home of her daughter, 251 Rast St., Apt. No. E8, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

Online memorials may be sent to the family at [jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com](http://jobsmortuary@sc.rr.com) or visit us at [www.jobsmortuary.net](http://www.jobsmortuary.net).

## JOHNNIE 'BUCK' GEDDINGS JR.

Johnnie "Buck" Geddings Jr., 63, died Friday, May 3, 2019, at McLeod Health Clarendon in Manning.



GEDDINGS

He is survived by one brother, Wayne Geddings (Lesia) of Pinewood; five sisters, Polly Timmons (Jake), Diane Floyd (H.E.), Julie Evans (S.K.), all of Pinewood; Jeannie Mitchell (PeeWee), Inez Hill (John), all of Manning. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Brewer. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews and a great-great nephew. Special children to his heart are Regina Gibson, Adam Gibson and Leslie Gibson.

He was a life-long member of Pinewood Baptist Church and attended Promise Land Ministries.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at Pinewood Baptist Church with the Rev. Brian Gray and the Rev. James McElveen officiating. Burial will follow at the Pinewood Cemetery. Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home of Polly and Jake Timmons, 1440 West Ave. South, Pinewood.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sumterfunerals.com](http://www.sumterfunerals.com).

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



## CELAIN BROWN JACKSON

GABLE — Celain Brown Jackson, 75, widow of Hazel Jackson, died on Friday, May 3, 2019, at McLeod Health Clarendon, Manning.

She was born on May 4,

1943, in New Zion, a daughter of the late Jeris and Ella McKenzie Brown.

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 12487 U.S. 301, Gable.

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

## GARDENIA SUSAN PARKER

Gardenia Susan Parker, 78, died on Monday, April 29, 2019, at Overlook Hospital in Summit, New Jersey.

Born on Aug. 19, 1947, in Rimini, she was a daughter of Ethel Parker.

The family will receive friends at the home of her mother, 1119 Elkhorn Trail, River Road community, Pinewood.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC and will be announced at a later date.

## SANDRA WELL

Sandra Well, of Augusta, Georgia, died on Monday, April 29, 2019.

The family will be receiving relatives and friends at 7 Larking St., Sumter.

Services are entrusted to JP Holley Funeral Home, Columbia Chapel.

## LEROY DUKES WILLIAMS JR.

Leroy Dukes Williams Jr., 76, died on Friday, May 3, 2019, at his sister's residence in Sumter.

Born in Florence, he was a son of the late Rosa Lee Dukes.

Beginning Wednesday, the family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. daily until the day of the service at the home of John and Alma Kennedy.

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



## JEFF WELLS

Jeff Wells, 92, widower of Emma Jane Fulwood Wells, departed this life on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at Prisma Health Tuomey Hospital.

He was born on June 6, 1926, in Lee County, a son of the late Walter and Maggie Smith Wells.

The family will receive friends at the home, 3550 Britton Brogdon Road,

Sumter, SC 29153.

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

## PAUL GREGG

BISHOPVILLE — Mr. Paul Gregg, 61, passed away on April 29, 2019, at McLeod Hospice Center.

He leaves to cherish memories: one son, Allen (Stephanie) Gregg; one daughter, Mehereshall Gregg; two sisters, Paulette (Curtis) Fair and Agnes (Trent) Williams.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p.m. today at the JP Holley Funeral Home. Internment will follow in the Boone Memorial Gardens.

Professional and courteous services have been entrusted to JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

## GUSSIE MACK

BISHOPVILLE — Mr. Gussie Mack passed away on May 4, 2019.

Professional and courteous services will be announced later by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

## DOROTHY C. HOWARD

Dorothy Campbell Peay Howard, 85, widow of Leroy Howard and daughter of Sam Campbell and Mary Hunter Campbell, was born on July 9, 1933, in Sumter. She departed this life on Saturday, May 4, 2019, at her residence.

Family will receive friends at the home, 5370 Keith Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

## MARY ANN JOHNSON

Mary Ann Johnson, 67, the wife of Sammie Johnson, departed this life on Friday, May 3, 2019, in Sumter.

She was born March 15, 1952, in Sumter to the late Samuel Kennedy and the late Maude Davis.

The family is receiving friends at 2765 Lowder Road, Sumter.

Services are incomplete and will be announced later by Whites Mortuary LLC.

## JAMES PRESSLY

BISHOPVILLE — Mr. James Pressly passed away on May 4, 2019. Professional and courteous services will be announced later by JP Holley Funeral Home, Bishopville Chapel.

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DAN GEDDINGS / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM

Dan Geddings found this wing feather from a wild turkey gobbler on a recent hunt.

## Fringe benefits in the outdoors

“Look at that,” I said to my son Clayton. There in the matted grass just ahead was a large shed antler from a whitetail buck. It was in perfect condition and had not yet been chewed on by squirrels or other rodents. I picked it up, and we looked around for the other side. We were turkey hunting, and finding the shed antler was just a fringe benefit of our hunt.

Sunrises and sunsets are also fringe benefits to the outdoorsman. Deer hunters will sit in a stand and marvel at an autumn sunset. Actually, multiple sunsets from start to finish. Turkey hunters and duck hunters probably see more sunrises than anyone else. These aren't just fleeting glimpses on the way to work or heading home. My wife, Ginger, and I try to catch a look at as many sunsets as possible out our front door, but like many of you, we're usually too busy fixing dinner or watching the news to linger on our porch very long.

Nice weather can also be a fringe benefit. The cool days of fall and spring are a welcome change from the heat of summer and the bitter cold of winter. Almost nothing beats a pleasant day outside.

I especially love to hear the songbirds

of spring, singing in a woodland. You will not hear that beautiful symphony in town. There is an incredible number of birds in the springtime woods, and they mark the beginnings of each new day with a chorus of song. It is a magnificent fringe benefit.

Wildflowers adorn the landscape from the early spring through the summer and into the fall. On a turkey hunting trip to Texas several years ago with my brother Matt, I actually took more pictures of the blue bonnets and other wildflowers than anything else. It was a grand show and certainly a fringe benefit of our trip.



Dan Geddings

Clayton and I pick up artifacts on some of our hunts. We find arrowheads and shards of pottery. We're not especially looking for those things, but it is certainly rewarding to find something that adds to the pleasure of our outing. Clayton found his largest spear point while walking along a faint woodland road on a turkey hunt. He had shot at and missed a big gobbler earlier, and finding the point lifted his spirits.

I pick up bird feathers on my hunts and scouting trips. Some individual feathers are unbelievably beautiful. I can usually identify the type of bird and what part of its body the feather came from. Rarely do I find one that stumps me. I have a nice collection of

feathers at my home.

Exploring new lands and watery worlds is a great fringe benefit. I've explored new rivers, swamps, pinelands and hardwood ridges. There is something to be discovered around every bend and over every hill. I've made hunting trips to Arkansas and Texas. The places themselves were an extra to the hunts.

Making new friends at hunt clubs and spending quality time with old friends and family members is a benefit to our lives. It's not mandatory, but it enriches our experiences. My son Clayton and I spend a lot of time together in the great outdoors.

On a trip to the lake last year, my wife, Ginger, and I watched an osprey plunge into the water very near our boat and come up with a large fish. The osprey struggled to fly with the fish but eventually made its way to a nest in a nearby cypress tree. We also saw a large alligator swim across the open water to a small island where it stopped and watched boats go by with just its head, eyes and snout showing.

Hunters, and turkey hunters especially, get the added benefit of sharing their amazing stories with other hunters. Maybe the greatest fringe benefit for me is to be able to share these stories with you. Knowing that you appreciate my adventures is an extra that can't be calculated.

Reach Dan Geddings at [cdgeddings@gmail.com](mailto:cdgeddings@gmail.com).

## Applications now online for public gator hunts

BY SCDNR

The S.C. Department of Natural Resources will begin accepting online applications for the 2019 Public Alligator Hunting Season at [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/alligator/index.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/alligator/index.html). It is estimated that more than 100,000 alligators live from the Midlands to the coast of South Carolina, and the population is not threatened by the regulated removal of a relatively small number of alligators. Last year, hunters took 337 alligators during the public alligator hunting season, with the average size being just under 9 feet in length.

A \$10 nonrefundable application fee is required to apply for the Public Lands Hunt. A randomized computer drawing based on a preference point system will determine the selection of hunters. Applicants can only apply and pay fees online or at one of the walk-up counters at an SCDNR Regional Office in Clemson, Florence, Columbia or Charleston. No paper applications will be accepted. This year's season will begin at noon on Sept. 14 and run until noon on Oct. 12. The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on June 15.

If selected, a \$100 fee for the permit and one harvest tag is required to be paid online through the same online alligator hunting application system. Unsuccessful applicants will accumulate preference points for future alligator hunt drawings. Preference points add to the likelihood of being drawn in future years. All hunters will be notified beginning in mid-July of their selection status.

Hunters participating in the Public Alligator Hunting Season may take alligators in public waters and on private land where permission is granted, but alligator hunting is prohibited on Wildlife Management Areas and USFWS Wildlife Refuges. In addition, public alligator season permits cannot be used on lands enrolled in the Private Lands Alligator Program.

