

# 3 caught in multi-state burglary ring

## Cash, masks, stolen goods seized

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Three South Carolina men were arrested on Interstate 95 in Sumter County in what is

being described as a multi-state burglary ring when thousands of dollars in cash, stolen items and burglarizing accessories were found in the suspects' car.

Robert Lee Fogle, Darryl Antonio Burden and Thyron Triamine Burden face charges of possession of burglary tools after they were pulled over about 8 a.m. Tuesday for speeding, according to Ken Bell, public information officer for Sumter County Sher-

iff's Office.

A Community Action Team member patrolling the interstate saw the 2017 Chevrolet Suburban with a Florida license plate suddenly slam on the brakes to prevent rear-ending a slower vehicle but continue to tailgate the vehi-

cle less than 10 feet away, Bell said.

The driver, 60-year-old Fogle, who is from North Charleston, reportedly admitted to having a suspended driver's license.

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# 1 FLOOD AND 2 YEARS later, dam under repair



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A man fishes in the low water of Second Mill Pond recently. After two years of working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and contractors for the project, repair work on the dam started in late January. It was damaged after the flood in 2015.

## New custom-built spillway gates will be installed; new species could come to area

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Work to repair the dam at Second Mill Pond that was damaged during the 1,000-year flood in 2015 is underway after more than two years of coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and contractors.

Repair work started in late January, but there is not a good time frame for when the work will be completed, said Gary Mixon, Sumter County administrator.

It could take a month to get new automatic spillway gates because they have to be custom built, he said. Sumter County Council approved an ordinance to amend the county's 2017-18 budget to add the purchase of the \$281,000 automatic spillway gates on Feb. 13.

Crews have completed the cleaning

portion of the project, Mixon said, and are staging the property to better control the flow of water.

Flowable concrete, or fill, was poured onto the bottom of the spillway that runs under the bridge on Liberty Street, and large rocks are being placed to help direct the flow of the water, he said. Crews are also clearing trees, he said, and some grading work will also be done.

While the water levels are expected to return to normal, it may take a while for the environment to do the same.

"There are certainly some winners and losers," said Josh Castleberry, Central Carolina Technical College Environmental and Natural Resources Department chairman.

Many of the larger fish and alligators have moved further back into the floodplain since the water has been drained while the smaller species of wildlife most likely stayed closer to the dam area, he said.

When the water level rises, he said,

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The dam at Second Mill Pond is being repaired after a devastating flood hit the area in 2015, causing damage to the structure.

# 8 students charged in Lakewood High fight

## Videos give deputies multiple perspectives

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Eight Lakewood High School students have been charged with disturbing schools for allegedly taking part in a "large group fight" in the student parking lot last week.

The fight, which started about 2 p.m. at the school on Old Manning Road, was recorded by witnesses' cellphones, and multiple statements were given to law enforcement, according to a Sumter County Sheriff's Office incident report.

The sheriff's office has copies of the group fight and the events that took place prior.

Those charged are: Tylin Benenhaley, 17, of Bruce Circle; Johnvantee A. Bender, 17, of Southernhill Drive; Tyrek D. Brown, 18, of Hickory Road; Terrence L. Epps, 19, of Cane Savannah Road in Wedgefield; Jalin O. Harvin-Thomas, 17, of Sedon Drive; Caleb Garrett McCloud, 18, of Bamburgh Way; Kristopher R. Twigg, 17, of Arthur Gayle Road in Wedgefield; and Alex D. Zaragoza, 17, of Sylvan Way.

According to the report, two of the students got into a one-on-one fight and fought until other students separated them. Another video shows the students arguing about one of the students "sneaking" someone — punching a person when he doesn't expect it, according to the report.

A third video shows a male

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## BY THE NUMBERS

2015

Dam damaged in 1,000-year flood

January 2018

Crews begin repair work

Feb. 13, 2018

Sumter County Council approves purchase of automatic spillway gates

\$281,000

Cost of automatic spillway gates

1 month

Estimated time to custom build the gates



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## New S.C. driver's licenses now available

Will be required to have for flights, federal identification

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South Carolina residents can now get new driver's licenses and identification cards they will eventually need to meet federal ID requirements for boarding a commercial plane or visiting a military base.

Gov. Henry McMaster and South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles Executive Director Col. Kevin Shwedo announced this week the new cards are available for purchase at all state Department of Motor Vehicle branches.

"We are grateful for Col. Shwedo's team at DMV that has done a tremendous job of quickly and diligently getting our new licenses and identification

cards ready for distribution," McMaster said.

While the state now produces REAL ID cards, residents still have plenty of time to change current driver's licenses and identification cards to this federally approved card. South Carolina is under an extension for the implementation of the cards through Oct. 10, 2018, but since they are now available to the public, the state anticipates being "fully compliant" with the federal law in the "immediate future."

Once the state is certified compliant, residents can continue to use their current, unexpired license or ID to board domestic, commercial flights, enter secure federal facilities or visit military installations through Sept. 30, 2020.

"After months of testing, we're incredibly pleased with the product South Carolinians will now hold to prove their identity," Shwedo said. "This is the state's most secure card to date."

Residents who brought all required REAL ID documents to a DMV branch or know all the required documents are on file already with the agency can order a REAL ID from their home by visiting [www.scdmvonline.com](http://www.scdmvonline.com).

Follow a series of questions to see if you are eligible for online ordering. If so, you may purchase your REAL ID for \$25. The SCDMV will use your current ID photo and mail a new license to the address on file. You must destroy your old card when you receive the new one — it will immediately become invalid.

The SCDMV now produces two kinds of licenses: REAL IDs that display a gold star in the top right corner and standard, non-compliant cards that say "not for federal identification." There is no charge or difference in price for the cards.

To board a domestic, commercial flight, enter a secure federal building or

visit a military installation on or after Oct. 1, 2020, you must carry the REAL ID card with the gold star or another federally approved identification such as a valid U.S. passport or military ID.

To be eligible to purchase a REAL ID, you must already have on file or bring:

- Proof of identity (government-issued birth certificate or valid U.S. passport);
- Proof of Social Security number;
- Two proofs of current physical South Carolina address; and
- Proof of any and all legal name changes.

"Remember, you do not have to rush to the SCDMV to change your card," states a news release. "Unless your driver's license or ID is expiring, there's almost no reason to wait in line to change your card right now. You're encouraged to remember that cards are different, but you should not burden yourself with an immediate visit."

## Trapp Construction and Remodeling inducted into Chamber



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Trapp Construction and Remodeling is inducted into the Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce during a ceremonial ribbon cutting at the Chamber's office in Sumter on Tuesday. The business is transitioning into a new office at 7 1/2 Main St. above J. O'Grady's.

## LOCAL BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Sumter woman dies in wreck on U.S. 521

A 34-year-old Sumter woman died as a result of injuries sustained during a two-vehicle wreck on U.S. 521 North at Kelsam Road about 9:45 a.m. on Thursday.

Cylest Gourley was pronounced dead on scene, according to a Sumter County Coroner's Office report.

Next of kin have been notified, and an autopsy is scheduled for today in Newberry.

South Carolina Highway Patrol is investigating the incident.

## Boyles Pond Special Tax District closer to final approval

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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Sumter County Council approved second reading of an ordinance to create the Boyles Pond Special Tax District so the homeowners in the area can collect funds to repair the dam and regain their waterfront-property title.

The dam was damaged during the 1,000-year flood in 2015.

A change was added to the ordinance that states payment for the special tax district will be collected each month instead of annually.

The minimal annual assessment for each of the 22 parcels in the district is \$1,427.52. Property owners will have the option to pay their assessments in a lump sum.

Sumter County's role is only to collect the tax money each month and deliver

the funds to the Boyles Pond Home Owners Association which will use the money to repair and maintain the dam.

No one spoke in favor nor against the ordinance during a public hearing on Tuesday.

In other news, council approved:

- Third and final reading of an ordinance to amend the county zoning and development standards to better define the dimensions of real estate, contrac-

tor, subdivision, and commercial project signs; and

- A motion — made during the Sumter County Fiscal, Tax and Property Committee meeting held prior to council's regular meeting — to apply for a \$1 million loan from Santee Cooper for the construction of an economic development speculative building in the county.

Ordinances are passed after three approvals and a public hearing.

## Celebrate comic books, fantasy and science fiction Saturday in Camden

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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Cosplayers will converge on Camden this weekend for a Comic Con festival that passersby won't have to croon their necks to see.

Camden Comic Con will be held at Camden Shrine Club, 1381 Kershaw Highway, on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Comic Con is a festival that celebrates comic books and fantasy and science-fiction movies and TV shows, and attendees often dress up as their favorite characters — the

"cos" in cosplay comes from costume — to go to cast and director panels.

"It allows them to experience that with like-minded people. They can talk about it. They can talk about gaming," said John Stamey, organizer of the event. "GameStop is bringing their Playstation VR [virtual reality] guru for about six to seven hours. We're going to have a good time."

Stamey said he puts on Comic Con festivals throughout the Carolinas and Tennessee and chose Camden because "it's a beautiful town."

He started in the industry because he used to make caricatures in Myrtle Beach, but that business does not bode well in winter and early spring. So he started running Comic Con festivals four years ago. This year, he said, he is organizing a dozen.

"I'd like for people to enjoy it," he said.

The event is family friendly, and there will be about 45 vendors, a cosplay contest, tabletop gaming, caricature artists, balloon twisting, kids' activities, a "Game of Thrones" roundtable, seminars and panels.

Stamey said a notable guest will be the Eastern Exotics Wildlife Foundation, a group that brings a traveling exotic zoo with snakes and other rescue reptiles.

"If you want, Julius the snake will wrap around you. They're very friendly," he said.

Tickets are \$10 at the door, with children 12 and under getting in free.

"I do want it to grow. There's like a tour of Comic Cons throughout the Carolinas, and this should be a nice stop," Stamey said. "I have people coming in from as far away as Charlotte and Charleston."

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Dalton Police Department Assistant Chief Cliff Cason speaks during a news conference at the Dalton Convention Center on Wednesday in Dalton, Georgia. Students from Dalton High School were evacuated to the center after social studies teacher Randal Davidson allegedly barricaded himself in a classroom and fired a handgun.

## Alleged gunshot by Ga. educator ignites debate on arming teachers

ATLANTA (AP) — Police say they don't know why a popular teacher allegedly fired a handgun inside his classroom, causing a chaotic lockdown and evacuation of his Georgia high school. But it immediately pierced the national debate over whether educators should be armed.

As officers arrested Dalton High School social studies teacher Jesse Randal Davidson, his students spoke their minds on social media.



DAVIDSON

"My favorite teacher at Dalton high school just blockaded his door and proceeded to shoot. We had to run out the back of the school in the rain. Students were being trampled and screaming. I dare you to tell me arming teachers will make us safe," student Chondi Chastain wrote in a tweet quickly shared thousands of times.

Davidson, 53, is accused of barricading himself inside a classroom and firing a handgun, sending students running outside or hunkering down inside darkened classrooms and a gymnasium locker room. He was taken into custody without incident after a 30- to 45-minute standoff with officers, and his motivations remained a mystery, Dalton Police spokesman Bruce Frazier said.

Dalton student Nathangel Lopez was hunkered down with classmates and teachers in a gym locker room, tweeting a photo of teens sitting on benches and calling for more gun control.

"This shouldn't happen to us," he wrote. "I hope a lawmaker somewhere will do something."

When he found out that a teacher was involved, he shifted his stance on arming educators.

"At first, I was thinking that that might have been a good idea. I am now totally against it," he said.

Davidson himself had commented that arming teachers was a bad idea, Chastain told The Associated Press after sending her tweet.

"I feel like there just shouldn't be guns at school at all," she said. "It's our basic student right to feel safe at school, and if (teachers were armed), I wouldn't feel safe."

Police noted that Davidson didn't appear to want to hurt the students or faculty. He fired the gun at an exterior window when the principal tried to enter the classroom.

"I don't know whether he was just firing the gun off to let people know to back off or what," Frazier said.

Twice in recent years, Dalton police say they encountered the teacher exhibiting odd behavior.

Davidson had walked into the police department telling a rambling story about thinking a murder had occurred, but officers weren't able to verify if anything he said was true. They wrote in a 2016 report that after their interview, Davidson was taken to a hospital "based on him thinking about hurting himself."

Then, last year, officers found Davidson during a school day, sitting on the curb of a street, conscious but unresponsive and being held up by two school staff members. He was again taken to a hospital.

Wednesday's gunfire happened during Davidson's planning period. Students alerted the principal after they couldn't get in.

"I didn't get the door open very far, but he slammed the door and hollered 'Go away, don't come in here.' He had some nonsensical noises that were made as well," Principal Steve Bartoo said.

Bartoo returned a short time later and put his key in the door "and again he slammed the door before I could open it, and he said, 'Don't come in here, I have a gun.'"

That's when Davidson fired and the school was placed on lockdown, authorities said.

## Trump to impose tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum

BY KEN THOMAS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Determined to protect vital American industries, President Donald Trump declared Thursday that he will impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, dramatically raising the possibility of a trade showdown with China and other key trading partners.

Trump summoned steel and aluminum executives to the White House and told them that next week he would levy penalties of 25 percent on steel and 10 percent on aluminum imports. Those tariffs, he said, will remain for "a long period of time." But it was not immediately clear if the tariffs would exempt certain trading partners.

"What's been allowed to go on for decades is disgraceful. It's disgraceful," Trump told them in the Cabinet Room. "You will have protection for the first time in a long while, and you're going to regrow your industries."

Increased foreign production, especially by China, has driven down prices and hurt U.S. producers, creating a situation the Commerce Department calls a national security threat.

Any action to impose tariffs is likely to escalate simmering tensions with China and other U.S. trading partners. Critics of such a move fear that other countries will retaliate or use national security as a pretext to impose trade penalties of their own. They also argue that sanctions on imports will drive up prices and hurt U.S. automakers and other companies that use steel or aluminum.

Plans for Trump to make an announcement were thrown into doubt earlier because of internal wrangling over the decision. Some White House officials, including chief of staff John Kelly, were not fully briefed on the Commerce Department's plans, according to a senior administration official familiar with the process. This official was not authorized to discuss the internal deliberations publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The possibility of an announcement, on an issue over-

seen by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, caught some top White House officials off guard and left several aides scrambling for details.

Key Senate offices also did not receive notice that Trump was expected to announce a decision before April deadlines.

The confusion spread to Wall Street. Shares of U.S. Steel, AK Steel Holding Corp. and Century Aluminum Co. dropped mid-morning on news the announcement had been delayed, then rebounded two hours later after Trump said the tariffs were coming next week.

Trump met more than a dozen executives, including representatives from U.S. Steel Corp., Arcelor Mittal, Nucor, JW Aluminum and Century Aluminum. The industry leaders urged Trump to act, saying they had been unfairly hurt by a glut of imports and foreign countries circumventing trade rules.

"We are not protectionist. We want a level playing field," said Dave Burritt, president and chief executive officer at U.S. Steel. "It's for our employees, to support our customers, and when we get this right it will be great for the United States of America. We have to get this done."

But the announcement was received warily in Congress, with lawmakers raising concern it could launch a trade war that could hurt other industries.

"Every time you do this, you get a retaliation, and agriculture is the No. 1 target," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "I think this is terribly counterproductive for the ag economy."

Said Republican Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah: "I just don't think that's the way to go."

Trump tweeted earlier Thursday that many U.S. industries, including steel and aluminum, "have been decimated by decades of unfair trade and bad policy with countries from around the world. We must not let our country, companies and workers be taken advantage of any longer. We want free, fair and SMART TRADE!"

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# Excuse me, could you help me find a church?

I know a couple who is searching for a church to attend. I thought I might use this column to help them out.

She is looking for a church with traditional values — an established congregation with a welcoming spirit. He would like a church with a penchant for progress. A marriage of the two styles would be ideal, but if none can be found, they are willing to settle for a church with a praise band.

The music should be quasi-contemporary while still retaining the theological structure of the hymns of old. Theatrical lighting is a must, but the fog machine is optional. They would like individual chairs in the sanctuary, not pews.

This church needs to preach only the interesting parts of the Word with conviction, give practical application for the message therein and, please, keep the Sunday sermons under half an hour.

The nursery should be completely

encased in a fire-retardant coating and have the latest in cognitive learning toys and equipment. Each room in the department should be outfitted with a video system that can be accessed through the church's smartphone app. Also, the couple doesn't want to volunteer for the nursery, but they want to use it.



**Faith Matters**

JAMIE H. WILSON

Their Sunday school class or small group should be filled with other like-minded and same-aged couples who do not care that they flake on attendance about 50 percent of the time (one other caveat: they don't want to be pressured into attending, but she doesn't want to be ignored if she misses a couple of Sundays).

Every sermon should hold some rel-

evance for her husband, otherwise, they will leave. The sermons should have a proportioned mixture of humor and insight. The pastoral staff should be jovial and not in any way intrusive into their personal lives. A minister should visit them only at hospital stays and family funerals. During this time, the couple asks that said minister offer words of comfort that completely sate any hunger for peace.

They are willing to give to the church, albeit intermittently.

The church calendar should be brimming with activities that minister directly to their family. They are willing to volunteer, but only if it fits in with their schedule and if he doesn't have to pray out loud. She'll help with vacation Bible school only if she doesn't have to lead a group and, oh, she'll miss on Wednesday because she has a thing.

The people should be friendly but not too friendly. The group should be a homogenous blend of geniality and

compliance — no one who will challenge them to deepen their faith. Also, it would be great if members of the church were law-abiding citizens who rarely make mistakes and all of whom have a servant's heart.

If you know of any church that fits the bill, let me know. In the meantime, the couple will be waiting, daily missing out on the opportunity to see God work through imperfect people, organizations and situations. They'll never develop the grace that comes from dealing with difficult people in a church (1 Peter 4:10). They'll forfeit serving one another in love (Gal. 5:1). They'll miss the blessing that is a life lived among other believers (1 Cor. 12:26).

There will never be a perfect church because every church is comprised of imperfect people. I hope you find yourself offering grace to your church family this Sunday.

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## Israeli group mints Trump coin to honor Jerusalem recognition

JERUSALEM (AP) — An Israeli organization said Wednesday it has minted a coin bearing President Donald Trump's image to honor his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The Mikdash Educational Center said the "Temple Coin" features Trump alongside King Cyrus, who 2,500 years ago allowed Jews to return to Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon.

Rabbi Mordechai Persoff said that Trump, like Cyrus, made a "big declaration that Jerusalem is the capital of the holy people."

His organization minted

1,000 biblical half-shekel coins that can be purchased with a minimum donation of \$50. The coin cannot be used as currency.

Mikdash bills itself as a non profit educational and religious organization. The donations will "help spread the light of Jerusalem and the spirit of the Holy Temple throughout the world," it said.

Israel has warmly welcomed Trump's move, which angered Palestinians.

The Trump coin is likely to rile Iranians, who uniformly respect King Cyrus as an ancient Persian hero.



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A worker holds a coin bearing President Donald Trump's image in Tel Aviv, Israel, on Wednesday. An Israeli organization has minted a coin bearing President Donald Trump's image to honor his recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

## Let Jesus take your blindness, heal the wounds

I got my first pair of contacts in the seventh grade. They were (and still are) the old-fashioned rigid plastic kind. The optometrist emphasized to me over and over, "These must be kept clean." Have you ever seen a 12-year-old boy keep anything clean?

After a few months of wearing my contacts (and not following doctor's orders), I woke one night with an excruciating pain in both eyes. It felt like someone had ground up glass and poured it under my eyelids. I was in agony. As bad as my eyes felt closed, the pain increased a dozen fold if I opened my eyes.

I toughed it out until six the next morning. I kept my eyes closed, felt my way down the hall, woke my mom and told her what was happening. She made a call to Dr. Sera, a family friend, who agreed to see me as soon as the office opened.

I kept my eyes closed as Mom fixed breakfast and had the strange sensa-



**Clay Smith**

told me to relax. Why do doctors tell you to relax when they have knowingly just increased the pain?

He examined my eyes with his special lenses and rendered the verdict: I had a corneal abrasion. Lack of cleaning my contacts caused dirt to accumulate. The contacts had gouged a trench in both eyes. I was given some drops and told to keep my eyes shut for the next 24 hours.

To be blind means you can't see (thank you Captain Obvious!). My

brothers tried to trip me as I felt my way to the bathroom. I was the object of lots of jokes at dinner. Mostly, I was bored because I could not watch TV or read. I couldn't go where I wanted to go.

People have scratches on their souls. Sometimes they are wounds from history, or even wounds they absorbed from their parents and grandparents. The scratches cause blindness. In our pain, we close our eyes to realities that cause us to think uncomfortable, painful thoughts. In our blindness, we stumble into prejudice, bigotry, self-righteousness and self-aggrandizement. No one is born a racist; there is a wound in the past that scratches a soul and causes blindness. Our blindness as a culture keeps us from going where we want to go.

What's sad to me is the number of Jesus followers who stay blind. This is not what Jesus wants for any of us. The foretelling of his birth included this line: "Rise and shine, behold your light

has come!" Jesus said, "I have come to give sight to the blind" and "I am the light of the world."

Part of Jesus' invitation of grace to you is leave your blindness to your blindness. Let him heal the wounds of your soul. Let him set you free from the limits of your past.

I'll never forget what it felt like after 24 hours to open my eyes again. There was no pain. To paraphrase a classic '60s song, "I could see clearly now, the pain had gone." I kept my contacts clean from then on.

Isn't it time for you to let Jesus touch your blindness that you are blind to? Isn't it time for you to let his light shine on the wounds of your soul? Isn't it time for your wounds and your blindness to be healed?

He sees you and sees the you he wants you to be.

Clay Smith is the lead pastor of Alice Drive Baptist Church.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**, 4319 Rowe Drive, Summerton, announces:

\* Sunday, March 11 — The trustee's 21st anniversary celebration at 2 p.m. The Rev. Ranzy McFadden will speak.

**High Hills AME Church**, 6780 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Wednesday, March 7, 14 and 21 — Lent service will be held at 6:30 p.m. with speakers as follows: March 7, Barbara Jean Wiley; March 14, John Wiley; and March 21, Linda Sha Robinson.

**High Hills Missionary Baptist Church**, 6750 Meeting House Road, Dalzell, announces:

\* Sunday — Holy communion will follow the 10:15 a.m. worship.

\* Sunday, March 25 — Palm Sunday will be observed during the 10:15 a.m. worship.

**Knitting Hearts Ministry**, meets

at Bethesda Church of God, 2730 Broad St., announces:

\* Saturday, March 10 — Knitting Hearts will meet from 10 a.m. until noon. Debbie Dyches will speak. All ladies, all ages, are invited. A love offering will be received. Visit [knitting-heartsministry.wordpress.com](http://knitting-heartsministry.wordpress.com).

**Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church**, 7355 Camden Highway, Rembert, announces:

\* Sunday — Holy communion service will follow 9 a.m. worship.

\* Sunday, March 25 — Palm Sunday service will follow 9 a.m. worship.

\* Friday, March 30 — "Jesus's Last 7 Words from the Cross" at 7 p.m.

**Mount Zion Enrichment Center**, 315 W. Fulton St., announces:

\* Saturday — Indoor garage sale from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. Tables are \$20 each. Call (803) 773-3546 or (803) 565-5967.

\* Saturday, March 24 — Joint

health fair of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist and First Baptist Missionary Church from 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

**Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**, 325 Fulton St., announces:

\* Sunday — The Rev. Johnnie M. Gist will speak at 6 p.m.

\* Sunday, March 11 — Benedict College Day will be celebrated at 10:45 a.m. Dr. Roslyn Clark-Artis, president and CEO of Benedict College, will speak.

\* Sunday, March 18 — Pulpit Aid / Pastor's Support Ministry anniversary at 10:45 a.m.

**Pinewood Baptist Church**, 10 E. Fulton St., Pinewood, announces:

\* Saturday, March 10 — A barbecue dinner fundraiser for Van and Jennifer Thames, hosted by the men's ministry, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Van has been battling cancer and undergoing chemo for the past year and unable to work. Jennifer, who has been the sole bread winner, was recently injured in a

fall and has been unable to work. Jennifer will be out of work for several more weeks as she recovers from extensive surgery to repair broken bones and torn ligaments. Higher Calling will provide music during the dinner. Plates will be available for eat in or take out and advance tickets are not required. All we ask if for you to make a donation.

\* Sunday, March 25 — The Jordan Family Band (<http://jordanfamilyband.com/>) will be in concert at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received. Nursery provided. Refreshments and the opportunity to meet the family will follow. Call (803) 452-5373 or visit [www.pinewoodbaptist.org](http://www.pinewoodbaptist.org).

**Refreshing Springs Kingdom Outreach**, meets at Colony Square, 741 Bultman Drive, Suite 21, announces:

\* Saturday, March 31 — Kingdom United prayer breakfast at 10 a.m.

**St. John Baptist Church**, 3944 Brewer Road, Manning, announces:

\* Sunday — Pastor's 11th anniversary celebration at 4 p.m. Pastor Jonathan Anderson, of Fellowship Baptist Church of Manning, will speak.

**St. Paul Holiness Church**, 129 1/2 W. Moore St., announces:

\* Sunday — The Washington-Diaz family will present a scholarship benefit concert in honor of Gwendolyn Washington-Diaz at 4 p.m.

**Triumph Ministries**, 3632 Broad St. Ext., announces:

\* Sunday, March 11 — The third anniversary of the church will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Overseer Wanda Brooks, of Baltimore, will serve as guest infuser.

\* Friday, March 30 — Ignite service will be held at 7 p.m. Marquese Agerius, of Asheville, North Carolina, will serve as guest infuser.

**Walker Avenue Church of God**, 100 Walker Ave., announces:

\* Sunday, March 11 — Ushers' anniversary program at 4 p.m. The Rev. Maggie Richardson will speak.

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# Schools eligible for new healthy initiative grant

**BY KAYLA ROBINS**  
kayla@theitem.com

A statewide insurance company wants to help create healthier school environments and is offering a new grant open to public and private schools.

Any public or private school serving South Carolina students in grades K-12 can apply for a Wellness Inspired School Environment grant, according to BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina.

"Schools often want to do more to improve student wellbeing but may not

have the resources to do so," Foundation Executive Director Erika Kirby said. "We want to make the healthy choice the easy choice, so we are supporting healthy school environments, which encourage and promote physical activity and healthy eating."

It is "well-established that healthier children tend to have better grades, are more attentive in class and have fewer absences," the agency said.

Applicants can use funds between \$2,000 and \$8,000 to support items and implement activities from these wellness action plans:

- School health and safety policies and environment;
- Health education;
- Physical education and other physical activity programs;
- Health promotion for staff; and
- Family and community involvement.

