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TICKLED BY IVORIES

A fleet of ivories coasted into Richland District 2 last week, courtesy of Yamaha. In a national pilot program, 20 new pianos valued at more than \$84,000 were distributed among the district's middle and elementary schools by Carolina Piano Galleries of Columbia.

311 words

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FINDING PARIS, FINDING FRANCE

Will you love Paris in the winter?

That depends.

1846 words

Article 3 of 173, Article ID: 9712030133

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WEBBER KIDS IN 'NOEL'

When the curtain rises on Benedict College's production of "Soulful Noel" at The Township on Monday, 17 middle-school students from Eastover will share the spotlight.

"Of course, we were elated our students could participate," said Wendell Sumter, who teaches sixth-grade language arts at Webber School.

265 words

Article 4 of 173, Article ID: 9711260157

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SENT TO THE FUTURE

SCHOOL BURIES TIME CAPSULE

Pelion Elementary School's recipe for a time capsule: Into a thick-walled Plexiglas box add one T-shirt, a handful of blank report cards, a few CD-ROMs, a few floppy disks, a dash of standardize text books and a sprinkling of photographs and other memorabilia.

Seal - don't stir - and bury for 25 years.

381 words

Article 5 of 173, Article ID: 9711200148

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UNITARIANS OFFER MOVING EXPERIENCE

Free-lance dance educator Loren Freed pats a drum as she swirls across the bare linoleum floor. Others follow in her wake, some seemingly alone, others tapped into the group. Nobody says a word.

410 words

Article 6 of 173, Article ID: 9711050169

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B-C STUDENTS BRING FAIR TO ELDERLY

The rest of us should be so lucky.

This year, participants at Helping Hands Adult Daycare Center in Cayce didn't have to pay to go the fair.

They didn't have to worry about finding a parking place, either, or dodging traffic on the way from their cars to the midway.

310 words

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BIG-BAND OUTFIT MAKING SWING TOWARD REVIVAL

Some will tell you big band is back. Others might argue it never went away.

Charles Gatch is one of the latter.

467 words

Article 8 of 173, Article ID: 9709100113

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CAYCE SEEKS SHELTER FOR ITS FIRST FIRE TRUCK

Since its inception fewer than six years ago, the Cayce Historical Museum has grown by leaps and bounds.

Now that it's grown by one vintage fire truck, though, it's found it has a problem. No more floor space.

531 words



Article 9 of 173, Article ID: 9707180144

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COL. CORSO SAVES THE WORLD

THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL

By Col. Philip J. Corso with William J. Birnes
Pocket, 341 pages, \$24

It's a lot to swallow, this little book.

Retired Col. Philip J. Corso's blandly grand expose, "The Day After Roswell," reveals he alone, as Chief of the Army's Foreign Technology Division in 1961, masterminded an elaborate covert scheme to filter alien technology into the American military-industrial complex.

Recipients of this technology were told it was of earthly origin even though

559 words

Article 10 of 173, Article ID: 9705150048

Published on 05/15/97, THE STATE

A DAY TO DELVE INTO THE PAST

Trading in their books for musket balls and their rulers for relay races, Batesburg-Leesville Elementary School students spent a solid day last week reliving history.

Civil War re-enactments, quilting, caning, soap making and a horse named BJ headlined the lineup of educational diversions.

481 words

Article 11 of 173, Article ID: 9704090158

Published on 04/10/97, THE STATE

HOMELESS FIND SHELTER, SUPPORT

There's no place like home, especially to the homeless. Those seeking relief from domestic abuse, overcrowding and other residential nightmares are likewise keen to find a place they can call their own. That's where TN (which stands for Two Notch) Development Corp. steps in. Established four years ago by Columbia City Council, the not-for-profit corporation exists to make clean, affordable housing available to people of limited means.

549 words

Article 12 of 173, Article ID: 9703140108

Published on 03/14/97, THE STATE

FAMILY THREAD

SEWING STITCHES BROTHERS TOGETHER

When Brian Leitner and his brother, Tommy, were children, playtime consisted of taking apart and putting back together sewing machines. Now in their 30s, both brothers have channeled their childhood avocations into businesses, one in Oregon, the other at White Sewing Center in Five Points, right where it all started.

429 words

Article 13 of 173, Article ID: 9702270130

Published on 02/27/97, THE STATE

FRENCH FOCUS PAYS OFF

IN REAL QUICHE, MERCI

Real fourth-graders don't eat quiche. But they do at Midway Elementary School where, once a year, the school hosts Viva la France, an art exhibit and festival masterminded by art teacher Marie Watson.

384 words

Article 14 of 173, Article ID: 9702060024

Published on 02/06/97, THE STATE

RAUL HOUSE GETS FACELIFT FOR ITS SECOND CENTURY

A stately Victorian home gone to seed during 17 years of vacancy is undergoing extensive structural and cosmetic surgery in Lexington.

Randy Lanier, a computer programmer with Technology Solutions Inc. of Lexington, and his wife, TSI manager Cathy Lanier, have bought and are renovating "the old Raul house" on Main Street.

384 words

Article 15 of 173, Article ID: 9701160218

Published on 01/16/97, THE STATE

GROOMING COLUMBIA

GROUP PUTS CITY'S BEST FACE FORWARD

If there's a median, shoulder or sidewalk border in your neighborhood languishing beneath a layer of weeds, don't despair. The Columbia Appearance Commission is here to help.

Formed three years ago by the Columbia City Council, the all-volunteer organization works to "promote and enhance the natural beauty and resources of the city of Columbia," according to commission Chairwoman Elaine Gillespie.

439 words

Article 16 of 173, Article ID: 9701020165

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GOVERNMENT GRANT TO TURN ON TAPS FOR EASTOVER

Eastover's long-standing water woes are about to get plugged by a \$370,400 loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development Administration.

Sen. Fritz Hollings, D-S.C., announced the grant Dec. 20 saying: "Clean water is the key to our quality of life, from healthy children to attracting new industry. I'm delighted that Eastover is investing in upgrading its water system."

234 words

Article 17 of 173, Article ID: 9612190151

Published on 12/19/96, THE STATE

'HIGH-MAINTENANCE PET'

OWNING A DALMATIAN HAS ITS ROUGH SPOTS

Thinking about buying a Dalmatian? Dalmatian owner Hayden Brickle of Irmo has about 101 things to consider before taking the spotted plunge. For starters, Brickle says, Dalmatians, stars of a Disney movie this holiday season, demand constant attention and are extremely intolerant of solitary confinement.

622 words

Article 18 of 173, Article ID: 9612090050

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HOME COMPUTER KEY TO DIGITAL TUNES

Armed with a multimedia PC, a few peripherals and a few boxes of software, the virtual recording engineer produces digital audio in his home to specifications unheard of outside professional recording studios five years ago.

Envious?

1026 words

Article 19 of 173, Article ID: 9611270015

Published on 11/29/96, THE STATE

ON THE AIR\ IRMO TEEN TALKS RADIO

She's got a great set of pipes.

That's one way veteran WVOC talk radio host Andy Thomas describes his 17-year-old Teen Forum producer, Laurie Campbell, an Irmo High School senior.

772 words



Article 20 of 173, Article ID: 9611220243

Published on 11/24/96, THE STATE

AUTHOR SAYS: JUST 'EAT FAT'

EAT FAT

By Richard Klein

Pantheon, 247 pages, \$24

Try picturing a fatter, more beautiful you. A you indifferent toward holiday weight gain, unintimidated by bathing suits.

454 words

Article 21 of 173, Article ID: 9611190072

Published on 11/21/96, THE STATE

MENTORING CENTER OFFERS COMPUTER LINK

As part of its community policing program, the Columbia Police Department has opened an academic and mentoring center adjacent to its Lincoln Street headquarters.

The center is equipped with 15 second-hand computers, two of which have Internet access.

366 words

Article 22 of 173, Article ID: 9611140306

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NEW ENGLAND QUIET TIME

REGION BLAZES WITH CRAFTS IN THE OFF-SEASON

Every autumn, like swallows returning to Capistrano, the "leaf peepers" descend on New England seeking peak foliage, maple syrup and cider.

They're legion for as long as the leaves are up, but, come mid-October, the leaves start to drop and the peepers ride their tour buses back home.

1590 words

Article 23 of 173, Article ID: 9610250267

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FOR SMALL-TOWN DOCTOR, PAYMENT COMES IN KIND DEEDS, FELLOWSHIP

Partial payment and an IOU today, a bushel of butter beans tomorrow.

It's all the same to Dr. Michael Valverde.

766 words



Article 24 of 173, Article ID: 9610180334

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KING CONTINUES TO MESMERIZE THE REGULATORS

By Stephen King (writing as Richard Bachman) Dutton, 474 pages, \$24.95

Despite its gratuitous gore and sophomoric profanity, its skinny plot and portentous "coming to a theater near you" style, "The Regulators" is, like most of Stephen King's macabre, formula elevated almost to art.

484 words

Article 25 of 173, Article ID: 9610090063

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AND THIS LITTLE PIG WON'T SELL ANY BEER

Effective this month, the pig will have no prices advertised for alcohol or tobacco products on Covenant Road in Forest Acres.

They won't be for sale.

654 words

Article 26 of 173, Article ID: 9610090002

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VOLUNTEERING IS IN THEIR BLOOD

After 152 trips to the blood bank and 35 years of volunteer service respectively, Lexington residents Sammy George and Maude Risinger had something to celebrate.