By law, the fees collected are used to support the Alligator Management Program's research and management activities and for conservation of the American Alligator in South Carolina.

Only alligators 4 feet or greater in length may be taken, and the hunter must tag the animal immediately with a harvest tag provided by SCDNR for any of the alligator hunting programs. This hunting season does not allow the shooting of unsecured alligators, even on private land. All alligators must be secured using approved equipment and brought boatside or onto land before they can be dispatched.



SCDNR / PROVIDED TO THE SUMTER ITEM

A juvenile alligator rests at the edge of a small Lowcountry pond, likely waiting for a favored prey such as a fish, frog or aquatic snake to come within reach.

## Smaller alligators may not necessitate a nuisance call

BY SCDNR

As the weather warms up, alligators across the state are coming out of their winter hiding places and basking in the sun, especially in the coastal plain. If you have never seen one of these impressive reptiles before, you might be surprised, or even intimidated, to see such an animal lying on the bank of your neighborhood pond, but there's probably no reason to panic, according to the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologists who manage this iconic species.

Many of the gators that inhabit the ponds of golf courses, resorts, communities and other areas with common greenspace that include prime alligator habitat are relatively small. It can take as long as a decade for an alligator hatchling to reach the 6-foot length that is generally considered “adult” size. When left alone, smaller gators pose very little threat to people, according to SCDNR biologist and Alligator Program Coordinator Morgan Hart.

That may be true, but for many of the out-of-state visitors who flock to the Carolina coast in the summertime, and even for some native South Carolinians unused to seeing them, any alligator sighting may be a frightening event. Of the hundreds of alligator complaints reported to the SCDNR each season, more than half involve alligators less than 5 feet in length — animals that pose little, if any, threat to humans. Alligators of this size feed on crawfish, aquatic insects, small snakes, frogs and turtles. The aver-

age body weight of alligators 3 feet in length is not quite 4 pounds. Four-foot alligators average about 11 pounds, while gators measuring 5 feet average only about 22 pounds. Just like any wild animal, even small alligators can bite, but as the old saying goes, “they are probably more afraid of you than you are of them.”

Alligators are cold-blooded (also called ectothermic), which means that they can't produce their own body heat. When an alligator lies on grass or mud, fully out of the water, its primary goal is to soak up the heat from the sun. Alligators almost exclusively hunt from the water, so an alligator on land is most likely just trying to get warm and will retreat into the water if surprised or threatened. In the spring months, alligators roaming in search of new territories can result in animals that find themselves “stuck” away from their regular habitat. As the sun goes down, a piece of sun-warmed pavement such as a roadway, parking lot or driveway may seem like an attractive resting spot to the gator, which can cause traffic hazards or other public safety concerns.

In that situation, the best thing to do is to notify either the appropriate public safety department for the town or county you are in or the security staff if visiting a private resort or “plantation.” Most resorts and other private communities along the coast have signs advising who to call to report an out-of-place or potentially dangerous gator. The SCDNR may be called upon in such cases — typically to assist with ga-

tors that pose an immediate safety hazard. First responders will normally contact SCDNR if that step is necessary, but citizens having questions or concerns about any alligator may also contact SCDNR directly by calling 1-800-922-5431.

SCDNR conservation officers and biologists urge the public to be especially cautious around large alligators. While typically shy and inclined to avoid confrontations with people, alligators can be dangerous, especially if they have been fed in the past by humans, and people should always maintain a safe distance from any gator, regardless of size. Staying on marked paths and avoiding the edges of ponds or waterways — especially while walking pets — is a good safety practice, and never throw food or other objects into the water where gators live.

While keeping those safety guidelines and information firmly in mind, understand that it isn't necessary to call and report small gators that are simply basking near their normal habitat. By observing these simple safety rules, both citizens and visitors should be able to co-exist with gators.

“American alligators are native animals, and they deserve our respect, as they have an important role to play in South Carolina's ecosystems,” Hart said. “While we definitely don't want to discourage people from calling in any situation they feel could be dangerous, just be aware that smaller gators that are in their normal habitat do not typically pose a problem, so long as people keep a safe distance from them.”

# REFLECTIONS

## The Sumter Chicks begin play at Riley Park

Tri-State Baseball League team came to town in 1952

Reflections remembers the arrival of a Tri-State Baseball League representative to the Sumter community in 1948. The name of this new organization was selected by a board of directors "at an organizational meeting held at the Coca-Cola Community Room." The winning name for the new club was submitted by four fans: L. M. Lyons, Manning R. Rappe Sr., D. G. Lenoir and E. S. Booth Jr. The name chosen was "The



**Sammy Way**  
REFLECTIONS

Chicks," and they would play their games at the newly named Riley Ball Park (formerly Municipal Stadium), dedicated to Sumter's representative in Congress and Legion coach.

The naming ceremony took place shortly after John Riley returned home in August of 1947. Photos and articles used in preparing this issue of Reflections were provided by *The Sumter Item* archives.

The meeting also organized the Sumter Baseball and Exhibition Co. Inc., which was in charge of operating the Chick Baseball Organization. H. L. Reeder was named president of the organization with H. D. Osteen serving as vice president; H. D. Hartmann, treasurer; and John D. Riley, chairman of the board of directors. The board consisted of several prominent Sumterites, including W. A. McElveen, J. C. Brogdon, D. B. James, A. T. Heath Jr., Mrs. H. L. Reeder, H. L. Reeder Jr., Clifton G. Brown, J. H. Humphries, J. H. Lawson, W. G. Blackwell, Dr. Harry Harvin and Henry Lucas.

The Chicks were scheduled to open their season on April 14, 1949, with a game against the Florence team. In February of 1949, the city of Sumter agreed to extend a five-year lease to the Chick organization allowing games to be played at Riley Ball Park. Shortly after this meeting, Wes Livengood was named manager of Sumter's Chicks, and he was given a warm reception by Sumter fans.

In March of 1949, a starting lineup was announced featuring Joe Sabatella at first base with Fred Daniels and Grover Blackmon competing for second base. Adam Bengochea was at third along with Frank Lansetti, with Jack Sofia scheduled to play shortstop. Pat Cooper, Lenf Morrison and rookies James Partin and Leland Helms were in the outfield. Partin was a former player at Sumter High and Legion star. "Joe Cleary, who had a 22-9 record for Gainesville, Florida last year, arrived in camp, leaving only Alex Zych to report before the pitching roster is complete."

"Mayor W. E. Bynum proclaimed April 15, 1949, as a red-letter day in the history of Sumter. In his proclamation, submitted to *The Item* for publication, the mayor pointed out that on this day the first home game of the regular season of the Sumter Chicks, local Tri-State League team, would be played that evening. Under the able sponsorship of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, and with the cooperation of every interested citizen, a large crowd viewed the first game. A parade celebrating the event was held on Main Street and included members of the Florence ball club, the opponents for the first game."

According to Wikipedia Encyclopedia, due to poor attendance "in 1952 the Chicks and the Florence Steelers were replaced by the Greenwood Tigers and the Greenville Spinners in the Tri-State League."



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The Chicks and the Steelers watch the flag raising ceremony, which took place to the musical accompaniment of "The Star-Spangled Banner" in April 1949. At the foot of the flagpole are W. T. McCracken, candidate for department commander, South Carolina American Legion; T. H. Davis Jr., commander of Sumter Post 3034, Veterans of Foreign Wars; and Gwyn Shelor.



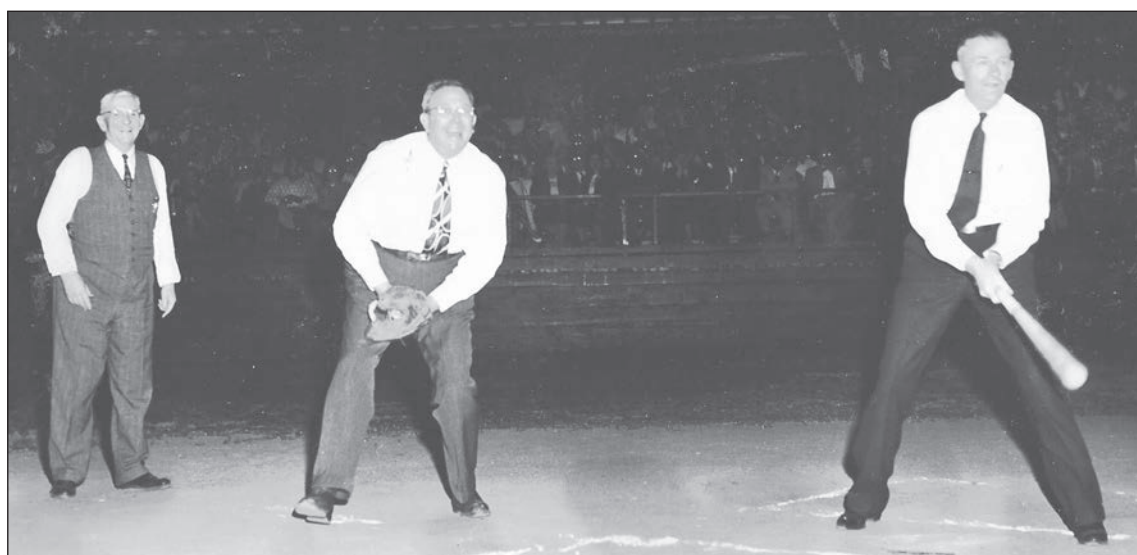
The Sumter Chicks in their 1949 season were, from left, front row: Frank Dunlap, outfielder; Alex Zych, pitcher; Serge Schuster, catcher; Babe Glunt, third base; Arky Biggs, second base; Arthur Kuehl, pitcher; Mickey Witek, catcher; and Don Murray, pitcher. Back row are Frenchy Bourdette, pitcher; Joe Sabatella, first base; Bill Manning, outfielder; Leo Twardy, pitcher; Ray Burnett, pitcher; Tex Schaeffer, shortstop-manager; Pete Marshall, outfielder; and Bob Newton, pitcher. Dave Pierce was added to the team after the photo was taken.



