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# District focuses on teacher recruitment

## Board plans to travel country for job fairs

BY BRUCE MILLS  
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Sumter School District is pursuing several initiatives to fill classroom positions, according to district staff, in



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trying to take advantage of the December college gradua-

light of the teacher shortage in the district and across the state.

In the fall, acting Superintendent Debbie Hamm said the district would be trying to take advantage of the December college gradua-

tion season to hire new teachers.

According to John Koumas, the district's executive director of human resources, six new full-time teachers have been hired since the beginning of December. There are still 43 teaching position vacancies, he said Thursday.

Koumas said the district obtained some state funding to help with recruiting now and will be traveling this spring to several job fairs at various colleges and also traveling to Pennsylvania and Michigan for recruitment.

"Our department is doing things outside the box now to help with our recruiting,"

Koumas said.

Hamm has said previously that teacher retention is a good recruitment strategy, and the district's Board of Trustees approved a motion at its meeting Monday to allow her to develop and implement a new employee

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# Mother: 'I don't want her to be forgotten'



## Woman is still searching for daughter after 8 years missing

BY ADRIENNE SARVIS  
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A Sumter mother is asking the public to look past her daughter's flaws as she and her family continue to search for Stacy Renee Lester, who has been missing for eight years.

Stacy lived a high-risk lifestyle, but she was more than her addiction, Ruby Lester, Stacy's mother, said.

Ruby last saw Stacy — her youngest child — on Ruby's birthday on July 31, 2009.

Ruby's oldest daughter asked her to pick up Stacy from Manning Avenue and bring her to her house.

After locating Stacy in the area, Ruby had a difficult time convincing her daughter to get in the car.

She was with some guy, Ruby said. He was short and had a hat pulled down over his face, and he didn't get close enough to the vehicle to get a good look, she said.

Stacy asked her mother to give her and the unknown



The missing person case file and poster for Stacy Renee Lester is seen at Sumter County Sheriff's Office.



Stacy Renee Lester has been missing since 2009. She was last seen at Tuomey Regional Medical Center on Aug. 9, 2009. "I'm holding out hope that Stacy left to live a better life," her mother, Ruby Lester, said.



man a ride, but Ruby refused. She told Stacy she had to go to work and that she would give Stacy a ride to her sister's house.

After an argument, Stacy got into the car but got out and walked away while they were stopped on Main Street.

Stacy looked pretty

scruffy, which was unusual because she always made sure to look presentable, Ruby said. Stacy was also anxious when she got in the car, she said.

Ruby searched the area for her daughter but left and went to work after getting frustrated.

Stacy was reported missing three months later.

Ruby fell ill after July 31 and had a heart attack in September, and she stayed in the hospital in October after having triple bypass surgery.

She asked her five other children about Stacy, and they told her she was fine because

they did not want to add any more stress.

"Nobody had heard from her," Ruby said.

Stacy has disappeared for days at a time to Myrtle Beach or Conway, but she always stayed in contact, she said.

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Sumter City Councilman and "Dream Team" member Calvin Hastie, left, shakes hands with Garfield Williams on Friday at Hastie Law Firm, 7 E. Hampton Ave.

# A success story below the clouds

## Business, community leaders form motivational job-search 'Dream Team'

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At times, we all need a little help to get over life's hurdles.

That was the case for Garfield Williams when he moved to Sumter in late 2016 from his native Jamaica.

Williams, his wife, Althia, and their two children moved here permanently from Kingston in November 2016 after his wife obtained a multi-year contract school teaching position in Greeleyville in Williamsburg County.

An experienced electrician by trade in his homeland with a desire to one day move back,

Williams decided to maintain his Jamaican citizenship. That meant to work here, he had to first obtain a work permit.

Williams earned that permit in April 2017 and was looking forward to finding work in the electrical field.

However, today's typical job hunting techniques — which often initially involve online job applications followed by phone calls with impersonal recruiters — didn't work into Williams' favor.

It took a connection to a group of local business leaders with the desire to give back to the

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## Body with gunshot wounds discovered

Identified as 34-year old Jarvis Omar Rush

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Sumter County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a 34-year-old Sumter man after his body was found with apparent gunshot wounds near East Red Bay Road on Saturday morning.

The man was identified as Jarvis Omar Rush, according to Sumter County Coroner Robbie Baker.

Deputies found Rush's body on East Newberry Avenue about 10:30 a.m. The shooting appeared to have taken place hours before the body was discovered, states a news release.

Rush's family has been notified, and an autopsy is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on Monday in Newberry.

Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's office's investigative office at (803) 436-2011, or give tips anonymously to Crime Stoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-CRIMESC. Information leading to an arrest could result in a cash reward.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Clarendon DSS moves to its new location

The South Carolina Department of Social Services in Clarendon County has moved its offices to a new location, which will open on Tuesday.

The new address is 234 Commerce St., Manning SC 29102. All phone numbers remain the same.

All DDS offices will be closed statewide on Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

### SAFE gives more than \$1M to members

Members of SAFE Federal Credit Union received annual bonus dividends and interest rebates on Dec. 31 totaling more than \$1 million, based on their account usage.

Deposit accounts, including certificates, received a 12 percent bonus based on dividends received in 2017. Loan accounts (except credit cards) received a 3 percent rebate based on total interest paid in 2017.

SAFE has paid more than \$30 million in bonus dividends and interest rebates to its members over the last 20 years.



Cases of the flu are already widespread this year locally and throughout the United States.

## With harsh flu season, doctors say best answer is still vaccine

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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Amid a harsh flu season that is being complicated by a shortage of IV bags being produced in hurricane-ravaged Puerto Rico, health care officials are reminding Sumter County that getting a flu shot remains important.

### WHAT IS THE FLU?

Influenza is caused by a virus that attacks the upper respiratory tract — the nose, throat and bronchi and sometimes the lungs — according to the World Health Organization.

Symptoms include fever, headache, coughing, sore throat, muscle and body aches and fatigue. The infection usually lasts about a week, but it can last longer and be more severe.

It is contagious from person to person through sneezing and coughing and even talking in close proximity.

Children and the elderly are especially susceptible to the flu and to stronger symptoms.

### WHAT MAKES THIS YEAR A 'BAD' FLU SEASON?

Cases of the flu are already more widespread this year compared to a "relatively mild" 2016-17 season, said Russell Brant, chief medical officer at Sumter Family Health Center.

The peak months in the U.S. are typically December through February, though cases can be found as late as May, according to the CDC.

### READ MORE

For more on the flu and its effects on patient visits in the U.S., go to page A4.

The CDC reported widespread influenza activity in 46 states by the end of 2017 and more than 32,000 confirmed cases between Oct. 1 and Dec. 30.

"The predominant strain this year is the H3N2, which caused 20,000 deaths in 2012-13 and 2014-15 flu seasons," Brant said.

He said the center is seeing a rising number of flu cases but that, "so far, none have been serious."

Many hospitals are struggling to secure enough IV bags to help treat patients because many of the factories that produce them are in Puerto Rico, which is still recovering from Hurricane Maria.

Sumter Family Health Center is not affected by that crisis, Brant said, because it does not offer IV fluids at its facility. If an illness is severe enough to require fluids, patients go to a hospital.

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT VACCINATIONS ARE NOT AS EFFECTIVE SOME YEARS?

Accurate reports of the effectiveness of the flu vaccine can only be obtained at the end of the flu season, Brant said, but the usual effectiveness rate is around 40 percent.

"However, in Australia, it was reported as only 10 percent effective this year.

The Australian flu season is winding down as the flu season in the northern hemisphere picks up," Brant said.

The issue with making an effective vaccine is that the virus mutates and has dozens of strains, according to *The Associated Press*, and it can cross back and forth between other animals and humans, creating the potential for a new, lethal strain.

It takes about two weeks for the immune system to respond after the vaccine, Brant said.

Still, he said, it is never too late to get a flu shot.

If symptoms begin to appear, a doctor can prescribe Tamiflu within 48 to 72 hours of their onset to have a chance of shortening the length of illness.

"It does not appear to reduce the rates of admission to the hospital, nor the rates of pneumonia," Brant said.

### WHAT ARE THE BEST PREVENTION METHODS?

The CDC reports that only about every four of 10 adults in the U.S. gets a vaccine each year.

"The best way to stay healthy is to get immunized for the flu," Brant said. "Careful hand washing and staying out of crowds during the flu season is also helpful. It is important to know that the flu vaccine can never cause a person to get the flu, nor is it 100 percent effective at preventing the flu, but the vaccine is the best and safest way of controlling the flu that we have."

## 1st trial date set in state lawsuit over opioid epidemic

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The first trial date has been set for a lawsuit by a state against pharmaceutical companies over the opioid epidemic.

Oklahoma is one of at least 13 states that have filed lawsuits against drug-makers, alleging fraudulent marketing of drugs that fueled the opioid epidemic.

State Attorney General Mike Hunter says a judge has granted his request for a May 28, 2019, trial date for the lawsuit against Purdue Pharma, Allergan, Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Teva Pharmaceuticals and several of their subsidiaries.

The companies deny wrongdoing. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeW-

ine's office says other states that are suing are Alaska, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, South Carolina and Washington state.

Lawsuits by Native American tribes and dozens of local governments are also pending.

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# Kentucky gets OK for Medicaid work requirement

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FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky became the first state to require many of its Medicaid recipients to work to receive coverage, part of an unprecedented change to the nation's largest health insurance program under the Trump administration.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services announced the approval on Friday. The change will require adults between the ages of 19 and 64 to complete 80 hours per month of "community engagement" to keep their coverage. That includes getting a job, going to school, taking a job training course and community service.

The decision marks a dramatic shift for Kentucky, which embraced former President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act under its last governor, a Democrat, and won praise for posting some of the largest gains in getting its residents insured. Republican Gov. Matt Bevin, who was elected in 2015, said Friday that the state consistently ranks near the bottom of the country in health outcomes.

"The idea we should keep doing

*It will be transformational.*

*Something we have not seen in America in a quarter century.*

MATT BEVIN

Republican governor of Kentucky

what we are doing is an insult to the people of Kentucky," Bevin said.

Bevin expects the changes to save the state more than \$300 million over the next five years. But he also estimated as many as 95,000 people could lose their Medicaid benefits, either because they did not comply with the new rules or they lose their eligibility because they make too much money.

"It will be transformational," Bevin said at a news conference. "Something we have not seen in America in a quarter century."

Advocates for the poor have said work requirements will become one more hoop for low-income people to

jump through, and many could be denied needed coverage because of technicalities and challenging new paperwork. Lawsuits are expected as individual states roll out work requirements.

Bevin has dubbed the new program Kentucky Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health, or Kentucky HEALTH. It is expected to begin in July.

"Overall, CMS believes that Kentucky HEALTH has been designed to empower individuals to improve their health and well-being," CMS Principal Deputy Administrator Demetrios L. Kouzoukas wrote in a letter announcing the change.

Democratic U.S. Rep. John Yarmuth called the changes "dangerous and irresponsible."

"The Trump administration has agreed to end health coverage for 95,000 Kentuckians," Yarmuth said. "Make no mistake: People will die because of this."

Calling the Trump administration's waivers "unprecedented," two senior congressional Democrats who work on Medicaid issues asked the nonpartisan Government Accountability Office to review the government's deci-

sion-making process.

"It is critical that key decisions regarding eligibility, coverage, benefits, delivery system reforms, federal Medicaid spending and other important aspects of these demonstrations are transparent, accountable and in line with congressional intent," wrote Rep. Frank Pallone of New Jersey and Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon.

Created in 1965 for families on welfare and low-income seniors, Medicaid now covers more than 70 million people, or about 1 in 5 Americans. The federal-state collaboration has become the nation's largest health insurance program.

There are many exemptions to the work requirement, including the "medically frail," a broad term that includes people suffering from chronic alcohol and drug abuse in a state that has been one of the hardest hit by the opioid epidemic.

Other exemptions include pregnant women, full-time students, former foster care youth, primary caregivers of dependents (limited to one per household) and people diagnosed with "an acute medical condition that would prevent them from complying with the requirements."

# Facebook will edit feeds to bring less news, more sharing

BY BARBARA ORTUTAY  
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK — Facebook is changing what its users will see to highlight posts they are most likely to engage with and make time spent on social media more "meaningful."

By cutting back on items that Facebook users tend to passively consume, the change could hurt news organizations and other businesses that rely on Facebook to share their content.

The idea is to help users to connect with people they care about, not make them feel depressed and isolated.

"The research shows that when we use social media to connect with people we care about, it can be good for our well-being," Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg wrote in a post Thursday.

"We can feel more connected and less lonely, and that correlates with long-term measures of happiness and health. On the other hand, passively reading articles or watching videos — even if they're entertaining or informative — may not be as good."

Shares of Facebook slid more than 5 percent to \$177.31 in premarket trading Friday after the change was unveiled.

Under the revised regime, there will be fewer posts from brands, pages and media

companies and more from people. There will be fewer videos, which Facebook considers "passive." People will likely spend less time on Facebook as a result, the company says.

That's because even if people read such content on Facebook, they don't necessarily comment or interact with it in other ways.

But Facebook gave scant details about how it would define what's "meaningful."

The changes could shrink the social media giant's role as a major news source for many people.

"It's in the same direction that Facebook has been pursuing for a while: offering a place for discussion among individuals, a community space, rather than being a news source," said Oh Se-uk, a senior researcher on digital news at the Korea Press Foundation.

"It wants people who have been friends to become even closer, to have deeper discussions (on Facebook). Traffic to news media's websites via Facebook will likely fall," he said.

The move will not affect advertisements — users will continue to see the same ads they have before, "meaningful" or not. But businesses that use Facebook to connect with their customers without paying for ads will also feel the pain.

Facebook has long been



Conference workers speak in front of a demo booth in April 2017 at Facebook's annual F8 developer conference in San Jose, California. Facebook said Thursday that it is tweaking what people see to make their time on it more "meaningful." The changes come as Facebook faces criticism that social media can make people feel depressed and isolated.

criticized for creating "filter bubbles," the echo chambers of friends and like-minded people whose views are reinforced by their friends' posts on the platform.

The company says that's similar to how people make friends and interact with each other offline. Facebook says its research shows that users are exposed to more divergent views on its platform than they would be otherwise, but that's hard to verify independently because the company is cautious about providing data to outsiders.

Oh, the researcher at Korea Press Foundation, said it was too early to say whether the latest measure would reinforce Facebook's "filter bub-

ble" effect or not. "We won't know until we see what happens."

The changes come after a tough year for Facebook that included congressional hearings on how Russia used it to influence the 2016 U.S. elections. Former executives and Facebook investors have spoken out about how it and other social media sites might be hurting rather than helping society and users' psyches.

Last week, Zuckerberg said his "personal challenge" for 2018 (something he's done every year since 2009) will be to fix Facebook.

"Facebook has a lot of work to do — whether it's protecting our community

from abuse and hate, defending against interference by nation states or making sure that time spent on Facebook is time well spent," he wrote.

Tweaking users' feeds may cause the social media platform to lose some of its luster for content producers or media companies, especially video makers that cannot make money on Facebook regardless of how many of their videos go viral, said Cho Sodam, founder of Dot-face, a youth-oriented media startup based in Seoul, South Korea.

"No matter how well we do on Facebook and how great our videos are, making high-quality videos itself does not bring us any profit," Cho said.

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# Has flu season, in full swing, reached its height?

BY MIKE STOBBE  
AP Medical Writer

NEW YORK — Flu is now widespread in every state except Hawaii, but the good news is the season appears to already be peaking.

It's been a rough few weeks: Hospitals have set up tents to handle patient overflow. Doctors are putting in double and triple shifts. Ambulances have been sidelined while paramedics waited to drop off patients.

"This morning, I couldn't stand up. I was really weak," said Margaret Shaffer, who went to a Seattle emergency room this week after a bout with the flu was followed by pneumonia.

But an update out Friday from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows patient traffic for flu is no longer skyrocketing the way it was in December.

"It looks like it's starting to level out," said the CDC's Lynnette Brammer, who oversees flu tracking.

Still, flu is unpredictable. "I don't know where it will end up," she added.

Many flu seasons don't really get going until around Christmas and don't crescendo until February. That's how last year's flu season played out. This season got off to an early start, and cases surged over the holidays.

Patients who went to the ER at Palomar Medical Center Escondido, north of San Diego, then had to wait as long as nine hours. The hospital this week took down a tent it used to handle the overflow but is still seeing a lot of patients with fevers, aches, chills and other flu symptoms.

"We're having to treat people in hallways, in chairs, wherever we have space," said Michelle Gunneth, the director of emergency services.

There's a tent in place at Kaweah Delta Medical Center in the Central California city of Visalia, where doctors this week have been pulling double and triple shifts to keep up.

"It's like a MASH unit," said Dr. Ed Hirsch, the hospital's chief medical officer.

In Chicago, paramedics have been forced to wait at ERs with patients for as long as two hours for an open spot. That means the ambulances can't be used for other calls, said Larry Langford, a spokesman for the city's fire department.

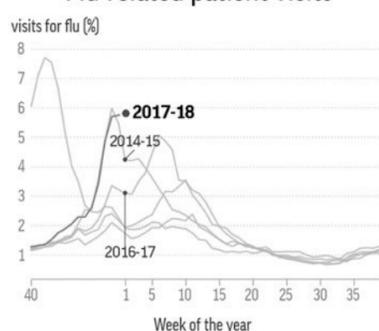
What had some people worried about this U.S. flu season was the bad season last year in Australia. That country was hit hard by a flu bug that's notori-



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Donnie Cardenas recovers from the flu at the Palomar Medical Center in Escondido, California, on Wednesday. The San Diego County resident said he was battling a heavy cough for days before a spike in his temperature sent him into the emergency room.

## Flu-related patient visits



Ana Martinez, a medical assistant at the Sea Mar Community Health Center, gives a patient a flu shot Thursday in Seattle.

ous for causing severe illness, and flu viruses spread around the world. Preliminary estimates suggested the vaccine barely worked there, and the U.S. was again facing the same H3N2 virus with the same flu shot.

That virus caused one of the worst U.S. flu seasons in recent years, 2014-15, when the vaccine was a poor match. It was back last winter, but the vaccine was a better fit.

Health officials say this year's shot targets the strains that are making

Americans sick, primarily H3N2. How well it is working won't be known until next month, but it's expected to be better than the 10 percent Australia reported.

The report out Friday shows flu and pneumonia deaths crept up last week to push flu to an epidemic level. Flu reaches that threshold most winters, even during seasons that are not considered particularly bad.

Hospitalizations of the elderly are climbing. So far they're not shooting up quite like they did in 2014-2015, but health officials are watching the numbers closely.

The CDC estimates there are tens of thousands of deaths each year from flu and pneumonia.

One suburban San Diego case shows how serious the flu can be. Jennifer Burrough and her family didn't get flu shots this year after hearing reports that suggested it might not work very well this season.

Her 12-year-old son came home with the bug around the holidays, then her two youngest kids got sick, and she did, too. They all recovered quickly. But her 48-year-old Navy veteran husband, Shawn Burrough, landed in the hospital. There, he had trouble breathing, and his kidneys started shutting down. He was medically sedated and put on a breathing machine.

"We didn't figure it would be like this," said Jennifer Burrough. "You don't expect to wake up with sniffles and two days later find yourself in a medically induced coma. It was rapid, just rapid."

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"Bug Spot" by Amanda Cox, winner of the Sumter Artists' Guild Show, is among several of her paintings in the Sumter Artists' Guild Winners Show opening Thursday at the Sumter County Gallery of Art. Works by all the winners will be exhibited.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

## Sumter Artists' Guild Winners Show to open

### Solo exhibit by Laura Spong also at gallery

#### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Sumter County Gallery of Art will open two exhibitions Thursday with a 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. reception at the gallery, 200 Hasell St. The much-anticipated Sumter Artists' Guild Winners Show and a solo exhibition titled "Once in Green Moon" by Columbia artist Laura Spong will remain in the gallery through Feb. 16.

The 91-year-old Spong is known primarily for her abstract expressionistic paintings, although she also painted still lifes, urban landscapes and figurative works, mainly in the 1950s.

In the last several years, Spong has dramatically increased her reputation in South Carolina and beyond with a series of solo exhibitions and several group shows, including a retrospective at the University of South Carolina's McMaster Gallery. Spong's work is in many important institutional collections including the S.C. State Art Collection, Greenville County Museum of Art and the S.C. State Museum as well as many private collections.

In an article in *The State* newspaper in 2016 on the eve of Spong's 90th birthday and an accompanying exhibition "Laura Spong at 90: Six Decades in Painting," Erin Shaw wrote "Spong has been painting regularly since the 1950s. At nearly 90, she is the grande dame of Vista Studios, a slight yet spry woman who still paints five days a week, usually following a daily walk."

Spong first became interested in art while taking a few drawing courses at Vanderbilt University in her home state of Tennessee. Other than classes here and there, Spong remains largely self-taught. Becoming a full-time artist in her 60s didn't allow time to train under an expert. And that's OK. "Had I had more training, I think I might have ended up painting like someone else," she said. "And the most important thing to me is to feel like I'm painting like myself. I did not have a natural gift, but I just loved doing it," she said.

"Laura never disappoints," said Wim Roefs, if ART owner and Spong's art dealer who curated the "At 90" show. He has written numerous essays about Spong's work over the 10 years he's represented her. He's written of her "arsenal of marks, shapes, forms and scribbles" that "interact at once with ease and tension" in her pieces. Asked what kind of painter she is, he answered simply, "A very good one."

The Sumter County Gallery of Art is working closely with Roefs to bring Spong's work to the gallery. Roefs is no stranger to SCGA having curated "South Carolina Birds" in 2005 and The State Art Collection in 2006 at the gallery. Roefs and perhaps Spong herself will be in attendance the night of the



Laura Spong, abstract expressionist painter, is shown in her Columbia studio. An exhibition of her work will open Thursday at the Sumter County Gallery of Art. "Once in a Green Moon," below, also the title of Spong's solo exhibition in Sumter, is shown. Spong has been painting for several decades, and her prestige continues to grow.



opening reception and will give a gallery talk on Spong's work.

Many of Spong's paintings are bright and bold — swaths of vermilion, turquoise and Kelly greens. She eschews straight lines in favor of squiggles, which she makes in loose strokes wielding a paint pen like an oversized crayon. The challenge of abstraction, she says, is using those non-objective shapes (you might see a face in that yellow blob; someone else might see a boat), to make a pleasing composition that takes the observer on a journey.

When she begins a piece, Spong tries to make her mind as blank as the canvas. Sometimes she doesn't even know what color she is going to use. She picks up a brush and starts smearing. She doesn't like people to watch her paint, so the particulars remain a mystery. "My best work comes when I don't think too much. If I sit here and think about a problem and what the solution might be, it will be very predictable," she said. "I feel like my intuition is better than my thinking process."

Spong's artist statement is as graceful and evocative as her paintings. It

reads, in part:

*I play.  
I am like a child on the floor with blocks.  
Arranging, rearranging,  
Adding, subtracting,  
Delighting in the shapes,  
forms,  
textures,  
colors,  
Until the components fall into place  
And create a pleasing visual pattern.  
I use ancient symbols and phenomena  
To connect with the world in time.  
I use bits of forms and shapes I see around me  
To connect with the world in space.  
But, mostly I play with color. ...  
My vision ...  
... is that everything is connected. All is part of the whole. From a magnificent landscape to a few blades of grass, each is part of the whole and is equally important. My artworks are fragments of that whole that catch my eye, emotions, or imagination.*

The Sumter Artists' Guild Winners Show, like the Sumter Artists' Guild

show, is one of the gallery's most popular exhibitions of the year. The 2018 Guild Winners Show promises to be a strong one. The judge for the Artists' Guild Show was Virginia Scotchie, a ceramic artist and head of ceramics at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, who has exhibited her work extensively throughout the U.S. and abroad and received numerous awards — and she made some excellent choices.

First-place winner was Amanda Cox, former SCGA Art Education director and now the art instructor at Crosswell Drive Elementary, for her large landscape "Bug Spot"; third-place winner Napoleon "Brad" Bradford for his moving mixed-media piece "Vietnamese-American Orphan"; honorable mention winners, Denise L. Greer, Jim Wade and Jeanie Moore; and Peoples' Choice award winner Halimah Shah. Second-place winner Michael Broadway moved to Virginia some months ago and unfortunately will not participate in the Guild Winners Show. The mixture of painting, collage and ceramics promises to be a visually exciting show.

As with all of the gallery's exhibitions, this is a community effort sponsored by Covenant Place Continuing Care Community, Synovus/NBSC and the Sumter Artists' Guild, who will do the reception. Flowers are courtesy of Catherine Blumberg of Poinsett Garden Club and The Council of Garden Clubs of Sumter.

Sumter County Gallery of Art is located at 200 Hasell St., adjacent to Patriot Hall. Regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, call SCGA director Karen Watson at (803) 775-0543.

# Lord Clarendon Cotillion presents 7 debutantes



The Lord Clarendon Cotillion presented seven debutantes at its annual ball on Dec. 19, 2017, at Sunset Country Club in Sumter. From left: front row, debutantes Elizabeth Rose Coffey, Mary Geer Kirkland, Mackenzie Elaine Ham and Eadon Kressly Moody; and back row, escorts William Columbus Coffey IV, Reid Foster Darby, Bailey Henry Kirkland, Kenneth Reaves Wannamaker, Tyler Watson Baker, Lane Olin Ham, Robert McFaddin Moody and Troy Ingram Clifford.

The Lord Clarendon Cotillion presented seven debutantes at its annual ball on Dec. 19, 2017, at Sunset Country Club in Sumter. From left: front row, debutantes Callie Elizabeth Graham, Caroline Elizabeth Land and Olivia Dean Wilson; and back row, escorts John William Graham, Tyler Logan Sprott, William Anders Land, James Ceth Land, John Joe Wilson III and Raymond Bradley Davis. One son was presented, James Ceth Land.



## EDUCATION NEWS

### Morris College

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. OBSERVANCE

Morris College will celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 10 a.m. Thursday in Neal-Jones Auditorium as part of the 2018 Presidential Information Session. Speaker will be Sheyann Webb Christburg, a civil rights activist who has spent years working for the equality of voting rights. She is an author, humanitarian and recipient of the Congressional Gold Medal awarded by President Barack Obama.

A native of Selma, Alabama, she has been relentless in her dedication for justice and equality since the age of 8 years old, which is how she earned the title, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Youngest Freedom Fighter.

The event will also feature Morris College junior Emmanuel Lee, the 2017 Statewide Oratorical Contest winner for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Belford V. Lawson Oratorical Contest. His speech titled, "Where Do We Go From Here — Chaos or Community. 50 Years

After the death of Martin Luther King Jr.," not only won the statewide contest, but takes him to the regional conference in April also.

#### HOMECOMING

Morris College will host its annual Homecoming on Sunday-Saturday, Jan. 21-27. Saturday's Homecoming games against Fisk University will feature both women's and men's Hornet basketball teams at 2 and 4 p.m. respectively in Garrick Boykin Human Development Center. The Parents Day Welcome Brunch will also be held on Saturday at 10 a.m. in Daniels Dining Hall. A list of homecoming week activities can be found on the college website, [www.morris.edu](http://www.morris.edu). — Anika V. Cobb

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#### University of South Carolina Sumter

##### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DREAM WALK

USC Sumter will host the 18th-annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dream Walk on Monday. The Dream Walk is a community effort created to acknowledge and celebrate the meaning and purpose of the holiday. Dream Walk 2018 is a 3-mile walk starting and ending at USC Sumter Nettles Building. Registration for the walk will be at 8:30 a.m., with the walk beginning at 9:30 a.m. A program of celebration will be held after the walk at 11 a.m. with a keynote speaker and musical performances.

Commemorative T-shirts will be available for a \$13 donation, and there is no cost to walk. The Dream Walk is

sponsored by USC Sumter, Morris College and Central Carolina Technical College and is free and open to the public. The theme this year is "We Shall Always March Ahead." Visit [uscsumter.edu](http://uscsumter.edu) for more information or to register. — Misty Hatfield

#### Troy University

TROY, Alabama — Troy University announces Lauren Wilcox and Whitney Saxon, both of Sumter, were named to the Chancellor's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade-point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

#### Spartanburg Methodist College

SPARTANBURG — Andrea Selena Liddell of Manning has been named to the Spartanburg Methodist College President's List for grades earned during the fall 2017 academic semester. President's List students have achieved a grade-point average of 3.8 or higher.