"The health and nutrition of South Carolina's students has a strong impact on their success in the classroom and throughout their lives," Molly Spearman, state superintendent of education, said. "I applaud the BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina Founda-

tion for recognizing this correlation and bringing additional wellness opportunities to schools in our state."

The Foundation is partnering with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation and its Healthy Schools Program framework, which has been endorsed by the United States Department of Agriculture.

One application per school will be considered.

To apply or learn more, visit [www.bcbsscfoundation.org/wisegrants](http://www.bcbsscfoundation.org/wisegrants). For questions, schools can email [info.foundation@bcbssc.com](mailto:info.foundation@bcbssc.com).

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**Sumter Seventh-Day Adventist**  
103 N Pike West 775-4455  
Pastor Phil Roberts  
Sat. Sch: 9:15 am, Worship: 11:00 am  
Tues Bible Study 7 pm  
[www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org](http://www.sumter22.adventistchurchconnect.org)

**African Methodist Episcopal**

**Union Station AME Church**  
945 South Main Street, Sumter  
unionstationame@gmail.com  
(803) 775-8200  
Rev. Dr. Phil Flowers announces:  
Sun. Church School 9:00 am  
Sun. Church Service 10:00 am  
Tues. Bible Study 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 6:00 pm

**Wayman Chapel AME Church**  
160 N Kings Hwy • 803-494-3686  
[www.waymanchapelame.com](http://www.waymanchapelame.com)  
Reverend Dr. Dennis W. Broughton, Jr.  
Church School 9:00 am  
Worship 10:15 am  
Wed. Bible Study 12:00 pm & 6:30 pm

**Assembly of God**

**First Assembly of God**  
1151 Alice Drive • 773-3817  
[www.sumterfirstag.org](http://www.sumterfirstag.org)  
Jason Banar, Pastor  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

**Baptist - Missionary**

**Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church**  
803 S Harvin St. • 775-4032  
Marion H. Newton, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 7:45 & 10:15 am  
Sunday Youth Service: 10:45 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

**Salem Missionary Baptist Church**  
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Reverend Dr. Cartrell Woods, Jr. Pastor  
Sun. School 9:00 am  
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Worship 10:00 am

**Baptist - Southern**

**Grace Baptist Church**  
219 W Calhoun St • 778-6417  
Dr. Stephen Williams  
drstepw@fbc-i.net  
S.S. 9:45 am; Worship 11:00 am  
Evening Worship/Bible Study 6:30 pm  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm

**Hickory Road Baptist Church**  
1245 Cherryvale Dr  
803-494-8281  
Dr. Ron Taylor Pastor  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship 10:55 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

**Shaw Heights Baptist Church**  
2030 Peach Orchard Rd. • 499-4997  
Rev. Robert White, Pastor  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm  
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**Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church**  
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[www.sasjrc.org](http://www.sasjrc.org)  
Fr. Giovanni Nunez, CRM  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM  
Weekend Masses  
Saturday: 4:30 pm  
Sun. 8:00, 12:00 pm  
Confession: Sat. 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

**Saint Anne and Saint Jude Roman Catholic Church**  
611 W. Oakland Ave • 803-773-9244  
[www.stjudesumtersc.org](http://www.stjudesumtersc.org)  
Rev. Giovanni Nunez, CRM  
Parochial Vicar Rev. Noly Berjuega, CRM  
Weekend Masses  
Saturday: 6:00 pm  
Sun. 9:15 am, 12:00 pm, 5:00 pm (in Spanish)  
Confession: Sat. 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

**Church of Christ**

**Plaza Church of Christ**  
1402 Camden Hwy. • 905-3163  
Sunday School: 10 am  
Sunday Worship: 11 am & 6 pm  
Wed. Bible Class: 7 pm

**Interdenominational**

**Spiritual Life Christian Center**  
4710 Broad Street • 968-5771  
Randolph & Minerva Paige, Pastors  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm

**Victory Full Gospel**  
Interdenominational Church  
601 Pitts Rd • 481-7003  
Joann P. Murrell, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am  
Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Lutheran - ELCA**

**St James Lutheran Church**  
1137 Alice Dr, Sumter  
773-2260 / [www.stjamessumter.org](http://www.stjamessumter.org)  
Pastor Keith Getz  
Sunday School: 9:00 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
Thur. Bible Study 10:30 am  
Wednesday Holy Communion: 12:00 pm

**Methodist - United**

**Bethel United Methodist Church**  
5575 Lodebar Rd • 469-2452  
Rev. Jeremy Howell  
Sunday Worship: 8:30 & 11 am  
Sunday School: 10 am  
[www.yourbethel.org](http://www.yourbethel.org)  
BMethodist@fbc-i.net

**Trinity United Methodist Church**  
226 W Liberty St • 773-9393  
Rev. Joseph James, Jr.  
Blended Worship 8:45 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Traditional Service 11:00 am  
office@trinityumcsumter.org

**Non-Denominational**

**Calvary Bible Church**  
770 N. Wise Dr., Sumter  
803-774-2341  
Pastor Richard Harris  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship 11:00 am & 6:00 PM

**Christ Community Church (CCC)**  
320 Loring Mill Rd., Sumter  
[www.cccsumter.com](http://www.cccsumter.com)  
803-905-7850  
Sunday Worship 9:00 & 10:45 am

**First Church of God**  
1835 Camden Rd • 905-5234  
[www.sumterfcg.org](http://www.sumterfcg.org)  
Ron Bower, Pastor  
Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

**Greater St. Paul Church**  
200 Watkins Street • 803-778-1355  
Founder Bishop W.T. English  
Sunday School - 10:30 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 am  
Wed. Mid Week Service - 7:30 pm

**The Rock Church of Sumter**  
365 N. Saint Paul Church Rd  
803-494-7625 (ROCK)  
Pastor Gwendolyn Credle  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Sumter Bible Church**  
420 South Pike West, Sumter  
803-773-8339 • Pastor Ron Davis  
Sunday School 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer 7:00 pm

**Pentecostal**

**First United Pentecostal Church**  
14 Plowden Mill Rd • 775-9493  
Pastor Theron Smith  
Sunday Service: 10:00 am & 6:30 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 pm

**Sumter First Pentecostal Holiness Church**  
2609 McCrays Mill Rd • 481-8887  
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Sunday Worship: 10:45 am & 6:00 pm  
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8:1-23	8:24-36	9:1-25	8:1-18	9:1-25	9:26-38	10:28-39

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# Snow, high winds paralyze European airports, claim lives

BY JAMEY KEATEN and FRANK JORDANS  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — An extreme cold snap across Europe claimed more lives, forced the closure of airports in Scotland, Switzerland, France and Ireland and left hundreds of drivers stranded on snowy highways Thursday.

Heavy snow and high winds halted all flights in and out of Dublin Airport, with authorities saying they are unlikely to resume until Saturday. Irish Rail said no trains are likely to run until Saturday.

Forecasters said a new storm would bring blizzards, 60 mph winds, freezing rain and thunderstorms to Ireland, southwestern England and Wales later Thursday. They predicted zero visibility and deep pockets of snow.

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar urged people to get home by 4 p.m. Thursday and stay there until the storm has passed.

"The risk to life and limb presented by severe weather conditions should not be underestimated," Varadkar said.

The World Health Organization warned Thursday that the cold weather poses particular risks to vulnerable people such as the elderly, children and those with chronic diseases or disabilities.

Swedish media reported that a woman who had left her home at an asylum center with her daughter and son, aged 8 and 9, was pronounced dead in the hospital after being found in a forest.

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Cars in snowy conditions on the A192 road near Blyth, northeast England, are seen on Thursday. Persistent snow and freezing conditions are causing delays in many parts of Britain, with roads and train service hit particularly hard. Emergency officials said many drivers had to be rescued from stranded vehicles.

paper reported the woman was "poorly dressed" and her daughter was in intensive care. The son was found safe Wednesday afternoon when temperatures in the region were about 14 degrees Fahrenheit.

Danish police said an 84-year-old woman with dementia became the second person to die in the country because of the cold weather. She left her home Wednesday evening and was found Thursday in a park in Roskilde, west of Copenhagen, police said.

It was travel chaos at Europe's airports and on its highways.

Geneva's airport closed after the Swiss city was hit with about 5 inches of snow over a three-hour period early Thursday. It reopened several hours later after extensive de-

icing of the runway, planes and facilities.

Snow also shut down Glasgow and Edinburgh airports in Scotland, and there were cancellations at Heathrow and other airports in Britain. Airports in the southern French cities of Montpellier and the Atlantic beach resort of Biarritz were also affected.

Across the Paris region, about two dozen officials braved Arctic temperatures for a night outdoors to call attention to the plight of the homeless after at least 13 died from exposure since Jan. 1.

Dragging blankets and sleeping bags, officials from an array of political parties wearing their blue, white and red sashes hunkered down

near Austerlitz train station as snow began falling early Thursday. The city was blanketed in white by daybreak.

Hundreds of drivers were trapped in their cars overnight in Scotland, and authorities said everyone except emergency workers should stay off the roads.

Police in the county of Lincolnshire in eastern England said most roads there are impassable, with as much as 2 feet of snow in rural areas.

In southern France, about 2,000 cars were blocked on highways in the Hérault region, where snow — and snowplows — are extremely rare.

In Sweden, the Transport Administration said people should think twice before taking their cars out in areas affected by heavy snowfall.

Macedonia's government, meanwhile, urged employers to exempt pregnant women and people over 60 from working for a day and to pay special attention to keeping construction workers warm because of the freezing conditions. The low temperature Thursday in Macedonia dropped to -0.4 Fahrenheit near the border with Bulgaria.

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## Mock sworn in as Clarendon coroner

Governor appointed him to serve after death of Samuels in January

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING — Charles “Bucky” Mock Jr. was sworn in Wednesday morning as Clarendon County coroner to replace Hayes F. Samuels Jr., who died in late January during the second year of his fourth term as Clarendon County coroner.

On Feb. 21, South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster appointed Mock to serve as Clarendon County coroner immediately until the next general election, which is slated for November 2018.

“(Samuels’) are big shoes to fill,” Mock said Wednesday after the swearing-in ceremony which was presided over by Third Circuit Court Judge R. Ferrell Cothran Jr. “Hayes did a wonderful job as coroner. He was respected by his peers and his community. He was a consummate professional.”

Mock said Samuels’ compassion and caring for those he served were qualities Mock said he hoped to continue to provide.

“Hayes was there for the families who lost loved ones,” Mock said. “He made sure their questions were answered and their needs were met.”

Mock, who is a survivor of multiple myeloma, said he hopes the people he meets aren’t offended when he doesn’t shake their hands.

“I’m a cancer survivor,” he added. “I’ve learned instead of shaking hands to do a fist bump. You don’t spread as many germs that way. When I was in Puerto Rico recently helping with medical needs after the recent hurricanes there, the surgeon general of the United States was greeting the volunteers and reached out his hand to shake. I put out my fist, and we did a fist bump instead. If he wasn’t offended, I hope others aren’t either.”

Mock said he was excited that Charles H. Jackson and Albert Mobley are joining his staff as deputy coroners.

“We worked together under Hayes as deputy coroners,” Mock shared.



Charles “Bucky” Mock Jr. is sworn in as Clarendon County coroner by Third Circuit Court Judge R. Ferrell Cothran Jr. on Wednesday morning at Clarendon County Courthouse. Mock’s wife, Sharon, holds the Bible as Mock is sworn in to replace Clarendon County Coroner Hayes Samuels Jr., who died in late January.

PHOTOS BY SHARRON HALEY / SPECIAL TO THE SUMTER ITEM



Albert Mobley and Charles H. Jackson were sworn in as Clarendon County deputy coroners by Third Circuit Court Judge R. Ferrell Cothran Jr. on Wednesday in the main courtroom at Clarendon County Courthouse. Newly sworn in Clarendon County Coroner Charles “Bucky” Mock holds the Bible during their swearing-in ceremony.

“We work well together and share the same work ethics.”

Mock, who has been working in the medical field as a nurse since 1979 and a deputy coroner for more than 21 years, said he’s acquired knowledge in the field that will bring an added insight into his job as coroner.

“I’ve seen just about everything,” he said. “I’ve worked all of my life in

the medical field as a forensics nurse. I’ve worked in emergency rooms, as a first responder and as a deputy coroner. I’ve learned to question the obvious.”

Jackson is no newcomer to the job of deputy coroner. He has served in that position for more than 20 years, working under the late Ranny Stephens and his successor, Samuels.

“I’ve been in the job for a long time,” Jackson said Wednesday morning. “I look forward to working with Bucky and Albert.”

Mobley has been a deputy coroner for almost a year working for the late Samuels.

“I’ve learned a lot in a short time,” Mobley added. “Mr. Samuels was a great teacher.”

## Canterbury Tales comes to life



PHOTO PROVIDED

Students in Lisa Patrick’s English IV class took on roles of the characters in Canterbury Tales. They went on a pilgrimage throughout the school to share their learning with everyone. Jessica Pickett (Wife of Bath) and Dalton Shirley (The Knight) told the best tales for the English IV Canterbury Tales project. They are pictured with Mrs. Patrick (The Host).

## 2 join hospital's advisory board

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Special to the Sumter Item

MANNING — Two new members will be joining the McLeod Health Clarendon Community Advisory Board effective immediately.

Dr. Ansel McFaddin, who practices in internal medicine, will be new to the board while the Rev. George P. Windley, pastor of Ebenezer Missionary Church in Manning, has served for numerous years on the Clarendon Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees.



McFADDIN



WINDLEY

McFaddin and Windley will join Kim Johnson, Bank of Clarendon marketing assistant officer; David Epperson, Clarendon County administrator; George Summers, retired Air Force corporal; and Dr. Catherine Rabon, McLeod Health Clarendon chief medical officer, as board members. Returning member Dr. Stephen Corey will serve as chairman of the advisory board, and returning member Dr. Marva Williams will serve as the board’s vice chairwoman.

The 12-member board also includes Ron Boring, McLeod Health chief operating officer; Fulton Ervin, McLeod Health chief financial officer; Rachel Gainey, McLeod Health Clarendon administrator; Kim Jolly, McLeod Health Clarendon

chief nursing officer; and Dr. Robert Eagerton, McLeod Health Clarendon medical chief of staff, who serve as ex-officio members.

The purpose of the advisory board, which includes community leaders from Clarendon, Sumter and Williamsburg counties, is to form a bridge between physicians, management and the community. Advisory board members review strategic issues and challenges that are facing the medical center, the health care industry and surrounding communities. The board also offers advice and recommendations to the McLeod Health Clarendon Administration.

Established in 1951, McLeod Health Clarendon, previously known as Clarendon Memorial Hospital, served the residents of Clarendon County for more than 65 years. Five years ago, the hospital completed a \$22 million, 47,000-square-foot expansion and renovation project that included new operating rooms, a new emergency department, new same-day surgery center and larger patient rooms.

With more than 30 physicians representing medical specialties ranging from family medicine, OB/GYN and orthopedics to plastic surgery and urology, McLeod Health Clarendon offers a wide range of services including labor and delivery, infusion therapy, cardiac rehabilitation, outpatient rehabilitation, diagnostic imaging and home health.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

Stella is an 8-month-old female American bulldog mix. She is current on all of her vaccinations, has been spayed and tested negative for heartworms. Stella knows a couple of basic commands and loves to play. You can get preapproved by submitting your adoption application online at [www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com](http://www.ASecondChanceAnimalShelter.com). Our office hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Shug is a 6-month-old female mixed-breed puppy. She is current on all of her age-appropriate vaccinations and has already been spayed. Shug loves to smile at you as she wags her little tail. She is such a sweet baby who deserves the best life possible. If you think you are the one for this little girl, please submit your adoption application today. Stop by Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at A Second Chance Animal Shelter, 5079 Alex Harvin Highway (U.S. 301).

# Try the nasal appraisal before adding fish to your next meal

Seafood is the original fast food ... with a difference. Cooked properly, it's as tasty as it is healthy. Fish is a high-quality protein low in calories and saturated fat and very low in cholesterol. The fat it contains is polyunsaturated, which fights cholesterol buildup.

Grandma used to say that "fish is brain food." Fats, along with water, are the chief components of brain cell membranes and the specialized tissues enclosing the nerves.



**Nancy Harrison**  
RETIRED CLEMSON EXTENSION AGENT

The saturated fat that comes from meat and full-fat dairy products is not what the

brain cells need. They need polyunsaturated fats, especially the long-chain omega-3 fatty acids found in fish which are called eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA) and docosahexaenoic acid (DHA). Fish may not make you smarter, but it's a smart thing to add to your diet, and it will do your heart good. Omega-3 fatty acids lower triglycerides, reduce blood clotting and help prevent heart attack and stroke.

If calorie counting is important to you, use leaner, white-fleshed fish such as grouper, shark, flounder, red snapper, swordfish, perch and mahi mahi. If calories are not a big concern, try medium- to higher-fat fish such as freshwater catfish, salmon, tuna, mackerel and rainbow trout.

The best methods for cooking fatty fish are baking, broiling or grilling. Lean fish require preparation methods that retain moisture, such as steaming, poaching or microwaving. Lean fish can also be baked or broiled if basted frequently or cooked with a sauce. Both lean and fatty fish can be fried.

Keep the fat in your fish dish to a minimum by not using rich, buttery or creamy sauces. Better options include a quick sauce of catsup and prepared horseradish or herbs and

spices. Try a spice blend of equal parts basil, parsley flakes, chervil, marjoram and tarragon. Sprinkle it on the fish during cooking, or use it in a shaker at the table. Lemon and orange juice add a fresh taste to fish.

Don't overcook your fish, or it will be too dry with a strong flavor. Generally, fish is done when the flesh flakes or slides apart along natural divisions when fork tines are inserted. The fish should look milk white or opaque in the thickest part. If the flesh resists flaking and the color is gray-white, cook a little longer.

Another good guide for taking the guesswork out of cooking fish is to allow 10 to 15 minutes of cooking time per inch of thickness. If the fish is stuffed or rolled, measure it after stuffing or rolling. If you're cooking in sauce, add 5 minutes to the total cooking time.

A fish steak one inch thick should be cooked five minutes on each side, for a total of 10 minutes. Pieces of fish less than half an inch thick do not have to be turned over.

The microwave is a good choice, especially for lean fish. For even cooking, arrange the thickest portions of fish toward the outer rim of the baking dish and the thinner portions toward the center. Check for doneness after the minimum cooking time, and continue to cook if necessary, checking every

30 seconds.

Fish is considered to be done when the internal temperature reaches 145 degrees F. A meat thermometer is the only way to check that.

When buying fresh fish, use the nasal appraisal as a quick test of quality. A fish past its prime will have an odor. A fish in its prime will smell fresh, and the flesh will spring back when touched.

Use seafood within one to two days of purchase, or freeze it if you know you won't use it within that time. Once you're home from the market with your fresh fish, refrigerate it immediately. And for best quality, thaw frozen fish in the refrigerator until it is no longer icy, then use in your favorite seafood recipe.

Pregnant women should put some limits on eating fish though not eliminate it altogether. The Food and Drug Administration notes that nearly all fish contain some methylmercury, a chemical which can affect an unborn child's developing nervous system. Long-lived, larger fish accumulate the highest levels.

The FDA advises pregnant women, nursing mothers and young children not to eat shark, swordfish, king mackerel or tilefish.

Other fish are suitable for pregnant women to eat as an important part of a balanced diet, but the amount should be limited to 12 ounces of cooked fish per week.

# Gospel Extravaganza on Saturday will help support 3 charities

BY SHARRON HALEY  
Special to The Sumter Item

MANNING —The coffers of three local charities will be a little bit deeper after Saturday's Gospel Extravaganza, which will be held beginning at 5 p.m. at Weldon Auditorium, 7 Maple St., Manning.

Almost two dozen local gospel acts have donated their time and talents to helping Clarendon County Sheriff's Deputy First Class Annett Smith raise money for Camp Happy Days, the Clarendon County Cancer Support Group and Craig Q. King's Celebration of Life Gala. The musical talent includes Cindy Ward from Sumter, Christina Stout, Craig Varn of Manning, Ernest Pearson & The Singing Disciples, 2nd Chance from Dillon, Generation for Christ, Brianna Harvin, Kamon Singleton, Tramaine Hopkins and more. Clarendon County Sheriff's Deputy First Class Barney Dozier will present a program of Praise and Workshop. The host of the event will be T. GeRome Tindal.

Smith has been helping local charities since she founded the Gospel Extravaganza five years ago.

"I am truly blessed," Smith said Thursday. "I have a big heart, and I want to help others who really need a helping hand. It's all about giving back. People don't really understand how



DOZIER



HARVIN



HOPKINS



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much satisfaction you get from helping others."

Smith said no donation is too small.

"I try to recognize everyone who contributes to the event," she added. "From donations of a dollar to those who donate hundreds of dollars, each gift is special and comes from the heart."

The employees of the Clarendon County Sheriff's Office are huge contributors to the event, Smith added.

"They give their time, money and help sell tickets," she said. "I'm blessed to be able to do this for our community and those who need a helping hand."

Tickets for the Gospel Extravaganza are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Doors open at 4 p.m., and the singing will start at 5 p.m. on the dot.



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<b>Lieutenant Governor</b> – No longer files in March and is designated by candidate for Governor to be elected jointly. <b>Adjutant General</b> – No longer an elected office.	
State House of Representatives 64, 101 (file in county of residence) Auditor Coroner Treasurer County Council District 1 County Council District 2 County Council District 3	Clarendon County Board of Voter Registration and Elections Clarendon County Administration Building 411 Sunset Drive Manning, SC 29102 803-435-8215

### SEC and County Board Filing Hours

March 16	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Other Business Days	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March 30	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Filing Form:** The Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge (SICPP) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of [scVOTES.org](http://scVOTES.org) and at the county elections office.

**Filing Fee:** Filing fees are paid at the time of filing by candidates seeking the nomination of a party nominating by primary. The list of filing fees is available at [scVOTES.org](http://scVOTES.org). Filing fee checks should be made payable to the appropriate state political party. A candidate seeking the nomination of a party nominating by convention does not pay a filing fee.

**State Ethics Filings:** Candidates are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and a Campaign Disclosure online with the State Ethics Commission at <http://ethics.sc.gov>. Failure to file these documents may result in a candidate fine but will not disqualify a candidate from the election. Contact the State Ethics Commission for more information.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Notice of Sale

##### SPECIAL REFEREE NOTICE OF SALE 2017-CP-14-00335

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Caliber Home Loans, Inc. vs. Mary Lowe-Murphy, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, Deceased; Katherine E. Garcia, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, Deceased; David Keenum, individually, as Heir or Devisee of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, Deceased; and Any other Heirs-at-Law or Devisees of the Estate of Richard Matthew Keenum a/k/a Richard M. Keenum, 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; et al., I, the undersigned William T. Geddings, Special Referee for Clarendon County, will sell on **Monday, March 5, 2018 at 11:00 AM**, at the County Courthouse, 3 West Kiett Street, Manning, SC 29102, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in the County of Clarendon, State of South Carolina, containing 0.233 acre, more or less, and being more particularly shown and delineated as Lot No. 4 of Island Park Subdivision on that certain plat prepared by Du Valle W. Elliott, P.L.S., dated August 29, 1996, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Clarendon County in Plat Book S-48, Page 415. Aforesaid plat is incorporated herein by reference pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of The Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), as amended.

This being the same property conveyed to Richard M. Keenum by Deed of Karen S. Hobbs a/k/a Karen H. Vause dated September 13, 2016 and recorded September 14, 2016 in Book 961 at Page 114 in the ROD Office for Clarendon County. Subsequently, Richard M. Keenum a/k/a Richard Matthew Keenum died intestate on or about March 11, 2017, leaving the subject property to his heirs, namely David Keenum and Katherine E. Garcia, as shown in Probate Estate Matter Number 2017-ES-14-00117.

TMS No. 114-02-02-074-00

Property address: 1189 Ralph Bell Road, Summerton, SC 29148

The Court in its Decree has further

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made its finding that this mortgage was intended to and specifically secures and collateralizes that certain Mobile Home permanently affixed to the above described real estate in the mortgage being foreclosed and is further provided under the laws of the State of South Carolina, the same being more particularly described as follows:

**1997 BELL PALME** Manufactured Home, Serial No. GBHMK19845AB, with any fixtures.

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the Plaintiff, will deposit with the Special Referee, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of said bid is due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to Plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. In the event of a third party bidder and that any third party bidder fails to deliver the required deposit in certified (immediately collectible) funds with the Office of the Special Referee, said deposit being due and payable immediately upon closing of the bidding on the day of sale, the Special Referee will re-sell the subject property at the most convenient time thereafter (including the day of sale) upon notification to counsel for Plaintiff. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to comply with the balance due of the bid within 20 days, then the Special Referee may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder).

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Special Referee's Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 4.200% per annum.

The Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

This sale is subject to all title matters of record and any interested party should consider performing an independent title examination of the subject property as no warranty is given.

Neither the Plaintiff nor its counsel make representations as to the integrity of the title or the fair market value of the property offered for sale. Prior to bidding you may wish to review the current state law or seek the advice of any attorney licensed in South Carolina.

William T. Geddings  
Special Referee  
for Clarendon County

Scott and Corley, P.A.  
Attorney for Plaintiff

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##### SPECIAL REFEREE'S SALE

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: CYPRESS POINTE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION OF CLARENDON, INC. vs. CHRISTOPHER CHAD MORRIS, CA No. 2016-CP-14-00448, The following property will be sold on **03/05/2018 at 11:00AM**, Clarendon Courthouse, to the highest bidder:

All of residence Unit Number D-304 of Cypress Pointe Horizontal Property Regime as the same is laid out and is shown upon a Master Deed including accompanying exhibits thereto of cypress Pointe Horizontal Property Regime dated April 16, 1985 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Deed Book A-128 at Page 385. Together with a 1.6062% (rounded) undivided interest, as joint tenants in and to the common elements, which are assigned to said residence unit and described in the aforementioned Master Deed pursuant to SC Code 27-31-10 through 27-31-300 (both inclusive) of Chapter 31 entitled "Horizontal Property Act of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina", as amended.

Said premises having been conveyed to Christopher Chad Morris by deed of William Cecil Hopper and Annie Sue Hopper, dated February 28, 2006, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Clarendon County in Deed Book A-605 at Page 276.

Property Address: 5304 Cypress Pointe TMS# 197-07-14-304-00

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity, at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of his bid, in certified

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funds, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price if compliance is made, but in the event compliance is not made, the deposit shall be forfeited and applied first to costs of the action and then to plaintiff's debt. Should the successful bidder at the regularly conducted sale fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day, but at the risk of the defaulting bidder(s)

**NOTICE:** The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Purchaser to pay for documentary stamps on Master in Equity Deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the balance of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.00 % per annum.