Infield action — Jack Sofia, shortstop for the winners, attempts to complete a double play in the intrasquad game at Riley Park on March 30, 1949, between two Sumter teams. The runner was forced at second, but the batter was safe at first. No. 16 is Joe Sabatella, No. 4 is Raymond Pate, and No. 7 is Fred Daniels.



Sumter's Chicks signed James Partin, former Sumter High School and American Legion star. Partin batted .420 his last year in high school ball, and club co-owner and scout Ike Reeder thought Partin had the ability to go places in organized ball. Partin was to begin spring training with the Chicks. Seen with Partin is his father, H. J. Partin.



During the preliminary events which marked the opening of the Sumter Chicks' home season in 1949 was the "all-star" game played just before the Chicks tangled with the Florence Steelers. Players included, from left, City Manager J. A. Raffield as umpire, former U.S. Congressman John J. Riley as catcher and Mayor W. E. Bynum as batter. Gov. J. Strom Thurmond was one of the visitors and made a brief address and served as pitcher for the "all-star" game.



1950 — Mayor W. E. Bynum buys the first ticket for the Chicks' four-game series with Asheville and three-game series with Knoxville during Baseball Week in Sumter, June 19-25, from A. T. Heath Jr., president, Sumter Chicks Inc., while Troy Agnew, center, the club's general manager, looks on. The advance sale was designed to increase attendance at Riley Park and ensure the continuance of Tri-State League baseball in Sumter.

## Bond sales approach goal; ShawFest '94 expects 64K visitors for annual airshow

75 YEARS AGO — 1944  
Nov. 25 — Dec. 1

• Charles M. Hurst, the oldest native-born citizen of Sumter, died at Tuomey hospital after a brief illness, following a long period of declining health. Mr. Hurst was born in Sumter on Oct. 12, 1856, the son of Charles M. Hurst Sr., at that time principal of a school for boys that he conducted here for a number of years. The deceased spent his entire life in this community, except for two years' association with a firm of law publishers in Philadelphia, as an editor of an edition of the decisions of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Prior to this time, he had been admitted to the bar and practiced here in Sumter for about two years, although previously he had been engaged in business for years as bookkeeper and store manager for the late J. D. Craig, the pioneer furniture dealer and undertaker of Sumter.

• A joint committee of representatives of Bell and Independent operating telephone companies throughout the United States has been formed to advance the nationwide post-war program which the various telephone companies have been working on individually to extend and improve farm telephone service, it was announced today by S. R. Green, manager of the South Carolina Continental Telephone Co.

• Bond sales in the Sixth War Loan drive here have reached approximately \$805,000, it was announced by R. L. McLeod, chairman. Sumter's goal is \$1,160,000. The drive in Sumter County received a boost when \$500,000 worth of bonds was purchased by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey in South Carolina, it was announced by J. W. Williams, field supervisor. Of this amount, \$15,000 will be credited to the Sumter County quota, which is in keeping with Esso's policy of making its purchases of war bonds through the communities in which it operates.

• Pfc. William W. Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Arthur of Sumter, is now assigned to the supply of the Air Service Command somewhere in England. Pfc. Arthur is one of thousands of soldiers who rushes more than 200,000 items of essential equipment to Allied planes over Germany. Before entering the Air Corps 37 months ago, he was a student at the University of South Carolina, graduating in 1940.

• The YMCA Midget Basketball league for boys under 14 years of age met Wednesday afternoon and organized four teams, which will play the initial games tonight, beginning at 7 p.m. Fifty-six boys were chosen, all of whom were under 14 years of age. The opening games are expected to draw a crowd of interested spectators. The Eagles with Hugh Humphries, captain, will meet Capt. Gus Pringles' Thunderbirds at 7, and the Hawks, led by Capt. Wellie Bradham, will clash with Capt. Frank Strange's Mallards.

• Eighteen schools landed men on the South Carolina all-star high school squad announced to represent the state against North Carolina in the annual Shrine bowl game to be played next Saturday. Camden, Greenville, Anderson, Sumter (Ed Martin, tackle, Bill Bradford, running back) and Liberty each placed two men on the team coached by John Villepique, veteran Camden mentor.

• The Sumter Theater will present a war bond premiere, and bond purchasers will be admitted. The picture to be shown is "An American Romance," a technicolor extravaganza which has been rated

"excellent" by critics throughout the country. Starring roles are handled by Brian Donlevy and Ann Richards. Bond purchasers should exchange certificates, which are being presented them with their purchases, for picture show tickets at the box office before Thursday night at 8:30. No tickets to the premiere will be sold on the night of the performance.

• The Rev. W. H. Turner, who spent many months in a Japanese prison before being exchanged for a Japanese internee in the United States, will speak at special services tomorrow evening at the Pentecostal Holiness Church, Fulton Street. The Rev. Mr. Turner was a missionary in China at the time he was interned. He has many friends in the city who are looking forward to hearing him. Those planning to attend are urged to come early so that as many as possible may find seats.

• *The Daily Item's* 50th Anniversary Edition made its appearance this afternoon. The issue contained two regular sections, each of eight pages, and a Rotogravure section of 40 pages. The *Item* reached its 59th anniversary on Oct. 15 of this year, and it had been planned to publish the edition on that date, but because of wartime restrictions, the contracting firm which printed the Rotogravure section could not make the delivery on time. However, the Rotogravure section is one of the most complete to be published, and the paper takes this opportunity of thanking all who made it possible.

• Marine Cpl. George W. Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Burke, arrived home after more than 30 months of active duty in the South Pacific with the First Marine Division. Cpl. Burke is a veteran of Guadalcanal, where the Marines struck the first decisive blow against the Japanese. His unit saw action at Cape Gloucester on New Britain, and their latest campaign was the conquest of Peleliu Island in the Palau Island group. He wears the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon for action at Guadalcanal. He has been given a 30-day furlough, after which he will report to the Marine base at Norfolk, Virginia.

50 YEARS AGO — 1969  
July 27 — Aug. 2

• The law firm of Bryan and Bahnmuller has announced that Howard P. King has become a member of the firm and the name changed to Bryan, Bahnmuller and King. King received his B.S. degree in Business Administration from the Citadel and his Juris Doctor degree from the University of South Carolina.

• "I just do not know how to estimate the damage on such a thing as this," said Sgt. J. M. Nesbitt of the Sumter County Sheriff's Department as he surveyed the vandalism that took place at Bates Junior High. School principal M. O. Ramsey reported there had been a continuous rash of window-breaking and other minor offenses at the school. However, during the past weekend, the incidents came to a head as the most extensive damage ever done on the school building was reported.

• The Silver Star Medal was awarded posthumously to 2nd Lt. William H. Hunt, Marine Corps Reserve, in a recent ceremony. Mrs. Hunt, the former Eva Nell Chase of Sumter, was present at the presentation at the Marine Corps Reserve Training Center. Lt. Hunt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunt of Merritt Island, Florida, accepted the medal, which was presented by Lt. Col. S. J. Stubbs, commanding officer of the Orlando Marine Reserve Unit.

• Edmunds High School's



1994 — Marlon Johnson, left, then a 14-year-old sophomore at Furman High School, listens as Randy Reagan, a physical science teacher, explains the anatomy of a frog during a biology class in April.

Gamecocks, hoping to rebound from a horrible season in 1968, open their 1969 campaign with a home contest, hosting Camden. The Gamecocks had a miserable season last year, finishing with a 2-7-1 record. Coach Steve Satterfield's birds had problems holding on to the football last year — fumbles deciding at least three of the games. Edmunds' schedule calls for six games on the road, with only four in the familiar Memorial Stadium.

• Eight cadets and two senior members of the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron left for a weeklong visit at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. The cadets will learn how the military functions as they live in barracks, eat with regular Air Force personnel and get a tour of the various work centers. The trip will also include a tour of Washington, D.C.

• Corporate Planners Inc., a management consulting firm, has announced taking an option on approximately 500 acres of land in Lee County for the location of a new industry. The option was secured by Corporate Planners for a client company, through the assistance of the Lee County Industrial Development Board. Corporate Planners Inc. said the client company would bring a new concept in raising the economic level of the area through the creation of a work and living environment.

• Sumter's Gamecock Bowman Archery Club edged out two other clubs at Edmunds High School gym to take the lead in a rotating-trophy tournament. Six matches will be held with the winning team getting to keep the trophy. Sumter rolled up 1,025 points to 1,013 for second-place Myrtle Beach.

