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Hospital CEO prioritizes local community support

Beaman says patient care, investing in area will be goals for new partnership

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Maintaining Palmetto Health Tuomey's relationship with the community is of primary importance, Palmetto Health CEO Charles "Chuck" Beaman said on Monday when he addressed a luncheon of Sumter Rotary Club at the O'Donnell House on Liberty Street.

Beaman said the new partnership, which joined Palmetto Health and the former Tuomey Health Care System, is going very well.



BEAMAN

"Tuomey has been a cornerstone for the Sumter community for more than 100 years, and we want to build on that rich legacy," Beaman said.

"We want to focus on the word 'community,'" he said. He said the goal of Palmetto Health is to have health care that is centered on the patient, including the indigent, uninsured and underserved.

Central to that promise is a program in which 10 percent of the nonprofit health system's revenue is reinvested in the community through the nonprofit's "tithe system" administered through the Of-

fice of Community Health, Beaman said.

The "GoNoodle" program for schools, now being introduced in Kingsbury Elementary School and 21 other Sumter schools, is a product of that initiative, he said.

GoNoodle is an interactive resource used to increase students' physical activity and improve academic performance through activity breaks, according to www.palmettohealth.org. Having several breaks a day helps increase student energy and focus while improving classroom behavior, the website states.

Palmetto Health is committed to

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Eyes to the sky



PHOTOS BY KEITH GEDAMKE / THE SUMTER ITEM

Jaquez Isaac, 4, above, runs to get his kite flying during Sumter County Department of Recreation and Parks' annual kite contest at Dillon Park on Saturday. The event was open to all ages and featured prizes for longest tail, shortest tail, most colorful and oldest and youngest participants.

Left, Kentrail Stamps, 10, works to get his kite aloft during the contest.

Alston will seek District 50 seat 2nd time in primary

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rembert resident Brian L. Alston has announced his candidacy in the June 14 Democratic Primary for South Carolina House of Representatives, District 50.

Alston previously ran for the nomination in 2014 and said he was overwhelmed by the support he received.



ALSTON

In a news release announcing his candidacy, Alston said he has continued to stay involved in the district and intends to address issues such as education, criminal justice reform and economic development.

"I was encouraged to run by many of the supporters of the 2014 campaign and the

need to address the daily issues in this district," Alston said. "I expect this to be a hard-fought campaign as last time. However, I am encouraged by the residents' desire to have change and try new approaches. I am prepared for this challenge and ready to fight for the citizens of this district."

Alston attended elementary and middle school in Sumter County and graduated from Columbia High School in 2006 with honors, according to a news release. He graduated with honors in 2011 from Morehouse College, Atlanta, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology and a minor in criminal justice, the release said.

"While at Morehouse, I had

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Students have 'brain breaks' with GoNoodle

BY KONSTANTIN VENGEROVSKY
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Kingsbury Elementary School preschool students' faces lit up as they jumped in the air and danced to different songs at the school's media center on Monday.

The 40 students were participating in GoNoodle, an interactive program incorporating physical activities, such as running, jumping, dancing, stretching and deep breathing. The computer-based program involves students exercising for several minutes in the classroom a few times a day, with a goal of improving academic performance through activity breaks, called "brain breaks."

These short, interactive breaks are designed to improve student behavior and overall performance, said David Hanzlik,

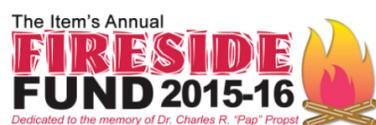
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Spring is in the air as fund winds down for season

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With just a couple of weeks left to go in this year's Fireside Fund campaign, donations have begun to taper off as warmer weather starts arriving in the area.

However, despite nicer spring day temperatures, they are still dropping substantially at night, and heating



costs can still be high.

Most of what Hospital Army social worker Christy Lamb is seeing are past-due notices and disconnection of services. These services are still very

much needed, and heat still needs to be turned back on, especially at night.

A recent client who is going through breast cancer treatment has had to deal with the high costs of travel and medication, leaving very little money for heating her small home.

So far this year, more than \$52,000 has been donated to assist hundreds of families this Fireside Fund season. Don't stop giving if you are able as

there are still families in need and calls coming in.

This year's Fireside Fund is in honor of Dr. Charles "Pap" Propst, who died on May 20, 2015, at the age of 90.

Propst founded Sumter Pediatrics with Dr. Ted Young in 1954, where he practiced until 1986. Propst became a

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South Carolina's road history mirrors its current problems

BY ANDREW MARTIN
Carolina Reporter

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of four articles dealing with South Carolina's roads.

Lawmakers seem poised to end a stalemate and appropriate millions to repair South Carolina's deteriorating road system. But the ongoing debate, worsened by the 2008 Great Recession, reflects the history that accompanied the building and maintenance of the state's massive interstate and state road system.

FROM COLONY TO COUNTRY

Interesting fact: Much of South Carolina's original road system was comprised of dirt roads before being upgraded to sand-clay roads.

Roads were secondary to water transportation in South Carolina until after the War of 1812. After the war, expansion of cotton production added to the demand for easy and efficient transportation to Charleston, according to The South Carolina Encyclopedia, edited by retired University of South Carolina history professor Walter Edgar.

A 110-mile State Road was commissioned by the General Assembly in 1818 so that horses and wagons could travel from Columbia to Charleston. The road turned out to be a failure because of high creation costs and low income from tolls. Interstate 26 would ultimately be created along the original route of the State Road.

The first traffic regulations were created in 1825 by the General Assembly. Road maintenance and construction was left up to local road commissioners. Between 1891 and 1911, citizens clamored for better roads in what would be called the era of "good roads" movement. Through federal and local supervision, 17 South Carolina road projects were completed by 1910, according to the encyclopedia.

The dependence on cars after 1908 showed the failure of the old earth roads. Automobiles needed stronger surfaces that wouldn't be torn apart by continuous use or weather.

THE ROADS MORE TRAVELED

Interesting fact: Henry Ford's invention, the Model T, changed the way South Carolinians — and their fellow Americans — thought about travel and commerce.

The Federal Aid Road Act of 1916 appropriated \$75 million to improve post roads, according to the History Channel. In an effort to access federal highway money, the General Assembly created the State Highway Commission in 1917.

Federal highways and the first gasoline tax were introduced in 1922. But just as in today's legislative climate, Upstate and Lowcountry legislators often clashed. Legislators from the Lowcountry wanted to borrow federal money to build roads, but upcountry legislators opposed the idea as they had already built many of their roads using local money.

The 1929 Bond Bill replaced the older "pay-as-you-go" act in favor of funding construction of the state highway system by issuing bonds. License tags and gas taxes would be used to repay the bonds. The Highway Department was also created and was financially independent from the General Assembly.

The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 authorized the construction of a 40,000-mile "National System of Interstate Highways," according to the History Channel. However, absent from the act was how the roads would be paid for.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower's Federal-Aid Highway Act was passed in June 1956. The act called for 41,000 miles of in-

terstate construction costing \$25 billion, with the federal government paying 90 percent.

Interstate 85 was the first interstate completed in South Carolina in 1964.

'HIGHWAYS OR DIEWAYS'

Interesting fact: South Carolina highway officials initiated a number of campaigns to prevent highway deaths, including "Sober or Slammer," to remind drivers not to drink and drive.

The leading cause of death for Americans under the age of 44 was automobile and motor vehicle accidents, with 49,000 Americans dying in 1965, according to Politico.

"In this century, more than 1,500,000 of our fellow citizens have died on our streets and highways, nearly three times as many Americans as we have lost in all our wars," then-President Lyndon B. Johnson reported that year.

President Johnson signed the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and the Highway Safety Act in 1966, according to the History Channel. The two bills put the responsibility of creating and enforcing safety standards for both cars and roads in the hands of the federal government.

ALL ROADS LEAD HOME

Interesting fact: South Carolina has the fourth-largest state-maintained road system in the country, totaling approximately 41,500 miles, according to the South Carolina Department of Transportation.

In 1981 national efforts for a gas tax increase created concerns about the independence of highway funding, the building of new roads versus maintaining current roads and the need to match federal appropriations.

Then-S.C. Gov. Richard Riley complained that the highway department has a history of building new roads "when it is clear that revenues are not sufficient to maintain our present system."

South Carolina developed its interstate highway system more quickly than most other states. The state has one of the largest state highway systems in the nation, according to the encyclopedia.

Even with passage of another gas tax in 1989 and the creation of the State Infrastructure Bank to provide a tool to build large projects like the Ravenel Bridge in Charleston, it was difficult for the state to keep up with maintenance and repairs.

"The problem is that gas taxes are a declining source of revenues as cars have gotten more efficient, and the state has not dedicated substantial new resources to an expanding road system," former Gov. Jim Hodges, and last elected Democratic governor, said recently. "This has created the problem we currently face — an ever-growing deficit in the amount needed to cover maintenance and new construction needs for a growing state."

Nothing new has been done in the state in 20 years while the gas tax continues to be a declining source of revenue. The state's population and number of roads that need to be maintained continues to increase while South Carolina's road funding dwindles. People were more concerned with other issues, such as education.

Post-2000, any talk in the Statehouse about the road crisis died down. The talk shifted to tolling the interstates and using money to maintain South Carolina's federal highways. Several big road projects were funded in the 1990s "but that's been almost two decades, and the needs have accumulated," Hodges said.

"Short-term proposals to use surplus General Fund revenues are a Band-Aid — we need to consider some combination of tolls roads or gas taxes," Hodges said.

Pancakes for a cause



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Don Beard pours pancake batter at Sumter Kiwanis Club's Pancake Day at Alice Drive Middle on Saturday. The club serves all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage both in the morning and evening to raise money to help children in the Sumter community. The event is in its 54th year.

Body of missing boater found in Lake Marion

BY KONSTANTIN VENGEROWSKY

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MANNING — A missing Lake City man's body was found Monday morning on Lake Marion, several weeks after he was reported missing.

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources located the body of George Bell, 73, of Lake City, at about 8:30 a.m. between Green Island and Randolph's Landing, said Clarendon County Deputy Coroner Bucky Mock.

Bell and another victim, Rufus Hannah, 57, also of Lake City, were involved in a boating incident that claimed the lives of both men on Feb.

20 on Third Water Cove, near Lakevue Landing.

Capt. Robert McCullough, spokesman for South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, said in a previous article for *The Sumter Item* that the two men were fishing on Lake Marion when the boat capsized and sunk.

Boaters nearby attempted to throw life jackets toward the men. Bell went under the water. Boaters were able to pull Hannah into their boat and attempted CPR but weren't able to revive him.

DNR has been searching since Feb. 21, using both dive teams and surface searches.

Investigators are looking into what caused the boat to capsize.

LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Summerton man killed in head-on collision

A Summerton man was killed in a head-on collision Sunday on U.S. 301, in front of Scott's Branch Middle-High School.

David Felder, 69, of Summerton, was traveling west on U.S. 301 in a 2005 Nissan Altima. Felder struck a 2010 Chevrolet pickup truck head-on about 7 p.m. as he attempted to pass another vehicle, according to S.C. Highway Patrol Cpl. Sonny Collins.

The victim was transported to Clarendon Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, said Clarendon County Deputy Coroner Charles Jackson.

Felder was not wearing a seatbelt.

Artifact show returns to Rimini

The Piedmont Archaeological Society of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina is sponsoring a Native American artifact show from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the South Carolina Waterfowl Association Wildlife Education Center near Rimini.

Collectors and experts will display thousands of South Carolina and Southeastern Native American artifacts. Collectors are encouraged to attend. Archaeological experts will be on hand to identify and estimate the age of artifacts.

Admission is free, and lunch is available for \$5 per person.

For more information and for detailed directions, visit the home page of www.scwa.org.

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Nancy Reagan remembered for her forceful, private style

BY HILLEL ITALIE
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NEW YORK — Unlike other presidential wives, Nancy Reagan didn't testify before Congress about health care, celebrate controversial Supreme Court decisions or sit in on Cabinet meetings.

"She never emerged as a political player in her own right. Nor did she seek to," says historian David Greenberg, the author of "Republic of Spin: An Inside History of the American Presidency."

"On the other hand, neither did she confine herself to the domestic sphere. And by taking an active role in her husband's business, she helped to reconcile conservatism to the reality of women's changing roles. Her views may have been conservative, but her political involvement implied that it wasn't improper for women to participate in what conservatives considered the man's sphere."

Reagan, who died Sunday at 94, wasn't out to break the rules of being first lady. But she knew well how to work within them. Ronald Reagan had promised to champion conservative values when elected in 1980, and Nancy Reagan was in some ways a throwback to a more old-fashioned approach. Her immediate predecessor, Rosalynn Carter, had attended Cabinet meetings. Betty Ford had spoken candidly about gun control, premarital sex and her surgery for breast cancer and praised the ruling of Roe v. Wade, when the Supreme Court declared a constitutional right to abortion, as "the best thing in the world." In the 1990s, Hillary Clinton would try (and fail) to overhaul the country's health care system.

Nancy Reagan's most public issue was more in line with expectations for first ladies: her "Just Say No" to drugs campaign, which she launched after a schoolgirl asked what to do if someone offered her drugs. The effectiveness of "Just Say No" remains in dispute, but it became a catchphrase (and punchline) for the 1980s and part of an effort that included drug-free zones and "zero tolerance" policies in schools. Reagan herself gave speeches and even made a cameo appearance on the NBC sitcom "Diff'rent Strokes."

Reagan had other causes and in her post-Washington years openly broke with con-



ABOVE: In this 2004 photo, former first lady Nancy Reagan kisses the casket of her husband, former President Ronald Reagan.

LEFT: This 1986 file photo shows President Reagan and First Lady Nancy Reagan with their pet Rex, a King Charles spaniel.

servatives by advocating (and allying herself with the liberal Sen. Edward Kennedy) for embryonic stem cell research for Alzheimer's, the disease which afflicted her husband. But while first lady, she stated most of her opinions in private. Often in tandem with such White House moderates as Chief of Staff James Baker and longtime adviser Michael Deaver, she favored better relations with the Soviet Union, opposed high military spending and urged the president to speak openly about AIDS.

Her prevailing ambition was to help her husband, and she did so in uncommonly forceful style.

"Ronald Reagan was a striver, but his striving was masked by his courteous, amiable manner and enduring fatalism," biographer Lou Cannon wrote in "President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime." "Hers (Nancy's) was out in the open, all cards on the table, for anyone to see. With a directness unusual either in

Hollywood or Washington, Nancy Reagan favored anyone who helped her husband or advanced his career and opposed anyone who was in his way. She put people off, while he put them at their ease."

Nancy Reagan acknowledged the limits of her influence. In her memoir, "My Turn," she wrote of her husband that "he often seems remote, and he doesn't let anybody get too close. There's a wall around him." Sometimes, she added, "even I feel that barrier." In his book, Cannon noted that the president ig-



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTOS
In this 2011 photo, former first lady Nancy Reagan is escorted by former President George W. Bush following the funeral for former first lady Betty Ford at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Palm Desert, California. Now-retired AP reporter Jeff Wilson recalls that during the funeral Nancy Reagan, at the end of the service, tugged hard on Bush's arm and scolded "Slow down. I'll never forget Bush's sheepish expression," Wilson said.

nored her advice on military spending and resisted her and many others before agreeing to fire Baker's unpopular successor as chief of staff, Donald Regan.

Reagan biographer Edmund Morris, who spent three years around the Reagans while Reagan was president, was dismissive of Nancy's political influence. But he did cite her importance to him personally, as someone who managed his finances and other everyday details, and as a "street fighter" who protected her husband from "predators." He likened her to Edith Roosevelt, wife of Theodore Roosevelt. "Both Reagan and TR tend-

ed to like everybody and were easily taken advantage of," Morris says. "And both of these women, Nancy and Edith, were good at keeping away these conniving, predatory people, whether they were office seekers or lobbyists."

Greenberg says Nancy Reagan wasn't "ideologically driven," like many of his aides.

"For that reason, she should get credit, with James Baker and Michael Deaver, for helping him to avoid some of the pitfalls that a consistently hard-right presidency would have encountered," Greenberg says. "Her protectiveness served him well overall."

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States seek to stop hiring of sex-predator teachers

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — It's called "passing the trash": A school suspects a teacher of sexual misconduct and forces the teacher out to protect the students. But that teacher can still get a new job in a new school, sometimes with a glowing recommendation.