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# Cybersecurity firm: U.S. Senate in Russian hackers' crosshairs

PARIS (AP) — The same Russian government-aligned hackers who penetrated the Democratic Party have spent the past few months laying the groundwork for an espionage campaign against the U.S. Senate, a cybersecurity firm said Friday.

The revelation suggests the group often nicknamed Fancy Bear, whose hacking campaign scrambled the 2016 U.S. electoral contest, is still busy trying to gather the emails of America's political elite.

"They're still very active — in making preparations at least — to influence public opinion again," said Feike Hacquebord, a security researcher at Trend Micro Inc., which published the report. "They are looking for information they might leak later."

The Senate Sergeant at Arms office, which is responsible for the upper house's security, declined to comment.

Hacquebord said he based his report on the discovery of a clutch of suspicious-looking websites dressed up to look like the U.S. Senate's internal email system. He then cross-referenced digital fingerprints associated with those sites to ones used almost exclusively by Fancy Bear, which his Tokyo-based firm dubs "Pawn Storm."

Trend Micro previously drew international attention when it used an identical technique to uncover a set of decoy websites apparently set up to harvest emails from the French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron's campaign in April 2017. The sites' discovery was followed two months later by a still-unexplained publication of private emails from several Macron staffers in the final days of the race.

Hacquebord said the rogue Senate sites — which were

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**FEIKE HACQUEBORD**

Security researcher at Trend Micro Inc.

set up in June and September of 2017 — matched their French counterparts.

"That is exactly the way they attacked the Macron campaign in France," he said.

Attribution is extremely tricky in the world of cybersecurity, where hackers routinely use misdirection and red herrings to fool their adversaries. But Trend Micro, which has followed Fancy Bear for years, said there could be no doubt.

"We are 100 percent sure that it can be attributed to the Pawn Storm group," said Rik Ferguson, one of Hacquebord's colleagues.

Like many cybersecurity companies, Trend Micro refuses to speculate publicly on who is behind such groups, referring to Pawn Storm only as having "Russia-related interests." But the U.S. intelligence community alleges that Russia's military intelligence service pulls the hackers' strings and a months-long Associated Press investigation into the group, drawing on a vast database of targets supplied by the cybersecurity firm Secureworks, has determined that the group is closely attuned to the Kremlin's objectives.

If Fancy Bear has targeted

the Senate over the past few months, it wouldn't be the first time. An AP analysis of Secureworks' list shows that several staffers there were targeted between 2015 and 2016.

Among them: Robert Zarate, now the foreign policy adviser to Florida Sen. Marco Rubio; Josh Holmes, a former chief of staff to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell who now runs a Washington consultancy; and Jason Thielman, the chief of staff to Montana Sen. Steve Daines. A Congressional researcher specializing in national security issues was also targeted.

Fancy Bear's interests aren't limited to U.S. politics; the group also appears to have the Olympics in mind.

Trend Micro's report said the group had set up infrastructure aimed at collecting emails from a series of Olympic winter sports federations, including the International Ski Federation, the International Ice Hockey Federation, the International Bobsleigh & Skeleton Federation, the International Luge Federation and the International Biathlon Union.

The targeting of Olympic groups comes as relations between Russia and the International Olympic Committee are particularly fraught. Russian athletes are being forced to compete under a neutral flag in the upcoming Pyeongchang Olympics following an extraordinary doping scandal that has seen 43 athletes and several Russian officials banned for life. Amid speculation that Russia could retaliate by orchestrating the leak of prominent Olympic officials' emails, cybersecurity firms including McAfee and ThreatConnect have picked up on signs that state-backed hackers are making moves against winter sports



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Colorado State Sen. Andy Kerr was of the targets on Secureworks' list, who said thousands of his emails were posted to the website DCLeaks.

staff and anti-doping officials.

On Wednesday, a group that has brazenly adopted the Fancy Bear nickname began publishing what appeared to be Olympics and doping-related emails from between September 2016 and March 2017. The contents were largely unremarkable, but their publication was covered extensively by Russian state media, and some read the leak as a warning to Olympic officials not to press Moscow too hard over the doping scandal.

Whether any Senate emails could be published in such a way isn't clear. Previous warnings that German lawmakers' correspondence might be leaked by Fancy Bear ahead of last year's election there appear to have come to nothing.

On the other hand, the group has previously dumped at least one U.S. legislator's correspondence onto the web.

One of the targets on Secureworks' list was Colorado State Sen. Andy Kerr, who said thousands of his emails were posted to an obscure section of the website DCLeaks — a web portal better known for publishing emails belonging to retired Gen. Colin Powell and various members of Hillary Clinton's campaign — in late 2016.

Kerr said he was still bewildered as to why he was targeted. He said that while he supported transparency, "there should be some process and some system to it."

"It shouldn't be up to a foreign government or some hacker to say what gets released and what shouldn't."

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# Hotels bet on technology to attract, dazzle guests

BY REGINA GARCIA CANO  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — It takes just minutes for a room service attendant to respond to a text message asking for a soda, bringing the Diet Coke on a tray with a glass of ice and lime wedges, no need for the modern hassle of placing a phone call.

Thousands of guests at some of Las Vegas' casino-hotels also can get towels, food and toiletries delivered with just a few taps on their smartphone. It comes as the staples of hotel room technology — a phone on a nightstand and a flat-screen TV — aren't cutting it anymore in the hypercompetitive world of Sin City tourism.

Guests can use tablets to control room features like lights and temperature. Shower infusers and special lights promise travelers a chance to recharge. And a 4-foot-tall robot can point visitors to the nearest ATM. In the battle for millions of Las Vegas' tourists, voice-assisted speakers and purification systems also are part of the push to attract ever-more-demanding customers and keep them coming back.

"The hotel brands or the casino brands are trying to make themselves evolve to become more relevant to a younger audience that is highly technologically enabled," Robert Rippee, director of the Hospitality Lab at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, said.

Las Vegas hotels are not the only ones using such technology. The Acme Hotel Co. in Chicago put an Amazon Echo in every room, and the Waldorf Astoria in Beverly Hills, Cali-



A robot named Pepper stands in the lobby of the Mandarin Oriental in Las Vegas. Pepper is programmed to interact with guests and answer pre-programmed questions.

fornia, has equipped rooms with iPads. But what sets Sin City properties apart is the volume of guests they handle, which can test the technology that must be easy to understand.

"Let's say the tablet is a Microsoft Surface, but the tablet you use is an iPad, so you immediately have a gap," Rippee said. "You, as the user, now have to learn to use a product an operating system you are unfamiliar with. If you are here for two nights, you are going to discard it."

Caesars Entertainment launched a texting service at its 3,976-room Caesars Palace casino-hotel on the Las Vegas Strip in August, months after

rolling it out at two boutique hotels. Senior vice president and chief experience officer Michael Marino said the service aims to improve guests' stay after the company noticed a dip in phone calls.

"It's not like they have less needs, it's just that something has happened over the last couple of years where people just don't like to call people anymore," Marino said.

Four properties now have the service named Ivy, which the company credits for higher scores of two of its hotels on travel review website TripAdvisor.

The service uses artificial intelli-

gence to automatically answer common questions and requests, such as gym location and hours of operation. But trained staffers type back responses to more complex inquiries such as where Muslims should face to pray in the direction of the Kaaba in Mecca.

"The window of your room faces to the East. If you pray facing the window, you will be oriented towards Mecca," Ivy answered within two minutes.

The Cosmopolitan casino-hotel also launched a chatbot a year ago, around the same time Wynn Resorts announced that an Amazon Echo would be installed in every room of the Wynn Las Vegas casino-hotel.

At the Aria and Vdara hotels, each room is equipped with a tablet with applications that allow guests to schedule breakfast delivery, access thousands of publications and adjust temperature and lights. Travelers also can choose special rooms at the MGM Grand and The Mirage with several lighting options, including one that helps the body's internal clock, and a device that infuses the shower's water with vitamin C.

Meanwhile, a shiny white, wide-eyed standing robot named Pepper in the lobby of the luxury Mandarin Oriental hotel can answer a set of preprogrammed questions, including check-out time, how to connect to the Wi-Fi network and the location of the spa.

"I've seen robots on TV but never in person. It's so cute," said Ana Rosa Santiago, a Miami resident who took a selfie with Pepper. "I already sent it to all my family."

## 'Arrogant' surgeon burned initials onto patients' livers

LONDON (AP) — A British surgeon who burned his initials into patients' livers during transplant operations was fined \$13,600 on Friday and ordered to perform community service.

Simon Bramhall pleaded guilty last month to two counts of assault in a case a prosecutor called "without legal precedent in criminal law."

Bramhall used an argon beam coagulator, which seals bleeding blood vessels with an electric beam, to mark his initials on the organs. The 53-year-old surgeon resigned from Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham in 2014 after another doctor discovered what he'd done.

The hospital said there had been "no impact whatsoever" on the success of the operations.

Passing sentence at Birmingham Crown Court in central England, judge Paul Farrer said Bramhall displayed "professional arrogance of such magnitude that it strayed into criminal behavior."

The judge accepted that the patients were not physically harmed but said one had suffered "extreme and enduring" psychological stress after learning what had happened.

"What you did was an abuse of power and a betrayal of trust that these patients had invested in you," the judge said.

## Woman dies because of menstrual exile

KATHMANDU, Nepal (AP) — A woman has died in a remote village in Nepal because of a tradition in which women are exiled from their homes and forced to live in huts during menstruation, a government official said Friday.

The 21-year-old is thought to have died from smoke inhalation from a fire she lit in the hut to keep warm in the freezing temperatures in the mountain village, government administrator Tul Bahadur Kawcha said.

The woman was found dead on Monday.

Kawcha said the tradition is still practiced in some remote villages despite a government ban on the practice and a law introduced last year to punish people who force women to follow the custom.

The new law goes into effect in August this year, with violators who force women into exile during menstruation facing up to three months in prison or a fine of 3,000 Nepalese rupees (\$29).

Many menstruating women are still forced to leave their homes and take shelter in unhygienic or insecure huts or cow sheds until their cycle ends,

though the practice — called "Chhaupadi" — was actually outlawed a decade ago. But without any penalties, the custom continued in many parts of the majority Hindu Himalayan country, especially in the western hills.

While exiled in isolation, some women face bitter cold or attacks by wild animals. Unclean conditions can also cause infections.

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# What will #MeToo movement mean for Cosby's next trial?

BY KRISTEN DE GROOT  
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jurors couldn't agree the first time around whether to accept a woman's story that "America's Dad," Bill Cosby, sexually assaulted her over a decade ago. Now he faces a retrial in less than 90 days in a vastly different cultural climate, one in which powerful men from Hollywood to the U.S. Senate are being toppled by allegations of sexual misconduct.

The jury in Cosby's case was deadlocked on charges he drugged and molested a woman in 2004, and the judge declared a mistrial in June. But that was before the revelations about movie producer Harvey Weinstein and the #MeToo movement burst into the public sphere.

The shift is clearly on Cosby's mind. He quipped to a reporter after shaking her hand Wednesday outside a Philadelphia restaurant: "Please don't put me on MeToo."

Legal experts say the seismic change in believing and supporting victims of sexual harassment and assault — and the near-immediate ramifications for so many famous men — will surely trickle into the Cosby retrial, slated to begin April 2.

"Given the split last time, the challenge is going to be in jury selection," said Los Angeles lawyer Mark Geragos, who is

not involved in the Cosby case but whose clients have included Michael Jackson. "Almost all cases are won and lost in jury selection, this case in particular."

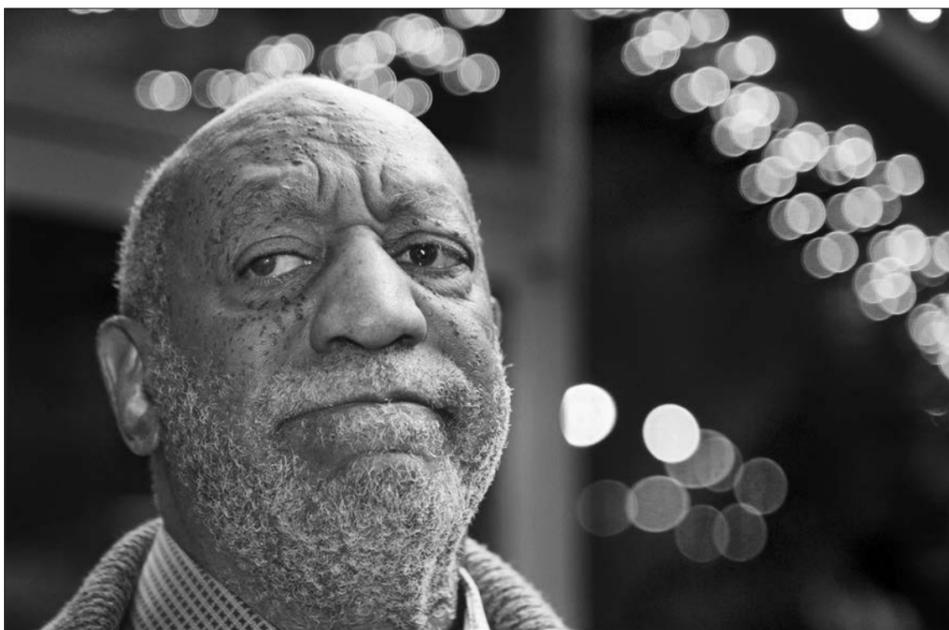
In Cosby's first trial, jury selection was moved to Pittsburgh over defense fears that widespread publicity could make it difficult to find unbiased jurors in the Philadelphia area. Cosby has a new legal team, and its strategy may be very different.

The star of "The Cosby Show" is charged with knocking out accuser Andrea Constand with pills and sexually assaulting her at his home near Philadelphia. He has said Constand, a former executive with Temple University's women's basketball program, consented to their sexual encounter.

"This is about whether you believe the victim or not, and the events of the last year certainly make the case harder for Cosby," said Philadelphia criminal lawyer Alan J. Tauber, who isn't involved in the case. "Ordinary people are seeing people they respect and trust undermined by terrible accusations."

Calls and emails seeking comment from Cosby's lawyers weren't returned.

During his first trial, the comedian's lawyers portrayed Cosby and Constand as lovers who had enjoyed secret "romantic interludes" and tried to



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Bill Cosby pauses to talk to reporters as he leaves following dinner in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

sow doubt about her claims.

The lawyers reminded jurors she waited a year to contact the authorities and suggested her story evolved during interviews with police. They also noted Constand made dozens of telephone calls to Cosby, who was a member of Temple's board, after the alleged assault.

"This isn't talking to a trustee. This is talking to a lover," former Cosby lawyer Brian McMonagle said of one call that lasted 49 minutes. "Why are we running from the truth of this case — this relationship? Why?"

In a case like Cosby's, in which the evidence is primarily testimonial and not physical, credibility is key.

Diane Rosenfeld, a lecturer and director of a gender violence program at Harvard Law School, thinks the floodgates of victim support opened after the

Weinstein allegations and not after Cosby's accusers came forward for two reasons: perceived credibility of the victims and the likability of the accused.

"Bill Cosby had been such a treasured American hero, giving us this friendly, accessible view of a successful African-American family," she said. "He was such a loveable public presence, his accusers didn't have as much power collectively or public notoriety as victims in the Weinstein case."

As the #MeToo movement gained momentum, the accused lost jobs, TV shows, book deals and a Senate seat. Kevin Spacey was even erased from a completed movie.

"I think the shift is here to stay," said Carol Tracy, executive director of the Women's Law Center in Philadelphia. "It might not be on the front page

next year, but I do think it will have a significant impact going forward in the criminal justice system and on how jurors view these cases."

Constand's lawyer said she was floored to hear Cosby's comment about the #MeToo movement.

"Apparently Mr. Cosby still believes sexual assault is a laughing matter," said attorney Dolores Troiani. "You have to hope he is alone in that opinion."

The Associated Press does not typically identify people alleging sexual assault unless they grant permission, which Constand had done.

Montgomery County District Attorney Kevin Steele, who is retrying Cosby, said in a statement he hopes one of the positive outcomes of the trial is that sexual assault victims feel they can be heard.

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COMMENTARY

## SPD continues relationship-building, strives for excellence

The true value of the Sumter Police Department and the work of its officers isn't told in headlines. It's those stories that aren't often shared outside of the confines of the Law Enforcement Center that demonstrate the character and caliber of our officers and department leadership that in turn pay dividends when it comes to the livability of our city.



**Russell F. Roark III**



Chief Russell Roark reads to children at Lemira Elementary School recently. PHOTO PROVIDED

There are countless stories of selfless service, compassion and respect. Some are shared through news stories and social media, but most are kept among ourselves because it's our role to do the right things for this community without being constrained to a job description or perception of what a police officer or law enforcement agency should be.

We have no agenda other than to improve the quality of life of our citizens and build goodwill regardless of the socio-economics of the citizens we serve. Our mission is to simply do our jobs with the expectation that we all are a part

of this community and have a stake in its future while upholding local, state and federal laws. We can be expected to do what's right rather than respond rashly to complaints in order to gain the favor of some. A liaison council, created in

2016 and made of local residents, helps provide oversight and makes sure we live up to the standards that we set for ourselves and to the expectations of the community. For the past five years, we have focused on building relationships — relationships with individuals and neighborhoods throughout the city. Without being asked or required, we have identified and worked to develop ways to address the needs of the homeless/transient community and serve and improve the quality of life for our growing elderly population, many of whom do not have close family members or associates who can help them with basic needs. Without hesitation, we identify issues and find ways to get the job done, and we will continue to do so. However, it is when we work together with members of the community that we do our best work and have the greatest impact. There is greater success when we all work together. We

will continue to partner with residents and utilize proactive approaches to protect our citizens. Many of our officers hail from the city and county of Sumter and have chosen to make a difference in their hometown. Some have come from communities similar to or smaller than ours, and others have lived in locales much different and larger. Together, they represent the diversity we have in Sumter, in part related to being the longtime home of Shaw Air Force Base. Regardless of where our officers call home, they have the same heart and spirit and genuine commitment to Sumter and interest in making a difference in the lives of people who live and work here. We will always have Sumter's continued progress at the core of what we do and will strive for excellence as a law enforcement agency.

*Russell F. Roark III is chief of police for the City of Sumter.*



COMMENTARY

## A bad idea on immigration policy for Salvadoran families

*Editor's note: Gov. John Kasich co-authored a New York Times op-ed with Jeb Bush Jr. about finding compassionate solutions to our nation's immigration challenges without tearing families apart.*

Immigration has become one of the most polarizing issues of our day. But it is worth remembering that this century opened with a tale of family and migration that was as contentious as many of the stories that punctuate our current debate: the case of Elián González. In November 1999, when Elián was 6, he left Cuba in a small boat with his mother, who was seeking a better life in Florida. She and 10 others died when the boat sank in a storm. Elián survived by clinging to an inner tube. Courts eventually ruled that he must return to his father in Cuba rather than stay with relatives in Florida. He remains there to this day. Regardless of your views of the underlying legal arguments in the case, the image of a small, frightened boy being pulled from the arms of a sheltering adult by a team of heavily armed federal agents remains seared in the minds of many people as a low point in the immigration debate. Brace yourself for the possibility of seeing this kind of scene again. As Republicans, whose party has

consistently and rightly advanced policies to support the essential role of families in America, we are deeply troubled by the harm that is about to be done to hundreds of thousands of families that have legally called America home for more than two decades. In the wake of the 2001 earthquake in El Salvador that claimed more than 1,000 lives and destroyed 100,000 homes, the United States allowed hard-hit families to live and work in America. This merciful act was one of many that America took to relieve the suffering of the victims of a natural disaster in one of the hemisphere's most troubled, impoverished nations. Now, after almost two decades, the nation that showed that kindness is poised to revoke it and force approximately 200,000 Salvadorans to leave the United States, even those whose children are American citizens. (Together, they have about 190,000 American-born children.) It is wrong to potentially break up so many families that have for so long made the United States their home — legally and at our invitation. When prioritizing the immigration problems we face, the case of 200,000 Salvadorans who accepted our invitation to live and work here legally would not even make a top-10 list. The biggest challenge is, of course,

securing the border. It must be done. Continued illegal migration across the southern border and the often-related criminal activity involving drugs, human trafficking and undocumented, unregulated labor is unacceptable. Second, of course, is what to do with the 10 million to 15 million undocumented immigrants who arrived over the past several decades and who have become part of American life — and who, let's be honest, will not and should not be forcibly removed. Congress and the president can and must act now to resolve these problems. As our leaders try to devise durable, humane solutions to the most urgent immigration issues, it is a mistake to think the right approach is to look backward, relitigate nearly 20-year-old decisions and break up families. In fact, the action against Salvadoran families is so problematic that it is hard to see how it will not hinder efforts in Washington to find common ground on immigration. Another of our challenges is how to deal with the 800,000 undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States with their families when they were children. The uncertain status of these "Dreamers" is not of their own making. Though they were not born here, they know no

other home than America. They grew up, studied and work here. They are largely models of the assimilation we seek for all immigrants. Congress can and should move quickly to send President Trump legislation providing a common-sense resolution to their situation so that they can continue to thrive here as part of the American dream. One of our party's, and the world's, greatest leaders, Ronald Reagan, was also a passionate and articulate advocate of strong families. He once said: "The family has always been the cornerstone of American society. Our families nurture, preserve and pass on to each succeeding generation the values we share and cherish, values that are the foundation for our freedoms." Singling out Salvadoran families for separation is simply a bad idea that should be dropped. If we believe America is made stronger by families, then let's do everything we can to strengthen all the families who choose to call America home. At the very least, the federal government should not become the instrument for attacking them. We must instead take up the actual immigration challenges we face in a humane, responsible way that protects American interests and jobs.

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community and help others in need — called the “Dream Team” — to get Williams over the hump, he said.

Williams said his job hunting on the computer would lead to calls from recruiters and human resource representatives, but when Williams told them that he wasn't a U.S. citizen, the other end of the line would grow cold.

“They would just hang-up, and I was cut off,” Williams said. “I didn't even get a ‘have a nice day’ before they hung-up.”

Though he speaks fluent English, he said he tries to speak slowly so people can understand him through a thick Jamaican accent.

Frustrated and “getting nowhere” in the job hunt after at least 10 hang-up calls last summer, the 41-year-old said he

thought of moving back home.

That was when the pastor at his church, Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, referred him to attorney and Sumter City Councilman Calvin Hastie, who is a Dream Team member and holds the group's meetings twice a month at his downtown law office, 7 E. Hampton Ave.

After attending his first Dream Team meeting in August, it was then that Williams's fortunes began to turn.

After redoing his resume at SC Works in a style more appropriate for the U.S. — as opposed to Jamaica — and a few more Dream Team meetings, Hastie and others stressed to Williams to be proactive and physically go out to businesses and fill out applications.

“It's something we tell everyone we come across,” Hastie said. “We, as the Dream Team, encourage everyone to show initiative to help yourself.”

In September, Williams said, he interviewed for a machinery maintenance technician position with Thompson Construction Group onsite at Caterpillar Hydraulics manufacturing plant on Wise Drive. Thompson is the contractor for all local machinery maintenance at Caterpillar.

After a second interview, Williams said, he was offered the job in early October and began working at the plant. His salary is \$30,000-plus, and he's about to go on a benefits plan after recently completing his initial 90-day probationary period.

Williams said he enjoys his work because it's similar to his experience in Jamaica and that he appreciates Hastie and the Dream Team's efforts.

“The Dream Team got me over the hump and gave me the confidence to go out there to visit businesses,” Williams

said. “Mr. Hastie knows how to motivate people of all backgrounds.”

Hastie said he's happy for Williams.

“I'm excited that he's employed and doing well,” Hastie said. “He's a Dream Team ‘success story.’”

**MORE ON THE DREAM TEAM**

Other Dream Team members include Greg Thompson, owner of Thompson Construction Group, Teresa Norman, human resources manager at Thompson, Isaac Carr of Ameriprise Financial, and Esmonde Levy of Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments, among others.

All say they want to lend a helping hand to the less fortunate in Sumter and offer assistance to help get them employed. The group has been meeting since April 2016, being a resource to help unemployed

residents get back on their feet.

According to Levy, the team partly serves as a forum to advertise to job seekers various free resources available to them locally for job hunting. Those include SC Works, 31 E. Calhoun St., for resume writing and other services, S.C. Vocational Rehab, 1760 N. Main St., and Sumter County Department of Social Services, 105 Magnolia St.

The Dream Team also exists to personally motivate and inspire people to keep moving forward, according to team members.

Hastie said the Dream Team is planning a Jan. 30 event at Thompson's downtown headquarters to showcase Williams's and several others' success story. He said he hopes the event will motivate others to seek help and also connect the Dream Team to more businesses in the community.

**TEACHERS**

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retention initiative.

Hamm said the initiative will focus on specific plans and strategies to encourage teachers to stay instead of

seeking job opportunities in another school district.

In a related matter, Hamm announced at Monday's meeting the district will hold a teacher recruitment fair on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sumter High School.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARY INFORMATION**

District staff released salary information this week on its two incoming assistant superintendents. Last month, it was announced that Norris Williams and Brenda Hafner will both be assistant superintendents for lead-

ership and school excellence under Hamm. Both will earn an annual salary of \$132,948.

Both are finishing their terms with their respective districts. Williams will begin in Sumter on Jan. 23, and Hafner will start in early February, according to Hamm.

**MISSING**

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Ruby later found out Stacy was last seen at Tuomey Regional Medical Center on Aug. 9, 2009, when she had a CAT scan of her head and foot.

“I think whatever happened to her happened in those first few weeks,” Ruby said.

Stacy thought she was “street savvy,” and she knew a lot of people, she said.

“It's painful, but I don't want her to be forgotten,” Ruby said. “I'm holding out hope that Stacy left to live a better life.”

It's easy for the public to write her off and say it's no big loss because Stacy lived a high-risk lifestyle, but she is loved, Ruby said. She belongs to a family that continues to feel her absence every day.

“She's somebody's daughter,” Ruby said. “She's my daughter.”

Sumter County Sheriff's Office has received a lot of Crime Stoppers tips since Stacy was reported missing, but nothing has been found yet, said Sgt. Wayne DuBose, an investigator for the sheriff's office.

Investigators have followed local leads and have inter-

viewed people who were close to Stacy, he said.

There have also been calls from people who thought they saw Stacy, even in other states, but those women were not her, he said.

DuBose said he can only speculate that Stacy's lifestyle put her in a bad situation. Some drug users do overdose, and sex trafficking can happen anywhere, he said.

Though Stacy may not be in that boat, she is in that circle, he said.

There have been cases where people who were missing for years turn up fine, he said.

It is strange that Stacy has been gone for about eight years without contacting her family, he said.

Stacy Lester, now 31, has blond hair and blue eyes and

is 5 feet 7 inches tall.

Anyone with information about Stacy's location can give an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-274-6372. Tips can also be given by calling Sumter County Sheriff's Office at (803) 436-2000.

Information that leads to Stacy or that leads to an arrest in the investigation can result in a cash reward.

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MLK JR. DAY SCHEDULE

BANKS — All area banks and credit unions will be closed on Monday.
GOVERNMENT — The following will be closed on Monday: federal government offices; state government offices; U.S. Postal Service; City of Sumter offices; Sumter County offices; Clarendon County offices; City of Manning offices; Lee County offices; and City of Bishopville offices.
SCHOOLS — The following will be closed on Monday: Sumter School District; Clarendon School Districts 1, 2 and 3; Lee County Public Schools; Robert E. Lee Academy; Thomas Sumter Academy; Wilson Hall; St. Anne and St. Jude Catholic School; St. Francis Xavier High School; Clarendon Hall; and Sumter Christian School.
Laurence Manning Academy will be open on Monday.
UTILITIES — Black River Electric Coop. will be closed on Monday.
OTHER — The following will be closed on Monday: Clemson Extension Service; Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce; the Harvin Clarendon County Library; and the Sumter County Library.
Santee Wateree RTA will be closed on Monday.
The Sumter Item will be open on Monday.