619 words

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Published on 10/03/96, THE STATE

STEPS TO SERVE MEALS

Mrs. Doyle Morgan of Lexington says she remembers a time when folks just naturally helped other folks out.

"When a neighbor needed help, you went," recalls the 91-year-old Meals on Wheels recipient. She recently asked the Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission how she might repay them for their kindness.

464 words

Article 28 of 173, Article ID: 9609200561

Published on 09/22/96, THE STATE

HOPPING FOR THE BEST

RABBIT BUSINESS IS ABOUT BREEDING, NOT THE BOTTOM LINE

It's Elmer Fudd's worst nightmare.

Hundreds of rabbits -- fat ones, fluffy ones, some sound asleep -- and not so much as a pop gun anywhere on the premises.

1014 words

Article 29 of 173, Article ID: 9609100236

Published on 09/12/96, THE STATE

PLANTING A SEED

MCCANTS ENLISTS ARTISTS

This year, McCants Elementary School art and drama teacher Jane Schwantes hopes to spend part of her time in the Earlewood neighborhood building bridges. Schwantes wrote and is administering a Target 2000 grant titled "Building Bridges," which, in addition to sponsoring visits to her school by eight artists-in-residence, is designed to span gaps "among the arts and between the arts and academics."

482 words

Article 30 of 173, Article ID: 9608260542

Published on 08/29/96, THE STATE

AGENCY TENDS YOUNG DREAMS

Want to be on "Star Search?" Want a recording contract? How about your face on the cover of Cosmo?

First things first, says New Entertainers Alliance of America.

Stay in school.

738 words

Article 31 of 173, Article ID: 9608210171

Published on 08/22/96, THE STATE

WELL DRAWS FLOW OF VISITORS

Though some travel to Veighle Chapel Baptist Church on Leesburg Road thirsting for the spirit, many more go thirsting for a drink of water.

An artesian well, continuously flowing since before anybody can remember, draws a continuous flow of

visitors to the east Columbia church six days a week. A sign asks that well-wishers keep the parking lot clear on Sundays so that those who come to worship will have a place to park.

558 words

Article 32 of 173, Article ID: 9608200154

Published on 08/22/96, THE STATE

GRADS HELP DISTRICT 1 INTO WEB

Two Dreher High School graduates, one bound for Harvard, the other bound for medical school, are Richland District 1's latest marketing secret weapon. Rising Harvard freshman Geoffrey Fowler and his brother, Kenneth, a senior at Williams College in Massachusetts, recently unveiled Richland 1's first World Wide Web site.

343 words

Article 33 of 173, Article ID: 9608050478

Published on 08/08/96, THE STATE

HAND-ME-DOWN TECHNOLOGY

USED PCS PASSED TO SCHOOLS

Late last week, Union Camp Corp.'s 860-employee Eastover mill distributed more than 100 used computers to schools and non-profit groups from Sumter to Irmo and all points in between.

"We've undergone an upgrade in our computer system which left us with over 100 386 computers," said Susan McPherson, Union Camp manager of public affairs.

294 words

Article 34 of 173, Article ID: 9607250208

Published on 07/26/96, THE STATE

HAPPY HOOFERS

THESE BOOTS WERE MADE FOR DANCING

When competitive country and western dancers Keith Shannon and Sissi Ellenburg hang up their dancing boots for the last time, they'll be able to say they've two-stepped against the best the West had to offer.

Some of the best, anyway.

884 words

Article 35 of 173, Article ID: 9607140105

Published on 07/18/96, THE STATE

CAYCE GETS FUNDS TO FIX HOUSES

Some people in Cayce are living in houses "where you wouldn't put a dog," says City Manager Rachel Scioscia.

"Some of them have no indoor plumbing, exposed wiring, walls and ceilings caving in," Scioscia says.

512 words

Article 36 of 173, Article ID: 9607170157

Published on 07/18/96, THE STATE

TRUE TO THE CAUSE

PROGRESS OF EPILEPSY GROUP WAS A PERSONAL JOURNEY, TOO

Before she was an advocate, before she was an organizer, Margaret Masse was an angry, frustrated woman.

And no wonder.

860 words

Article 37 of 173, Article ID: 9607090060

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JOYFUL NOISE

PIANIST PLAYS KEY ROLE AT PINE BLUFF CHURCH

Pianist Inez Croft knows the meaning of commitment.

Since 1951, the 92-year-old Bamberg native has been keeping the Pine Bluff Baptist Church congregation on key from her station at the keyboard in the small church on Pineview Drive.

487 words

Article 38 of 173, Article ID: 9606240547

Published on 06/27/96, THE STATE

DRUG STORE TO DOUBLE SIZE AFTER THREE-BLOCK MOVE

It's going to be one small step for Rite Aid, one giant leap for store #1637.

Pennsylvania-based Rite Aid Corp. owns 2,770 pharmacies nationally. Ten of them are in Richland and Lexington counties and one of those is about to relocate.

431 words

Article 39 of 173, Article ID: 9606180010

Published on 06/20/96, THE STATE

STRINGS ARE CLOSE TO HER HEART

She could be considered the Johnny Appleseed of secondary school string sections.

Pamela Tellejohn Hayes, currently orchestra director at Spring Valley High School and orchestra coordinator for Richland District 2, has been planting orchestras in South Carolina public schools since the early 1970s.

433 words

Article 40 of 173, Article ID: 9606110016

Published on 06/13/96, THE STATE

SURVIVOR RECOVERS PAST

When Dorothy Brown was a little girl, she didn't ask. She didn't have to. Somehow or other, she says, she just knew.

She knew the picture on the mantel, the one she'd been told was "just a doctor," had something to do with her, something important, as did the child seated in the doctor's lap.

574 words

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Published on 06/06/96, THE STATE

LMC CLINIC OPENS

THE DOCTOR IS FINALLY IN IN SWANSEA

At long last, the doctor any doctor -- is in.

Lexington Medical Center has opened an urgent care facility on S.C. 6 in Swansea to fill the gap created two years ago by the death of Dr. Bill Granger.

Granger's tenure in Swansea had spanned more than three decades of family practice.

416 words

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Published on 05/30/96, THE STATE

RELUCTANT SUPERSTAR BLAZING TO HARVARD

Lower Richland High School valedictorian Kenneth Barrios is something of a reluctant superstar.

Soft-spoken, uncomfortable before large groups, he says he's "never had much of a social life."

"(Hopkins) Middle school was kind of rough," he says, but adds that Lower Richland High School has been

an improvement. "I have friends now that I can trust," he says, "good people."

451 words

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Published on 05/30/96, THE STATE

KEENAN SENIOR FINDS PEACE IN PERSISTENCE

For some of Keenan High School Principal J.E.

Wright's students, going to school may be the best part of the day -- whether they know it or not.

"It's a fine line," Wright says. "You want to direct kids, but you also want to be aware of the baggage they carry. (School) is the only structure some of them have."

631 words

Article 44 of 173, Article ID: 9605210084

Published on 05/23/96, THE STATE

LEADER'S ROLE FIT STUDENT

Columbia High School student body president Kenneth Orr credits chorus and student council with his rise from freshman mediocrity to scholarship material. "When I first came here, I didn't take high school seriously," Orr says of the days when he loped along with a "two point something" -- a low C average. 393 words

Article 45 of 173, Article ID: 9605130532
Published on 05/16/96, THE STATE

MUSICAL NEOPHITES BUY OWN SYMPHONY

Not three years ago, they picked up musical instruments for the first time in their young lives. Last week at the Koger Center, they premiered an original symphony, written especially for them by Texas-based band composer David Holsinger. 421 words

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Published on 05/08/96, THE STATE

YOUNG HEARTS FIND THE BEAT FROM A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT FOR ADULTS AT CENTER

For some people, there are worse things than prom anxiety. Ask the folks at Helping Hands Adult Day-Care Center in Cayce.

"A lot of them never got to go to their own proms," said Helping Hands activities coordinator Kendra Hucks.

"Some were in comas, others were unable or afraid to go."

464 words

Article 47 of 173, Article ID: 9605060141
Published on 05/06/96, THE STATE

UFO 'EXPERIENCERS' SEARCH FOR TRUTH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS ALIEN ABDUCTION

Almost 200 people suspecting or claiming various degrees of personal contact with extraterrestrials convened this weekend for the second annual UFO and Alien Abduction Research Conference.

"Experiencers," as they call themselves, each paid \$100 to attend the three-day conference, headlined by internationally known abduction researcher and best-selling author Budd Hopkins.

672 words

Article 48 of 173, Article ID: 9604150522
Published on 04/18/96, THE STATE

CHANGING OF THE CHIEF COP HOPES LAST STOP IS SPRINGDALE

Town Administrator Gregg Robinson says applicants from as far away as Vermont and Arizona lined up when Springdale began advertising for a new police chief in January.

"The ad we ran in The State got picked up by some of the nationwide ad companies," Robinson says. 392 words

Article 49 of 173, Article ID: 9604100029
Published on 04/11/96, THE STATE

FINDING WAYS TO LEARN SANDHILLS READY TO MOVE, GROW

Twenty years ago in Columbia, a group of parents of children with learning disabilities decided they'd had enough -- or, more accurately, that their children were getting too little.

Organizing under the name of the Columbia Reading Foundation, they set about to establish a school where children suffering from dyslexia, attention deficit disorder and other learning disabilities could acquire the coping skills essential to succeeding in school.