• Tech. Sgt. William H. McGlone, a 21-year veteran and the non-commissioned officer-in-charge of Civil Engineering's Planning Division, has been named Shaw's Non-Commissioned Officer of the Month for July. The 363rd Civil Engineer Squadron's candidate was hand-picked for the honor by an evaluation board, which considered candidates from the entire base.

• More than 985 families in Sumter County have been visited by health aides and have been introduced to the facilities of the health department. A relatively new program, which has been started in Sumter County, employs aides, trains them and sends them out in the county to help families in all areas. The two phases of the program are Health Education and Family Planning.

• Hundreds of balloons will be given away tomorrow to children attending Sumter's

"Summerthing" at the fairgrounds. Each child will have a chance to put his name on his helium-filled balloon and send it floating over Sumter. This is only a sample of the excitement for those attending the arts festival. Entertainment will be held on the hour. Today interested persons are bringing their art, crafts, ceramics, flowers and other items for display at the Exhibition Building.

• Sumter's entries into Palmetto League state championships are busy this week preparing for shots at the championship. The Palmetto Majors State Tournament will be held in Sumter, with play beginning Monday. Sumter National, which breezed through the district Palmetto Boys Tournament in Sumter without a loss, is pitted against the host team in Barnwell.

• Timmonsville Post 47 and Greenwood clash in the opening round of the state legion baseball playoffs in a series of best four out of seven. Seeking its third-straight title, Timmonsville is facing the last team to win the title besides Timmonsville. Sumter radio station WSSC, through facilities of a Greenwood station, will carry the series live, regardless of the number of games required.

• Approximately 900 marching troops passed in review at change-of-command and retirement ceremonies honoring the retiring Brig. Gen. Robert W. Waltz, Tactical Air Reconnaissance Center commander for the last three years, and new commander, Brig. Gen. Robert J. Holbury. Lt. Gen. Gordes M. Graham, vice commander of the Tactical Air Command, retired Gen. Waltz and performed the change-of-command ceremony.

• The Horatio 4-H Club was well represented at the annual State 4-H Conference at Clemson University. Bobby Clark will receive a trip to Chicago and the National Congress for his automotive project; Steve LeNoir won a \$75 savings bond as state horticulture winner; Anne Clark received a blue ribbon for her breads project; Beverly LeNoir was a blue ribbon winner in health; and William LeNoir received a red ribbon for his work in conservation of natural resources and as president accepted awards in safety and health, which the club won.

25 YEARS AGO — 1994  
April 28 — May 4

• You can't take it with you, but you can have company on the way out. For nearly a year, the local council of the Knights of Columbus has provided a pallbearer service for anyone who dies without enough friends or family to carry the casket. Sixteen members of the Catholic fra-

ternal service organization volunteered for the effort, which was spearheaded by Knight Luther E. Troop. Troop, 65, gave a list of their names to the Elmore-Hill Funeral Home and says the service is available to members of any race or denomination.

• All of the principals in Lee County School District are male. That's not so unusual. What is unusual about Lee County schools is that 67 of the district's 251 teachers, 26.7 percent, are male — the highest percentage in the state. In fact, Lee County has led the state in that category for the past several years. Hiring more male teachers isn't all that easy. Districts can't simply hire all males who apply. It's against the law to hire someone simply because he is male. Across South Carolina, males are often sought as role models, particularly for smaller children. But when it comes to teaching, the numbers prove that the classroom is still primarily the domain of women.

• Sumter gardening enthusiast Mary Hinson — a woman with a long history of civic beautification efforts — has become the first recipient of the National Award of Honor, bestowed for her outstanding contributions to civic development. Hinson, immediate past president of the Council of Garden Clubs and a member of the Poinsett Garden Club, was recognized at the state convention of the Garden Club of South Carolina.

• For the third time since February, planners said "Yes" to a new high school site in northern Sumter County. But a woman who lives across from the site again said "No," so Sumter County Council will — again — have to rule on the much-debated location. Council last week voted down the site after an appeal from Juanita Squires, only to reconsider its decision three days later. Under the county's zoning ordinance, such a decision can't be reconsidered for a year unless the Sumter City-County Planning Commission decides there is sufficient new information concerning a request.

• Change is in the air at Sumter's Shaw Air Force Base. Plans to improve buildings and expand facilities are being mapped out as officials prepare to carry the base into the next century. Brig. Gen. John B. "Skip" Hall Jr., commander of Shaw's 20th Fighter Wing, explained the base's "vision for the future" to nearly 150 members of the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce.

• The gates of Shaw Air Force Base will swing open to the public for ShawFest, the Sumter base's annual open house. ShawFest '94 is expected to attract at least 64,000 people. Admission and parking are free. Highlighting this year's festival will be aerial demonstrations by the Air Force's "Thunderbirds," a team of four F-16 Fighting Falcon jets based at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, and the Army's "Golden Knights" parachute squad from Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

• On a warm and humid night at Spring Valley High School's Harry Perone Stadium, Sumter High's Eddie Neufville ran four spectacular races as Sumter's boys qualified athletes in all but one event for the 4A Lower State meet. Neufville, a junior from Liberia and the Region IV-4A champion in the 110-meter high hurdles and 300 intermediates, easily qualified for the Lower State meet by winning both races.

• Sumter High School's girls' soccer team took one on the chin when they played Irmo at Sumter High. But despite the 5-0 defeat, the Lady Gamecocks appeared as if they were the victors. Why? "Because we've reached one of our goals this season," said coach Kristie Beckman, whose team fell to Irmo 11-0 earlier this season. "We said at the beginning of the season that one of our goals is to break the 500 mark, and we did that."

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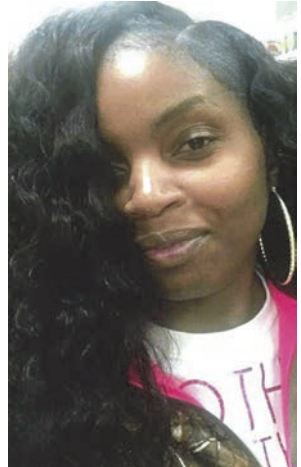
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#### In Memory



**Happy Birthday Nea Jaunita Beckham**  
We love you, Mom, Children, and Nieces

#### In Memory



It's been 1 year **Robin Davis** since you gained your wings. We love and miss you, always in our hearts. Rest in piece. *Love, Your Mother Shirley, Brother Colin & kids Keonte, Corniya, Kamorie & Family*

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**Georgia's Pizza** now taking applications for FT/PT waitstaff positions. **\$4.25 an hour +tips**. Apply in person from 2-5 at 344 Pinewood Rd. Must have some exp. Must be 18 or older.

**Help wanted full time Tues** through Sat 9:45 am to 5:45 pm. Apply in person at 3172 Broad Street Sumter, S.C.

**FT/PT Maintenance person** needed. Exp. preferred. Pay \$8-\$13 per hour depending on exp. & performance. Apply in person 9 am - 3 pm. Mon-Fri. at Mt. Vernon Inn, 2 Broad St. Sumter

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#### Request for Proposals

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#### Summons & Notice

### SUMMONS PROBATE COURT 2013-ES-43-605

#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

**IN THE MATTER OF: Daniel Harry Hill, Richard Ernest Lee, III,** Petitioner,

vs. **Ashleigh Phillips and Mike Hill,** Respondents.

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer to the Petition's (Petition for Subsequent Administration/Petition for Successor Personal Representative)

#### Summons & Notice

herein, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the Petitions upon the Petitioner, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days after service hereof or otherwise appear and defend, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to answer the Petition within the time aforesaid, or otherwise appear and defend judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

**NOTICE OF HEARING,** Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Court Room 1A, 215 N. Harvin Street, Sumter, SC. The purpose of hearing is to appoint a Successor Personal Representative for the Estate of Daniel Harry Hill to correct an error in the legal description to the Deed of Distribution to Corinne E. Hill and to execute an assignment of SCPSA Lease from the Estate to Corinne E. Hill in Clarendon County, as more fully stated in the Petition.

**NOTE:** Probate Court recommends that all interested parties be represented by counsel licensed to practice law in South Carolina. If any interested party wishes to represent him/herself, he/she will be required to adhere to the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and South Carolina Rules of Evidence.

**CURTIS & CROFT, LLC,** William A.W. Buxton, Esq. ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER P. O. Box 3220, Sumter, SC 29151, 803-778-7404 [buxton@curtisandcroft.com](mailto:buxton@curtisandcroft.com)

#### Public Hearing

#### NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Sumter City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the City of Sumter Zoning Ordinance on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 N. Main St.). The following requests are scheduled for consideration:

**QA-19-06: Art Studios and Art Schools in the R-6 District (City)** Amend Article 3, Section 3.c.4 and Article 5, Section 5.b.3.q to add Artists' studios, except commercial and medical with SIC Code 8999 and art schools, except commercial with SIC Code 8299 as special exception uses in the R-6 District.

Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

**Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.** Mayor



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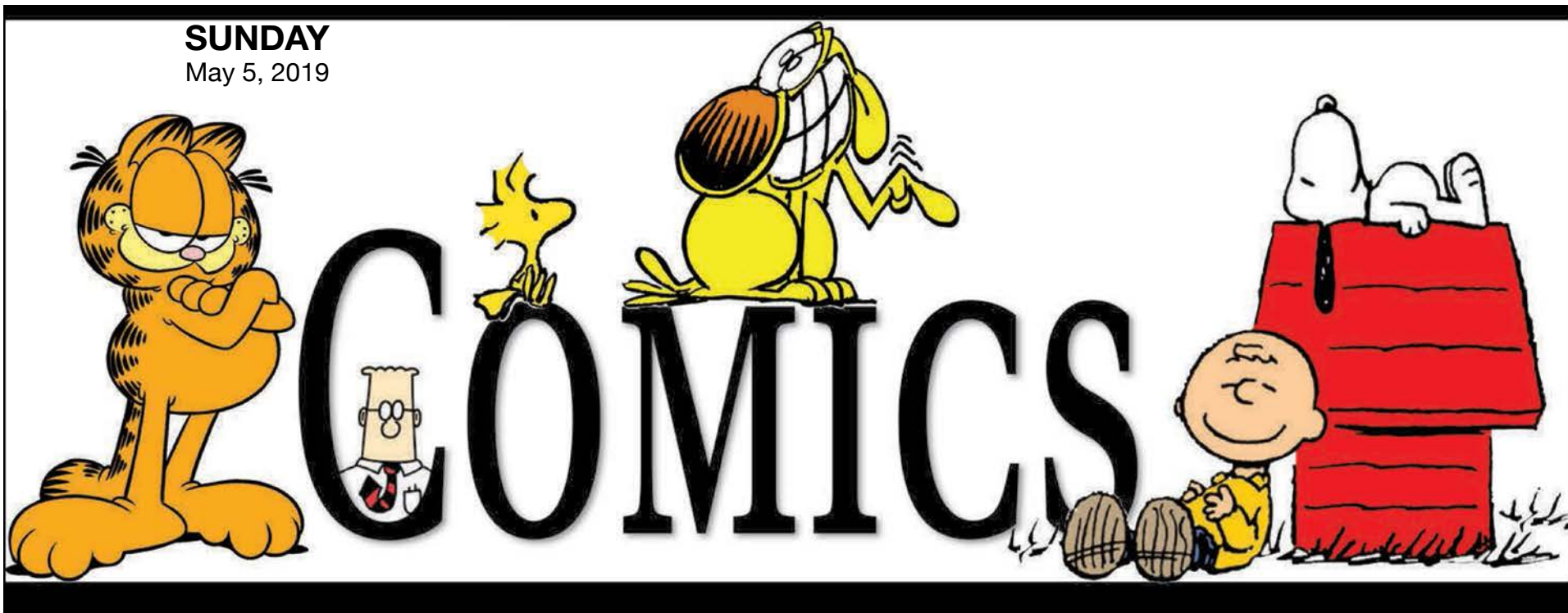
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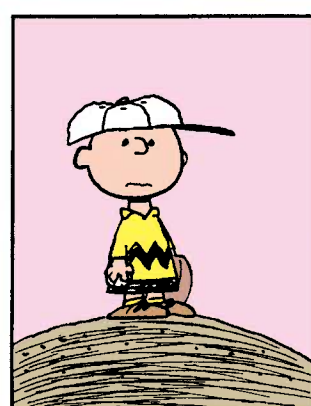
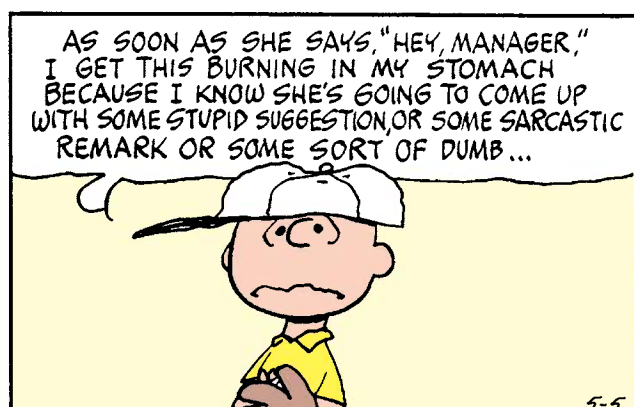
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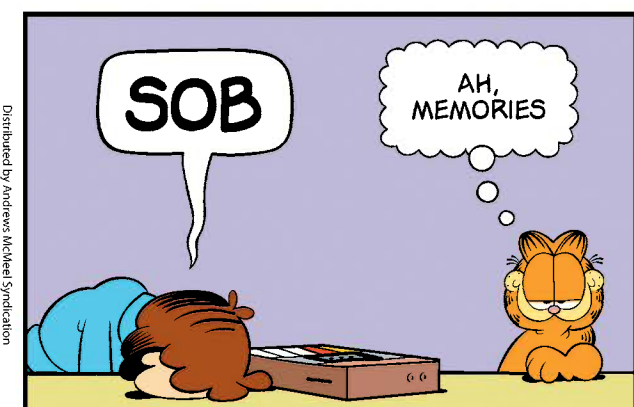
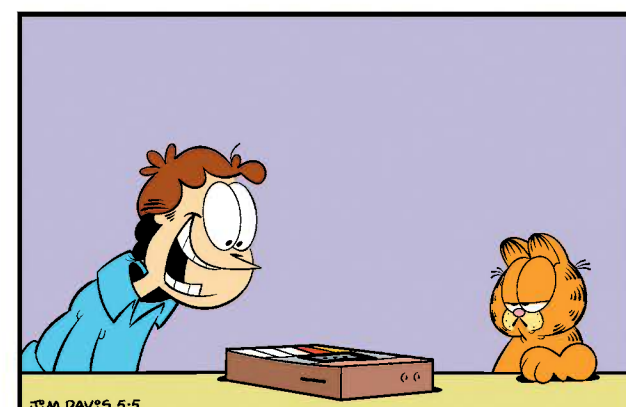
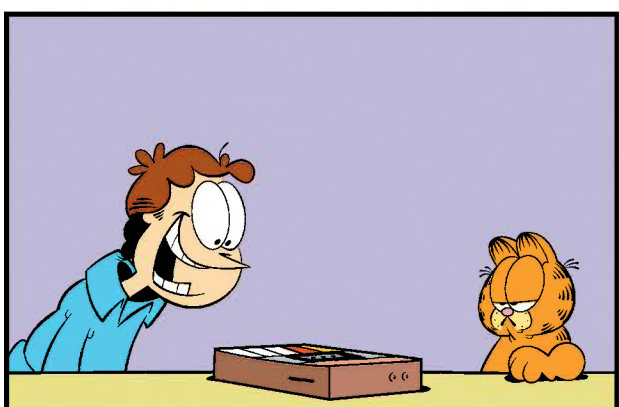
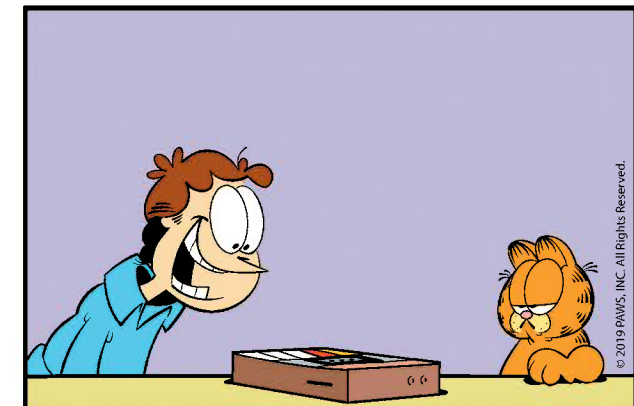
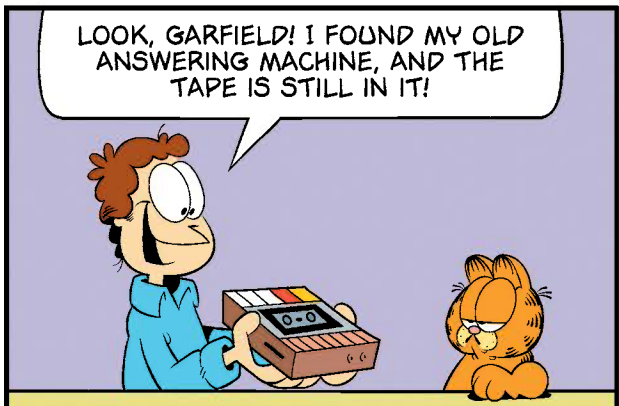
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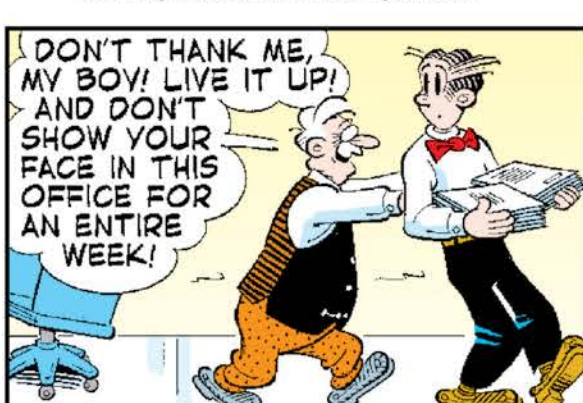
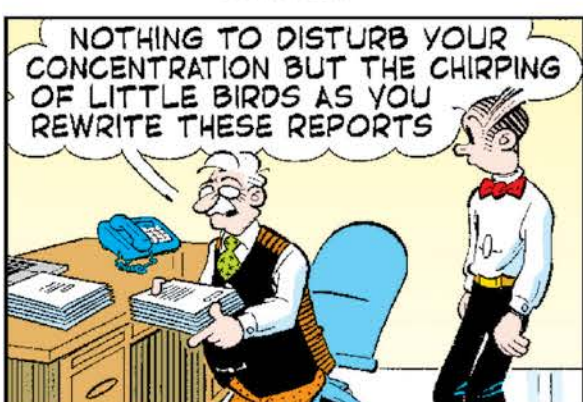
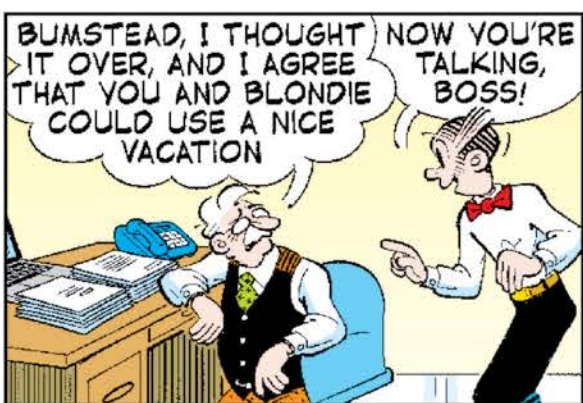