PUBLIC AGENDA

TAX ACCOMMODATIONS ADVISORY BOARD
Tuesday, 3 p.m., Swan Lake Visitors Center
SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.
CLARENDON COUNTY PLANNING & PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6 p.m., planning commission office, Manning
CLARENDON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
Tuesday, Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m., district office
CENTRAL CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION
Thursday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m., Economic Development Conference Room, K205, Kershaw County Campus, 80 Campus Drive, Camden

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST
what's transpired in a peaceful manner. Dealings with friends and relatives will be difficult, and are best handled with diplomacy and compassion.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A tempting deal should be looked at from every angle. Get your personal finances in order so you know exactly where you stand and how much available cash you have on hand.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you don't make a decision, someone else will step in and take over. Share your concerns and be willing to work alongside others and you'll come up with the best choices.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Try something different this year. Be open to events based on different cultures. Expanding your mind and discovering new concepts will help to strengthen your own way of life and make you more tolerant of others.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Rethink your plans for the year. Caution should be taken when dealing with home repairs and finances. A moderate approach to life will help you avoid the stress of added debt and problems with authority figures.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stop planning and perfecting and start doing. The time is right to expand your interests and friendships. Explore new possibilities and express your interests. Romance, pleasure trips and self-improvement are all

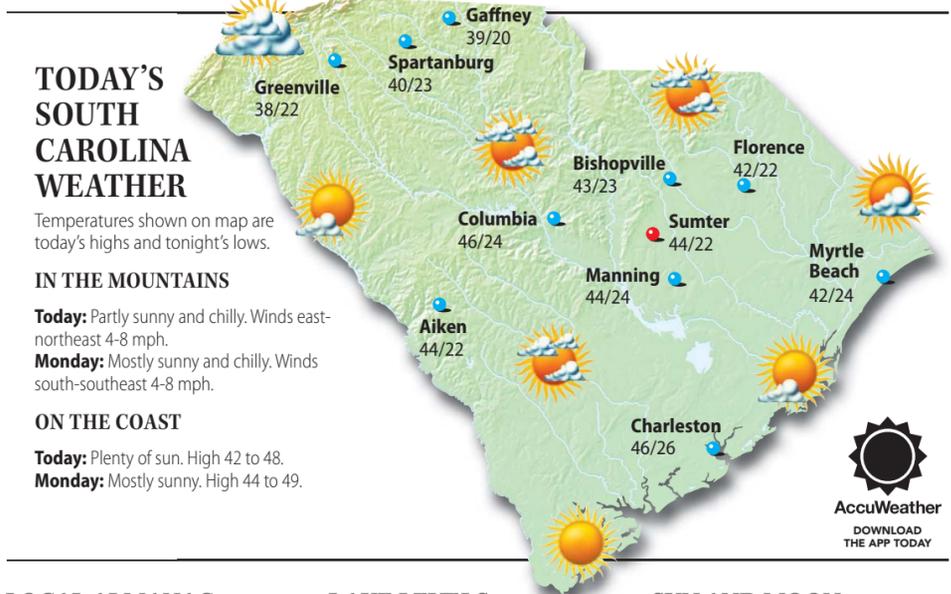
encouraged.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Expect to face opposition. Listen to what's being offered, but don't let someone make choices for you. Making changes will only be good if you do what's best for you. Protect your health, loved ones and reputation.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check out the online job market. Something will grab your attention that will inspire you to diversify the way you use your skills and experience. Don't make personal changes while doing your research.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make positive alterations to the way you live and how you approach goals in the future. Don't let negatives in your life halt your progress.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick to what you know. Certainty and striving for greater personal security and stability should take precedence over what others do or say. Choose to do your own thing and to live within your means.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bringing about change will take hard work, organization and precision. Gather support from those you trust to fulfill promises, and rely on past experiences to guide you in the right direction.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Temptation will be difficult to walk away from. Question the validity of what's being offered and consider the source of the information you're receiving. It's best to err on the side of caution.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

Table with 6 columns: TODAY, TONIGHT, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Includes weather icons, temperatures, and wind speeds.



LOCAL ALMANAC

Table with 2 columns: Item and Value. Includes Temperature (High 57°, Low 33°), Precipitation (24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest. 0.24"), and River Stages.

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Table with 4 columns: Lake, Full pool, 7 a.m. yest., 24-hr chg. Lists lakes like Murray, Marion, Moultrie, Wateree.

SUN AND MOON

Table with 4 columns: Sunrise, Sunset, Moonrise, Moonset. Includes moon phase icons for Jan. 16, 24, 31, Feb. 7.

TIDES

Table with 4 columns: Time, High, Low, Height. Shows tide times for Myrtle Beach.

NATIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists cities like Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, etc.

REGIONAL CITIES

Table with 3 columns: City, Today, Mon. Lists regional cities like Asheville, Athens, Augusta, Beaufort, Cape Hatteras, etc.

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-35. Clues include 'FIVE IN A ROW: Making for some unusual clusters' and '68 Had a go at'.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 36-62. Clues include '105 Metaphor for thinness' and '107 One way to swim'.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 63-117. Clues include '113 Place for a roast' and '114 Wall-frame timbers'.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 118-144. Clues include '118 Sans-serif computer font' and '119 Table figures'.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

Crossword puzzle grid with answers filled in.

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku puzzle grid.

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After becoming a teacher in Sleepy Hollow, the horseman was — HEAD OF THE CLASS

## PREP BASKETBALL



# Running away with it

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Wilson Hall's Liza Segars brings the ball down court as an Orangeburg Prep defender gives chase during the Lady Barons' 61-20 victory on Friday at Wilson Hall's Nash Student Center.

## Lady Barons crush Orangeburg Prep 61-20

BY EDDIE LITAKER  
Special to The Sumter Item

It definitely wasn't your typical Wilson Hall-Orangeburg Prep varsity girls basketball game.

Wilson Hall head coach Glen Rector is normally prepared for a tussle when his teams face off against those of legendary OP head coach Jan Stoudenmire, who has won over 800 games in

her tenure with the Lady Indians program.

On Friday, however, it was the Lady Barons who scored the game's first 18 points and rolled to a 61-20 win over the uncharacteristically struggling Lady Indians at Nash Student Center in the SCISA Region II-3A opener for both teams.

"Our goal tonight was to play intense the entire game, because one thing we've struggled with

this year is consistency on the intensity level," said Rector, whose team moved to 11-4 overall. "So our goal was to start from the very beginning with intensity, and defensively the girls were doing a nice job and we were making our baskets, so it was a good start. But Orangeburg Prep is a good team, they're well coached and they'll be back."

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## PREP BASKETBALL

# Lawson's double-double helps Gators past Lugoff-Elgin 66-47



TREVOR BAUKNIGHT / THE SUMTER ITEM

Lakewood's Akeem Lawson throws down a dunk during the third quarter of the Gators' 66-49 Region VI-4A victory over Lugoff-Elgin on Friday at The Swamp. Lawson finished with a double-double of 24 points and 12 rebounds.

BY TREVOR BAUKNIGHT  
trevor@theitem.com

Since the end of the holiday break, the Lakewood High School varsity boys basketball team has turned in a string of impressive performances, including a 10-point victory over Manning and a 77-48 dismantling of Hartsville. Friday's 66-49 victory over Lugoff-Elgin continued the trend, and head coach Bryan Brown said he likes what he's seeing from his team since the holiday break.

"We did some bonding at our two tournaments, and since we left, we had some meetings and some things happened with our team and it's been magical for us," said Brown, whose Gators improved to 9-7 on the season and 1-1 in Region VI-4A. "I think we're playing our best basketball and playing our best basketball at the right time."

"We're missing five seniors from last year who all contributed to the team and the leadership and experience they brought to the team," Brown said. "We've got a lot of new players, and it took us a while to gel. We had to find our identity and our chemistry, bond and build together, and we did a good job of that and now our guys are playing the way we need them to play."

The Gators got a big dose of senior leadership from 6-foot, 6-inch power forward Akeem Lawson, who contributed a double-double with 24 points and 12 rebounds in Friday's victory. Juwan Perdue added 13 and senior point guard Grant Singleton added 10.

"We've been looking for him to come around all year," Brown said of Lawson. "He's finally arrived, and we're so happy because he makes us better when he plays the way he can play. He's made some adjustments to his game, and he's peaking at the right time."

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## USC BASKETBALL

# Booker's late 3s power Gamecocks to 64-57 win

BY CHARLES ODUM  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — South Carolina made only six second-half shots from the field while struggling with its worst shooting of the season.

The good news for the Gamecocks is two of those shots were important late 3-pointers by Frank Booker.

Booker scored 17 and South Carolina withstood Georgia's strong second-half start to beat the Bulldogs 64-57 on Saturday.

South Carolina (11-6, 2-3 Southeastern Conference) overcame a season-low 27.1 percent shooting from the field. Chris Silva scored 14 points and Hassani Gravett had 11 as the Gamecocks took their first SEC road win.

A short jumper by Georgia's Yante Maten provided the last tie at 49-all. Booker answered with a quick 3-pointer to yank momentum back from the Bulldogs.

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Georgia forward Yante Maten (1) shoots as South Carolina forward Jason Cudd (33) defends in the Gamecocks' 64-57 victory on Saturday in Athens, Ga.

## CLEMSON BASKETBALL

# Grantham leads No. 19 Tigers to 72-63 win over No. 18 Miami

BY PETE IACOBELLI  
The Associated Press

CLEMSON — Clemson coach Brad Brownell had a simple plan at the only practice before facing No. 18 Miami — don't shoot at all.

"We didn't shoot one free throw. We didn't shoot one shot," Brownell explained. "We didn't do anything."

Turns out, it was just what the 19th-ranked Tigers needed to outlast the Hurricanes 72-63 on Saturday.

Donte Grantham had 18 points, including four 3-pointers, and Mark Donnal had 12 points, including two critical second-half 3s, to help Clemson (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) continue its best start in nine years.

The Tigers had a season-high 12 3-pointers, four of those coming in the final 10 minutes of a tie game.

Donnal, the Michigan graduate transfer, had two straight, no-doubt-about-it 3s to put Clemson ahead 50-44. With Miami in striking range at 60-57 in the final 2 minutes, Marcquise Reed and Grantham struck with long-range shots to put the game away.

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BOYS AREA ROUNDUP

# Thomas Sumter cruises past Calhoun 73-38

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy improved to 3-1 in SCISA Region II-2A with a 73-38 victory over Calhoun Academy on Friday at Edens Gymnasium.

The Generals, who had 11 different players score, were led by Dante Linder with 12 points. Mason Warren added 10, while Tyler Millwood had eight points, seven rebounds and five blocked shots.

TSA is 6-5 on the season. Wells Fleming had 12 points and Bates Felder 11 to lead CA.

On Thursday in Lake City, TSA defeated Carolina Academy 42-33. Eli Kessinger led Thomas Sumter with 12 points, while Linder and Josh Fugate both had nine points.

On Tuesday in Dalzell, the Generals lost to Palmetto Christian 69-49. Linder led the way with 10 points.

**LAURENCE MANNING 83 FLORENCE CHRISTIAN 43**

FLORENCE — Laurence Manning Academy opened its SCISA Region II-3A schedule with an 83-43 victory over Florence Christian School on Friday at the FCS gymnasium.

Taylor Lee led the Swampcats with 26 points. Grayson Dennis added 14, while Jerrel Kelly had nine, Wyatt Rowland eight and Jake Jordan seven.

**MANNING 63 LAKE MARION 58**

SANTEE — Corey Graham had a double-double of 22 points and 12 rebounds to lead Manning High School to a 63-58 victory over Lake Marion in its Region VII-3A opener on Friday at the LMHS gymnasium.

Darius Williams added 21 points and seven rebounds for the Monarchs, who improved to 10-4 overall. Israel Brown had 10 points.

**LEE CENTRAL 61 ANDREW JACKSON 41**

KERSHAW — Lee Central remained undefeated in Region IV-2A with a 61-41 victory over Andrew Jackson High on Friday at the AJHS gymnasium.

Daequan Thomas led the Stallions, who are 13-3 overall and 5-0 in region play, with 14 points. Torian Wilson added eight points, while Amadric Mixon and Javontae McCloud each had seven.

**CLARENDON HALL 78 ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN 74**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall improved to 5-1 in SCISA Region III-1A with a 78-74 victory over St. John's Christian on Thursday at the CH gymnasium.

Zyan Gilmore led the 7-3 Saints with 22 points and seven rebounds. Kylic Horton and Tyrese Mitchum both had 14 points and Dylan Way had 13. Kade Elliott had nine points

and 10 rebounds.

**JV BASKETBALL**

**WILSON HALL 35 ORANGEBURG PREP 32**

Wilson Hall improved to 7-4 with a 35-32 overtime victory over Orangeburg Prep on Friday at Nash Student Center.

Evan Hoffman led the Barons with 10 points. Heath Watson added eight.

**ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN 52 CLARENDON HALL 31**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall lost to St. John's Christian 52-31 on Thursday at the CH gymnasium.

Josh Black led the Saints with 11 points. Jonathan McIntosh had eight, while Joey Carlisle and Justin James both had six.

**CAROLINA 40 THOMAS SUMTER 21**

LAKE CITY — Thomas Sumter lost to Carolina Academy 40-21 on Thursday at the CA gymnasium.

Matthew Dailey led TSA with 11 points.

**LEE CENTRAL 45 NORTH CENTRAL 33**

BISHOPVILLE — Daurrion Kelly scored 12 points to lead Lee Central to a 45-33 victory over North Central on Saturday at the LC gymnasium.

KJ Holloman and Mykell Benjamin each added 10 points.

**B TEAM BASKETBALL**

**WILSON HALL 68 ORANGEBURG PREP 40**

Jackson Duvall scored 28 points to lead Wilson Hall to a 68-40 victory over Orangeburg Prep on Friday at Nash Student Center.

Dylan Richardson added 10 for the Barons, while Tyler Jones had eight and Connor Hanson and Boykin Wilder both had six. Tate Sistare added eight assists.

**CLARENDON HALL 34 DORCHESTER 11**

SUMMERTON — Kole Elliott scored 12 points to lead Clarendon Hall to a 34-11 victory over Dorchester Academy on Saturday at the CH gymnasium.

Trey Bagnal added eight for the 2-1 Saints and William Rogan had five.

**MS BASKETBALL**

**LEE CENTRAL 50 DP COOPER 40**

GREELEYVILLE — Lebron Thomas scored 19 points to lead undefeated Lee Central Middle School to a 50-40 victory over DP Cooper on Saturday at the DPC gymnasium.

Rylik Slater added 10 points for the Stallions.

GIRLS AREA ROUNDUP

# Crestwood routs Darlington 62-22

DARLINGTON — Destinee Jamison scored 24 points and grabbed nine rebounds to lead Crestwood High School to a 62-22 varsity girls basketball victory over Darlington on Friday at the DHS gymnasium.

Jah'Che Whitfield added 16 points for the Lady Knights, who improved to 12-2 overall and 2-0 in Region VI-4A. Whitfield also had seven assists, five rebounds and three steals.

Ashanti Washington added 11.

**THOMAS SUMTER 61 CALHOUN 25**

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy had four players score in double figures in a 61-25 victory over Calhoun Academy on Friday at Edens Gymnasium.

Sydney Daniel led the Lady Generals, who improved to 9-6 overall and 3-1 in SCISA Region II-2A, with 18 points. Caetlyn Martin and Aubrey Stoddard both had 12 and Carmen Silvester had 11.

Anna Banks Turbeville led CA with eight points.

**ANDREW JACKSON 60 LEE CENTRAL 32**

KERSHAW — Lee Central fell to 3-2 in Region IV-2A with a 60-32 loss to Andrew Jackson High on Friday at the AJHS gymnasium.

Kendra Lesane led the Lady Stallions, who are 3-10 overall, with nine points. Keoniyah Dennis and Ariel Robinson both had eight.

**ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN 58 CLARENDON HALL 30**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall fell to 2-3 in SCISA Region III-1A with a 58-30 loss to St. John's Christian on Thursday at the CH gymnasium.

Mallory McIntosh led the 2-6 Lady Saints with 19 points. Whitney Avins added eight.

**JV BASKETBALL**

**THOMAS SUMTER 29 CALHOUN 18**

DALZELL — Thomas Sumter Academy improved to 6-2 with a 29-18 victory over Calhoun Academy on Friday at Edens Gymnasium.

Lindsay Daniel led TSA with nine points and 13 rebounds, while Karleigh Young had 10 points and eight rebounds. Clara Burnette added six points.

On Thursday in Lake City, the Lady Generals defeated Carolina Academy 33-31. Daniel had a double-double of 12 points and 10 rebounds. Young had six points and six rebounds and Burnette had five.

**WILSON HALL 26 ORANGEBURG PREP 25**

Wilson Hall overcame an 18-8 halftime deficit to beat Orangeburg Prep 26-25 and remain undefeated on Friday at Nash Student Center.

The Lady Barons, who improved to 11-0, trailed by one with five seconds remaining in the game. Gracyn Coker was fouled and hit the first free throw before missing the second. However, she grabbed the rebound and was fouled again. She hit the winning free throw with no time left on the clock.

Coker finished with nine points and Abbie Beatson had seven.

**CLARENDON HALL 31 ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN 17**

SUMMERTON — Amberly Way scored 12 points to lead Clarendon Hall to 31-17 victory over St. John's Christian on Thursday at the CH gymnasium.

Hannah Johndrow had nine points and eight rebounds and Bailey Corbett grabbed 10 rebounds.

**CRESTWOOD 26 DARLINGTON 13**

Crestwood High School defeated Darlington 26-13 on Thursday at The Castle.

Jada Stokes and Damonte Fulmore both had six points for the Lady Knights.

**LEE CENTRAL 30 NORTH CENTRAL 22**

BISHOPVILLE — Brianna Jenkins had a double-double of 13 points and 10 rebounds to lead Lee Central to a 30-22 victory over North Central on Saturday at the LC gymnasium.

Jada Rogers added seven points and Latarya Brisbon had six.

**B TEAM BASKETBALL**

**WILSON HALL 24 ORANGEBURG PREP 23**

Wilson Hall improved to 6-4 with a 24-23 victory over Orangeburg Prep on Friday at Nash Student Center.

Sutherland Jarecki led the Lady Barons with eight points. Tianna Carver added seven.

On Thursday in Manning, Wilson Hall defeated Laurence Manning Academy 30-16. Grace Beasley led the way with 13 and Mary Beth Van Patten had nine.

**CLARENDON HALL 16 DORCHESTER 11**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall improved to 3-0 with a 16-11 victory over Dorchester Academy on Saturday at the CH gymnasium.

Amberly Way led the Lady Saints with 11 points.

**MS BASKETBALL**

**DP COOPER 34 LEE CENTRAL 18**

GREELEYVILLE — Lee Central Middle School lost to DP Cooper 34-18 on Saturday at the DPC gymnasium.

Kamonie Charles had eight points to lead the Lady Stallions.

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY

**5 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour/Sunshine Tour South African Open Final Round from Ekurhuleni, South Africa (GOLF).  
**8:25 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Bournemouth (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Borussia Monchengladbach vs. Cologne (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**10:55 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Manchester City vs. Liverpool (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**11 a.m.** — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Bahamas Great Exuma Classic Second Round from Great Exuma, Bahamas (GOLF).  
**Noon** — Women's College Basketball: Army at Navy (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**Noon** — Women's College Basketball: Central Florida at South Florida (ESPN).  
**Noon** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Wolfsburg vs. Borussia Dortmund (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**12:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Detroit at Chicago (WIS 10).  
**12:30 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: North Carolina at Wake Forest (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**1 p.m.** — NFL Football: American Football Conference Playoffs Divisional Game — Jacksonville at Pittsburgh (WLTX 19, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**1 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Tennessee at South Carolina (ESPN2, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**1 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Louisiana State at Florida (SEC NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — Exhibition Golf: Diamond Resorts Invitational Day 3 from Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (GOLF).  
**2 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: St. Louis at Dayton (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Baylor at Oklahoma (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**2:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Army at Navy (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**2:30 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Florida State (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**3 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Virginia at Duke (ESPN2).  
**3 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Calgary at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**3 p.m.** — College Basketball: Davidson at Fordham (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Georgia at Texas A&M (SEC NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — Figure Skating: U.S. Championships from San Jose, Calif. — Exhibition Performances (WIS 10).  
**4 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Alabama at Mississippi (ESPN).  
**4:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Northwestern at Indiana (WLTX 19).  
**4:30 p.m.** — NFL Football: National Football Conference Playoffs Divisional Game — New Orleans at Minnesota (WACH 57, WNKT-FM 107.5).  
**4:30 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Butler at DePaul (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**5 p.m.** — College Basketball: St. Joseph's at Massachusetts (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**5 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Arkansas at Auburn (SEC NETWORK).  
**6 p.m.** — College Basketball: North Carolina State at Virginia (ESPN).  
**6 p.m.** — PGA Golf: Sony Open Final Round from

Honolulu (GOLF).  
**7 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: New York Rangers at Pittsburgh (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8 p.m.** — College Basketball Utah at Southern California (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Portland at Minnesota (ESPN).  
**11 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).  
**3 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).  
**MONDAY**  
**11 a.m.** — High School Basketball: Hudson Catholic (N.J.) vs. John Carroll (Md.) from Springfield, Mass. (ESPN).  
**12:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Detroit (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, NBA TV).  
**1 p.m.** — High School Basketball: Montverde (Fla.) vs. Mater Dei (Calif.) from Springfield, Mass. (ESPN).  
**2 p.m.** — Professional Golf: Web.com Tour Bahamas Great Exuma Classic Third Round from Great Exuma, Bahamas (GOLF).  
**2:55 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Stoke City vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**3 p.m.** — High School Basketball: Oak Hill Academy (Va.) vs. University School (Fla.) from Springfield, Mass. (ESPN).  
**3 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Atlanta (NBA TV).  
**4:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Butler at Providence (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**5 p.m.** — High School Basketball: IMG Academy (Fla.) vs. Westtown (Pa.) from Springfield, Mass. (ESPN).  
**5:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Memphis (TNT).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**6:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Maryland at Michigan (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Bucknell at Colgate (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Duke at Miami (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Connecticut at Texas (ESPN2).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Florida State at Boston College (ESPN).  
**7 p.m.** — Women's College Basketball: Kentucky at Vanderbilt (SEC NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (TENNIS).  
**7 p.m.** — College Basketball: Chattanooga at Mercer (SPECTRUM 1250).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: New York Islanders at Montreal (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8 p.m.** — College Basketball: Golden State at Cleveland (TNT).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Kansas at West Virginia (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: Oklahoma State at Baylor (ESPN).  
**9 p.m.** — College Basketball: DePaul at Marquette (FOX

SPORTS 1).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Houston at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT).  
**3 a.m.** — Professional Tennis: Australian Open Men's and Women's Early-Round Matches from Melbourne, Australia (ESPN2).  
**NBA STANDINGS**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Atlantic Division**  

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	34	10	.773	—
Toronto	29	11	.725	3
Philadelphia	19	20	.487	12½
New York	19	23	.452	14
Brooklyn	16	26	.381	17

**Southeast Division**  

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	24	17	.585	—
Washington	24	18	.571	½
Charlotte	16	25	.390	8
Orlando	12	31	.279	13
Atlanta	11	31	.262	13½

**Central Division**  

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	26	16	.619	—
Detroit	22	18	.550	3
Milwaukee	22	19	.537	3½
Indiana	22	20	.524	4
Chicago	15	27	.357	11

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  
**Southwest Division**  

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	30	11	.732	—
San Antonio	28	15	.651	3
New Orleans	21	20	.512	9
Dallas	15	29	.341	16½
Memphis	13	28	.317	17

**Northwest Division**  

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	28	16	.636	—
Oklahoma City	23	20	.535	4½
Portland	22	20	.524	5
Denver	22	20	.524	5
Utah	17	25	.405	10

**Pacific Division**  

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	34	9	.791	—
L.A. Clippers	21	21	.500	12½
Phoenix	16	27	.372	18
L.A. Lakers	15	27	.357	18½
Sacramento	13	29	.310	20½

**FRIDAY'S GAMES**  
 Charlotte 99, Utah 88  
 Indiana 97, Cleveland 95  
 Washington 125, Orlando 119  
 Brooklyn 110, Atlanta 105  
 Golden State 108, Milwaukee 94  
 Minnesota 118, New York 108  
 New Orleans 119, Portland 113  
 Denver 87, Memphis 78  
 Houston 112, Phoenix 95  
**SATURDAY'S GAMES**  
 L.A. Lakers 107, Dallas 101, OT  
 L.A. Clippers 126, Sacramento 105  
 Oklahoma City 101, Charlotte 91

Brooklyn at Washington, 7 p.m.  
 Golden State at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Denver at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
**TODAY'S GAMES**  
 Milwaukee at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 New Orleans at New York, 3:30 p.m.  
 Indiana at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
 Portland at Minnesota, 9 p.m.  
**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
 Charlotte at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.  
 Toronto at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Washington, 2 p.m.  
 New York at Brooklyn, 3 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Atlanta, 3 p.m.  
 Miami at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 5:30 p.m.  
 Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.  
 Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY'S GAMES**  
 Minnesota at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Boston, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dallas at Denver, 9 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Portland, 10 p.m.  
**PGA SCORES**  
**SONY OPEN**  
**Friday**  
**At Waialae CC Honolulu**  
**Honolulu**  
**Purse: \$6.2 million**  
**Yardage: 7,044; Par: 70**  
**Second Round**  
**a-denotes amateur**  

Brian Harman	64-63—127
Zach Johnson	63-67—130
John Peterson	66-64—130
Tom Hoge	65-65—130
Chris Kirk	63-67—130
Talor Gooch	64-66—130
Patton Kizzire	67-64—131
Ollie Schniederjans	66-65—131
Kyle Stanley	64-67—131
Kevin Kisner	68-64—132
Xander Schauffele	68-64—132
Brian Stuard	67-66—133
Jerry Kelly	66-67—133
Russell Knox	69-64—133
Cameron Smith	66-67—133
Daisuke Kataoka	65-68—133
Harris English	69-65—134
Gary Woodland	67-67—134
Stewart Cink	70-64—134
Ryan Armour	67-67—134
Hudson Swafford	68-66—134
Justin Thomas	67-67—134
Jason Dufner	69-65—134
Sam Saunders	67-67—134
Wesley Bryan	68-66—134
Marc Leishman	68-66—134
Ryan Blum	66-68—134
Nate Lashley	68-67—135
Ryan Palmer	71-64—135
Emiliano Grillo	68-67—135
Charles Howell III	67-68—135
Daniel Berger	67-68—135
Matt Jones	67-68—135
Brandon Harkins	67-68—135

## TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

The Tigers needed time off following a drama-filled, 79-78 loss at North Carolina State on Thursday night. Brownell wondered how the quick turnaround would affect his club.

"It was good," Grantham said about the short session. "Coach did a good job of letting us get some rest because we knew we had another big game coming up."

Miami pushed the pace much of the way, grabbing a seven-point lead early and driving the lane whenever the Hurricanes could.

Things turned with Donnal's baskets from behind the arc. He said he makes those regularly in practice and felt good when the ball came his way about the open looks.

"My teammates were able to find me and I knocked them down to put us up," said Donnal, who had made just seven 3-pointers on the season before this.

Miami kept things tight most of the way until the Tigers got hot from the outside once more.

Reed's 3-pointer with 1:41 left put Clemson ahead 63-57 and Grantham clinched things a possession later with the last of his 3s. Clemson opened up a 13-point lead in the final minute.

Anthony Lawrence II and Lonnie Walker IV had 16 points each for Miami (13-3, 2-2).

Miami coach Jim Larranaga said his game plan was to take away Clemson's 3-point shooting. The Tigers, though, ended up 12 of 21 (57.1 percent) from beyond the arc.

"If they shoot like this, it makes them very hard to beat," Larranaga said.

Reed had 16 points for Clemson, nine of those coming in the last 2 minutes.



Clemson's Shelton Mitchell dribbles up the court while being defended by Miami's Ja'Quan Newton during the Tigers' 72-63 victory on Saturday in Clemson.

When the horn sounded, Grantham raised his arms and urged on the cheers from the sort of full house that's normally the case next door at football's Death Valley.