Only Pennsylvania, Missouri and Oregon ban the maneuver, but a federal mandate passed in December now requires states to address its potential risks. Connecticut is considering such legislation.

One woman abused by such a teacher says it's about time the problem is getting attention.

She was 16 when her English teacher at the exclusive Marlborough School in Los Angeles began grooming her. He showered her with praise, gave her gifts and pitted her against her friends. Then there was a sexual advance and sex. Eventually, she became pregnant

and miscarried.

She reported him only years later, after she learned he had targeted another girl more recently. A lawsuit she filed says he was accused of misconduct at two schools before Marlborough hired him. When he was finally pushed out of Marlborough, the school gave him a recommendation, the suit asserts.

The woman, now 31, says it is infuriating that the man who abused her, Joseph Koettters, was able to "hit the reset button" and start fresh at a new school. Koettters pleaded guilty to sexually molesting her and another girl and was sentenced in October to a year behind bars.

"It's clear that not just in Marlborough but in all these cases nationwide, the schools lack the will or the moral compass to take these measures on their own," the woman said.

A judge last month denied the

school's motion to dismiss the lawsuit. The school did not comment, citing the pending litigation.

The Associated Press does not identify victims of sexual abuse without their consent.

The woman's lawyer, David Ring, says it's a problem at public schools and private schools alike. He won a \$5.6 million jury verdict in 2013 in the case of a public school teacher in California who sexually abused a 14-year-old girl. Even though the school knew the teacher had sent her romantic emails midyear, he was allowed to finish the year and left the school with a letter of recommendation.

More recently in Rhode Island, teachers now accused in a sex abuse scandal at the exclusive boarding school St. George's School were pushed out but went on to new jobs in schools across the country.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office in 2010 studied 15 cases of K-12 schools that hired or retained people with histories of sexual misconduct. Eleven involved people who previously targeted children. In at least six cases, the GAO found offenders used their new positions to abuse more children.

One official told the GAO it could cost up to \$100,000 to fire a teacher, even with a "slam-dunk case." Others said administrators fear lawsuits if they don't provide a positive reference.

The new federal mandate requires states to create policies that make it illegal for schools to help an employee get a new job if they suspect him or her of abusing children, according to the office of Republican Sen. Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, who pushed for the federal legislation.

Many states are just now learning of the mandate, Toomey's office said.

North Korea threatens to strike U.S., South Korea

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Monday issued its latest belligerent threat, warning of an indiscriminate "pre-emptive nuclear strike of justice" on Washington and Seoul, this time in reaction to the start of huge U.S.-South Korean military drills.

Such threats have been a staple of young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un since he took power after his dictator father's death in December 2011. But they spike especially when Washington and Seoul stage what they call annual defensive springtime war games. Pyongyang says the drills, which started Monday and run through the end of April, are invasion rehearsals.

The North's powerful National Defense Commission threatened strikes against targets in the South, U.S. bases in the Pacific and the U.S. mainland, saying its enemies "are working with bloodshot eyes to infringe upon the dignity, sovereignty and vital rights" of North Korea.

"If we push the buttons to annihilate the enemies even right now, all bases of provocations will be reduced to seas in flames and ashes in a moment," the North's statement said.

Responding to the North's threat, South Korean Defense Ministry spokesman

Moon Sang Gyun said Monday that North Korea must refrain from a "rash act that brings destruction upon itself."

This year's war games will be the largest ever staged, involving 300,000 South Korean and 17,000 U.S. troops. South Korea's Yonhap news agency, citing military sources, reported that the allies will work on drills for precision attacks on North Korean leadership and its nuclear and missile arsenal in the event of war.

A pre-emptive large-scale military strike that would end the authoritarian rule of the Kim dynasty is highly unlikely. There is also considerable outside debate about whether North Korea is even capable of the kind of "strikes" it threatens. The North makes progress with each new nuclear test — it staged its fourth in January — but many experts say its arsenal may consist only of still-crude nuclear bombs; there's uncertainty about whether it has mastered the miniaturization process needed to mount bombs on long-range missiles and widespread doubt about whether it has a reliable missile that could deliver such a bomb to the U.S. mainland.

But North Korea's bellicose rhetoric raises unease in Seoul and its U.S. ally, not



A U.S. Army soldier sits on an armored vehicle during an annual exercise in Yeoncheon, near the border with North Korea, on Monday. North Korea on Monday issued its latest threat, warning of a "pre-emptive nuclear strike of justice" on Washington and Seoul.

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least because of the huge number of troops and weaponry facing off along the world's most heavily armed border, which is an hour's drive from the South Korean capital of Seoul and its 10 million residents.

The rival Koreas' usual animosity occasionally erupts in bloody skirmishes — 50 South Koreans were killed in attacks in 2010 that Seoul blames on the North — and there is always a worry about an escalation of violence.

Always ragged relations between North Korea and its rivals Seoul and Washington have worsened after North Korea's nuclear test in January and a long-range rocket test last month that outsiders say was a test of banned ballistic missile technology.

The United Nations recently slapped the North with harsh sanctions, and South Korea has taken a harder-than-usual line, with a new North Korean

human rights law and the president in Seoul warning of a collapsed government in

Pyongyang. South Korea says it will announce new unilateral sanctions today.

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Peanuts for babies? Studies back strategy to prevent allergies

BY LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Two new studies bolster evidence that feeding babies peanuts or other allergy-inducing foods is more likely to protect them than to cause problems.

One study, a follow-up to landmark research published last year, suggests that the early prevention strategy leads to persistent, long-lasting results in children at risk for food allergies. It found that allergy protection lasted at least through age 5 and didn't wane even when kids stopped eating peanut-containing foods for a year.

That means at-risk kids who don't want to eat peanut butter on a weekly basis can safely take a break, at least for a year.

The second new study suggests that the early strategy could also work with eggs, another food that can cause allergies in young children. It found that allergies to peanuts and eggs were less common in young children who started eating those foods at 3 months than in kids who as infants received only breast milk.

The New England Journal of Medicine published both new studies online Friday, coinciding with their presentation at a medical meeting in Los Angeles.

Food allergies are common,

potentially serious and sometimes deadly. They're becoming more prevalent in children in many countries, affecting up to 8 percent of kids under age 3. About 2 percent of U.S. kids have peanut allergies.

The results from last year's study prompted a change in experts' approach to preventing these allergies. It was the first "to show that early introduction of peanut can prevent the development of allergy to it," Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said in a statement.

It also led to new draft guidance issued Friday by a panel convened by Fauci's agency. The recommendations include giving at-risk kids peanut-containing food as early as 4 to 6 months. Infants at risk are those with severe skin rashes or egg allergies; allergy tests are recommended beforehand.

The agency paid for last year's study and followup and will issue final guidelines after a 45-day comment period. The draft guidance echoes advice issued last year by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other medical groups in response to the groundbreaking study.

That study involved more than 600 at-risk British infants. By age 5, peanut allergies were much less common in children who had started eating peanut-based foods be-



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fore age 1, usually peanut butter or a peanut-based snack, than among children who'd been told to abstain.

The followup involved most of those children. After a year off, an additional three kids in both groups tested positive for peanut allergies. The allergies remained much less common in the early peanut eaters — affecting just under 5 percent

of those kids versus almost 19 percent of the others.

The new results suggest that early introduction of allergy-inducing foods results in "true tolerance" in at-risk kids, said Dr. Stacy Dorris, an allergist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. She was not involved in the research.

The second study involved 1,300 breast-fed British chil-

dren randomly assigned to get several types of allergy-inducing foods or just breast milk.

The strongest results were with peanut-based food and eggs, but there was one hitch. About 60 percent of the early eaters didn't stick to the program. Some may have had immature swallowing skills; some doctors don't recommend starting solid foods until about 4 months of age. But it's possible some parents stopped giving solid foods because they noticed allergy-like symptoms, which may have included false alarms, said Dr. Gideon Lack, a King's College London researcher who led the studies.

The results suggest feeding these foods to at-risk infants is safe, but often not feasible in infants so young, said Dr. Gary Wong, a Hong Kong pediatrician. He wrote an editorial published online with the new studies.

Still, Wong said the new studies confirm that the old approach to preventing food allergies — avoiding certain foods early in life — is probably obsolete.

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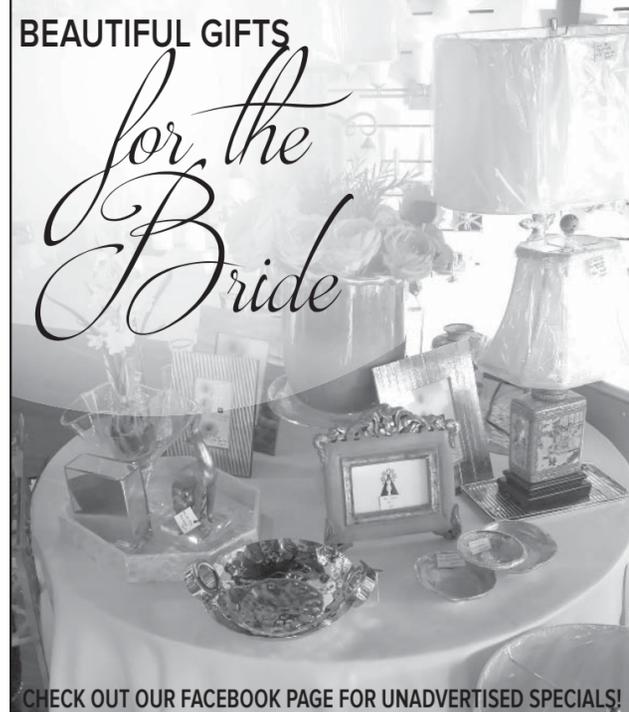
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HEALTH CARE FROM PAGE A1

\$80 million in capital improvement projects at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Beaman said, beginning with a revamping of the emergency department. He said there is high "use and misuse" of the current emergency room, which was designed to serve half of its current volume.

He said a team led by Palmetto Health Tuomey Chief Operations Officer Michelle Logan-Owens was working to redesign and re-envision the department. "We are working closely and quickly toward a better option," he said.

The new partnership has several advantages, Beaman said, including being able to integrate the strengths of both health care systems.

"We have a seamless system with primary local care supported by the largest health care system in the state," he said.

An important goal at all hospitals, he said, is to get health care costs down.

It costs too much, he said. The average daily cost to operate Palmetto Health Tuomey

is \$525,000. That's seven days a week, 365 days a year.

The annual payroll is about \$80 million, he said.

Beaman said the hospital collects only about 26 percent of its costs annually, and support from the Tuomey Foundation is a key contribution.

"Revenues are not enough," he said. "We need that philanthropy."

He urged those attending to continue their support of the foundation.

As a cost-cutting measure, he said Palmetto Health has joined a purchasing collaborative which is helping it achieve some economies of scale.

"We have a combined purchasing power of almost \$8 billion a year," he said. "We are always looking for creative ways to hold down costs and improve care."

In April, Palmetto Health will form an alliance with University of South Carolina to form Palmetto Health-USC Medical Group, which will be able to use the services of 500 physicians and health care practitioners.

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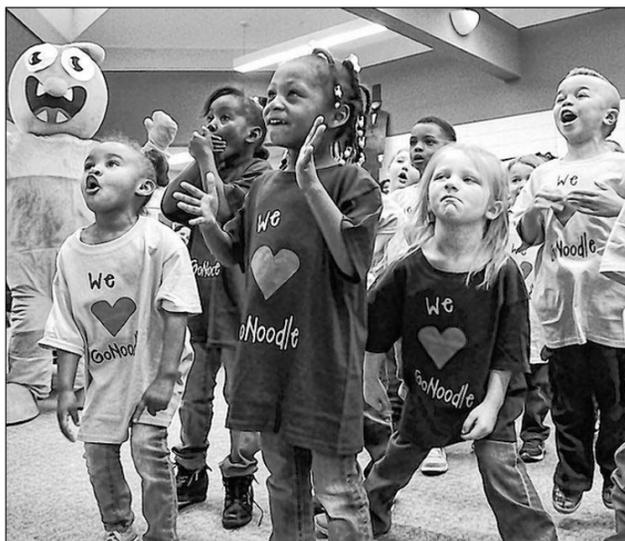
GoNoodle regional director. "This is an opportunity to get children moving and get them excited early in the morning, for example," Hanzlik said. "They can use it as an energizer to start the day, as a refresher coming back from lunch or recess or to prepare for testing."

In January, Palmetto Health Tuomey made the program available for free to 16 Sumter School District elementary schools and six private schools in the area, as a result of its partnership with GoNoodle. The hospital is paying about \$22,000 a year for the program, from its community-based programs fund.

"I really do believe that we have to invest in our children because that helps secure our future," said Michelle Logan-Owens, chief operations officer of Palmetto Health Tuomey. "There's no better investment than helping them learn healthy behaviors at an earlier age because those are lessons that will endure for the rest of their lives."

Logan-Owens said the goal is to increase students' brain functions and to encourage physical activities.

"By investing in these fun



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Students at Kingsbury Elementary School jump for joy as a GoNoodle exercise program begins playing on a screen in front of them. From left, the GoNoodle mascot, Taylor Montgomery, Nalauni Williams, Caylah Mellerson, Kaleigh Bush and J.R. Gumbs, all age 4, react to a TV monitor with a GoNoodle program that will instruct them with the next exercise routine.

activities, we're also teaching them life lessons," she said.

GoNoodle's physical activity games incorporate core subjects such as math, language arts and science.

Phillip W. Jackson, Kingsbury principal, said the program is beneficial to the students. Many of the teachers have incorporated the activities into their everyday curriculum.

"It's clear that it helps improve students' behavior, health and overall achievement," Jackson said. "There's a positive connection between the brain and physical activity, and it helps the brain process information, so that physical activity breaks can be integrated with subject content. That definitely enhances the learning process and gets the students excited

and motivated to learn."

Various video programs include activities that can either energize the students or calm them down, such as relieve stress or anxiety, through yoga-type techniques.

"The goal is to provide students with short bursts of energy, to get students up and ready to refocus and to learn," Hanzlik said.

GoNoodle is a free program that anyone can access online at www.gonoodle.com. GoNoodle Plus is a subscription-based program and an expansion of GoNoodle involving hundreds of activities for students to stay engaged for the entire school year. GoNoodle Plus is designed to have academic components built into the program, Hanzlik said.

"Not only are we designing it to get children up and moving, but it's also a great resource to reinforce what instructors are already teaching inside the classroom," he said.

For example, in a study of one of the academic programs, called GoNoodle Mega Math Marathon, it was found that scores increased for students who participated. In comparing math scores during a year, with students who played the game at least once a day and students who did not, it was found that students who participated had a 50 percent increase on standardized math tests, compared

to no increase for those who were not involved in the program, Hanzlik said.

Alyssa Gibbs, a preschool teacher at Kingsbury, said the program is beneficial to her classroom.

"It's great because I have access to academic songs, songs that are calming and so many different videos focusing on social development, physical development and emotional development," Gibbs said. "Everything supports their development and their growth."

Zanne Morris, another preschool teacher at Kingsbury, said GoNoodle Plus allows teachers to have unlimited options of songs and videos. Morris uses the program in her classroom about three times a day.

"It helps the students refocus and redirect and energize them in the morning or after nap time," Morris said. "There are many educational songs in the program, which goes along with what we are learning, such as ABCs or counting to 100. It also helps them with following directions."

Teachers can create a free GoNoodle account and begin using interactive brain breaks in their classrooms immediately. GoNoodle can be easily set up, and all the teacher needs is a computer, broadband Internet connection and a screen.

ALSTON

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the opportunity to travel to as far as Central America and the Panama Canal with Archbishop Desmond Tutu to study issues concerning race, ethnicity, human rights and sustainable develop-

ment," Alston said.

According to his announcement, Alston has been a community organizer and political activist, serving as a legislative aide for the S.C. General Assembly for Sen. Marlon Kimpson and Assistant Minority Leader John W. Matthews Jr. Alston has been a field organizer for

the Hillary Clinton presidential campaign and was selected as a part of U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn's Political Fellowship inaugural class, the release said.

"Decades of the same approach have not benefitted the average citizen of this district," Alston said. "It is time to seize the moment. We need a vibrant, focused

and involved representative that pays attention to details and will lead us into the future."

Alston is a lifelong member of High Hills AME Church in Dalzell, his announcement said.

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ONLY WAY TO STOP SCHOOL ATTACKS WAS SET ASIDE

Tuesday's *The Sumter Item* had a story regarding Rep. Phillip Lowe's bill to allow school employees with a concealed weapons permit and additional training to carry concealed as long as the local board agreed.