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**SPECIFICALLY, THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO A SENIOR MORTGAGE HELD BY BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. RECORDED IN BOOK 00674 AT PAGE 00127.**

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W. T. Geddings, Jr.  
Special Referee for Clarendon County

Stephanie C. Trotter  
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All persons having claims against the following estates MUST file their claims on FORM #371ES with the Probate Court of Clarendon County, the address of which is 411 Sunset Dr. Manning, SC 29102, within eight (8) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors or within one (1) year from date of death, whichever is earlier (SCPC 62-3-801, et seq.), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements on the prescribed form (FORM #371ES) indicating the name and address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the claim, and a description of any security as to the claim.

Estate: **John Gorman Eaddy, Sr. AKA Jack Eaddy** #2018ES1400042  
Personal Representative: Jacqueline Eaddy Moore 1810 Club Estates Ln. Statham, GA 30666 02/23/18 - 03/09/18

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Estate: **Elmer Jefferson Wagster** #2018ES1400046  
Personal Representative: Jeffrey D. Wagster 44 Peral Lane Bakersville, AR 72501 William H. Johnson PO Box 137 Manning, SC 29102 03/02/18 - 03/16/18

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## The eternal lure of nationalism, identity

In a surprise overtime victory in the finals of the Olympic men's hockey tournament, the Russians defeated Germany, 4-3.

But the Russians were not permitted to have their national anthem played or flag raised, due to a past doping scandal. So, the team ignored the prohibition and sang out the Russian national anthem over the sounds of the Olympic anthem.



Pat Buchanan

One recalls the scene in "Casablanca," where French patrons of Rick's saloon stood and loudly sang the "La Marseillaise" to drown out the "Die Wacht am Rhein" being sung by a table of German officers.

When the combined North-South Korean Olympic team entered the stadium, Vice President Mike Pence remained seated and silent. But tens of thousands of Koreans stood and cheered the unified team.

America may provide a defensive shield for the South, but Koreans on both sides of

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the DMZ see themselves as one people. And, no fool, Kim Jong Un is exploiting the deep tribal ties he knows are there.

Watching the Russians defiantly belt out their anthem, one recalls also the 1968 summer Olympics in Mexico City where sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos stood on the podium, black gloved fists thrust skyward in a Black Power salute, asserting their separate racial identity.

Western elites may deplore the return of nationalism. But they had best not dismiss it, for assertions of national and tribal identity appear to be what the future is going to be all about.

Some attendees at the CPAC conclave this past week were appalled that Britain's Nigel Farage and France's Marion Le Pen were present.

But Farage was the man most responsible for Brexit, the historic British decision to leave the EU. Le Pen is perhaps the most popular figure in a National Front party that won 35 percent of the vote in the runoff election won by President Emmanuel Macron.

And the most unifying stand of the NF appears to be "Let France be France!" The

French people do not want their country invaded by unassimilable millions of migrants from Africa and the Islamic world.

They want France to remain what she has been. Is this wrong?

Is preservation of a country, the national family one grew up in, not conservative?

In Hungary and Poland, ethnonationalism, the belief that nation-states are created and best suited to protect and defend a separate and unique people, with its separate and unique history and culture, is already ascendant.

Globalists may see the U.N., EU, NAFTA, TPP as stepping stones to a "universal nation" of all races, tribes, cultures and creeds. But growing numbers in every country, on every continent, reject this vision. And they are seeking to restore what their parents and grandparents had, a nation-state that is all their own.

Nationalists like Farage, who seek to pull their countries out of socialist super-states like the EU, and peoples seeking to secede and set up new nations like Scotland, Catalonia, Corsica and Veneto today, and Quebec yesterday, are no more anti-conservative than the American patriots of

Lexington and Concord who also wanted a country of their own.

Why are European peoples who wish to halt mass migration from across the Med, to preserve who and what they are, decried as racists?

Did not the peoples of African and Middle Eastern countries, half a century ago, expel the European settlers who helped to build those countries?

The Rhodesia of Spitfire pilot Ian Smith was a jewel of a nation of 250,000 whites and several million blacks that produced trade surpluses even when boycotted and sanctioned by a hating world.

When Smith was forced to yield power, "Comrade Bob" Mugabe took over and began the looting of white Rhodesians, and led his Shona tribesmen in a slaughter of the Matabele of rival Joshua Nkomo.

Eighty-five percent of the white folks who lived in Rhodesia, prior to "majority rule," are gone from Zimbabwe. More than half of the white folks who made South Africa the most advanced and prosperous country on the continent are gone.

Are these countries better places than they were? For whom?

Looking back over this 21st century, the transnational elite that envisions the endless erosion of national sovereignty, and the coming of a new world order of open borders, free trade and global custody of mankind's destiny, has triggered a counter-revolution.

Does anyone think Angela Merkel looks like the future?

Consider the largest countries on earth. In China, ethnonationalism, not the ruling Communist Party, unites and inspires 1.4 billion people to displace the Americans as the first power on earth.

Nationalism sustains Vladimir Putin. Nationalism and its unique identity as a Hindu nation unites and powers India.

Here, today, it is "America First" nationalism.

Indeed, now that George W. Bush's crusade for democracy has ended up like Peter the Hermit's Children's Crusade, what is the vision, what is the historic goal our elites offer to inspire and enlist our people?

*Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of a new book, "Nixon's White House Wars: The Battles That Made and Broke a President and Divided America Forever."*

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## Obama was weak on Russia, but Trump is incoherent

BY MAX BOOT

*Editor's note: This column originally ran in the Feb. 26 edition of The Post and Courier.*

Even by President Donald Trump's elevated standards of incoherence, his position on Kremingate is a marvel of illogic. After repeatedly claiming that stories about Russia's intervention in the 2016 election were a "hoax," he now slams President Barack Obama for not doing more to combat this non-existent threat. "Obama was President up to, and beyond, the 2016 Election," Trump tweeted on Monday. "So why didn't he do something about Russian meddling?" And he claims: "I have been much tougher on Russia than Obama, just look at the facts. Total Fake News!"

But as contradictory as Trump's position may be, he has a point — sort of. Obama was far too weak in dealing with the Russian assault, which ranged from stealing Democratic emails to promoting pro-Trump propaganda online.

As the *New York Times* reported shortly after the election, Obama was briefed regularly on the Russian operation, but he "did not name Russians publicly, or issue sanctions. There was always a reason: fear of escalating a cyberwar, and concern that the United States needed Russia's cooperation in

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negotiations over Syria."

In hindsight, those reasons do not look like good ones: Obama was placing fear of confrontation with Russia over his duty to safeguard the electoral process.

In part this was because he was overly complacent, imagining that Hillary Clinton would win no matter what. But in fairness to Obama, he was handicapped by the lack of Republican cooperation.

*The Post* reported that in September 2016, Obama dispatched national security officials to Capitol Hill to plead for bipartisan unity in confronting the Kremlin. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., shamefully put party above patriotism by refusing to cooperate. If Obama had gone ahead on his own, he would have added credence to Trump's cynical charges that the election was "rigged."

What of Trump's second claim — that he's tougher on Russia than Obama? He can point to the fact that he has authorized the sale of lethal weaponry to Ukraine, expanded sanctions to include 38 Russian individuals and companies involved in the invasion of Ukraine, requested more defense spending and launched a cruise missile strike on the Syrian regime of Russia's ally Bashar Assad.

On the other side of the ledger there is far more evidence that Trump has

been anything but tough on Russia.

Given that he routinely trashes everyone from Oprah Winfrey to Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., it's striking that he never has a negative word to say about Russian President Vladimir Putin.

When the Russian autocrat ordered the elimination of 755 U.S. diplomatic positions in Russia, Trump praised him. Trump even credulously accepted Putin's denials of complicity in election interference. Now Trump kind of admits that Russia may have meddled, but he still plays down its importance and refuses to respond.

Not only has Trump refused to respond to Russia's attack, he tried to undermine Obama's response. On Dec. 29, 2016, the outgoing president expelled 35 Russian diplomats and shut down two Russian diplomatic facilities.

That same day, Trump's newly designated national security adviser, Michael Flynn, called Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak to urge his government to refrain from retaliating. Sure enough, Putin did not immediately expel U.S. diplomats in return. Trump tweeted: "Great move on delay (by V. Putin) — I always knew he was very smart!" Flynn subsequently pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about this and other contacts with Kislyak.

It strains credulity to imagine that Trump did not know what Flynn was up to — in effect, offering the Kremlin

an implicit understanding that Trump would lift the sanctions Obama had just imposed.

And Trump might well have done so if the Kremingate controversy had not erupted, making it too politically dangerous for him.

Even then, he resisted a Russia sanctions bill and only reluctantly signed it on Aug. 2 after it was passed by veto-proof majorities in both houses. To this day, Trump refuses to impose the sanctions authorized under the bill.

Trump's Russia policy is incoherent, because of the tensions between his pro-Putin outlook and the more hard-line views of aides such as national security adviser H.R. McMaster and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. He is both more and less tough on Russia than Obama was. But there is little doubt that the hawkish Clinton would have been far tougher — which is why Putin launched a risky bid to prevent her election.

The gambit paid off. Although Trump hasn't made U.S. policy as pro-Russia as Putin might have hoped, his chaotic governance style, hostility to democracy promotion and aversion to American global leadership have allowed Russia to keep expanding its power from Ukraine to Syria and beyond.

*Max Boot is a columnist with The Washington Post.*

# RING

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The deputy noticed a passenger in the back seat, identified as Darryl Burden, of Ladson, making "furtive movements and appearing to fake sleeping while having a large bundle of cash in his hand."

Thyron Burden, the front seat passenger, who is from North Charleston, reportedly had rented the vehicle and gave consent to search it.

"In a plastic bag that Darryl Burden admitted was his, deputies discovered two bundles of cash mixed in with clothes that totaled \$2,422," Bell said. "Deputies also discovered two surge protectors and, behind the radio, a small flashlight. Flip phones were seized from both Fogle and Darryl Burden. A silver LG phone was also taken from Darryl Burden."

Deputies reportedly also found a plastic bag with black gloves and "ski-type masks."

Bell said a blue crowbar was found where Thyron Burden had been sitting. Another bag containing gloves and a gray hat were seized, and two more black masks were found.

The three men were seen on video surveillance footage reportedly committing burglaries from Myrtle Beach to Florida.

"Clothing, backpacks, the drill and



BURDEN, D. BURDEN, T. FOGLE

other items were seen in the surveillance photos that matched those seized by the Sumter County Sheriff's Office CAT team," Bell said.

All three suspects were transported to Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center.

While being booked, Bell said, an additional \$5,241 in cash was found hidden in Darryl Burden's undergarments.

Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis called the arrests a "major bust."

"This trio was traveling along Interstate 95 and 26 and just stopping in various towns to commit these crimes," Dennis said. "Our CAT team did an excellent job of recognizing that something was amiss during the traffic stop and making the arrests."

Dennis said the investigation is continuing and that it is possible more charges may be filed in other jurisdictions.

"We are looking at the places these suspects have visited recently to see if there are any other crimes they might have committed," he said. "People don't realize that law enforcement is not just



Sumter County Sheriff's Office seized cash, burglary tools, phones and more after what Sheriff Anthony Dennis called a "major bust" of three suspects traveling on I-95.

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local. We work with other agencies across the nation to solve these crimes." Dennis said the best part was that no

one was injured. All three men are being held on a \$10,000 surety bond each.

# FIGHT

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student walk from the rear of a vehicle and hit another male student in the head from behind.

All eight students then began to fight.

"The difficulty lies in the fact that usually a video only tells a part of the story," Sumter County Sheriff Anthony Dennis said. "We viewed several videos to get as complete of a story as we could."

Hopefully, this will not

happen again, Dennis said, as these students now face charges from law enforcement.

All eight students received a personal recognizance bond on Thursday and will not be allowed back on school property, according to

Ken Bell, public information officer for the sheriff's office.

Shelly Galloway, spokeswoman for Sumter School District, said in a statement

that each of the students was suspended from school pending expulsion hearings.

# DAM

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the original wildlife could return, or new species could begin to thrive in the absence of some of the dominating species.

Most of the fish could return to the pond through water flowing from Green Swamp — the primary feed into Second Mill Pond, Castleberry said.

Though the ecosystem has been altered, most of the wildlife and plants will return to normal, he said.

Ecosystems have changed, Castleberry said, and will change again.

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Office	Filing Location
Governor Secretary of State State Treasurer Attorney General Comptroller General State Superintendent of Education Commissioner of Agriculture U.S. House of Representatives (All Districts) Solicitor (Circuits 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15)	State Election Commission (SEC) 1122 Lady Street, Suite 500 Columbia, SC 29201
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State House of Representatives (file in county of residence) 50, 51, 64, 67 and 70 County Council 2, 4 and 6 County Wide Office Judge of Probate Soil and Water	Sumter County Board of Voter Registration and Elections 141 N. Main Street Room 111 Sumter, SC 29150 803-436-2310, 803-436-2311, 803-436-2312 and 803-436-2313

**SEC and County Board Filing Hours**

March 16	12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Other Business Days	8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
March 30	8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Filing Form:** The Statement of Intention of Candidacy & Party Pledge (SICPP) form required for filing is available in the "Candidate Information" section of [scVOTES.org](http://scVOTES.org) and at the county elections office.

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**The Campbell Soup friends lunch group** will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, at Golden Corral.

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**Free income tax filing services and FAFSA application assistance** will be provided on a walk-in basis from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays at 640 Broad St. (the Anything Paper building). Services include e-file and direct deposit 2017 tax year and processing taxes from three years back (2016, 2015 and 2014). Call (803) 883-5483 for information.

**The Sumter AARP Tax-Aide Foundation will offer free tax assistance and preparation** on a first come, first served basis on Mondays and

Wednesdays through April 17 at the Lincoln Historical Center (former home of the Shepherd's Center), 26 Council St. On Saturday, March 24, assistance will be available on an appointment only basis. Call Lula King at (803) 316-0772 for information.

**Color for a Cause** will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, at the Sumter Mall. This live mural coloring contest and shopping event will raise funds and awareness for various causes: KAT's Special Kneads, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Sumter, Sumter Disabilities and Special Needs Board, Sumter County Library and the United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties. You can join in and help complete a mural. Judges will select the winning design to win a prize donation. Visit [www.wecolorforacause.com](http://www.wecolorforacause.com).

**The Sumter Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind** of South Carolina will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, at Shiloh-Randolph Manor, 125 W. Bartlette St., Sumter, SC 29150. Danielle Driscoll, M.A., CRC, Region III Director, S.C. Commission for the Blind, will speak. The spotlight is shining on Cynthia Dicks and the honorary members are John and Bertha Willis. If you know a blind person, contact Debra Canty, chapter president, at (803) 775-5792 or [debra.canty@frontier.com](mailto:debra.canty@frontier.com). Donations are welcome and can be mailed to NFB Sumter Chapter, P.O. Box 641, Sumter, SC 29151.

The last word in astrology

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Handle your colleagues and peers

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Whether you are looking for love or friendship, consider including someone you are close to in your plans. Before you let your imagination run wild, however, consider the risks of pursuing something questionable. Secrets are best kept that way.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make time for the ones you love. Whether you make plans to spend time with children, friends or your romantic partner, live in the moment and share your feelings and future plans. A short trip will bring you closer together.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will escalate if you get into discussions with friends, relatives or your immediate family. Don't let tempers mount. Instead, let everyone calm down and rethink what's at stake before you continue. Time is on your side.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can turn your dream into a reality. Your sensitivity toward those you deal with will make a difference in the outcome of a situation you are trying to manipulate. An open and honest approach will lead to personal success.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Channel your energy into activities that will stimulate you mentally, physically and emotionally, and it will diminish a tendency someone has to derail your plans. A personal change will make you feel confident and content with your accomplishment.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay calm, focused and refuse to let anyone goad you into an argument. Have a plan in place and stick to what you know you can accomplish. Personal growth will come from the ability to know your limits and your strengths.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny and not as warm	Clear and chilly	Plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Mostly sunny	Chance for afternoon rain
65°	36°	61° / 33°	59° / 33°	60° / 42°	64° / 43°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 35%
NW 10-20 mph	NNW 7-14 mph	NNW 10-20 mph	N 7-14 mph	ENE 3-6 mph	SSW 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

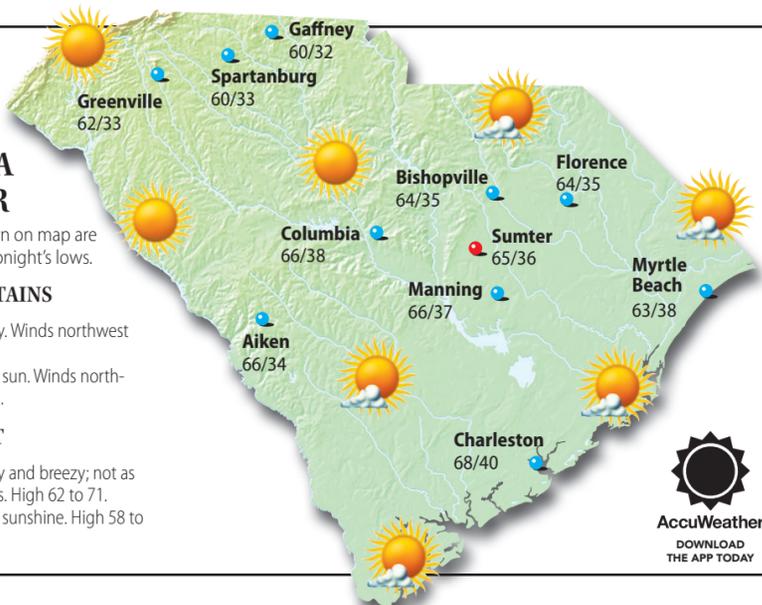
Temperatures shown on map are today's highs and tonight's lows.

IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Mostly sunny. Winds northwest 10-20 mph. Clear.  
**Saturday:** Plenty of sun. Winds north-northwest 6-12 mph.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** Mostly sunny and breezy; not as warm in central parts. High 62 to 71.  
**Saturday:** Plenty of sunshine. High 58 to 64.



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SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature
High 78°
Low 58°
Normal high 62°
Normal low 37°
Record high 83° in 2017
Record low 21° in 2002

Precipitation
24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. 0.66"
Month to date 0.32"
Normal month to date 0.13"
Year to date 3.41"
Last year to date 5.69"
Normal year to date 7.55"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.65	+0.06
Marion	76.8	74.94	-0.02
Moultrie	75.5	74.79	-0.06
Wateree	100	96.91	-0.14

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.54	-0.11
Congaree River	19	4.20	+0.23
Lynches River	14	4.76	-0.12
Saluda River	14	3.48	-0.52
Up. Santee River	80	77.35	+0.07
Wateree River	24	10.45	-0.48

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:50 a.m.	Sunset	6:19 p.m.
Moonrise	7:15 p.m.	Moonset	7:22 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Mar. 9	Mar. 17	Mar. 24	Mar. 31

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	9:15 a.m.	3.5	3:37 a.m.	-1.0
	9:41 p.m.	3.3	4:08 p.m.	-0.7
Sat.	10:01 a.m.	3.4	4:27 a.m.	-0.9
	10:29 p.m.	3.3	4:53 p.m.	-0.7

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	60/37/s	63/37/s
Chicago	46/28/s	46/30/s
Dallas	69/45/s	69/52/pc
Detroit	41/23/pc	41/21/s
Houston	75/50/pc	73/59/pc
Los Angeles	58/50/r	56/42/pc
New Orleans	72/51/pc	71/55/s
New York	44/34/r	47/36/pc
Orlando	80/50/pc	74/47/s
Philadelphia	44/34/sn	48/35/pc
Phoenix	75/49/s	73/49/pc
San Francisco	54/42/sh	54/41/sh
Wash., DC	49/36/c	50/34/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Asheville	51/29/pc	52/30/s	Florence	64/35/s	61/34/s
Athens	65/35/s	66/34/s	Gainesville	77/42/pc	71/40/s
Augusta	70/35/s	65/34/s	Gastonia	60/33/s	60/31/s
Beaufort	71/41/s	64/38/s	Goldboro	59/35/s	57/33/s
Cape Hatteras	57/41/pc	50/40/pc	Goose Creek	68/40/s	62/38/s
Charleston	68/40/s	63/37/s	Greensboro	53/30/s	54/29/s
Charlotte	60/32/s	59/32/s	Greenville	62/33/s	62/33/s
Clemson	65/34/s	64/31/s	Hickory	56/30/pc	57/29/s
Columbia	66/38/s	62/37/s	Hilton Head	68/43/s	62/40/s
Darlington	61/35/s	59/33/s	Jacksonville, FL	75/43/pc	69/42/s
Elizabeth City	58/37/pc	53/37/pc	La Grange	63/37/s	65/36/s
Elizabethtown	61/35/s	57/35/s	Macon	67/36/s	66/34/s
Fayetteville	61/34/s	58/33/s	Marietta	59/36/s	62/34/s
			Marion	57/29/pc	57/28/s
			Mt. Pleasant	68/42/s	62/39/s
			Myrtle Beach	63/38/s	58/36/s
			Orangeburg	66/37/s	61/35/s
			Port Royal	71/44/s	64/41/s
			Raleigh	54/33/s	55/32/s
			Rock Hill	61/33/s	59/31/s
			Rockingham	59/33/s	58/30/s
			Savannah	74/41/s	66/38/s
			Spartanburg	60/33/s	59/31/s
			Summerville	67/39/s	62/37/s
			Wilmington	62/36/s	58/33/s
			Winston-Salem	53/30/s	54/28/s

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SUMTER SPCA PETS OF THE WEEK



**FAR LEFT:** Dylan is a neutered, housebroken 2-year-old Labrador retriever mix. He is a friendly boy, who loves to play with other dogs. Dylan enjoys being given love and attention. He would be great for a family with children. Dylan is an active boy, who loves everyone he meets.

**LEFT:** Binx is a neutered, housebroken 7-month-old American short hair. He is an affectionate cat, who enjoys being held, cuddled and given lots of love. Binx is also wonderful with other cats, children and even dogs. He would be perfect for any family situation.

The Sumter SPCA is located at 1140 S. Guignard Drive, (803) 773-9292, and is open 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Visit [www.sumterspcpa.com](http://www.sumterspcpa.com).

**The SPCA relies heavily on community support and donations. Currently, the biggest needs are for dry puppy and kitten food, wet cat food, cat litter and cleaning supplies. The following are also appreciated:**  
Newspapers, stuffed animals, heavy duty trash bags (30 gallon or larger), dishwashing liquid, laundry detergent, bleach, paper towels, sheets and comforters, baby blankets, canned dog and cat food, dry dog food, treats, leashes and collars, disinfectant spray, all-purpose cleaner, air freshener, no scratch scrubbers, two-sided sponges for dishes, litter freshener and, of course, monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

## PREP BASKETBALL

After coming out of nowhere a year ago, EC shooting for 1A state title Saturday

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The 2016-17 season was a fun run for the East Clarendon High School girls basketball team. The Lady Wolverines went from a 1-17 team to a 15-8 squad that lost to Green Sea-Floyds 71-68 in overtime in the 1A lower state championship game.

While enjoying the massive improvement, coming so close to playing for a state title left EC very hungry, especially the upper classmen.

"We knew what we had coming back, and with five seniors we knew we had to get this," said Caitlin Timmons, one of those seniors. "This was the only chance we had."

And that is to win a state championship. East Clarendon has positioned itself to do that, as it will play Timmonsville for the 1A crown at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

The Lady Wolverines bring an 18-5 record into the contest after beating Scott's Branch 60-47 last Friday for the lower state crown. The Lady Whirlwinds are 15-10 after beating McCormick 39-30 for the upper state crown.

EC head coach Mike Lowder is hoping his team will be able to impose its will at least to a degree on THS and its veteran head coach Perry Stokes.

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East Clarendon eight-grader Tylashia Cooper (10) goes in for a layup during the Lady Wolverines' 60-47 victory over Scott's Branch in the 1A lower state championship game at Florence Center last week. East Clarendon will face Timmonsville at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia for the 1A state title.

# Going for the glory

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ronald McGee joins 3 Sumter teammates at Highland CC

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One thing is for certain about the Highland Community College football team - it will have a decidedly Sumter feel to it when it suits up for the 2018 season. Four Game-



MC GEE

cocks, including defensive lineman Ronald McGee, signed with the school this year, joining former teammate Jahkeem Green, who will play another season with

the Scotties before moving on.

McGee, who signed a letter of intent to play football for Highland during a National Signing Day event at the Sumter High gymnasium on Feb. 8, said he was attracted to the junior college program in part because Green had told him about what it's like there.

"I have a former teammate there, and I feel like I can just get away from everybody and focus on football and get my grades right, and hopefully someday I can go and play D-1 ball," McGee said. His high school coach, Mark Barnes, agreed.

"Ronald is from a long line of good defensive linemen here," Barnes said. "We've got a guy at Highland that's already been offered by some SEC schools, we've got a guy at Georgia Southern (Raymond Johnson III) that plays about every play. He's like those guys, and he knows that."

"(McGee) qualified academically late, and that kind of hurt him from a recruiting standpoint," Barnes explained. "He's got some offers - all these guys have offers from Division 2 type schools; but all of them, and Ronald especially, is a much better football player than that and we know it. With him, it's a matter of getting his academics in line with his film and being able to say 'yes, he's going to make it.'"

"Again, he's a guy that can go one semester there and then sign or go two years, get a junior college degree and have three years when he gets done. I'll be shocked if he's not in a Power 5 conference a year from now," Barnes said.

Listed at 6-feet, 2-inches tall and 265 pounds, McGee accounted for 61 tackles as a senior, 23 of them solo, averaging 5.5 tackles per game, registering 5.5 tackles-for-loss, including 2.5 sacks, and forcing a fumble. McGee said it was more about the personal touch that Scotties defensive line coach Payton Kirk brought to the recruiting process that sold him on the program.

"Coach Kirk did a really good job of recruiting me," said McGee. "He came back to talk to me about how the program works and about the defense and how it operates, and I loved it. Coach Kirk and I have a close relationship. He texts me every day and asks how I'm doing, how my mom's doing - it just sold me on them."

According to the Highland CC athletics website, Kirk has sent 14 of his defensive linemen to Division 1 programs in the last four years, including four more this year, helping the Scotties finish in third and then second place in total defense in the Jayhawk Conference during his tenure.

McGee said he's going to give it his best shot in hopes of playing in Division 1, adding that he has been a long-time Georgia fan and would love to get a chance to play for the Bulldogs.

"I'm just going to go out there and do my best for them and maybe I'll get a chance to play D-1 ball," McGee said.

