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## Homeless 'nicer' in Greenville, filmmaker says



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Jeff Akers' film "Homeless in the South" will be screened at the Peace Center June 29.

### 'Homeless in the South' to be screened at Peace Center June 29

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When filmmaker Jeff Akers spent a year exploring homelessness around the South for his new film, he found one thing particularly striking about Greenville's homeless community.

"Homeless people in Greenville were a whole lot nicer than homeless people" in other places, said Akers.

Akers said he was cursed at, even spat on by some homeless folks he tried to talk to in other cities. "But the homeless in Greenville would talk to you. Even though I was giving the other ones food, or I'd say, 'I'd like to talk to you. I'm a film director. I have some lunch for you.' They'd take the lunch and pretty much (tell me to) kiss off," said Akers, who also is a minister.

Akers' documentary, "Homeless in the South," which also focuses on homeless populations in North Carolina, Alabama and Georgia, will be screened at the Peace Center on June 29.

Greenville's transformation into a popular destination for tourists and businesses has been remarkable,

#### YOU CAN GO

What: "Homeless in the South" film screening  
When: 6:30 p.m. June 29  
Where: Peace Center's Gunter Theatre  
How much: \$10  
For more: [www.peacecenter.org](http://www.peacecenter.org)

but the positive press has overshadowed the city's struggles with poverty and homelessness, said Akers, an Ohio native who moved to the Upstate 16 years ago.

When he first began filming, Akers didn't realize the depth of Greenville's homeless situation.

In one particular area, "they had about 40 people there. It was like going back in time. I could not believe it. This is Greenville; it's beautiful. You just don't see it. And I was thinking to myself two things. One, there's got to be more I can do than just give them a sandwich. And two, making the transition from Ohio to South Carolina, and having some medical issues and restrictions, not sure about the plight of my own circumstances, this could be me. Then I started researching and realizing

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## SCHOOL BOARD APPROVES TAX INCREASE FOR NEW SCHOOLS

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Greenville County residents: Your taxes are going up.

And you're getting some brand new schools. Greenville County Schools trustees unanimously approved a 4.6 mill tax increase Tuesday night to build a new high school and new elementary school, among other projects.

Greenville residents packed the school board room Tuesday night, but not to talk about the tax increase. Most were there to urge trustees not to change the name of Wade Hampton High School.

Recently, a group of students and adults have waged a campaign to drop the name of Wade Hampton, saying that it's inappropriate for a modern, high-achieving school to honor a 19th century Confederate general and slaveholder.

#### Tax increase

The millage increase vote came after extensive discussion in which a few trustees registered concern. Trustee Roger Meek asked others on the board to offer persuasive arguments.

Board chairwoman Crystal Ball O'Connor said she had four words for Meek: "Fountain Inn High School."

The new \$67.2 million high school, near downtown

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## Scampi anyone? Shrimp farm has first harvest

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It's been six months since Valeska Minkowski set out to start Greenville's first shrimp farm, and now, the shrimp are ready. It took a little longer than expected (Minkowski anticipated they'd be ready in 3-4 months versus 5-6) and it's been a learning process, but overall, the Urban Seas Aquaculture shrimp are delicious, sustainable and most importantly, fresh.

"I think the main thing you'll be able to tell is the freshness," Minkowski said during a visit to her farm back in April. "And you can tell a difference. We guarantee it's fresh the day of when you buy it, it's never frozen. It's practically alive when you will purchase it."

Perhaps one of the biggest surprises since starting her business was just how much interest the idea of local shrimp would generate. After growing her first batch, Minkowski realized she just doesn't have enough.

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LAUREN PETRACCA/STAFF

Valeska Minkowski, owner of Urban Seas Aquaculture, feeds shrimp at her farm on April 5.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Bentley: USC 'capable of anything'

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THE STATE

THIBODAUX, La. - Jake Bentley has big plans for the University of South Carolina's 2017 football season.