The only effective way to deal with a school attack was set aside. Another victory for irrational fear and rigid agenda. While the resource officer is a good idea, he is only one and will be shot on sight.

The teachers and custodians know the school intimately, who should be there and what they should be doing. While everyone is not suited to be armed, we should encourage those who will step up. You don't make the sheep safer by leashing the shepherds.

Deranged criminals know that presently the schools are soft targets and attack them with impunity.

Israel was plagued with school shootings and responded by allowing school personnel to be armed. That was decades ago, and to my knowledge, they have not had a school shooting since. The Colorado theater shooter picked the only one of eight theaters which was posted against concealed carry. Do you think that was coincidence?

Even in anti-gun California, the Anderson Union High School District allows CWP licensed employees to carry concealed on school campuses.

Police chief Mike Johnson is quoted as saying, "It is definitely a pro to have people armed, responsible people armed who have been vetted and can actually provide another layer of protection for the kids."

It is disingenuous for the Sheriff's Association to compare their training and the proposed training for school employees. Peace officer training encompasses so much more. We are not training school employees to be law officers, only to intercede for our students.

Those who are willing to step up should be encouraged, not thwarted.

RALPH BAKER
Sumter

LET'S TRY TO GIVE THE GOP NOMINEE A CHANCE

What a ridiculous situation this party has put itself in. We have an opportunity to change the course of our country, and they're now embroiled in a conflict within their own organization.

The Democratic Party must be counting the days to the November election and rejoicing at this idiotic party dissension.

Fighting amongst themselves at such a critical time. Mr. Romney is a sore loser, with such horrible comments about the present leader. Why didn't he enter the race sooner, or did his opportunity pass him by? He lost the race with bad policy decisions and equally bad management. His comments are terrible.

It makes me wonder why I took the time to vote, if the establishment is going to overlook mine and millions of votes to make their own selection. Where is the will of the people, and does my vote "really" count? I may not support all of the nominee's decisions, but let's give him a chance. Or we're going to live with "HER" decisions for four long years.

I'm still very proud to be an American; I will continue to vote.

PAUL KORZEC
Manning

COMMENTARY

Trump can't stop slandering all of our country's warriors

BY DAVID FRENCH

The National Review

Donald Trump fundamentally misunderstands the American military. He sees it as an instrument of savage brutality, restrained only by political correctness. There is no honor. There is no law. If only the military were free to torture, murder and blaspheme, then America would win its wars. By believing that American soldiers would follow those orders — or would want to follow those orders — he slanders the character of the American military.

For months, he has promised that he would order the military to commit war crimes, torturing militants and targeting their families for execution. He was just as emphatic in promising that those orders would be followed.

He was wrong. There is no scenario under which the military would ever follow directives so offensive to its honor and so blatantly illegal. No man I served with in Iraq would comply with an order to intentionally kill an innocent woman or child, and no officer with a shred of decency or honor would give such an order. The Pentagon has many flaws, but truly bad soldiers are few and far between, and the military is institutionally hardwired to resist exactly this kind of corruption. Trump would instantly sever the relationship between America's armed forces and their commander-in-chief just by asking them to do such things.

As Lt. Gen. James Mattis put it in a 2005 memoran-

dum to the United States Marine Corps. "Marines fight only enemy combatants." It should go without saying that the same principle applies to soldiers, sailors and airmen. Our men and women in uniform do not fight innocent civilians, and they do not assault prisoners in their custody. Both the War Crimes Act of 1996 and the Uniform Code of Military Justice bind American soldiers to the laws of war, which prohibit such actions.

Donald Trump promised that American soldiers — at the very least — violate Articles 93, 118 and 128 of the UCMJ. Article 93 prohibits "cruelty and maltreatment," while Articles 118 and 128 prohibit murder and assault. Moreover, soldiers who actually pull the trigger or who actually beat terrorist detainees aren't the only ones guilty of a crime. Responsibility runs up and down the chain of command, with each officer or NCO who carried out any aspect of the unlawful order facing legal consequences.

Wholly apart from the law — which, it should be pointed out, mandates the death penalty for the most egregious war crimes — this is a matter of honor. The desire to fight the enemy and protect the innocent is imprinted in the DNA of American service members from Day One. It's a matter of basic morality and of human decency intrinsic to the warrior ethos. When I was in Iraq, I knew men who would refuse to fire — even though, under the laws of war, they were free to engage the enemy — if it meant endan-

gering children. Good soldiers have died rather than kill innocents at war.

What's more, there can be no comparison between the orders Trump intends to issue and the tragic civilian casualties that happen as a result of our drone war, air strikes or other combat actions. Those deaths are the unfortunate consequence of targeting enemy combatants and are the moral and legal responsibility of the terrorists who wear civilian clothes and hide behind human shields. It is morally depraved to suggest otherwise. Look men in the eye who've lost friends or bled on the battlefield because of their desire to fight the enemy and the enemy only and call them war criminals. I dare you.

Under fire, Trump backed down. The day after the Michigan debate, he issued a statement saying that he would not order the military to violate the "laws and treaties" governing armed conflict.

Was the crisis averted? Hardly. On Saturday, in Florida, he once again told the mythical story about American general John J. Pershing suppressing a Muslim rebellion in the Philippines by dipping bullets in pig's blood and executing 49 prisoners, leaving one to tell the story of the massacre. According to Trump, this brutal act suppressed Islamic violence for 25 years. Not only is this story false, but also historical accounts show that Gen. Pershing was actually more humane than his predecessor, pursuing a counterinsurgency strategy that was

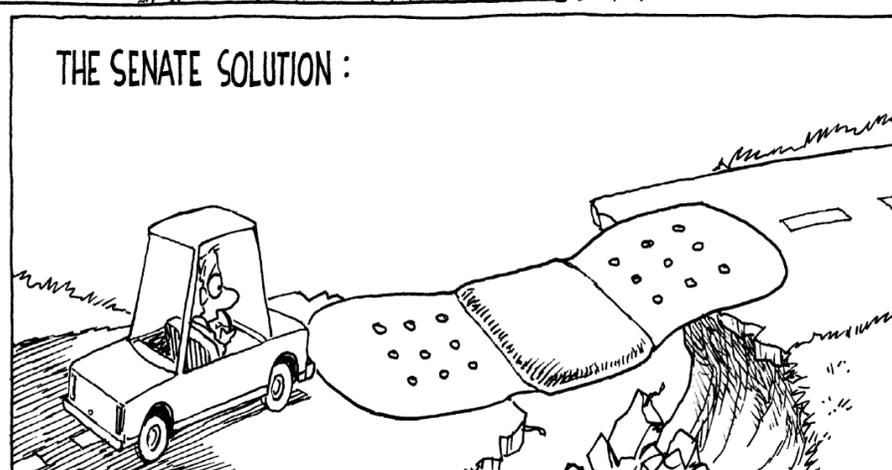
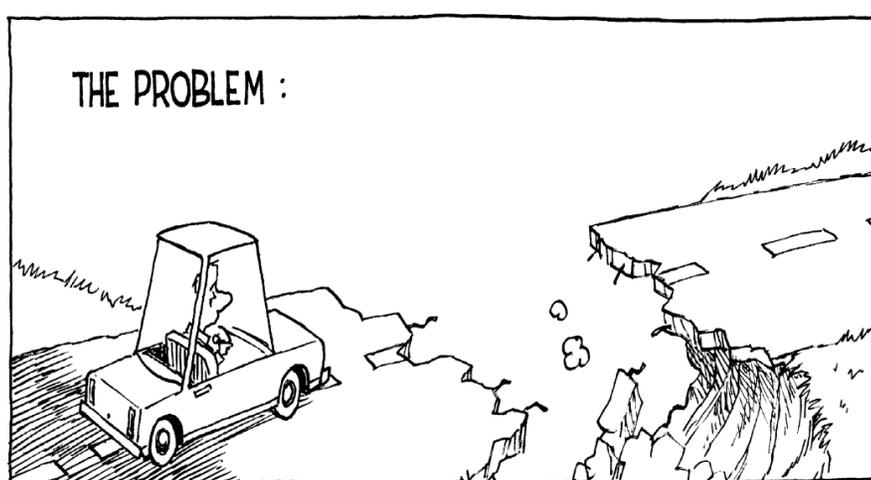
more in line with winning over the population than with suppressing it with atrocities.

Then, on Sunday, Trump moved back to the pro-torture position. After proclaiming on CBS's *Face the Nation* that he would ask the military to "stay within the laws," he added that he wanted to "increase the laws because the laws are not working, obviously." In other words, he's against torture and murder unless he can make it legal.

Trump slanders American warriors past and present. It's as if he sees America's fighting men and women as a band of suppressed savages, primed to slaughter but held back only by antiquated notions of morality — morality that he calls "political correctness." While he claims to "love the vets," he should get to know them, and when he does, he'll learn that their honor and integrity preclude the savagery he cravenly implores.

There are vets — American heroes — who support Trump, but I know that those same heroes would emphatically reject the orders a President Trump so desperately wants to give. Trump, a man with no honor, is asking the American people to gift him control of their military, which lives and dies by its warrior ethos. We should say no, resoundingly. He would be a commander-in-chief unworthy of the men he would lead.

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TW	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM		
LOCAL CHANNELS														
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7:00pm Local news update.	Entertainment Tonight (N) (HD)	The Voice: The Blind Auditions, Part 4 "Blind auditions" continue, with performers showing off their skills for the team of celebrity vocal coaches, and the strongest vocalists advancing. (N) (HD)			Little Big Shots: Little Bruce Lee Basketball star; martial arts expert. (N) (HD)	WIS News 10 at 11:00pm News and weather.	(:35) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Comedic skits and celebrity interviews. (HD)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 @ 7pm Evening news update.	Inside Edition (N) (HD)	NCIS: New Orleans: Foreign Affairs An Australian Royal Navy Lt. is killed. (HD)			Limitless: Close Encounters Brian and Rebecca are quarantined. (N) (HD)	News 19 @ 11pm The news of the day.	(:35) The Late Show with Stephen Colbert Helen Mirren; J.J. Abrams; DMA's. (N) (HD)			
WOLO	23	5	12	Wheel of Fortune: R&R (N) (HD)	Jeopardy! (N) (HD)	Fresh Off the Boat (N) (HD)	The Real O'Neals: The Real Lent (N) (HD)	Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.: Bouncing Back (N) (HD)		Of Kings and Prophets: Offerings of Blood A king defends his kingdom. (N) (HD)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (HD)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live Celebrities and human-interest subjects. (HD)		
WRJA	27	11	14	Red Rock Serenade Classical music and images of the West are combined. (HD)	Finding Your Roots: Maps of Stars Stars Dustin Hoffman and Mia Farrow learn their families history. (N) (HD)			My Music: The Carpenters: Close to You Presented is a celebration of the music of 1970's rock duo The Carpenters. (HD)		Joy Bauer's From Junk Food to Joy Food Joy Bauer shares secrets to enjoying ones favorite foods and still lose weight. (HD)				
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory Professor Proton. (HD)	The Big Bang Theory Bachelor party. (HD)	New Girl: Goosebumps Walkaway (N)	Grandfathered Real relationship. (N) (HD)	Brooklyn Nine-Nine: New Captain (HD)	The Grinder: Grinder Rests in Peace (HD)	WACH FOX News at 10 Local news report and weather forecast.				
WKTC	63	4	22	Anger Management Eccentric therapist. (HD)	Anger Management Eccentric therapist. (HD)	The Flash: Welcome to Earth-2 Barry Wells, Cisco venture to Earth-2. (HD)		iZombie: Cape Town Murder of high school shop teacher. (HD)	The Walking Dead: Made to Suffer Andrea attempts to re-establish order. (HD)			The Walking Dead: The Suicide King Rick sets out to save a friend. (HD)	Hot in Cleveland Friends share home. (HD)	
CABLE CHANNELS														
A&E	46	130	Married at First Sight: Final Decision, Pt. 1 Divorce or not. (HD)	Married at First Sight: Final Decision, Pt. 2 Divorce or not. (HD)	Married at First Sight: 6 Months Later Cast interviews. (N) (HD)	(:01) Fit to Fat to Fit: Fallon; JD A trainer's help. (N) (HD)		Married at First Sight: Final Decision, Pt. 1 Divorce or not. (HD)			Married at First Sight (HD)			
AMC	48	180	The Sorcerer's Apprentice (10, Fantasy) ★★½ Nicolas Cage. (HD)	The Rock ('96, Action) ★★ ★ Sean Connery. A biochemist and a former inmate at Alcatraz prison have to rescue a group of people who were taken hostage by a madman as they toured the old facility. (HD)			U.S. Marshals ('98, Thriller) ★★ ★ Tommy Lee Jones. A marshal seeks an escaped fugitive. (HD)							
ANPL	41	100	North Woods Law: Hunt (HD)	North Woods Law: Hunt (HD)	(:01) Great Barrier Reef An extraordinary natural wonder. (HD)			North Woods Law: Hunt (HD)			(:04) Reef (HD)			
BET	61	162	House of Payne (HD)	House of Payne (HD)	House of Payne (HD)	House of Payne (HD)	House of Payne (HD)	House of Payne (HD)	It's a Mann's World (N) (HD)	It's a Mann's World (N) (HD)	It's a Mann's World (HD)	It's a Mann's World (HD)		
BRAVO	47	181	Housewives: Spinning A Web (HD)	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills: Not Easy to Love (HD)	What Happens (N) (HD)	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (N) (HD)		Tour Group: The True Meaning of Camel Toe (N) (HD)		What Happens (N) (HD)	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (HD)			
CNBC	35	62	Rich Guide (HD)	Rich Guide (HD)	Shark Tank Entrepreneurs. (HD)			Shark Tank (HD)		Rich Guide (N)	Rich Guide (HD)	Shark Tank Storage box. (HD)	Shark (HD)	
CNN	33	64	Super Tuesday 2 (HD)	Super Tuesday 2 (HD)	Super Tuesday 2 (HD)			Super Tuesday 2 (HD)		Super Tuesday 2 (HD)				
COM	57	136	Tosh.0 Angry GINGER Kid. (HD)	Tosh.0: Gay Restaurant (HD)	Tosh.0 Internet artist. (HD)	Tosh.0 Sadomasochism. (HD)	Tosh.0 Humble bragger. (HD)	Tosh.0 Food enthusiast. (HD)	Tosh.0 (N) (HD)	Not Safe w/ Nikki Glaser (N)	Daily Show with Trevor (N)		Nightly Show w/ Wilmore (N)	
DISN	18	80	Liv and Maddie (HD)	BUNK'D: Luke's Back (HD)	K.C. Undercover: Coopers Reactivated Criminal escapes. (HD)		Stuck in the Middle (HD)		Girl Meets World (HD)	Best Friends Whenever (HD)	Liv and Maddie (HD)	BUNK'D: Camp Rules (HD)	Girl Meets World (HD)	
DSC	42	103	Moonshiners (HD)	Moonshiners (N)			Moonshiners (N) (HD)		Moonshiners (HD)		(:01) Moonshiners (HD)			
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball: from Joe Louis Sports Arena in Detroit (HD)	College Basketball: from Joe Louis Sports Arena in Detroit (HD)			College Basketball: from Orleans Arena in Las Vegas (HD)		College Basketball: from Orleans Arena in Las Vegas (HD)		SportsCenter (HD)			
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball: NEC Tournament: Championship (HD)	College Basketball: NEC Tournament: Championship (HD)			College Basketball: NEC Tournament: Championship (HD)		College Basketball: NEC Tournament: Championship (HD)		BNP Paribas Showdown [T]			
FOOD	40	109	Chopped Pasta dough. (HD)	Chopped: Bizarre Baskets! (HD)			Chopped: Bizarre Battle (HD)		Chopped (N) (HD)		Chopped: Chopped, Again! (HD)			
FOXN	37	74	On the Record with Greta (N)	The O'Reilly Factor (N) (HD)			The Kelly File News updates.		Hannity (N) (HD)		The O'Reilly Factor (HD)			
FREE	20	131	Pretty Little Liars: Burn This The girls take precautions. (HD)	Pretty Little Liars: Did You Miss Me? (N) (HD)			Shadowhunters: Rise Up (N) (HD)		Pretty Little Liars: Did You Miss Me? (HD)		The 700 Club (N)			
FSS	31	42	NHL Hockey: Ottawa Senators at Carolina Hurricanes from PNC Arena (HD)	NHL Hockey: Ottawa Senators at Carolina Hurricanes from PNC Arena (HD)			Postgame		Insider (HD)	Flashback	Predators	Beneath (HD)	NHL Hockey	
HALL	52	183	Last Man Standing (HD)	Last Man Standing (HD)	Last Man Standing (HD)	Last Man Standing (HD)	The Middle: Leap Year (HD)	The Middle Night vision. (HD)	The Middle (HD)	The Middle (HD)	The Golden Girls: Feelings	Golden Girls: Zborn Again	Golden Sophia the nun.	
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper (HD)	Fixer Upper Hewitt, Texas. (HD)			Fixer Upper (N) (HD)		Now? (N) (HD)		Hunters (HD)	Fixer Upper (HD)	Upper (HD)	
HIST	45	110	Counting (HD)	Counting (HD)	Counting (HD)	Counting (HD)	Counting (N)	Counting (N)	(:03) Forged in Fire (N) (HD)		(:03) Forged in Fire (HD)			
ION	13	160	Criminal Minds: Pleasure Is My Business Killer call girl. (HD)	Criminal Minds: Demology Religious deaths. (HD)			Criminal Minds: Omnivore Boston killer ends 10-year hiatus. (HD)		Criminal Minds: House on Fire Serial arsonist. (HD)		Saving Hope: Twinned Lambs Confused patient. (N) (HD)			
LIFE	50	145	Dance Moms: Maddie is Back A chance for Brynn. (HD)	Dance Moms: Dance & Chat: Nia Saves the Day (N) (HD)			Dance Moms: Abby Lee Horror Story (N) (HD)		The Mother/Daughter Experiment: Celebrity Edition (N) (HD)		(:02) The Mother/Daughter Experiment: Celebrity Edition (HD)			
MSNBC	36	76	Hardball with Chris (N) (HD)	All in with Chris Hayes (HD)			The Rachel Maddow Show (N)		Lawrence O'Donnell (HD)		All in with Chris Hayes (HD)			
NICK	16	91	Paradise (N)	Henry (HD)	Henry (HD)	Sponge (HD)	Full House (HD)	Full House (HD)	Full House (HD)	Full House (HD)	Friends (HD)	Friends (HD)	Friends (HD)	
SPIKE	64	154	Ink Master Artist eliminated. (HD)	Ink Master: Ink Finale (HD)			Ink Master: Initiation (HD)		Ink Master (N) (HD)		Ink Master (N)			
SYFY	58	152	(6:30) Blade: Trinity ('04, Action) ★★½ Wesley Snipes. Two young allies enter the fray when Blade is drawn into battle with Dracula.	Legion ('10, Fantasy) ★★ Paul Bettany. Humans become part of a horrifying battle between factions of angels.			Colonay: Broussard Will gets closer to learning about wife. (HD)		From Dusk Till Dawn ('96)		2 Broke Girls (HD)			
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld (HD)	Seinfeld Keith strikes out. (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	The Big Bang Theory (HD)	Separation Anxiety: Troy & Erin (N) (HD)		Conan (N) (HD)			
TCM	49	186	(6:00) Meet Me in Las Vegas ('56, Musical) ★★ Dan Dailey.	Frenchman's Creek ('44, Adventure) woman falls for a French pirate in the 1600s.			★ ★ ½ Joan Fontaine. English		My Cousin Rachel ('52, Mystery) ★★ ★ Olivia de Havilland. A man thinks his cousin's wife is a killer trying to inherit the family's money.		Who Done It? ('42) ★★ ★			
TLC	43	157	The Little Couple (HD)	The Little Couple (N) (HD)			The Little Couple (N) (HD)		(:01) Rattled (N) (HD)		(:02) The Little Couple (HD)			
TNT	23	158	Castle: Valkyrie Beckett's decisions have consequences. (HD)	Rizzoli & Isles: East Meets West Gun battle. (HD)			Rizzoli & Isles: Bomb Voyage (N) (HD)		Rizzoli & Isles: Bomb Voyage (HD)		Castle: Dreamworld Beckett is desperate to find a toxin. (HD)			
TRUTV	38	102	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Almost (N)	10 Things (N)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	Jokers (HD)	
TVLAND	55	161	Griffith (HD)	Griffith (HD)	Raymond (HD)	(-48) Loves Raymond (HD)	Raymond (HD)	Raymond (HD)	Raymond (HD)	Raymond (HD)	Queens (HD)	Queens (HD)	Queens (HD)	
USA	25	132	Chrisley Knows Best (HD)	Chrisley Knows Best (HD)	Chrisley Knows Best (HD)	Chrisley Knows Best (HD)	Chrisley Knows Best (HD)	Chrisley Knows Best (HD)	Chrisley Knows Best (N)	Chrisley Knows Best (HD)	(:02) Modern Family (HD)	(:32) Modern Family (HD)	(:02) Modern Family (HD)	
WE	68	Law & Order: Passion (HD)	Law & Order (HD)			Law & Order: Terminal (HD)		Law & Order: Thrill (HD)		Law & Order: Denial (HD)				
WGN	8	172	(6:00) The Bodyguard ('92, Romance) ★★½ Kevin Costner. (HD)	Outsiders (N) (HD)			Outsiders (HD)		Outsiders (HD)			Outsiders		