"If we continue to do what we do and continue to play the way we've been playing, we can do anything," Grantham said. "It makes me mad that people are leaving us out, but we're going to prove people wrong."

It was the second straight game in double figures for Donnal, who had 13 in the Wolfpack loss.

### BIG PICTURE

Miami: The Hurricanes are loaded with lengthy, mobile players confident

in driving to the basket and knowing what to do when they get there. Miami had 30 of its points in the paint. Also, 17 of their 37 rebounds came on the offensive glass, nearly double the nine Clemson had.

Clemson: The Tigers had a short turnaround from their first ACC loss of the season at North Carolina State on Thursday night to their Saturday afternoon contest. And they looked a bit out-of-step early as they fell behind 22-15. But Clemson rallied to close the half on a 19-8 run to lead 34-30 at the break.

### PUSHING DONNAL'S BUTTONS

Brownell heard from a friend who

### (19) CLEMSON 72, (18) MIAMI 63

**MIAMI (13-3)**  
Huell 4-9 2-3 10, Brown 1-8 2-4 4, Lawrence 6-12 2-4 16, Newton 2-8 0-0 4, Walker 6-16 3-5 16, Izundu 0-0 0-2 0, Vasiljevic 0-2 0-0 0, Lykes 5-8 0-0 13. Totals 24-63 9-18 63.

**CLEMSON (15-2)**  
Thomas 3-5 0-1 6, Grantham 7-11 0-0 18, Reed 3-9 8-8 16, DeVoe 3-10 0-0 9, Mitchell 3-8 4-4 11, Simms 0-1 0-0 0, Skara 0-1 0-0 0, Donnal 3-5 4-4 12, Trapp 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-50 16-17 72.

Halftime\_Clemson 34-30. 3-Point Goals\_Miami 6-23 (Lykes 3-5, Lawrence 2-6, Walker 1-6, Newton 0-1, Vasiljevic 0-2, Brown 0-3), Clemson 12-21 (Grantham 4-4, DeVoe 3-6, Donnal 2-3, Reed 2-4, Mitchell 1-3, Simms 0-1). Fouled Out\_Brown. Rebounds\_Miami 29 (Brown, Huell, Walker 7), Clemson 34 (Reed 7). Assists\_Miami 5 (Huell 2), Clemson 13 (Mitchell 7). Total Fouls\_Miami 18, Clemson 16.

had coached Donnal told him the 6-foot-8, even-keeled forward plays better when you yell at him a bit. So Brownell groused at Donnal for a bad defensive play during a break before he followed with his crucial 3-pointers. "I'm figuring out what to be mad at him for before we go to Chapel Hill," Brownell said.

### PRESEASON POLLS

Larranaga places almost no value on preseason polls or predictions. He waits to see for himself on the court — and what he saw from Clemson impressed him. "That's like guess work. It's like going to the store and buying a lottery ticket with the numbers you think are going to win," he said.

### UP NEXT

Miami returns home to face No. 7 Duke on Monday night.

Clemson gets its latest chance to break its 0-for-58 mark in Chapel Hill when it goes to North Carolina on Tuesday night.

## USC FROM PAGE B1

"They had some momentum," Booker said. "They tied the game back up and had their crowd back into it. That 3 kind of deflated their crowd and helped us get a little more energy and momentum on defense."

Booker sank another 3 with 1:22 remaining.

The Gamecocks out-rebounded Georgia, 46-42, and had fewer turnovers, 14-7, to help make up for their poor shooting.

"To me, I call it South Carolina basketball," Silva said.

"We were not shooting well but we rely on defense and being aggressive."

There were three ties but Georgia (11-5, 2-3) never led while suffering its first home loss of the season after eight wins. It was the Bulldogs' second straight loss.

Maten led the Bulldogs with 25 points but had too little scoring help, especially from Georgia's other front-line starters. Derek Ogbeide and freshman Rayshaun Hammonds combined for only three points.

Georgia made only 18 of 28 free throws.

"We anticipated it would be

a slugfest and when you have a game like that you have to rebound and make free throws and we didn't do that," said Georgia coach Mark Fox.

Powered by two early 3-pointers from Evan Hinson, South Carolina took a 9-2 lead.

Georgia pulled even with a 10-2 run to open the second half. Juwan Parker, who had 11 points, was fouled while making a baseline jumper. Parker's free throw left the score 39-all, the first tie since 2-2.

The Gamecocks regrouped to prevent Georgia

### SOUTH CAROLINA 64, GEORGIA 57

**SOUTH CAROLINA (11-6)**  
Minaya 1-4 0-0 2, Kotsar 1-10 0-0 2, Silva 3-10 8-10 14, Myers 1-4 4-6 6, Hinson 2-7 2-4 8, Cudd 0-0 0-0 0, Haase 1-8 0-0 2, Beatty 0-2 2-2 2, Booker 5-9 5-7 17, Gravett 2-5 5-6 11. Totals 16-59 26-35 64.

**GEORGIA (11-5)**  
Wilridge 0-0 0-0 0, Ogbeide 1-3 1-3 3, Maten 8-14 8-10 25, Hammonds 0-4 0-0 0, Jackson 3-15 2-4 9, Edwards 1-2 1-2 3, Claxton 0-1 0-0 0, Hightower 1-1 1-2 3, Parker 3-6 4-4 11, Crump 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 1-5 1-3 3. Totals 18-51 18-28 57.

Halftime\_South Carolina 37-29. 3-Point Goals\_South Carolina 6-24 (Hinson 2-3, Booker 2-5, Gravett 2-5, Minaya 0-1, Beatty 0-1, Kotsar 0-1, Myers 0-1, Silva 0-1, Haase 0-6), Georgia 3-12 (Parker 1-1, Maten 1-3, Jackson 1-7, Harris 0-1). Fouled Out\_Harris, Kotsar. Rebounds\_South Carolina 38 (Silva 9), Georgia 36 (Ogbeide 10). Assists\_South Carolina 9 (Silva 4), Georgia 8 (Jackson 2). Total Fouls\_South Carolina 24, Georgia 23. A\_9,788 (10,523).

from taking the lead. A 3-pointer by Gravett and a basket by Justin Manaya gave South Carolina a 49-43 advantage.

### UP NEXT

South Carolina: Hosts No. 21 Kentucky on Tuesday night.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# Without a sick Coach K, No. 7 Duke beats Wake Forest 89-71

DURHAM, N.C. — Marvin Bagley III had 30 points and 11 rebounds, and No. 7 Duke beat Wake Forest 89-71 on Saturday in a game Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski missed due to a virus.

With longtime assistant Jeff Capel in charge, the short-handed and illness-ravaged Blue Devils (15-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their second straight and moved their conference record over .500 for the first time this season.

**(23) FLORIDA STATE 101 SYRACUSE 90**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Briain Angola scored 24 points, including five in the second overtime, and Christ Koumadje added a career-high 23 as No. 24 Florida State defeated Syracuse 101-90 in double overtime on Saturday.

**GEORGIA TECH 69 PITTSBURGH 54**

PITTSBURGH — Georgia Tech opened with 13 unanswered points against Pittsburgh on Saturday afternoon and never looked back, defeating the Panthers 69-54.

Center Ben Lammers scored 11 points with 16 rebounds for his seventh double-double of the season. Georgia Tech (10-7, 3-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) dominated on the inside, out-rebounding the Panthers 39-20 and outscoring them in the paint 40-16.

**LOUISVILLE 94 VIRGINIA TECH 86**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Deng Adel had a career-high 27 points, scoring seven consecutive during a critical second-half stretch that put Louisville ahead, and made two big defensive plays to help the Cardinals beat Virginia Tech 94-86 on Saturday.

### SEC

**OLE MISS 78 FLORIDA 72**

OXFORD, Miss. — Bruce Stevens scored 22 points, Deandre Burnett added 20, and Mississippi held off Florida for a 78-72 win on Saturday afternoon.

The Rebels (10-7, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) used success in the paint and on the boards to hand the Gators their first conference loss of the season.

**(22) AUBURN 76 MISSISSIPPI STATE 68**

STARKVILLE, Miss. — Bryce Brown scored 23 points, Mustapha Heron and Desean Murray both added 14 and No. 22 Auburn rallied to beat Mississippi State 76-68 on Saturday.

Auburn (16-1, 4-0 Southeastern Conference) won its 14th straight game despite trailing by 13 points early in the second half. It's the program's longest winning streak since the 1999-2000 season, when the Tigers also won 14 in a row.

**(21) KENTUCKY 74 VANDERBILT 67**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Kevin Knox scored five straight points to put No. 21 Kentucky ahead to stay in a 74-67 victory Saturday, the Wildcats' second straight.

With the score tied at 59, Knox hit a jumper with 3:48 left and hit the free throw that put Kentucky ahead for good. He added a layup on the next possession for the Wildcats (14-3, 4-1 Southeastern Conference). Wenyon Gabriel added a tip-in, and Hamadou Diallo knocked down a 3-pointer for a 10-2 run clinching the victory.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander led Kentucky with 22 points. Knox finished with 17 and Diallo and P.J. Washington each

had 10.

Jeff Roberson led Vanderbilt (6-11, 1-4) with 20 points, and Saben Lee added 12.

**(24) TENNESSEE 75 TEXAS A&M 62**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Jordan Bowden scored 15 points Saturday as No. 24 Tennessee defeated Texas A&M 75-62 to hand the Aggies their fifth consecutive loss.

Kyle Alexander had 14 points, Admiral Schofield scored 12 and Jordan Bone added 10 as Tennessee (12-4, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) won its third straight in Volunteers coach Rick Barnes' 1,000th career game. Barnes improved his head coaching record to 647-353.

After being ranked fifth in the nation at the start of SEC play, Texas A&M (11-6, 0-5) hasn't won since.

### STATE

**THE CITADEL 110 CHATTANOOGA 101**

CHARLESTON — Zane Najdawi scored a career-high 37 points, Matt Frierson set career highs with 31 points and nine 3-pointers, and The Citadel rallied to beat Chattanooga 110-101 in overtime on Saturday to win its first Southern Conference game and end a five-game skid.

Frankie Johnson's free throws put the Bulldogs up 99-95 in OT after the Mocs missed three shots. Najdawi made a putback, and Alex Reed and Frierson each hit 3s to make it 107-99 with 44 seconds left. The Mocs missed 8 of 10 from the floor in OT, but closed to 109-101 on Jonathan Bryant II's layup before Johnson iced it with a free throw.

Kaelon Harris scored 14 points, Johnson had eight as-

sists, and the Bulldogs (6-11, 1-4) shot 61.7 percent from the floor and hit 15 3-pointers.

**GEORGIA STATE 72 COASTAL CAROLINA 58**

CONWAY — Devin Mitchell scored 15 points, Malik Benlevi added 14 more to go with 11 rebounds and Georgia State cruised to its fourth-straight victory with a 72-58 win over Coastal Carolina on Saturday.

**S.C. STATE 91 HOWARD 88**

ORANGEBURG — Donte Wright scored 20 points, Janai Rayner-Powell scored 18 and got a crucial steal, and South Carolina State slipped past Howard for a 91-88 overtime victory Saturday.

**STETSON 87 USC UPSTATE 69**

DELAND, Fla. — Freshman Abayomi Iyiola had 12 points and 11 rebounds — his second double-double — and B.J. Glasford scored 18 points to help Stetson beat USC Upstate 87-69 on Saturday.

PRO FOOTBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Atlanta running back Devonta Freeman (24) scores a touchdown against Philadelphia linebacker Nigel Bradham (53) during the first half of the Eagles' 15-10 victory in an NFC divisional playoff game on Saturday in Philadelphia.

# Eagles use goal-line stand, Elliott FGs to beat Falcons

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Fly Eagles Fly. With the wind and against it.

With Nick Foles engineering several long drives, Jake Elliott converting three field goals, and the defense getting stingy in the tightest spot, Philadelphia moved into the NFC championship game with a 15-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday.

Foles directed brilliant marches of 74 and 80 yards in the second half — one into the whipping wind, the other with it — and Elliott atoned for missing an extra point by converting from 53 yards at the end of the second quarter, 37 and 21 in the second half. Then the Eagles (14-3) held when Atlanta (11-7) got to the 9-yard line with a first down, and to the 2 on fourth down.

When Matt Ryan's final pass sailed over Julio Jones' head in the end zone, Philly could celebrate its first playoff victory since the 2008 season.

Next Sunday, the Eagles will host either Minnesota or New Orleans for the conference crown. The Eagles last made the Super Bowl in the 2004 season, losing to New England.

"I mean, we just kept believing in each other," said Foles, who became the starter when Carson Wentz, a leading MVP contender, injured his knee in December. "That was it. Our team never wa-

**NFL PLAYOFFS**

**WILD-CARD PLAYOFFS**

**SATURDAY, JAN. 6**  
Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21  
Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13  
Sunday, Jan. 7  
Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3  
New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

**DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS**

Saturday, Jan. 13  
Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10  
Tennessee at New England, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)  
Sunday, Jan. 14  
Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)  
New Orleans at Minnesota, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

**CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Sunday, Jan. 21  
AFC  
TBD, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)  
NFC  
New Orleans-Minnesota winner at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

**PRO BOWL**

Sunday, Jan. 28  
At Orlando, Fla.  
AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

**SUPER BOWL**

Sunday, Feb. 4  
At Minneapolis  
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

vered, defense did an amazing job, special teams — that's just been the story this year is that we just all stuck together..."

The Falcons, of course, memorably blew a 28-3 second-half lead to the Patriots in last year's Super Bowl. They will not get the opportunity to atone for it, though Ryan got them close at the end.

Despite being underdogs as the No. 1 seed, the Eagles showed plenty of moxie.

"Just keep on disrespecting and we're going to keep proving people wrong," receiver Alshon Jeffery said.

A masterful 74-yard, 12-play drive on which Foles threw for 70 yards led to Elliott's 37-yard kick into the wind that made it 12-10. The Eagles then put together their best drive, an 80-yarder covering 14 plays, yet again faltered close to the end zone. Elliott added a 21-yarder with 6:02 remaining after coach

Doug Pederson briefly considered going for it on fourth-and-1 at the Atlanta 3.

"It was tricky out there, really gusty," Elliott said.

Then, as the fans in the Linc held their breath, the Eagles held deep in their territory.

"Man, just stay calm," said defensive tackle Fletcher Cox, who was a force all day. "We always talk about that. We've been in those situations during the regular season, so we kind of know how to handle those situations, not try to make a play but let the play come to us."

And the road to the Super Bowl remains through Philly.

**UP NEXT**

Philadelphia will host either Minnesota or New Orleans next Sunday night for the NFC title.

Atlanta's season ends after a wild-card berth and a win at Los Angeles before Saturday's defeat.

PRO FOOTBALL

# Brees-Keenum: Will playoff savvy prevail in Saints-Vikings game?

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Drew Brees will lead the New Orleans offense onto the field at Minnesota and commence the 13th postseason game of his stellar career, already armed with seven such victories and one Super Bowl ring for the Saints.

"I prepare for every game as if it's that magnitude," Brees said.

"When you're in games of that magnitude, it's as if you've been there and done it many times before, even if it was just in your mind."

For Case Keenum, it's truly all in his mind.

His first start in the NFL playoffs will come when the Vikings kick off their divisional round game on Sunday.

"I'm going to play like I know how to play. I don't have to be anybody but myself. Not more conservative or less conservative. Either way, I'm going to be me," said Keenum, whose successful takeover for the injured Sam Bradford helped lead the Vikings (13-3) to their best record in 19 years. "That's all I have to be. I've got a great squad in this room."

Solely measuring quarterback experience and accomplishment, the Saints have a clear advantage over the Vikings in this divisional round game to help determine the matchup in the NFC championship game. Keenum, though, has been overcoming the odds all season, let alone his career.

"I always root for guys like that. Kind of the undersized guy that is coming out and nobody wants to give him any credit and always plays with a chip on his shoulder," Brees said.

Though he was drafted by the San Diego Chargers in the second round in 2001 out of Purdue, with Keenum going undrafted out of Houston and needing the Texans practice squad to get his career going in 2012, Brees can relate. He's shorter than the NFL standard for their position, too. Oh, and they're both from Texas.

Brees added another highlight last week, with 376 passing yards to help the Saints (12-5) advance with a 31-26 victory over Carolina while the Vikings had a bye.

"Just a guy that I really admire in how he moves the ball down the field and how he operates, what kind of leader he is," Keenum said.

"I read his book a long time ago. I think he's someone to learn from. I try to watch all of the really good quarterbacks in the offseason and take little things to try to work on my game."

Here are some other angles to follow with the game:

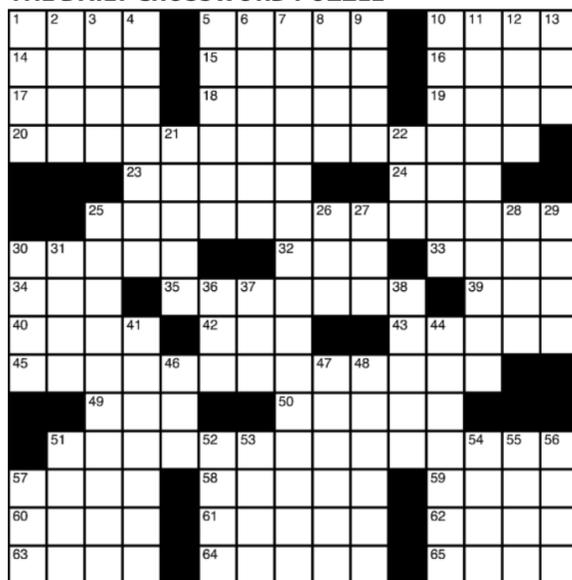
**SLOWED UP:** The Pro Bowl pair of Mark Ingram and Alvin Kamara had the least productive combined performance for the Saints against Carolina, with just 68 total yards from scrimmage. They each had more than 1,500 total yards in 2017.

The Panthers brought one safety closer to the line of the scrimmage to spy on the running back, and it worked.

"This league is a copy-cat league so I wouldn't be surprised if Minnesota did it," Kamara said, expressing no concern about the strategy by pointing to Brees, whose passing yardage total against the Panthers was his second-highest of the season.

# SATURDAY PUZZLES

**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



Alan Derkazarian

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Video file format
  - 5 Offenbach opera "Daphnis et ..."
  - 10 Jerk's concern
  - 14 Former Sony brand
  - 15 Aggressive corporate tactics
  - 16 Fast-food legend
  - 17 Presently
  - 18 Mail-order outlet for outdoorsy types
  - 19 Harpsichordist
  - 20 '60s counter-culture slogan
  - 23 Math ratios
  - 24 Poetic night
  - 25 Cry of dominance
  - 30 "The Yankee Doodle Boy" composer
  - 32 Big letters in toys
  - 33 CBS Sports NFL analyst
  - 34 Map abbr.
  - 35 Loosed
  - 39 Neat ending?
  - 40 After-lunch sandwich
  - 42 Word with big or house
  - 43 Together
  - 45 20-mile annual Boston-area fundraiser sponsored by Project Bread
  - 49 "Macbeth" character
  - 50 Gay leader?
  - 51 Excuse for rowdy behavior
  - 57 Defeat soundly
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  - 60 "No prob!"
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  - 63 Cry of glee
  - 64 Orson Scott Card protagonist
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  - 11 Transplant figure
  - 12 Way out
  - 13 Spanning: Abbr.
  - 21 Only NFC team that hasn't played in a Super Bowl
  - 22 Talks acronym
  - 25 Area of expertise
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  - 27 Caviar
  - 28 Key of Beethoven's Ninth: Abbr.
  - 29 Tie on the farm
  - 30 Talk big
  - 31 Not esta or esa
  - 36 Foucault's "Pendulum" author
  - 37 Crew member
  - 38 Apollo 11 lander
  - 41 "See ya later"
  - 44 Fish market offering
  - 46 NFL threes reversal
  - 47 Facebook reversal
  - 48 Word in Hamlet's "To be or not to be" soliloquy
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  - 52 Cross a stream, perhaps
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  - 55 Sci-fi character voiced by Frank Oz
  - 56 Expel strongly
  - 57 Green moisture
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  - 4 Hindu god with the head of an elephant
  - 5 Sings smoothly
  - 6 "Family Feud" host since 2010
  - 7 Exists simply
  - 8 Valhalla VIP
  - 9 ExxonMobil trade name

**Previous Puzzle 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.

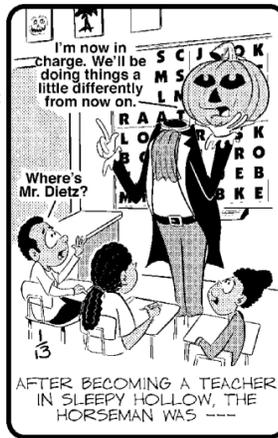
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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SWEET MOVIE SCULPT PARLOR  
Answer: The jigsaw puzzles of the Mona Lisa, David and Venus De Milo were — MASTERPIECES

**SUDOKU**

**PREVIOUS SOLUTION**

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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**THE ANSWERS TO THESE PUZZLES CAN BE FOUND ON TODAY'S DAILY PLANNER PAGE.**

## SPORTS FIGURES

## Keith Jackson, 89, announcer with 'Whoa, Nelly!' call, dies

BY JAY REEVES

The Associated Press

Keith Jackson laid down the soundtrack to Saturday for a generation of college football fans with phrases such as his signature "Whoa, Nelly!" From the World Series to the Olympics, NFL to NBA, he did it all over five decades as a sportscaster, but most appropriately his final assignment before retiring 12 years ago was one of the greatest college football games ever.

Jackson died Friday. He was 89.

A statement by ESPN, which consolidated with ABC Sports, Jackson's long-

time employer, announced his death Saturday. No cause was given. He was a longtime resident of Sherman Oaks, California, and died near his home there.



JACKSON

A native of west Georgia, near the Alabama border, his smooth baritone voice and use of phrases like "big uglies" for linemen gave his game calls a familiar feel.

"He was one of our giants," longtime broadcaster Brent Musburger told The Associated Press. "He could do anything and loved doing it."

Jackson might be best known for his "Whoa, Nelly!" exclamation, but he didn't overuse it. Borrowed from his great-grandfather, a farmer, the phrase also part of a commercial Jackson did for Miller Lite in the mid-'90s. But it was no catchphrase.

"He never made anything up," Musburger said. "That's how Keith talked."

In a Fox Sports interview in 2013, Jackson said his folksy language stemmed from his rural upbringing and he became comfortable with the usage through the years.

"I would go around and pluck things off the bush and see if I could find a dif-

ferent way to say some things. And the older I got the more willing I was to go back into the Southern vernacular because some of it's funny," Jackson said.

ESPN "College GameDay" host Rece Davis, who grew up in Alabama, said listening to Jackson assured him that it was OK for a national broadcaster to sound Southern.

"Some people become the voice of the sport through their expertise, which Keith certainly had. But it's almost as if the good Lord created that voice, which sounds like what red clay ought to sound like if it could talk, to be the perfect voice for college football," Davis told the AP.

## OBITUARIES

## REANELL N. BRADLEY

Mrs. Reanell Newman Bradley was born on Sept. 9, 1927, to the late William Olin and Mary Wright Newman. She died on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018.



BRADLEY

She was the oldest of three siblings. She had two younger brothers, William Olin Newman Jr. (deceased), also known as "Bubba," and Charlie Lee Newman (deceased) was the youngest.

She was raised in the community of Elliott.

Mrs. Bradley attended the schools of Lee and Sumter counties and graduated from Morris College with a bachelor's degree in education. She completed further studies at South Carolina State College in Orangeburg, in the area special education.

Mrs. Bradley began her teaching career in Hemingway where she taught for one year. The remaining 35 years of her teaching career were spent teaching at Fleming Elementary and Middle schools as a Special Education Teacher.

She had a passion for children who had various learning disabilities.

She was very instrumental in helping those children acquire knowledge and life skills to aid them in becoming responsible adults.

She was a member of Lee County Teacher's Association, South Carolina Education Association, and The Morris College Alumni Chapter of Lee County. She retired from the public-school system in 1989.

She was raised in a Christian home, under the guidance of her loving and devoted parents who reinforced the importance of God's presence from an early age.

She joined St. Paul United Methodist Episcopal Church located in Elliott. She later joined New Zion A.M.E. Church where she served as an missionary zone No. 1, was an active class leader, member of the gospel choir, member of the stewardess board No. 9, and women missionary society.

Mrs. Bradley and her family served God faithfully. She, along with all of her children, were dedicated members of New Zion A.M.E. Church.

She not only modeled, but instilled in all of her children and grandchildren to always keep God first.

If there was anyone who was a living example of the term servant, Mrs. Reanell Bradley, without question, would be the first person to come to mind. She truly would give the shirt off her back, the food out of her mouth, and empty her pockets to help those in need.

If a theme had to be identified to sum up the life of Mrs. Reanell Bradley it would be "If I Could Help Somebody," a poem/song she often loved to quote.

Mrs. Bradley's love for God, family, church, and community is to be commended.

In addition to her five children, she helped raise a niece and nephew, nine grandchildren, and three foster children.

She was married to the late Mr. Odell Bradley Sr. (deceased) of Wisacky.

Her loving memories will be cherished by her five children, Odell Jr. of the home, Charles

(Naomi) of Sumter, Ronald (Marilyn) of Columbia, Sharon of Columbia, and Vida of the home; a niece, Gwendolyn of Fairfax, Virginia, and nephew Carl (Cassandra) of Irmo, whom she raised in the absence of their deceased mother; three foster children, Eddie Fortune of Wisacky, Timothy Rembert of New York, and Tony Burroughs of Wisacky; two special nephews, Julius Funderburk of Belleglade, Florida, and Alfonzo Funderburk (Mary) of Belleglade, Florida, and three special nieces, Lillian Stevens of Washington D.C., Margie Gerold of Pleasantville, New Jersey, and Joane Robertson (Leroy) of Ocean City, New Jersey, 10 grandchildren, Nikki, Denise, Varick, Cornelius, Demetrius, Reginald, Anthony, Brittany, Destiny, and Beyounce; her sisters for life, Bernice Bradley of Bishopville, Louise Kennedy of Elliott, and Margaret Durant of Elliott; a special son for life, Thomas "Terry" Slater; 16 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and lifelong friends that she treasured.

Public viewing will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Job's Mortuary.

Mrs. Bradley will be placed in the church on Monday at 11am for viewing until the hour of service.

Funeral service will be held at noon on Monday at New Zion AME Church with pastor Archie S. Temoney officiating.

Interment will follow in Broadbranch Cemetery, Bishopville.

Family will be receiving friends at the home, 107 Elliott Highway, Bishopville.

Job's Mortuary Inc., 312 S. Main St., 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).

## JANIE SPRY

MANNING — Janie Greene Spry, 95, widow of James Thomas Spry, died on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at McLeod Regional Hospital, Florence.



SPRY

She was born on Jan. 18, 1922, in the Wilson Community of Clarendon County, a daughter of the late Champie and Rosa Burgess Greene.

Wake services with Rose of Sharon Court No. 12 Heroines of Jericho and Eastern Star Chapter 254 New Light rites will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning.

Funeral services for Mrs. Spry will be held at noon on Tuesday at Trinity AME Church, 51 W. Rigby St., Manning, with the Rev. Courtney Colleton, pastor, and the Rev. Archie Fair presiding; the Rev. James Cooper II officiating; the Rev. Dr. Bennie Colclough, the Rev. Mary Rhodes and the Rev. Linda Conyers assisting.

Burial will follow in Fourth Crossroads Church Cemetery, 1612 Crossroad Church Road, Manning.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 3390 Paxville Highway, Manning, daily from 4 to 8 p.m. beginning Saturday.

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

## NANCY WHITE

GEORGIA — Nancy King White, 70, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018, at Well Star North Fulton Hospital, Atlanta, Georgia.



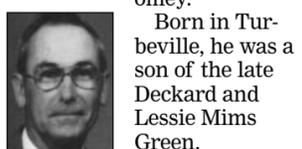
WHITE

She was born on July 29, 1946, in Manning, a daughter of the late Cleveland and the Rev. Alma Marion King.

Funeral services for Mrs. White will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr., Memorial Chapel 114 N. Church St., Manning, the Rev. O'Donald Dingle presiding; the Rev. Betty Cante officiating; and the Rev. Mary Bethune, the Rev. Gloria Talbort, and the Rev. Ruth King Ceasar assisting. Burial will follow in Biggers AME Church Cemetery, Manning.