## CLEMSON-USC BASEBALL

# Tigers, Gamecocks renew rivalry on diamond

Teams will play today in Columbia, Saturday in Greenville and Sunday in Clemson

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Mark Kingston will get his first taste of likely the best rivalry in college baseball - South Carolina and Clemson.

Kingston, in his first season as the Gamecocks head coach, will see his team play host to the Tigers today at 7 p.m. at Founders Park in Columbia in the first game of the 3-game series.

The teams will travel to Greenville on Saturday to play at Fluor Field at 3 p.m. before playing the final game on Saturday at Doug Kingsmore Stadium in Clemson beginning at 2 p.m.

Kingston came to USC from South Florida after Chad Holbrook resigned after five seasons and failing to get Carolina into the NCAA tournament in two of his final three seasons.

It was shaping up to be a series between two teams with one combined loss heading into last Sunday. However, USC lost the final game of its 3-game series



Seth Beer and the Clemson Tigers hope to have moments like this when they play their 3-game series with arch rival South Carolina today, Saturday and Sunday.

with Charleston Southern and followed it up with a loss to Furman on Tuesday.

Carolina, which is ranked 23rd in the latest Collegiate Baseball poll, is 6-3 on the sea-

son. Clemson is 8-0 and ranked seventh by Collegiate Baseball. After sweeping Dallas Baptist last weekend, Clemson comes into the game off of a 9-8, 10-inning victory over Winthrop on Tuesday.

The Tigers have won each of the series against South Carolina since Monte Lee took over as the Tigers' head coach in 2015. The Gamecocks have won the first game of the series each of the last two years only to lose the final two games.

USC will send right-hander Adam Hill to the mound today against Clemson left-handed Jacob Hennessy.

Hill has a 1-1 win-loss record with a 5.73 earned run average. However, he is coming off a 14-strikeout, no-hit performance in seven innings in a 7-0 victory over CSU that earned him Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Week honors.

Hennessy is 1-0 with a 2.45 ERA in 11 innings of work with 14 strikeouts and two walks.

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# 18 local players set to play In SCISA All-Star contests



Laurence Manning's Jerrel Kelly (35) is one of 18 local players scheduled to participate in the SCISA North-South All-Star Games on Saturday at Wilson Hall's Nash Student Center.

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Eighteen local high school basketball players are scheduled to play in the South Carolina Independent School Coaches Association North-South All-Star Games on Saturday at Wilson Hall's Nash Student Center.

There will be six games played, a boys and girls contest for 1A, 2A and 3A. The games will be played simultaneously with the girls playing in the main gymnasium and the boys in the newer gymnasium.

The 1A games will start at 11 a.m. The 2A games are scheduled to begin at 12:30 p.m. and the 3A contests 2:30.

Wilson Hall is scheduled to have four girls and three boys in the 3A contests, while Laurence Manning Academy is set to have four.

The Lady Barons scheduled to play for the North squad are Natalie Jack-

son, Courtney Clark, Liza Segars and Madison Elmore. Lexi Bennett and Brooke Bennett are set to represent LMA on the South squad.

Jerrel Kelly and Grayson Dennis are the Swampcats who will be playing for the South 3A boys squad. Laurence Manning head coach Will Epps will be the head coach.

Wilson Hall's Chandler Scott, Grant DeVarona and Daulton Dabbs will play for the North squad.

Thomas Sumter Academy's Aubrey Stoddard and Caetlyn Martin will play for the South 2A girls squad. They will be joined by Robert E. Lee Academy's Rebecca Dinkins.

Set to play for the South 2A boys squad are TSA's Zach Fugate and REL'S Bryce Barrett.

The 1A South boys squad will have Clarendon Hall's Zyan Gilmore and Dylan Way playing for it. The team will be coached by Saints head coach Anthony Reitenour.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

**5:30 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Tshwane Open Second Round from Waterkloof, South Africa (GOLF).  
**6 a.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Boston vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).  
**7:30 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Tshwane Open Second Round from Waterkloof, South Africa (GOLF).  
**8 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships Semifinal Matches from Dubai, United Arab Emirates (TENNIS).  
**9 a.m.** — NFL Football: NFL Scouting Combine from Indianapolis — Running Backs, Offensive Linemen and Special Teams (NFL NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Atlanta vs. New York Yankees from Tampa, Fla. (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Boston vs. St. Louis (MLB NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** — PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship Second Round from Mexico City (GOLF).  
**2 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**2:20 p.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Werder Bremen vs. Borussia Monchengladbach (FOX SPORTS 2, UNIVISION).  
**3 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Boyd Gaming 300 Practice from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. Los Angeles Angels (MLB NETWORK).  
**5 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Boyd Gaming 300 Practice from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**6 p.m.** — College Basketball: Eastern Michigan at Toledo (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6 p.m.** — College Basketball: Buffalo at Bowling Green (ESPN2).  
**6 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Stratosphere 200 Pole Qualifying from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Texas-Arlington at Texas State (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pole Qualifying from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Philadelphia (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**7 p.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions SAS Championship First Round from Tucson, Ariz. (GOLF).  
**7 p.m.** — Professional Swimming: TYR Pro Swim Series from Atlanta (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Southeastern Conference Tournament Quarterfinal Game from Nashville, Tenn. — South Carolina vs. Auburn or Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Abierto Mexican Telcel Semifinal Matches from Acapulco, Mexico (TENNIS).  
**7 p.m.** — College Baseball: Clemson at South Carolina (WJMZ-FM 93.1, WPUB-FM 102.7, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: New Jersey at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**8 p.m.** — College Basketball: Rhode Island at Davidson (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Toronto at Washington (ESPN).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Mets vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).  
**8:30 p.m.** — Track and Field: IAAF World Indoor Championships from Birmingham, England (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Iowa State at Oklahoma (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series Stratosphere 200 from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**10 p.m.** — College Hockey: Miami (Ohio) at Denver (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Minnesota at Utah (ESPN).  
**11 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Abierto Mexican Telcel Semifinal Matches from Acapulco, Mexico (TENNIS).  
**Midnight** — LPGA Golf: HSBC Women's World Championship Third Round from Sentosa, Singapore (GOLF).  
**Midnight** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Kansas City vs. San Diego from Peoria, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).  
**1:30 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Sao Paulo Open Quarterfinal Matches from Sao Paulo (TENNIS).  
**3 a.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox (MLB NETWORK).

SATURDAY

**5 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Tshwane Open Third Round from Waterkloof, South Africa (GOLF).  
**7:25 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Everton vs. Burnley (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 a.m.** — NFL Football: NFL Scouting Combine from Indianapolis — Quarterbacks, Wide Receivers and Tight Ends (NFL NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Hertha Berlin vs. Schalke 04 (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**9:30 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Bayer Leverkusen vs. Wolfsburg (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**9:55 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Huddersfield vs. Tottenham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**10 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Stoke City vs. Southampton (CNBC).  
**10 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Dubai Duty Free Tennis Championships Championship Match from Dubai, United Arab Emirates (TENNIS).  
**Noon** — College Basketball: Kentucky at Florida (WLTX 19).  
**Noon** — College Basketball: Xavier at DePaul (WACH 57).  
**Noon** — College Basketball: West Virginia at Texas (ESPN).  
**Noon** — College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Miami (ESPN2).  
**Noon** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**Noon** — College Basketball: St. John's at Providence (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**Noon** — College Basketball: Wake Forest at Georgia Tech (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**Noon** — PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship Third Round from Mexico City (GOLF).  
**12:20 p.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Borussia Dortmund vs. Leipzig (FOX SPORTS 2).  
**12:30 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Newcastle United vs. Liverpool (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**12:30 p.m.** — College Tennis: Michigan at Central Florida (TENNIS).  
**1 p.m.** — International Gymnastics: American Cup from Chicago (WIS 10).  
**1 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Boyd Gaming 300 Pole Qualifying from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Yankees vs. Boston from Fort Myers, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — College Basketball: Mississippi State at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).  
**2 p.m.** — College Basketball: Clemson at Syracuse (WKTC 63, WWBD-FM 94.7, WPUB-FM 102.7).  
**2 p.m.** — College Basketball: Baylor at Kansas State (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** — College Basketball: Alabama at Texas A&M (ESPN2).  
**2 p.m.** — College Basketball: Boston College at Florida State (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**2:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Creighton at Marquette (WACH 57).  
**2:30 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Practice from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**3 p.m.** — PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship Third Round from Mexico City (WIS 10).  
**3 p.m.** — College Basketball: George Washington at Dayton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Oracle Challenge Series Men's and Women's Semifinal Matches from Indian Wells, Calif. (TENNIS).  
**3 p.m.** — College Baseball: South Carolina vs. Clemson from Greenville (WJMZ-FM 93.1).  
**3:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: South Carolina at Auburn (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-

FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**3:30 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Atlanta at Houston (UNIVISION).  
**4 p.m.** — College Basketball: Notre Dame at Virginia (WKTC 63).  
**4 p.m.** — College Basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma State (ESPN).  
**4 p.m.** — College Basketball: Texas Christian at Texas Tech (ESPN2).  
**4 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: XFINITY Series Boyd Gaming 300 from Las Vegas (FOX SPORTS 1, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Washington vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — College Basketball: Georgia at Tennessee (SEC NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — College Baseball: South Carolina vs. Clemson from Greenville (Joined In Progress) (WJMZ-FM 93.1).  
**4:30 p.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions SAS Championship Second Round from Tucson, Ariz. (GOLF).  
**5 p.m.** — College Basketball: Georgetown at Villanova (WACH 57).  
**5 p.m.** — Track and Field: IAAF World Indoor Championships from Birmingham, England (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**6 p.m.** — College Basketball: Louisville at North Carolina State (ESPN).  
**6 p.m.** — College Basketball: Arkansas at Missouri (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — Professional Swimming: TYR Pro Swim Series from Atlanta (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Washington vs. Toronto from Annapolis, Md. (WIS 10).  
**8 p.m.** — College Basketball: Butler at Seton Hall (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8:15 p.m.** — College Basketball: North Carolina at Duke (ESPN).  
**8:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Boston at Houston (WOL 25).  
**8:30 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Angels vs. Seattle from Peoria, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).  
**8:30 p.m.** — International Gymnastics: American Cup from Chicago (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Vanderbilt at Mississippi (SEC NETWORK).  
**10 p.m.** — College Basketball: Nevada at San Diego State (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**10 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Abierto Mexican Telcel Championship Match from Acapulco, Mexico (TENNIS).  
**10 p.m.** — Professional Boxing: Deontay Wilder vs. Luis Ortiz for the World Heavyweight Title from Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHOWTIME).  
**10:15 p.m.** — College Basketball: UCLA at Southern California (ESPN2).  
**10:15 p.m.** — Professional Boxing: Sergey Kovalev vs. Igor Mikhalkin in a Light Heavyweight Bout and Dmitry Bivol vs. Sullivan Barrera in a Light Heavyweight Bout from New York (HBO).  
**10:30 p.m.** — LPGA Golf: HSBC Women's World Championship Final Round from Sentosa, Singapore (GOLF).  
**11:30 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Angels vs. Arizona (MLB NETWORK).  
**12:30 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Sao Paulo Open Semifinal Matches from Sao Paulo (TENNIS).  
**2:30 a.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Baltimore vs. Philadelphia from Clearwater, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS ON TV

WOMEN

TODAY

**ACC**  
 FOX SPORTSOUTH  
 Quarterfinal  
 11 a.m.  
 2 p.m. — Louisville vs. Syracuse or Virginia Tech  
**SEC**  
 SEC NETWORK  
 Quarterfinal  
 1 p.m. — Mississippi State vs. Alabama or Kentucky  
 3:30 p.m.  
 7 p.m. — South Carolina vs. Tennessee or Auburn  
 9:30 p.m.

WEST COAST

**BYUTV**  
 Quarterfinal  
 3 p.m.  
 5:30 p.m.  
 9 p.m.  
 11:30 p.m.

CIAA

**ASPIRE**  
 Semifinal  
 1 p.m.  
 3 p.m.

SATURDAY

**ACC**  
 ESPNU  
 Semifinal  
 Noon  
 2 p.m.  
**SEC**  
 ESPNU  
 Semifinal  
 5 p.m.  
 7:30 p.m.

ATLANTIC 10

CBS SPORTS NETWORK  
 Semifinal  
 1:30 p.m.

BIG 12

FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST  
 Quarterfinal  
 2:30 p.m.  
 7 p.m.  
 9:30 p.m.  
**CIAA**  
 ASPIRE  
 Championship  
 1 p.m.

MEN

TODAY

OHIO VALLEY

ESPNU  
 Semifinal  
 8 p.m.  
 10 p.m.  
**CIAA**  
 ASPIRE  
 Semifinal  
 7 p.m.  
 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

**BIG 10**  
 WLTX 19  
 Semifinal  
 2 p.m.  
 4:30 p.m.

OHIO VALLEY

ESPN2  
 Championship  
 8 p.m.

MISSOURI VALLEY

CBS SPORTS NETWORK  
 Semifinal  
 3:30 p.m.  
 6 p.m.

WEST COAST

Quarterfinal  
 BYUTV  
 4 p.m. — Brigham Young vs. San Diego  
 6:30 p.m. — San Francisco vs. Pacific  
 ESPN2  
 10 p.m. — Gonzaga vs. Loyola Marymount or Portland  
 Midnight — St. Mary's (Calif.) vs. Santa Clara or Pepperdine  
**CIAA**  
 ASPIRE  
 Championship  
 7 p.m.

MEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

THURSDAY

1. Virginia (26-2) at Louisville. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.  
 2. Michigan State (28-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Friday.  
 3. Xavier (26-4) did not play. Next: at DePaul, Saturday.  
 4. Villanova (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. Georgetown, Saturday.  
 5. Duke (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 North Carolina, Saturday.  
 6. Kansas (24-6) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.  
 7. Gonzaga (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount or Portland, Saturday.  
 8. Purdue (26-5) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana or Rutgers, Friday.

9. North Carolina (22-8) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Duke, Saturday.  
 10. Cincinnati (25-4) at Tulane. Next: at No. 11 Wichita State, Sunday.  
 11. Wichita State (23-5) at UCF. Next: vs. No. 10 Cincinnati, Sunday.  
 12. Texas Tech (22-8) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.  
 13. Ohio State (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State or Northwestern, Friday.  
 14. Auburn (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.  
 15. Michigan (25-7) beat Iowa 77-71, OT. Next: vs. Nebraska, Friday.  
 16. Tennessee (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Saturday.  
 17. Rhode Island (23-5) did not play. Next: at Davidson, Friday.  
**18. Clemson (22-7) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Saturday.**  
 19. Arizona (22-7) vs. Stanford. Next: vs. California, Saturday.  
 20. West Virginia (22-8) did not play. Next: at Texas, Saturday.  
 21. Nevada (26-5) did not play. Next: at San Diego State, Saturday.  
 22. Saint Mary's (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Santa Clara or Pepperdine, Saturday.  
 23. Kentucky (21-9) did not play. Next: at Florida, Saturday.  
 24. Middle Tennessee (23-5) vs. Western Kentucky. Next: vs. Marshall, Saturday.  
 25. Houston (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Sunday.

WOMEN'S TOP 25 RESULTS

THURSDAY

1. UConn (29-0) did not play. Next: vs. Memphis or Tulane, Sunday.  
 2. Mississippi State (30-0) did not play. Next: vs. Kentucky, Friday.  
 3. Baylor (28-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State or Kansas, Saturday.  
 4. Louisville (29-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Friday.  
 5. Notre Dame (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech or Clemson, Friday.  
 6. Oregon (27-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.  
 7. Texas (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State or Texas Tech, Saturday.  
**8. South Carolina (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Tennessee or Auburn, Friday.**  
 9. UCLA (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. California or Washington, Friday.  
 10. Oregon State (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona State or Arizona, Friday.  
 11. Florida State (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Miami or Wake Forest, Friday.  
 12. Tennessee (23-6) vs. Auburn. Next: vs. No. 8 South Carolina, Friday.  
 13. Ohio State (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Friday.  
 14. Missouri (23-6) vs. Mississippi. Next: vs. No. 19 Georgia, Friday.  
 15. Texas A&M (22-8) vs. Arkansas. Next: vs. No. 24 LSU, Friday.  
 16. Stanford (20-9) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal or Washington State, Friday.  
 17. Maryland (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Indiana or Michigan State, Friday.  
 18. Duke (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 N.C. State, Friday.  
 19. Georgia (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Missouri or Mississippi, Friday.  
 20. South Florida (24-6) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina or SMU, Sunday.  
 21. Green Bay (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northern Kentucky or Detroit, Saturday.  
 22. Belmont (29-3) did not play. Next: vs. Jacksonville State, Friday.  
 23. N.C. State (23-7) beat North Carolina 77-64. Next: vs. No. 18 Duke, Friday.  
 24. LSU (19-8) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M or Arkansas, Friday.  
 25. Mercer (28-2) beat Western Carolina 75-44. Next: vs. Samford, Friday.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	43	17	.717	—
Boston	44	19	.698	½
Philadelphia	32	27	.542	10½
New York	24	38	.387	20
Brooklyn	20	42	.323	24

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	36	26	.581	—
Miami	32	29	.525	3½
Charlotte	28	34	.452	8
Atlanta	19	43	.306	17
Orlando	18	43	.295	17½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	36	24	.600	—
Indiana	34	27	.557	2½
Milwaukee	33	28	.541	3½
Detroit	29	32	.475	7½
Chicago	20	41	.328	16½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	48	13	.787	—
San Antonio	36	26	.581	12½
New Orleans	35	26	.574	13
Dallas	19	43	.306	29½
Memphis	18	42	.300	29½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	38	26	.594	—
Portland	35	26	.574	1½
Oklahoma City	36	27	.571	1½
Denver	33	28	.541	3½
Utah	31	30	.508	5½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	48	14	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	32	28	.533	15
L.A. Lakers	26	34	.433	21
Phoenix	19	44	.302	29½
Sacramento	18	43	.295	29½

THURSDAY

L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

TODAY

Charlotte at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Golden State at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Denver at Memphis, 8 p.m.  
 Indiana at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Utah, 10:30 p.m.  
 New York at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

SATURDAY

Memphis at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Denver at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Boston at Houston, 8:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 9 p.m.  
 Oklahoma City at Portland, 10 p.m.  
 Utah at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Phoenix at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
 Indiana at Washington, 6 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.  
 New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

THURSDAY

**NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSN.**  
 CHICAGO BULLS — Signed F Jarell Eddie to a 10-day contract.  
 CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Suspended G J.R. Smith one game for detrimental conduct.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

ARIZONA COYOTES — Recalled F Laurent Dauphin from Tucson (AHL).  
 COLORADO AVALANCHE — Reassigned D David Warsosky to San Antonio (AHL).  
 NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Assigned G Eddie Lack to Binghamton (AHL). Activated G Cory Schneider off injured reserve.  
 TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Signed F Alex Barre-Boulet to a three-year entry level contract. Recalled F Anthony Cirelli from Syracuse (AHL).

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

MINNESOTA UNITED — Promoted Stacey Hardin to athletic trainer.  
 PORTLAND TIMBERS — Waived D Chance Myers.

SPORTS ITEMS

Oosthuizen leads at Mexico Championship with 7-under 64

MEXICO CITY — Two of the European Tour's hottest players brought their best golf to their first World Golf Championship.

Louis Oosthuizen, a world-class player for the better part of a decade, drilled a long iron into 4 feet for eagle on the par-5 15th and had birdies on two of the short par 4s at Chapultepec Golf Club for a 7-under 64 in the Mexico Championship on Thursday.

SONG LPGA LEADER

SINGAPORE — Jennifer Song shot an opening 7-under 65 to take a two-stroke lead at the Women's World Championship on Thursday.

The 28-year-old American reeled off seven birdies at the Sentosa Golf Club in a round that was interrupted for two hours by lightning.

Michelle Wie and Ji Eun-Hee (both 67) were tied for second while another nine

players finished a further stroke back at 4 under.

QB JIM KELLY'S ORAL CANCER RETURNS

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Buffalo Bills Hall of Fame quarterback Jim Kelly has once again been diagnosed with oral cancer.

Kelly released a statement Thursday through his publicist saying he is "shocked and deeply saddened" by the news, and vows to once again fight to overcome the disease. He did not go into specifics on the diagnoses except to say the cancer was discovered following a test.

"As our family has faced many trials and triumphs throughout the years, you have blessed us with your prayers. We are asking for those prayers once again," Kelly said. "With all of you by my side, we will fight and win this battle together."

From wire reports

MEN'S CONFERENCE TOURNAMENTS

ATLANTIC SUN CONFERENCE

**At Higher-Seeded Schools**  
**First Round**  
**Monday, Feb. 26**  
 Florida Gulf Coast 96, South Carolina Upstate 76  
 Jacksonville 87, Kennesaw State 68  
 North Florida 80, NJIT 76  
 Lipscomb 89, Stetson 73  
**Semifinals**  
**Thursday, March 1**  
 Florida Gulf Coast vs. North Florida, 7 p.m.  
 Lipscomb vs. Jacksonville, 8 p.m.  
**Championship**  
**Sunday, March 4**  
 Semifinal winners, 3 p.m.

BIG SOUTH CONFERENCE

**First Round**  
**Tuesday Feb. 27**  
 Longwood 68, High Point 55  
 Charleston Southern 68, Presbyterian 51  
**At Kimmel Arena Asheville, N.C.**  
**Quarterfinals**  
**Thursday, March 1**  
 Radford vs. Longwood, 1 p.m.  
 Winthrop vs. Gardner-Webb, 3:30 p.m.  
 UNC Asheville vs. Charleston Southern, 7 p.m.  
 Campbell vs. Liberty, 9:30 p.m.  
**Semifinals**  
**Friday, March 2**  
 Radford-Longwood winner vs. Winthrop-Gardner-Webb winner, 6 p.m.  
 UNC Asheville-Charleston Southern winner vs. Campbell-Liberty winner, 8:30 p.m.  
**Championship**  
**At Higher-Se**

CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Reed lifts No. 18 Clemson to 75-63 win over Florida State

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Clemson coach Brad Brownell was grateful his team set a record with its 11th Atlantic Coast Conference victory. He also hopes the mark doesn't last too long.

"It's something players will remember for a long time. It's good to talk about," said Brownell after the 18th-ranked Tigers defeated Florida State 76-63 on Wednesday night. "Hopefully, it's a record that will be broken again."

Maybe come Saturday when the surprising Tigers, picked for 13th in the preseason poll, try and secure a top-four seed in the ACC Tournament at Syracuse.

"There's opportunity there to continue to build and that's what this team has done," he said.

Marcquise Reed scored 22 points, 13 in the second half, as the Tigers (22-7, 11-6) finished the game on a 34-18 run to finish 15-1 at Littlejohn Coliseum this season.

"It's a special year here," Clemson senior Gabe DeVoe said. "Being able to win close games, it's been a year all about us and we've been able to handle it."

The Tigers had won 10 league games six times in 64 years as ACC members, but have never before won this many conference games in a regular season. And they did it with late rallies in both halves.

Clemson trailed 24-16 in the opening half before closing the period on a 21-8 charge. Florida State clawed back to lead 45-42 midway through the second half before the Tigers took over with the closing surge.

Florida State (19-10, 8-9) closed to 64-61 on Phil Cofer's 3-pointer with 2:58 remaining, but got no closer.

DeVoe had 13 points while Shelton Mitchell and Elijah Thomas had 11 points each for the Tigers, who took another step toward earning a top four seed in next week's ACC Tournament. Clemson came into the game tied for fourth with North Carolina State. The Wolfpack play at Georgia Tech on Thursday night.

Cofer led the Seminoles with 21 points. Florida State's leading scorer, Terance Mann, had an awful shooting night as he went 1 of 9 from the field for three points, 10 fewer than his average.

Reed, in his second year since transferring from Robert Morris, has become the Tigers' late-game closer. He had nine points in the last 4 minutes as Clemson broke open a tight, back-and-forth contest.

"It's a role that I've accepted," Reed said. "My teammates have allowed me to do it and the coaching staff has leaned on me."

Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said Reed's timely play thwarted the Seminoles from a comeback. "He over-



Florida State center Ike Obiagu, top, fouls Clemson forward Aamir Simms during the second half of the Tigers' 76-63 victory on Wednesday in Clemson.

(18) CLEMSON 76, FLORIDA ST. 63

FLORIDA ST. (19-10)

Cofer 7-14 2-4 21, Koumadje 1-1 0-0 2, Angola 4-7 0-0 11, Forrest 2-5 5-6 9, Mann 1-9 1-3 3, Kabengele 2-4 0-2 4, Obiagu 2-2 0-0 4, Savoy 1-4 0-0 3, C. Walker 1-2 2-2 4, M.Walker 0-2 2-2 2. Totals 21-50 12-19 63.

CLEMSON (22-7)

Simms 1-6 0-0 3, Thomas 4-8 3-6 11, Mitchell 3-9 2-2 11, Reed 7-11 7-9 22, DeVoe 3-12 5-5 13, William 1-2 0-0 2, Skara 0-2 1-2 1, Donnal 3-5 0-0 8, Oliver 0-0 0-0 0, Trapp 1-2 2-2 5. Totals 23-57 20-26 76.

Halftime\_Clemson 35-32, 3-Point Goals\_Florida St. 9-23 (Cofer 5-9, Angola 3-4, Savoy 1-4, Kabengele 0-1, Forrest 0-1, M.Walker 0-1, Mann 0-3), Clemson 10-26 (Mitchell 3-8, Donnal 2-4, DeVoe 2-6, Trapp 1-2, Reed 1-2, Simms 1-4). Fouled Out\_None, Rebounds\_Florida St. 27 (Cofer 7), Clemson 37 (Thomas 8), Assists\_Florida St. 9 (Mann 4), Clemson 13 (Reed 5), Total Fouls\_Florida St. 24, Clemson 17. A\_7,242 (10,000).

powered us and didn't let us get momentum," Hamilton said.

BIG PICTURE

Florida State: The Seminoles are long, strong and athletic, but struggled to get rebounds with only 12 in the opening 20 minutes. Florida State has a 3.8 rebounding margin this season, but got outrebounded 20-12 by the Tigers. Only Trent Forrest and Braian Angola had more than one board for the Seminoles. The Tigers wound up winning the battle of the boards, 39-30. That must improve if Florida State hopes to make noise in the postseason.

Clemson: It may be a simplification of things for the Tigers, but when they make shots they can beat anybody. When they miss, they can lose to anyone. That was on display against Florida State as Clemson shot just 8 of 24 and fell behind 24-16. Over the final 6 minutes of the opening half, they went 4 of 7 as part of 21-8 run to lead 35-32 at the break. Clemson made 11 of 26 field goals in the second half to crawl past 40 percent shooting for the game.