687 words

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PASSION PORTRAYAL

'THE LORD IS WORTH A GOOD PRODUCTION'

Sometimes it takes a small army. A small but industrious army to cater the rehearsals, build the set and sew dozens of costumes. A small but careful army to fly the Son of Man into heaven without dropping him on the heavenly choir singing below. In the case of North Trenholm Baptist Church's production of its new musical Passion play, "Christ is the Cornerstone," that army numbered more than 200 performers, technicians and auxiliary personnel -- nearly 10 percent of the congregation.

792 words



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'GEORGE M!' PRODUCTION HITS ALL THE WRONG NOTES

Though it runs only two hours, Town Theatre's production of "George M!" will seem like years to anyone but the least-discriminating theatergoer. It will seem like long years spent in a parallel theatrical universe where stagehands in tennis shoes and sweat shirts move among turn-of-the-century

set pieces. Where nonsingers perform dreary musical tributes to Broadway icons. In this play, George M. Cohan, the legendary vaudeville and Broadway writer/producer/performer sings his way from rags to
234 words



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TRUSTUS' 'LAUGHTER' ISN'T VERY HUMOROUS

To paraphrase a line from the show, seldom have so many with so much talent fired off so many one-liners to so little comic effect.

Trustus Theater's production of Neil Simon's "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," a tribute of sorts to the golden age of live television comedy, spends the better part of three hours straining under the weight of far too many "takes" and "beats" and general actor introspection.

Director Jim Thigpen has allowed these excellent performers to pursue various acting styles
352 words

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TRICKS OF A TRADES CLASS

STUDENTS REVVED UP FOR CONTEST

Pick a small-engine repair shop at random in Lexington County and there's a better than average chance you'll find somebody working there who learned the trade from Randall Smith.

And odds aren't bad that repair person will have won some sort of award for doing what he does better than most other people in the state.

454 words

Article 54 of 173, Article ID: 9603080202

Published on 03/10/96, THE STATE

MUSIC WITH BYTE

COMPUTER BOX MAKES VIRTUOSOS OF NOVICES

You've just performed a minor miracle.

You've plugged an entire 128-piece orchestra into your personal computer.

848 words

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Published on 03/07/96, THE STATE

BURNSIDE STUDENTS CONTEMPLATE COLLEGE

Students at Burnside Elementary School already have begun their pursuit of higher education. Black

History Month activities at Burnside culminated last week with a visit to the school by representatives of three historically black colleges -- Benedict College, South Carolina State University and Spelman College of Atlanta.

286 words

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CARVER KIDS GET INTO RECYCLING

Last week at Carver Elementary School, the recyclers of the future joined hands to recycle almost 3,000 telephone books of the past. Carver was the site of a communitywide telephone book recycling day sponsored by Keep America Beautiful of the Midlands, a nonprofit volunteer organization that acts as a clearing house for recycling and solid-waste management information in the Midlands.

345 words

Article 57 of 173, Article ID: 9602280381

Published on 02/29/96, THE STATE

A PORTRAIT IN EDUCATION

ART TEACHER REACHING STUDENTS

For Windsor Elementary School art teacher June Compton, art is as much a means to an end as an end unto itself.

"It's hard to separate language arts, social studies and science from what I do in here," says Compton, who will travel to San Francisco in March to receive the National Art Education Association's Southeastern Region Art Educator of the Year award for 1995-96.

447 words

Article 58 of 173, Article ID: 9602200434

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FOREVER PLAID

S.C. MAN ASPIRING TO BE TITAN OF TARTANS

Whether you're Scottish, part-Scottish, own a Scottish terrier or just drink Scotch whiskey, Stephen McCallum has a tartan just for you.

McCallum is a distributor of "Scottish apparel and heritage" merchandise, primarily plaid textiles or, as they're known in Scottish circles, tartans.

491 Words

Article 59 of 173, Article ID: 9601300103

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CHURCH PULLS WOMAN BACK TO LIFE, THEATER

When Rose Crane arrived as a freshman at Carson Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., female

students had been allowed to wear pants on campus for only a few years.
Drinking and smoking weren't permitted. Dancing was strictly verboten.
624 words



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AMOS' 'HALLEY'S COMET' TRAILS OFF ON TIRED PHILOSOPHY

Midway through the first act of his one-man show, "Halley's Comet," television personality John Amos becomes a stage actor.

By that time, however, he has spent nearly an hour wallowing in tired setups for comic bits as dated as his venerable sitcom, "Good Times."

Amos plays an elderly man in 1986 awaiting the arrival of Halley's Comet, which the character first saw 75 years prior.

327 words

Article 61 of 173, Article ID: 9601170188

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WINDOWS BECOME GIFT

For four years, the Columbia Circle of the King's Daughters and Sons has been sending checks to Richland Memorial Hospital.

The group has been paying for a set of stained glass windows installed in 1992 as part of a general refurbishment of the chapel, which is on the second floor of the hospital's main building.

449 words



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'THE UNCONSOLED' DRIVES READERS ON WILD JOURNEY

THE UNCONSOLED

By Kazuo Ishiguro

Alfred Knopf, 535 pages, \$25

Call it surrealistic, call it absurdist, call it just plain hard to figure, Kazuo Ishiguro's novel, "The Unconsoled" is a fascinating labyrinth of discontinuity and dead ends.

Like a nightlong nightmare remembered in vivid detail, it has little regard for the rules of traditional storytelling, and the "dreamer," a concert pianist named Mr. Ryder, seems to be trying to resolve a lifetime of anxiety in a single night

428 words



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'OPUS' FAILS TO DRUM UP SUPPORT

Do the arts in education impart survival skills? And, if they don't, should financially strapped school districts be spending money on music appreciation? How about drama? How about dance?

"Mr. Holland's Opus," a Hollywood Pictures release due out Jan. 19, purports to answer these questions in the affirmative.

191 words

Article 64 of 173, Article ID: 9601080154

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COMING HOME

ASIAN STUDENTS IN THEIR ELEMENT AT KARAOKE BAR

By 11 o'clock on a cold winter Friday, the karaoke singers at the Lotus Club can be sorted into two distinct categories -- those who grew up speaking English and those who didn't.

Downstairs on the dance floor stage, a party of three couples and several hangers-on are belting out songs by Aerosmith and Waylon Jennings. They've come as a group, like most do, for musical and moral support.

976 words

Article 65 of 173, Article ID: 9601030092

Published on 01/04/96, THE STATE

MIDLANDS PASTOR INTERVENES IN MEXICAN CONFLICT

Some might say it's a Superman story for Eric Perrin. Disguised as the mild-mannered pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church on Bush River Road, he traveled deep into Mexico to negotiate with guerilla leaders on behalf of homeless evangelicals in the state of Chiapas.

586 words

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MORMON TEENS HAVE A MISSION

Asked what they'd like to do when they graduate from high school, most American teen-agers probably wouldn't ask to live the life of a Mormon missionary.

663 words

Article 67 of 173, Article ID: 9512060110

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GARDEN CLUB PLANTS TREE FOR SENIORS

The Pineland Garden Club of Eastover planted an 8-foot Bradford pear tree last week on land where Union Camp planted a pair of barracks in May. The barracks, moved to their current location on Main Street in Eastover from Fort Jackson, now house the Mamie E. Hinton Senior Center.
297 words

Article 68 of 173, Article ID: 9511280346

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SEMINARY ENVISIONS NEW ROLE

Columbia's 185-student Lutheran Theological Seminary is positioning itself to leap into the next millennium.

When it lands, it will be a renovated, expanded, "online" version of its former self, re-established as a member of the Eau Claire-Columbia community which it serves as a geographic gateway.
622 words

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MAP COLLECTOR CHANGES DIRECTION

Not as organized as coin collectors nor as well-heeled as art collectors, road map collectors at least know how to find things.

Irmo resident Gene Herterick has spent the last three years finding things -- first books as a part-time living, now maps primarily for pleasure.
458 words

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PLAY'S THE THING FOR WINDSOR

Four years ago, Windsor Elementary School's cultural curriculum got a jump start from the Folger Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C. Windsor's assistant principal, Sue Mellette, won a grant to hire representatives of the Folger to teach faculty members how to mount their own outdoor Shakespearean festival.
454 words



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LEAD CARRIES RESPECTABLE 'HARVEY' WELL

Town Theatre's production of "Harvey," playwright Mary Chase's darkly sentimental comedy about a kindly alcoholic and his pet hallucination, has ears and will travel.

Harvey is a rabbit, of course, 6 feet tall and initially visible to no one except the play's central character, Elwood P. Dowd. Dowd's eccentricities create a certain amount of campy 1940's-era havoc among the other characters in the play, but Dowd himself moves placidly amidst the noise he creates.

Al McNeely, whose portrayal

341 words

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VOLUNTEERS PLANT SEEDS AT EPWORTH

Epworth Children's Home draws volunteers like a magnet.

"Last year, at least 1,000 volunteers from the community came through here," says Laurie Brandes, volunteer activities coordinator at the Columbia facility.
392 words

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LET THE PINT-SIZE GAMES BEGIN

As the 1996 Olympic games loom closer, mini-olympics -- pint-sized versions of the real thing -- are popping up with ever increasing frequency.
377 words

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BAND ON THE MARCH**CLASSICS GIVE IRMO THE EDGE**

Riding what band director Bruce Dinkins says is a national trend toward classical repertoires in marching band competition, Irmo High School's marching band placed first for the second consecutive year at this year's 5-A state championships recently at Spring Valley High School. His secret weapon, aside from classical composers Shostakovich, Stravinsky and Jacques Press, was ballet performed by Irmo's award-winning dance team auxiliary, the Hi-Steppers.
424 words

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RECYCLERS OFFER TOURS OF CENTER

If you've been getting cold stares from your kids lately every time you wheel your trash to the curb, you might want to ask them if they've been hanging out with Charlie Singer's crowd at Fort Jackson.

