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Quote of the day

"The strange part was when he asked me if I would consider tying my mother up, smearing her with cream cheese and throwing her into a pit filled with rabid armadillos."
—Columnist Dennis Shealy
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World

Philippine quake kills at least 230

Authorities said today that more than 230 people were killed in an earthquake, and television reports said the worst affected areas were woefully short of blood, medicine and rescue equipment.

U.S. military units rushed to two of the worst affected areas with medical supplies and engineering equipment to help clear rubble. Japan and other countries also provided help.

President Corazon Aquino today visited the quake-stricken city of Cabanatuan and declared a state of emergency in the affected areas.

Figures compiled by the Office of Civil Defense and the Philippine Red Cross showed 234 people were killed and more than 600 injured in the quake, which measured 7.7 on the Richter scale and struck the country's main island of Luzon, including Manila. Its epicenter was 60 miles north of the capital.

Nation

Radio show host back after remark

A radio talk show host who was suspended for banning black callers returned to the air Tuesday after his station manager said his action was not malicious.

Tim Lennox, suspended Thursday, returned to the air on WERC-AM.

But station manager Berkley Fraser said Lennox was removed from his job as news director and will be on probation for a year.

Lennox also will be required to develop, produce and serve as host of a special series for the station on the topic "Birmingham faces the future," focusing on race relations in the city.

Lennox said early in his two-hour talk show on July 11 that he would take no calls from blacks that day. Lennox imposed the ban after three employees saw a black youth break into an fellow employee's car and take her purse.

Lennox, 40, said later he made "an emotional spur-of-the-moment decision."

State

Clemson official resigns after arrest

A Clemson University administrator resigned after he was arrested on charges of embezzlement, forgery and attempted breach of trust, officials said Friday.

Freddie Asinor, director of academic special projects at the university, resigned Thursday after his arrest on three counts of forgery and one count each of embezzlement and attempted breach of trust. He is free on bond.

Asinor is accused by the State Law Enforcement Division of placing a nonexistent employee's name on the university payroll last month.

Authorities said he also forged someone else's name on an income verification report to a realty company in 1989, forged employment documents last month and forged a request for travel reimbursements of more than \$500 in February.

The breach of trust charge stemmed from an allegation that he attempted to get the university to pay for \$5,000 in counseling services that were never rendered.

State still working to remove debris left by Hugo

By The Associated Press

Nearly 10 months after Hurricane Hugo struck the coast of South Carolina, state and federal officials agreed upon a plan to remove leftover debris from streets in the Lowcountry.

But a week after removal started, local officials launched an investigation into contractors who are illegally dumping the debris on highways almost as fast as they are picking it up, authorities said.

"We had one situation ... where a private contractor was hired to clear 40 acres of land and has started pushing that into the street. That is illegal," said Kenneth Rosenbaum, engineering superintendent for Charleston County.

Rosenbaum said the county may have to bring charges against some property owners who hire private contractors to get the point across.

"It is a hazard to the traveling public, damages storm drainage systems, and roadways, and can cause flooding on the road. What these people are doing is very dangerous," he said.

The debris — huge piles of molding mattresses, rusting refrigerators and rotting trees — is left over from the cleanup of Hurricane Hugo, which struck the coast on Sept. 21, killing 29 and leaving \$5.9 billion damage.

For months, federal and county officials debated who was responsible for paying to

remove the trash from in front of homes in the rural Lowcountry. The Federal Emergency Management Agency finally agreed to reimburse Charleston County for a final cleanup.

On July 9, the county awarded Tompkins & Associates a contract to clean up the mess for \$155,500 and the company began debris removal two days later.

The contract requires the refuse in front of residential properties be picked up, but specifically was not intended for removal land clearing or locations where an entire building is being demolished, Rosenbaum said.