## WILLIAM J. GREEN

William J. "Billy" Green, 82, husband of Maxine Revill Green, died on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.



GREEN

Born in Turbeville, he was a son of the late Deckard and Lessie Mims Green.

Mr. Green was a member of Alice Drive Baptist Church. He served nine years in the S.C. National Guard.

He retired from CP&L after 37 years.

After his retirement, he worked for many years with KMB Electrical.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 54 years; a son, Derrick Green of Sumter; a daughter, Rhonda Pruden (Travis) of Sumter; one granddaughter, Caroline Pruden; one brother, Ronnie Green (Mary Ruth) of Turbeville; and one sister, Nancy Morris (Tommy) of New Zion.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Monday at Alice Drive Baptist Church with the Rev. Dr. Clay Smith and the Rev. Jock Hendricks officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to noon on Monday at Alice Drive Baptist Church and other times at the home.

Memorials may be made to Alice Drive Baptist Church-Open Door Offering, 1305 Loring Mill Road, Sumter, SC 29150.

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

## LEATHA B. HAYNESWORTH

Funeral service for Leatha Mae Bracey Haynesworth was held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 3255 U.S. 15, Sumter, SC 29150. Interment followed at Bradford Cemetery, Sumter.

Visitation was held on Friday at Kingdom Believers Church, 621 W. Liberty St., Sumter, where the family received family and friends.

Mrs. Haynesworth was a daughter of the late Robert Bracey. She passed away on Sunday, Jan. 7, 2018.

She was a member of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church for more than 59 years.

She leaves to cherish precious memories: her mother, Susan Lee Rose Bracey; her children, Gary Bracey, Bennie (Sylvia) Haynesworth, Shenae Haynesworth and Shanika

Haynesworth; her grandchildren, Justice, Khalic, Gary, Kamon, Bennie, Bennie Jr., Antanae, Tyrek and Malaysia; her brother, Robert Bracey; sisters, Susan (Billy) Ross and Stephanie Bracey; aunts, Alice Bracey, Nancy Rose and Jean Worthy; uncles, John (Wilhemenia) Rose and Kevin (Cisa) Bracey; her sisters-in-law, Vermell H. Wells, Abbie Haynesworth and Elizabeth (TBA); brothers-in-law, Gipsion (Inether) Haynesworth and John (Lou) Haynesworth; her godsons, Brandon Scarborough and Lester Reed; special cousins, Andi Shaw, Viola Magazine and Loretta Horace; and her very special and close friends, Eric Davis, Gloria Scarborough, Clara Damon, Ann McCain, Joann Tindal and Shirley Clavon. "Lee" had a very special and close relationship with her nieces, Akira, Ameka, Ashley and Trinity; along with her nephews, Arnteyus "Jay," Breon and Billy Ross, Anthony and Andre Haynesworth, whom she helped raised and spent special quality time with them as being the "favorite Auntie." She also leaves to cherish a host of other cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends whom she all loved with her whole heart.

JP Holley Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## RICKEY SMITH

Rickey Smith, 54, departed this life on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

He was born on June 26, 1963, in Sumter, a son of Mary Lee Johnson Smith and the late William Smith.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 1045 Mayfield Drive, Sumter, SC 29154.

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

## ALMA LEMMON

Alma Lemmon, 96, widow of Frankie Lemmon, departed this life on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at Lake City Scranton Healthcare, Scranton.

Born on Nov. 30, 1921, in Sumter County, she was a daughter of the late William and Hattie Hickson McFadden.

The family will be receiving friends at the home of her son, 9695 Bill Lane, Lynchburg, SC 29080.

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

## ROBERT L. GARNER

Robert L. Garner, son of the late Robert and Earline Dixon Garner, entered eternal rest on Thursday, Jan. 11, 2018, at Palmetto Baptist Hospital, Columbia.

The family is receiving friends at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Sara and Jerry Bradley, at 17 Philjar Lane, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

## SHIRLEY BURGESS

LAKE CITY — Shirley Ann Walker Robinson Burgess, 67, widow of Leo Robinson and Joe Burgess, died on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at McLeod Regional Medical Center, Florence.

She was born on July 19, 1950, in Florence, a daughter of the late J. K. and Eva Brayboy Walker.

The family is receiving friends at her residence, 125 Westover St., Lake City.

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

## RUSSELL MCLEOD

Russell McLeod entered eternal rest on Friday, Jan. 12, 2018, at the McLeod Hospice House, Florence. The family is receiving friends at the residence, 40 Circle R Lane, Bishopville.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville.

## HAZEL M. RANDOLPH

Hazel Mildred Worthington Randolph, age 77, wife of the late Merle Randolph, died on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at Northwoods Senior Living Center.

Born in St. Paul, Alberta, Canada, she was a daughter of the late Russell and Lila Russell Worthington.

Hazel met her husband during his service in the Navy. She loved to paint and enjoyed working in her garden.

She was a loving person and had a sweet spirit. She will be remembered as a very loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and friend. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving are two daughters, Tammie Linn of Wedgefield and Tracy Zarr of Coldstream, British Columbia; one son, Greg Parker of Coldstream, British Columbia; a daughter-in-law, Lisa Black of Simpsonville; and three grandchildren, Tiffany Linn, Christopher Linn and Nicholas Linn.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Timothy Randolph; and one sister, Helen Grimshaw.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Oliver, British Columbia.

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.



## WELDON H. SHUMATE

Weldon Heyward "Skip" Shumate, 90, widower of Francis Shelton Shumate, died on Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Born in the Kellytown Community of Darlington County, he was a son of the late Tom and Nellie Atkinson Shumate.

Mr. Shumate served two years in the U.S. Army and retired from the U.S. Air Force after 22 years of service. Following his retirement, he worked with civil service at Shaw Air Force Base, and Fort Heating and Air.

Survivors include one son, Robert Shumate (Pam) of Sumter; three grandchildren, Jason H. Flagler, Brittany Thrower, and Justin Shumate; one great-granddaughter, Brooklin Thompson; one brother, Peyton Shumate (Linda) of Myrtle Beach; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside services, with military honors, will be held at 4 p.m. on Monday in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery with pastor Wayne McElveen officiating.

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

## PREP BASKETBALL

## Sumter bounces back from loss with rout of Socastee

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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The Sumter High School varsity boys basketball team scored a grand total of 35 in its 22-point loss to Conway in its Region VI-5A opener on Tuesday.

On one of Isiah Moore's seven slam dunks off an assist from Cameron Singleton, the Gamecocks broke that barrier with 2:59 remaining in the first half of their game against Socastee on Friday at the SHS gymnasium. Needless to say, it was a much different outcome for Sumter.

Led by Moore's 34 points, the Gamecocks rolled to an 87-53 victory. They improved to 9-7 overall and 1-1 in region play.

The Sumter girls continued their winning ways, blasting the Lady Braves for their seventh straight victory. They are now 10-3 and 2-0.

Both Moore and Gamecocks head coach Shawn Jones agreed that practices on Wednesday and Thursday had a lot to do with Friday's success. However, player and coach had different takes on the practices.

"We had two great practices, proba-

bly our best practices all year," said Moore, who has signed to play with College of Charleston. "It got us ready for tonight. We came out flat (against Conway), but we came out with a lot of energy tonight."



JONES

"Those practices were very tough," Jones said. "We played with a lot more energy tonight than we did on Tuesday. There was a lot of running in the practices and it carried over to tonight."

The Gamecocks came out using a lot of defensive pressure and that quickly picked up the tempo of the game. Sumter also forced the Braves into many turnovers, which led to several easy transition baskets.

The Gamecocks led 23-12 after one quarter and pushed the lead to 45-26 by halftime.

"We let Conway dictate the pace of the game on Tuesday," Jones said. "Tonight we controlled the tempo with our defense. We got a lot of our points with our defense."

"We played with a lot of intensity tonight, which is what we need to do. We

weren't perfect tonight, but if we play with intensity and discipline, we can be a very good team."

One of the lulls that Jones spoke of came at the start of the third quarter. Socastee, which fell to 1-1 in region play, scored the nine of the first 10 points of the second half to cut the lead to 46-35. They had a couple of chances to cut the lead to single digits, but missed out. When Tyree Smalls drained a 3-point basket for Sumter, the rout was on.

The Gamecocks led 61-44 after three quarters before outscoring the Braves 26-9 in the final stanza.

"We just played with a lot of energy and intensity tonight," said Moore, whose team is ranked eighth in 5A in the latest South Carolina Basketball Coaches Association poll. "Coach told us that if we just execute our offense it will be nothing but easy baskets. The way we played today was our state championship team."

Smalls added 14 points for Sumter, while Omar Croskey had 10. Eric Watts and Jaylen Johnson both had seven.

Kendrell Generette led the Braves with 16 points. Jay Williams and An-

drew Gardner both had 11.

In the girls contest, Sumter limited Socastee to six points in the first half and put the game away with a 20-point third quarter.

The Lady Gamecocks outscored the Lady Braves 15-3 in the first quarter. Carnasia Wells hit a pair of 3-point baskets to lead the charge. After taking a 24-6 lead into the locker room, Sumter used 10 points from Layken Cox and five from Tamerah Brown to push the lead to 44-15 after three quarters.

"We've really been playing great defense the last few games," said Lady Gamecock interim head coach Jeff Schaffer. "I hate to keep saying this, but we're still a very young team and these girls are still learning. We continue to improve with what we're doing defensively."

Wells led Sumter with 14 points. Cox had 10 points and seven rebounds while Nina Edlow and Kiara Jones both had eight. Brown had seven points, six rebounds and five assists, while Edlow grabbed seven rebounds.

Marta Galindez led Socastee, which fell to 6-6 overall and 1-1 in region play with seven points.

## BARONS

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Natalie Jackson scored the first seven Wilson Hall points before Susannah Hutson came off the bench to score eight in the opening quarter, including two threes, as the Lady Barons held a 22-3 lead after the opening eight minutes. OP's only points of the first quarter came on a trey from Reagan Merritt, shortly after Mary Stack Summers came up short on two free throw attempts.

With points at such a premium for them early, the Lady Indians seemingly could not catch a break as a Joanna Hinds made free throw early in the second quarter was wiped off the board by a lane violation. OP's only basket of the quarter came on a free-throw line jumper by Marlee Robinson with 3:26 to go in the half as Wilson Hall took a 33-8 lead into the locker room.

Hutson added two more treys in the third quarter as the Lady Barons nearly shut out the Lady Indians, whose only points came on two Cierra Banks free throws with 14 seconds on the clock. The Wilson Hall lead was 47-10 heading to the fourth as Rector's reserves hit the floor for the final quarter.

Hutson closed with 16 while Jackson added 15 and Courtney Clark chipped in with nine to pace the Lady Barons.

"I think Natalie did a really nice job of taking the ball aggressively to the basket," Rector said. "Susannah has struggled a little bit from the 3-point shooting, so we wanted to give her a chance, a lot of time to get her shot down, and she was consistent tonight. Those were two good things we wanted to see as a team tonight, for Natalie and Courtney to be more aggressive on the inside and to see Susannah hit more outside shots."



MICAH GREEN / THE SUMTER ITEM

Wilson Hall senior Daulton Dabbs (11) brings the ball down court during the Barons' 51-43 victory over Orangeburg Prep on Friday at Wilson Hall's Nash Student Center.

Robinson scored eight to lead the Lady Indians, who dropped to 12-10 overall.

The importance of the win for Wilson Hall was magnified because a scheduling quirk has the Baron teams playing their first three region games at home then hitting the road for the second half of the 6-game slate.

"It was a good start to region play for us, and we're really hoping to continue that Tuesday night with Florence Christian and next Friday night with Laurence Manning," Rector said. "So we've got a really intense week of region games and our intensity level has got to be consistent as we go through the region."

The varsity boys game got off to a tepid start as OP held a 14-9 lead at the break, with the teams posting three points apiece in the second quarter. Then Grant DeVarona caught fire in the third quarter, hitting four consecutive threes for the Barons' first 12 points of the second half as Wilson Hall rallied for a 51-43 win.

The game was tied once, at 2-2, in the first half, before the Barons pulled even at 18-18 on DeVarona's third trey with 5:10

left in the third. Camron Ellis answered with a trey for OP, but DeVarona tied it once again moments later. Wilson Hall scored the next five points, on a Landon Van Patten 3-point play and a Chandler Scott bucket, before the Indians stormed back with a 7-2 run of their own to forge yet another tie. A Van Patten free throw with 34 seconds left would give the Barons a 29-28 lead heading into the final eight minutes.

The game would be tied a fifth and final time, at 31-31, after a Hunter McClain three with 7:17 to go, before the Barons pulled away down the stretch. The lead was one, 39-38, as Benjamin Davis hit from long range for OP, but the Barons would hold a 12-5 edge over the final three minutes to clinch the win.

DeVarona would add a fifth trey in the final quarter to close with 20 points, topping all scorers. Scott, who finished with seven, also hit from long range in the final quarter, with Daulton Dabbs hitting a trey in the opening quarter among his eight points.

McClain and Davis closed with 12 apiece for the Indians.

"I think right now we're playing like one of the best teams in the state," Brown said. "I think we'll surprise a lot of people in the near future."

In the girls game, Lakewood held Lugoff-Elgin scoreless through much of the first half, building a 15-0 lead and never looking back enroute to a 54-19 region win. With the victory, the Lady Gators improved to 6-6 on the year, 1-1 in Region VI-4A, and bounced back from consecutive close losses to Manning and Hartsville since the end of the holiday break.

"We always think we're going to win, especially in the region when it is very, very important," said Lakewood head coach Demetress Adams-Ludd. "I'm proud of the girls in closing it out, but we did have a conversation just about making sure we continue to play with the level of excellence that we expect every night, and I think the girls understand that."

"It was a little sloppy, but we're always challenging our girls to come out mentally prepared and ready to go."

Junior guard Lashala Harvin led the way for Lakewood, pouring in 18 points, most of them high-percentage baskets after Lugoff-Elgin turnovers in the second half. Ki'Ari Cain added 13 and Treasure Smalls added 11. It was the defense, however, that made for the easy win.

"One thing I can say about this team is that defensively, we've been pretty solid so far," said Adams-Ludd. "We just continue to grow in that area and I think the challenge for our team now is to come in mentally ready to get set and go."

Lakewood travels to face archrival Crestwood next Friday.

## SPORTS ITEMS

## Carolina's Muschamp gets 6-year, \$28.2 million deal

COLUMBIA — South Carolina coach Will Muschamp has received a new, six-year, \$28.2 million contract after leading the



MUSCHAMP

Gamecocks to a nine-win season.

Muschamp's contract was approved by the school's board of trustees Friday.

Muschamp, who is 15-11 in two seasons at South Carolina, will make \$4.2 million next fall. His salary will increase by \$200,000 over each year of the agreement until peaking at \$5.2 million in 2023.

South Carolina has only had six seasons with nine or more wins in program history.

Each of Muschamp's returning assistants also received new deals and raises. Defensive coordinator Travaris Robinson will make \$1.2 million for each of the next three seasons. Newly named offensive coordinator Bryan McClendon will make \$650,000 for the next two years.

## USC HIRES LATTIMORE

COLUMBIA — South Carolina record-holder Marcus Lattimore is returning to the Gamecocks as director of player development and life skills.

Gamecocks coach Will Muschamp announced the hirings of Lattimore and the NCAA-approved 10th on-field assistant coach in Kyle Krantz.

Lattimore will also oversee the Gamecocks' Beyond Football program, which exposes players to off-field careers.

Lattimore set the school mark with 38 rushing touchdowns from 2010-2012. He was the Southeastern Conference freshman of the year in 2010 with 1,197 yards rushing. His career was cut short by two serious knee injuries in his sophomore and junior years.

Krantz spent the past two seasons as a defensive analyst at South Carolina. He will work with special teams and also help with linebackers and nickel backs.

## ASTROS ACQUIRE COLE FROM PIRATES

HOUSTON — The Houston Astros already had two Cy Young winners on their staff. They're hoping Gerrit Cole can make it three.

The World Series champions boosted their rotation with another big arm, acquiring Cole from the

Pittsburgh Pirates in a five-player trade Saturday.

The Pirates got right-handers Joe Musgrove and Michael Feliz, third baseman Colin Moran and outfielder Jason Martin for their 27-year-old ace.

Cole will join All-Stars Dallas Keuchel and Justin Verlander on a team that just won its first crown. Houston breezed to the AL West title with 101 wins, and went on beat the Los Angeles Dodgers in Game 7 of the World Series.

Cole went 12-12 with a 4.26 ERA last season, by far the worst ERA of his five-year career. The No. 1 overall pick in the 2011 draft was an All-Star in 2015 but hasn't replicated those results the past two seasons. Astros general manager Jeff Luhnow thinks pitching coach Brent Strom can help Cole recapture that form.

## TECH'S PASTNER FILES SUIT, CLAIMS FRAUD, EXTORTION

ATLANTA — Georgia Tech men's basketball head coach Josh Pastner says he and his family are victims of fraud and extortion, and he is seeking protection through a lawsuit filed in Arizona.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution first reported Saturday that Pastner filed a civil lawsuit against former Georgia Tech booster Ron Bell and his girlfriend, Jennifer Pendley, who have accused the coach of breaking NCAA rules.

According to the lawsuit, filed in Superior Court in Pima County, Arizona, Bell and Pendley "began a malicious campaign to defame Pastner, and to extort and blackmail Pastner" by threatening to release accusations the lawsuit contends are "false and patently untrue."

Among the allegations: Bell accused Pastner of sexually assaulting Pendley.

Some of the accusations against Pastner are related to suspensions announced in November of two Georgia Tech players, Josh Okogie and Tadic Jackson. Okogie and Jackson were suspended for six and three games, respectively, for accepting benefits — including flights provided by Bell in violation of NCAA rules.

Overall, Georgia Tech determined Jackson and Okogie received apparel, meals and transportation valued at less than \$525 and less than \$750, respectively.

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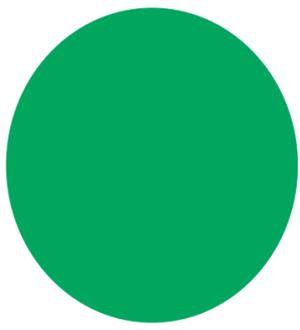
## GATORS FROM PAGE B1

Lakewood came out strong in the first half, jumping out to an 11-2 lead and built the lead to 20-10 after the first quarter, which saw a pair of electrifying moments, a soaring alley-oop dunk from Perdue and an authoritative block by Quentin Hodge, tarnished by technical fouls called on the players for taunting. Brown rested his starters for much of the second quarter and held on to a 33-24 halftime lead after a bit of sloppy play.

The Demons were no match for Lakewood's starters, who returned in the third stanza and rebuilt the lead to 51-34 by the end of the third period, and the Gators coasted the rest of the way.

"We're not used to playing that way," Brown said of his team's electric start. "It was a very exciting game with a lot of highlight plays, and the guys just aren't used to that. I was excited on the bench, and I think everybody was, and we had some things happen to us that caused us to lose our momentum. We got in foul trouble, but we came back in the second half with the same momentum and got us back where we wanted to be."

Lakewood, ranked No. 8 in the first Basketball Coaches Association's Top 10 poll, will take on York Prep in the Martin Luther King Bash on Monday at Eau Claire High School in Columbia before traveling to face archrival Crestwood on Friday. Brown said the ranking wasn't much of a distraction for his team, but felt like the Gators were living up to it.



# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE

## THIS WEEK

**Flurry Analytics** has analyzed new device activations during the week leading up to Christmas (between Dec. 19 and Dec. 25):

- **44%** were Apple iPhones and iPads.
- **26%** Samsung devices.
- **53%** were large-screen smartphones, so-called phablets, up from 37% last year and 27% in 2015.

### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

#### INTEL

The technology company's CEO's sale of a chunk of company stock last year before the discovery of security flaws prompted questions about the timing.



#### MONEYGRAM INTERNATIONAL

The money transfer company said it was working with Ripple to test the digital currency to move funds. The report sent its shares 10% higher Thursday.



#### NESTLE SA

The company reportedly is close to a deal to sell its U.S. confectionery business to Ferrero SpA, the Nutella maker, for about \$2.8 billion.



#### WALMART STORE

The retailer plans to boost workers' hourly salary and provide a one-time bonus, and it's likely to pressure retail peers to follow suit.



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# Saving receipts can mean big money in 2018

## They're just one way you can cash in

**Kelly Tyko**  
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### More ways to save

My New Year's resolution? Save every receipt in 2018.

That means receipts from every gas-station fill-up, grocery run and restaurant meal. And every other transaction that produces an itemized summary of what I bought.

The method behind my madness is twofold: to save more money and to potentially cash in on future payoffs.

For years, I've been earning cash back on my everyday purchases by submitting receipts through smartphone cashback apps such as Ibotta, SavingStar and Checkout 51.

I earn about \$1,500 a year with the savings apps. I then use receipt apps such as ReceiptHog and ReceiptPal to digitize the receipts, which helps track spending and can help with returns.

ReceiptPal also pulls in online shopping receipts when you connect your email account to the app.

### Class-action lawsuits

Saving the receipts should come in handy to earn money with future class-action lawsuit settlements, which can add hundreds to thousands of dollars to your savings.

If you submit eligible receipts for a class-action lawsuit related to a Burger King coupon snafu on Croissan'wich breakfast sandwiches, you'll get a much bigger settlement than submitting a claim without proof of purchase.

Without a receipt and regardless of how many eligible breakfast purchases you made between Oct. 1, 2015, and May 19, 2017, using the fast-food chain's buy-one, get-one free coupon, you can get a \$2 Burger King gift card.

With receipts that prove you were affected, you can get a \$5 cash settlement for each eligible receipt.

Those receipts need to be submitted by the Jan. 19 deadline at [www.bkcbosettlement.com](http://www.bkcbosettlement.com).

Here are the top ways I save money year-round:

■ **Earn cash back:** Online, my first stop is to a cashback website such as Ebates.com or TopCashback.com or using a browser extension such as RetailMeNot.com Genie. I also use an assortment of smartphone apps such as Ibotta, Shopkick, Drop and rebate apps such as SavingStar, Checkout 51 and Coupons.com, which give me rebates on specific groceries.

■ **Clip coupons:** The savings add up when using coupons from Sunday newspapers as well as printable, mobile and digital coupons. However, don't fall into the trap of buying items you'll never use just because the price is right unless you plan on donating them. When I shop online, popular savings website and app RetailMeNot is my go-to source for coupon codes.

■ **Reward programs:** Sign up for these programs to earn money off purchases, get birthday freebies and sign-up bonuses.

■ **Use the library:** Hold off on buying the newest bestseller and see if it's available at your local library. More libraries nationwide offer free e-books, and audiobooks. A growing number of libraries also offer free music and streaming videos.

■ **Cutting the cord:** It's becoming easier and more popular to ditch cable and satellite providers or at least switch to a less expensive programming package. I'm a big fan of binge watching shows on Netflix, Amazon and Hulu using my iPad or Apple TV. I also search for shows on sites such as DailyMotion.com and YouTube.com. If you're cutting the cord to stream, you'll need a Smart TV or device such as a Roku, Apple TV or Google Chromecast. Other options include using an antenna or an a la carte service such as Sling TV. A strong Internet connection is key because streaming eats up a lot of data.

**The method behind my madness is twofold: to save more money and to potentially cash in on future payoffs.**

# Set travel goals with credit-card rewards

## 3 steps to help you get most out of those points, miles

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Traveling for free with credit-card points and miles seems easy — until you try to do it yourself. Then, suddenly, you're inundated with loyalty program rules, minimum spending requirements and limitations on how rewards can be redeemed. Miles and points go unused, and stashes of rewards aren't enough to cover a big trip.

How can you get it right this year? The short answer: Make a plan.

■ **Focus:** Homing in on a single goal is a good first step. That goal — whether it's traveling to a certain destination or earning more rewards in a particular loyalty program — can guide your decisions later about which cards to apply for and use.

"Do whatever you want to do," says Deric Poldberg of Carter Lake, Iowa. He wrote about his credit-card strategy last year on his blog, Passenger-Poldberg.com.

Poldberg and his girlfriend traveled to Abu Dhabi and Dubai recently, using Delta and American Airlines miles to cover business and first-class fares. In all, he estimates it took him only about nine months to earn enough rewards to book that trip through a handful of credit-card sign-up bonuses.



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If you're unsure where to start, Poldberg suggests seeing which airlines fly to your destination, then looking at their co-branded cards — that is, the cards branded by those airlines. It can also be useful to see which airlines have partnerships with your airline of choice. You might be able to redeem your miles for a flight on a partner airline, which is how Poldberg booked his recent trip. Or, get a general travel card with more flexible rewards.

■ **Earn:** One of the easiest ways to earn rewards fast is to qualify for a big sign-up bonus. Travel cards with annual fees usually carry the largest bonuses — often more than \$500 each.

To earn a bonus, you need to meet the spending requirement on the card, which typically means spending between \$1,000 and \$4,000 in the first three months of opening the account.

When you're not working toward a sign-up bonus, carrying a card with robust ongoing rewards can also be effective. Look for cards with rewards that can be transferred to different loyalty programs, because those rewards are more versatile and potentially more valuable.

■ **Redeem:** The more flexible your travel plans, the easier it is to get the most out of points and miles. Before you redeem, consider what parts of the itinerary you'd be open to changing.

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### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▲2.0% week ▲5.0% month   ▲12.8% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▲1.6% week ▲4.6% month   ▲9.1% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▲1.7% week ▲5.6% month   ▲9.9% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▲1.7% week ▲4.7% month   ▲8.8% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▲0.8% week ▲7.1% month   ▲2.5% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▲4.7% week ▲13.6% month   ▲25.0% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▲0.0131 week ▲0.0361 month   ▲0.0364 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼2.08 week ▼1.46 month   ▼0.83 3 months
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## PERSONAL FINANCE

# There's nothing wrong with 'I can't afford it'

Admitting you don't have the money for something isn't selling yourself short, it's showing self-control

**Dear Pete:** *I did everything wrong. I purchased a home when I couldn't afford it. My father gave me the down payment. I had no savings. I could afford the mortgage, but not the maintenance. I have refinanced the loan a couple times. I am now two months behind on the mortgage, and there are repairs to the house that I can't afford to do. Now what? I feel like I should cut my losses and sell and rent until I can REALLY afford to own.*

— Kaitlyn, St. Louis

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Sell. I probably shouldn't end the column here, but I'm tempted.

You couldn't afford to be a homeowner when your dad gave you the down payment, and you can't afford to be a homeowner today. You and anyone else reading this undoubtedly are feeling a harsh vibe from me right now. Don't. I'm actually being more thoughtful than other folks throughout your life as a homeowner.

You can't afford it.

There is nothing wrong with the phrase "you can't afford it," or "I can't afford it," for that matter. In fact, it's a beautiful phrase. I love saying "I can't afford it," and I wish more people would jump on the bandwagon. No one gets embarrassed when a fellow skydiver tells you that you don't have a parachute right before you are about to jump out of the back of a plane, do they?

But for some reason, hearing or thinking you can't afford something is upsetting. I used to get upset when someone would insinuate that I couldn't afford something. "How dare you?" I would scoff.

I didn't realize at the time that those were the only honest people left on Earth. But as I think back on how offended I was — and how offended you might feel right now — I'm still at a loss as to why.

I assure you I'm not salting wounds. I'm just trying to get you comfortable with a really important and positive idea. You can't afford the house.

Maybe it's the word *can't*.

Admitting you can't afford something isn't selling yourself short, it's displaying self-control. Our 2004 sport-utility vehicle sounds like a distressed yak sometimes when I start it up, and there's a ton of people who would like to get me a quieter vehicle, including my neighbors. However, until this November, I won't be able to buy a new car. Not with the way I do things. I can't afford to based on the standard I set for my family and my financial future.

The concept of affordability is disappointingly subjective. It's dependent on

your standards and your expectations for your future. A bank has zero expectations for your future.

You can't afford the house for a few reasons. You didn't have money for a down payment, which is sign enough that you couldn't afford the house. Loved ones who want what's best for you will try and circumvent my down payment maxim by becoming a down payment surrogate. They can afford to buy that house, but you can't. This is where the confusion begins.