And if they say they have, you might want to wheel that trash back to the house and let your kids tell you a thing or two about recycling. Chances are they'll know whereof they speak.

732 words

Article 76 of 173, Article ID: 9511080060

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HATTER HAS CITY COVERED

Adrian Brown sells hats.

"I sell church hats," he says. "Christian ladies wear hats, and they don't like to see somebody else in church wearing the same hat that they're wearing."

369 words

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DUTCH TREATS - WINDMILLS, WOODEN SHOES, MEDIEVAL CHAPELS - AND GREAT BICYCLE ROUTES BECKON TRAVELERS TO EXPLORE HOLLAND'S SIGHTS

They have a saying in the Netherlands: God created the world, but the Dutch created Holland.

And it's true.

As demonstrated by Holland's dense network of canals, dikes and floodgates, it's a country wrung from the sea over centuries of back-breaking work and one that the Dutch struggle daily to retain.

1207 words



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'THE CHANGELING' FAILS TO GIVE LIFE TO DUSTY WORDS

How hard can it be to find plays of literary importance that both entertain audiences and give drama students opportunities for growth? Darned hard, it would seem, judging from the USC theater's decision to produce "The Changeling."

This nearly 400-year-old clunker by Thomas Middleton and William Rowley might be a glimpse of theater history, but, aside from that, who cares?

Oh, sure, there's an ugly man who seduces a beautiful woman betrothed to a noble. There are lunatics in a dungeon that

352 words

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HOLY HOCUS-POCUS

MINISTERS SAY THEIR MAGIC SHOWS ENTERTAIN BUT AREN'T SUPERNATURAL

Look up the sleeves of some magicians and what you find might surprise you. For them, the magic is in the message.

Christian conjurors, known alternately as gospel magicians or gospel illusionists, use sleight of hand to illustrate biblical themes in religious settings.

Their audiences come in all shapes and sizes -- from children's birthday parties to college student union assemblies to large gatherings of adults.

1154 words

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TWO-DAY FESTIVAL WILL CELEBRATE NATIVE CULTURE

Terence Lilly Little-Water Alewine is lonely no more. Alewine moved to Columbia 17 years ago, and, since that time, she says, she's been dealing with a growing sense of cultural isolation.

646 words

Article 81 of 173, Article ID: 9510170156

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LUMBEE LESSONS INTRIGUE PUPILS

The blowgun gets 'em every time.

Students at Brennen Elementary School gasped and giggled as Lumbee Indian Gene Norris blew darts, told stories and demonstrated Native American heritage and crafts during a daylong visit to their school last week.

280 words



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'A CHORUS LINE' IS AGILE PARADE OF SONG, DANCE

To paraphrase one of the show's more recognizable song titles, on a scale of one to 10 -- dance 10, ensemble singing 10, acting 3.

Workshop Theatre's production of Kirkwood, Dante, Hamlish & Kleban's "A Chorus Line" is, first of all, very fleet of foot.

449 words



Article 83 of 173, Article ID: 9509080291

Published on 09/10/95, THE STATE

RESEARCH GIVES PROFILE OF RACISTS THE RACIST MIND

By Raphael S. Ezekiel

Viking, 330 pages, \$24.95

Most of us aren't inclined to get touchy-feely with hard-core racists.

Harvard-based social psychologist Raphael Ezekiel, however, believing that any mind is a terrible thing to waste, spent 10 years plumbing the shallows of racist paranoia.

323 words

Article 84 of 173, Article ID: 9508290035

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MESSAGE TURNED OUT TO BE A CORKER

At last, there's a slower and less reliable way to talk to strangers than surfing the Net with a 2400-baud modem.

It's the old note-in-a-bottle method practiced for centuries by folks stranded on desert islands and, more recently, by Tom Haggard, a USC law professor.

377 words

Article 85 of 173, Article ID: 9508080108

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CHAPLAIN MENDS SHOES, SPIRITS

The pun is irresistible - Gene Nipper is a sole man's soul man.

As co-owners of Nipper's Shoe repair on Leesburg Road, he and his mother, Marian Nipper, mend shoes.

As a chaplain in the Transport for Christ ministry, Gene Nipper soothes the spirits of the folks who drive the big rigs.

434 words

Article 86 of 173, Article ID: 9508030001

Published on 08/03/95, THE STATE

STAGES OF SUMMER

DRAMA CAMPS TEACH KIDS TO MAKE SPECTACLES OF SELVES AND TO APPRECIATE THE ARTS.

Meredith Lucio is a performer by trade.

In a few months, she'll be in Florida opening a one-woman show based on the life of Amelia Earhart. In November, she'll be under contract with the Nebraska Theatre Caravan's national tour of "A Christmas Carol."

1162 words

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ARMY RETIREE KEEPS JOGGING TO NEXT DOOR

The day James Alford's grandmother died, a door opened.

"She had raised me," he says. "It rained so hard that night -- I don't remember it raining that hard again until Vietnam."

830 words

Article 88 of 173, Article ID: 9507310557

Published on 08/03/95, THE STATE

METER READING PREPARING TO GO HI-TECH

The SCE&G "Good Cents" home is about to become clairvoyant.

According to Jim Kirby, manager of distribution engineering services for SCE&G, 425 prototype two-way radio gas, electric and water meter reading devices have been installed as part of a pilot project being conducted in Cayce's Moss Creek subdivision and near the USC campus.

459 words



Article 89 of 173, Article ID: 9507230268

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'THE SECRET GARDEN' IS LIKE DEEP, DARK 'ANNIE'

Even if you haven't seen the movie, even if you missed the touring production that passed through the Koger Center a while back, Playhouse Theatre's production of "The Secret Garden" will probably ring a few bells.

Marsha Norman and Lucy Simon's contemporary operetta tells the story of a feisty little orphan girl who wins the heart of a curmudgeonly aristocrat, lifting the pall that has settled upon his estate.

Sound familiar?

Well, it's deeper and darker and definitely more English than "

350 words

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SQUIRREL SUICIDE

BLAME POWER DISRUPTIONS ON RODENTS

GNAWING LINES

On a clear morning, you set your PC to receive the junk faxes you expect while you're gone. You set your VCR to record "Geraldo" -- "Appalachian phone sex" sounds promising. And you set your coffee maker to start perking about a half-hour before your return.

You update the outgoing message on your answering machine, you reset your digital alarm clock and then

840 words



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CAPTIVATING THEORIES

BOOK STUDIES REPORTS OF UFO ABDUCTIONS

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOURTH KIND By C.D.B.

Bryan

Alfred Knopf, 318 pages, \$25

C.D.B. Bryan's alien apologia takes a new tack in the search for signs of intelligent life in the universe. His title refers to alien encounters that culminate in abduction, as opposed to those of the third kind, ones that go only as far as contact.

Stymied by the inability of thousands of abductees and witnesses to return from their encounters with a single piece of material evidence (crop circles and nosebleeds)

425 words

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IT'S NOT REALLY STEALING, IS IT?

A stranger in the bathroom.

The one your wife doesn't talk about, the one your kids can't explain.

888 words



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KING'S LATEST IS MADDENING

'ROSE MADDER' CONTAINS PLENTY OF GORE, BUT STORY LACKS FOCUS

ROSE MADDER By Stephen King

Viking, 420 pages, \$25.95

Pop quiz: Why do Stephen King's fans buy his books?

Because a) his books teach good values; b) his books address important social issues; c) his books are scary.

Stumped? If so, you and King have something in common.

398 words

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NORTH MAIN STREET AWAITS A REVIVAL

Though currently little more than a gleam in the eyes of a few city administrators, a plan to revitalize North Main Street has been evolving in fits and starts for almost 18 months.

Initiated by City Councilman Luther Battiste early last year, the North Main Street Redevelopment Plan, if

implemented, will pump millions -- perhaps tens of millions -- of dollars of state and federal money into a two-block-wide corridor centered on Main Street and extending north from Elmwood Avenue to a terminus which

1154 words

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GUARD CROSSES OVER TO RETIREMENT

EVELYN LYBRAND WAVES GOODBYE AFTER 27 YEARS OF HELPING SALUDA ELEMENTARY KIDS GET TO THE OTHER SIDE.

For 27 years, Evelyn Lybrand has been standing on the corner, watching all the kids go by -- helping them go by, actually, with a quiet smile and a bright red stop sign. Lybrand is the crossing guard under whose watchful eye thousands of Saluda River Elementary School students have passed safely over the years from one side of Mohawk Drive to the other.

290 words

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STUDENTS LIVE A LITTLE HISTORY

The British are coming! And most of them are well under 5 feet tall.

For the fifth year in a row, Gilbert Elementary School recently hosted what history teacher Rebecca Wardlaw describes as a "living history event" -- two days of 18th and 19th century activities that culminate the history curriculum for all six of her third-grade classes.

387 words

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DRUMMER SEEKS DEGREE AT HIS TEMPO

Despite enviable alternatives and a stack of accomplishments that, to many, would constitute a fair life's work, drummer John Blackwell Jr. knows what he wants and he knows that he doesn't have it -- yet.