ABC goes Old Testament with 'Of Kings and Prophets'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

ABC goes all the way back to the Old Testament for its new drama "Of Kings and Prophets" (10 p.m., TV-14). Does it have a prayer? Given the mortality rate of ABC series in this "Wicked City" timeslot, Lord knows the network could use some help from a higher power.

"Kings" retells the Old Testament tales of Saul, Samuel and David for an audience accustomed to the extreme ultraviolence and more than occasional sex of "Game of Thrones" and "Vikings."

Ray Winstone plays King Saul as a thickset, middle-aged man whose every grunt and action seem to shout, "I'm too old for this."

Saul's dream is to unite the tribes of Israel against the Philistines, their ancient strategic foe. To accomplish this, he proposes to marry off his fetching daughter Merav (Jeanine Mason) to Mattiyahu of Judah (Matt Whelan).

Unfortunately, the prophet Samuel (Mohammad Bakri), Saul's tribal elder and political rival, informs him that he must put his real-world strategies on hold to fulfill an ancient grudge. He must slaughter the now-harmless Amalekites, another of Israel's ancient enemies, right down to the last woman and child.

This is where "Kings" departs from the Technicolor pieties of "The Ten Commandments" and other holiday biblical epics. This saga poses hard questions about the very nature of belief and blind obedience to an unseen divinity, particularly one more vengeful than just. Saul balks at the prophet's order to commit what we'd now call genocide.

Meanwhile, back in the desert, a shepherd boy named David (Olly Rix) promises to help his tribe by killing the lion that has been laying waste to its flock. Talented with both a slingshot and a lyre, he woos his way into Saul's palace by the end of this compelling pilot.

In some scenes, David resembles Reid Ewing, the actor who plays the goofy boyfriend Dylan on "Modern Family." If the shaggy shepherd weren't so adept at throwing stones, one could easily see him forming his own Bronze Age boy band.

We all know that lack of gravitas is about to change. Just ask Goliath (Garth Collins).

- Marcia Clark (Sarah Paulson) finds her professional efforts and personal life trivialized in the tabloid media on "The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

This may be the most powerful episode of this excellent series to date.

CULT CHOICE

Olivia de Havilland and Richard Burton star in the 1952 adaptation of the Daphne du Maurier novel "My Cousin Rachel" (10 p.m., TCM).

NEW ON DVD

TV-themed DVDs available today include "Hogan's Heroes: The Complete Series."

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Blind auditions unfold on "The Voice" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-PG).
- Coulson redoubles efforts to close down Hydra on "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- A costumed crime fighter toe tagged on "iZombie" (9 p.m., CW, r, TV-14).
- A bumpy road trip on "Outsiders" (9 p.m., WGN, TV-14).
- Timothy Olyphant ("Justified") and Jason Alexander ("Seinfeld") guest star on "The Grinder" (9:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).
- Dating couples answer questions designed to discover how much or little

they know about each other in the new game show "Separation Anxiety" (10 p.m., TBS, TV-14). Basically, it's the old "Newlywed Game" for the unmarried.

SERIES NOTES

Murder Down Under on "NCIS: New Orleans" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) * Jess returns from jury duty on "New Girl" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Louis needs friends his own age on "Fresh Off the Boat" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * And Earth-2, too, on "The Flash" (8 p.m., CW, TV-PG) * Going steady leaves Jimmy wobbly on "Grandfathered" (8:30 p.m., Fox, TV-14) * Lenten sacrifice on "The Real O'Neals" (8:30 p.m., ABC, TV-PG) * Sudan intrigue on "NCIS" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-PG) * Bill Hader guest stars on "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) * Under quarantine on "Limitless" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14) * Young

talent competes on "Little Big Shots" (10 p.m., NBC).

LATE NIGHT

Ellen Page is booked on "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * Cedric the Entertainer on "The Nightly Show With Larry Wilmore" (11:30 p.m., Comedy Central) * Helen Mirren, J.J. Abrams and DMA's are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes Donald Trump, Ken Jeong and Cam on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC, r) * Sen. John McCain, JB Smoove and Lukas Graham visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC, r) * Neve Campbell, Jay & Mark Duplass and Gwen Stefani on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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AROUND TOWN

The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. today at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St. Javier Mitchell, branch manager with NBSC, will speak. The spotlight will shine on Aletha Capers, who was crowned "Queen of the Sumter Chapter." Arthur Henry was first runner-up in the "king" category. Transportation provided within the mileage area. Contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or debra.canty@frontier.com. Make donations payable and mail to NFB Sumter Chapter, P.O. Box 641, Sumter, SC 29151. Google Debra Canty's story on YouTube.

Clarendon School District One will conduct free vision, hearing, speech and developmental screenings as part of a child find effort to identify students with special needs. Screenings will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Summerton Early Childhood Center, 8 South St., Summerton, on the following Thursdays: March 10; April 14; and May 12. Call Sadie Williams at (803) 485-2325, extension 116.

AARP will offer free tax preparation from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays through April 13 at the Shepherd's Center of Sumter, 24 Council St. Applicants are advised to bring with them government-issued photo IDs, Social Security cards and / or Medicare cards for anyone in the household, last year's tax forms, W-2 and / or 1099 forms, and power of attorney certification forms if they are filing for someone else. Call Henry Dinkins at (803) 499-4990 or Lula King at (803) 316-0772.

Broken Wings, an eight-week grief support group hosted by Amedisys Hospice Care, will be held from 10 a.m. to noon each Saturday through April 23. Meetings will be held at the Amedisys Hospice office, 198 E. Wesmark Blvd., Suite 2,

(803) 774-4036. There is no charge and the public is invited.

The Sumter Stroke Support Group will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, in the library of Alice Drive Baptist Church, corner of Loring Mill Road and Wise Drive.

The Manning Training High School Alumni / Manning High will meet at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 11, at historic Trinity AME Church, 51 Rigby St., Manning. Call Frizeal Oliver Edwards at (646) 033-0299.

The 6th Annual Daffodil Arts & Crafts Show will be held 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, March 12, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at the American Legion building, 30 Artillery Drive. Vendors include: Scentsy; G&W Photo Art; Younique Cosmetics; Betty's Cakes, Pies, Cookies & More; The Garden Soapery; Trinkets by Teko; Beauti Control; Shudwe Farm Woods; and many, many more. Please bring a nonperishable food item.

The Sumter County Democrats will have their precinct reorganization meeting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, 215 N. Harvin St., in the jury meeting room on the first floor.

Keystone Royal Arch Chapter 43 will sponsor a red and white banquet at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, at Catchall Masonic Auditorium. The Rev. James E. Williams will speak. Donation request of \$20.

The League of Women's Voters - Sumter Chapter will hold a membership meeting at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 14, at Central Carolina Technical College Health Sciences Center, Main Street. Members of the local legislative delegation will speak on some of the issues being discussed at the State House. The public is invited to attend. For information, call Dee Woodard, president, at (803) 469-3485.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly sunny and warm	A star-studded sky	Mostly sunny and very warm	Very warm with periods of sun	Very warm with clouds and sun	A thunderstorm in the area
77°	48°	79° / 55°	79° / 60°	81° / 61°	76° / 60°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 40%
SW 4-8 mph	S 3-6 mph	SSW 6-12 mph	SSW 7-14 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	SSE 7-14 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

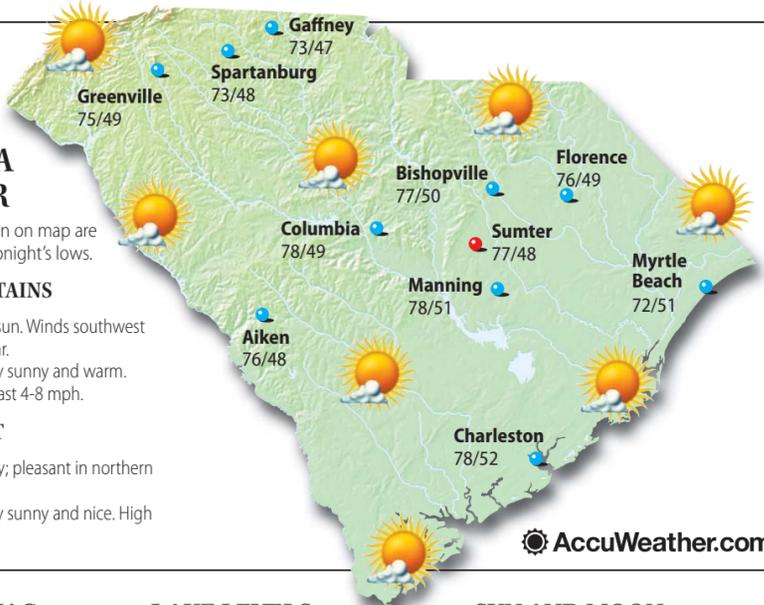
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

Today: Clouds and sun. Winds southwest 4-8 mph. Mainly clear.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and warm. Winds south-southeast 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Mostly sunny; pleasant in northern parts. High 69 to 76.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny and nice. High 70 to 74.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 4 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	
High	68°
Low	35°
Normal high	64°
Normal low	39°
Record high	84° in 1997
Record low	15° in 1960

Precipitation	
24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest.	0.00"
Month to date	0.42"
Normal month to date	0.91"
Year to date	10.21"
Last year to date	11.83"
Normal year to date	8.46"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.49	+0.04
Marion	76.8	76.20	none
Moultrie	75.5	75.61	-0.01
Wateree	100	97.15	-0.15

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	10.09	-0.20
Congaree River	19	4.70	-0.40
Lynches River	14	8.42	-0.56
Saluda River	14	5.68	-0.05
Up. Santee River	80	79.71	-0.02
Wateree River	24	13.15	-2.22

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:41 a.m.	Sunset	6:24 p.m.
Moonrise	6:20 a.m.	Moonset	6:14 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	Mar. 8	Mar. 15	Mar. 23	Mar. 31

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH

	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	8:21 a.m.	3.5	2:40 a.m.	-0.8
	8:34 p.m.	3.4	3:11 p.m.	-0.8
Wed.	9:10 a.m.	3.5	3:32 a.m.	-1.0
	9:24 p.m.	3.5	3:58 p.m.	-1.0