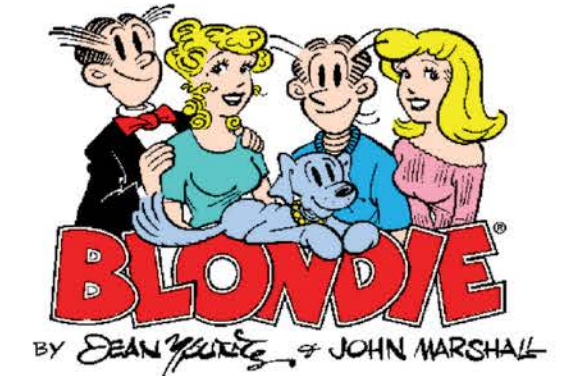
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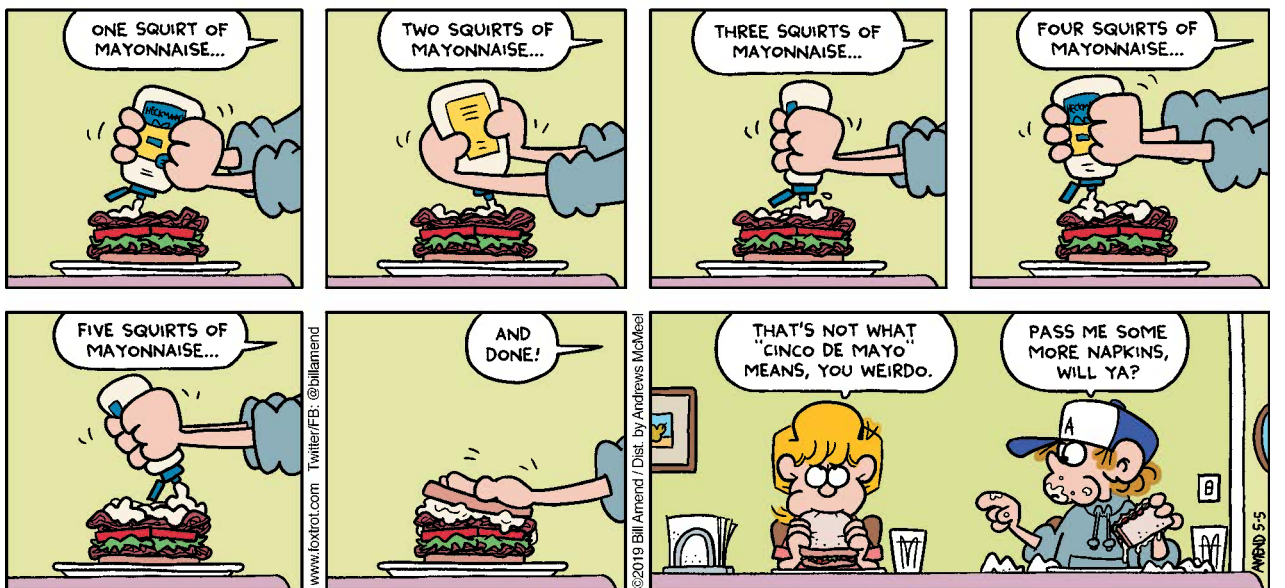
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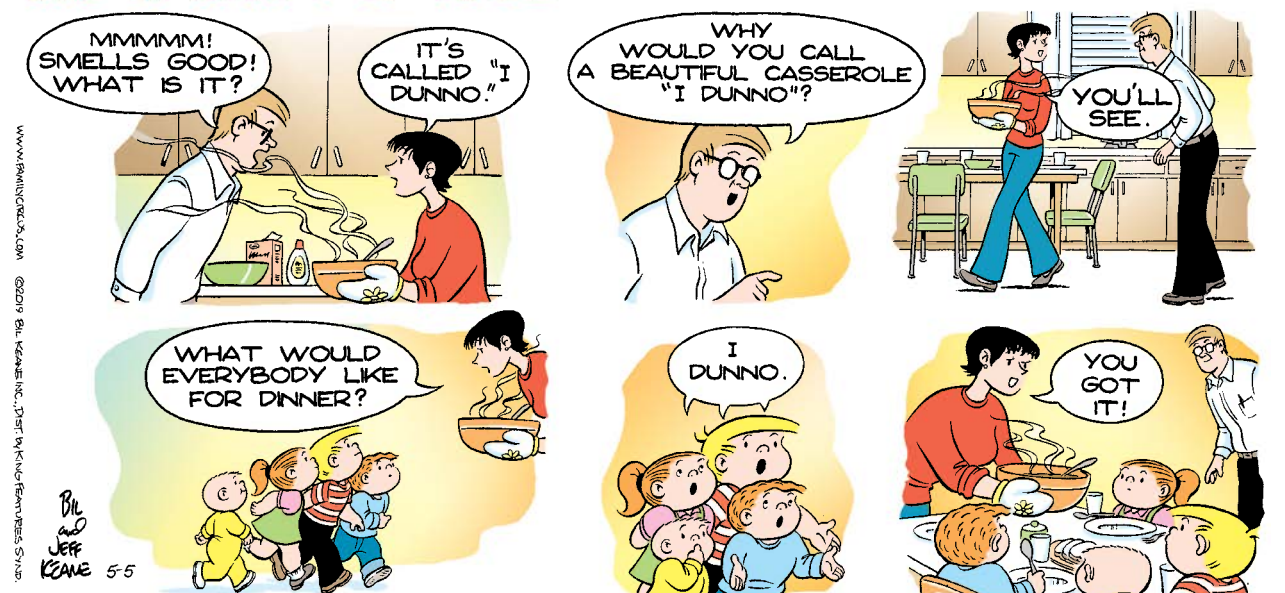
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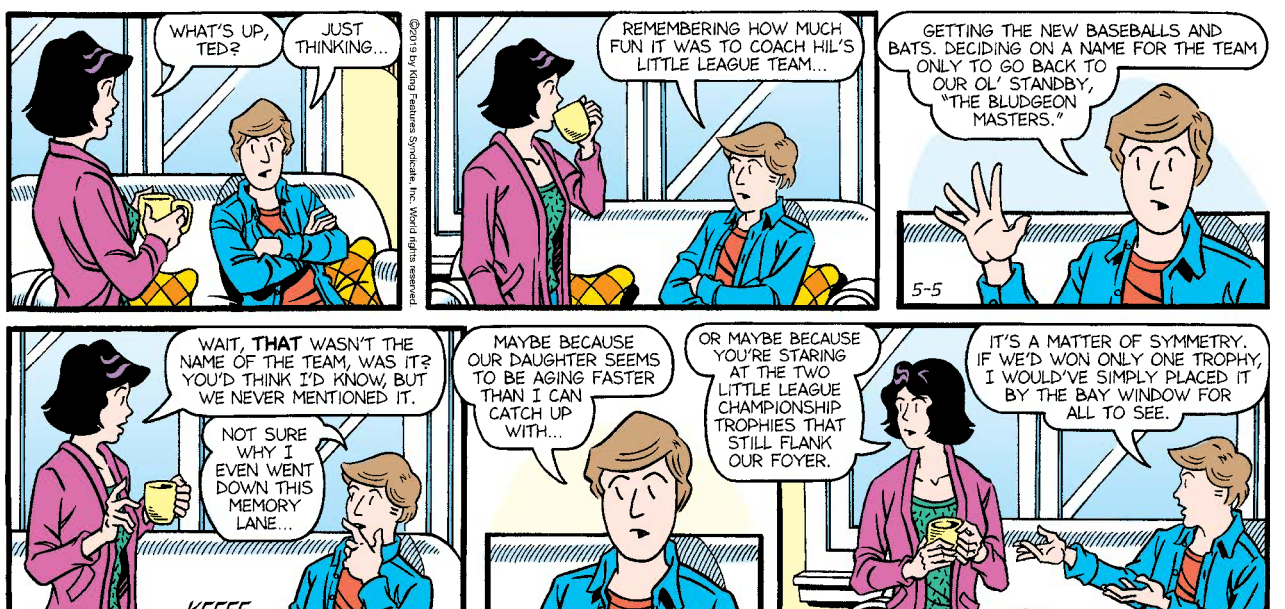
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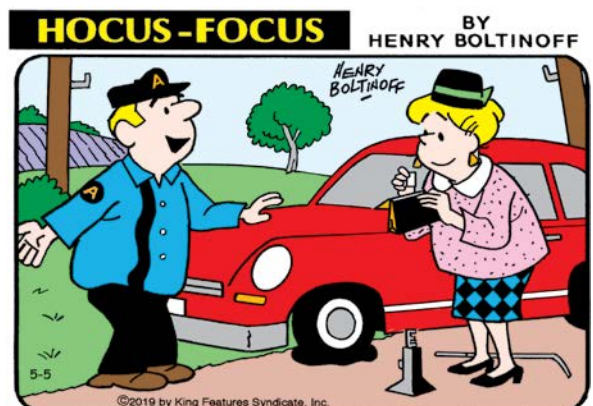
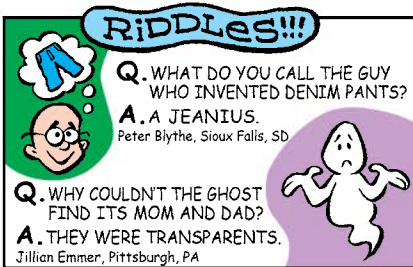
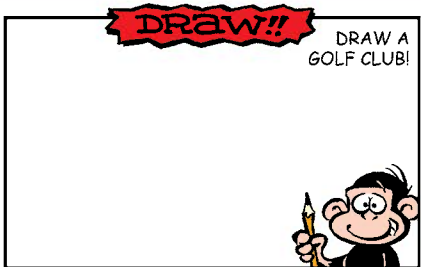
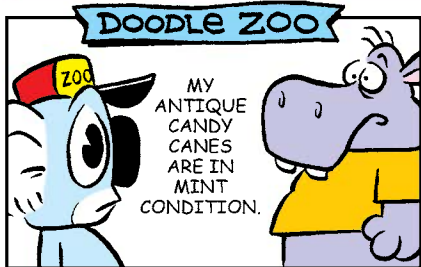
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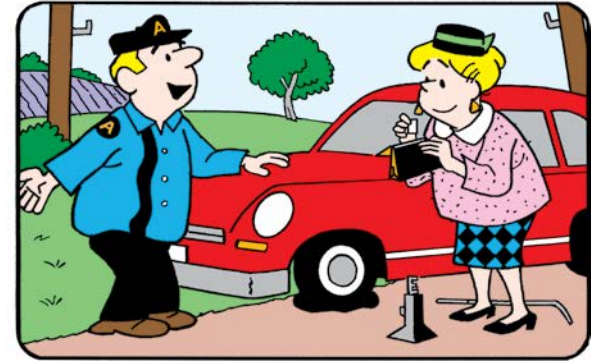
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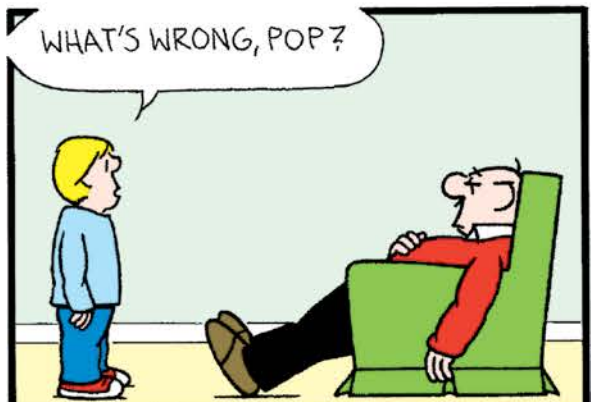
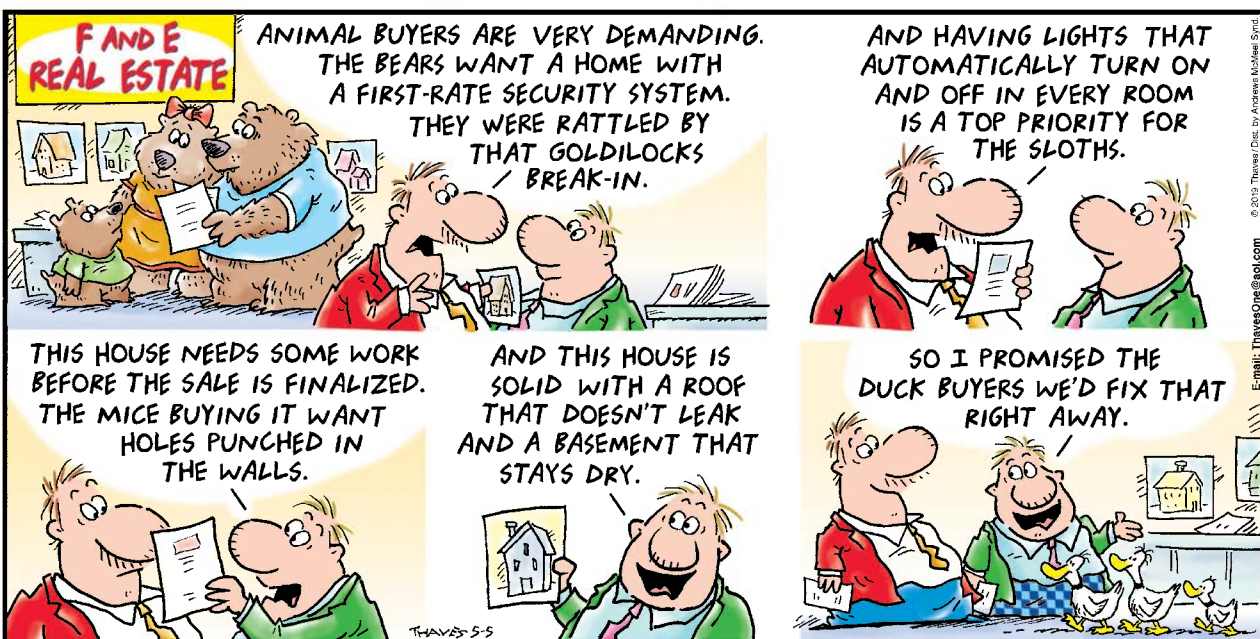