CLOSE CALLS

Clemson has turned around a disappointing stat from last season — prevailing in close games. The Tigers were 2-8

last year in ACC games decided by five points or less. This year, Clemson is 4-2 in such games. Brownell said his players have shown a poise and maturity to keep achieving no matter the circumstances. "These are the things good teams do to win. We sacrifice and we practice hard," he said. "When you see young people giving so much and being selfless and sacrificing like they are, to have them have this kind of success is what you want to see."

UP NEXT

Florida State closes the regular season at home against Boston College on Saturday.

Clemson travels to Syracuse on Saturday.

USC MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Booker's 25 helps South Carolina past LSU 83-74

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina coach Frank Martin needed talent after losing three of his best players from last year's Final Four team. He turned to two graduate transfers mostly riding the bench at leagues far away from the Southeastern Conference.

And while a return to the NCAA Tournament isn't likely, Frank Booker and Wesley Myers combined for 48 points to lead the Gamecocks (16-14, 7-10 Southeastern Conference) to an 83-74 overtime win over LSU on Wednesday night.

"Those two guys, I wish I could coach them a little longer. They accept challenges. They don't mope. They don't cry," Martin said after the game, a few hours after he hugged their parents on senior night.

It was a typical South Carolina win with wild swings.

The Gamecocks led 62-47 with 8:08 to go. But LSU (16-13, 7-10) finished regulation on a 25-10 run and Tremont Waters' 3-pointer with 3.7 seconds left over 6-foot-10

Maik Kotsar sent the game to overtime tied at 72 and South Carolina's main force inside, Chris Silva, on the bench with five fouls.

"You certainly feel good with Silva out and us having a little bit of momentum crawling back from 15 down," Tigers coach Will Wade said.

On the other bench, Booker was heartbroken. He dribbled the ball into a double team and fell out of bounds with 11.4 seconds left giving the Tigers the chance to tie.

"It was one of those moments — dang, I thought I might have lost this one for us. But my teammates — the best teammates I've ever had — made sure I didn't do anything else dumb," Booker said.

UP NEXT

South Carolina: The Gamecocks travel Saturday to No. 14 Auburn, where the Tigers need a win to clinch at least a share of the SEC regular season title.

SOUTH CAROLINA 83, LSU 74, OT

LSU (16-13)

Sims 5-9 2-3 12, Reath 3-6 2-4 9, Mays 4-13 2-2 12, Sampson 2-7 1-2 5, Waters 6-15 5-5 19, Epps 1-4 2-2 5, Onwuasor 2-4 0-1 5, Vial 0-0 0-0 0, Rachal 3-6 1-3 7. Totals 26-64 15-22 74.

SOUTH CAROLINA (16-14)

Kotsar 1-8 6-6 8, Silva 3-6 2-2 8, Gravett 2-6 1-2 6, Myers 5-14 11-14 23, Booker 8-10 3-3 25, Minaya 2-4 0-0 5, Cudd 0-0 0-0 0, Haase 2-5 0-1 5, Hinson 1-1 0-0 3, Beatty 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-54 23-28 83.

Halftime 31-31, End Of Regulation Tied 72, 3-Point Goals\_LSU 7-25 (Waters 2-6, Mays 2-10, Onwuasor 1-1, Reath 1-2, Epps 1-3, Sampson 0-3), South Carolina 12-23 (Booker 6-7, Myers 2-6, Hinson 1-1, Haase 1-2, Gravett 1-3, Minaya 1-3, Kotsar 0-1), Fouled Out\_Silva, Sims, Rebounds\_LSU 38 (Rachal 13), South Carolina 29 (Myers 7), Assists\_LSU 15 (Mays 6), South Carolina 17 (Gravett, Myers 4), Total Fouls\_LSU 22, South Carolina 23. A\_11,269 (18,000).



South Carolina guard Hassani Gravett (2) shoots as LSU guard Tremont Waters (3) defends during the Gamecocks' 83-74 overtime victory on Wednesday in Columbia

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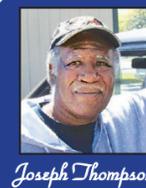
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**ECHS** FROM PAGE B1

“The biggest thing is Coach Stokes is only going to play six players,” Lowder said. “He doesn’t want to get into foul trouble, so he’s going to play a 2-1-2 zone and he’s not going to get out of it. He’s not going to press or play man-to-man.”

“He wants to keep the game in the 30s,” Lowder added. “They’re going to be very deliberate on offense, passing the ball as many as 10 times a possession. We feel like if we can get them to try and run with us a little bit that works in our favor.”

And running is what EC likes to do. It tries to get a lot of its offense off or its defense. Lowder said he plans to use different defenses to increase the game’s pace and hopefully turn it into a high-scoring affair.

Timmonsville has a rich history under the guidance of Stokes. In his 37 years as head coach, the Lady Whirlwinds have played for the state title four times, winning it twice.

This team might have been Stokes’ most unlikely squad to reach the championship. THS started the year 2-9 before winning 13 of its final 14 contests.

“Regardless of what happens on Saturday, this might be the most rewarding season I’ve had,” Stokes said.

The focus of Timmonsville’s offense is sophomore Makyla Commander. She is averaging 19.4 points, 11.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.5 steals a contest.

“She’s a strong player, a physical player, but she’s not very tall, and we do have some height down low,” Lowder said. “She likes to drive the baseline so we’ve got to take that away from her.”

East Clarendon is led by 5-foot-11-inch eighth-grader Ty-lashia Cooper. She is averaging 24.6 points, eight rebounds, five steals and 5.4 assists.

“She’s long and can run and do so many things,” Stokes said. “She doesn’t have any weaknesses. You just watch the video, and you say, ‘Wow.’ She plays beyond her years.”

“Her length and quickness are there, and she scores a heck of a lot of points, and she dishes the ball off well and makes her teammates better.”

**AREA ROUNDUP**

**Todd, Lakewood blanks Hannah-Pamplico 8-0**

Lathan Todd pitched six perfect innings to lead Lakewood High School’s baseball team to a 8-0 victory over Hannah-Pamplico in a preseason tournament game on Tuesday at the LHS field.

Todd struck out 12 batters for the Gators, who are 2-0 on the season.

H-P broke up the perfect game with a bloop single to right in the seventh off of relief pitcher Bobby Crisp.

Lakewood scored five runs in the sixth to break the game open. Trent Frye, Cory Blackley, Dalton Browder and Chris Parrish each drove in runs. Parrish finished with two hits.

On Monday in Kingstree, LHS defeated Williamsburg Academy 17-5. The Gators had 13 hits with Chandler Hunter going 3-for-3.

Todd, Browder and Hunter Day each

had two hits. Tucker Chapman and Tommy Pillsbury each hit a home run.

Pillsbury was the winner on the mound. He gave up three hits and three runs while striking out three in three innings of work.

**B TEAM BASEBALL**

**LAURENCE MANNING 4 WILSON HALL 0**

**MANNING** – Jackson Clemmons and Henry Durant combined to shut out Wilson Hall 4-0 on Wednesday at J.C. Britton Park.

Clemmons pitched the first two innings for the 2-0 Swampcats. Durant struck out eight after the final five innings.

Connor Smith led LMA offensively, going 2-for-3 with a triple. Austin Ged-

dings had a hit and a walk.

**GIRLS**

**JV SOFTBALL**

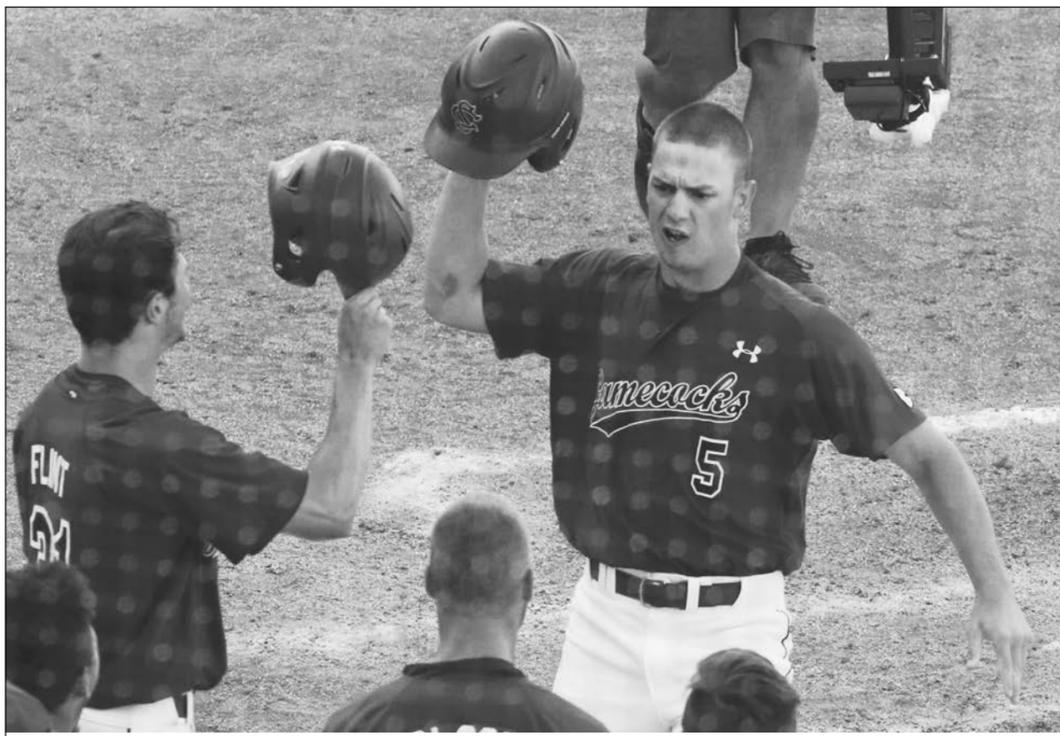
**WILSON HALL 20 HAMMOND 1**

**COLUMBIA** – Wilson Hall defeated Hammond 20-1 on Wednesday in three innings at the Hammond field.

Sophia Greene had an inside-the-park homer and drove in four runs for the Lady Barons. Hannah Vaclavik had two RBI.

Mary Beth VanPatten had two doubles, while Sullivan Jarecki had one. Ava Sliwonik had two hits and Aubrey Payne had a triple and an RBI.

*From staff reports*



T.J. Hopkins (5) and the South Carolina Gamecocks play host to Clemson today at 7 p.m. at Founders Park in Columbia. The teams play in Greenville on Saturday and in Clemson on Sunday.

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**RIVALS** FROM PAGE B1

Sophomore righty Cody Morris will start for Carolina on Saturday against right Brooks Crawford. Morris has won both of his starts and owns a 3.38 ERA. In 10 2/3 innings, he has nine Ks and three walks. Crawford is 1-0 with a

2.00 ERA in nine innings.

South Carolina is uncertain as to who its Sunday starter will be. Clemson will send lefty Jake Higginbotham to the mound. He is 2-0 with a 0.73 ERA in 12 1/3 innings.

Robert Jolly leads Clemson with a .440 batting average, while Chris Williams has 15 runs batted in

and 13 runs scored. Drew Wharton had a team-best four home runs.

Seth Beer is batting .259 with two homers and four RBI.

LT Tolbert is hitting .469 with two homers and eight runs batted in to lead USC and has hit safely in each game.

USC has hit 18 homers in its nine games.

**OBITUARIES**

**MARY ROBINSON**

Mary Robinson, 84, widow of Henry Robinson, died on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born on Jan. 20, 1934, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of Peter Howard and Mary Pollard.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home, 5140 Peach Orchard Road, Rembert.

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

**PRISCILLA T. BING**

**BISHOPVILLE** — Priscilla Toney Bing entered eternal rest on Feb. 27, 2018, at Carolinas Hospital System, Florence.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her daughter, Sue Brathwaite, 201 Bradley Ave., Bishopville.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home, 407 S. Main St.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Lee Central High School Auditorium, 1800 Wisacky Highway, Bishopville, with Bishop Nathaniel Dixon officiating. Interment will follow at Broad Branch Cemetery, Bishopville.

Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**SHERRY D. MAPLE**

God saw that the roads were getting tough and the hills were hard to climb, so the Lord whispered “It’s time to take your rest” and called Sherry D. Maple home on Feb. 26, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Sherry was born on Oct. 25, 1955, in Chicago, a daughter of the late Eula D. Walker and Leon Madison. Sherry attended and graduated from Martin Luther King Jr. High School in 1973. Sherry was joined in holy matrimony to Robert Maple. At an early age, she ac-

cepted the Lord as her personal Savior. Years later, she became a faithful member of Bethesda Church of God of Sumter. Sherry’s faith in God remained consistent and strong even while dealing with life’s trials and tribulations.

Sherry leaves to cherish her precious memories: her husband, Robert Maple; two loving daughters, Katrina L. Dawson of Chicago and Zuri I. Jackson of Sumter; one son, Michael J. Dawson of Chicago; two sisters, Diane Mitchell of Cape May, New Jersey, and Sharon Wallers of Chicago; four brothers, Cedric Walker of Chicago, Greg Walker of Pennsylvania, Ricky Walker and Steven Walker; a special niece, Shuron Wallers of Chicago; six grandchildren, Zhane (Tink), Lauren, Ericka, Jurne, Jules and Adonnis; and a host of extended relatives, in-laws and friends.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter,

with Pastor Sims and Pastor Wesley Maple officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home, 4076 Patriot Parkway, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

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

**AGNES N. JACKSON**

Agnes Edel Nicholes Jackson, 87, widow of Albert M. “A.M.” Jackson, died on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at Lake Marion Nursing Home in Summerton, where she received loving care.

Born on April 28, 1930, in Sumter, she was a daughter of the late Edel Barkley Nicholes and the late Tully Winkler Nicholes. Mrs. Jackson was a lifelong member of Bethel Baptist Church, where she taught the three-year-old Sunday school class and church hostess for many years. She retired from Sumter School District 2.

Survivors include three sons, Larry M. Jackson (An-

gela), Micheal W. Jackson (Michelle) and Donald C. Jackson (Sheena); three grandsons, Brian C. Jackson (Pam), Wesley N. Jackson and Stuart L. Jackson; three grandchildren, Weston Reid (Anita), Tiffany Harrison (Stewart) and Tyler Reid; and two great-grandchildren, Stella Grayce Harrison and Eli Reid.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Larry Fraser, the Rev. Jamie Williams and the Rev. Henry Stanford officiating. Burial will be at the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at Bethel Baptist Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Bethel Baptist Church, 2431 Bethel Church Road, Sumter, SC 29154.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

**EMMA RUTH CAREY**

Emma Ruth Horney Carey, age 100, beloved wife of the

late Fred Carey, died on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at McElveen Manor.

Born in Washington, Indiana, she was a daughter of the late John M. and Ethel Horney. Ms. Carey was a retired bus driver from the Orlando School System. She was of the Catholic faith.

Surviving are two sons, Roy McClure and his wife, Fumiko, of Sumter and Jimmy McClure and his wife, Donna, of Idaho; one sister, Lucille Reynolds of Orlando; and three grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jackie McClure.

Services will be private. You may go to [www.bullock-funeralhome.com](http://www.bullock-funeralhome.com) and sign the family’s guest book.

The family has chosen Bullock Funeral Home for the arrangements.



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**JAMES A. WEBB**

James Anthony Webb, beloved husband of Betty Brunson Webb, died on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018.



WEBB

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Mount Pleasant UME Church, 1654 Fullerton Road, Pinewood, where the Rev. Lavaron Johnson serves as pastor.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Summerton Funeral Home LLC, 23 S. Duke St., Summerton, (803) 485-3755.

**MARGARET W. NUNAMAKER**

MANNING — Margaret Weeks Nunamaker, 77, widow of Jacob Lawrence Nunamaker III, died on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, at her home.



NUNAMAKER

Born on Feb. 8, 1941, in Alcolu, she was a daughter of the late LeGrand Dickson Weeks and Lin-

nie Mae McAllister Weeks. She worked with the youth of Little Star Pentecostal Holiness Church for 25 years; was an administrative specialist for the S.C. Department of Juvenile Justice; and she was a loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her son, Jacob Lawrence "Lonny" Nunamaker IV (Bari) of Louisville, Kentucky; two sisters, Joyce Gibson of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Barbara Denham of Darlington; three grandchildren, Carly Nunamaker, Jay Nunamaker and Olivia Nunamaker; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, John L. Weeks Sr., and a sister, Kathy Weeks.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Evans officiating. Burial will follow at Manning Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be her nephews, Rusty Welch, Timmy Welch, Johnny Weeks, Bobby Gibson, Mitch Denham, Jeff Denham, Robbie Weeks and Allen Denham.

Visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 2602 S.C. 260, Manning.

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

**CANTFIELD F. DAVIS**

Funeral services for Cantfield F. Davis will be held at noon on Saturday at Ebenezer AME



DAVIS

Church, 119 E. Sumter St., Mayesville, with the Rev. Phillip L. Washington officiating. Interment will follow at Mayesville Cemetery.

The public may view from 2 to 5 p.m. today at Palmer Memorial Chapel, 304 S. Main St., Sumter.

Mr. Davis will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Mr. Davis, 87, transitioned on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at Sumter Health and Rehabilitation Nursing Facility.

Born in Lee County to the late Cantfield Davis Sr. and Georgianna Colclough Davis, Mr. Davis was a lifelong member of Ebenezer AME Church in Mayesville, where he served in many capacities. Mr. Davis was employed by Campbell Soup Co. and Tuomey Hospital.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sons, Larry Ulysses, Cantfield Jr. and Edward; four brothers, Felix, Walter, Charlie Jr. and Eugene; and six sisters, Eunice, Ruby, Victoria, Helen, Inez and Mary.

Survivors include: daughters, Vanessa Davis of New Jersey and Pamela Davis of New York; sons, Donald L. (Lillie) Davis and Demetrius E. (Dorothy) Davis, both of

Lynchburg, William (Mary) China of New Jersey and Lee Mack (Janie) Williams and Rodney Johnson, both of South Carolina; sister, Catherine (Douglas) Baxter; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, in-laws, other relatives and friends.

Condolences may be made on his tribute page found at [www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com](http://www.PalmerMemorialChapel.com)

Professional services rendered by Palmer Memorial Chapel Inc.

**EDWARD R. BARWICK**

Edward Robert Barwick, 71, husband of the late Minnie Elizabeth Mooneyham Barwick, died on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House in Florence.



BARWICK

Born on Nov. 20, 1946, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late William Edward and Edith Emma McLeod Barwick. Mr. Barwick was a welder and worked with Williams Brothers.

Survivors include three children, James Barwick (Anne) of Manning and Willie Barwick (Michelle) and Lisa Simmons (Mike), both of Sumter; six grandchildren, Robert Barwick (Brianna), Katelynn Barwick, Erica Simmons, Aubrey Daley, Justin Turner and Cameron Holloway; eight great-grandchildren, Remington, Maddison, Mya, Marcus, Sincere, Tyrell, DJ and Aniyah; one brother, Joie Barwick of Sumter; and three sisters, Jenny Tate of Georgetown, Cassie Cruz (Felipe) of Turbeville and Bettie Barnhill (Wade King) of Summerville.

He was preceded in death by two children, Frank Edward Barwick and George Robert Barwick; one great-granddaughter, Sierra Simmons; and three brothers, Willie McLeod, George Barwick and Benjamin Barwick.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ronnie Morris officiating. Burial will be at Sumter Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, 1555 Ethan Stone Road, Manning.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 190 Knox Abbott Drive, No. 301, Cayce, SC 29033.

Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter is in charge of the arrangements.

**VIRGINIA B. WEEKS**

MANNING — Virginia Butler Weeks, 82, widow of Clarence Weeks, died on Friday, Feb. 23, 2018.



WEEKS

She was a daughter of the late Tom and Mary Butler.

Funeral services for Mrs. Weeks will be held at 1 p.m. on

Sunday at Manning Junior High School, 1101 W.L. Hamilton Road, Manning, with the Rev. Apostle Jasper Goodwin presiding, the Rev. G.K. Carter as eulogist and Elder Barbara Snider and Evangelist Elizabeth Morant assisting. Burial will follow at Grace Memorial Gardens, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 1399 Weeping Cherry Lane, Manning.

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

**CAROLYN G. RAGIN**

Carolyn G. Ragin, 76, of Summerton, died on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2018, at McLeod Health Clarendon.



C. RAGIN

She was born on Oct. 29, 1941, in Clarendon County, to the late William "Bill" and Susie Jackson Gipson.

She leaves to cherish her memories and

mourn her passing: daughter, Yolanda Ragin; son, Michael (Lillie) Ragin; a stepdaughter, Deloris (Robert) Parson; daughter of the home, Fannie Jackson; four grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Historic Liberty Hill AME Church, Summerton, with the Rev. Robert China, pastor. Interment will follow at the church cemetery.

Viewing will be held from 1 to 7 p.m. today in the chapel of King-Fields Mortuary.

Mrs. Ragin will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. on Saturday until the hour of service.

The family is receiving friends at the home, 11 Ridge-way St., Summerton.

Mrs. Ragin's mortal frame is peacefully resting in the professional care of King-Fields Mortuary, Summerton, (803) 485-5039.

**FELICIA K. RAGIN**

BROOKLYN, N.Y. — Felicia Keona Ragin, 42, died on Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018, at Woodhull Hospital, Brooklyn.



F. RAGIN

She was born on Aug. 17, 1975, in Manning, a daughter of Willie Mae Young Ragin and the late Tillman Ragin.

Funeral services for Ms. Ragin will be held at noon on Saturday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning. Burial will follow at Greater St. Philip RUME Church Cemetery, 4574 Old River Road, Pinewood.

The family is receiving friends at the Young's Family Homestead, 1213 Sanders Road, Pinewood.

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

**LETHA P. RICHARDSON**

Funeral services for Letha Price Richardson, 91, who entered into rest on Monday,



RICHARDSON

Feb. 26, 2018, will be held at 2 p.m. today at the chapel of Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home. The Rev. Al Sims will officiate with burial to follow at Bethlehem United Methodist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends on Thursday at the funeral home.

Hancock-Elmore-Hill Funeral Home is serving the family.

Mrs. Richardson, widow of Ruben Watford, Julian Price and David Richardson, was born in Darlington County. She was a daughter of the late Louis Larymore and Lizzie Caroline Hicks. She was a loving wife, mother and homemaker all of her life. She loved cooking, canning and just taking care of her family. She was just an all-around wonderful person.

She is survived by her sons, Robert (Delta) Watford of Ashwood, Delmar Watford of Sumter, Ebbie (Sherry) Price of Sumter, Clement (Margie) Price of Ashwood and Wyman (Michelle) Price of Bishopville; daughters, Brenda Ardis of Sumter, Jennifer (Deckle) Logan of Ashwood and Wendy P. (John) Boone of Bishopville; 16 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and

four great-great-grandchildren.

**LAKEISHA ISAAC**

BLYTHEWOOD — Lakeisha Isaac was born on Nov. 16, 1976, in Sumter, to the late Lucius and Novella Spann Isaac.



ISAAC

In addition to her parents, Lakeisha was preceded in death by her maternal grandmother, Arlena Wilson; and paternal grandparents, Mason and Everlena Isaac.

Lakeisha departed this life on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Lakeisha leaves to cherish her precious memory: two brothers, Lucious (Deloris) Isaac of Sumter and Bruce (Carletta) Isaac of Blythewood; two sisters, Luciana Isaac of Columbia and Shiza Isaac of Sumter; maternal grandfather, Willie Lee Spann Sr. of Manning; stepmother, Annie Epps Isaac of Shiloh; three nephews; four nieces; seven uncles, Roosevelt Isaac, Gary (Annette) Spann, Donald Spann, Quintin Spann, Willie Spann Jr., James Spann and David Spann; aunt, Brenda Green; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 182 S. Pike Road East, Sumter, with Aurelia Hill, pastor, and Bishop B.L. James officiating. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

A public viewing will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. today at the mortuary.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Bruce and Carletta Isaac, 355 Red Tail Drive, Blythewood.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

**MARY-PORTIA CHAVIS**

Mary-Portia Magdalene Scott Chavis, widow of Stearleton Chavis, died on Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

The family will receive friends at the home, 621 Colonial Drive.

**WILSON HASTIE**

Wilson Hastie, 85, died on Thursday morning, March 1, 2018, at Blue Ridge Nursing Home.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Sumter Funeral Service Inc.

The family will receive friends at the home, 2920 Tindal Road.

**LEROY WASHINGTON**

On Feb. 26, 2018, Leroy Washington left this earthly home to be with the Lord.

He was born on Oct. 24, 1941, in Sumter, to the late Ella Webb Washington and Darius Washington. Leroy attended Congruity School and Church. In 1958, he moved to Baltimore and began working as a brick mason for 40 years. In Baltimore, he attended Faith Temple Church, until he returned to Sumter and reunited with the Congruity Presbyterian Church family. In 1996, he married the love of his life, Yvonne Dutton. They

were married for 22 years. Leroy was the devoted father of eight children.

Leroy leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Yvonne Washington; his children, Wanda, Aundrey, Rodney, Kevin (Twanada), Lisa, Tray, Tiffany Washington and Douglas Gold (Rosa); 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Washington; one aunt, Dareatha Anderson; a special little friend, Elly boo; and a host of nieces, nephews and favorite cousins.

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

Mr. Washington will be placed in the church at 11 a.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday at Congruity Presbyterian Church, 3750 Congruity Road, Gable, SC 29051 with the Rev. Alonzo Washington officiating. Interment will follow at Congruity Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home, 60 Albert Spears Drive, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

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

**TERRANCE O. RAGIN**

Terrance O'neal Ragin was born on Dec. 5, 1990, in Clarendon County, to Vermell and O'neal Canty. He departed this life on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was educated in the public schools of Clarendon County and attended Scott's Branch High School. He was a member of St. Peter AME Church in Pinewood. Terrance was a barber by trade.

He leaves to cherish precious memories: his parents, O'neal and Vermell Canty; his siblings, Whitney Martin, Audreanne Ragin and Malcolm Ragin; his grandmother, Camilla Benjamin Canty; niece, JaMiyah McKnight; nephews, Aaden Frierson and Eeyan Henry; aunts and uncles, Linda D. Stewart, Willeen Ragin, Lavern Ragin, Evone Ragin, Marie Nelson, Michael Canty, Leonard Canty, Ivory Canty and John Ragin Jr.; close friends, Theo Keitt and Quinten Charles; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

Terrance was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, John and O'netha Ragin; paternal grandfather, Robert Lee Canty; and one uncle, Irvin Canty.