"I think we are capable of anything," Bentley told *The State* while serving as a counselor at the Manning Passing Academy. "Our goals are to beat the (SEC) East and win the state; that's what it is every year, that's what it's always going to be, and I think we are definitely capable of that."

He means this year. The Gamecocks

are coming off 6-7 season and probably won't be picked to finish at the top of their division in any preseason predictions, but the Gamecocks' 6-foot-4 sophomore starting quarterback isn't shying away from talking about ending up in Atlanta in December for the SEC Championship Game.

"That should be the goal for every SEC team," Bentley said. "It's not just to I feel like everywhere around the country that should be their goal, to play in their conference championship game."

As Bentley returns to South Carolina after four days at Nicholls State Univer-

sity, where he worked alongside 42 other college quarterbacks helping tutor high-school-age offensive players, he will return to the team's summer program and player-run practices.

"The day-by-day goal is just to get better," he said. "Game by game is what we have to focus on and just get better. As long as we continue to outwork everybody and just continue to be the best that we can be, I think we've got a chance."

Bentley is one reason for optimism.

The invitation to the Manning Passing

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TRACY GLANTZ/THE STATE  
South Carolina quarterback Jake Bentley answers questions at a recent media day.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## Tale of the tickets: How Clemson stacks up

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Based on early returns, Clemson and Ohio State football fans will be paying a bit more than the majority of their college football brethren to watch their team play this fall.

According to StubHub — an online clearinghouse for sports, concerts and other entertainment tickets — four games involving Ohio State rank among the eight most expensive based on the advertised price for the cheapest available ticket.

Clemson had no game tickets ranking among the top 10 highest priced, but had four games in the top 20, topped by the Sept. 9 Auburn at Clemson game, which ranked 11th at \$200 for the lowest-priced ticket.

That game was followed by Clemson at South Carolina on Nov. 25, which ranked 13th at \$171, and Clemson's Nov. 11 home game against Florida State and the Tigers' Sept. 30 trip to Virginia Tech, which tied for 15th at \$160 per ticket. Clemson's game at N.C. State on Nov. 4 finished just outside the Top 20 at \$139.

Ticket prices aren't expected to be a major hindrance for Clemson fans, whose team is coming off a 14-1 season and the program's first national championship in 35 years. Clemson fans led the Atlantic Coast Conference and ranked among the Top 15 nationally with an average home attendance of 80,970 last season.

Ohio State was the only team with five games that ranked among the Top 20 for ticket prices while Clemson was next with four, followed by Florida State and Alabama with three each.

The most expensive ticket at the moment is the \$478 admission price being advertised for the Georgia at Notre Dame game in South Bend, Indiana, on Sept. 9. The season-opening clash between Alabama and Florida State in Atlanta on Sept. 2 is next at \$402 for the lowest-priced ticket.

- The complete list:
- 1 Georgia at Notre Dame, Sept. 9 (\$478)
  - 2 Alabama vs. Florida State in Atlanta, Sept. 2 (\$402)
  - 3 Oklahoma at Ohio State, Sept. 9 (\$349)
  - 4 Penn State at Ohio State, Oct. 28 (\$282)
  - 5 USC at Notre Dame, Oct. 21 (\$250)
  - 6 Alabama at Auburn, Nov. 25 (\$222)
  - 7 Michigan State at Ohio State, Nov. 11 (\$219)
  - 8 Ohio State at Michigan, Nov. 25 (\$218)
  - 8 Oklahoma vs. Texas in Dallas, Oct. 14 (\$218)
  - 10 LSU at Alabama, Nov. 4 (\$210)
  - 11 Auburn at Clemson, Sept. 9 (\$200)
  - 12 Michigan State at Michigan, Oct. 7 (\$199)
  - 13 Clemson at South Carolina, Nov. 25 (\$171)
  - 14 Michigan at Wisconsin, Nov. 18 (\$169)
  - 15 Florida State at Clemson, Nov. 11 (\$160)
  - 15 Clemson at Virginia Tech, Sept. 30 (\$160)
  - 17 Miami at Florida State, Sept. 16 (\$159)
  - 17 Pittsburgh at Penn State, Sept. 9 (\$159)
  - 19 Georgia vs. Florida in Jacksonville, Oct. 28 (\$155)
  - 20 Maryland at Ohio State, Oct. 7 (\$143)

## GOLF



Kelpie Jackson, 15, of Miami, Fla., practices at the Keowee Springs Golf Club driving range on Monday.