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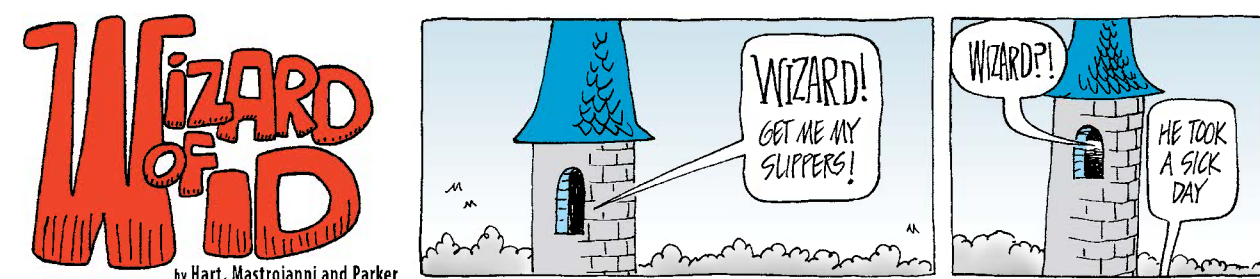
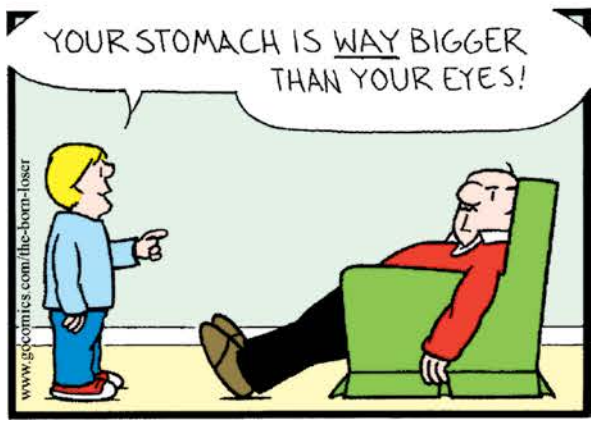
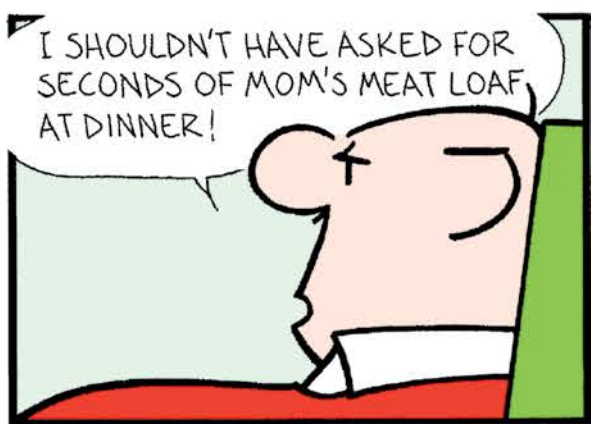