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

Mr. Ragin will be placed in the church at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Salem Chapel and Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Pastor Linda Speed officiating. Interment will follow at Bradford Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at 3075 Ashlynn Way, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

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

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cash or certified funds, which is to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid. Interest on the balance of the bid at 9.23% shall be paid to the day of compliance. In case of noncompliance within 20 days, after the sale, the deposit of 5% is to be forfeited and applied to Plaintiff's judgment debt and the property re-advertised for sale upon the same terms at the risk of the former highest bidder. Purchaser to pay for deed recording fees and deed stamps.

Deficiency judgment not being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Should Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney, or Plaintiff's agent fail to appear on the day of sale, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney, or Plaintiff's agent, is present.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property.

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**AMENDED NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CASE NUMBER: 2016-CP-43-00955**

**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER**

**Sumter Habitat for Humanity, Inc.** Plaintiff(s),  
vs.  
**Constance A. Oliver and SC Housing Corp.** Defendant(s).

By virtue of a Decree of Foreclosure entered in an action entitled, **Sumter Habitat for Humanity, Inc. vs. Constance A. Oliver and SC Housing Corp.**, Civil Action Case No. 2016-CP-43-00955, the undersigned Master In Equity will sell at public auction to be conducted in Room 1A of the Sumter County Judicial Center in Sumter, South Carolina, on **March 5, 2018 at 12:00 noon**, the following property will be sold to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, together with any improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in Sumter County, State of South Carolina, delineated as Lot 46 of Fuller Garden Subdivision, Phase One, Section Two, on plat prepared by Louis White Tisdale, RLS, dated June 4, 2002 and recorded in Plat Book 2003 at Page 380 in the RMC Office for Sumter County and bounded and measuring as follows: On the North by Lot 45 measuring thereon 85.38 feet; on the East by Habitat Court and measuring thereon 73.55 feet; on the Southeast by the corners of Habitat Court and Habitat Drive and measuring thereon 35.36 feet; on the South by Habitat Drive and measuring thereon 60.52 feet; and on the West by Lot 47 and measuring thereon 104.00 feet, be the said measurements more or less. This is the property known as 1185 Habitat Drive, Sumter, South Carolina, 29153 and bears Sumter Tax Map Number: 251-06-02-076.

This being the property conveyed to Constance A. Oliver by deed of Sumter Habitat for Humanity, Inc. dated January 18, 2007 and recorded January 29, 2007, in Deed Book 1062 at Page 1579 in the ROD Office for Sumter County.

**TERMS OF SALE:**

At the conclusion of the bidding, the successful purchaser, other than the plaintiff, must deposit with the Master five (5%) per cent of the bid in cash or equivalent. Credit will be allowed for this against the purchase price.

Personal/deficiency judgment having been waived, the bidding will remain not open and compliance with the bid must be made within twenty (20) days thereafter.

Interest will accrue on the amount of the bid until date of compliance at the rate of five (5%) per annum.

If the successful bidder fails to comply, his deposit will be forfeited and applied in the manner prescribed by law; and the property will be re-advertised and sold on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent sales day at his risk.

The sale will be subject to all accrued and/or delinquent Sumter County ad valorem property taxes and all visible and recorded easements, covenants and rights of way and any senior liens.

The purchaser is to pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps and recording.

**Richard L. Booth**  
Master-In-Equity  
Sumter, South Carolina

**NOTICE OF MASTER IN EQUITY SALE CIVIL ACTION NO. 2017CP4301487**

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Wells Fargo Bank N.A.**, as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC3 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, against **Betty M. Williams**, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, or his/her agent, will sell on **March 5, 2018, at 12:00 P.M.**, at Sumter Judicial Center, 215 North Harvin Street, Sumter, SC 29150, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with the dwelling and improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the City and County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, designated as Lot No. 22 in Block "A" on a plat recorded in Plat Book 225 at Page 160 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County.

**TMS Number: 228-09-01-017**  
**PROPERTY ADDRESS: 19 Alice Dr., Sumter, SC 29150**

This being the same property conveyed to Betty M. Williams by deed of Marie L. Ard n/k/a Marie L. Hansen, dated January 25, 2002, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on January 25, 2002, in Deed Book 830 at Page 1505.

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**TERMS OF SALE: FOR CASH.** The Master in Equity will require a deposit of 5% of the bid amount in cash or certified funds, which is to be applied on the purchase price upon compliance with the bid. Interest on the balance of the bid at 3.875% shall be paid to the day of compliance. In case of noncompliance within 20 days, after the sale, the deposit of 5% is to be forfeited and applied to Plaintiff's judgment debt and the property re-advertised for sale upon the same terms at the risk of the former highest bidder. Purchaser to pay for deed recording fees and deed stamps.

Deficiency judgment not being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately.

Should Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney, or Plaintiff's agent fail to appear on the day of sale, the property shall not be sold, but shall be re-advertised and sold at some convenient sales day thereafter when Plaintiff, Plaintiff's attorney, or Plaintiff's agent, is present.

The sale shall be subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

Plaintiff does not warrant its title search to purchasers at foreclosure sale or other third parties, who should have their own title search performed on the subject property.

**Richard L. Booth**  
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Sumter, South Carolina

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**Notice of Sale C/A No: 2017-CP-43-01653**

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **U.S. Bank National Association vs. Tony A. Jacobs**; Angelika H. Jacobs.; I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **March 5, 2018 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

**Legal Description and Property Address:** ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel or lot of land with the improvements thereon, if any, situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 140 of Wintergreen Subdivision, Section No. 2, Phase I, as shown on that certain Plat of Louis W. Tisdale, PLS dated November 5, 2003 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2004 at Page 47, and having such boundaries, metes, courses and distances as are shown on said plat, reference to which is hereby made pursuant to authority contained in § 30-50-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended. This property is known as 3775 Rhododendron Street, Sumter, SC.

**THIS BEING** the same property conveyed unto Tony A. Jacobs and Angelika H. Jacobs by virtue of a Deed from Davis & Ross Construction Company, Inc. dated September 6, 2005 and recorded September 7, 2005 in in Volume 996 at Page 652 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**3775 Rhododendron St. Sumter, SC 29154 TMS# 187-16-06-007**

**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of Five and 875/1000 (5.875%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE 2017-CP-43-01657 BY VIRTUE OF a decree heretofore granted in the case of: Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company against Charles M. Seymore, I, the undersigned Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on March 5, 2018, at 12:00 p.m. at the Sumter County Courthouse in Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder, the following described property, to-wit: All that lot of land, together with improvements thereon, known as 212 Brand Street, situate in the City of Sumter, Sumter County, South Carolina and designated as Lot # 100 on plat made December 4, 1907, by Lee & McLellan Surveyors, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County in Plat Book 4-A at Page 12. Being the same property conveyed to Charles M. Seymore by deed of Robert Haynsworth, dated July 30, 1974 and recorded July 30, 1974 in Deed Book A-10 at Page 367. TMS No. 250-09-03-037 Property Address: 212 Brand Street, Sumter, SC 29150

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity at conclusion of the bidding, five per cent (5%) of said bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of noncompliance. Should the successful bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within twenty (20) days, then the Master in Equity may resell the property on the same terms and conditions (at the risk of the said defaulting bidder). Should the Plaintiff, or one of its representatives, fail to be present at the time of sale, the property is automatically withdrawn from said sale and sold at the next available sales day upon the terms and conditions as set forth in the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale or any Supplemental Order. The successful bidder will be required to pay for documentary stamps on the Deed and interest on the balance of the bid from the date of sale to the date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 10.9400%. THIS SALE IS SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, COUNTY TAXES, EXISTING EASEMENTS, EASEMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. NOTICE: The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search well before the foreclosure sale date. The Honorable Richard L. Booth Master in Equity Sumter County Riley Pope & Laney, LLC Post Office Box 11412 Columbia, SC 29211 (803) 799-9993 Attorneys for Plaintiff

**Notice of Sale C/A No: 2017-CP-43-00787**

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **Ditech Financial, LLC vs. Michael Simon**; South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles; Lisa Simon; Bibco, Inc. I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **March 5, 2018 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

**Legal Description and Property Address:** THAT LOT OF LAND with the improvements thereon situate on Middletown Township School District No. 1, Sumter County, South Carolina represented as Lot 28 on plat of D. D. Edmunds, RLS dated March 8, 1996, recorded on the Sumter County RMC Office in Plat Book 96 at Page 560, which boundaries and measurements were reconfirmed by plat of D.D. Edmunds, RLS, dated March 30, 1998 recorded in Plat Book PB98 at Page 500. This property represented on the BIBCO, Inc. by deed of B&G Developer recorded on March 25, 1996 in Volume 643 at Page 1041.

**TOGETHER WITH:** One 1991 Clayton Mobile Home, Serial # WHC001668GAAB.

**THIS BEING** the same property conveyed to Michael Simon and Lisa Simon by virtue of a Deed from Bibco, Inc. dated May 6, 1998 and recorded May 6, 1998 in Volume 704 at Page 1748 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**THEREAFTER,** Lisa Simon conveyed all her interest in subject property unto Michael Simon by virtue of a Deed dated April 28, 2000 and recorded May 15, 2000 in Volume 771 at Page 1325 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina.

**6125 Waco Court Wedgefield, SC 29168 TMS# 100-00-04-043 (land and mobile home)**

**TERMS OF SALE:** For cash. Interest at the current rate of Four and 00/100 (4.00%) to be paid on balance of bid from date of sale to date of compliance. The purchaser to pay for papers and stamps, and that the successful bidder or bidders, other than the Plaintiff therein, will, upon the acceptance of his or her bid, deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County a certified check or cash in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the amount of bid on said premises at the sale as evidence of good faith in bidding, and subject

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to any resale of said premises under Order of this Court; and in the event the said purchaser or purchasers fail to comply with the terms of sale within Twenty (20) days, the Master in Equity shall forthwith resell the said property, after the due notice and advertisement, and shall continue to sell the same each subsequent sales day until a purchaser, who shall comply with the terms of sale, shall be obtained, such sales to be made at the risk of the former purchaser. As a personal or deficiency judgment is demanded, the bidding will remain open for a period of thirty (30) days pursuant to the S.C. Code Ann. Section 15-39-720 (1976). If the Plaintiff or the Plaintiff's representative does not appear at the above-described sale, then the sale of the property will be null, void, and of no force and effect. In such event, the sale will be rescheduled for the next available sales day. Plaintiff may waive any of its rights, including its right to a deficiency judgment, prior to sale. Sold subject to taxes and assessments, existing easements and restrictions of record.

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BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **Wells Fargo Bank, NA vs. Eric J.D. Smith**; Tiffany Smith; C/A No. 2017CP4301618. The following property will be sold on **March 5, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder. All that certain piece, parcel and lot of land with improvements thereon situate, lying and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina identified as Lot No. 82 of Knights Village Subdivision Phase I Section II and being more fully shown on a plat prepared by Louis W. Tisdale, K.L.S. dated 1/5/05 and recorded in plat book 2005 at page 81, records of Sumter County. This property is known as 943 Mordred St and is further identified as Sumter County Tax Map Parcel No. 226-16-04-010.

Aforesaid Plat is specifically incorporated herein and reference is craved thereto for a more complete and accurate description of the metes, bounds, courses and distances of the property concerned herein. This description is in lieu of metes and bounds, as permitted by law under Section 30-5-250 of the 1976 Code of Laws of South Carolina. As Amended. Be all measurements a little more or a little less and according to said plat.

Derivation: Book 1137 at Page 1072

**943 Mordred Street, Sumter, SC 29154-7407 226-16-04-010**

**SUBJECT TO ASSESSMENTS, SUMTER COUNTY AD VALOREM TAXES, EASEMENTS AND/OR, RESTRICTIONS OF RECORD, AND OTHER SENIOR ENCUMBRANCES.**

**TERMS OF SALE:** A 5% deposit in certified funds is required. The deposit will be applied towards the purchase price unless the bidder defaults, in which case the deposit will be forfeited. If the successful bidder fails, or refuses, to make the required deposit, or comply with his bid within 20 days, then the property will be resold at his risk. No personal or deficiency judgment being demanded, the bidding will not remain open after the date of sale, but compliance with the bid may be made immediately. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.25% per annum. For complete terms of sale, see Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed with the Sumter County Clerk of Court at C/A #2017CP4301618.

**NOTICE:** The foreclosure deed is not a warranty deed. Interested bidders should satisfy themselves as to the quality of title to be conveyed by obtaining an independent title search prior to the foreclosure sale date.

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**MASTER IN EQUITY'S SALE CASE NO. 2017-CP-43-02090**

BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of **Trustmark National Bank** against **Brittanie N. Monahan**, I, the Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **Monday, March 5, 2018, at 12:00 o'clock p.m.**, at the Sumter County Courthouse, Sumter, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, containing 0.45 acre(s), more or less, together with any and all improvements thereon, lying, being and situate in Stateburg Township,

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the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, being shown and delineated as Lot No. 11 of Wintergreen Subdivision, Phase II on that certain plat by Joseph R. Edwards, PLS dated February 17, 2003, recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County in Plat Book 2003 at Page 95.

Pursuant to Section 30-5-250 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (1976), reference to said plat(s) is hereby craved for particulars of the boundaries, metes, courses, and/or distances of the property delineated thereon.

This property is represented as Tax Map Parcel No. 186-01-01-021 upon the records of the Sumter County Auditor, and is known as 3640 Oleander Drive, Sumter, SC.

This being the same property conveyed to Brittanie N. Monahan by deed of Anthony T. Lau dated May 8, 2013 and recorded May 15, 2013 in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County, South Carolina in Book 1187 at Page 1669.

**TMS#: 186-01-01-021**

**Property Address: 3640 Oleander Drive Sumter, S.C. 29154**

**TERMS OF SALE:** The successful bidder, other than the plaintiff, will deposit with the Master in Equity for Sumter County at conclusion of the bidding, five percent (5%) of the bid, in cash or equivalent, as evidence of good faith, same to be applied to the purchase price in case of compliance, but to be forfeited and applied first to costs and then to plaintiff's debt in the case of non-compliance. If the Plaintiff's representative is not in attendance at the scheduled time of the sale, the sale shall be canceled and the property sold on some subsequent sales day after due advertisement. Should the last and highest bidder fail or refuse to make the required deposit at time of bid or comply with the other terms of the bid within thirty (30) days, the deposit shall be forfeited and the Master in Equity for Sumter County may re-sell the property on the same terms and conditions on some subsequent Sales Day (at the risk of the said highest bidder). As a deficiency judgment is being Waived, the bidding will not remain open thirty days after the date of sale. Purchaser shall pay for preparation of deed, documentary stamps on the deed, and recording of the deed. The successful bidder will be required to pay interest on the amount of the bid from date of sale to date of compliance with the bid at the rate of 3.375% per annum. The sale shall be subject to assessments, Sumter County taxes, easements, easements and restrictions of record, and other senior encumbrances.

Derivation: Book 1137 at Page 1072

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BY VIRTUE of a decree heretofore granted in the case of: **JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association vs. Kristin L. Geddings**; Safe Federal Credit Union; C/A No. 2017CP4301952. The following property will be sold on **March 5, 2018, at 12:00 Noon** at the Sumter County Courthouse to the highest bidder.

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Derivation: Book 1211 at Page 291

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**Notice of Sale C/A No: 2017-CP-43-00616**

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, South Carolina, heretofore issued in the case of **RoundPoint Mortgage Servicing Corporation vs. Mary Lou B. Hardy**; Tiffany D. Barrett; Pocalla Springs Homeowners Association, Inc., I the undersigned as Master in Equity for Sumter County, will sell on **March 5, 2018 at 12:00 PM**, at the Sumter County Judicial Center, Sumter County, South Carolina, to the highest bidder:

**Legal Description and Property Address:** ALL THAT CERTAIN piece, parcel, or lot of land, together with the improvements thereon, situate, lying, and being in the County of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and being shown as Lot 18E on a Subdivision Survey of Pocalla Springs Subdivision on a plat prepared for Great Southern Homes, Inc. by Black River Land Surveying, LLC dated March 6, 2015 and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Sumter County on April 9, 2015 in Plat Book 2015 at Page 0070; reference being made to the said plat which is incorporated herein by reference for a more complete and accurate description; all measurements being a little more or less.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Report: Kushner's business got loans after White House visits**

Jared Kushner, the embattled son-in-law of and senior adviser to President Trump, met at the White House with executives of two companies that later made loans worth more than a half-billion dollars to Kushner's family real estate firm, according to *The New York Times*.

Christine Taylor, a spokeswoman for Kushner Cos., confirmed the loans but said any implication that Kushner's White House role affected the company's long-standing relationships with lenders is "made up and without substantiation."

The report comes amid Kushner's loss of his top-secret security clearance because of a long-standing hold-up of a background review.

**EPA chief Pruitt to fly coach despite 'unprecedented' threats**

EPA chief Scott Pruitt, under fire for flying first class along with his security detail, says his next flight will be coach.

"You're going to accommodate the security threats as they exist ... up to and including flying coach," Pruitt said he told his security team. "And that is what's going to happen on my very next flight. So those things are happening right away."

Pruitt told CBS News he has faced a "legitimate security issue."

**Australians turn in 60,000 guns in first national amnesty since 1996**

Australians handed in nearly 60,000 guns in a three-month period during a nationwide firearms amnesty, authorities there said this week.

Automatic rifles, handguns and even a rocket launcher were among the 57,324 weapons handed in between July 1 and Sept. 30, according to the *National Firearms Amnesty* report, published Wednesday.

**U.S. ambassador to Mexico to resign, amid strained relations**

The U.S. ambassador to Mexico, Roberta Jacobson, is resigning from her post this spring amid strained relations between the two countries.

Diplomatic ties between Washington and Mexico City have been strained under the Trump administration amid the president's tough stance on migration and trade.

**Ex-Catalan leader Puigdemont withdraws bid to regain power**

Catalonia's fugitive ex-leader on Thursday unexpectedly announcing that he is temporarily withdrawing his bid to get back his job as president of the independence-minded northeastern Spanish region.

Carles Puigdemont said in a video message posted from Brussels that he is standing aside so the Catalan Parliament can find another candidate to form a government that presses ahead with efforts to win independence.

*Staff and wire reports*

**ELECTION 2018 MIDTERM**  
USA TODAY/SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY POLL



Demonstrators march near the White House on Feb. 19 to support gun control. ZACH GIBSON/GETTY IMAGES

## Voters: Give us Congress that will stand up to Trump

Survey shows president, both parties unpopular

Susan Page and Marilyn Icsman  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Americans are mad, and that puts Republicans at risk.

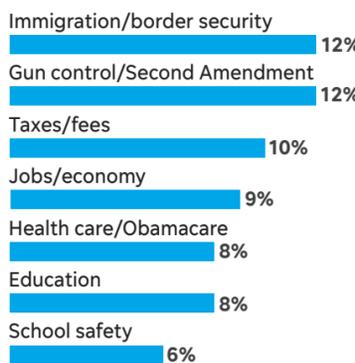
A new USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll says voters looking toward the midterm elections are overwhelmingly unhappy with the country's direction, dissatisfied with its political leadership and interested in electing a Congress that will confront President Trump.

By close to 2-1, 58%-32%, those surveyed say they want to elect a Congress that mostly stands up to the president, not one that mostly cooperates with him.

The level of voter unrest is rare at a time of prosperity, when a 55% majority rate the economy as being in a recovery. Republicans are twice as likely as Democrats to say the economy is growing.

Seven in 10 Republicans say the country is headed in the right direction. More than eight in 10 Democrats say it's on the wrong track, and seven in 10 independents agree with them.

**What's the most important issue that will affect your vote for Congress in November?**



SOURCE USA TODAY/Suffolk University Poll of 1,000 registered voters, taken Feb. 20-24. Margin of error +/- 3 percentage points.

GEORGE PETRAS/USA TODAY

"I'm concerned about a lot more than my 401(k) here," says Lisa Caswell, 37, a teacher from Collingswood, N.J., who was called in the poll. Of Trump, she says, "It seems like every action he takes is to benefit large corporations or white men and white supremacy. I'm nervous for my kids' safety in school. I'm nervous for my

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## Alexa and friends make their voices heard

Digital shopping could reach \$40B by 2022

Charisse Jones  
USA TODAY

The retail revolution shifting sales from stores to laptops to smartphones could be on the verge of its next sea change — when shoppers will ask Amazon's Alexa and other voice-driven speakers to order just about everything.

Purchases made through devices such as Google Home and Amazon's Echo are projected to leap from \$2 billion to \$40 billion by 2022 as technology improves, U.S. consumers become more comfortable and the speakers become nearly as commonplace in homes as a flat-screen TV, according to a new study from OC&C Strategy Consultants.

"We really see this as the next big disruptive play in U.S. retail," says John Franklin, associate partner at OC&C, which surveyed 1,500 smart-speaker owners in December.



Alexa has competition. AMAZON

The smart-speaker space is one in which many tech giants want to play. Though Amazon and its digital helper, Alexa, have come to define the niche, Google Home and its Google Assistant are second in popularity. Apple began shipping its Siri-assisted HomePod smart speaker in February. Microsoft's "Cortana" is also part of the mix.

For now, the most popular use of voice-driven speakers is to play music or find out whether to take an umbrella when heading out the front door, OC&C says.

But as virtual assistants can turn up a thermostat and even rattle off jokes, voice-driven speakers are at the center of a budding universe of AI-connected devices that include bathroom mirrors, door locks and TV monitors. Smart home product sales are expected to total \$4.5 billion this year, up 34% from 2017, according to the Consumer Technology Association.

Among the U.S. residents who have a smart speaker, 62% have used it to buy groceries or some other item, according to OC&C's study. The report predicts that the percentage of U.S. homes with a smart speaker will rise to 55% by 2022.

"That number has been going up incredibly rapidly over the last two years," Franklin says. "That's clearly a big driver in the overall potential in

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SOURCE Ford Trends 2018 Survey of 1,012 adults  
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## Signal received from far reaches of early universe

Doyle Rice  
USA TODAY

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away ...

For the first time, astronomers have detected a signal from stars emerging in the early universe some 14 billion years ago. They may also have detected mysterious "dark matter" at work.

Using a radio antenna not much bigger than a refrigerator, astronomers discovered that primordial suns began to shine about 180 million years after the universe began with the Big Bang.

"Finding this minuscule signal has



An artist's rendering shows how the first stars might have looked. N.R. FULLER/NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

opened a new window on the early universe," said astronomer Judd Bowman of Arizona State University, the lead author of a study published Wednesday in

the British journal *Nature*.

Telescopes cannot see far enough to directly "see" such ancient stars, Bowman said, but the stars can be detected by the faint radio waves they emitted.

To reduce unwanted radio waves from our noisy Earth and across the galaxy, researchers set up in a remote spot in the Western Australian desert.

The signal showed unexpectedly cold temperatures and an unusually pronounced wave, the Associated Press reported. Astronomers said the best explanation was "dark matter," a substantial part of the universe for which scientists have searched for decades.

## Poll

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neighbors' safety. ... I'm concerned about the safety and well-being of everyone in our country."

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William Dimit, 69, a retired robotics manufacturing worker from North Canton, Ohio, couldn't disagree more. "Trump is doing an outstanding job in office," he says. "Democrats just don't want anyone in office but themselves."

The landscape is sure to shift over the next eight months, and Democrats may fail to capitalize on opportunities.

If the election were held today, though, those surveyed say they would be more likely to vote for the Democratic candidate for Congress than the Republican one by 47%-32% — a yawning 15 percentage-point advantage. Democrats need to flip 24 seats held by Republicans to gain control of the House of Representatives. Winning control of the Senate is more difficult in a year in which 26 Democratic seats and just eight Republican seats are on the ballot.

"A 15-point lead in the generic ballot — that's a Democratic House, without a doubt," says David Wasserman, an analyst with the non-partisan *Cook Political Report*. "That would be a big wave."

The consequences of winning the House could be considerable. It would give Democrats the power not only to push their legislative priorities but also to schedule hearings, launch investigations and issue subpoenas.

"I think getting a Congress that has the power to impeach Trump would be pretty interesting," says Nicholas Kras-

ney, 30, a Los Angeles entrepreneur.

Sixty percent of those surveyed say they disapprove of the job Trump is doing as president, his highest negative rating in the USA TODAY Poll since he was inaugurated last year. Thirty-nine percent "strongly" disapprove; just 16% "strongly" approve.

Ratings for the Republican-controlled Congress are even worse: 75% disapprove of the job it is doing. Thirty-six percent "strongly" disapprove, and just 5% "strongly" approve.

That intensity of feeling could affect efforts to persuade voters to go to the polls. Turnout traditionally is lower in midterm elections than in presidential years.

"I always vote, but I'm not that excited about it," says Chris Coda, 38, a medical device salesman from Elkhorn, Neb., who typically votes Republican. "I think the election will favor the Democrats, so I don't think my vote will matter all that much."

Just 27% have a favorable opinion of the GOP, 60% an unfavorable one. The Democratic Party's favorable-unfavorable rating is 37%-48%.

Attitudes toward the nation's two major parties are so dyspeptic that even a share of partisans express a dim view. One in five Republicans and one in five Democrats say they have an unfavorable opinion of their own party. Among

independents, half have an unfavorable view of the Democrats; two-thirds have a negative view of the GOP.

Asked to name the most important issue that will affect their vote in November, those surveyed put immigration and border security at the top of the list, followed closely by gun control and the Second Amendment. (In the poll, taken after the mass shooting in Parkland, Fla., school safety is among the top seven issues.)

"When you combine the responses of 'gun control' and 'school safety,' not only do we see a new No. 1 issue important to voters for the 2018 congressional elections, but we also feel the power of those numbers because they cut across demographics like gender, age, and political party affiliation," says David Paleologos, director of the Suffolk University Political Research Center.

One issue rarely cited: Russian meddling in U.S. elections. Less than 1% — three Democrats and two independents among 1,000 registered voters surveyed — identify that as the top issue.

A record number of women seek office this year. Almost three-fourths of voters say gender doesn't matter. Among those who say it does, the advantage is female: 16% say they would prefer to vote for a woman, more than double the 7% who say they would prefer to vote for a man.

## Voice

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voice shopping. We then expect household spending with smart speakers will increase also."

### AMAZON IS STILL KING

Amazon, which first upended the retail environment when it wooed readers away from traditional bookstores, then became the go-to for many online shoppers, dominates the emerging smart speaker space as well.

The Amazon Echo is used in 10% of U.S. households, followed by Google, which is in 4% of homes, and Microsoft's Cortana, which comes in at 2%.

"Retailers should be taking notice of this primarily because of the way Ama-

zon is pushing this technology and the potential Amazon has ... to access consumers on a regular basis and in a very intimate way," Franklin says.

Google is pushing back. As visitors increasingly start their browsing on Amazon instead of Google, the world's largest search engine has linked up with retailers, including Whole Foods, Costco and Walmart, whose items are available through Google Express.