His eyes are on the prize.

600 words

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RECIPE FOR FRIENDSHIP

NEIGHBORS ARE THE KEY INGREDIENT FOR LAKE

KATHERINE BLOCK PARTY

Good fences might make good neighbors in New England, but, given the same chance, folks in South Carolina will pick pigs over pickets almost every time.

Which is probably why, in the course of its four installments, Lake Katherine's annual pig pickin' at ``The Lot On Shady'' has evolved into a block party of truly porcine proportions.

695 words

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WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

MARIONETTES BUILD HOME OF THEIR OWN

Allie Scollon is a master manipulator, a mover and shaker, a woman who with tiny gestures routinely sends her closest associates flying through the air.

"I consider it a privilege to be able to do this," says Scollon. And she speaks from the heart.

Scollon, founder and owner of the Columbia Marionette Theatre, is a puppeteer, and, after nearly 50 years of puppetry, she is about to open what's billed as the only free-standing marionette theater in the country.

609 words

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EPWORTH USES PLAY TO WORK ON ISSUES

Combining the best elements of role-playing and play therapy, Epworth Children's Home culminated a four-week drama residency last week with a professionally guided grass-roots production of "The Wizard of Oz."

Kathy Cook, Epworth Learning Center's director of education, coordinated the production in cooperation with The Southeastern Players, a touring theater company based in Columbia. This is the second year that Epworth has conducted a drama camp at its facility.

450 words

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STEWARDSHIP, NATURE MAKE FARM THRIVE

When Darnall and William Boyd's father acquired the former Ledingham Plantation near Eastover in 1951, cotton was the last thing on his mind.

He gave away the government-provided cotton allotment (subsidy) that he'd bought with the land and planted grains instead.

"He said this place would go back to cotton over his dead body," William Boyd recalls, and, when the Boyd brothers inherited their father's property in May 1993, that's exactly what it did.

696 words

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STUDENTS COMBINE THEIR INSPIRATION WITH PERSPIRATION TO CREATE MURAL

A bunch of Eau Claire kids, armed with paint and inspiration, are splashing life onto a railroad trestle and into their neighborhood.

The group of 24 students from Alcorn Middle School have been meeting once a week, weather permitting, since June of last year to construct "Capital City Times," a student-conceived, designed and executed mural soon to be completed near Earlewood Park on North Main Street.

"The collage reflects their feelings about school, family and community," says Judy Battis

677 words

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PASTOR MARKS 20 YEARS IN TRINITY'S PULPIT

On April 23, Don Davis will begin his 21st year as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Cayce. A reception and special recognition during morning and evening services have been planned by the congregation to commemorate the event.

"I don't know exactly what they have planned," Davis says. "I'm letting them work it out."

In 1975, Trinity's congregation had only its name and motto -- "Fellowship of Amazing Love" -- when it located Davis and asked him to lead them in their efforts to become a

330 words

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CHOKING VINES WORRY TREE FANCIER

Sarah Shuptrine is afraid that soon she might not be able to see the forest for the vines.

According to Shuptrine, English ivy and wisteria are killing trees throughout Forest Acres.

Shuptrine, a Forest Acres resident, is president of Shuptrine and Associates, a public policy research firm in Shandon. By profession, she's an advocate of children and families in the Southern states, and, by avocation, she's an advocate of trees.

464 words



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Published on 03/12/95, THE STATE COPYRIGHT {1995} STATE-RECORD CO. {COLUMBIA, SC} **WORKSHOP THEATRE NAILS DOWN '36 FARCE**

Long before the Addams Family scared away its first unsuspecting visitor, playwrights Moss Hart and George Kauffman got it right, got a Pulitzer and got it without fright makeup in their 1936 farce, "You Can't Take It With You."

Workshop Theatre's spirited production, very competently directed by Ellen Schlaefer, is a detailed and faithful slice of period style.

A "family," defined as loosely as possible, of free-spirited, mostly unemployed libertarians, leads comfortable urban lives bliss

434 words

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Published on 03/09/95, THE STATE COPYRIGHT {1995} STATE-RECORD CO. {COLUMBIA, SC} **BUSBEE DIVES INTO 'MELTING POT'**

Eighth-grade students at Busbee Middle School in Cayce took a two-day swim in the "melting pot" last week during a multicultural fair held in their school library.

"It's part of a year-long emphasis I've been putting on multicultural . . . history," said history teacher Debbie Liebler, who coordinated the fair.

All year, she has explored with her students the various cultures represented in South Carolina.

305 words

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Published on 03/02/95, THE STATE COPYRIGHT {1995} STATE-RECORD CO. {COLUMBIA, SC} **COUPLE'S DAUGHTER FLYS HIGH STIERLE TO BECOME AIR FORCE GENERAL AND HEAD NURSE**

Twenty-five years and 10 assignments after her first tour of duty, Col. Linda Stierle is about to become Brig. Gen. Stierle, chief nurse of the Air Force.

"She deserves it," says Stierle's father, HJ Jackson, a West Columbia resident and Air Force master sergeant-retired. "She's worked her butt off."

"Everyone in the military is on call 24 hours a day," Stierle says, "The military is like a calling -- it's a form of public service."

675 words

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MASTER CRAFTSMAN TAKES TIME OUT FROM SCIENTIFIC WORK TO CREATE QUEEN'S SCEPTER FOR A BRIDE

Ask Columbia newlywed Dawn Campbell and she'll tell you Joel Babbitt is a "dream maker."

Ask Bruce Watt, organics lab manager at the environmental testing laboratories of Columbia Analytical, and he'll tell you Babbitt's drying columns and separatory funnels are among the best in the business.

Two perspectives, two radically different standards, one raw material -- glass.

721 words

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Last April, Elysa Kahn took up the torch of remembrance.

For two weeks, the Forest Acres resident, along with 300 other Jewish young people selected from across the country, traveled among the ruins and results of the Holocaust -- from Washington, D.C., to Warsaw, Poland, from Auschwitz/Birkenau to the Golan Heights.

"It was something I felt I had to do, a part of me I needed to explore," Kahn says of her participation in "The Walk of the Living," a program sponsored by the international B'

611 words



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Let's leave to bilingual dramaturgs whether Freyda Thomas' translation of Moliere's comedy "The Learned Ladies" is sufficiently faithful in letter or spirit to the original.

The question playgoers are more likely to ask about USC's contemporary verse renovation of this

17th-century standard is simply, "Will it make me laugh?"

The answer: Not much.

285 words

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OPENING DOORS

ENGINEERS INVITING GIRLS INTO SCIENCES

The name of the merit badge is a mouthful: "Into the World of Today and Tomorrow, Leading Girls to Math, Science and Technology."

By contrast, the concept behind the merit badge being earned by Junior Girl Scouts at USC's Swearingen Engineering Center can be summed up in only two words, "catching up."

Rhett Culclasure, president of the USC student chapter of the Society of Women Engineers, is part of a nationwide movement to counteract some of what she calls the negative effects of social

434 words

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CHRISTIANITY MEETS CAPITALISM

LIGHTHOUSE RADIO FILLS NICHE

WCTG AM 840 -- Lighthouse Inspirational Talk Radio -- is marking its second year as Columbia's "only commercial inspirational talk radio station." Headlined locally by a doctor of ministry, a doctor of optometry and the president of a Columbia investment firm, WCTG's call-in hosts aspire to dispense information on everything from contact lenses to retirement planning.

"We're hoping to add a veterinarian and a horticulturist, as well as others," says doctor of ministry Kevin Skipper, who host

458 words

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CHURCH IS HOPING TO BE HOME FOR EASTER

Two months ago, the Bluff Road United Methodist Church burned its mortgage. One month ago, its sanctuary nearly burned to the ground.

"All things work together for the good of them that love the Lord," said Pastor Ellis White Jr., whose congregation hopes to reoccupy the church in 60 to 90 days.

Demolition and clearing away of the debris left by the fire has been completed and reconstruction is scheduled to begin late this month.

369 words

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NEW AGAIN

REUSING HISTORIC BUILDINGS PAYS OFF

You do your banking at the bus depot. You eat lunch at the train station and dinner at the fire station and, some day, you hope to call the penitentiary home. Fit the profile? If so, Ray Sigmon, executive director of the Historic Columbia Foundation, wants to shake your hand.

"Historic preservation isn't just about renovating the 'great houses,'" Sigmon says. According to him, it's a gold mine of "unique economic opportunities" that a small army of savvy developers have already discovered a

718 words



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CRIMINALS DEPICTED AS PITIABLE CREATIONS

DIRTY WHITE BOYS

By Stephen Hunter.
Random House,
369 words



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'SECRET GARDEN' FIRST-RATE

The bus and truck tour of Marsha Norman's "The Secret Garden" now playing at the Koger Center is a good bet for an evening out with the family. A sort of Victorian "Annie and the Beast," this version pairs yet another feisty orphan and wealthy aristocrat but offers very few light moments until, of course, the end.