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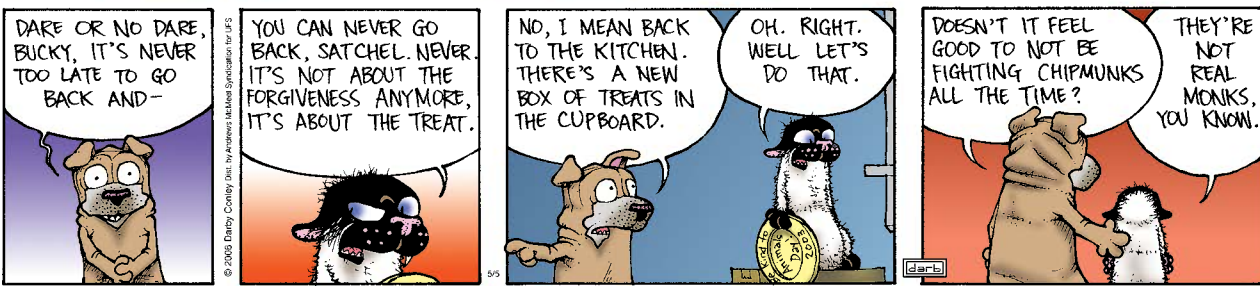
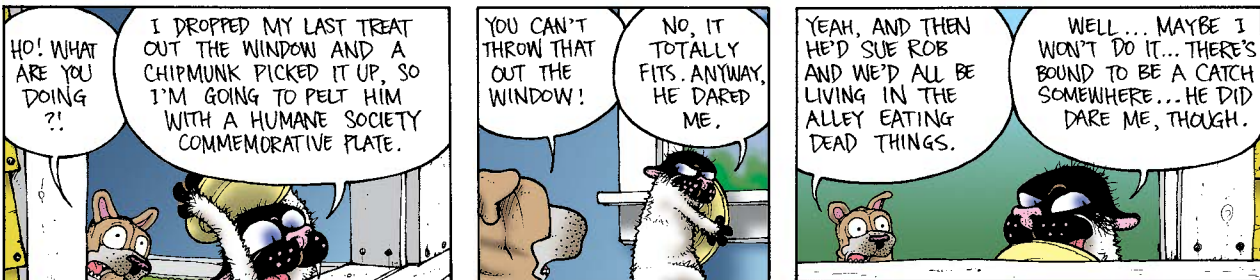
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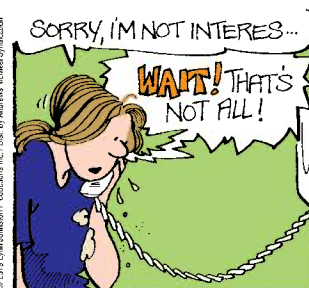
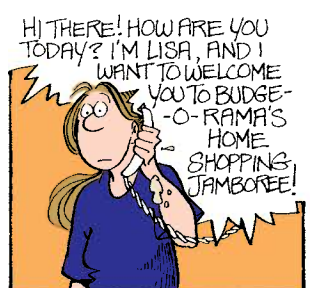
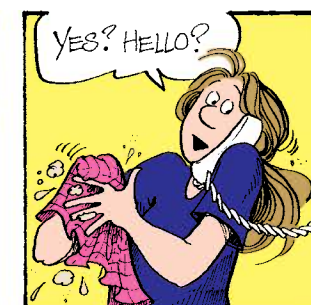
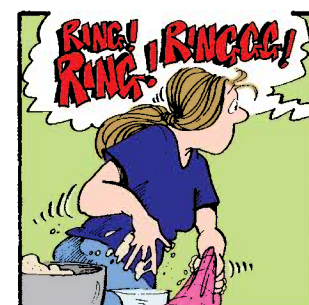
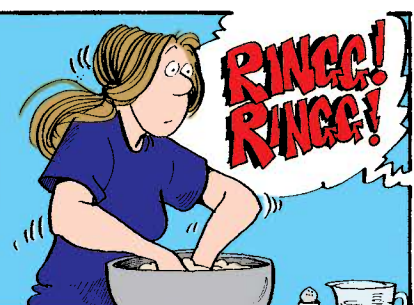
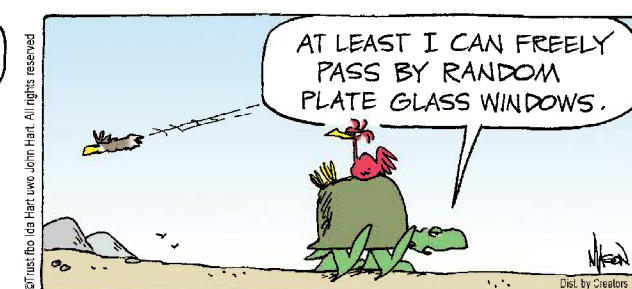
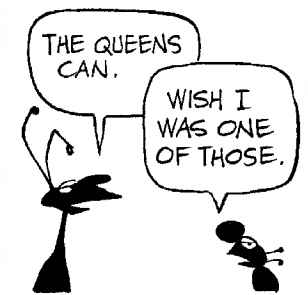
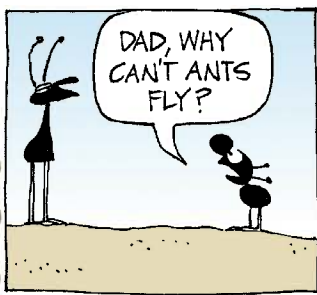
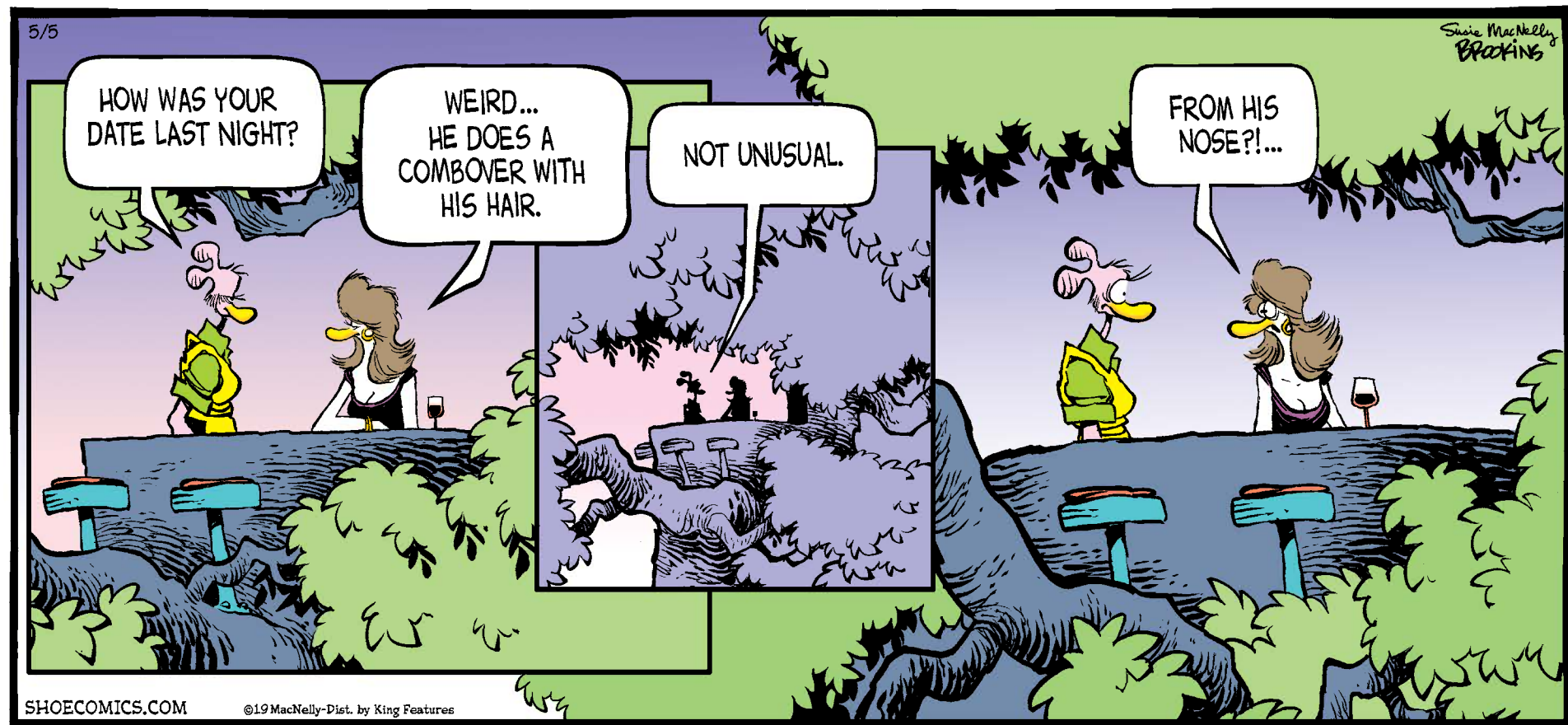


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