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	75/53/pc	76/58/pc
Chicago	65/55/c	62/45/sh
Dallas	76/59/r	71/57/r
Detroit	66/54/c	64/52/r
Houston	75/66/t	73/61/t
Los Angeles	69/51/s	74/54/s
New Orleans	79/67/t	80/69/c
New York	65/49/pc	72/57/pc
Oriando	80/60/s	83/63/pc
Philadelphia	71/48/pc	78/56/s
Phoenix	75/52/pc	81/55/s
San Francisco	59/53/pc	65/57/r
Wash., DC	73/51/pc	75/57/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Asheville	72/45/pc	69/51/s	Florence	76/49/s	78/55/s
Athens	76/49/s	78/55/s	Gainesville	80/54/s	83/59/s
Augusta	78/47/s	79/53/s	Gastonia	75/49/pc	76/55/s
Beaufort	76/53/s	74/57/s	Greenville	75/49/pc	75/54/s
Cape Hatteras	64/53/s	66/54/s	Goldsboro	75/51/s	78/54/s
Charleston	78/52/s	78/58/s	Goose Creek	77/51/s	76/58/s
Charlotte	75/49/pc	77/55/s	Greensboro	75/50/pc	76/55/s
Clemson	74/50/pc	73/56/s	Hickory	73/46/pc	73/54/s
Columbia	78/49/s	79/56/s	Hilton Head	72/53/s	71/58/s
Darlington	76/49/s	77/55/s	Jacksonville, FL	78/56/s	80/59/s
Elizabeth City	73/51/s	75/53/s	La Grange	78/54/pc	78/62/pc
Elizabethtown	76/50/s	77/54/s	Macon	78/51/s	78/57/s
Fayetteville	76/50/s	78/55/s	Marietta	74/52/pc	76/58/pc
			Marion	73/44/pc	72/53/s
			Mt. Pleasant	74/52/s	73/60/s
			Myrtle Beach	72/51/s	71/56/s
			Orangeburg	77/50/s	77/57/s
			Port Royal	73/54/s	73/60/s
			Raleigh	76/51/s	78/54/s
			Rock Hill	74/49/pc	76/55/s
			Rockingham	76/49/s	78/54/s
			Savannah	78/52/s	78/57/s
			Spartanburg	73/48/pc	74/55/s
			Summerville	77/50/s	76/58/s
			Wilmington	76/50/s	76/53/s
			Winston-Salem	73/49/pc	75/55/s

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

PUBLIC AGENDA

LEE COUNTY COUNCIL
Today, 9 a.m., council chambers

SUMTER HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Today, noon, Sunset Country Club

LYNCHBURG TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., Teen Center on Magnolia Street, Lynchburg

SUMTER COUNTY COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., Sumter County Council Chambers

SUMMERTON TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 6 p.m., town hall

PINEWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 6:30 p.m., town hall

TURBEVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Today, March 8, 6:30 p.m., town hall

MAYESVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
Today, 7 p.m., town hall

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION
Thursday, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Think of the consequences that might

unfold before making a move. Uncertainty and impulsiveness will be costly. Realizing what you have to offer and honing your skills accordingly will enable you to excel.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Share ideas and concerns, and offer suggestions and hands-on help to someone you feel has something to contribute. Don't be reluctant to use your talents effectively and to the best of your ability.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't hold back. If you are reluctant to be honest about the way you see things, you will be accused of withholding information and scrutinized for doing so. Voice your opinions and make helpful suggestions. Avoid emotional arguments.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Make the changes at home that will encourage greater efficiency and make your life easier. Be willing to ignore someone's last-minute change rather than let it disrupt your plans. Your intuition will not let you down. Follow your heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for a new beginning. Start a project or sign up for a course that will help you move forward with your plans, and you won't be disappointed. A day trip or visiting a place you've never been before will be enlightening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your anxiety lead you down the wrong path. Settle any discrepancies you face and clear the air before you make a move that will influence your future. Put greater emphasis on self-improvement instead of trying to

change others.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Question anything that leaves you feeling uncertain or appears to be inconsistent. Spend more time with the people who can offer you greater stability and equality. Do whatever it takes to feel more comfortable at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Believe in your abilities. Be forceful if it will help you get your projects off the ground. An intellectual collaboration will help you develop a good rapport with someone who can contribute to your success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Honesty will help you get past a situation that is causing you grief. It may not be easy, but in the end, you will feel free to move forward without regret or hesitation. A personal change will help you avoid criticism.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Set goals that are within your reach. Being realistic will help you cut through any tension that is building up between you and those affected by your choices. If you offer incentives, you will face fewer complaints.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Keep your life simple. Address issues as they arise and don't worry too much about the things you cannot change. Work with what you are given and make the most of what you've got, and the results will be better than anticipated.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Consider the partnerships and projects you left unfinished, and find a way to either put them to rest or turn them into something workable. Either way, you will be able to move forward with a clear conscience. Let your intuition guide you.

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Christon Kessinger took this picture on a Friday evening before a Thomas Sumter Academy basketball game. Kessinger comments, "Unbelievable rainbow covering the school!"

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USC WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

REPEAT FEAT

No. 3 South Carolina rolls past No. 16 Mississippi St. 66-52 for second SEC title in as many years



GARY MCCULLOUGH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina guard Khadijah Sessions (5) leads her teammates in a celebration dance after defeating Mississippi State in the SEC women's tournament final in Jacksonville, Fla., on Sunday

BY MARK LONG
The Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Last to climb the ladder, South Carolina coach Dawn Staley made two cuts and pulled down the rest of the net.

She immediately put it around her neck and was still wearing it when she left the building.

If the Gamecocks keep playing the way they did in the Southeastern Conference Tournament, Staley will have more chances take home some nylon.

A'ja Wilson had 19 points and 13 rebounds, her 12th double-double of the season, and the third-ranked Gamecocks handled No. 16 Mississippi State 66-52 on Sunday to win the SEC title for the second straight year.

"It means a great deal," Staley said.

"It means that we put our names in the history book in this tradition-rich conference."

Tiffany Mitchell added 19 points and Khadijah Sessions chipped in 11 for the Gamecocks (31-1), who won their ninth consecutive game since losing to three-time defending national champion and top-ranked Connecticut a month ago.

With former football coach Steve Spurrier cheering from behind the bench, South Carolina became just the fourth team in SEC history to win both regular-season and tournament titles in back-to-back seasons, joining Georgia (1983-84) and Tennessee (1999-2000, 2010-11).

The Gamecocks also joined those same programs as the only ones to go undefeated in league play in the regular season and in the tournament.

Georgia did it in 1986. The Lady Vols accomplished the feat in 1994 and 2011.

South Carolina's run was perhaps more impressive considering the SEC is poised to send a record nine teams to the NCAA Tournament. The field will be announced March 14.

The Gamecocks are a lock for a No. 1 seed, especially after Sunday's performance.

South Carolina took control late in the second quarter, closing the half with an 11-0 run and leading 33-21 at the break. Staley's team pushed the lead to 15 midway through the third quarter, but Victoria Vivians helped the Bulldogs (26-7) whittle it back to 10 in the fourth.

Vivians, who led Mississippi State

SEE REPEAT, PAGE B3

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Tigers win rivalry series

Pitching silences Gamecocks' bats

BY PETE IACOBELLI
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Clemson starter Alex Eubanks pitched like a member of the Schmidt family on Sunday, leading the Tigers to a 4-1 victory over South Carolina to win the rivalry series.

Eubanks had a stellar outing to clinch the three-game series, striking out eight over 7 2-3 innings and shutting down the Gamecocks (10-2) as teammate Clate Schmidt did Saturday in a 5-0 victory by the Tigers (8-2).

On Friday, Schmidt's younger brother Clarke dominated for South Carolina with a career-high nine strikeouts in the Gamecocks 8-1 win. After that, South Carolina's hot bats went cold with just one run and nine hits the last two games.

"That makes it easier for us as hitters," Clemson center fielder Chase Pinder said of Tiger starting pitchers. "When they go out, consistently do their best, throw strikes, put up zeroes, it takes a lot off me, a lot off the lineup and it obviously makes up play to the best of our abilities."

Eubanks and the Tigers did that on Sunday. He gave up just one hit over the final 16 batters he faced and left to a standing ovation from a record-setting crowd at Clemson with two outs in the eighth.

Eubanks grew up about an hour away from campus and said Clemson was the only place he ever wanted to go to play baseball. Shutting down the rival Gamecocks was his

SEE TIGERS, PAGE B5

PRO FOOTBALL

Manning jokes, chokes up announcing retirement

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
The Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — His voice cracking with emotion, Peyton Manning said good bye to the game he loved at a news conference packed with friends, family and laughter.

He threw in some Scripture, some fond memories and even a dig at Super Bowl 50 MVP Von Miller, whom he thanked for taking a break "from your celebrity tour to be here today."

He ended it with his signature "Omaha!" and then posed for pictures with more than a dozen of his former teammates with the Indianapolis Colts and Denver Broncos, each of whom he helped win a Super Bowl.

Manning, who turns 40 this month, said the timing was simply right to call an end to his 18-year NFL career.

"I thought about it a lot, prayed about it a lot ... it was just the right time," Manning said. "I don't throw as good as I used to, don't run as good as I used to, but I have always had good timing."

He came to Denver on



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Denver quarterback Peyton Manning struggles to speak during his retirement announcement at team headquarters in Englewood, Colo., on Monday. Manning, who has been in the NFL for the past 18 years, is retiring after winning five MVP trophies and two Super Bowl championships, the most recent last month against the Carolina Panthers.

SEE MANNING, PAGE B4

Peyton gives himself the perfect ending

And now Peyton Manning has the storybook ending to his storied career -- thanks to none other than Manning himself.

By officially announcing his retirement on Monday after an 18-year National Football League career, Manning allowed himself to go out like only one other quarterback has -- winning a Super Bowl in his final game.

In fact, his boss with the Denver Broncos, John Elway, is the only other one to achieve this feat. One has to wonder if Elway was offering words of persuasion to Manning to step down, from a business perspective on the Broncos' behalf, but from the perspective of Manning's legacy



Dennis Brunson

SEE ENDING, PAGE B4

AUTO RACING

Keselowski passes Kyle Busch late to win at Vegas

BY GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Brad Keselowski spent nearly a full year winless and watching while Team Penske teammate Joey Logano went to Victory Lane five times.

Keselowski had to drive through wind, rain, sand and Logano himself to finally hit it big in Vegas again.

Keselowski passed Kyle Busch with five laps to go Sunday and surged to his second win in three years in the NASCAR race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway under weird and windy weather conditions.

After getting past Logano and tracking down Busch, whose right front wheel vibrated and struggled down the stretch, Keselowski drove his Ford to his first Sprint Cup Series victory since Fontana in March 2015.

“For Team Penske, it’s our 50th anniversary,” Keselowski said. “To get the first win of the year, it feels real good.”

Keselowski had to gamble on fuel late, and he thought he had blown the race earlier with a speeding penalty. The risks paid off for the 2012 series champion, who claimed he hadn’t been dwelling on his winless skid over the past year.

“It’s hard to believe it’s been 34 races,” Keselowski said. “We’ve led a lot of races in that time span. Probably deserved to win a few more races than that. ... There was a lot of misfortune, and then there was a lot of self-inflicted things that I could have done better and beyond. But I can’t sit here and dwell on that.”

Logano finished second and Jimmie Johnson came in third in the opener of NASCAR’s three-week Southwest swing. Busch finished fourth, falling a few laps shy of completing a weekend sweep after dominating the Xfinity Series race Saturday.

Logano fought Keselowski tenaciously for position, but they emerged from the duel smiling.

“It took a long time to get by Joey,” Kesel-

KOBALT 400 RESULTS

Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, Nev.
Lap length: 1.5 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

- (4) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 267 laps, 44 points.
- (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 267, 40.
- (11) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 267, 40.
- (23) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 267, 38.
- (5) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 267, 37.
- (14) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 267, 35.
- (6) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 267, 35.
- (20) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, 267, 33.
- (1) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, 267, 33.
- (8) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 267, 31.
- (10) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 267, 30.
- (16) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 267, 29.
- (21) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 267, 28.
- (12) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 267, 27.
- (15) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 267, 26.
- (29) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 267, 25.
- (28) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 267, 24.
- (24) Carl Edwards, Toyota, 267, 23.
- (9) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 267, 23.
- (26) Greg Biffle, Ford, 267, 21.
- (18) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 267, 20.
- (35) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 267, 19.
- (22) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 267, 18.
- (7) Aric Almirola, Ford, 266, 17.
- (33) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 266, 17.
- (25) Chris Buescher, Ford, 266, 15.
- (32) Brian Scott, Ford, 266, 14.
- (27) Landon Cassill, Ford, 266, 13.
- (30) Michael McDowell, Chevrolet, 266, 12.
- (37) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 265, 11.
- (34) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota, 263, 10.
- (31) David Ragan, Toyota, 262, 9.
- (38) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Ford, 262, 8.
- (17) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 262, 7.
- (39) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 259, 6.
- (19) Brian Vickers, Chevrolet, 257, 5.
- (3) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, accident, 224, 5.
- (13) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, accident, 224, 3.
- (36) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, vibration, 115, 2.

Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner: 138.170 mph.
Time of Race: 2 hours, 53 minutes, 55 seconds.
Margin of Victory: 0.675 seconds.
Caution Flags: 6 for 36 laps.
Lead Changes: 20 among 10 drivers.
Lap Leaders: Ku.Busch 1-31; J.Logano 32; R.Smith 33; D.Hamlin 34-43; J.Logano 44-82; K.Harvick 83; A.Dillon 84-85; B.Keselowski 86-99; J.Logano 100; J.Johnson 101-131; J.Logano 132; J.Johnson 133-148; J.Logano 149-150; B.Keselowski 151-154; J.Johnson 155-176; J.Logano 177-200; M.Kenseth 201-209; J.Johnson 210-216; J.Logano 217-223; Ky.Busch 224-261; B.Keselowski 262-267.

owski said. “He put up a heck of a fight. If anyone ever wants to say that your teammates just lay over and give it to you, that’s not how we are at Team Penske. We race each other hard but clean. That was really something to see.”

SPORTS ITEMS

USC Sumter slips past Brunswick CC 12-11

The University of South Carolina Sumter defeated Brunswick Community College 12-11 on Sunday at Riley Park to salvage its 3-game weekend.

The Fire Ants, who evened their record at 8-8, jumped out to a 6-0 lead after two innings before Brunswick scored eight in the third.

After USCS tied the game at 8-8, BCC scored three runs in the sixth. Sumter responded with four in the seventh.

Zach Mosay made that lead stand up, pitching 3 1/3 scoreless innings to get the victory.

Mickey Dugan led the offense, going 4-for-5 with three runs scored and two runs batted in. William Thomas was 3-for-6 with three RBI, Jason Miller had a triple and two RBI, Tee Dubose had two RBI, Dylan Heffner was 3-for-4 and Caleb Morris had an RBI and two runs.

On Saturday in Sumter, Brunswick beat the Fire Ants 10-1. Dugan hit a solo homer for their only run.

Sumter then lost to Monroe Community College 5-3. Dugan also homered in that game, while Dubose was 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

Sumter plays host to Anderson University’s junior varsity team today at 3 p.m. at Riley Park.

USC SUMTER 11

QUEENSBOROUGH CC 1

MYRTLE BEACH -- Heidi Matthews had four hits and drove in two runs to lead the USC Sumter softball team to an 11-1 victory over Queensborough Community College of New York on Saturday.

Emily Hendrix had two hits for the Fire Ants, who finished with 12. Kristan Lowery and Kendal Winge each had two RBI.

Hendrix and Charley Prince combined to throw a 2-hitter in the circle. Hendrix pitched the first three and Prince the final two.

SHARAPOVA SAYS SHE FAILED DRUG TEST

LOS ANGELES — Tennis star Maria Sharapova says she has failed a drug test at the Australian Open.

A five-time major champion

made the announcement at a news conference Monday in Los Angeles.

Sharapova said she tested positive for meldonium, which she has been taking for 10 years for health issues. Meldonium became a banned substance this year.

ILLINOIS HIRES LOVIE SMITH AS HEAD COACH

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The University of Illinois says former NFL coach Lovie Smith will be named the next football coach.

Smith, who was head coach of the Chicago Bears and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, was announced as coach Monday and replaces Bill Cubit. Cubit was fired Saturday after one season in charge at Illinois.

REDSKINS RELEASE QB ROBERT GRIFFIN III

WASHINGTON — The Redskins have released Robert Griffin III, four years after trading a bevy of draft picks to take the Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback with the No. 2 overall choice.

The NFC East champions announced the move Monday. They had made clear it was coming.

The Redskins had until

Wednesday to part ways with Griffin and prevent his 2016 contract for about \$16 million from becoming guaranteed.

SCOTT CAPTURES CADILLAC FOR 2ND STRAIGHT WIN

DORAL, Fla. — Adam Scott has won his second consecutive tournament, making four birdies in his first five holes on the back nine at Doral to help him rally and win the Cadillac Championship by one shot over Bubba Watson.

Scott shot 69 on Sunday on Doral’s Blue Monster and finished the week at 12-under 276, scrambling for a wild par on the 18th to clinch the win. He also won last week at The Honda Classic.

HA NA JANG TAKES LPGA SINGAPORE BY 4 STROKES

SINGAPORE — South Korea’s Ha Na Jang enhanced her growing reputation as one of the hottest players on the LPGA Tour by winning the HSBC Women’s Champions tournament by four strokes on Sunday.