### OBSTACLES REMAIN

There are hurdles that could slow down how quickly shoppers take to voice shopping— and how lucrative voice-based purchases are for retailers.

It can be difficult to compare prices when ordering via speaker, and customers often have to use specific wording such as "OK, Google" when launching their transactions.

Shoppers are more apt to buy cheaper items, such as phone charger cables, via voice. The average online basket was \$661 for online purchases of electronics, compared with \$239 for voice orders, OC&C said.

Then there's the matter of trust. Among shoppers who don't make purchases through a smart speaker, less than half, 45%, say they would trust the device to recommend the best reviewed products.

Among those who do shop via voice, 83% say they have confidence in the virtual assistant's suggestions — signaling that once consumers try the new way of summoning goods and services, they often like it.

Those numbers give "us confidence this isn't simply a fad but is a meaningful channel that will continue to disrupt retail over the next five years and beyond," Franklin says.

# Putin: Russia has new nuclear missile with unlimited range

President claims it has advanced weapons tech

Kim Hjelmggaard  
USA TODAY

Russian President Vladimir Putin boasted Thursday that his country has developed a nuclear-powered missile with an unlimited range and completely immune to enemy intercept.

Speaking during an annual state-of-the-nation speech in Moscow, Putin said the ballistic missile is capable of penetrating any missile defense and can reach virtually any target around the world. "No defense systems will be able to withstand it," he said.

NATO has nicknamed this missile — an RS-28 Sarmat rocket — "Satan 2." Russian media has claimed it could entirely wipe out an area the size of Texas or France.

Neither the White House nor the U.S. defense community offered immediate reaction. Putin has a track record of talking up his country's military and technological prowess.

Putin also unveiled what he said was Russia's new advanced weapons technology. His two-hour address included video clips of underwater drones and intercontinental missiles. Putin delivered a warning to the United States over its pursuit of anti-missile defense systems. "Efforts to contain Russia have failed, face it," he said.

"Nobody listened to us. Well, listen to us now," Putin added, referring to accusations that Washington has been violating non-nuclear proliferation agreements by assisting countries from Poland to Japan to establish global anti-missile systems.

It follows claims by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Wednesday that the U.S. is training armed forces in Europe on how to use nuclear weapons against Russia. In his Thursday address, Putin said its new nuclear rocket effectively renders U.S. missile defense systems around the world meaningless.



Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers his annual address to the Federal Assembly in Moscow on March 1.

EPA

**"Efforts to contain Russia have failed, face it. ... Nobody listened to us. Well, listen to us now."**

**Russian President Vladimir Putin**

"No one in the world has anything like (this weapon)," Putin said. "It may appear someday, but by that time we will develop something new."

Still, Malcom Chalmers, a defense expert at the Royal United Services Institute, a defense and security think tank, said it wasn't clear that Putin's announcement represented new or novel Russian military capability.

"This is Putin emphasizing that his country's new generation of missiles will be able to overcome any missile-defense systems," he said. "Russia has been able to hit targets in the U.S. and around the world since the 1960s. We also need to view his words in the context of a Russian election this month. The topic has popular appeal."

One of President Trump's first acts in

office was to order Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to conduct a "nuclear posture review." Mattis' report was published in February.

It concluded that the U.S. "now faces a more diverse and advanced nuclear-threat environment than ever before, with considerable dynamism in potential adversaries' development and deployment programs for nuclear weapons and delivery systems."

The report intensely focuses on Russia, and to a lesser extent, China.

"They have added new types of nuclear capabilities to their arsenals, increased the salience of nuclear forces in their strategies and plans, and engaged in increasingly aggressive behavior, including in outer space and cyber space," the report says.

## Civil rights pilgrimage honors King 50 years after his death

Deborah Barfield Berry  
and Michael Collins  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Rep. John Lewis has led a civil rights pilgrimage back to Alabama to commemorate the 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery for decades, but this year the trip will include an emotional first stop in Memphis where Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated 50 years ago.

"I think it's so fitting and so right that this group is able to go there and to go back to that site ... where (King) said, 'I have seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you, but as a people we will get there,'" Lewis said of the stop in Memphis where King delivered his famous speech the day before he was shot, April 4, 1968.

"I think we will," Lewis, D-Ga., said. "And I truly believe that young people, the children, are going to help get us there."

Nearly 30 members of Congress are expected to join Lewis on the bipartisan trip beginning Friday, which includes stops in Birmingham, Montgomery and Selma.

The annual pilgrimage to Selma commemorates "Bloody Sunday," when peaceful protesters, including Lewis, were beaten by police as they tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge during a 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery.

Organizers added the stop in Memphis in hopes that members of Congress will learn lessons from King's approach and his work in the South.

"We thought in these times ... it would be valuable to have political leaders hear his inspirational sermon and speeches, step in his footprint, share his impact with some of the people who knew him best and walk among the places that helped shape him," said Joan Mooney, president of The Faith and Politics Institute.

## NEWS

# Under fire, Sessions silent no longer

Former attorneys general back him up as he faces Trump's renewed wrath

Kevin Johnson  
and David Jackson  
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Jeff Sessions absorbed every taunt and Twitter bomb lobbed his way by a displeased boss.

Like so many political rivals he dispatched during a scorched-earth campaign for the White House, President Trump publicly shamed his attorney general as weak or beleaguered.

Sessions, one of the president's earliest and most vocal supporters, largely sat silent — until now.

Sessions quickly responded Wednesday to Trump's latest Twitter lashing, in which he called the attorney general "disgraceful" for choosing the Justice Department's inspector general instead of prosecutors to review alleged surveillance abuses against a former Trump campaign aide.

"As long as I am the attorney general," Sessions said Wednesday, "I will continue to discharge my duties with integrity and honor."

Two former attorneys general rallied to Sessions' defense Thursday. One, Edwin Meese, said Trump's treatment of the former Alabama senator has been unfair and probably unprecedented.

"I know it's not always his way to respond (to the president), but it was important for Jeff to stand behind the (Justice Department) when it is doing the right thing," said Meese, who served in the Reagan administration.

Meese said Trump's attorney general has done more to "further the president's agenda than anybody" on immigration enforcement, combating violent crime and opioid abuse.

"I can't explain it," Meese said of the president's criticism.

William "Bill" Barr, an attorney general to President George H.W. Bush, said



Jeff Sessions was an early, loyal Donald Trump backer. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

it was important for the public to hear from Sessions in the wake of Trump's latest criticism.

"I think he was reminding the American people of a key attribute that we need in an attorney general, and that is integrity," Barr said. "He's saying, 'Look, I'm calling things as I see it.'"

White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said Thursday that the president stood by his criticism of Sessions.

"The president made his frustration very clear," Sanders said.

Asked whether Trump planned to dismiss his attorney general, Sanders said, "Not that I know of."

Trump's most pointed criticism of Sessions since last spring and summer is fraught with risk. The president's alliance with his attorney general was damaged a year ago after Sessions recused himself from managing the inquiry into Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 election, leading to the appointment of special counsel Robert Mueller.

Any move to oust Sessions could be viewed as an attempt to wrest control of Mueller's inquiry, which includes looking into whether the president has sought to obstruct the investigation.

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"If Trump removes Sessions, Mueller would have to look at this very carefully in combination with the president's dismissal of (FBI director James) Comey as an effort to damage, derail or slow down the Russia investigation," said Patrick Cotter, a former federal prosecutor.

Trump was so angry with Sessions' recusal last year that the attorney general offered his resignation, which the president did not accept.

"In the (May) interview with NBC, he acknowledged firing Comey because of his handling of the Russia investigation. Whatever Trump does, it seems to make it easier for prosecutors," Cotter said.

The political costs of removing Ses-

sions could be just as risky.

The attorney general enjoys fairly strong support among Republicans for aggressively pursuing Trump's agenda at the Justice Department.

In addition to focusing attention on recent spikes in homicide, he has ordered a sweeping review of police agreements that punished troubled agencies; rolled back a series of Obama-era civil rights actions, including a Justice Department challenge to a voter identification law in Texas; and threatened so-called sanctuary cities for harboring undocumented immigrants.

In January, the attorney general paved the way for tougher marijuana enforcement when he rescinded the previous administration's policy of non-interference with state laws allowing the use of medical and recreational pot.

This week, Rep. Pete King, R-N.Y., citing Sessions' loyalty, said the president should refrain from publicly rebuking the attorney general. "He's often in very difficult positions, and I think he's trying to reconcile as best as he can," King said on Fox News.

But GOP support is not unanimous.

House Freedom Caucus leaders Mark Meadows of North Carolina and Jim Jordan of Ohio called for the attorney general to step down. The congressmen, citing Sessions' recusal from the Russia inquiry, asserted that the attorney general can no longer adequately manage the department and the FBI.

Trump's attacks on Sessions and the possible implications for the Russia investigation spawned some unlikely alliances as some Democrats urged Sessions to remain.

In January, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who voted against Sessions' confirmation, said the attorney general should not resign. "Nothing, nothing should ever interfere with the Mueller investigation," he said.

Meese said he spoke to Sessions recently and urged him to carry on.

"I was impressed," Meese said. "He was in good spirits. I told him he was doing a great job."

## In real world, gun control not easy

Not all will rush to back Trump's 'beautiful' bill

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WASHINGTON — President Trump told lawmakers this week it would be "easy" to produce a "comprehensive" and "beautiful" bill that would resolve one of America's most devastating issues: gun violence.

"We're going to have an amazing result," he told lawmakers Wednesday, predicting a vote count "that nobody would even believe." But it could be an ugly road for that beautiful bill.

For starters, the gun issue has paralyzed Congress for years, even in the aftermath of other mass shootings. The issue divides lawmakers along political and geographic lines, and it invokes the power of the National Rifle Association.

Trump has tossed out a dizzying array of possible legislative responses to the massacre Feb. 14 at a Parkland, Fla., high school, including an expansion of background checks, addressing mental illness and arming teachers against would-be attackers. He wants to raise the minimum age for buying an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle, similar to the one used in Parkland, from 18 to 21, the same age for buying a handgun.

Here is why none of them would be easy to pass:

### Past is prologue

The Senate took up a host of bills after the fatal shootings in December 2012 of 20 children and six staff members at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. Gun control advocates expected the massacre of children to be a tipping point, and President Obama threw the power of the White House behind restrictions.

Lawmakers called for banning assault weapons and large-capacity magazines and targeted gun trafficking and "straw purchasers" — people who buy guns for others.

One proposal, offered by Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Pat Toomey, R-Pa., seemed to have the most momentum. It was a narrow proposal to expand



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Senate minority leader

background checks to include private sales at gun shows and Internet sales, narrowing exemptions mostly to transactions between family and friends.

In April 2013, all the bills were defeated.

### What will Trump do?

Trump told lawmakers he would sign legislation that would boost the age to buy an AR-15 to 21.

"I think it's going to be a very successful vote, and I will sign it," he said. He said legislation should be "very, very powerful on background checks" and "very strong on mentally ill."

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Trump's guns comments reminded her of his immigration comments in January, when he told lawmakers he would sign a "bill of love" to increase protections for undocumented immigrants brought to the USA as children and to increase border security.

Later that week, Trump rejected a bipartisan immigration bill as not going far enough. That month, Trump endorsed two immigration plans — one in the House and one in the Senate — that were both non-starters with Democrats.

But Pelosi said she was optimistic this time because of the "sense of urgen-

cy" on guns.

Trump realizes passing gun legislation is the right thing to do and knows it will help him politically, said Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "The \$64,000 question is, when the NRA starts coming down on him, will he resist?" Schumer said.

### Scattered approaches

The meeting showed the full spectrum of ideas on how to respond to gun violence. On the conservative side, House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., called for an expansion of concealed-carry rights. On the liberal side, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., touted a ban on "assault weapons."

"There are a lot of different conversations going on," Feinstein said. "I don't know if you term it progress or not, but everybody is trying."

Schumer outlined what many Democrats want during a news conference:

■ To expand federal background check requirements to include private sales at gun shows and online.

■ To allow protective orders to temporarily disarm individuals showing credible signs of being dangerous.

■ A debate on banning assault weapons, even though Schumer said not every Democrat would support it.

### Getting the votes

Republicans and Democrats alike said Trump's support will be key to passing any gun-related legislation. Some said he could be more of an asset than Obama was, since gun owners did not trust Obama and worried he would dramatically restrict gun rights.

But it's hard to imagine the easy path Trump predicted for success in the Senate, where most legislation needs 60 votes to pass.

Even the bipartisan Manchin-Toomey bill had only 54 votes.

"I really believe that 60 votes ... should be so easy. It should be 100%," Trump said.

Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., responded, "I think you underestimate the power of the gun lobby."

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## Nor'easter a 'life and death' situation along East Coast

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March will roar in like a lion in the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast on Friday and Saturday as a potent storm delivers a ferocious mix of howling winds, drenching rain, heavy snow and powerful waves.

Power outages, coastal flooding, damaging wind gusts and flight delays are all likely as the nor'easter explodes off the New England coast.

"Please take this storm seriously," the National Weather Service in Boston said in a statement. "For those living along the coast, this is a LIFE & DEATH situation."

High wind warnings and watches are in effect from northern Georgia to southern Maine, a distance of about 900 miles.

The worst of the wind and coastal flooding will hit from eastern Massachusetts to southern Maine, AccuWeather meteorologist Brett Anderson said. Hurricane-force wind gusts of 75 mph are possible, the National Weather Service said.

Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker activated 200 National Guard members to help with the storm, the Associated Press reported.

"There will be the potential for severe damage to homes and other structures close to the water from the combination of high water and severe wave action," said Weather Channel winter weather expert Tom Niziol.

Winds are likely to be strong enough to lead to major airline delays from Chicago to Boston, and airlines waived change fees.

Up to 2 feet of heavy, wet snow could bury portions of New York and Pennsylvania.

The storm is expected to undergo explosive development known as bombogenesis, which is a rapid drop in atmospheric pressure of 24 millibars or more in a period of 24 hours or less, the Weather Channel said.

FRIDAY EVENING MARCH 2

	SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	Blindspot "Warning Shot" Roman and Blake grow closer. (N)	Taken "Absalom" A foreign diplomat is kidnapped. (N)	Dateline NBC (N)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Lin-Manuel Miranda; Macaulay Culkin. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	MacGyver "Hammock & Balcony" The team tries to catch a war criminal. (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "O Na Hoku O Ka Lani Wale No Kai 'Ike I Kahi O Pae" A school's headmaster is murdered. (N)	Blue Bloods "Legacy" Danny investigates a man's death. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert "Steve Buscemi" Actor Steve Buscemi. (N)			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Winter Hideaway" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Once Upon a Time "Secret Garden" Robin seeks guidance from Mother Gothel. (N) (DVS)	(:01) Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. "All the Comforts of Home" The team tries to alter humanity's fate. (N)	(:01) 20/20	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live "Allison Janney; Maisie Williams; Kent Jones" Allison Janney; Maisie Williams.			
WRJA	27	11	14	Samantha Brown's Places to Love	This Week In South Carolina	Washington Week (N)	MeToo, Now What? (N)	Frontline "Weinstein" Accusations against Harvey Weinstein. (N)	Makers "Women in Hollywood" Women influence entertainment.	Amanpour on PBS (N)	BBC World News	NHK Newsline	
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory A fight over a parking spot.	The Big Bang Theory Sheldon gets locked out.	MasterChef "Junior Edition: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun; The Boys Are Back in Town" (Season Premiere) Cooks prepare filet mignon and chicken. (N)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)	Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)		
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing "Kristin thinks about her future."	Last Man Standing "Good Cop, Bad Cop"	iZombie "Are You Ready for Some Zombies?" Liv has a surprising vision.	Jane The Virgin "Chapter Seventy-Five" Jane decides to pursue writing. (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Las Vegas Finals" Competitors try stage 1. (Part 1 of 2)	American Ninja Warrior "Las Vegas Finals" Competitors try stage 1. (Part 2 of 2)	The Game Jason wants to have another baby.			
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>													
A&E	46	130	(5:00) Live PD "Live PD -- 10.06.17" Riding along with law enforcement.	(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 90" (N)	Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)	Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)	Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)	Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)	Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)	Live PD "Live PD -- 03.02.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)			
AMC	48	180	*** "Jaws" (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss. A man-eating shark terrorizes a New England resort town.	*** "Jaws" (1975, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Robert Shaw, Richard Dreyfuss. A man-eating shark terrorizes a New England resort town.	*** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.	*** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.	*** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.	*** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.	*** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.	*** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.			
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters (N)	(:01) Treehouse Masters	(:03) Treehouse Masters	(:03) Treehouse Masters	(:03) Treehouse Masters	(:03) Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Mstr			
BET	61	162	(5:30) *** "Rush Hour" (6:56) The Real Housewives of Atlanta Cynthia gets over her man problems.	(:35) *** "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada. Premiere. Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris.	(7:58) Married to Medicine Heavenly throws a DNA reveal party.	Married to Medicine "In the Black" Toya and Eugene pay off their tax debt.	Relative Success With Tabatha Sibling-owned fitness studio needs help. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	Married to Medicine "In the Black" Toya and Eugene pay off their tax debt.				
BRAVO	47	181	(5:30) *** "Rush Hour" (6:56) The Real Housewives of Atlanta Cynthia gets over her man problems.	(:35) *** "Rush Hour 3" (2007, Action) Jackie Chan, Chris Tucker, Hiroyuki Sanada. Premiere. Carter and Lee battle Chinese gangsters in Paris.	(7:58) Married to Medicine Heavenly throws a DNA reveal party.	Married to Medicine "In the Black" Toya and Eugene pay off their tax debt.	Relative Success With Tabatha Sibling-owned fitness studio needs help. (N)	Watch What Happens Live	Married to Medicine "In the Black" Toya and Eugene pay off their tax debt.				
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank Beer-infused ice cream.	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Billion Dollar Buyer "After the Deal"	Billion Dollar Buyer			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Anderson Cooper	Anderson Cooper			
COM	57	136	(6:50) The Office "The Convention"	(:25) The Office "The Coup"	The Office "Grief Counseling"	The Office "Initiation"	*** "Wayne's World" (1992, Comedy) Mike Myers, Dana Carvey, Rob Lowe. A producer tries to restructure a cable access show.	Kevin Hart: Laugh at My Pain: The comic discusses his life.	This Is Not Happening "Moms"				
DISN	18	200	(:15) "Zombies" (2018, Adventure) Milo Manheim, Meg Donnelly, Trevor Tordjman. Suburban high schoolers learn to coexist with zombies.	Gold Rush "Independence Day" (N)	Gold Rush "Independence Day" (N)	Gold Rush "Independence Day" (N)	(:01) Gold Rush: White Water (N)	(:02) Gold Rush "Independence Day"	Gold Rush WW				
DSC	42	103	Gold Rush	Gold Rush "Independence Day" (N)	Gold Rush "Independence Day" (N)	Gold Rush "Independence Day" (N)	(:01) Gold Rush: White Water (N)	(:02) Gold Rush "Independence Day"	Gold Rush WW				
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Washington Wizards. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Utah Jazz. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Utah Jazz. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Minnesota Timberwolves at Utah Jazz. (N) (Live)				
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State. (N) (Live)	College Basketball Texas-Arlington at Texas State. (N) (Live)				
FOOD	40	109	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive			
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News at Night (N)	Tucker Carlson			
FREE	20	131	(5:10) "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" (4:45) *** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. Premiere. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	(4:45) *** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. Premiere. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	(4:45) *** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. Premiere. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	(4:45) *** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. Premiere. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	(4:45) *** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. Premiere. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	(4:45) *** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. Premiere. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	(4:45) *** "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. Premiere. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.				
FSS	21	47	Hawks Pregame	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Atlanta Hawks. From Philips Arena in Atlanta. (N) (Live)	Hawks Postgame	Chopcast LIVE '18	NBA Basketball Golden State Warriors at Atlanta Hawks.				
HALL	52	183	(6:00) "Summer of Dreams" (2016) Debbie Gibson, Robert Gant.	"Unleashing Mr. Darcy" (2016, Romance) Ryan Paevey, Cindy Busby, Elizabeth meets the arrogant, aristocratic Donovan Darcy at a dog show.	"Unleashing Mr. Darcy" (2016, Romance) Ryan Paevey, Cindy Busby, Elizabeth meets the arrogant, aristocratic Donovan Darcy at a dog show.	"Unleashing Mr. Darcy" (2016, Romance) Ryan Paevey, Cindy Busby, Elizabeth meets the arrogant, aristocratic Donovan Darcy at a dog show.	Meet the Peetes "Back to School" Holly plans a trip with Dolores.	The Golden Girls "Rites of Spring"	The Golden Girls				
HGTV	39	112	Beach Bargain	Beach Bargain	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	House Hunters (N)   Hunters Int'l	House Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Dream Home	
HIST	45	110	Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens "The Replicants"	Ancient Aliens "The Mysterious Nine"	Ancient Aliens "The Mysterious Nine"	Ancient Aliens "The Mysterious Nine"	Ancient Aliens "The Mysterious Nine"	(:03) Ancient Aliens "Aliens in America"	(:03) Ancient Aliens "The Other Earth"	Ancient Aliens		
ION	13	18	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation "The List" An ex-cop is murdered in prison.			
LIFE	50	145	Bring It! "National Pressure" An epic competition in Philadelphia.	Bring It! "National Pressure" An epic competition in Philadelphia.	Bring It! "National Pressure" An epic competition in Philadelphia.	Bring It! "National Pressure" An epic competition in Philadelphia.	Bring It! "National Pressure" An epic competition in Philadelphia.	Bring It! "National Pressure" An epic competition in Philadelphia.	(:02) Laurieann Gibson: Beyond the Spotlight Bad Boy Records reunion.	(:02) Laurieann Gibson: Beyond the Spotlight Bad Boy Records reunion.	(12:01) Bring It!		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	The 11th Hour With Brian Williams (N)	Rachel Maddow			
NICK	16	210	Knight Squad	Lip Sync Battle	*** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.	*** "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) Jason Lee, David Cross.	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends			
PARMT	64	153	(6:00) *** "The Longest Yard" (2005) Adam Sandler, Chris Rock.	Bellator MMA Live "Bellator MMA Live 195" Darrion Caldwell vs. Leandro Higo.	Bellator MMA Live "Bellator MMA Live 195" Darrion Caldwell vs. Leandro Higo.	Bellator MMA Live "Bellator MMA Live 195" Darrion Caldwell vs. Leandro Higo.	(:15) *** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence.	(:15) *** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence.	(:15) *** "Bad Boys" (1995) Martin Lawrence.				
SYFY	58	152	(6:04) *** "The Chronicles of Riddick" (2004) Vin Diesel. A fugitive fights an invading ruler and his army.	Futurama "Proposition Infinity"	Futurama "The Duh-Vinci Code"	Futurama "The Duh-Vinci Code"	Futurama "The Duh-Vinci Code"	Futurama "The Duh-Vinci Code"	Futurama "The Duh-Vinci Code"	Futurama "The Duh-Vinci Code"			
TBS	24	156	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Sal's Pizza"	Brooklyn Nine-Nine "Old School"	*** "Red Dawn" (2012, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Josh Peck, Josh Hutcherson. Young guerrillas fight back when foreign troops invade U.S. soil. (DVS)	*** "Red Dawn" (2012, Action) Chris Hemsworth, Josh Peck, Josh Hutcherson. Young guerrillas fight back when foreign troops invade U.S. soil. (DVS)	ELEAGUE Road to the Boston Major- The Big Stage. (N)	Final Space "Chapter One"	*** "Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief" (2010) (DVS)				
TCM	49	186	(5:15) *** "The Guns of Navarone" (1961, War) Gregory Peck.	*** "Annie Hall" (1977, Comedy) Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Tony Roberts. A New York comic struggles with an on-and-off romance.	*** "Annie Hall" (1977, Comedy) Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Tony Roberts. A New York comic struggles with an on-and-off romance.	*** "Annie Hall" (1977, Comedy) Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Tony Roberts. A New York comic struggles with an on-and-off romance.	*** "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979, Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep, Justin Henry. A divorced couple battle for custody of their young son.	*** "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979, Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep, Justin Henry. A divorced couple battle for custody of their young son.	*** "Kramer vs. Kramer" (1979, Drama) Dustin Hoffman, Meryl Streep, Justin Henry. A divorced couple battle for custody of their young son.				
TLC	43	157	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Untold Stories of the E.R.	Stories of the ER			
TNT	23	158	Bones "The Double Death of the Dearly Departed" Heart failure.	*** "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" (2011, Suspense) Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Christopher Plummer. A disgraced journalist probes a 40-year-old murder. (DVS)	*** "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" (2011, Suspense) Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Christopher Plummer. A disgraced journalist probes a 40-year-old murder. (DVS)	*** "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" (2011, Suspense) Daniel Craig, Rooney Mara, Christopher Plummer. A disgraced journalist probes a 40-year-old murder. (DVS)	The Alienist "Ascension" Sara looks into Kreizler's past. (DVS)	*** "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo"					
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.	Carbonaro Eff.	Adam Ruins	Adam Ruins	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers			
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Edwina"	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom			
USA	25	132	Modern Family Phil gets a vasectomy.	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family (DVS)	Modern Family "Party Crasher"	Modern Family "Fulgencio"			
WE	68	166	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Bridezillas (Season Premiere) (N)	Mama June: From Not to Hot	Bridezillas				
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rules/Engagement			

# 'Frontline' begins Oscars weekend on a sour note with 'Weinstein'

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

"Frontline" (9 p.m., PBS, check local listings) opens Oscars weekend on a sour note. "Weinstein" offers a definitive look at Hollywood mogul and power broker Harvey Weinstein, who was alleged to have used his considerable influence to cover up incidents of sexual harassment, abuse and assault. While accounts of bad behavior by a Hollywood producer may strike many as a dog-bites-man story, Weinstein's ability to silence women — many of them celebrities in their own right — for decades at a time points to a deeply corrupt culture.

On a similar theme, either by intent or coincidence, TCM approaches its month long salute to the Oscars with two Best Picture winners, "Annie Hall" (8 p.m.) and "Kramer vs. Kramer" (10 p.m.), featuring Hollywood legends Woody Allen and Dustin Hoffman, both accused of sexual harassment.

Like Weinstein, both men have been associated with some of the most influential films of the past decades. Will films like "Annie Hall" and "The Graduate" continue to be judged on their merits? Fall into disrepute? Or contribute to a discussion of the men and their work as society addresses issues raised in the wake of the Weinstein revelations?

Forty young cooks descend as "MasterChef Junior" (8 p.m., Fox, TV-PG) enters a new season. Twenty girls are given a filet mignon challenge; an equal number of boys are asked to prepare the perfect chicken breast. Only 24 will be left in the kitchen by the end of the hour.