Archibald Craven is the gloomy widower of the manor with whom little Mary Lennox (Craven's niece) is sent to live after her parents die of cholera in colonial India. He becomes her

243 words



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TRUSTUS TOUCHES 'GLASS'

Trustus theater's production of Tennessee Williams' "The Glass Menagerie" is a lovely thing to watch unfold. Like clockwork -- from Jim Thigpen's intelligent, unhurried direction to Brian Riley's superb lighting and evocative set, to the exemplary performances given by each member of the small cast -- nearly everything falls perfectly into place. A single mother of the 1930s lives hand-to-mouth in a cramped St. Louis flat with her two children, both grown. She smothers her discontented son, Tom, wi
347 words



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'FIDDLER' IS A BIT OFF-KEY PRODUCTION FAILS TIMELESS MUSICAL

"Fiddler on the Roof" is virtually fool-proof as grass-roots community theater staged by and for an open-hearted, theatrically undemanding public. Town Theatre's treatment of "Fiddler" banks heavily on that dynamic, but is successful at only the most basic level.

Joseph Stein's turn-of-the-century parable of Tevye, a poor Russian Jew who casually chats with God as he struggles to redefine himself in a hailstorm of social change, is set to music by Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick. The story is timeless
294 words



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'BLUEFISH COVE' SURPRISINGLY SHARP

A radiant production of a script you might expect to see in the "maybe" bin at Fox television studios -- that's Trustus theater's revival of Jane Chambers' "Last Summer at Bluefish Cove."

Warm and, for the second act at least, dead-on predictable, "Bluefish" is a story of love and friendship among a small enclave of women. They migrate to the cove once a year for various purposes, whether sublime or venial, that are all of the same basic weave.

Tamra Stephenson as the newcomer, Eva, is wonder
255 words



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'BIG RIVER' RUNS A LITTLE TOO LONG MUSICAL WORKS WELL, DESPITE SHORTCOMINGS

If Dolly World offered undergraduate degrees in American history, "Big River" would be a required course.

The story of the play, now running at Workshop Theatre, is hardly worth describing except that it involves a runaway slave and, toward the end, seems to want to sing "Go Down Moses" and "Zippity Doo Dah" simultaneously.

Coupled with repeated use of the word "nigger," no matter how authentically period, the play's dalliance with socio-historical drama wears mighty thin in the midst of a mu

414 words

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TOWN'S NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR HAS THEATER BUZZING WITH WORK

Tim Allwein, Town Theatre's new technical director and resident designer, still wonders what the insides of most of the other Columbia area theaters look like.

Six hectic months after moving to South Carolina from Columbus, Ohio, he freely admits, "I haven't seen a single play outside of Town since I got here." Designing and building shows at the rate of one set every other month is an occupation that leaves little time to attend plays. Allwein's welcome included organizing a scene shop and t
580 words



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'SHIRLEY VALENTINE' IS FIRST-RATE

Drucilla Brookshire, as they say, "is" Shirley Valentine in Workshop Theatre's production of Willy Russell's very clever one-woman comedy of the same name.

Excellent direction by Jim E. Quick and a skillful, thoughtful performance by Brookshire make this a first-rate evening at the theater.

In "Shirley Valentine," an ordinary woman living an ordinary life seizes, almost by accident, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to break free of the ordinary. The story of Valentine's self-discovery
204 words



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E.T. IS CALLING, MACK SAYS ABDUCTION

By John E. Mack

Charles Scribner's Sons, 432 pages, \$22

John Mack, Pulitzer Prize-winning physician and professor of psychiatry at Harvard, believes he's on to something big. Really big.

225 words



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'MAN OF LA MANCHA' GETS AN 'A' FOR EFFORT

If good intentions count for anything, then some kind words are due Town Theatre for its production of Dale Wasserman's "Man of La Mancha."

This production doesn't thrill or tingle. But with 22 musical numbers packed into a running time of under two hours, a nice set designed by technical director Timothy Allwein and likable performances by two of the leading players, it tries to please.

The heart of the play is a chivalric allegory as told by Miguel De Cervantes to fellow inmates awaiting trial.

378 words



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'TREK' CREATOR DEPICTED BAD

GENE RODDENBERRY: THE MYTH AND THE MAN BEHIND STAR TREK

By Joel Engel, Hyperion, 283 pages, \$22.95

342 words



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'SOMEONE' NOT WORTH WATCHING

When it isn't brooding precociously or expounding self-consciously, Trustus theater's production of "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" mostly meanders long-windedly.

And since the three-hour play neither comes to a discernable point nor seems much interested in doing so, it also offers little incentive to further study or discussion.

It is, in a word, forgettable.

266 words



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'MILLROY' EXPLORES MORALITY'S AMBIGUITY

MILLROY THE MAGICIAN, By Paul Theroux

Random House, 437 pages, \$22.95

388 words



Article 128 of 173, Article ID: 9401110130

Published on 04/08/94, THE STATE

'GROUND' PUMPING TESTOSTERONE

ON DANGEROUS GROUND

By Jack Higgins

Putnam's, 304 pages, \$22.95

In Higgins' new novel, Sean Dillon -- linguist, expert diver, former IRA terrorist, ladies' man -- goes head to head with the Mafia in a race to find a document known as the Chungking Covenant.

183 words



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YOUTH, TALENT, ENERGY COMBINE TO CREATE SPLENDID 'GODSPELL'

Upstage Theater's production of "Godspell" is a ready-to-wear dreamcoat of a show -- energizing, splendidly directed and performed with zealous precision.

Director and choreographer Dedra Daniels Mount's lavishly detailed treatment of this happy musical would look at home on any stage in the area. At the Heyward Moore Fine Arts Center, it appears to be bursting at the seams.

A most appropriate vehicle for the talents of its cast, the show features many of Upstage Theatre's older drama students.

290 words



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USC'S 'EARNEST' MORE STYLE THAN SUBSTANCE

The idea of "style before substance," or, in this case, "style before Wilde," is taken too much to heart by the University of South Carolina's current production of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." In "Earnest," two bachelors lead blissfully affected lives as only the idle rich can. They weave romantic fictions that enable them to dally at will until their covers are blown, at which point their happiness and poise are recovered by an improbable twist of fate.

Set against Andy

301 words



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TOWN REALLY SELLS 'MUSIC MAN'

Town Theatre's treatment of Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" is a whopping piece of salesmanship. Though not a real substitute for showmanship (skill), salesmanship (nerve) will do in a pinch, and this production cashes in guts for glory with reckless abandon.

Take Bernie Ellis as Professor Harold Hill for example. The man is no singer, and neither are many of the other cast members, but Ellis and company are having too much fun to notice.

248 words



Article 132 of 173, Article ID: 9401010172

Published on 01/02/94, THE STATE

THE RIDE'S WHAT MATTERS IN TALE OF 'MR MURDER'

MR. MURDER by Dean Koontz. Putnam's, 415 pages, \$23.95.

"Mr. Murder" is a well-written (if self-conscious) techno-thriller which, in the language of our cultural shorthand, can be summed up as follows:

229 words



Article 133 of 173, Article ID: 9302040546

Published on 11/21/93, THE STATE

USUAL, NOT SO USUAL GIVE WITTY LOOK AT GUYS

THE BOOK OF GUYS by Garrison Keillor. Viking, 340 pages, \$22.

Rise up, you men, and cast off the chains of political correctitude. Scratch your hindlers, excavate your honkers. Know that what you are is guys, and know that guy-hood is OK.

266 words



Article 134 of 173, Article ID: 9302030639

Published on 11/14/93, THE STATE

'THE PRICE' WELL WORTH THE TICKET

Trustus theater's production of "The Price," Arthur Miller's starkly eloquent expose of skeletons and hidden gendas, is undeniably right.

Two brothers -- a policeman and a physician -- confront each other after years of estrangement.

The

building where their late father's belongings are stored is about to be torn down and an appraiser has been ummoned to make a clean sweep of the past. For two grueling hours, this pair strain to reach across a riptide of long-cherished misunderstandings.

361 words



Article 135 of 173, Article ID: 9302030005

Published on 11/07/93, THE STATE

'AMERICAN HERO' SUCCEEDS AS SATIRE, BUT NOT AS POLEMIC

AMERICAN HERO by Larry Beinhart. Pantheon, 431 pages, \$23.

"American Hero" is something like telephone solicitation.

390 words



Article 136 of 173, Article ID: 9302010568

Published on 10/24/93, THE STATE

**MASTER OF MACABRE SCORES AGAIN
SHORT STORIES FRIGHTFULLY GOOD**

NIGHTMARES & DREAMSCAPES by Stephen King. Viking, 816 pages, \$27.50.

Stephen King's latest collection of short stories, "Nightmares and Dreamscapes," is a big, fat treasure trove of the essential King. It's also an eminently readable demonstration of King's range and, to some small extent, his limitations.

505 words



Article 137 of 173, Article ID: 9301310707

Published on 10/16/93, THE STATE

VOLUME TOO HIGH IN 'SECOND SAMUEL'

Chapin Community Theatre's enthusiastically amateurish treatment of Pamela Parker's "Second Samuel" is about as good a senior class play as you're likely to find anywhere.

The problem, however, is that this is not a senior class play. People who ought to know better drag "Second Samuel" between narrative mileposts kicking and screaming so loudly that earplugs should be issued to anyone unfortunate enough to sit within six rows of the stage.

Parker's new comedy climaxes at intermission and wan

393 words



Article 138 of 173, Article ID: 9301300287

Published on 10/02/93, THE STATE

USC'S 'CHERRY ORCHARD' A SHINING PRODUCTION

The University of South Carolina Theater Department seems to be at its best when performing the classics.

A case in point is its production of "The Cherry Orchard."