Can a person with no monthly margin in their budget accumulate a down payment? No. A lending institution wants a down payment to help mitigate its lending risk, but a borrower should want to make a down payment to prove to himself that he has the capacity to accumulate money on a regular basis.

Why? Homeownership is expensive. Not only do you need repair and maintenance money to move into your home on the day you rent the truck, but you will consistently need repair and maintenance money until you leave the house the last time, upright or otherwise. A house doesn't get less expensive as you own it, it gets more expensive. "If we can just get past year seven of owning this home, then ..." is a sentence which has never been spoken intelligently.

You can't afford your home. It had been awhile since I mentioned it.

Being able to afford a monthly payment, as determined by someone charging you interest to borrow money, is as indicative of objective affordability as my 10-inch chef's knife is indicative of my status as a world-class chef. Being allowed to borrow money, or being allowed to buy a really expensive professional-quality knife, is nothing more than someone's willingness to make money on you, despite whatever ability you might possess to handle the purchase appropriately.

You can't afford your home. Don't borrow money to stay. Find a way to get out. Rip the Band-aid off.

Your crisis is about to save your financial life. Call your bank and start working on a plan to sell the house you can't afford. Don't let them talk you into staying. You can't afford it.

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## CES 2018

## For cord cutters, the game heats up

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CES 2018 attendees get a view of the LG signature OLED 4K HDR Smart TV.  
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LAS VEGAS — Now that the Internet is nearly everyone's favorite TV station, content providers and device makers find themselves catering to consumers' desires for more, better streaming video. That was abundantly clear here at CES, where the biggest makers of streaming devices rubbed elbows with entertainment and Internet heavyweights such as Time Warner and Verizon, and every TV maker touted even smarter, more connected displays.

For cord cutters, the throngs at the global tech trade show yielded this view of the future:

**■ One-stop video shopping:** New TVs on display at CES promise smarter on-board apps and better guides to make it easier to find programming you want to watch. Samsung's newest TVs will incorporate its artificial digital assistant Bixby, which you can ask to find movies for you, and a new universal programming guide that learns your viewing preferences. New TCL Roku 4K TVs, coming this spring, have Roku's streaming system built-in, and when you have an antenna connected, the improved guide incorporates any over-the-air TV channels into your guide along with streaming app options.

**■ Streaming services to partner up:** Disney's acquisition of Fox assets and its planned streaming services will be among the factors forcing some smaller direct-to-consumer services to join with others to survive.

Consumer spending on video streaming services is expected to rise 39% this year to about \$13 billion, according to the Consumer Technology Association, the trade group that con-

ducts the CES show. It's the first time the CTA has released such a projection; toss in music streaming and the total rises to \$19.5 billion, CTA says.

**■ Talk to the TV:** TV makers and streaming media device manufacturers will improve their products to keep you committed. Most streaming players let you use your voice to find some content, but artificial intelligence will become better at helping you find what to watch. Competitor Roku already lets you use your voice, too, but is developing a voice-activated artificial intelligence to help make the streaming platform easier to use and to add speakers to consumers' Roku TVs, for instance.

**■ Better streaming content:** Streaming services from Netflix, Amazon, Hulu and others have already evolved, along with high-speed broadband Internet connectivity, to deliver dependable programming. That demand is translating into big audiences for streaming content. And it's rising rapidly. Hulu, which in May expanded its on-demand video subscription service with more than 50 live channels, said at CES it has grown to 17 million subscribers, up 40% from a year ago.

Industry leader Netflix remains the streaming standard-bearer, having swelled from about 35 million U.S. members this time four years ago to about 54 million now in the U.S., and a total of 115 million globally. Amazon doesn't release video figures, but investment research firm Morningstar has estimated there are 79 million subscribers to Amazon Prime, which includes free shipping and free streaming TV episodes and movies.

## THE WEEK AHEAD



Builders constructed more homes last year, and there was strong buyer interest.  
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## Manufacturing, construction probably ended 2017 well

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A light week of economic news will provide a snapshot of two resurgent forces of the U.S. economy — manufacturing and housing construction. Both probably ended 2017 on a solid note, supplying some momentum for this year.

Industrial production has been propelled by a steadily improving global economy, a dollar that generally has weakened since early 2017, making American goods less expensive overseas, and a revival in oil drilling.

In December, automaking probably rebounded from a drop the previous month while other sectors continue to climb, says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. He says oil and natural gas production showed no sign of slowing and frigid weather probably boosted utility output sharply.

Overall, economists estimate the Federal Reserve will report **Wednesday** that industrial production rose a healthy 0.4% in December.

An index that gauges the outlook of home builders can often provide a preview of housing construction in the months ahead.

The market improved last year as solid job and income growth drove demand while home supplies remained skimpy, pushing prices higher. The

**Industrial production has been propelled by a steadily improving global economy.**

crunch spurred builders to churn out more houses. In December, an index of prospective buyer traffic jumped 8 points, underscoring continued strong buyer interest despite the rising prices, Alexander says.

On the downside, the cold weather may have temporarily chilled home buying plans this month. Alexander estimates the National Association of Home Builders will announce that its index of builder sentiment ticked up from 74 to 75, which would mark a 19-year high.

Though housing starts have been ramping higher, they've presented a tale of two markets. Single-family starts have been bolstered by the supply shortage and more recently by rebuilding efforts in parts of Texas and Florida battered by hurricanes late last summer. Multifamily building has declined after a blitz of apartment construction the past few years. Economists project the Commerce Department will announce **Thursday** that housing starts dipped 2.1% in December to a still-solid seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.27 million.

# Death of a spouse can drain finances

Follow these 7 steps to help manage your risks



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Among the risks that married couples face in retirement, this one is unavoidable. It's the risk of becoming a widow or widower. And that risk comes with some dramatic consequences, according to a Society of Actuaries report, "Managing Post-Retirement Risks: A Guide to Retirement Planning."

According to that report, the death of a spouse is often accompanied by a decline in economic status:

- Some income may stop at the death of a spouse or former spouse.

- The death of a disabled person's caregiver spouse may bring financial problems at a very difficult time.

- The surviving spouse may not be able or willing to manage the family's finances.

- Inability to cope with a spouse's death or terminal illness contributes to high rates of depression and suicide among the elderly.

To be sure, it's difficult to predict which spouse will live longer in individual cases, according to the SOA. But, on average, women are widowed more often than men.

So, what can you and your spouse do to manage the risks associated with becoming a widow or widower?

## Set aside time to talk

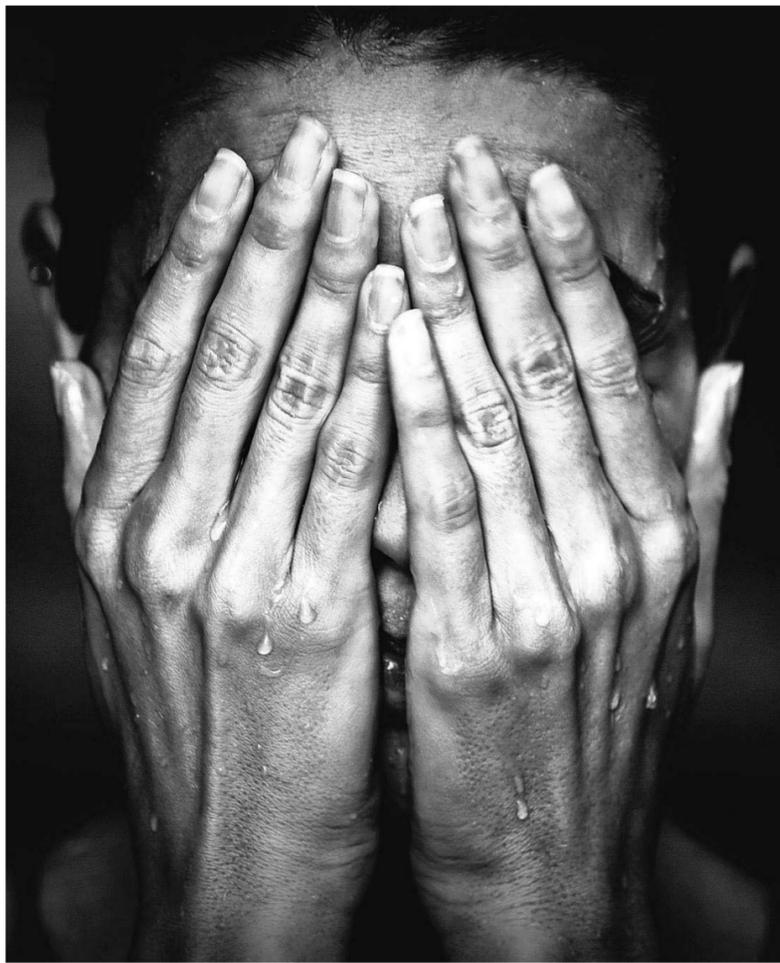
Talking about money matters together is a great gift couples can give each other, says Kathleen Rehl, author of *Moving Forward on Your Own: A Financial Guidebook for Widows*.

"Start by saying, 'Honey, because I love you so much, I want us to talk about some important money issues together — that are really important to know about for the time one day when one of us is gone.'"

Others agree. "First and foremost, spouses — especially women — need to know about the household's finances, including where all accounts are held," says Cindy Levering, a retired pension actuary and volunteer for the Society of Actuaries.

"In particular, it is very important that they know what benefits might be available from employment-based plans — pension, 401(k), life insurance and medical, for example — and how to contact the appropriate human resource people to access any benefits that may be due."

If you avoid the conversations, Rehl



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says, "a surviving spouse may be in a double whammy — grief and emotions of widowhood plus not having many clues about their money situation."

Levering also suggests sharing financial information and contacts with children, not just their attorneys.

"I know a lot of people don't want to talk about their finances with their children but it is important that someone know what to do if necessary," she says.

## Run what-if scenarios

Determine whether your financial plan will provide enough lifetime income to the surviving spouse. Note that expenses don't necessarily decrease by half after one spouse passes away, Levering says.

Also note that the surviving spouse may have less to live on if he or she has to spend down assets to take care of the spouse that passes away, Levering says.

If, after running your what-if scenarios, there's a shortfall, consider increasing your savings, trimming your expenses, investigating a reverse mortgage and/or downsizing and buying life insurance.

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## Delay Social Security

If you're the higher earner, consider delaying Social Security until at least full retirement age (FRA) or better yet until age 70, if there's a good chance that your spouse will outlive you, says Betty Meredith, president of the International Retirement Resource Center. Why so? "The surviving spouse collects a higher lifetime benefit based on the primary earner's benefit," she says.

Also consider, if you have a traditional defined benefit pension plan, choosing the joint-and-survivor annuity instead of the single life annuity.

## Check all beneficiary designations

Make a list of every place you have ever worked and contributed to employer-sponsored retirement plans.

"When a person divorces and remarries, old beneficiaries stay in place until they are changed by the account owner," Meredith says. "It happens all the time where an ex-spouse or other parties receive retirement funds upon the workers' death instead of the current spouse."

Do the same for all life insurance plans, bank and credit union checking and savings accounts, titling on real estate, and the like, Meredith says.

Make sure credit cards and other accounts are set up so both spouses have access. Consider long-term care. Think what would happen if one or both spouses needed long-term care. "Purchasing coverage sooner rather than later may be prudent," Levering says.

## Hire a financial team

Put in place a trusted team of advisers, including an attorney, certified public accountant and certified financial planner that, Meredith says, "the surviving spouse will feel comfortable working with and trust to help them transition, especially if they have typically not been involved in the financial side of your marriage."

## Estate plan up to date?

Create or update your estate-planning documents, including wills, trusts, advance directives, living wills, durable powers of attorney for health care and physician orders.

"Consider filing a 'do not resuscitate' or DNR order with your local hospital and have it readily available if needed," Meredith says. "Many people want to avoid aggressive attempts to prolong their life, but medical culture and practices often do not support these wishes. This can help prevent racking up large medical bills for the surviving spouse."

Anna Rappaport, chair of the Society of Actuaries' retirement task force, recommends reviewing property with an attorney, making sure you understand what is individual and joint and how it might be disposed of. Consider planning funeral arrangements in advance.

## Relocate

Meredith also recommends moving to a home where a surviving spouse can more easily manage upkeep, taxes, have a social network and the like.

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# Resolve to trim down your credit cards in '18

Balance transfers can let you pay off debt quicker

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When credit-card debt from last year's unexpected twists and turns follows you into the new year, you're not necessarily stuck with an interest payment. If you have good credit, you might qualify for a balance transfer credit card.

Balance transfer cards allow you to move high-interest credit-card debt to a low-interest credit card from a different issuer.

The right offer can save you money and inch you closer to a prosperous new year.

## What to know about balance transfer credit cards

Kumiko Ehrmantraut, an accredited financial counselor and a blogger at The Budget Mom, moved \$7,500 in debt spread across several credit cards to two balance transfer cards. She put as much as she could on the card offering the best deal: 18 months at 0% interest.

"If I think about all of the interest that I would have paid on those seven credit cards, it would have been thousands of dollars," Ehrmantraut says.

Like Ehrmantraut, you should look for a balance transfer credit card with a lengthy 0% introductory APR period so that you'll have a window to pay down debt interest-free. Also, make sure the card doesn't charge an annual fee.

Balance transfer fees are harder to



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avoid, unfortunately. You'll generally be charged 3% to 5% of the amount transferred, although some cards don't charge this fee as long as you initiate the transfer within a specific time frame.

You can transfer only as much debt as your credit limit on the new card permits — and generally you won't know what your limit is until after you're approved. If you have debt on several credit cards, start by transferring the balance from the card with the highest interest rate.

Remember that the goal of a balance transfer is to save money as you pay off debt — not necessarily to secure a lower monthly payment. "We really want to look at the interest rates and the cost of borrowing that money, not the payment itself," says Katie Bossler, a financial wellness expert at GreenPath, a credit counseling agency.

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## Maximize your promotional period

Once you're approved for a balance transfer credit card, make a plan to help yourself stay on the debt repayment track.

"I literally took the balance I owed that got transferred on that card, I divided by 12 and I added \$100 to it (per month) because I wanted to make sure that I had it paid off" well before the 18-

month offer ended, Ehrmantraut says.

These tips can help:

- Make payments on time to keep the promotional offer active.

- Plan your monthly payment by dividing the amount you're transferring by the number of months in the promotional period.

- Make more than the minimum payment if you can.

- Set reminders for your expiration date.

- Don't use the card for purchases or additional transactions as that can delay your progress.

## Safeguard your credit score

Keep in mind that credit-card applications initiate a "hard pull" on your credit report, which can cause a temporary dip in your score. Check your credit score first so you can avoid unnecessary applications for cards not in your credit range.

The length of your credit history is a factor in credit scores, too, so you may want to keep the old account open and active, as long as it doesn't charge an annual fee.

Transferring enough debt to max out your new card's limit may hurt your score by increasing your credit utilization — but that will be reversed as you pay down debt and free up available credit.

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## Women join WAVES; Shelor Building demolished

**75 YEARS AGO — 1943**  
*Aug. 7 — Aug. 13*

• There are many types of work in the WAVES open to women with at least two years of high school, it is announced by Lt. Katharine R. Adams, WAVES recruiting officer for South Carolina. Women so well proved themselves in the first billets the Navy made available to them that they now have a much wider choice. WAVES need no previous experience to qualify for training as aviation machinists, control operators, parachute inspectors, messenger girls or hospital corpsmen. Women who already are qualified stenographers and who prefer to continue in that field find that they advance rapidly in rating and pay.

• Tech. Sgt. Leslie Craft McCormick, who was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross less than a month ago, has received the Oak Leaf Clusters indicating a second award of the same medal, it was announced by the Associated Press dispatch. The dispatch, dated Aug. 2, but delayed, declared that the Sumter man had been one of a crew of a B-25 bomber which flew over enemy-controlled waters to the island of Mindanao to raid Japanese positions.

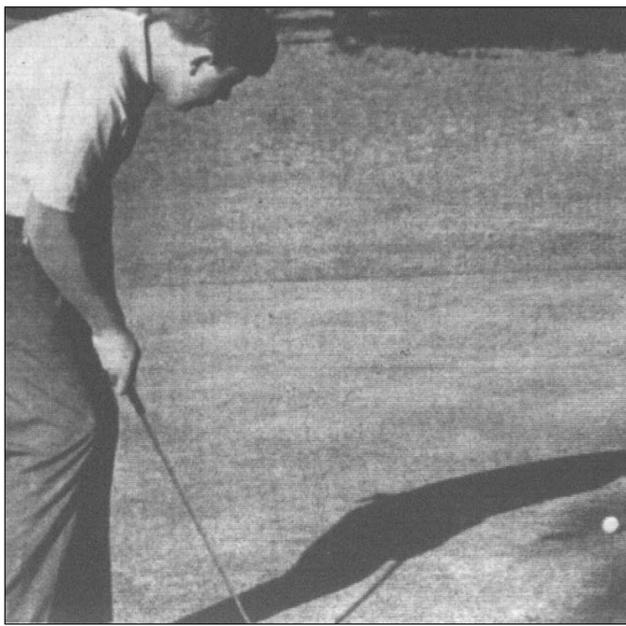
• Men of the community in the age bracket 19-50 will have the opportunity to apply to recruiting officers in the City Hall building for commissions in the Naval Reserve. The commissions are open for men below 30 who have college degrees and successful business experience and in the older bracket, for those who have two years of college and have been outstanding in business. In some cases, in the 30-50 bracket, where business record is extremely good it will stand in lieu of the educational requirement.

• Columbia Mills, behind its ace pitcher Barney Martin, who allowed only three hits and struck out 14 batters, defeated Sumter at Brookland-Cayce Field 13-2. The city team will meet the Congaree Air Base nine here Friday night, and a game for Wednesday night is being arranged. Columbia Mills will play the Police in a City league game at B-C Field tomorrow.

• Chief OPA Enforcement Attorney Carlisle Roberts said that a recent check showed 710 of 715 South Carolina service stations had violated regulations of the Office of Price Administration, most regarding "T" coupons which expired July 1. Roberts said many stations were found with sheets of eight coupons, each worth 40 gallons of gasoline. He said he thought that no motorist had bought that much gasoline at one time. Hearings of the violations would start in August.

• The city experienced two fires of a minor nature, and Fire Chief E. M. Lynam reported this morning damage from each was negligible. Yesterday afternoon at about 5:45, the trucks were called to east Bartlett where an oil cooking stove had become ignited. The flames were extinguished without damage. Early this morning, firemen were summoned to put out an automobile fire. The wiring was burned, but firemen saved the machine from damage.

• A "home-made" food dehydrator, easy to construct, is being displayed this week at the Carolina Power and Light Co., for those interested in building a like one for their personal use. The machine dehydrates food, shrinking it into a state in which it may be preserved indefinitely, in the manner that larger plants do. When ready to use, the owner may return his product to the original size by soaking it in water.



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**1968 — Sumter's Scotty Broome watches as his putt just misses the cup on No. 13 at Sunset Country Club during a match against Hillcrest. Broome took medalist honors for the day with a 72 as the Gamecocks edged Hillcrest 15-12.**

• The school lunch program, through which the government hopes to place within reach of every school child a balanced, hot meal at noon of every school day, is progressing steadily in Sumter County, according to W. O. Cain, county superintendent of education. At a conference of lunch supervisors attended by Mrs. H. L. Phillips, Sumter County supervisor, in Columbia last week, various points were cleared and details of the operation studied. All help in the school kitchens will be financed by the individual schools. Persons desiring positions in lunch rooms should make application to the principals or trustees of the schools. In the past, only WPA labor could be used, but under the new program, the positions can be filled by any persons satisfactory to the school and lunch authorities.

• Douglas O. McKeown, who resides in Sumter, received the commission as second lieutenant in the Army of the United States at the Tank Destroyer Officer Candidate school, Camp Hood, Texas. The officer candidates course at the Tank Destroyer school consists of 13 weeks of intensive training and includes 550 hours of instruction in weapons, tactics, automotive vehicles, radio and military administration. Much emphasis is placed upon practical work by the students themselves. The instructors are specialists in their fields, and the training includes the latest combat methods from the battle zones.

• Sumter underwent a 25-minute surprise blackout so realistic that a Shaw Field officer called into town for reassurance that it was not the "real thing"—and the community came out with flying colors according to F. E. Gibson, controller. There has been no previous warning of any kind to citizens or civilian defense workers when an order came from headquarters in Wilmington at 10:39 for the sounding of the red signal. Theoretically, enemy planes were overhead, and Mr. Gibson said his force acted as quickly and capably as if a raid were on. Ten minutes after the alarm, all workers at the Control Center were at their posts, some of them having arrived in four minutes. The first report from a substation was received five minutes after the signal.

**50 YEARS AGO — 1968**  
*April 6 — April 13*

• John W. Parker, Sumter Jaycees "Young Man of the Year" for 1967, was honored here at a luncheon hosted by Col. Allan T. Sampson, base commander, and attended by base and local dignitaries. At the luncheon, held in the Gamecock Room of the Officers' Open Mess, Col. Sampson presented Parker with a

commemorative plaque, on behalf of the commanders of all Shaw units. An accountant with Peoples Natural Gas Co., Parker has been a member of the Sumter Jaycees for 10 years and is a former president of the local Jaycee chapter.

• Annexation is vital to the growth and development of Sumter, according to a resolution from the Sumter County Development Board and statements issued by Mayor Robert E. Graham and Chamber of Commerce officials. Endorsement of the Chamber-sponsored drive to annex two areas along Sumter's north-western and western limits came as neighborhood block chairmen enter the third day of circulating petitions. Property owners in the two affected areas are being asked to sign the petitions that would bring the question of annexation to an election to be held in the two areas as well as the city.

• Scotty Broome fired a 72 and Sumter's golfing Gamecocks avenged an earlier loss by defeating Hillcrest, 15-12. Broome, a junior, had his best day of the year, as he carded a 38 going out and then toured the back side in a one-under-par 34. The victory game Sumter a 5-2 record overall while Hillcrest's records is now 6-2-1.

• In a brief ceremony, three medals honoring U.S. Marine Cpl. Benjamin Richardson posthumously were presented to his widow, Mrs. Nancy D. Richardson, a mathematics teacher at Bates Junior High School and a Sumter native. The medals, presented by Dr. Hugh T. Stoddard, colonel with the United States Marine Corps Reserves, included the Silver Star, the nation's third-highest award, and two Vietnamese medals, the Gallantry Cross with Palm and the Military Merit Medal. The citation for the Silver Star, signed by Secretary of the Navy Paul R. Ignatius, for the president, read: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action while serving with Company L, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines in the Republic of Vietnam on 25 May 1967."

• A pair of golfers from Shaw Air Force Base are the new South Carolina Four-Ball Golf Tournament champions. John Ford and Stan Burnicky won at the Camden County Club course, downing Frank Elder and Grainger Kornegay of the host club, 2 and 1.

• Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr. came to Memphis today and joined the silent march of thousands of Negroes and civil rights leaders in honor of her slain husband. Mrs. King and three of her four children, Dexter, 6, Martin III, 10, and Yolanda, 12, joined the march, which had halted a few minutes after it started to wait for her, at the corner of Main and Beale streets.

• Lefthander Billy Ardis, his control near perfect, continued to pitch and hit Sumter's Gamecocks to victory at Riley Park. This time the victim was a big one as Billy cut down A.C. Flora, who was leading the Region before going into the game, by a 4-2 score. To make it an even more memorable afternoon, the Gamecock ace had a no-hitter until the top of the seventh inning when the Falcons broke it up with two back-to-back singles.

• Timmonsville scored a run in the top of the tenth inning and went on to nudge hard-luck Furman 2-1 at the Indians' diamond. The loss was the fourth without a win for Furman, who took a 1-0 lead in the second inning.

• Lee R. Smith, a Columbia contractor, submitted the lowest bid of \$200,000 when bids were opened recently by the base procurement office for construction of a tactical air reconnaissance operation test and evaluation center. Truesdale Construction Co. of Sumter, Boyle Construction Company of Sumter and C.B. Askins and Co. of Lake City submitted other bids.

• Tech. Sgt. Jefferson E. Hill, 307S Field Training Detachment, has been chosen "Instructor of the Year" for the 3750th Technical School, at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. The 2750th TS is the parent unit of the 307S FTD at Shaw. The sergeant competed against more than 2,300 other instructors for the honor. His achievement was based on his continual outstanding professionalism as a technical instructor technician and his civic and church activities.

**25 YEARS AGO — 1993**  
*Jan. 8 — Jan. 15*

• Bobby Sisson won't be running the show, and some major changes will be instituted, but the Sumter Speedway will be in operation for the 1993 racing season. Long-time promoter Sisson, frustrated by his inability to win approval from Sumter County Council to begin construction on a new racing facility, has decided not to promote this year's program at the old track on Wedgefield Highway. Sisson is subletting the track to Sumter native Paul Byrd, who has competed at the track as a car owner for the past three years.

• The ground-breaking for the \$11 million expansion of Federal-Mogul Corp.'s Summerton plant unearthed a milestone in both the life of the corporation and Clarendon County. Even the constant, dismal rain outside did not keep most of the plant's 320 employees, members of the Clarendon County Development Board and other local dignitaries away. At the end of the ceremony, everyone moved outside, and six gold-pointed shovels were used to scoop up the first few pounds of dirt. The expansion, which includes a 44,000-square-foot addition to the 95,000-square-foot plant, will mean an extra 150 jobs.

• A 45-year-old Sumter landmark was to begin coming down. Crews with Thomas Jackson Construction of Orangeburg were to begin demolishing the Shelor Building in downtown Sumter, a process that will take about two months. The Sumter hospital owns the building and the property and plans to make a 70-space parking area there. The building, which was constructed in 1948 at the corner of North Sumter and Canal streets, has been in poor condition since Hurricane Hugo tore apart much of the exterior enamel tile that the building was known for. The building is the only vestige of art deco-style architecture in Sumter County.

• Lower Richland roared back from a 13-point halftime deficit with a 27-point outburst in the third quarter, but

Hillcrest finally left the Diamond Mine with something besides an empty sack. The Wildcats survived a barrage of eight three-pointers in the second half and claimed a 69-62 win over the Diamonds at the LR gym. The prize was a rare find for Hillcrest, which has had its share of trouble with Lower Richland for the past few years, including a pair of losses to the Diamonds last season in which the Wildcats blew sizable leads.

• The Sumter Lady Gamecocks didn't set the world on fire shooting the basketball, but it did enough to pull out a 38-31 win over Lancaster at the Lady Bruins' gymnasium. SHS only led 8-7 after one quarter and increased the advantage to 19-15 at halftime. Sumter widened the lead to 30-23 after three quarters and maintained a comfortable margin in the final stanza.

• For the first eight minutes of Friday night's game against Florence Christian, Wilson Hall looked as gloomy as the rainy weather outside the Wilson Hall gym. But for the last four minutes of the game, the Barons had the home crowd on its feet and both coaches on their knees. Florence Christian managed to walk away with a narrow 63-58 victory but not without a scare. The Barons' Hamilton Davis banked a basket to tie the game, 56-56, with 2:27 left to lay, but David Berry answered with a three-pointer at the opposite end of the court to help the Eagles regain the lead.

• It just won't go away. More rain has fallen in Sumter County in the first eight days of 1993 than in all of January 1992. The weather has taken its toll on county roads and has caused flooding throughout the Midlands. There is an 80 percent chance of rain for the weekend, and rain is a possibility for Sunday and Monday. Any new rainfall will be in addition to the more than 5 inches that have pelted the area for the past five days. The soggy weather has been more than a nuisance, as at least two traffic fatalities were reported. Water flowing across U.S. 15 near the Sumter-Lee County line is blamed for a two-vehicle wreck that killed two people.

• Heavy rains are being blamed for a spill of possibly contaminated water from a hazardous waste burial site onto unprotected ground at the Laidlaw Environmental Services landfill near Pine-wood. Laidlaw Vice President Dan Jones said an estimated 1,000 gallons of potentially hazardous leachate spilled over a containment wall of a burial cell that is four to five acres in size. The cell contains hazardous waste, Jones said.