Playing like a seasoned veteran, the 23-year-old South Korean fired six birdies and an eagle in a brilliant final round of 7-under 65 to finish at 19-under.

Staff and wire

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
9 a.m. -- Major League Exhibition Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Los Angeles Angels -- from Tempe, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
Noon -- College Basketball: Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament First-Round Game from Washington -- Florida State vs. Boston College (ESPN2).
2 p.m. -- Women’s College Basketball: Summit League Tournament Championship Game from Sioux Falls, S.D. (ESPN).
2:30 p.m. -- International Soccer: UEFA Championship League Round-of-16 Second Leg Match -- Roma vs. Real Madrid (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:30 p.m. -- International Soccer: UEFA Championship League Round-of-16 Second Leg Match -- KAA Gent vs. Wolfsburg (FOX SPORTS 1).
4 p.m. -- Women’s College Basketball: West Coast Conference Tournament Championship Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).
4 p.m. -- Major League Exhibition Baseball: Cleveland vs. Seattle at Goodyear, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
5:30 p.m. -- College Baseball: Georgia Tech at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. -- Talk Show: Sports Talk (WPUB-FM 102.7, WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. -- College Basketball: Horizon League Tournament Championship Game from Detroit (ESPN).
7 p.m. -- College Basketball: Northeast Conference Tournament Championship Game from Staten Island, N.Y. -- Fairleigh Dickinson vs. Wagner (ESPN2).
7 p.m. -- NHL Hockey: Ottawa at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).
7 p.m. -- College Baseball: Wofford at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
7:30 p.m. -- NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh at New York Islanders (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
7:55 p.m. -- International Soccer: Mexican League Match -- Atlante vs. Merida (UNIVISION).
8 p.m. -- Women’s College Basketball: Big East Conference Tournament Championship Game from Rosemont, Ill. (FOX SPORTS 1).
8:30 p.m. -- College Softball: Samford at Alabama (SEC NETWORK).
9 p.m. -- College Basketball: West Coast Conference Tournament Championship Game from Las Vegas (ESPN).
9 p.m. -- College Basketball: Summit League Tournament Championship Game from Sioux Falls, S.D. (ESPN2).
9 p.m. -- Professional Basketball: NBA Development League Game -- Idaho at Texas (ESPN).
9 p.m. -- Major League Exhibition Baseball: Cincinnati vs. San Francisco from Scottsdale, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
9:55 p.m. -- International Soccer: Mexican League Match -- Leonas Negros vs. FC Juarez (UNIVISION).
10 p.m. -- NBA Basketball: Washington at Portland (NBA TV).
11 p.m. -- Women’s Professional Tennis: BNP Paribas Showdown from New York -- Serena Williams vs. Caroline Wozniacki (ESPN2).
Midnight -- Major League Exhibition Baseball: Tampa Bay vs. Detroit -- Lakeland, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
3 a.m. -- Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Angels vs. Arizona from Scottsdale, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).

NBA STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	41	20	.672	—
Boston	38	26	.594	4½
New York	26	38	.406	16½
Brooklyn	18	45	.286	24
Philadelphia	8	55	.127	34

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	37	26	.587	—
Atlanta	35	28	.556	2
Charlotte	33	28	.541	3
Washington	30	32	.484	6½
Orlando	27	34	.443	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	17	.721	—
Indiana	33	30	.524	12
Chicago	31	30	.508	13
Detroit	32	31	.508	13
Milwaukee	26	37	.413	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	9	.855	—
Memphis	37	25	.597	16
Dallas	33	30	.524	20½
Houston	31	32	.492	22½
New Orleans	23	38	.377	29½

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	43	20	.683	—
Portland	33	31	.516	10½
Utah	29	33	.468	13½
Denver	25	38	.397	18
Minnesota	20	43	.317	23

PACIFIC DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Golden State	55	6	.902	—
L.A. Clippers	40	21	.656	15
Sacramento	25	36	.410	30
Phoenix	17	46	.270	39
L.A. Lakers	13	51	.203	43½

x-clinched playoff spot

SUNDAY’S GAMES
L.A. Lakers 112, Golden State 95
Oklahoma City 104, Milwaukee 96
Phoenix 109, Memphis 100
Denver 116, Dallas 114, OT
Miami 103, Philadelphia 98
Detroit 123, Portland 103
Houston 113, Toronto 107

NHL STANDINGS

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	65	39	22	4	82	183	155
Florida	65	36	21	8	80	177	156
Boston	66	36	23	7	79	202	180
Detroit	65	32	22	11	75	164	172
Ottawa	67	31	29	7	69	193	208
Montreal	66	30	30	6	66	179	185
Buffalo	66	26	31	9	61	156	178
Toronto	64	21	33	10	52	152	190

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	65	48	13	4	100	212	150
N.Y. Rangers	66	38	22	6	82	188	171
N.Y. Islanders	63	36	20	7	79	184	158
Pittsburgh	65	34	23	8	76	179	166
Philadelphia	64	30	23	11	71	163	172
Carolina	66	29	26	11	69	161	178
New Jersey	67	31	29	7	69	148	170
Columbus	66	27	31	8	62	173	205

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	67	41	21	5	87	191	160
Dallas	67	40	20	7	87	215	192
St. Louis	67	38	20	9	85	170	164
Nashville	66	33	21	12	78	181	168
Minnesota	67	31	26	10	72	177	169
Colorado	67	33	30	4	70	180	194
Winnipeg	65	27	33	5	59	169	194

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anaheim	64	37	19	8	82	164	149
Los Angeles	65	38	22	4	80	170	148
San Jose	64	35	23	6	76	193	173
Vancouver	64	25	27	12	62	156	183
Arizona	65	28	31	6	62	174	204
Edmonton	68	26	35	7	59	167	201
Calgary	65	27	34	4	58	177	205

SUNDAY’S GAMES

Dallas 2, Ottawa 1
Pittsburgh 6, New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 6, N.Y. Rangers 4
Chicago 4, Detroit 1
Edmonton 2, Winnipeg 1
St. Louis 4, Minnesota 2

MLB SPRING TRAINING

By The Associated Press

SUNDAY’S GAMES
Boston 8, Baltimore 7
Philadelphia 6, N.Y. Yankees 5
Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 4
Detroit 9, Miami 2
Houston (ss) 11, Pittsburgh 8
Washington 5, St. Louis 2
Houston (ss) 7, Toronto 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Atlanta 5
L.A. Dodgers 5, San Francisco 2
Seattle 7, Texas 3
Colorado 9, Cincinnati 3
Chicago White Sox 8, San Diego (ss) 1
Milwaukee 6, Cleveland 5
Kansas City 6, L.A. Angels 1
Arizona 8, Chicago Cubs 3
Oakland 6, San Diego (ss) 5

MONDAY’S GAMES

Minnesota 3, Baltimore 0
Tampa Bay 3, Boston 2, 10 innings
Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0
St. Louis 9, N.Y. Mets (ss) 4
Houston 1, N.Y. Yankees 0
Washington 7, Miami 4
Toronto 3, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets (ss) 7, Detroit 3
Kansas City (ss) 3, Chicago Cubs (ss) 2
Texas 6, San Francisco 5
San Diego 8, Milwaukee 2
Oakland 6, Kansas City (ss) 4
Cincinnati 8, L.A. Angels (ss) 5
Cleveland 8, L.A. Dodgers 5
Arizona 10, Seattle 8
Colorado 4, Chicago Cubs (ss) 2
Chicago White Sox 9, L.A. Angels (ss) 4

GOLF

By The Associated Press

Cadillac Championship Par Scores Sunday
At Trump National Doral (Blue Monster)
Doral, Fla.
Purse: \$9.5 million
Yardage: 7,543; Par: 72
Final

Adam Scott (550), \$1,620,000	68-66-73-69—276	-12
Bubba Watson (315), \$1,018,000	69-69-71-68—277	-11
Rory McIlroy (170), \$483,000	71-65-68-74—278	-10
Danny Willett, \$483,000	68-69-72-69—278	-10
Phil Mickelson (115), \$342,000	67-72-70-70—279	-9
Jimmy Walker (105), \$280,000	69-72-73-66—280	-8
Paul Casey (95), \$240,000	71-68-75-68—282	-6
Rickie Fowler (86), \$197,500	70-71-71-71—283	-5
Smylie Kaufman (86), \$197,500	71-70-71-71—283	-5
Harris English (78), \$165,000	71-70-71-72—284	-4
Rafa Cabrera Bello, \$145,000	73-71-67-74—285	-3
Jason Dufner (69), \$145,000	68-72-77-68—285	-3
Sergio Garcia (69), \$145,000	73-71-67-74—285	-3
Dustin Johnson (59), \$120,000	72-64-71-79—286	-2
Louis Oosthuizen (59), \$120,000	74-70-69-73—286	-2

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At Sentosa Golf Club (Serapong Course)
Singapore
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Yardage: 6,577; Par: 72
Final

Ha Na Jang, \$225,000	70-66-68-65—269	-19
Pornanong Phatlum, \$142,776	70-67-68-68—273	-15
Amy Yang, \$103,574	71-67-68-71—277	-11
Candie Kung, \$56,047	67-72-70-69—278	-10
Ariya Jutanugarn, \$56,047	73-69-66-70—278	-10

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

UNC trying to take next step at tourney

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Expectations are high for the seventh-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels as the No. 1 seed at the ACC Tournament. That's nothing new for them.

The preseason pick to win the ACC, coach Roy Williams' team beat Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium Saturday to capture the regular-season title. Now it's on to the post-season.

Williams said it is just the "next step" for his oft-criticized group.

"I think it's probably the least appreciated, most criticized championship team I've ever had," Williams said. "Everybody's (like): 'Well, y'all are not tough, you blow this lead, y'all can't guard anybody, y'all can't shoot.' And I agree, but we figured out a way. So you've got to have some toughness there."

It'll take more toughness to get through the deep ACC field this week, trying for the school's first ACC Tournament title since 2008. No. 19 Duke is on the same side of the bracket, and No. 4 Virginia or No. 11 Miami could be waiting in the final.

A year after blowing a lead to Notre Dame in the ACC final, the Tar Heels are determined not to let that happen again.

"We've got to finish it out," sophomore guard Joel Berry II. "That's been a big thing for us, just finishing games. This year we're going to go in with the same mindset that we did last year — going in there and competing. Just this time, we've got to finish it out and

accomplish that goal that we want."

The competition will be tough, starting with an NCAA Tournament team as an opponent in either Syracuse or Pittsburgh. On the other side of the bracket, Miami is Virginia's biggest roadblock.

Virginia has ACC player of the year Malcolm Brogdon and plenty to prove this week.

"We realized how fine of a line it is with this year having lost and struggled in some tough games early in conference season," coach Tony Bennett said. "I think when you are aware of that, the struggles that are out there and how close it is, it makes you understand how on-point you have to be in all those areas that are important to us."

'CAT' UNLEASHED: Anthony "Cat" Barber, who averages a conference-best 23.4 points a game, and N.C. State get the festivities started Tuesday at noon against Wake Forest with the winner to face Duke on Wednesday. "Cat Barber's really good," Wake Forest coach Danny Manning said, offering the understatement of pre-tournament talk.

BUBBLE TROUBLE: The ACC has five NCAA Tournament locks in UNC, Virginia, Duke, Miami and Notre Dame, with Pittsburgh and Syracuse in good standing. The Panthers and Orange — who play Wednesday — have this last opportunity to strengthen their chances, and the likes of Georgia Tech, Florida State and Virginia Tech have to make waves to quality for the field.

ACC TOURNAMENT

At The Verizon Center
Washington

**First Round
Tuesday, March 8**
N.C. State vs. Wake Forest, Noon
Florida State vs. Boston College, 2:30 p.m.

**Second Round
Wednesday, March 9**
Pittsburgh vs. Syracuse, Noon
Duke vs. N.C. State-Wake Forest winner, 2:30 p.m.
Clemson vs. Georgia Tech, 7 p.m.
Virginia Tech vs. Florida State-Boston College winner, 9:30 p.m.

**Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 10**
North Carolina vs. Pittsburgh-Syracuse winner, Noon
Notre Dame vs. Duke_N.C. State-Wake Forest winner, 2:30 p.m.
Virginia vs. Clemson-Georgia Tech winner, 7 p.m.
Miami vs. Virginia Tech_Florida State-Boston College winner, 9:30 p.m.

**Semifinals
Friday, March 11**
North Carolina_Pittsburgh-Syracuse winner vs. Notre Dame_Duke_N.C. State-Wake Forest winner, 7 p.m.
Virginia_Clemson-Georgia Tech winner vs. Miami_Virginia Tech_Florida State-Boston College winner, 9:30 p.m.

**Championship
Saturday, March 12**
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

SEC TOURNAMENT

At Bridgestone Arena
Nashville, Tenn.

**First Round
Wednesday, March 9**
Tennessee vs. Auburn, 8 p.m.

**Second Round
Thursday, March 10**
Florida vs. Arkansas, 1 p.m.
Vanderbilt vs. Tennessee-Auburn winner, 3:30 p.m.
Mississippi vs. Alabama, 7 p.m.
Georgia vs. Mississippi State, 9:30 p.m.

**Quarterfinals
Friday, March 11**
Texas A&M vs. Florida-Arkansas winner, 1 p.m.
LSU vs. Vanderbilt_Tennessee-Auburn winner, 3:30 p.m.
Kentucky vs. Mississippi-Alabama winner, 7 p.m.
South Carolina vs. Georgia-Mississippi State winner, 9:30 p.m.

**Semifinals
Saturday, March 12**
Texas A&M_Florida-Arkansas winner vs. LSU_Vanderbilt_Tennessee-Auburn winner, 1 p.m.
Kentucky_Mississippi-Alabama winner vs. South Carolina_Georgia-Mississippi State winner, 3:30 p.m.

**Championship
Sunday, March 13**
Semifinal winners, 1 p.m.



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Clemson's Jaron Blossomgame was named first-team All-ACC by the league's coaches on Monday.

Clemson's Blossomgame first-team All-ACC pick

The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Clemson's Jaron Blossomgame was named first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference by its 15 head coaches on Monday, while Tiger center Landry Nnoko was selected to the All-ACC Defensive Team.

Blossomgame also shared Most Improved Player honors with Duke's Grayson Allen.

Blossomgame put together one of the best individual seasons in Clemson history in 2015-16. Blossomgame is third in the ACC in overall (18.6 ppg) and ACC-game (20.7) scoring. He also finished the regular season sixth in the ACC in field goal accuracy (51.6 percent), while shooting a career-best 44.9 percent from 3-point distance. Blossomgame scored 373 points in the ACC regular season, third-most in program history.

Blossomgame ranked among the league leaders

with 15 games with at least 20 points, and three games of 30 or more. His top scoring effort was at NC State, where he poured in a career-high 33. He also posted 31 against No. 4 Virginia and 30 against Notre Dame. He also averaged over 20 points per game against top-25 teams, helping the Tigers to four such wins in the month of January.

Nnoko led the ACC in blocks per game (2.4) during the regular season, accumulating a career-high 71 over 30 games.

Virginia's Malcolm Brogdon was selected as the Player of the Year and joined Blossomgame and Allen on the first team along with Brice Johnson of North Carolina and Anthony "Cat" Barber of North Carolina State.

The league's coaches announced their awards on Monday, a day after media members made their selections, and the two groups' selections largely mirrored each other.

USC BASKETBALL

South Carolina negotiating extension with Martin

BY DAVID CLONINGER
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MARTIN

With any contract extension, Martin's buyout would likely increase as well.

Last year, Tanner told The State he was a big fan of Martin, and would like for him to be the Gamecocks' coach for many years. He's been working on the extension for several weeks.

Any contract has to be approved by the USC Board of Trustees.

Martin has been mentioned by some media members this season as a potential candidate for jobs at UNLV and Memphis (which has yet to open, but is likely to). After his first two years at USC were 14-win seasons, Martin improved to 17 last year despite finishing with

a thin roster.

The Gamecocks began with 15 consecutive wins this season, the second-longest winning streak in program history, and set a program record for most regular-season wins (24). USC can tie the program's winningest team (the 1969-70 squad went 25-3) with one more win, had a winning SEC record for just the fourth time in 25 years in the league and won't play on the first day of the SEC Tournament for just the third time since 1998.

While it's not definite, USC is projected to be an NCAA Tournament team. The Gamecocks should make their ninth overall appearance, and first since 2004. Martin's also a heavy candidate for SEC Coach of the Year, which should be announced this week.