PHOTOS BY JOSH MORGANSTAFF

## MAKING THE GREEN A PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Clemson, The Cliffs partner with Black Girls Golf for event

MANIE ROBINSON  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

**T**iffany Mack Fitzgerald was the model Corporate America employee. A sharp thinker. A hard worker. A team player.

Yet, to her colleagues, she was simply another anonymous associate.

"I got there early. I stayed late. I did what was required of me, so there was no need for them to know my name," Fitzgerald said. "I was just the 'black girl in marketing.'"

Fitzgerald's knowledge and productivity did not grant her access to the most important meetings, because they were not conducted at the office.

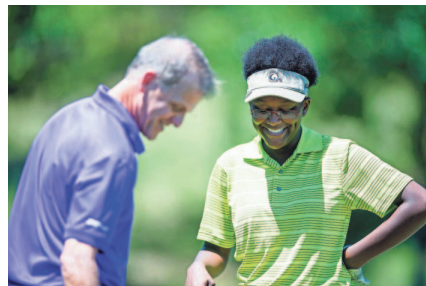
They were held on a golf course. "I had to figure out a way to make a better connection at work, so I knew I had to learn how to play," Fitzgerald said. "It was uncomfortable. It was intimidating. I didn't know the rules. But I did it anyway."

Fitzgerald gradually grasped the game and earned her spot at those 18-hole meetings. After a few rounds, her colleagues learned her name and included it on major projects.

Fitzgerald realized many professional women encounter the same obstacles and intimidation on the corporate course. In 2013, she founded Black Girls Golf to facilitate instruction and foster camaraderie.

"It was a need to have a community of women who made golf more comfortable," she said.

The organization is based in Atlanta but has attracted more than 3,000 members in 33 states, Canada, Botswana and Ghana. On Monday, Black Girls Golf opened its first junior golf event, a week-long camp organized in conjunc-



Khaliah Gilbert, 15, of Tampa, Fla., laughs with Clemson's Rick Lucas as he gives her tips.

## More Online

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tion with the Clemson University Professional Golf Association golf management (PGM) program.

Fitzgerald and PGM program director Rick Lucas welcomed 10 young women from Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Mississippi, Maryland and Texas to the Cliffs at Keowee Springs. They will sharpen their skills through instructional sessions and explore potential careers in the golf industry.

They also will establish a community fastened more by a shared interest

than a shared skin tone.

"I don't usually know a lot of African-American girls that play golf," said Kennedy Whitener, a rising high school junior from Fayetteville, North Carolina. "At my first golf camp, I was the only girl and the only black girl, but programs like this will help a lot to get more people to learn about golf."

"It's revolutionary," said Rus Kingman, co-chair of the ONE Clemson Cabinet for Advancement, which raised funds to cover camp costs for all 10 participants.

"Those of us who love golf, we're hopeful we'll be successful in attracting some of these young ladies to enter

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Kennedy Whitener, 16, of Fayetteville, N.C., packs her clubs on the back of a cart before going golfing during a Black Girls Golf event at the Keowee Springs Golf Club on Monday, June 26, 2017.

## Golf

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the golf industry at some point in their lives," Kingman said. "It's such a great game, but more diversity in golf is sorely needed."

In 2015, the World Golf Foundation reported that, although minorities comprise 37.9 percent of the American population, they comprise merely 13.5 percent of amateur golfers.

The foundation examined a cross-section of golf management, equipment and manufacturing companies and determined that 80 percent of the golf workforce were Caucasian men. African-Americans comprised 1.4 percent, African-American women accounted for 0.26 percent.