Streaming today on Netflix, the eight-episode series "Flint Town" (TV-MA) unfolds from the perspective of the Flint Police Department. A city consistently ranked as one of the most violent in the nation, Flint has been battling citywide water contamination for years as well as a dwindling tax base that has affected everything from roads and schools to the re-

sources available to police. Viewers may recall that the city was the subject of Michael Moore's seminal 1989 documentary "Roger & Me," about GM's decision to close auto plants in Flint, laying off thousands.

Viewers can watch taped coverage of Billy Graham's memorial service (8 p.m., TBN). Also, at 10 a.m., viewers can watch Graham's funeral online at [memorial.billygraham.org/live-stream/](http://memorial.billygraham.org/live-stream/). An international religious figure whose popularity, influence and appeal coincided with the rise of television, Graham's many crusades and revivals were syndicated to millions of TV viewers for decades.

Portrayed by Paul Sparks ("Boardwalk Empire"), Graham recently appeared on the Netflix series "The Crown" in a subplot about Queen Elizabeth's (Claire Foy) surprising decision to meet with the American evangelical leader.

### TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Technology falls into the wrong hands on "Blindspot" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Robin turns to an unlikely source on "Once Upon a Time" (8 p.m., ABC, TV-PG).
- A case dredges up Santana's past on "Taken" (9 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Patrick Warburton guest-stars on "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." (9 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- Danny mulls a change of scenery on "Blue Bloods" (10 p.m., CBS, TV-14).
- "Bridezillas" (10 p.m., WE, TV-PG) returns for an 11th season.
- A dancer and choreographer gets a reality showcase on "Laurieann Gibson: Beyond the Spotlight" (10 p.m., Lifetime, TV-PG).
- Weapons of mass destruction on "Strike Back" (10 p.m., Cinemax, TV-MA).

### SERIES NOTES

A honeymoon ruse on "MacGyver" (8 p.m., CBS, TV-14) \* A super-fan offers food



From left, Archie Panjabi stars as Nas, Rob Brown as Edgar Reade and Audrey Esparza as Tasha Zapata in the "Warning Shot" episode of "Blindspot," airing at 8 p.m. today on NBC.

for thought on "iZombie" (8 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) \* Posing with strollers on "Hawaii Five-0" (9 p.m., CBS, TV-14) \* Jane wants to focus on her craft on "Jane the Virgin" (9 p.m., CW, TV-14) \* "Dateline" (10 p.m., NBC) \* "20/20" (10 p.m., ABC).

### LATE NIGHT

Steve Buscemi and Sebastian Maniscalco are booked on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS). Jimmy Fallon welcomes Lin-Manuel Miranda, "Weird Al" Yankovic, Macaulay Culkin and Francis and the Lights on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) \* Allison Janney, Maisie Williams and Kent Jones appear

on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" (11:35 p.m., ABC, r) \* Rachel Maddow, Dylan McDermott and Rita Ora visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) \* Helen Mirren and J.K. Simmons appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS, r).

### CULT CHOICE

During a best in show competition, Elizabeth (Cindy Busby), a strident owner, clashes with Donovan Darcy (Ryan Paevey), a haughty judge, in the 2016 romance "Unleashing Mr. Darcy" (8 p.m., Hallmark, TV-G), aka "Jane Austen Goes to the Dogs."

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# Kevin Spacey Foundation U.K. closes

LONDON (AP) — The Kevin Spacey Foundation U.K. has decided to shut down because of the multiple allegations of sexual harassment against the Academy Award winning actor.

The foundation said on its website Tuesday that its trustees have concluded the work of the foundation "is no longer viable."

The foundation helped identify young artists and provide them with training and resources as they developed careers.

Spacey has strong connections to Britain, where he served as artistic director of the Old Vic theater for 11 years. The theater said in November that it had received 20 allegations of inappropriate behavior by Spacey.

Police in London said in January they were investigated three allegations of sexual assault against the former "House of Cards" star.

The foundation ceased operations on Wednesday.

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SATURDAY EVENING MARCH 3

SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
<b>LOCAL CHANNELS</b>													
WIS	10	3	10	Entertainment Tonight (N)		NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs vs Washington Capitals. From Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md. (N) (Live)			WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:29) Saturday Night Live "Charles Barkley; Migos" Host Charles Barkley; Migos performs. (N) (Live)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition Weekend (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles "Mountebank" Sam goes under cover as a day trader. (DVS)		48 Hours		48 Hours	News 19 at 11pm (N)	Blue Bloods "Foreign Interference" A dangerous Russian enters the U.S. (DVS)	
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Hawaii"	Jeopardy!	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Houston Rockets. From the Toyota Center in Houston. (N) (Live)			ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	American Ninja Warrior "Las Vegas Finals" Competitors try stage 1. (Part 1 of 2)		
WRJA	27	11	14	60s Pop, Rock & Soul (My Music): Artists and groups from the 1960s.		Father Brown "The Wrath of Baron Samedi" Priest wants to win back a woman.	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries "The Blood of Juana the Mad" Professor's corpse shows up at lecture.		Yanni Live at the Pyramids: The Dream Concert: Yanni performs fan favorites.		Queen Rock the World: Queen embarks on a North American tour.		
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory A famous female physicist.	The Big Bang Theory	MasterChef "Junior Edition: Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" Girls must make a filet mignon dish.	Showtime at the Apollo "Premiere" Performers with various talents compete. (DVS)		WACH FOX News at 10	The Simpsons "The Heartbroke Kid"	Love Connection "Brace Yourself for Love"	Ring of Honor Wrestling	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Eve is suspended for name-calling.	Last Man Standing Vanessa questions her promotion.	Rookie Blue "Going Under" Division 15 tracks a firearms dealer.	Saving Hope "Wide Awake" Alex is tricked into a blind date. (DVS)		Leverage "The Snow Job" The team goes after a construction company.	Impactical Jokers The guys teach fencing.	Impactical Jokers "Uncool and the Gang"	Impactical Jokers The guys mess with shoppers.	
<b>CABLE CHANNELS</b>													
A&E	46	130	(:50) Live PD "Live PD -- 02.23.18" Riding along with law enforcement.		(:06) Live PD: Rewind "Live PD: Rewind No. 91" (N)		Live PD "Live PD -- 03.03.18" Riding along with law enforcement. (N) (Live)			Live PD "Live PD -- 03.03.18"			
AMC	48	180	** "Jaws 2" (1978, Suspense) Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary, Murray Hamilton. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach.		** "Jaws 3" (1983, Suspense) Dennis Quaid, Bess Armstrong, Simon MacCorkindale. A engineer and a marine biologist face a mother white shark.		(:45) ** "Jaws the Revenge" (1987) Lorraine Gary, Lance Guest.						
ANPL	41	100	Pit Bulls and Parolees "Left for Dead"		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		(:01) Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		(:02) The Vet Life "Wedding Day Blues"		(:05) Pit Bulls and Parolees		
BET	61	162	(:6:20) *** "Django Unchained" (2012, Western) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio. An ex-slave and a German bounty hunter roam America's South.		** "Snakes on a Plane" (2006, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Kenan Thompson. An FBI agent contends with a swarm of deadly serpents.		** "Snakes on a Plane" (2006, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Kenan Thompson. An FBI agent contends with a swarm of deadly serpents.			(:22) ** "Baby Mama" (2008, Comedy) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler.			
BRAVO	47	181	(:06) *** "Mean Girls" (2004, Comedy) Lindsay Lohan, Rachel McAdams, Tina Fey. A teen becomes friends with three cruel schoolmates.		(:14) ** "Baby Mama" (2008, Comedy) Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear. A career woman hires a surrogate mother to have her baby.								
CNBC	35	84	Undercover Boss "Budget Blinds"		Undercover Boss "EmpireCLS"		Undercover Boss "Donato's"		Undercover Boss "Dutch Bros. Coffee"		Undercover Boss		
CNN	3	80	The Axe Files With David Axelrod (N)		CNN Newsroom With Ana Cabrera (N)		The History of Comedy "F... Funny"		The History of Comedy "Politics Aside"		The History of Comedy "Making Fun"		
COM	57	136	(:5:50) ** "Wayne's World" (1992) Mike Myers, Dana Carvey.		** "Big Daddy" (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Stewart. A goofy ne'er-do-well adopts an impressionable youngster.		** "Big Daddy" (1999, Comedy) Adam Sandler, Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Stewart. A goofy ne'er-do-well adopts an impressionable youngster.			(:12:05) * "Jack and Jill" (2011)			
DISN	18	200	Bizaardvark		Bizaardvark		* "Strange Magic" (2015, Children's) Voices of Alan Cumming, Evan Rachel Wood, Kristin Chenoweth.		(:45) Bizaardvark (Part 1 of 2)		(:35) Andi Mack (Part 2 of 2)		
DSC	42	103	Fast N' Loud: Fast Lane (N)		Fast N' Loud: Fast Lane (N)		Fast N' Loud Richard reignites a rivalry.		(:01) Misfit Garage "Misfit Mischief" (N)		(:02) Fast N' Loud "Team Gas Monkey"		
ESPN	26	35	College Basketball		(:15) College Basketball North Carolina at Duke. (N) (Live)		(:15) College Basketball UCLA at USC. From Galen Center in Los Angeles. (N)			SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball		College Basketball Ohio Valley Tournament, Final: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)		College Basketball WCC Tournament -- TBA vs Gonzaga. (N) (Live)			College Basketball			
FOOD	40	109	Worst Cooks in America		Worst Cooks in America		Worst Cooks in America		Worst Cooks in America		Worst Cooks		
FOXN	37	90	Fox Report (N)		Watters' World (N)		Justice With Judge Jeanine (N)		The Greg Gutfeld Show (N)		Watters' World		
FREE	20	131	(:5:25) *** "The Italian Job" (2003) Mark Wahlberg. Premiere.		(:05) *** "Captain America: The First Avenger" (2011, Action) Chris Evans, Hayley Atwell, Sebastian Stan. Captain America battles the evil HYDRA organization.		(:45) *** "X-Men: First Class" (2011, Action) James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. Premiere. The early years of Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr.						
FSS	21	47	College Basketball		Future Phenoms		3 Wide Life		Raceline		The First Boys of Spring		
HALL	52	183	"Royal Hearts" (2018, Comedy) Cindy Busby, James Brolin, Andrew Cooper. Hank learns that he's the heir of the late King of Merania.		"Frozen in Love" (2018, Comedy) Rachael Leigh Cook, Niall Matter. Mary and Adam are teamed together to help facilitate an image makeover.		The Golden Girls			The Golden Girls "Heart Attack"		The Golden Girls "Stan's Return"	
HGTV	39	112	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper "The Floating Fixer Upper"		Fixer Upper		House Hunters Renovation (N)		Log Cabin Living		
HIST	45	110	Paw Patrol		Paw Patrol		Paw Patrol: Pumped Up (N)		Paw Patrol		Paw Patrol		
ION	13	18	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit The search for Detective Benson.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A young boy is abandoned.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit A series of rapes puts the city on edge.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit The team investigates the 12th Precinct.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Benson helps a second-time rape victim.		
LIFE	50	145	(:6:00) *** "From Straight A's to XXX" (2017) Haley Pullos, Judd Nelson.		"Bad Tutor" (2018, Suspense) Vanessa Marcil, Alex Frnka. Premiere. A tutor becomes dangerously obsessed with a high school student.		(:04) "The Good Mistress" (2014, Suspense) Annie Heise, Kendra Anderson, Antonio Cupo. A woman has a one-night stand with her friend's husband.			(:12:01) "Bad Tutor" (2018)			
MSNBC	36	92	The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		The 11th Hour With Brian Williams		Deadline: White House (N)		Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)		
NICK	16	210	Henry Danger		Henry Danger		The Thundermans		Knight Squad (N)		Full House		
PARMT	64	153	*** "Jurassic Park" (1993) Sam Neill. Cloned dinosaurs run amok at an island-jungle theme park.		*** "Predators" (2010, Science Fiction) Adrien Brody, Topher Grace, Alice Braga. Premiere. Fearsome aliens hunt a band of human fighters.		** "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" (1997, Adventure) Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore.						
SYFY	58	152	(:6:30) *** "Faster" (2010) Dwayne Johnson. An ex-con begins a race against time to avenge his brother's murder.		*** "Predators" (2010, Science Fiction) Adrien Brody, Topher Grace, Alice Braga. Premiere. Fearsome aliens hunt a band of human fighters.		Futurama "Benderama"			Futurama "Ghost in the Machines"		Futurama "Law & Oracle"	
TBS	24	156	Seinfeld "The Frogger"		Seinfeld "The Maid"		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		
TCM	49	186	(:5:30) *** "The Yearling" (1946) Gregory Peck, Jane Wyman. (DVS)		*** "Gandhi" (1982, Biography) Ben Kingsley, Candice Bergen, Edward Fox. A portrait of the man who led India to independence.		*** "Braveheart" (1995) Mel Gibson, Sophie Marceau.						
TLC	43	157	Say Yes to the Dress		Say Yes to the Dress (N)		(:04) Say Yes: Wedding SOS (N)		(:08) Hear Me, Love Me, See Me		(:10) Say Yes to the Dress		
TNT	23	158	(:6:00) *** "Shrek" (2001) Voices of Mike Myers. (DVS)		** "Maleficent" (2014, Fantasy) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley. A terrible betrayal turns Maleficent's pure heart to stone. (DVS)		*** "Cinderella" (2015, Children's) Cate Blanchett, Lily James, Richard Madden. A young woman tries not to lose hope in the face of cruelty. (DVS)			(:12:15) "Saving Mr. Banks" (2013)			
TRUTV	38	129	Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.		Carbonaro Eff.		
TV LAND	55	161	The Golden Girls		The Golden Girls		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		Love-Raymond		
USA	25	132	NCIS "16 Years" A secret society that solves cold cases. (DVS)		NCIS "The Tie That Binds" A murder is tied to Ducky's late mom.		Unsolved: The Murders of Tupac and The Notorious B.I.G.			Falling Water "Risk Assessment" The team sets up a sting. (N)			
WE	68	166	Criminal Minds A serial killer resumes.		Criminal Minds "Ashes and Dust"		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds "Open Season"		Criminal Minds "Legacy"		
WGNA	8	172	M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		M*A*S*H		Shoot the Messenger		

# This year's Oscar goes to ... find out Sunday

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

TCM concludes its month-long countdown to the Academy Awards with a day of Best Picture nominees and winners, including the 1982 epic "Gandhi" (8 p.m. Saturday), directed by Richard Attenborough and starring Ben Kingsley as the Indian leader whose philosophy of nonviolence united his people and frustrated the British Empire, leading to India's independence.

To me, "Gandhi" all but symbolizes a Best Picture winner. It's a well-made, good-intentioned, unassailably noble movie, as well as a film that I've never known anyone to watch twice. This stands in stark contrast to a movie like "Blade Runner," also from 1982, a "genre" picture nominated only for set decoration and visual effects Oscars, which it did not win. It has emerged as one of the more influential and revered films of its time. But it just wasn't "important" enough for Oscar.

Maybe I have to review too much television, and perhaps television is too defined by the ease of watching, re-watching and bingeing. But when I look over the films that have won Best Picture in this century, there is only one movie, "Gladiator" (2000), that I have ever sat down and screened for a second time. There's more than a couple Best Picture winners that I've yet to see even once. And more than few that have been forgotten as soon as the Academy Award after-parties ended. Is that Oscar's problem, or mine?

Jimmy Kimmel hosts the Oscars (8 p.m. Sunday, ABC). For the first year, viewers can stream the pre-ceremony red carpet parade via "The Oscars: All Access" (6:30 p.m.) on Facebook Watch.

After spending hours showing the ocean's immensity and majesty, "Planet Earth: Blue Planet II" (9 p.m. Saturday, BBC America, TV-G) documents the work of activists trying to protect the seas from the ravages of human activity and indifference.

"Top Gear" (10:30 p.m. Saturday, BBC America, TV-14) returns for its 25th season.

Hosts Matt LeBlanc, Chris Harris and Rory Reid alternate between genial shenanigans and driving muscle cars old and new as well as exotic vehicles like the world's fastest tractor and a NASA research plane. The six-episode season unfolds in Japan, the United States, Italy and the United Kingdom.

"Friends" veteran LeBlanc has been busy of late, appearing recently in the excellent and much missed "Episodes" as well as the woefully uninspired CBS sitcom "Man With a Plan." He basically brightens things here just by showing up with his usual whiff of boyish mischief laced with effortless affluence.

If he adds the star power, Harris and Reid bring the expertise. Harris has worked in both racing and automotive-related journalism. Reid has previously hosted "Gadget Geeks" and "Car Tech" on Sky and CNET and is a technology contributor to a BBC radio series.

Available for streaming on the CBS All Access platform, "The Good Wife" spinoff "The Good Fight" enters its second season on Sunday. "Fight" makes a few stabs at topicality with clips of the current president in the title sequence and a minor storyline about efforts to broker the arrangements for the Obama Presidential Library in Chicago. But the real tension arrives after a client for a rival firm murders his attorney for overcharging, sparking a copycat crime and a feeling that all lawyers have a target on their backs.

Most of the intrigue involves the war for status. Diane (Christine Baranski) finds herself with a major rival, as Liz Reddick-Lawrence (Audra McDonald) joins the firm. Maia (Rose Leslie) remains in legal limbo, as a federal investigator (the always entertaining Jane Lynch) pursues her very Madoff-like father.

One gets the sense that "The Good Fight" team is trying to find ways to differentiate its streamed content from mere "broadcast" television. The season opener has a microsecond of female nudity. And for reasons en-



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In this image released by 20th Century Fox, Tom Hanks, left, portrays Ben Bradlee and Meryl Streep portrays Katharine Graham in a scene from "The Post." The film is nominated for an Oscar for best picture. The 90th Oscars will air live at 8 p.m. Sunday on ABC.

tirely unknown, the but-toned-down, pearl-clutching Diane dabbles in hallucinogenic drugs.

The second season of "Fight" will stream 13 episodes, more than the 10 help-ups in the first.

Reelz counterprograms the Oscars ceremony with some ghoulish retrospectives: "Autopsy: The Last Hours of ... Mary Tyler Moore" (8 p.m. Sunday) and "Carrie Fisher: The Price of Fame" (9 p.m. Sunday).

**SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Toronto Maple Leafs and Washington Capitals face off in **NHL action** (8 p.m., NBC).
- The Houston Rockets host the Boston Celtics in **NBA action** (8:30 p.m., ABC).
- A single mother discovers that her efforts to get her daughter into a good college may have their limits in the 2018 shocker "Bad Tutor" (8 p.m., Lifetime).
- A schnauzer faces a medical emergency on "The Vet

Life" (10 p.m., Animal Planet, TV-PG).

Charles Barkley hosts "Saturday Night Live" (11:30 p.m., NBC, TV-14), featuring musical guest Migos.

**SUNDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS**

- "60 Minutes" (7 p.m., CBS) puts the accent on incarceration. Stories include German prisons' emphasis on rehabilitation; an armed robber turned lawyer; and Malawi's prison orchestra.
- Quayle's birthday party does not go well on "Counterpart" (8 p.m., Starz, TV-MA).
- Vin Diesel stars in the 2015 action movie "Furious 7" (8 p.m., NBC, TV-14).
- Aaron and Enid scramble to make alliances on "The Walking Dead" (9 p.m., AMC, TV-MA).
- Greg and Audrey scour for funding on "Here and Now" (9 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).
- Carrie wobbles on "Home-land" (9 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).
- A successful art opening

has a downside on the season finale of "Divorce" (10 p.m., HBO, TV-MA).

Emmett reaches out to his son on "The Chi" (10 p.m., Showtime, TV-MA).

"Secrets of the Lost" (10:04 p.m., Science, TV-PG) challenges long-held assumptions about the construction of Egypt's Great Pyramid.

**CULT CHOICE**

Nothing announces your indifference to the Oscars like watching the 2015 cartoon comedy "The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (8 p.m. Sunday, Nickelodeon) instead.

**SATURDAY SERIES**

The boys face off against the girls on "MasterChef Junior" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) \* Russian oligarchs on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* "NBA Countdown" (8 p.m., ABC) \* Steve Harvey hosts "Showtime at the Apollo" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) \* Two episodes of "48 Hours" (9 p.m. and 10 p.m., CBS).

**SUNDAY SERIES**

Another petty officer expires on "NCIS" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* Marge throws her hat in the ring on "The Simpsons" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) \* Smug ghost hunters meet the real thing on "Ghosted" (8:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-PG) \* A cheating teacher needs help on "Bull" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) \* Peter hires a nanny on "Family Guy" (9 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) \* Ronnie needs consolation on "LA to Vegas" (9:30 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14) \* Weapons of mass destruction on "NCIS: Los Angeles" (10 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

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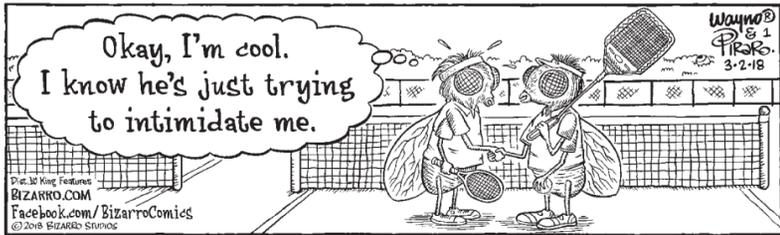
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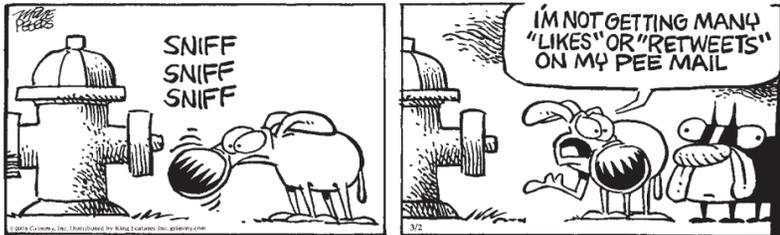
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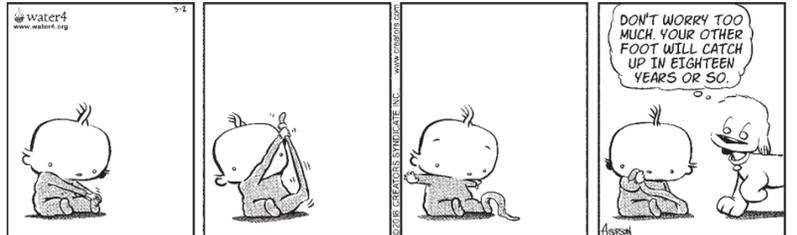
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*Happy couple seeks way to support troubled friends*



**Dear Abby**  
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

**DEAR ABBY** — Occasionally, married friends will come to my husband and/or me venting about their marital problems. We have been through a few rough patches during our 12 years of marriage, and during those times, we sought help from family, friends and counselors. Today I can honestly say we are happier than ever and willing to stick through the ups and downs.

wanting to work on improving the marriage and the other one oblivious or unwilling to do anything about it. I think our experience could help the spouses of our troubled friends see that things can work out by doing something about it, but I never know if or how to approach the subject with them. Should we keep our mouths shut and just be there for the unhappy friend, or is there a proper way to reach out to their spouse with an offer of support in situations like this?

garded as intrusive. By all means, tell the person asking your advice what worked for you, but leave it up to that person to convey it to his or her spouse.

We try to pass along the things that helped us, but a lot of times we'll see one spouse

**DEAR TRULY WANTING** — My advice would be to stay out of the line of fire. If you reach out to the unhappy spouse, who may be unaware that his or her marital problems were revealed to you, it will be re-

**DEAR ABBY** — Am I overreacting to my husband's request that I take down photos of my mom and grandparents when his mom visits? They are displayed in our guest bedroom. I think his request was rude. I wonder if his mother even cares or if he just feels guilty. It's my house, too.

**DEAR RELUCTANT** — Rather than remove your family photos, why not compromise by adding a couple of pictures of your husband's mother, too? I'm sure she would be pleased to see them. Problem solved.

**JUMBLE**

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME  
By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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

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

(Answers tomorrow)  
Yesterday's Jumbles: TOKEN FACED FUTILE HARASS  
Answer: The man who passed out when told he'd need bypass surgery was — FAINT OF HEART

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6	1	9	3	4	5	7	2	8
8	5	3	7	2	9	4	6	1
4	7	2	8	1	6	3	9	5
3	2	8	1	5	7	9	4	6
7	4	1	9	6	3	5	8	2
5	9	6	2	8	4	1	7	3

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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8			5	6				7
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**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
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**ACROSS**

- Leftover bit in a basket
- Taken out by Buffy?
- Farm home
- Lash LaRue's "Frontier Revenge," e.g.
- Critical circulation aid
- Op lead-in
- Rattling to the cops and carrying a tune?
- Chem. class suffix
- Buddy type
- Scots Gaelic
- More than moist
- Dupe gatherings?
- Kept away from
- National Grandparents' Day mo.
- Trumpet players?
- Regions
- RN work rain may do to a bad toupee?
- Hold one's
- Cook in the oven
- Walk unsteadily
- Prince in "Frozen"
- Diplomat's headquarters
- Place to buy a chair?
- Sounds of hesitation
- Forearm part
- Last European colony in Asia
- Dallas sch.
- Cowboy outfit?
- Consumed
- Like many squawkers
- Immerse completely
- Nickname for Edward
- Cruel sort
- Deli cheese ... or, in three parts, a hint to the five longest across puzzle answers
- "fan tutte" prohibition surprise
- Reader
- Not much memory, these days
- Greased
- Droops
- University of New Mexico team
- Kitchen drawer?
- U.S. manufacturer founded as a communications co. in 1920
- "Don't think so!"
- Trunks often contain them
- Private meeting
- Approvals
- F-sharp, for one
- "Willow \_\_\_ for Me": jazz standard
- Bit of smoke
- H.S. junior's exam
- Net fabric
- Too
- Condo selling point
- Generous
- Duchamp genre
- Legal thing
- Romain de Tiroff, famously
- Parlor sticks
- Like some moods
- Footed vases
- On-the-run bite
- Big periods
- The teensiest bit
- Nourishment provider
- Stews (over)
- 1940s-'60s top-10 girl's name that ranked 922nd in 2016
- Thrill
- vincit amor
- Certain polytheist
- Sch. in Harlem
- Feng
- Slob's production
- Versatility list
- On the \_\_\_: hiding
- "\_\_\_ had it!"
- Drag behind

**Previous Puzzle Solved**

A	P	P	L	E	S	E	E	K	A	J	A	R
S	I	O	U	X	T	A	X	I	T	I	V	O
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K	I	W	I	C	H	A	N	G	E	D	M	A
I	R	A	N	T	I	L	E	R	A	S	T	A
N	E	N	E	S	P	E	D	S	R	T	A	S