Social commentary at its most allegorical, Anton Chekov's play summons up the end of an era -- the period of moral ambiguity between the demise of the Russian aristocracy and the rise of communism, or more generally, the weird nostalgic yearnings that many cultures have for their own defunct autocracies.

An aristocrat, Lyubov Rane

345 words



Article 139 of 173, Article ID: 9301280919

Published on 09/19/93, THE STATE

COMEDY GIVES WAY TO CAMP IN 'LETTICE'

Workshop Theatre's production of Peter Shaffer's grandiloquent "Lettice & Lovage" is a farce sent to do the work of a comedy.

The burlesque style superimposed by director Jim E. Quick on Shaffer's script tries to wrench "zany" and "madcap" out of what, left to its own devices, might well be amusing. As it is, that status is rarely achieved.

A tour guide, Lettice Douffet (Libby Campbell) has been "enlarging and enlivening" the facts of her tour to the point of historical unrecognizability.

389 words



Article 140 of 173, Article ID: 9301280224

Published on 09/12/93, THE STATE

TRUSTUS HITS SOLEMN CHORD IN IRISH NARRATIVE

Trustus theater's production of "Dancing At Lughnasa" evokes more interest than mere poignant suffering should be able to, especially in the absence of any discernable plot.

In Brian Friel's misty-eyed narration of halcyon days on the Emerald Isle, narrator Michael Mundy (Bob Hungerford) remembers the portentous summer of 1936. It is harvest time -- Lughnasa -- in rural Ireland. Mundy's unwed mother and her four sisters are slipping through the cracks that have begun to form in their anxious, munda

469 words



Article 141 of 173, Article ID: 9301260244

Published on 08/29/93, THE STATE

SPY NOVEL TRIES TO GET ABOVE ITSELF

HONOR AMONG THIEVES by Jeffrey Archer.

HarperCollins, 381 pages, \$23.

Best-selling pop culture icon though Jeffrey Archer has become, his latest novel "Honor Among Thieves" is still just another beach book destined for garage sale anonymity.

450 words



Article 142 of 173, Article ID: 9301230513

Published on 08/01/93, THE STATE

STRIEBER HOOKS YOU WITH PULP

THE FORBIDDEN ZONE by Whitley Strieber. Dutton, 309 pages, \$21.

Whitley Strieber, author of "The Wolfen," "The Hunger" and "Communion" and noted alien abductee, now

goes to Hades on a rogue particle beam in "The Forbidden Zone."

335 words



Article 143 of 173, Article ID: 9301210370

Published on 07/11/93, THE STATE

LEHRER'S SPY NOVEL ENTICES WITH DANGEROUS AURA OF REALITY

BLUE HEARTS by Jim Lehrer. Random House, 214 pages, \$20.

Imagine a spy novel that contains absolutely no sex and hardly any violence, yet somehow manages to hold the reader's attention. Impossible you say?

Well, not quite.

465 words



Article 144 of 173, Article ID: 9301190765

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AN EXTREMELY CLEVER 'LIAR' AT USC

One part sex farce, one part comedy of errors, one part philosophical soapbox, John MacNicholas' translation of Bricaire and Lasaygues' "The Liar" is so elegant, so intelligent that -- well, one is almost required to laugh.

But whatever your reaction to the new comedy, you'll have to admit that this latest University of South

Carolina summer repertory production, directed by Ann Dreher, boasts a cohesive and spirited company of actors.

As Jane, the compulsive liar, Kimberly Merritt expertly f
453 words



Article 145 of 173, Article ID: 9301170868

Published on 06/06/93, THE STATE

TRUE TO LIFE 'A LESSON BEFORE DYING' IS A COMPELLING COURSE

A LESSON BEFORE DYING by Ernest J. Gaines. Alfred A. Knopf, 256 pages, \$21.

In Ernest J. Gaines' latest novel, "A Lesson Before Dying," there is no Atticus Finch. There is no great white hope invented to ease the wrongly accused black man's pain, no balm for the guilty conscience of white America.

482 words



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Published on 06/04/93, THE STATE

'CANDIDA' A MUST SEE FOR SUMMER

A beautifully staged and dynamically performed production of George Bernard Shaw's romantic comedy, "Candida", launched the University of South Carolina's 1993 Summer Repertory season with intelligence, polish and flair.

Certain ornamental philosophies aside -- the elevating effects of art, for example -- "Candida" is alternately an assault on false honesty and a paean to womanhood.

Shaw describes a world where every successful man is propped up by a small army of indulgent women.

Candida is

392 words



Article 147 of 173, Article ID: 9301170152

Published on 05/30/93, THE STATE

THRILLER EXPLORES DARK MIND OF FUTURE

A PHILOSOPHICAL INVESTIGATION by Philip Kerr. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 264 pages, \$20.

Twenty-first century London is about what you'd expect. It's bleak, but it's dignified. The rich have gotten richer, the poor poorer and the gulf between them is brimming with fantastic machines.

335 words



Article 148 of 173, Article ID: 9301120841

Published on 04/25/93, THE STATE

'KATHY AND MO' IS HILARIOUS (MEN, READ 'AMUSING')

Your date, along with every other woman in the audience, is roaring. She turns to you, tears are streaming down her face. "Don't you get it?" she asks. You get it, and you're smiling.

But you aren't laughing. What's wrong with this picture?

347 words



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Published on 04/22/93, THE STATE

USC PLAYERS MAKE AUDIENCE WANT TO BELIEVE IN MIRACLES

This month the University of South Carolina's department of theater, speech and dance gives us a kiss to build a dream on, Craig Lucas' play "Prelude to a Kiss."

A phenomenon that Catholics will recognize as transubstantiation takes place at a wedding in a suburb of Manhattan. And, although such miracles aren't supposed to occur spontaneously, the story of Peter loves Rita is credible in its giddy surrealism, inviting us to embrace the miraculous in all things, especially in ourselves.

Naviga

362 words



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Published on 04/18/93, THE STATE

LIOTTA'S 'COMPASS' TEEMING WITH BRIGHT DETAIL

DIAMOND'S COMPASS by P.H. Liotta. Algonquin Books, 257 pages, \$18.95.

Dead reckoning. When the ground beneath you and the stars above you disappear. No landmarks. No beacons. You fly by compass and log.

402 words



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Published on 03/22/93, THE STATE

TRUSTUS' 'CAT'S PAW' IS VISCERAL, RIVETING

A terrorist invites a television reporter to his lair in the vicinity of Washington, D.C. He has already exploded a car bomb, killing 27 people in downtown Washington and is holding hostage an EPA official

the terrorist has judged guilty of crimes against the environment.
He wants a voice, she wants a story.
Trustus' production of William Mastrosimone's fascinating glimpse into the eye of a philosophical hurricane is riveting. Visceral, believable, well-paced and honestly performed, "Cat's Pa"
311 words



Article 152 of 173, Article ID: 9301080537

Published on 03/14/93, THE STATE

'PILLOW TALK' GENERALLY A BAD CONNECTION DESPITE GOOD LEAD PERFORMANCES

Even if you do have fond memories of Rock Hudson romancing the phone in 1959, you still might want to think twice before making reservations for Town Theatre's approximation of "Pillow Talk."
Lawrence Welkian naughtiness and goofy secondary characters are two hallmarks of this genre, which is typical Town Theatre fare. But the genre isn't so much at issue here as is its treatment. Faster pacing, better cue pickup and less posturing would do wonders for this production.
Songwriter and ladies'
405 words



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Published on 02/20/93, THE STATE

'A TIME TO DANCE' FALLS SHORT

The Benedict College Performing Arts Company's production of Candi Long's "A Time To Dance" is but a cheap imitation of life. Weakened nearly to death by a painfully transparent script, the play purports to be a bearer of wisdom and glad tidings, but is too trite in the telling to be taken seriously.
Geneva Jackson is a struggling mother of three ghetto youths. Her perfunctory death leaves daughter Sophie in charge of her two siblings, self-absorbed May Frances and baby brother Willie Jack.
284 words



Article 154 of 173, Article ID: 9301030249

Published on 01/23/93, THE STATE

'BROADWAY BOUND' FALLS SHORT

Act One Theatre's production of "Broadway Bound," chapter three of Neil Simon's now very familiar autobiographical trilogy, is no cure for the wintertime blues.

Of course, this seriocomic tale of nuclear family meltdown was never intended to be a laugh riot. Infidelity, silent suffering and geriatric decay weigh cunningly against Simon's humor.
Unlike some of Simon's plays that need little more than a decent line read to get by, "Broadway Bound" requires considerable dramatic as well as comic
421 words



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Published on 01/06/93, THE STATE

LET 'ANNIE' WARM UP WINTER EVENING

For those very few of you who haven't seen some production of "Annie," open your ears that you might hear. She's back.
The Township will play host for one more performance of the now legendary musical about the orphan and her billionaire patron saint. It's easily twice the dazzle you'll get at any local theater but, at twice the price, it should be.
This bus and truck tour features JoAnne Worley as Miss Hannigan, the gin-swilling proprietress of a depression-era orphanage, and John Schuck as
381 words



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Published on 11/19/92, THE STATE

YOU'LL BE AT HOME WITH USC'S 'OUR TOWN'

The University of South Carolina's mostly undergraduate production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" is a bona fide charmer. The youthful shortcomings of some of its cast members notwithstanding, this is a wise and skillful treatment of a wonderful play.
Set in the small New Hampshire town of Groves Corners at the turn of the century, "Our Town" is a compellingly vivid examination of everyday life in less complicated times. It speaks an uncluttered truth that is irresistible and does so in a friendly
405 words



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Published on 10/31/92, THE STATE

'SHOWSTOPPERS' WON'T BE GREAT TILL DEADWOOD'S GONE

Town Theatre's annual musical revue "Showstoppers" is a rare jewel taped to a bubble

gum card that's thumbtacked to the lid of a beautiful antique box.