REPEAT

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with 26 points, made a driving layup, two free throws and a running one-hander that helped MSU close to 53-43.

But the Gamecocks responded, with Mitchell making a driving left-handed shot and then finding Wilson on the break for a layup.

Staley pulled her starters with 1:37 remaining, allowing them to get a standing ovation.

The celebration started a few minutes later, with blue, yellow and white confetti falling all around. The Gamecocks playfully tossed it at each other before getting a piece of the net one by one.

"I wouldn't necessarily say we were holding back. I think we were being professional," Wilson said. "I felt like we really deserved this win. I think that makes it 10 times better. That's the reason for us to celebrate."

"Throughout the season, wins are great. When you get a huge win like this, especially it being back-to-back, especially for our seniors as well, I feel like you don't have a choice but to enjoy the moment and live in the moment."

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MEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The AP's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote:

	Rcd	Pts	Prv
1. Kansas (63)	27-4	1,623	1
2. Michigan St. (2)	26-5	1,520	2
3. Villanova	27-4	1,480	3
4. Virginia	24-6	1,424	4
5. Xavier	26-4	1,351	5
6. Oklahoma	24-6	1,309	6
7. North Carolina	25-6	1,252	8
8. Oregon	25-6	1,127	9
9. West Virginia	24-7	1,113	10
10. Indiana	25-6	1,038	12
11. Miami	24-6	935	7
12. Utah	24-7	898	13
13. Purdue	24-7	798	15
14. Louisville	23-8	647	11
15. Arizona	24-7	626	18
16. Kentucky	23-8	608	22
17. Texas A&M	24-7	574	20
18. Maryland	24-7	544	14
19. Duke	22-9	512	17
20. Iowa	21-9	407	16
21. Iowa St.	21-10	374	21
22. Baylor	21-10	262	19
23. Texas	20-11	191	23
24. California	22-9	189	25
25. SMU	25-5	88	24

Others receiving votes: Wisc. 62, Dayton 35, St. Mary's 33, Seton Hall 28, Stephen F. Austin 9, Butler 8, Providence 8, Valparaiso 7, Yale 7, Cincinnati 6, St. Bonaventure 6, Gonzaga 5, Akron 4, Temple 4, Notre Dame 3, San Diego St. 3, UAB 2, N. Iowa 1, S. Dakota St. 1, S. Carolina 1, Texas Tech 1, Wichita St. 1.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through March 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Rcd	Pts	Prv
1. UConn (32)	31-0	800	1
2. Notre Dame	31-1	753	2
3. South Carolina	31-1	748	3
4. Baylor	32-1	706	4
5. Maryland	30-3	672	5
6. Oregon St.	28-4	630	8
7. Texas	28-3	614	6
8. Louisville	25-7	557	7
9. Ohio St.	24-7	498	9
10. UCLA	24-8	472	12
11. Arizona St.	25-6	444	10
12. Kentucky	23-7	428	13
13. Stanford	24-7	390	11
14. Syracuse	25-7	386	17
15. Mississippi St.	26-7	370	16
16. Michigan St.	24-8	328	19
17. Florida St.	23-7	303	14
18. DePaul	25-7	270	18
19. Texas A&M	21-9	254	15
20. Miami	24-8	217	21
21. South Florida	23-8	165	20
22. Colorado St.	28-1	119	22
23. West Virginia	24-9	100	22
24. Oklahoma	21-10	70	24
25. Florida	22-8	27	25

Others receiving votes: Florida Gulf Coast 17, George Washington 11, Army 9, BYU 9, James Madison 8, Washington 7, Oklahoma St. 6, UTEP 5, Tennessee 3, Belmont 2, Albany (NY) 1, Princeton 1.

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

UConn wins AAC for 3rd year in a row

UNCASVILLE, Conn. — Breanna Stewart scored 22 points and blocked seven shots as top-ranked UConn beat No. 21 South Florida 77-51 Monday night to win its third straight American Athletic Conference championship.

Freshman Katie Lou Samuelson added 13 points and a season-high seven rebounds for the Huskies (32-0), who extended the third longest streak in team and NCAA women's Division I history to 69 games.

Courtney Williams had 14 of her 16 points in the second half for USF (23-9), which fell for the second consecutive year in the championship game.

The Huskies are 54-0 in the regular season and 9-0 in tournament games against AAC teams since the league was formed, winning all by double digits.

N.C. WILMINGTON 80
HOFSTRA 73, OT

BALTIMORE — NC Wilmington won its first Colonial Athletic Association title in 10 years and earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament, getting 20 points from Craig Ponder in an 80-73 overtime victory over top-seeded Hofstra on Monday night.

The game was tied before a three-point play by Seahawks freshman C.J. Bryce made it 76-73 with 1:20 left in overtime. After a Hofstra misfire, Denzel Ingram drilled a 3-pointer with 35 seconds remaining to clinch the victory.

Chris Flemmings scored 19 for second-seeded UNCW (25-7) and Ingram added 17.

IONA 79
MONMOUTH 76

ALBANY, N.Y. — A.J. English hit a fadeaway jumper with 1:39 left to break a tie and Deyshonee Much followed with a driving layup that he converted into a three-point play, and second-

seeded Iona beat top-seeded Monmouth 79-76 on Monday night to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference tournament title and the NCAA Tournament berth that goes with it.

The Hawks (27-7), who joined the MAAC in 2013, were seeking their first tournament appearance since 2006 when they were members of the Northeast Conference.

GRIZZLIES 106
CAVALIERS 103

CLEVELAND (AP) Tony Allen scored a season-high 26 points and the Memphis Grizzlies, despite playing without four injured starters, stunned the Cleveland Cavaliers 106-103 on Monday night.

Vince Carter made four free throws in the final 13.4 seconds to steal the upset by a Memphis team that had more coaches than players sitting on the bench.

PACERS 99
SPURS 91

INDIANAPOLIS — Monta Ellis scored 26 points and Paul George added 23 to help the Indiana Pacers end the San Antonio Spurs' eight-game winning streak with a 99-91 victory Monday night.

The Pacers led by double digits most of the night and hung on after San Antonio trimmed the deficit to three several times in the final 2 minutes.

HORNETS 108
TIMBERWOLVES 103

CHARLOTTE — Kemba Walker scored 21 of his 34 points in the third quarter and the Charlotte Hornets held off the Minnesota Timberwolves 108-103 on Monday night for their fourth straight win.

Al Jefferson came off the bench to add 20 points, Marvin Williams had 15 and Nicolas Batum 11 for the Hornets.

The Associated Press

MANNING

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March 20, 2012, for the chance to win another title in the twilight of his career and GM John Elway had the blueprints.

Four years later, he hobbles away a champion just like his boss did 17 years ago.

Elway thanked Manning for coming to Colorado for the second chapter of his brilliant career, saying he made his own job easier, noting that with Manning living here, free agents were basically asking Elway "where do I sign?"

Manning went 50-15 in Denver, leading the Broncos to

four AFC West titles, two Super Bowl trips, one championship and in 2013 guided the highest-scoring offense in league history — all after retraining himself to throw after a series of neck fusion surgeries forced him to miss all of the 2011 season and led the Colts to cut him.

Team president Joe Ellis told Manning, "If there is a list of achievements needed to attain greatness you've checked every box. ... We will miss watching you play quarterback. You have been a joy."

Elway was equally emotional when he walked away from the game after winning his second championship in 1999, and on Monday he said, "Hav-

ENDING

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as well.

As Manning dragged his feet on announcing his retirement and there was talk show fodder about where he could possibly go for another year, it left me flabbergasted. What part of the way his final season ended could have been improved upon? None. It was absolutely perfect.

Now, most of his season was not forgettable; it was too ugly to not remember. He was hampered by injuries and was a shell of himself on the field because of it. When he was finally sat down to allow his injuries to heal because he was playing so wretchedly, Brock Osweiler came in and performed well. In fact, it looked like Osweiler would lead Denver into the postseason.

However, that's where the storybook opened up. The Broncos were struggling

against San Diego, trailing at halftime with the No. 1 seed in the American Football Conference on the line. Manning replaces Osweiler and leads Denver to a victory and then to three more wins and a Super Bowl title.

Which is what Manning came to Denver to do three years earlier after missing an entire season with Indianapolis due to injury. He wanted another Super Bowl victory No. 2 to cement his legacy; now he had it, gaining it in a way only seen in a movie script, and he was about to give it all away.

If he announced he was coming back, that might have been more painful than having to watch him perform that final season. By not returning, Manning can now say, "Hey, I was banged up pretty much all of that final season. That's why I struggled the way I did until I got the time off to recover."

If he had come back healthy and struggled like many

AREA ROUNDUP

Generals' Jarvis top male distance runner in LR meet

HOPKINS -- Thomas Sumter Academy's Hunter Jarvis was named the top male distance runner in the Diamond Hornet Invitational after winning the 800- and 1,600-meter runs on Saturday at the Lower Richland High School track.

Jarvis won the 800 in a time of 2 minutes, 1 second. He set a school record in winning the 1,600 in 4:31.

VARSITY BASEBALL

SUMTER 8

AIRPORT 5

LEXINGTON -- Sumter High School defeated Airport 8-5 on Sunday at the River Bluff High field to finish 2-2 in the NaturChem Invitational tournament.

Brandon Spittle was 3-for-4 with a home run and a run batted in to lead the Gamecocks. Jordan Holladay was 2-for-5 with a homer and Ryan Moore was 3-for-3.

Caleb Lawrimore picked up the win in relief, tossing three scoreless innings.

On Saturday at the Lexington High field, Sumter lost to Lexington 8-2. Lawrimore went 3-for-3 with a run, while Dawson Price had a hit and two RBI.

Lawrimore was named to the all-tournament team.

LAURENCE MANNING 4

PINEWOOD PREP 1

SUMMERVILLE -- Buddy Bleasdale tossed a 1-hitter to lead Laurence Manning Academy to a 4-1 victory over Pinewood Prep on Saturday at the PP field.

The only hit Bleasdale allowed was a solo home run in the second inning. He improved to 3-0 on the season for the 5-1 Swampcats.

Morgan Morris and Brent Jordan both had two hits for LMA. Jordan also had two RBI.

B TEAM BASEBALL

LAURENCE MANNING 6

HAMMOND 5

MANNING -- Laurence Manning Academy improved to 3-0 with a 6-5 victory over Hammond on Saturday at Tucker Belangia Diamond.

Mark Lupori had a walk-off double in the bottom of the

seventh inning.

ing been through it, I know it's a hard day for him."

Manning declined to address in detail a recent rehashing of a sexual harassment claim from his days at Tennessee.

"This is a joyous day and nothing could overtake this day. I think it is sad that some people don't understand the truth and the facts. I did not do what has been alleged. And I am not interested in relitigating something that happened when I was 19 years old. Kind of like my dad used to say when I was in trouble, 'I can't say it any plainer than that.' So, this is a joyous day. It's a special day. And like Forrest Gump said, 'That is all I have to say about that.'"

thought he would, he would no longer have that as an out.

He would have been a great quarterback who stuck around a year or two too long, such as Joe Namath and Johnny Unitas. Manning got out not when the getting was good, but when everything was aligned perfectly.

It can be argued that Manning is the greatest regular-season quarterback in NFL history based on his sheer numbers and the five Most Valuable Player awards he won. What he wasn't for the vast majority of his career was a great postseason QB. As precise and almost robotically stupendous as he could be during the first 16 games of a season, he often looked mediocre at best in the playoffs.

Still, he took four teams to Super Bowls and won twice, the final one coming in his final game.

Fortunately for Manning, he was wise enough to know a good script when presented to him.

PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Varsity Baseball
Sumter at Summerville, 7 p.m.
Swansea at Crestwood, 6:30 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Lee Central, 6 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Camden, 6:30 p.m.

B Team Baseball
Laurence Manning at Carolina, 4 p.m.

Varsity Boys Golf
Lee Central at Keenan, 4:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Trinity-Byrnes (at Traces Golf Club), 4 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Hammond, 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer
Hartsville at Sumter, 6 p.m.
Governor's School Science & Math at Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
Pinewood Prep at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
Covenant Classical Christian at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys Soccer
Hartsville at Sumter, 6 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer
Governor's School Science & Math at Crestwood, 6 p.m.

Varsity Softball
Lakewood at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Carolina, 6 p.m.
East Clarendon at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Thomas Sumter, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Softball
Wilson Hall at Carolina, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Varsity Baseball
Gray Collegiate at Lakewood, 7 p.m.
Lee Central at Central Pageland, 6 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Manning, 6:30 p.m.
McBee at Robert E. Lee, 6:30 p.m.

Junior Varsity Baseball
Sumter at Hartsville, 6 p.m.

Gray Collegiate at Lakewood, 4:30 p.m.
Hannah-Pamplico at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.
McBee at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.

B Team Baseball
River Bluff at Sumter, 6:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Orangeburg Prep (DH), 4 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer
Crestwood at Lake City, 7:30 p.m.
Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Lakewood, 7 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 6 p.m.

Junior Varsity Boys Soccer
Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 4:30 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer
Lancaster at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Crestwood at Lake City, 6 p.m.
Orangeburg-Wilkinson at Lakewood, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Softball
C.A. Johnson at Lee Central (DH), 6 p.m.
Johnsonville at East Clarendon, 5:30 p.m.
Calhoun at Robert E. Lee, 6 p.m.

Junior Varsity Softball
Calhoun at Robert E. Lee, 4 p.m.

Varsity Boys Tennis
Ben Lippen at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Varsity Track and Field Sumter in Richland 1 Middle (in Columbia), 5 p.m.
Lee Central at Scott's Branch, 5 p.m.
Laurence Manning, Thomas Sumter at Wilson Hall, 3:45 p.m.

GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL LMA SPLITS

FLORENCE -- Laurence Manning Academy split two games in the Pee Dee Pitch-Off on Saturday at Freedom Florence, beating Marlboro County 11-1 and losing to Nation Ford

5-1. In the win over Marlboro, Olivia Coker was 3-for-3 with three runs scored. Kate Johnson had two hits, a run and an RBI, while Caroline Robinson and Madison Truett both scored twice.

Cakhi Fowler allowed two hits to get the win.

In the loss to Nation Ford, Truett had a hit and scored LMA's only run.

Keeping Sumter Beautiful

By Amanda McNulty,
County Extension Agent

Upliftment through Bending Down

When I typed "upliftment," that red underlining business showed up on my computer letting me know that was not a recognized word in its internal system. But I'm hard headed and looked until I found a definition that supported my idea of what that word means. "Improvement of a person's moral or spiritual condition."

There are several events happening in the next few weeks in Sumter that give us ways to make our community stronger and experience personal upliftment simultaneously. Two involve actual bending over --- litter pickups -- both sponsored by Clemson Extension in Sumter. The first is on March 12, at Pack's Landing (9890 Pack's Landing Road, Pineville, SC, 29125) beginning at 9 am. Our water quality agent, Breann Liebermann, works with Sumter Stormwater Solutions (see them on Facebook) to keep our streams, rivers, and lakes free of contaminants, and this popular place to launch your boat is in need of a spring housecleaning.

Manchester State Forest is another area enjoyed by naturalists of all stripes, but it, too, has been the site of illegal and careless dumping and littering. Each year, the annual clean up at Manchester has citizens of Sumter competing for beautification awards (totaling \$1,000) through civic responsibility. Last year, good-hearted military members, school groups, and civic organizations joined forces and

picked up over seven tons of litter (tires, televisions, bottles and more). This year's event is March 19th, beginning at 8:00 am and ending with a celebratory cookout at noon. (Manchester State Forest, 6740 Headquarters Rd, Wedgefield, SC 29168)

At both cleanups, we'll have water, gloves, litter pickup devices, and that always necessary item -- bug spray! For more information on beautification awards available at the Manchester Cleanup (funds provided by Palmetto Pride, your state anti-litter organization's Keep SC Beautiful division) and to register for each event, please call Clemson Extension in Sumter at (803) 773-5561.

Another event right on the horizon is the second annual Sumter Rotary Club's Farm to Table celebration, taking place at the Sumter Civic Center on March 17, from six to nine in the evening. Some of our finest food purveyors are involved. You only need to bend over and get out your wallet to participate by getting tickets (*The Item* office is one outlet or any Rotarian) ahead of time for \$30, \$40 at the door.

The proceeds supports CART (Alzheimer's research), Clemson Extension in Sumter's 4-H program, United Ministries and the Warm Heart fund at Shaw.