"The more that we get minorities into the game and show that this is a game for everyone, then we'll be able to grow the game as a whole," said Mackenzie Mack, one of only five African-American members of the PGA.

Mack served as an instructor for the Black Girls Golf camp. She was encouraged by the partnership with Clemson and The Cliffs. It reveals that minority golfers are not the only ones concerned about golf's lack of diversity.

"People are starting to realize, 'Hey, we don't have more (diversity) and what can we do?'" Mack said. "It's starting to grow, but it's going to take everybody, just to show the kids that it actually is possible. I'm proof of that."

According to Kingman, the partnership aligns with Clemson's university-wide initiative for diversity and inclusion. Fitzgerald and Lucas found a three-way benefit. They can enhance their organizations, and most importantly, they can enrich the lives of some deserving young women.

"This is something that we've really been wanting to do," Lucas said. "Our goal is to increase our enrollment particularly in diversity inclusiveness, and the long-term benefit is obviously we want to get some diversity in golf. The benefit to all the ladies out here, they get the opportunity to be in the golf business or the opportunity to come to Clemson University and to develop a career in golf."

Clemson and The Cliffs are scheduled to host another Black Girls Golf camp in July. Fitzgerald hopes this initiative will foster an environment that prevents any young woman from ever feeling like just another anonymous associate.

The "black girl in marketing" can make a name for herself.

"We've been able to take a pilot group of girls and help them get better at golf, become more well-rounded and understand how many opportunities are available for girls, particularly girls of color, who understand golf," Fitzgerald said.

"Hopefully, by the end of the week, they'll understand that really focusing in a particular area will make you that much better. And when they leave, they'll be able to compete with their peers on a higher level."

ing and implementation of the team's blocking schemes.

"It's just developing our protections, trying to do all I can do to keep me upright," he said. "Obviously I trust the offensive line to do it, but there are certain things that it is not their assigned job, and I can fix it and help them out."

The second aspect has to do with leadership, especially when things aren't going well.

"In the Florida game especially, I kind of felt it. We were kind of struggling on offense, and I felt like I sat there a little bit," he said. "I could have been more vocal, more positive."

He's already working to be a bit more positive by having lofty goals for this season.

## SUPREME COURT

# Justices to review bid for legal sports betting

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to take on New Jersey's bid to allow sports betting at its casinos and racetracks, a case that could lead other states to seek a share of the lucrative market.

The justices will review a lower court ruling against the state, which is hoping to capture some of the estimated \$150 billion that is illegally wagered on sports each year.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and supporters in the state Legislature have tried for years to legalize sports gambling to bolster the state's casino and horse racing industries. The casino industry, after a period of job losses and closings, has lately been doing better.

Christie said Tuesday in Trenton at an unrelated event that he was encouraged by the court's decision to take the case up.

"We're not declaring victory but at least we're in the game and that's where we want to be," Christie said.

New Jersey state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, a Democrat who has led the state's effort to legalize sports gambling, said a win for the state would give an additional boost to casinos.

"Atlantic City is going to be packed when we win this case," said Lesniak, who first introduced legislation to overturn the ban in 2009. "Sports betting will lead to people staying for several days, not just playing a few hours and going home. During football season, the NCAA tournament, the World Cup, people will be flocking to Atlantic City to bet on them."

The case will be argued in the fall. Daniel Wallach, an attorney in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and an expert in sports law, said the case could lead to a nationwide repeal of the federal sports betting ban.

The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the New Jersey law last year, ruling that the law violated the federal Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 that forbids state-authorized sports gambling.

"This is the day that New Jersey has been waiting for for years," said Wallach, who has been closely following New Jersey's legal efforts to overturn the ban.

The court jumped into the case even after the Trump administration urged

the justices not to get involved, putting the governor and the president he campaigned for on opposite sides of the issue. President Donald Trump also once owned the Trump Taj Mahal casino in Atlantic City. It closed last October under the ownership of fellow billionaire Carl Icahn, who sold it in March to Hard Rock International. The company plans to reopen the casino under its own brand next year.