• The smokestacks of St. Petersburg and Murmansk are preying on the bushy spruce trees and the pale stands of birch in the new Republic of Russia, says a Sumter forestry consultant who has worked in the region. B.S. "Bo" Shaw knows he can't do much about the industrial pollution that's damaging the stately forests in the former Soviet Union, but he hopes he can teach Russian foresters some management techniques to help preserve the forests' beauty — and profitability. Shaw, the founder and president of Sumter's Shaw, McLeod, Belsler & Hurlbutt Inc., a forestry consulting firm, has traveled to Russia three times in the past year to study timber operations around Karelia, a Russian province just east of Finland. Shaw's company manages timberland and farmland for companies throughout the Southeastern United States. The firm also performs land and machinery appraisals and acts as a middle man for companies' timberland sales and acquisitions.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Nicholas Joe Price and Kathryn Watson McElveen**
- **Tyler Scott Critchlow and Haley Nicole Garrick**
- **John Allen Grant of Rembert and Beulah Mae Richardson**
- **Tony Wayne Bartlette and Shelby Nicole Humphries**
- **Jonathan T. Van Dusen and Trina Renee Jelinski**
- **William Turner Brogdon IV of Alcolu and Christine Lynnette Oliver of Columbia**
- **Ignacio Benjamin Livent Payano and Kimberly Diane Mathew, both of Dalzell**
- **Rasdauid Azariah Ashanti of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Ke'Le Yvonne Hannah**
- **Roy Eugene McGuire II and McKinzie McLeod Simpson, both of Manning**
- **Michael David Rhame and Terry Ann Rhame**
- **Matthew Scott Norton and Mildred Martin Wilson**
- **Quinton Antonio McLeod and Michelle Harrison Aiken**
- **Harmon Warren Henderson and Rachael Yvonne Savage of Dalzell**
- **Ryan Christopher Cope and Mary Jane Lacaden Atregenio**
- **Jaekwon Derrell Cantey of Greeleyville and Shakeemya Shyteque Myers**
- **Kelly Sylvester Bright Sr. of Annapolis, Maryland, and Lateefah Annette Jarvis**
- **Caleb Joshua McGowan and Rosalind Renita Ramirez**
- **Edward Earl Roberts Sr. and Fay Lanette Roberts of Pinewood**
- **Ethan James Barela and Christin Leah Gainey**
- **Edward Louis Pope Jr. and Shannon Marie Schultz, both of Dalzell**
- **Michael Vincent Orta of Dalzell and Jessica Kay Egan of Gaston**
- **Roger Merchant and Ruby Brunson Gibson**
- **Connor MacNeill Miller and Haley Renae Wingard**
- **Charlie Lynn Oliver and Tina Elizabeth Moore, both of Wedgefield**
- **Darien Barrett Foster and Akaycia Diamond Fulmore, both of Shaw Air Force Base**
- **Michael Scott Austin and Amanda Marie Lawrence of Fayetteville, North Carolina**
- **Colin Matthew Casey and Paige Leigh Kolenda**
- **Blake Edward Frew and Elizabeth Ann Moore**
- **Samuel Siegel and Cynthia Carol Hillman**
- **Kellye Margaret Dugan and Allison Renee Roberts**
- **Da'Jon Tamaine McCray and Alexis Monea Porter, both of Decatur, Georgia**
- **Mark Louis Middleton Jr. and Tasha Lynnette Kerry, both of Kansas City, Kansas**
- **Dylan Alexander Milton Berry and Zeena Diandria Escobedo, both of Savannah, Georgia**
- **Derrell Preston Coleman Jr. and Robin Oswald Coleman**
- **Troy Ja-Von Cato and Jessica Ashley Le-saine of Manning**
- **James Michael Cataoe of Lancaster and Emily Sanders Edens**
- **Brandon Lee Green and Faith Danelle Hacker, both of Dalzell**
- **Samuel Todd Bauer and Leigh Ann Henry**
- **Tyquan Christian Wheeler of Mayesville and Maliaka Schinita Kells of Lake City**
- **Robert Wesley Coffey Jr. and Ashley Michelle Walters**
- **Calvin Elton Harris of Roxboro, North Carolina and Pamela Kay Goss**
- **Nathan Andrew Scott Summers and Cathiona Siobhan Tracey, both of Dalzell**
- **Gustavo Alfonso Taylhardat and Yamisbel Tablante Rodriguez**
- **Stevie Laron Rose and Srisuda Pama**

## BUILDING PERMITS

- **Johnnie Lee Wade, owner, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 6385 Dinkins Mill Road, Rembert, \$5,000 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential).**
- **Heirs of Leroy Williams and Evelyn Williams, owners, SLSCO Ltd., contractor, 2090 Boulevard Road, \$12,653.38 (dry-wall / roofing / insulation, residential).**
- **Charles A. and Jacqueline Francis, owners, Triple R Construction LLC, contractor, 660 Mallard Drive, Dalzell, \$2,300 (remove / replace bathroom vanity / install 11 windows / soffit ext, residential).**
- **Devona Jones, owner, Ken-Co Homes, contractor, 455 Pioneer Drive (mobile home, residential).**
- **Roberts Family Ltd Partnership, owner, Sign Tek, contractor, 259 Broad St., \$315 (change face of freestanding sign — Carolina Orthotics, commercial).**
- **Four Bridges Baptist Church, owner, Century Fire Protection LLC, contractor, 2280 Four Bridges Road, \$40,800 (head relocations, commercial).**
- **Christopher J. Strode, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 3295 Oleaner Drive, \$6,450 (reroof, residential).**
- **Rebecca B. Brooks, owner, Green Acres Home Outlet Inc., contractor, 11 Robinson Lane (mobile home, residential).**
- **Dogwood Properties LLC, owner, Jefferson Barns and Salvage Inc., contractor, 10 Park Ave., \$5,000 (sheetrock, floors, paint, plumbing and electrical repairs, residential).**
- **Christopher M. and Kath Blanchard, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 5590 Whisperwood Drive, Dalzell, \$5,900 (detached deck, residential).**
- **Sandy Denise James, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 2080 Cory Drive, \$7,300 (reroof only, residential).**
- **City of Sumter, owner, Modular Genius Inc., contractor, 600 Justin Lane, 2,160 heated square feet, \$150,000 (modular office, commercial).**
- **Wendy and James H. Barfield, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor,**

- **2039 Pinewood Road, \$35,890 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Harry C. Babirad Jr. and Patricia Babirad, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 3050 Porchview Lane, Dalzell, \$30,369 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Mar Gin Properties (a South Carolina partnership), owner, Sign World, contractor, 1268 Broad St., \$2,000 (wall sign — Jones Buick GMC, commercial).**
- **Richard and Amber Bavis, owners, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 320 Pear St., \$8,260 (replace shingle roof, residential).**
- **Charles R. and Yoshiko U. Mullins, owners, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 2600 Nicholson Drive, \$9,900 (reroof — shingles on house, residential).**
- **Suzanne Fortier Clarke, owner, Cherokee Builders LLC, contractor, 1827 Palomino Circle, 336 unheated square feet, \$7,000 (enclosed detached storage shed, residential).**
- **Elizabeth Johnson (lifetime estate), owner, Sharon D. Tindal dba Tindal Construction, contractor, 3755 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$6,900 (repairs to roof / rail / window pane / detectors porch, residential).**
- **Richard Lee and Ethel Lee Gavin, owners, Ethel Gavin, contractor, 140 A L G Road, Wedgefield, 480 unheated square feet, \$200 (detached storage unit, residential).**
- **Karla J. and Michael P. Ridgeway, owners, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 2200 Treetop Lane, \$11,655.39 (install windows and doors, residential).**
- **Nancy R. Riggs, owner, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 669 Pringle Drive, \$5,582.07 (install 17 windows, residential).**
- **Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2724 Magnum Road, 2,272 heated square feet and 352 unheated square feet, \$95,823.50 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 266 Lagavulin Drive, 3,040 heated square feet and 471 unheated square feet, \$121,815.27 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **William L. and Aprell M. Barker, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 3333 Annie St., Dalzell, \$3,758 (reroof only, residential).**
- **Sumter County (Robert E. Gallo), owner, T&S Construction, contractor, 1289 N. Main St., \$15,000 (rework bathroom, commercial).**
- **Allen Watson Estate, owner, Laras Construction, contractor, 370 West Ave. South, Pinewood, \$3,500 (residential demolition of shelter, residential).**
- **Robert C. Casselman and Cryst Lee, owners, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 18 Gertrude Drive, \$3,950 (reroof, residential).**
- **Heirs of Gordon M. and Nona Sewell, owners, John Brockington dba Brock Construction, contractor, 102 Paisley Park, \$3,978.90 (install 11 windows, residential).**
- **Earl Wilson, owner, Charleston Sign & Banner, contractor, 4630 Broad St., \$8,175 (change face of freestanding sign — KFC, commercial); Earl Wilson, owner, Charleston Sign & Banner, contractor, 4630 Broad St., \$10,282 (wall sign — KFC, commercial).**
- **215 E. Liberty Street Real Estate, owner, Charleston Sign & Banner, contractor, 215 E. Liberty St., \$12,042 (wall sign — KFC, commercial); 215 E. Liberty Street Real Estate, owner, Charleston Sign & Banner, contractor, 215 E. Liberty St., \$8,175 (change face of freestanding sign — KFC, commercial).**
- **Roberts Family Limited Partnership, owner, Sign Tek, contractor, 259 Broad St., \$315 (change face of wall sign — Carolina Orthotics, commercial).**
- **Guy Properties LLC, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 719 Broad St. (719-723), \$1,884 (change face of freestanding sign — Young Fashions, commercial); Guy Properties LLC, owner, G&S Sign Co., contractor, 719 Broad St. (719-723), \$2,230 (wall sign — Young Fashions, commercial).**
- **Margaret Lang, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 465 Tampa Gold Road, Wedgefield (mobile home, residential).**
- **Mary Lewis, owner, Mary K. Lewis, contractor, 2195 Boulevard Road, 2,400 heated square feet and 500 unheated square feet, \$165,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **John H. and Cecelia C. Norton, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 236 Crestwood Drive, \$7,600 (reroofing — shingles, residential).**
- **Thomas C. Kuhn II, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 921 Club Lane, \$8,975 (reroofing — shingles, residential).**
- **Russell W. Berry, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 1240 Cutleaf Drive, \$8,000 (reroofing — shingles, residential).**
- **Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 706 Nelson St., \$7,500 (residential demolition of duplex / house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 727 Warley St., \$5,800 (residential demolition of duplex / house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 190 Hannah St. (192), \$11,500 (residential demolition of duplex / house, residential); Santee Lynches Regional Dev, owner, 4 Seasons Site and Demo Inc., contractor, 625 Boulevard Road, \$7,800 (residential demolition of duplex / house, residential).**
- **Doc Collin Lewis and Mary K. (lifetime estate), owners, Mary K. Lewis, contractor, 2195 Boulevard Road, 1,200 unheated square feet, \$14,000 (detached storage building, residential).**
- **Melissa Richardson, owner and contractor, 285 Lakewood Drive, 900 unheated square feet, \$8,500 (detached enclosed garage, residential).**
- **Sandra C. Frederick, owner, Charpy's Pool Service, contractor, 175 Lakewood**

- **Drive, \$23,000 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Heirs of Jesse Scarborough, owner, Frank C. Gipson, contractor, 506 Dingle St., \$4,500 (repairs carpentry and painting, residential).**
- **Rachael L. Davis / Nathan T. Davis, owners, Nathan Davis, contractor, 151 Pumpkin Lane, \$4,000 (repairs to detached garage / framing / siding / roof, residential).**
- **Betty L. Steele, owner and contractor, 3080 Tindal Road (3000), 1,800 unheated square feet, \$22,000 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).**
- **Everette C. or Kathryn L. Devan, owners, Harrell E. Durant Jr., contractor, 974 Shadow Trail, \$4,000 (vinyl soffit and fascia, residential).**
- **Franklin and Stephanie B. Ardis, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 1365 Pinewood Road, \$8,000 (reroof, residential).**
- **City of Sumter, owner, Crawford Sprinkler Co. of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 154 S. Main St., \$43,365 (install new sprinkler system in existing building, commercial).**
- **Larry D. and Arlene Knopsnider, owners, All About Pools and Spas LLC, contractor, 2735 Circleview Drive, \$19,000 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **James P. Wiechering Jr. and Kimber, owners, All About Pools and Spas LLC, contractor, 1165 Waterway Drive, \$23,500 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **James D. and Angela H. Watson, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 880 Gordonia Drive, \$42,500 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Rose L. Racicot, owner, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 6540 St. Julien Drive, \$5,400 (14 window replacements, residential).**
- **Dale F. Richardson, owner, Desena Commercial Services, contractor, 1960 Myrtle Beach Highway (1950), \$8,000 (change face of freestanding sign — BP, commercial).**
- **Robert L. and April D. Green, owners, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 1570 Illery Road (mobile home, residential).**
- **William F. and Marie E. Folderman, owners, Ronnie Wilkes dba Wilkes Builders Inc., contractor, 690 Aidan Drive, \$7,400 (remove / replace shingles, residential).**
- **Ruby Abrams, owner and contractor, 2441 Four Bridges Road, \$2,500 (roofing repairs / general maintenance and upkeep, residential).**
- **Nathanael Lukens, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 25 Alice Drive, \$4,000 (install new roof, residential).**
- **Thomas S. Walker, owner, Dee & Gee Builders LLC, contractor, 210 S. Salem Ave., \$5,400 (remove / install shingles, residential).**
- **Paul Eugene Bradley et al, owner, Stephon Edwards, contractor, 308 Brown St., 910 heated square feet and 100 unheated square feet, \$58,600 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Samuel Earl Rembert, owner, Michael Porcher dba LJ Construction, contractor, 320 Wendemere Drive, \$2,100 (closing in back porch with top and screen, residential).**
- **Jeffrey S. and Becky L. Wheeler, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 948 Mordred St., \$5,400 (reroof, residential).**
- **Union Baptist Church, owner, JJ Hardee Construction and Design, contractor, 5840 Spring Hill Road, Rembert, 2,000 unheated square feet, \$100,000 (detached utility building, commercial).**
- **CMH Homes Inc., owner, Site Resources LLC, contractor, 3590 Tacoma Lane, \$5,500 (relocate current antenna with new antenna, commercial).**
- **Dennis H. Brown, owner and contractor, 115 Wactor St., 450 unheated square feet, \$4,500 (detached storage building — enclosed, residential).**
- **Derrick D. Peeples, owner, Chris Collett dba C&C Remodeling & Repair, contractor, 1012 Booker St., \$5,440 (install metal roof, residential).**
- **Brantley Britt, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 985 Wildspark Circle, Lot 10 (mobile home, residential).**
- **George M. and Audrey Boatwright, owners, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 1957 Pinewood Road, \$32,200 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Randy R. and Connie M. Kriner, owners, Sun Pools & Spas of Sumter, contractor, 4675 Excursion Drive, Dalzell, \$34,588 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **City of Sumter (Michael Geddings), owner, Han Construction & Management LLC, contractor, 110 N. Salem Ave., \$38,000 (commercial demolition of 3,745 square foot single story wood frame structure, commercial).**
- **Flagstar Bank FSB, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 122 Lesesne Drive, \$11,720 (install new roof, residential).**
- **Taukeyma Green, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 565 Grange Road (mobile home, residential).**
- **James Patrick Kelly, owner and contractor, 13 Sandra Court, 1,200 heated square feet, \$5,000 (three bedrooms, den and kitchen addition, residential).**
- **Leon R. Lucas, owner, Rescomm Development LLC / Power Home Solar, \$31,775 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Sumter Vinyl dba Storage Plus, owner, Sumter Home Insulators Inc., contractor, 830 S. Pike West, \$10,000 (repairs due to vehicle hitting building, commercial).**
- **Larry L. Barker, owner, Doug Odom Contractors LLC, contractor, 667 W. Liberty St., \$55,000 (renovations to restaurant, commercial).**
- **Heirs of Ida D. Smith et al, owner, Flippen Contractors Inc., contractor, 802 Broad St., \$4,800 (residential demolition, residential).**
- **Robert L. and Betty M. Porter, owners, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 3925 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$7,500 (replace shingle roof, residential).**

- **Mary L. Stinson, owner, Joseph O'Saben dba Low Country Construction, contractor, 2515 Lorentz Drive, \$23,370 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Jonathan Matthew Timmons, owner, Jonathan Timmons, contractor, 2462 Pipkin Road, 312 unheated square feet, \$2,979.34 (add lean to / carport — open and attached and shingle house, residential).**
- **Larry Wayne Rodgers, owner, Wayne Rodgers, contractor, 3005 N. Main St., 792 heated square feet, \$50,000 (two bedroom / two bath addition, residential).**
- **David J. and Diane M. Schwartz, owners, Peach Orchard General Contracting LLC, contractor, 875 Whatley St., \$3,800 (new roof, residential).**
- **Almeise D. Gamble, owner, Randolph Wells dba Wells Builders, contractor, 38 Morgan Ave., \$5,500 (remove / replace shingles, residential).**
- **Samuel M. Lowery, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Building, contractor, 403 W. Oakland Ave., \$6,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).**
- **Lewis and Constance E. Walker, owners, Roosevelt Mack dba Roosevelt Mack, contractor, 3750 Wedgefield Road, \$1,500 (vinyl siding, residential).**
- **Moses Ballard Jr. and Peggy Ballard, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 308 Oswego Highway, \$6,287 (reroof only, residential).**
- **Sumter BK Venture LLC, owner, Bullington Electrical Services, contractor, 1119 Broad St., \$35,000 (replace / add LED lighting fixtures on existing exterior building).**
- **Broadway Capital Investments, owner, Bullington Electrical Services, contractor, 4 N. Washington St., \$35,000 (replace / add LED lighting fixtures on existing exterior building, commercial).**
- **Kevin M. and Kimberly J. Sutton, owners, Circle H Builders LLC, contractor, 660 Breezybay Lane, 2,622 heated square feet and 1,467 unheated square feet, \$358,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **David Enzor / Patrick Enzor, owners, Crescent City, contractor, 5005 Queen Chapel Road, Dalzell, 1,171 heated square feet and 250 unheated square feet, \$70,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Crystal Blue LLC, owner, Signs Unlimited (NC), contractor, 18 Miller Road, \$8,724.84.**
- **Knowlton Properties LLC & Wood, owner, Electric City Signs Inc., contractor, 210 Eli Wesmark Blvd., \$16,305.20 (wall sign — First Franklin).**
- **Frank O. and Lisa R. Nine, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 491 Pringle Drive, \$21,778 (reroof, residential).**
- **Pizza Hut, owner, Reliable Signage & Lighting, contractor, 1 Alice Drive, \$1,664.83 (change face of freestanding sign — Pizza Hut, commercial); Pizza Hut, owner, Reliable Signage & Lighting, contractor, 1 Alice Drive, \$2,663.40 (wall sign — Pizza Hut, commercial).**
- **Jonnathan C. and Melissa T. Smith, owners, James Miller dba James Miller Construction, contractor, 7 Reynolds Road, \$10,000 (add interior access to utility room / add new service with disconnect, residential).**
- **Johnny M. James, owner and contractor, 2795 Foxcroft Circle, 1,700 heated square feet and 425 unheated square feet, \$125,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **William Austin James, owner and contractor, 2695 Foxcroft Circle, 1,500 heated square feet and 450 unheated square feet, \$110,000 (new dwelling, residential).**
- **Kenneth L. Lovorn, owner, Robert Burleson, contractor, 419 Baldwin Drive, \$3,000 (remove windows / wood repairs / install siding, residential).**
- **Lafayette Townhomes LLC, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1199 N. Lafayette Drive, \$2,400 (replace shingles on maintenance shed, commercial).**
- **Christine T. and Louis Madison, owners, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 10 Moise Drive, \$17,600 (remove / replace 20 windows — no change to structure, residential).**
- **Betty Lovelace McLhinney, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 2340 Nettles Road, \$7,300 (install metal roof on house, residential); Betty Lovelace McLhinney, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 2340 Nettles Road, \$3,000 (install metal roof on shop, residential).**
- **Yvette D. Bynum (trustee), owner, Waterworks LLC, contractor, 32 Paisley Park, \$33,569.53 (swimming pool, residential).**
- **Caillin M. Dabkowski, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 3045 Foxcroft Circle, \$21,860 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Woodrow Pope, owner, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 755 Windrow Drive, \$18,989 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **Crystal F. Silva, owner, Rescomm Development LLC / Power Home Solar, contractor, 2475 Stadium Road, \$32,775 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).**
- **G&G Mortgage Service LLC, owner, Michael A. Walters Builders, contractor, 513 W. Liberty St., \$3,100 (remove wood frame porch / rebuild and place handi-cap ramp / concrete slab, residential).**
- **Emma Roseanne Christie, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 3 Warren Court, \$4,900 (reroof, residential).**
- **Dorothy J. Mitchell, owner, Major L. Scott dba Fix & Go Repairs, contractor, 925 Jensen Road, \$3,300 (replace shingles, residential).**
- **Steven M. and Brenda Witherspoon, owners, Chuck Brown Vinyl Siding Church Brown, contractor, 791 Pitts Road, \$2,172 (vinyl on carport and porch ceiling — post, residential).**
- **James C. and Mary B. Hallums, owners, Michael Porcher dba LJ Construction, contractor, 731 Longwood Drive, 224 heated square feet, \$12,000 (add sun-room to rear of house, residential).**

# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## Winter game is plentiful



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Hannah Rogers killed her first big buck Dec. 26. It was 185 pounds with a 19-inch, eight-point spread. She was hunting with her dad and friends in Clarendon County.



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Robert Johnson caught this 12-pound bass using 6-pound test line with a Mepps spinner. It was caught in a local pond.



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Tommy Hill, 9, of Alcolu, killed his deer on Youth Day in Elloree.

## Snow birds and more cold-weather wildlife

“What are you doing?” my wife, Ginger, asked. I had been standing in the kitchen for a while, looking out the window at a snow-covered back yard.

“I’m looking at the birds” was my simple reply. She was satisfied and went back to her knitting.

Dozens of sparrows, cardinals, juncos, chickadees and more were mobbing our bird feeders. They were in a frenzy. It was bitter cold, and they needed food. The powdery snow was swirling and covering everything, including the feeders.



Dan Geddings

I walked over to the back door and looked out. The birds were beginning to give up on the feeders and were perching in the bare branches of the lantana bushes, just sitting there puffed up into little feather balls, trying to stay warm. I noticed that the brick steps from the back door were somewhat protected from the wind-blown snow and that the top step was clean. I walked back into the laundry room and got a big cup of bird seed and returned to the back door.

When I opened the door the birds all flew, but I knew they would quickly return. I scattered seed on the top step and down the other steps. As soon as I walked back inside, the birds started returning. They were landing in the lantanas right beside the back door, and it only took a few minutes for some to notice the seeds on the back steps. Now we were back in business!

Later that evening when the snow had stopped and the birds were gone, I went out and brushed the snow from the feeders. The next day Ginger and I both enjoyed the spectacle of songbirds in our back yard.

The variety of birds that we get is amazing. There is a large fallow field in front and woods behind us. We get song sparrows, field sparrows and white-throated sparrows from the field and cardinals, juncos, towhees and tufted titmouse from the woods. The variety of birds we get seems endless.

A couple of days later when the roads were safe, I drove down to our property in Clarendon County. The snow was retreating from the open fields under a warming sun, but the shady woods were still coated in the white stuff. I walked in to one of our stands where I had placed a game camera a week before.

The ground was covered in tracks — deer, raccoons and birds had cleaned up all the



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Back yard birds swarm the Geddings’ feeders during the recent snow storm.

corn in front of the camera. I was amazed at all the bird tracks in the snow. I removed the camera card and walked back through the cold woods to the truck.

The next day also dawned very cold. I wanted to go to Orangeburg to the Grand American. It is the nation’s largest field trial for raccoon-hunting dogs. The event typically brings 30,000 visitors to the Orangeburg County Fairgrounds, and the fairgrounds are covered in vendors, hounds and people for four days.

I waited until mid-morning and headed to Orangeburg. It was cold when I got there around noon but not too bad. Just walking around generated enough body heat to be comfortable. A warm sun made it even better. An event like this is an immersion in the outdoor lifestyle. I lingered as long as I could, then headed back.

When I crossed back over Lake Marion on the interstate, I noticed a large flock of seagulls swirling around in a mass above the water. The surface of the lake was covered in cormorants swimming and diving. I suppose it was another feeding frenzy.

It has warmed up for a few days now, and the birds have slowed down at the feeders. But the cold weather will be back soon, and I think the birds will be, too.

Reach Dan Geddings at [cdgeddings@gmail.com](mailto:cdgeddings@gmail.com).



An open boll of cotton is seen on a farm near Lake Marion in 2010. South Carolina farmers can attend a cotton growing meeting Jan. 23 and a peanut growing meeting Jan. 25.

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## Farmers are invited to annual S.C. cotton, peanut growing meetings

### FROM CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Southeast farmers can learn tips to maximize profitability on cotton and peanut crops at meetings planned by the Clemson University Cooperative Extension Service this month.

The annual South Carolina Cotton Growers Meeting will be 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Santee Conference Center, 1737 Bass Drive, Santee. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. The annual South Carolina Peanut Growers Meeting takes place on Thursday, Jan. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the same location. Pre-registration is not required for either event, and lunch will be provided at both.

Clemson University scientists will share the latest research results on insect and weed management, precision agriculture, cotton breeding and variety trials, and extension economist Nathan Smith will provide market outlooks at both events.

In addition to presentations by Clemson University researchers, presentations also will be given by representatives from the South Carolina Peanut Board, the Nation-

al Peanut Board, Peanut Growers Cooperative Marketing Association, Virginia Tech University, North Carolina State University, University of Georgia and the South Carolina Department of Agriculture.

The peanut meeting includes a presentation on the Farm Bill by Bob Redding of The Redding Firm in Washington, D.C. Representatives from U.S. Sen. Tim Scott’s office will give an update from the senator’s office.

The cotton meeting sponsored by the extension and the South Carolina Cotton Board also includes presentations and remarks from the state cotton board, the National Cotton Council, the S.C. Department of Agriculture, Bayer CropScience, Americot, Monsanto, Dow AgroSciences and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Updated copies of the Peanut Money-Maker 2018 Production Guide will be available.

Attendees for both events will be eligible to receive pesticide applicators recertification credits and certified crop adviser credits.

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**Now Hiring Police Officer City of Manning**

The City of Manning is accepting applications for the position of Police Officer. Applicants must have the following: No criminal history, a valid South Carolina Driver's License and a good driving record. Applicants must also have a high school diploma or G.E.D. and be at least 21 years old. S.C. Criminal Justice Academy Certification is preferred. Applicants must be able to work flexible hours, holidays, and weekends. Starting salary for non-certified officer is \$27,000, after completion of the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy salary may increase. Salary for a certified police officer will be based on experience and adherence to current guidelines. Applications may be obtained at City Hall, 29 West Boyce Street, Manning, SC, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm. Applications may be dropped off at City Hall or mailed to Attn. of the Human Resources Department, PO Box 546, Manning, SC, 29102. Deadline for applications is at 5:00 pm on Friday, January 19, 2018.

This announcement is not a contract. The status of this position may be change at any time. The City of Manning complies with Equal Employment Opportunity Laws and does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, religion, national origin, race, disability or political affiliation. The City of Manning is a drug-free workplace.

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**Rooms for Rent**

**Randolph's Landing Winter Rental.** Motel Room 2 Dbl beds, micr., TV., fridge. Wkly or monthly. Full hook-up camp sites. Free pier fishing. Call for rates. (803)478-2152. End of Hwy 260, foot of the dam. On grounds rest. Fayz Place.