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TIGERS

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dream come true, Eubanks said. "It was definitely awesome," he said with a grin. Andrew Cox had a two-run single in the fourth inning to highlight Clemson's offense. Pinder and Reed Rohlman had RBI hits for the Tigers. "I think we responded well," Cox said after Friday night's loss. "There are a lot of power arms and a lot of tough hitters in that lineup. I think we just stayed the course the whole weekend and never faltered." It was a series featuring the Schmidt brothers, two talented players from Acworth, Georgia, who have charted decidedly different paths — at

least as the Palmetto State rivalry goes — with their college choices. Clarke Schmidt gained the headlines on Friday night with his brother playfully chiding him afterward to watch out for his start on Saturday. Clate Schmidt, who recovered from nodular sclerosis, a form of Hodgkin's lymphoma, last summer, lived up to his words in Saturday's win as he finished with just one hit allowed while working into the sixth inning. Eubanks picked up on Sunday where Clemson's pitchers left off, giving a satisfying early season validation of the Tigers direction for first-year coach Monte Lee. "Clemson and South Carolina is the MLB, the NBA, the

NFL for the people of South Carolina," said Lee, who grew up about an hour from South Carolina's campus in Lugoff. "It's so special to me to be a part of this rivalry and to win the series." Lee's counterpart in South Carolina, coach Chad Holbrook, has some questions about his club, which entered the series averaging nearly nine runs a game but managed only nine runs total against the Tigers. The Gamecocks were 2 for 16 with runners on base and 0 for 7 with runners in scoring position. "We didn't make many adjustments on our end and you combine those things and you get a result like happened the last 18 innings," Holbrook said.



THE GREENVILLE NEWS/BART BOATWRIGHT

New Clemson baseball head coach Monte Lee guided the Tigers to two victories in their 3-game series against archrival South Carolina over the weekend. The Tigers won 4-1 on Sunday in Clemson.

OBITUARIES

LOUIE ELMER ARDIS

PAXVILLE — Louie Elmer Ardis, 81, husband of Carrie Lee Scott Ardis, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Clarendon Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his family. Born on Oct. 8, 1934, in Pine-wood, he was a son of the late Henry Cornelius and Eva Ardis Ardis. He was a retired technical sergeant with the U.S. Air Force and he was a member of Pine-wood Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Paxville; two sons, Barry Wendell Ardis and Byron Alan Ardis, both of Paxville; two daughters, Gretchen Ann Ardis Davis (Norman) and Laura Leigh Ardis Griffin (Eric), both of Sumter; six grandchildren, Amanda Lovell Lecheler, Tammie Leigh Davis, Richard Alan "Ricky" Ardis, Brittany Marie Ardis Waynick, Kelsey Lynn Ardis and Hayden Brooks Griffin; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Willis Ardis (Barbara) of Sumter; a sister-in-law, Betty Ardis of Sumter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Annie Laurie Tobias; and six brothers, Leslie Ardis, Marion "Mack" Ardis, Russell Ardis, William "Bill" Ardis, Wilbur Ardis and Melvin Ardis.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. today in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Jimmy Johnson and the Rev. Dr. Eugene Mosier officiating. Burial will follow in Paxville Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Wade McLeod, Eddie Scott, Wallace "Bubba" Hennies, Mike Ardis, Stan Ardis and Wendell Ardis.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service from 2 to 3 p.m. at Stephens Funeral Home and at other times at the home, 10263 Scott Ave., U.S. 15 South, Paxville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pinewood Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Pinewood, SC 29125 or to Paxville Baptist Church, 10278 Lewis Road, Manning, SC 29102.

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

THOMAS SHEROD

COLUMBIA — Thomas "Tommie" Sherod, 68, husband of Almata Vance-Sherod, died on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

Funeral services will be held at 9:30 a.m. today at Hayes F. & LaNelle J. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning, with Minister Leroy Greene officiating. Burial will follow at noon at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, Columbia.

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

JUANITA ARDIS

Juanita Ardis, age 73, died on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Sumter Health and Rehab Center.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be

announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



SADIE N. SINGLETON

LYNCHBURG — Funeral service for Sadie Nelson Singleton will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at St. John United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Chandler Cemetery, directed by Bacote-Eaddy Funeral Home of Timmons-ville.

She died on Saturday, March 5, 2016. She was born in Sumter County, a daughter of the late Marvin and Hettie Anderson Nelson. She attended the public schools of Sumter County. In her youth, she became a member of St. John United Methodist Church and remained a faithful member.

She was preceded in death by three children, Carrie, Loretta and Herbert.

Survivors include: children, Charles A. Lowery of Baltimore, Maryland, Loraine M. (Harry) White of Lynchburg and Marvin Monroe of Huntsville, Alabama; a niece she reared, Luetricia (Roy) Kennedy; a special grandniece, Valerie Kennedy; two brothers, Manson Nelson of Baltimore and Willard Nelson of Lynchburg; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family is receiving friends at 10245 Nero Circle, Lynchburg.

EMILY JACKSON

Emily Nettles Kolb Jackson, 90, widow of William Eugene Jackson Sr., passed away peacefully on March 4, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on June 10, 1925, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Lucille Nettles Kolb and Weston Lamar Kolb. Upon graduation from Edmunds High School, she attained a business degree and received extensive training in property assessment and governmental accounting. As a pioneer for women, Emily served as the Sumter County Auditor for many years. Because of the extraordinary grace and efficiency with which she conducted her professional duties for the people of her native county, she was highly regarded.

Community service was a cornerstone of Emily's well-lived life. The Forum and the Sumter Pilot Club benefitted from her remarkable financial and time management talents.

Emily demonstrated an abiding commitment to Bethel Baptist Church by serving as president of the Esther Sunday School Class, board of trustees, and church hostess. She continued the rich church heritage of her Nettles ancestors, who donated the property for the building complex and cemetery.

Her family treasures the exquisite afghans that she crocheted. Additionally, she possessed a natural gift for cultivating beautiful flower gardens, which were greatly admired by family and friends.

Emily is survived by three children, William E. Jackson Jr. (Jean) of Columbia, Gayle J. Mason (Hugh) of Greenville and Rose Emily Jackson of Sumter. Other survivors are two grandchildren, Kara J. Meetze (Christopher) of Lex-

ington and Mark H. Mason of New York; three great-grandchildren, Taylor M. Martin, Mason A. Martin and Clare Ann Mason; two sisters, Jeanette K. Lowder and Cecelia K. Jackson; a beloved cousin, Larry Nettles; and a special friend, Dianna Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Gwendolyn K. Strange.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home chapel with the Rev. Larry Fraser officiating. A private burial at Bethel Baptist Church cemetery will follow.

Pallbearers will be Larry Nettles, Herbie Buckner, Frank O. Strange Jr., William S. Jackson III, M. Rocky Behlke III and Aaron Bradford.

Deacons of Bethel Baptist Church will be honorary pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154 or a charity of one's choice.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium, 515 Miller Road, Sumter, SC 29150 is in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAM W. DOBY JR.

William "Billy" Woodrow Doby Jr., 68, husband of Janet Jones Doby, died on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at his home.

Born in Sumter, he was a son of the late William Woodrow Sr. and Claire Rogerson Doby. Mr. Doby was a member of Harmony Church. He was devoted to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed his time and fellowship with members of his Romeo Breakfast Clubs as well as flounder fishing and NASCAR racing. He was a retired civil engineer with the South Carolina Department of Transportation and was the owner and operator of Doby's Welding Co. He also took pride in his work building wrought iron gates and hand rails around the state. Surviving are his wife of the home; two daughters, Vickie McKenzie (Clarke) of Andrews and Crystal Doby Dinkins (Nat) of Sumter; a brother, John Michael Doby (Tambri) of Fort Mill; a sister, Mary Carolyn Doby (Sam) of Pineville; three grandchildren, Weston Clarke McKenzie, Claire Vivian McK-

enzie and Blakely Elizabeth Dinkins and another grandchild expected, Caroline Doby Dinkins; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee Brown officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park cemetery.

Honorary pallbearer will be Tommy Barron and members of his Romeo Breakfast Clubs.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. today at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Harmony Church, P.O. Box 1878, Sumter, SC 29151.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com

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



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BETTY S. LOWERY

Betty Singletary Lowery, 86, widow of Samuel Lowery, died on Monday, March 7, 2016, at her home.

Born on Sept. 30, 1929, in Florence County, she was a daughter of the late Dorsey and Cheary Smith Singletary.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of her daughter, Cassandra Runa Lowery Thompson, 539 Carrol Drive.

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

WAYNE W. MARQUARDT

Wayne William Marquardt, age 57, died on Saturday, March 5, 2016, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Arrangements are incomplete at this time and will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



JOE DEAL DRIGGERS

Joe Deal Driggers, 86, husband of Eloise Dennis Drig-

gers, died on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at his home.

Born in Clarendon County, he was a son of the late Sire and Vendell Olive Branch Miles Driggers. Mr. Driggers was a retired self-employed mechanic. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Surviving are his wife of the home; a daughters, Joanne Crowson (Bruz) of Sumter; a brother, the Rev. Elro Driggers (Nancy) of Scranton; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and two daughters-in-law, Dorothy Driggers and Kathy Driggers.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Randall Driggers and Kenneth Driggers; and numerous brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday in the chapel of Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home with the Rev. James McElveen officiating. Burial will be in Fort Jackson National Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home and other times at the home, 203 Myrtle Beach Highway.

Memorials may be made to Promise Land Ministries Building Fund, 1830 Myrtle Beach Highway, Sumter, SC 29153.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com.

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



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CALETHA H. MCELVEEN

OLANTA — Caletha Hickson McElveen, 66, wife of Charles McEveen, died on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

She was born on Nov. 26, 1949, in Clarendon County, a daughter of Francis Williams Hickson and Isadore Hickson.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 13020 Truluck Road, Olanta.

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Summons & Notice

SUMMONS Deficiency Judgment Waived

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS DOCKET NO. 15-CP-43-02451 (013263-07573)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

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TO THE DEFENDANT(S): Emma Lou Thomas, as Trustee for Raymond Leon Jackson under the Will of Leon Jackson and any Heirs-at-Law or Devises of Leon Jackson, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend by answering the Complaint in this foreclosure action on property located at 971 Industrial Boulevard, Sumter, South Carolina 29150-6703, being designated in the County tax records as TMS# 250-14-01-001, of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer on the subscribers at their offices, 220 Executive Center Drive, Suite 109, Post Office Box 100200, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202-3200, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days to answer after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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LIS PENDENS Deficiency Judgment Waived

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT an action has been or will be commenced in this Court upon complaint of the above-named Plaintiff against the above-named Defendant(s) for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage of real estate given by Leon Jackson and Maybelle Jackson to Wachovia Bank, National Association dated March 24, 2008, and recorded in the Office of the RMC/ROD for Sumter County on March 28, 2008, in Mortgage Book 1103 at Page 250, Wells Fargo Bank, NA is successor by merger to Wachovia Bank, National Association. The premises covered and affected by the said mortgage and by the foreclosure thereof were, at the time of the making thereof and at the time of the filing of this notice, described as follows:

Summons & Notice

All and singular that certain tract of land in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 1 on a plat made by Joseph Palmer, C.E. dated December 29, 1943 and bounded as follows: on the North by lands now or formerly owned by Eloise Webster and measuring thereon 151.25 feet; on the East by Lot No. 7 and measuring thereon 41 feet; on the South by Lot No.2 and measuring thereon 150 feet; and on the West by a narrow street separating property from Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and measuring thereon 61 feet.

ALSO: All that piece, parcel or lot of land situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 2 on a plat of 27 lots approximately one mile South of The City of Sumter on a plat of Joseph Palmer, CE dated December 29, 1943 and of record in the Office of the RMC for Sumter County in Plat Book Z-7 at page 53. Said lot being more fully described as delineated as follows: on the North by Lot No. 1 as shown on said plat and measuring thereon 150 feet; on the East by Lot No. 7 as shown on said plat and measuring thereon 50 feet; on the South by Lot No. 3 as shown on said plat and measuring thereon 150 feet; and on the West by an unnamed street as shown on said plat and measuring thereon 50 feet. Be all of said measurements a little more or a little less. This being the same property conveyed to Leon Jackson and Maebelle Jackson by deed of Hattie Galloway dated September 5, 1967 and recorded on September 7, 1967 in Book N9 at Page 390 in the Office of the Sumter County Clerk of Court and the same property conveyed to Leon Jackson and Maybell Jackson by deed of Lucie Anne C. Eldridge dated September 7, 1967 and recorded on September 7, 1967 in Book N9 at Page 389 in the Office of the Sumter County Clerk of Court. Subsequently, Maybell Jackson a/k/a Maebelle Jackson a/k/a Maebelle J. Jackson died testate on or about July 17, 2012, leaving her interest in the subject property to her heir and/or devisee, namely Leon Jackson. Subsequently, Leon Jackson died on June 17, 2015, leaving the subject property to his heirs and/or devisees, namely, Raymond Leon Jackson, Emma Lou Thomas, as Trustee for Raymond Leon Jackson under the Will of Leon Jackson, and Brenda Young, as is more fully preserved in the Probate records for Sumter County in Case No. 2015-ES-41-439.

Property Address: 971 Industrial Blvd Sumter, SC 29150-6703 TMS# 250-14-01-001

NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS: Emma Lou Thomas, as Trustee for Raymond Leon Jackson under the Will of Leon Jackson and any Heirs-at-Law or Devises of Leon Jackson, Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Summons and Complaint, of which the foregoing is a copy of the Summons, were filed with the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on November 4, 2015. Columbia, South Carolina January 11, 2016

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be considered for any available Foreclosure Intervention, you may communicate with and otherwise deal with the Plaintiff through its law firm, Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC. Rogers Townsend and Thomas, PC represents the Plaintiff in this action. Our law firm does not represent you. Under our ethical rules, we are prohibited from giving you any legal advice. You must submit any requests for Foreclosure Intervention consideration within 30 days from the date you are served with this Notice.

IF YOU FAIL, REFUSE, OR VOLUNTARILY ELECT NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE INTERVENTION, THE FORECLOSURE ACTION MAY PROCEED.

ORDER APPOINTING GUARDIAN AD LITEM NISI Deficiency Judgment Waived

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, upon reading the Motion for the appointment of Anne Bell Fant as Guardian Ad Litem Nisi for any unknown minors and persons who may be under a disability, it is ORDERED that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRPC, Anne Bell Fant, be and hereby is appointed Guardian Ad Litem Nisi on behalf of all unknown minors and all unknown persons under a disability, all of whom may have or may claim to have some interest in or claim to the real property commonly known as 971 Industrial Boulevard, Sumter, South Carolina 29150-6703; that Anne Bell Fant is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent said Defendant(s), unless the said Defendant(s), or someone on their behalf, shall within thirty (30) days after service of a copy hereof as directed, procure the appointment of a Guardian or Guardians Ad Litem for the said Defendant(s), and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall forthwith be served upon the said Defendant(s) Emma Lou Thomas, as Trustee for Raymond Leon Jackson under the Will of Leon Jackson and any Heirs-at-Law or Devises of Leon Jackson. Deceased, their heirs, Personal Representatives, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them; all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real estate described herein; also any persons who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and any unknown minors or persons under a disability being a class designated as Richard Roe by publication thereof in the The Item, a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks, together with the Summons in the above

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Personal Representative
Yvonne Boyce
3201 Eddy Road
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Estate: Shirley Ray Lowery Ratcliff #2016ES4300137
Personal Representative
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Estate: Minnie B. House #2016ES4300111
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Personal Representative
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Personal Representative
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Estate: Willie James Kelley, Sr. #2016ES4300118
Personal Representative
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Personal Representative
Farrell E. Jones
80 Lucky Court
Sumter, SC 29154

Estate: Pearl McInnis Nesbitt Turner #2016ES4300103
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Estate: Isobel S. Stewart #2016ES4300124
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Estate: Samuel Howard Boykin #2016ES4300116
Personal Representative
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Estate: Minerva Beyda Seruya #2016ES4300133
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Estate: Lawrence McKnight #2016ES4300127
Personal Representative
Glenda McKnight
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Estate: Essie Mae Brunson #2016ES4300123
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Estate: Florence Ogburn Reding #2016ES4300105
Personal Representative
Julia Hinkle
55 Wilder Trail
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

Estate: Ernest Wayne Ledbetter, Sr. #2016ES4300119
Personal Representative
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