Speaking on a sports radio show this month, Christie criticized the federal government for restricting sports betting while simultaneously allowing states to legalize recreational marijuana even though it's illegal under federal law.

The case has lasted nearly as long as Christie has been in office. New Jersey voters passed a non-binding referendum to allow sports betting in 2011.

The four major pro sports leagues and the NCAA sued the state in 2012, after Christie signed a sports betting law.

Legal sports gambling is allowed in Nevada and three other states that already had approved some form of wagering before the federal law went into effect. Nevada is the only state to allow single-game wagering.

Congress gave New Jersey a one-time opportunity to become the fifth state before the federal law went into effect. Nevada is the only state to allow single-game wagering.

Arizona, Louisiana, Mississippi, West Virginia and Wisconsin had joined New Jersey's effort to have the case heard by the Supreme Court.

This month, the American Gaming Association announced the creation of a coalition involving organizations of attorneys general and police, policymakers and others to advocate for the repeal of the ban that the industry says has fueled the illegal sports betting market.

The group's cited research that showed legalizing sports betting in the U.S. could support more than 150,000 jobs.

"The Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act of 1992 has failed to protect sports and fans," the group said in a statement after the court's action Tuesday. "PASPA, which is approaching its 25th anniversary, is fueling an unregulated \$150 billion illegal gambling market that continues to deprive states of vital public funding for services such as law enforcement and infrastructure."

## Bentley

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Academy was an indication of the high regard he is held in and will increase his profile this season. It also served as a valuable learning week for him.

"Part of being a good quarterback is understanding how to be a quarterback, and there are no better teachers than Peyton and Eli and Archie and to talk to them about the daily work routine, in season, out of season, and to be able to see that example is invaluable," South Carolina coach Will McEachamp said.

Bentley has two main points of emphasis for improvement this summer, he said. The first is a better understand-

## SOCCEER

# FIFA publishes report on 2018-2022 World Cup bidding

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCHI, Russia - After years of speculation about alleged corruption, FIFA finally ended the mystery Tuesday of what is contained in an investigation report of bidding for the World Cups of 2018 and 2022.

FIFA published investigator Michael Garcia's 430-page dossier examining how Russia and Qatar — long suspected of wrongdoing by FIFA critics despite repeated denials — won the hosting rights and how seven rival candidates tried and failed to beat them.

No major acts of corruption were proven by Garcia's team though some bidders tested rules of conduct to the limit, according to the investigations completed in 2014 and kept confidential since.

Garcia's report was once expected to be explosive and became a holy grail for FIFA critics who thought the World Cup votes could be re-run.

Many believed bid leaders in Russia and Qatar must have engaged in wrongdoing to earn the votes of a FIFA executive committee lineup in 2010 that has since been widely discredited.

"A number of executive committee members sought to obtain personal favors or benefits that would enhance their stature within their home countries or confederations," Garcia wrote.

FIFA released the dossier less than



Michael Garcia

24 hours after Germany's biggest-selling daily Bild began reporting extracts of the report.

"For the sake of transparency, FIFA welcomes the news that this report has now been finally published," world football's governing body said in a statement.

Garcia's team found "no evidence" Russia's bid team or Vladimir Putin, then prime minister, unduly influenced FIFA voters.

Putin hosted six of the 22 voting members of the FIFA executive committee in the weeks before the December 2010 vote.

In helping the United States bid eventually beaten by Qatar, then President Barack Obama hosted a total of three FIFA voters at the White House in two separate visits.

Most of those who took part in the 2010 vote have since been banned for unethical conduct, indicted on corruption charges by the U.S. Department of Justice, or remain under scrutiny by Swiss federal prosecutors who have 25 ongoing investigations involving more than 170 bank transactions suspected as money laundering.

Garcia's document was the basis for the wider Swiss investigation after FIFA handed it over in November 2014.

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