Many residents say it took too long to

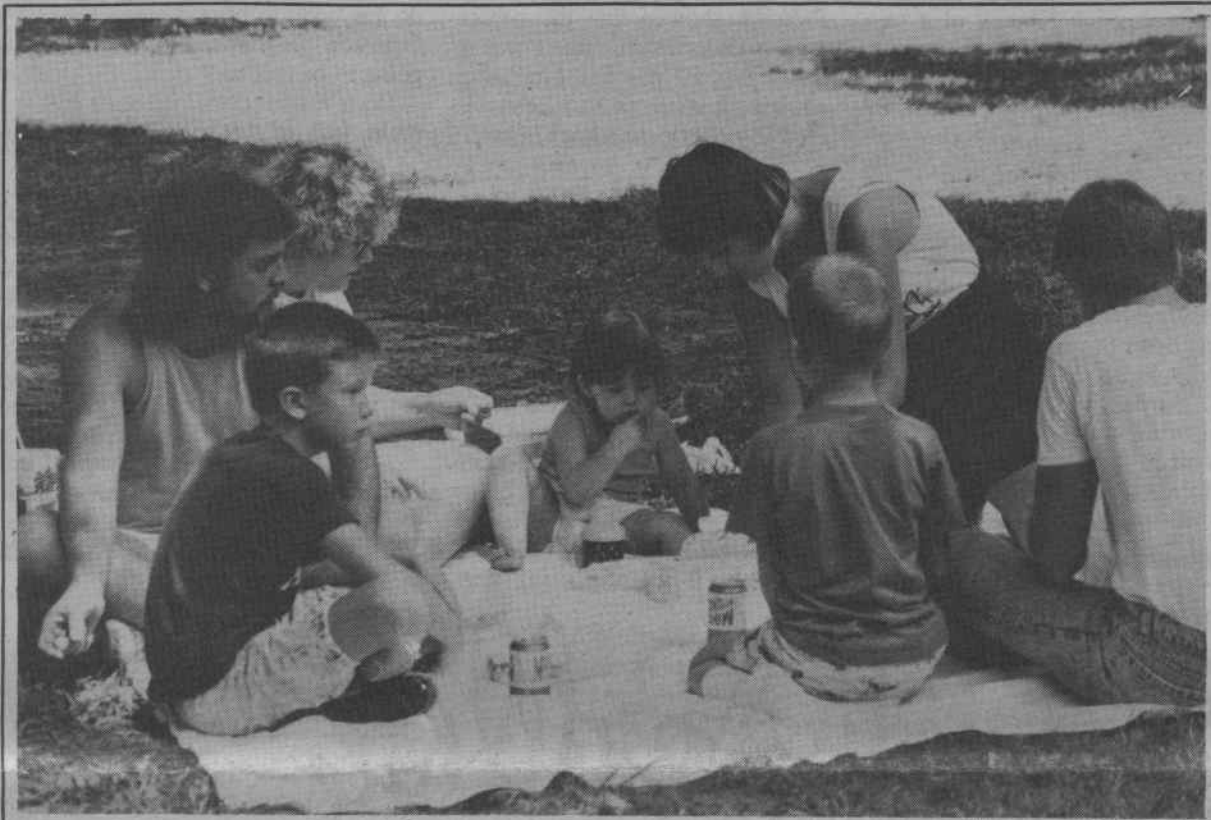
begin the cleanup and are concerned that much of it may remain after Tompkins completes its contract.

Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed an initial Hugo cleanup of the county in February, more than two miles of refuse has accumulated on U.S. 17.

"The highway mess is nothing compared to the stuff piled up here," said McClellanville resident Debbie Thames. "People around here have complained a lot because it has taken so long."

Said Jewel Coan of Awendaw: "It always seems like we get looked after last."

Rosenbaum said the delay was partly caused when the first bids for debris removal were rejected by FEMA as too high.



Ant alert: picnic in progress

The Call and the Queen families enjoy a picnic on the Horseshoe Tuesday.

Nick Leoncavallo/The Gamecock

SLED agents probing Santee Cooper purchases

By The Associated Press

The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating whether Santee Cooper mispent millions of dollars in coal purchases, according to a report published Tuesday.

SLED agents are trying to determine if the utility was billed for coal it never received and if some gratuities were "cloaked" as purchases, The News and Courier reported, quoting an unnamed source.

Also, SLED is investigating allegations that gratuities were passed off as costs to repair railroad coal cars, the newspaper said.

SLED began investigating Santee Cooper's coal purchases about a year ago. At least two former employees also are being investigated for possible unethical conduct.

"The case is continuing, and I understand it's going to be a

lengthy investigation," SLED

spokesman Hugh Munn said.

Santee Cooper conducted its own investigation and found that it received all the coal it purchased during the period under investigation, utility spokesman Jerry Stafford said.

"That's been examined very carefully. We've investigated the procedures and records," he said. "To our knowledge we have received what we ordered."

The president of a Kentucky coal company with whom the utility does business has been interviewed twice by SLED agents, the newspaper reported.

Clyde E. Goins, president of Great Western Coal Inc. in Harlan County, Ky., said SLED asked him if he was aware of any kickbacks that went to any high-ranking Santee Cooper officials. He said he knew of none.