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**Unfurnished Apartments**

**Senior Living Apartments for those 62+ (Rent based on income)**  
Shiloh-Randolph Manor  
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Studio/1 Bedroom apartments available  
EHO

**Huntington Place Apartments Rents from \$625 per month 1 Month free\* \*13 Month lease required Leasing office located at Ashton Mill Apartment Homes 595 Ashton Mill Drive 803-773-3600 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9-5**

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**Unfurnished Homes**

**Small 2BR home** for rent. \$450 Call 803-494-3095

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**Vacation Rentals**

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**RECREATION**

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Autos For Sale**

**Holiday Sales**  
Cars, Trucks and Vans  
Starting at \$1995  
Price is Right Auto Sales  
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**Miscellaneous**

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**Beer & Wine License**

**Notice of Application**

Notice is hereby given that **The Restaurant at Second Mill** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and ON premises consumption of Beer, Wine and/or Liquor at 1100 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC 29150. To object to the issuance of this permit/license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **January 15, 2018**. For a protest to be valid, it must be in writing, and should include the following information: (1) the name, address and telephone number of the person filing the protest; (2) the specific reasons why the application should be denied; (3) that the person protesting is willing to attend a hearing (if one is requested by the applicant); (4) that the person protesting resides in the same county where the proposed place of business is located or within five miles of the business; and (5) the name of the applicant and the address of the premises to be licensed. Protests must be mailed to: S.C. Department of Revenue, ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214-0907; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

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**\*\*Rent Based On 30% of Adjusted Income\*\***  
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**Southview**  
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For application or information, please call  
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**TTY 800-735-8583**

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**NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
**Tuomey Emergency Site**  
202 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is accepting public comments on a potential Voluntary Cleanup Contract until February 14, 2018.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 17-6508-NRP, will affect approximately 0.71 acres identified by Sumter County tax map # 228-12-04-007. A party by the name of Palmetto Health Tuomey wants to acquire the property. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The Property is bounded to the north by a paved parking lot with a BB&T Bank and West Calhoun Street beyond; to the east by North Main Street with offices and businesses beyond; to the south by West Canal Street with a former service station and businesses beyond; and to the west by the campus of Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital with North Washington Street beyond.

Palmetto Health Tuomey will acquire the Property and intends to use it for an addition to the Emergency Room of the existing Palmetto Health Tuomey Hospital. Past operations may have caused environmental contamination on the property. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Palmetto Health Tuomey to own the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the environmental contamination. Palmetto Health Tuomey did not cause the contamination but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Palmetto Health Tuomey responsible for pre-existing contamination in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Palmetto Health Tuomey will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination in the past. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this contract.

Under the proposed contract, Palmetto Health Tuomey will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Palmetto Health Tuomey will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

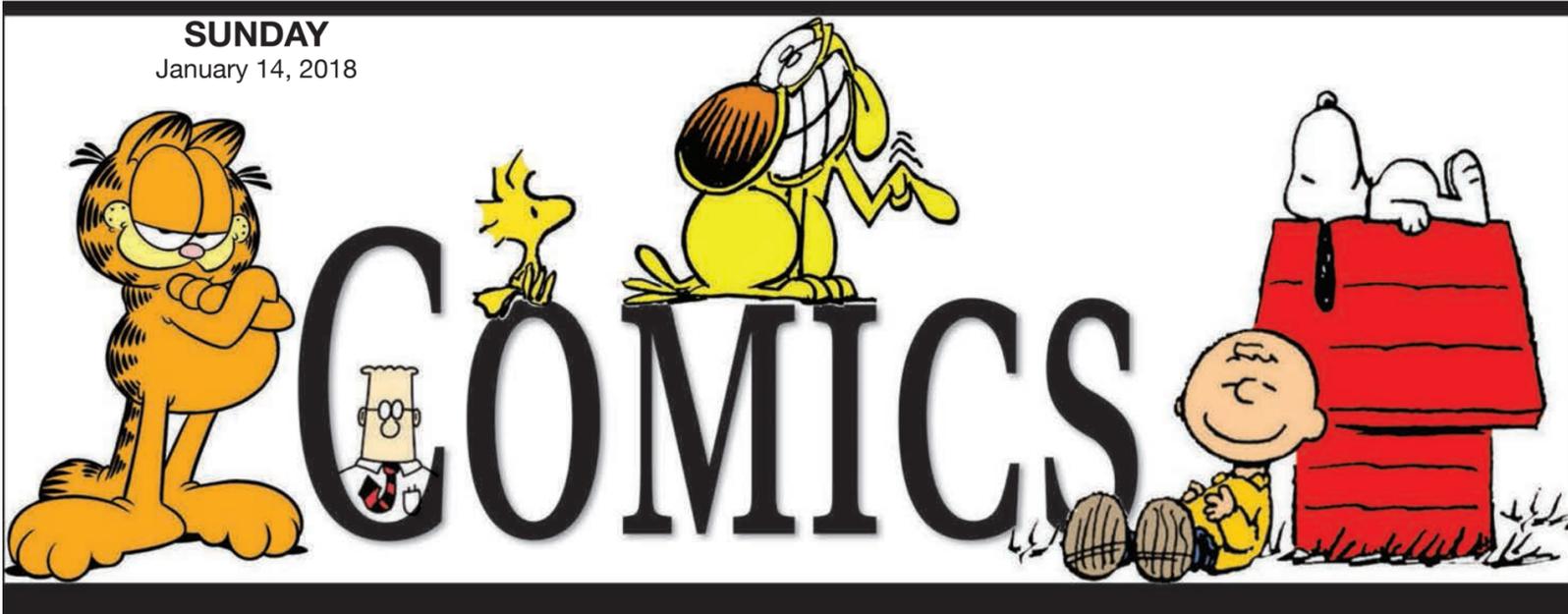
DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to keep Brownfield sites in productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through February 14, 2018. Questions or comments may be directed to Mark Berenbrok, Project Manager, email [berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:berenbmk@dhec.sc.gov), telephone (803) 898-0736 or at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Mark Berenbrok at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina, 29201.

**the Sumter ITEM**

**A2 TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017**

**CONTRACTORS WANTED!\***  
**For Routes in Our Delivery Area**  
Great for person looking for extra income.  
If you have good dependable transportation and a phone in your home and a desire to earn a good extra income...  
**COME BY & APPLY AT**  
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**\*PRN CONTRACTORS AS NEEDED.**



**PEANUTS**  
featuring  
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"  
by SCHULZ

"The Cabin"

Chapter One

When he got up that morning, the sky was clear.

By now, however, it had turned gray. He shivered slightly.

Soon it began to snow.

At first, only a few feathers swirling in the wind.

Then heavy, wet flakes which quickly covered everything.

RATS!

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SCHULZ

**GARFIELD** BY JIM DAVIS

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FUN WITH RULE FOLLOWERS

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**DILBERT** BY SCOTT ADAMS

DO YOU HAVE LUNCH PLANS?

AREN'T YOU MARRIED?

I'M NOT ASKING YOU OUT ON A DATE. I'M TRYING TO NETWORK.

THE OPTICS WOULDN'T BE GOOD.

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO NETWORK IN THIS STUPID COMPANY?

MAYBE YOU COULD NETWORK WITH OTHER WOMEN.

THIS COMPANY HAS NO WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT!

NOW I SEE THE PROBLEM. IT'S PEOPLE LIKE YOU!

IS IT MY IMAGINATION OR WAS SHE FLIRTING WITH ME?

I CAN'T TELL.

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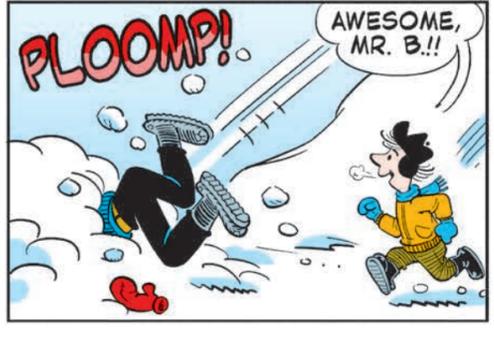
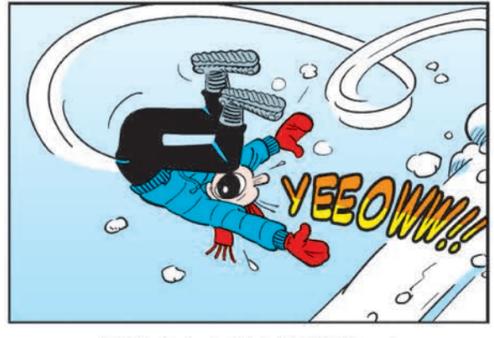
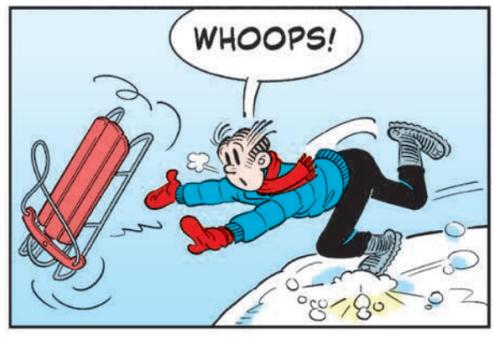
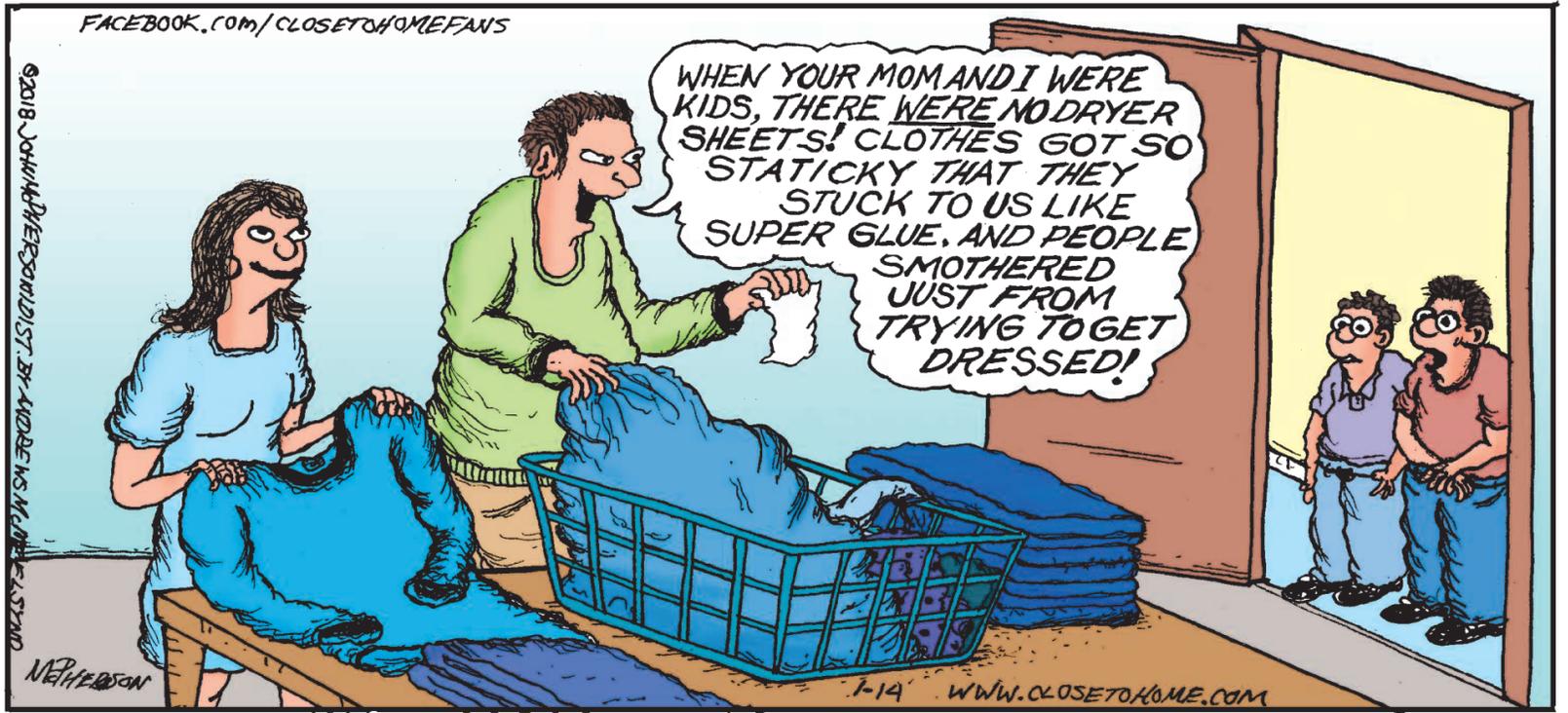
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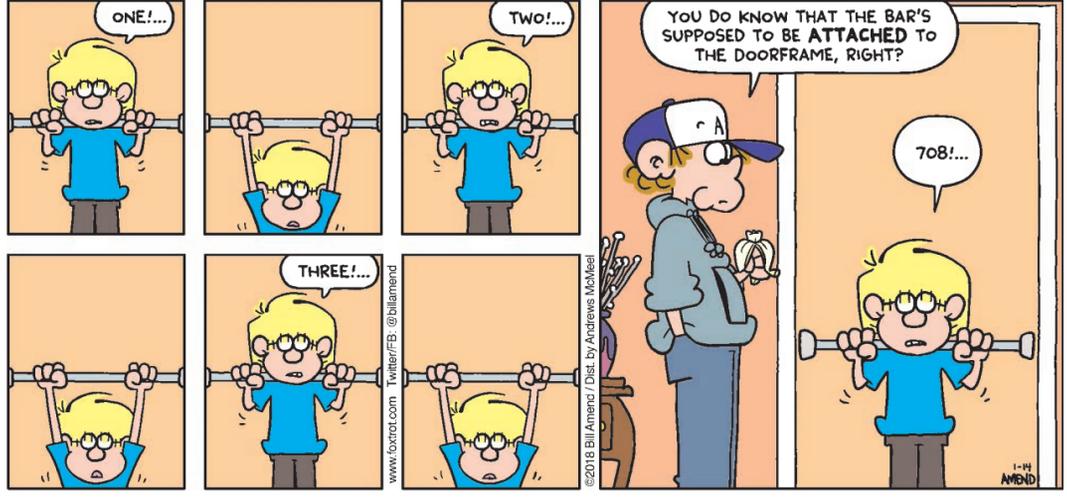
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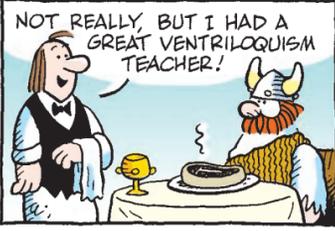
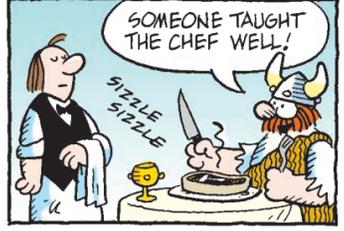
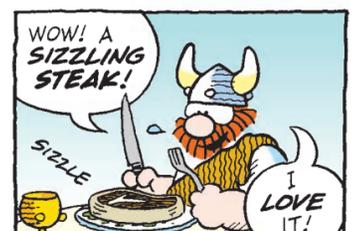
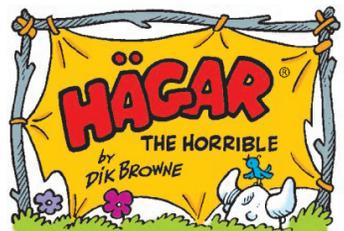
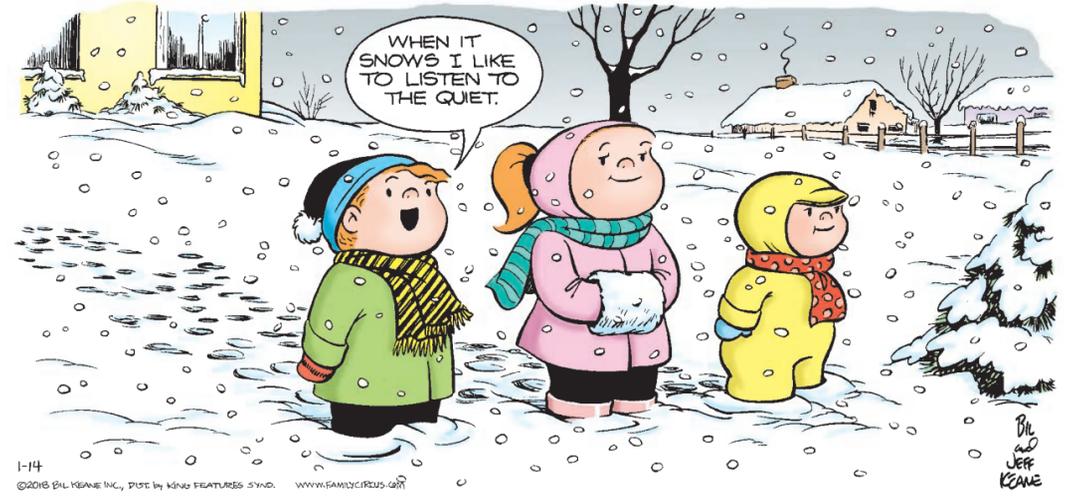
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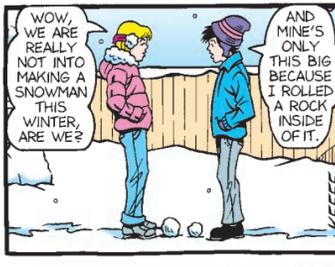
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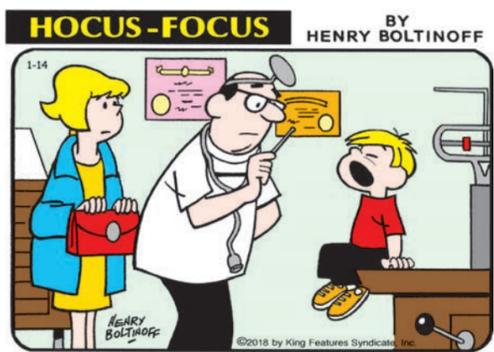
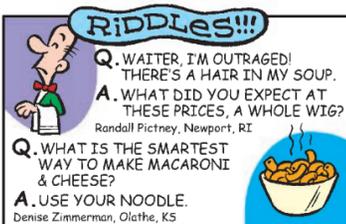
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SALLY FORTH

BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE





Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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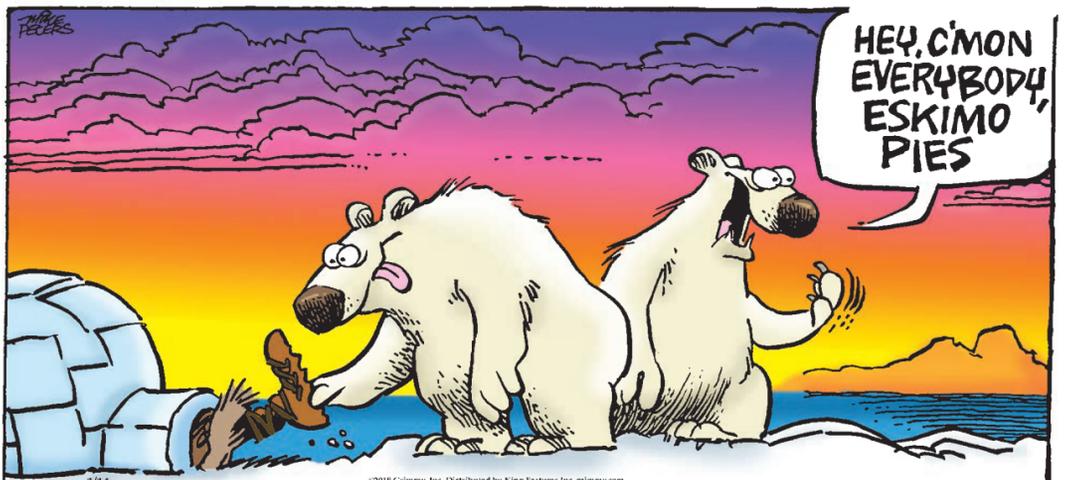


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**MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM** BY MIKE PETERS

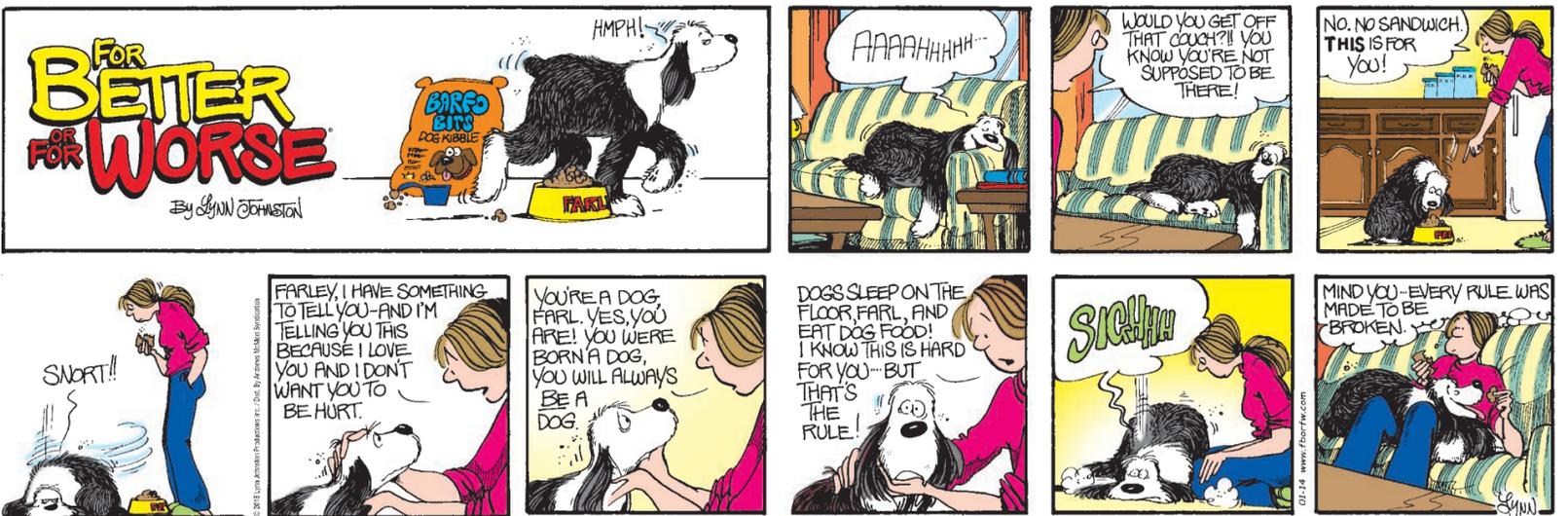
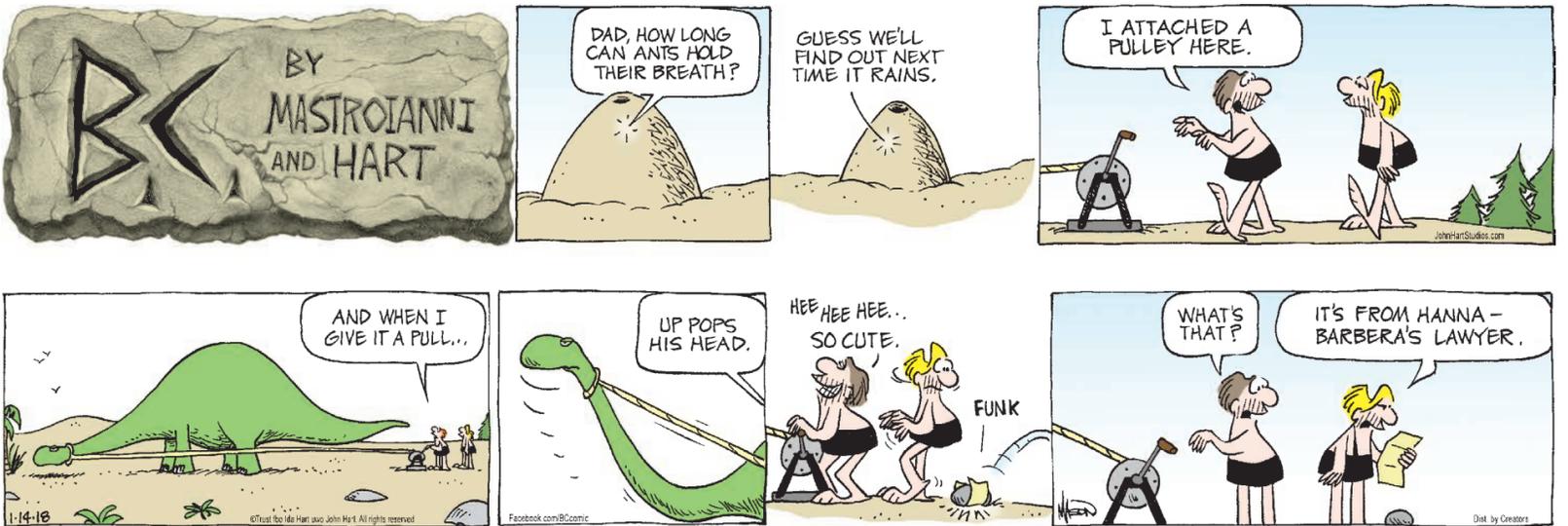
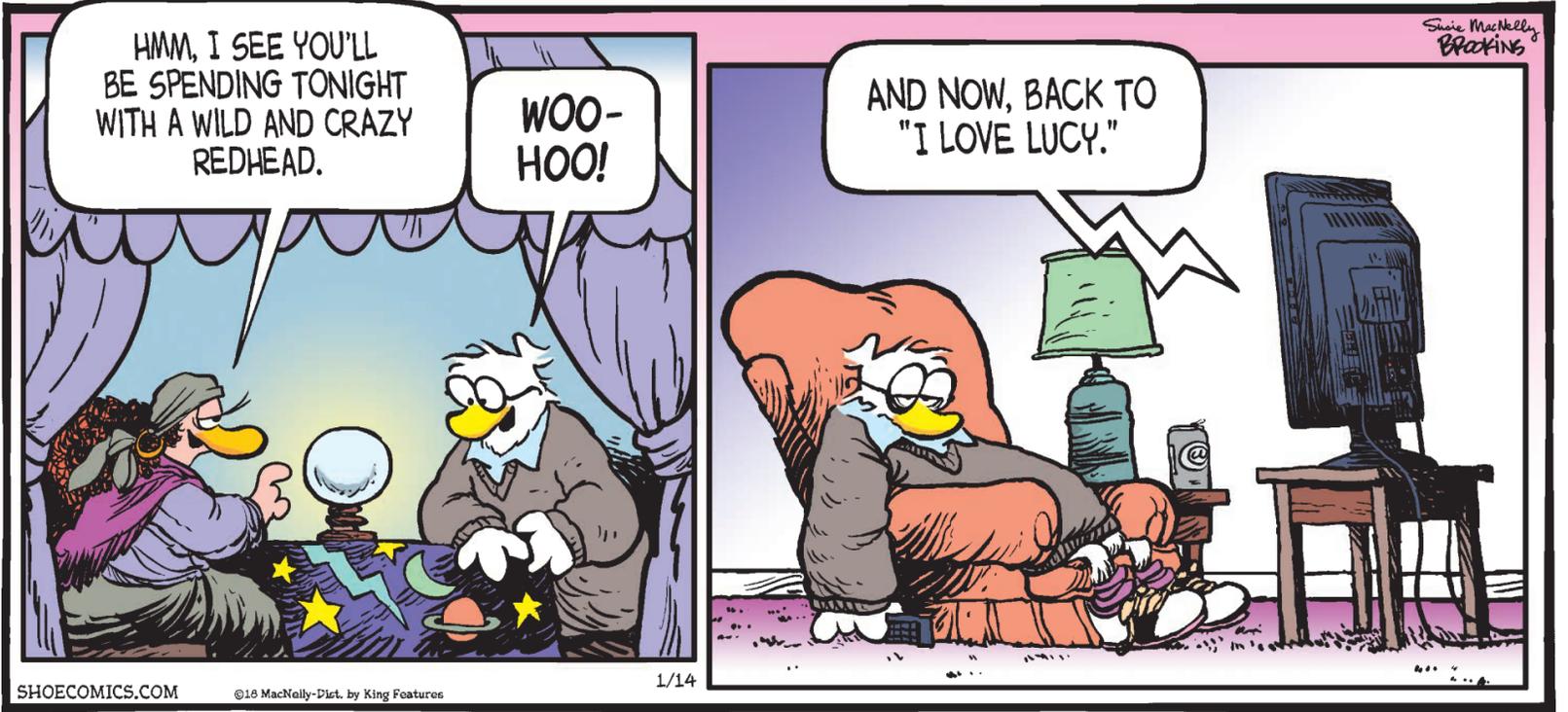


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SHOE

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