One leaves the theater wishing the jewel were larger, the card were smaller and wondering why the owner of the box insists on sticking tacks in it.

After a decade of pretending to be accompaniment, Dick Goodwin's excellent quintet has quit the pit and now spends the entire evening on a bandstand, center stage, as it should have all along. But
404 words



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Published on 10/18/92, THE STATE

TRUSTUS' 'CROSSING DELANCEY' GIVES SOLID PORTRAYAL OF OLD MEETING NEW

Most of all, it's a sweet comedy. Trustus' production of "Crossing Delancey," Susan Sandler's poignant yarn about old-world boy meets new-world girl on the Lower East Side is solid in most respects.

Isabelle works in a bookstore. She spends most of her quality time with her grandmother, or "Bubbe." Isabelle dallies unsuccessfully with a self-absorbed writer while her Bubbe arranges with a matchmaker for her to marry somebody wholesome. And what could be more wholesome than a man who makes pickle

447 words



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'TREE' OFFERS A COUPLE OF GOOD APPLES

Upstage Children's Theater's youthful treatment of the loosely related one acts, "The Apple Tree" is, on average, not a bad way to spend an evening.

This average is mainly a function of several very good performances that overshadow difficulties such as pacing, a problem during the last half of the show.

An unevenness in quality, probably the result of having a different director for each act, is also bothersome.

350 words



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'PIED PIPER' STILL SHOULD ENTERTAIN CHILDREN

Broad strokes of character, festival colors, high energy, and havoc with a message on top are the

stocks-in-trade of theater for very young audiences. True to the genre, USC's Summer Rep production of "The Return of the Pied Piper" is well-stocked with plenty of what you'd expect, plus a few happy surprises.

Certain aspects of playwright and director Jayce T. Tromsness' reworking of the old rat saga seem a bit cumbersome, however. Through shifts in time and competing subplots, the story line increa
420 words



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Published on 07/03/92, THE STATE

'PRESENT LAUGHTER' IS A COOL BREEZE FOR HOT SUMMER DAYS

The University of South Carolina's Summer Rep production of the 1942 Noel Coward comedy of manners, "Present Laughter," is up and running. This second of four summer rep shows features a cast of 10 and a set of one, the former well-rehearsed, the latter clean and pretty. Both are good company for a sultry summer evening.

"Present Laughter" takes place during the months preceding actor Garry Essendine's departure from England with his own touring theatre company for an extended -- and mostly u

414 words



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'BORN YESTERDAY' IS ONLY SKIN DEEP

Workshop Theatre's production of Garson Kanin's dark comedy "Born Yesterday" is mostly work and too little play.

The story of the politician-buying scrap metal magnate, his bimbo and her boyfriend mentor is supposed to be a bait and switch. Its first act is supposed to be funny (the bait) and the second act is supposed to be thought-provoking (the switch). This production is all switch.

Take the famous card scene that foreshadows bimbo Billie Dawn's (Kimberly Merritt) self actualization and
445 words



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'CINDERELLA' MUSICAL SWEET, SPICEY TALE

Workshop Theatre's lush production of the Rogers & Hammerstein musical fairy tale, "Cinderella," is the

stuff little girls' dreams are made of.

Randy Strange, scenic artist, and Walter O'Roarke, set design, have collaborated with lighting designer Tommy Cantrell for an excellent effect. The follow-spot operator didn't collaborate as well with his targets onstage, but no love is lost on that score. Speaking of love, Jerry Scott as the Prince Charming elicits so many squeals and so much franti
453 words



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Published on 09/06/91, THE STATE

'WENCESLAS SQUARE' SHINES LIKE A SMILE IN THE RAIN

Put on your thinking cap, the furry one with the little red star pinned to the front, and march over to Workshop Theatre. "Wenceslas Square," written by Larry Shue and directed by David Avin, will be running there in repertory with "Elaine's Daughter" through Sept. 27.

Larry Shue brought us "The Foreigner" and its pale cousin, "The Nerd," but "Wenceslas Square" is of a different breed entirely. Except in its lighter moments, which are few, this engaging play is like a smile in the rain, a melanchol

440 words



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Published on 06/23/91, THE STATE

PERFORMERS REALIZE POTENTIAL IN 'BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS'

The Lexington County Arts Association production of "Brighton Beach Memoirs" is serviceable; with a little tightening and tuning, it could be a delight. "Brighton Beach," with "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound," is part of Neil Simon's three-play tribute to his formative years. Set in Depression-era Brooklyn during an unusually eventful week in the life of seven ordinary people, the play derives most of its bang from the characters it develops. No twists of plot, no surprise ending. "Brighton Be

396 words



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Published on 04/11/91, THE STATE

'THE ARKANSAW BEAR' WISE TREATMENT OF HEAVY SUBJECT

"The Arkansaw Bear" is a children's show about a little girl and an elderly dancing bear who help each

other come to grips with mortality.

This Trustus theater production is a mild-mannered, moderately wise treatment of some weighty issues. Why, for example, do people have to die? What places do guilt, grief and anger have in the process? Marilyn M. Matheus plays Tish, the little girl who doesn't understand why her grandfather has to die. Jimmy Flannery as the dancing bear is trying to forest

383 words



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Published on 02/06/91, THE STATE

ACTORS DO JUSTICE TO PLAYWRIGHT

So far this month the pot of gold at the end of Columbia's theatrical rainbow is Trustus Theatre's new production of the August Wilson drama "Fences."

From the set and incidental music to shell-shocked Gabriel's last ironic fanfare, Jim Thigpen's cast and crew perform with precision. As I heard someone say, "It's so real!"

"Fences" is a generous slice of the hard life in urban black America, circa 1950s. Its central character, Troy Maxson, is in many respects standard-issue wretched refuse,

346 words



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Published on 01/28/91, THE STATE

ACT ONE'S 'STONE' IS FAST AND FUN, BUT WATCH FOR SUDDEN PLOT TWISTS

Act One Theater's production of the fast-forward fairy tale, "A Stone That Sings" is quality children's theater.

In fact, if memory serves, it's generally on a par with the Taradiddle Players' version I took in two years ago at a children's theater festival in Tryon, N.C.

I mention this because the Taradiddle Players are a professional troupe noted for touring children's theater and Act One is volunteer army. Make of it what you will.

341 words



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'FIDDLER' WAS TOO DIFFICULT FOR LEXINGTON

As I left the Village Square Theatre in Lexington after Thursday's opening night performance of "Fiddler on

the Roof," I was straddling the fence between "courageous effort" and "bit off more than they could chew." I still haven't made up my mind. Not entirely.

You see, "Fiddler," like the done-to-death "Annie," isn't child's play. Regardless, (for reasons unknown to me) everybody and his grandmother seem to think that both are within their reach.

Production values aside -- and I'm not going
334 words



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CAST OF 'OIL CITY SYMPHONY' UNSURE OF THEMSELVES

Granted, real actor/musicians are hard to come by, and good actor/singer/ dancers are also in short supply.

As often as not, the best one can do is compromise -- actor/singers who "move well," singer/dancers for whom Chekov will always be Star Trek actor George Takei. Act One Theatre's production of "Oil City Symphony" is just such a compromise, and not a very happy one at that.

I won't try to explain how this musical review got the 1988 Drama Desk Award, but it's clear that no one should und
316 words



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Published on 08/12/90, THE STATE

'TO THE TOP' IS A GRIM PORTRAIT OF WINNING

Bye, bye, Miss American Pie. So long, Frank Lloyd Wright. As any sociologist will be happy to confirm, the Cleavers don't live here anymore.

Kathleen Warnock's new play "To the Top," now running at Trustus, is a grim portrait of an American institution caught with its institutional pants down. The lonely prey upon the lost. The lost lose their innocence. And the traditionally crisp lines of demarcation between good and evil become indistinct.

In "To the Top," the Lady Vikings, a Division 1A c
312 words



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Published on 07/08/90, THE STATE

'GRASSHOPPER' PLAY HAS SUBTLETIES THAT CAN CHARM ADULTS

Somebody up there likes bugs. Why else should the lettuce be laid out in such orderly rows? Why else should the unsavory weeds disappear almost as soon as they begin to grow?

If you're like most folks, you've probably had occasion to wonder what makes bugs tick. Aesop did -- sort of.

Maybe you think there ought to be more to colony life than stacking dirt and shopping for the queen's groceries. Maybe you're right.

Workshop Theatre's production of "The Ant and the Grasshopper" explains it al
478 words



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"WILEY AND THE HAIRY MAN" BRINGS OUT MAGIC IN EVERYONE

The Hairy Man. He comes in all shapes and sizes. He's final exams and fear of flying. He's cellulite and cholesterol.

But when you're just starting out in the world, he's basically the goblins that get you if you don't watch out. Suzan Zeder's one-act play for children, "Wiley and the Hairy Man," is the story of how one boy, Wiley (Trey Holton), armed with only his wits and a dog -- and some magic -- undoes the neighborhood conjurer.

Almost completely rewritten since its premiere in 1972,
390 words