Hilton Head imposes most recent water-use restrictions in state

By The Associated Press

The posh resort of Hilton Head Island — hard-pressed to supply water for everything from bathing to keeping golf greens green — this week imposed mandatory restrictions on non-essential use of water.

"We don't have a water supply problem, we do have a water delivery problem," said Kent Langley, district manager of the Broad Creek Public Service District. The district is one of nine public and private utilities supplying water to the island.

The town council Monday night approved an ordinance declaring severe drought conditions and requiring residents to cut back on non-essential use of water.

That would include use of water for irrigating golf courses and gardens, filling swimming pools, washing down sidewalks and tennis courts and washing cars and boats, town manager Martin Gainer said.

In addition, restaurants are not to routinely provide drinking water unless customers request it.

Violators could face fines of up to \$200 and 30 days in jail, he said.

"The utility companies have been having problems with their wells and storage facilities. That's where the biggest problem lies, not that there's a shortage of water in the aquifer," Gainer said.

At least nine other communities across

South Carolina have urged voluntary water conservation because of this summer's drought, state climatologist John Purvis said.

The big problem, he said, is pumping capacity.

"There's probably enough water down there in the ground for everybody," he said. "But where they have marginal pumping equipment this (demand from the drought) gives them problems."

Purvis added, "The demand has cut down somewhat because of the recent clouds and rain. The demand is down this week compared to last week."

In the Aiken County town of Beech Is-

land, voluntary conservation has helped, said Gloria Farmer of the Beech Island Water District.

"It has relieved our problem," she said. "We were hoping we would not have to get into this thing of policing. But we're just hoping for some rain."

On Hilton Head, a lot of water is used to irrigate the island's 25 golf courses, Gainer said.

"The utility companies have facilities built to handle the routine, normal situation. Because of the big surge in demand for water, their facilities have been taxed pretty heavily," he said.

State representative under investigation for profits in sale of equipment to Eastover

By The Associated Press

A state representative is under investigation for making more than \$6,000 profit from the sale of a backhoe to the town of Eastover, according to a report published today.

The State newspaper quoted unidentified sources as saying Rep. James Faber, D-Eastover, may have violated state law by not reporting the sale on his financial disclosure form. Under South Carolina law, legislators must report any business they conduct with local governments or state agencies.

The State Law Enforcement Division is investigating the sale, said spokesman Hugh Munn. He would not elaborate.

Solicitor James Anders is expected to bring the case to the Richland County grand jury this month or next, sources told the newspaper.

Faber was not at his legislative office in Columbia today and could not be reached at his office or his home in Eastover.

The newspaper reported that Faber bought the Ford backhoe from Fairfield Tractor Co. in the name of his

company, Eastover Lumber, for \$22,000 on Jan. 11, 1988.

Two days later, the town bought the backhoe for \$28,345, town records show.

The money for the purchase came out of a \$100,000 sewer grant Faber had inserted in the 1986 state budget on Eastover's behalf, sources told the newspaper.

The grant was a direct appropriation and not subject to state audits, said Mike Gullidge, director of the division of local governments for the State Budget and Control Board.

The town was not required to shop for the best deal before making a purchase, he said.

Faber told SLED the town bought the backhoe from him because he could get a better deal from Fairfield Tractor, where he is a good customer, the newspaper reported.

But municipalities generally receive greater discounts than do businesses, said Dan Wise, general manager of Fairfield Tractor.

Judge finds no grounds for discrimination in case of light-skinned black's dismissal

By The Associated Press

A light-skinned black woman who claimed her darker-skinned boss fired her from the IRS because of her skin tone had a poor attitude that eventually led to her dismissal, a federal judge ruled.

Tracy L. Morrow contended she was targeted for harassment by her boss, Ruby Lewis, and was fired from her job as a clerk-typist be-

cause of her lighter skin tone. Ms. Lewis had said Ms. Morrow was error-prone, belligerent, frequently late and dishonest.

U.S. District Judge Charles A. Moyer Jr. said in ruling Monday, "There was considerable testimony, not only from Ms. Lewis, but from others, that the plaintiff, unlike her fellow employees, may have been insubordinate, imma-

ture, impatient, disrespectful and unmanageable."

Moye last year ruled that such light vs. dark, black-on-black discrimination is possible and that the issue should be decided in court, leading the way to the non-jury trial held earlier this year on Ms. Morrow's claims.

Moye, who made his ruling after examining closing briefs filed by both sides.



Look Ma, no hands!

USC band clinic participants practice their tosses Tuesday. High school students from around the state are attending the music camp.

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