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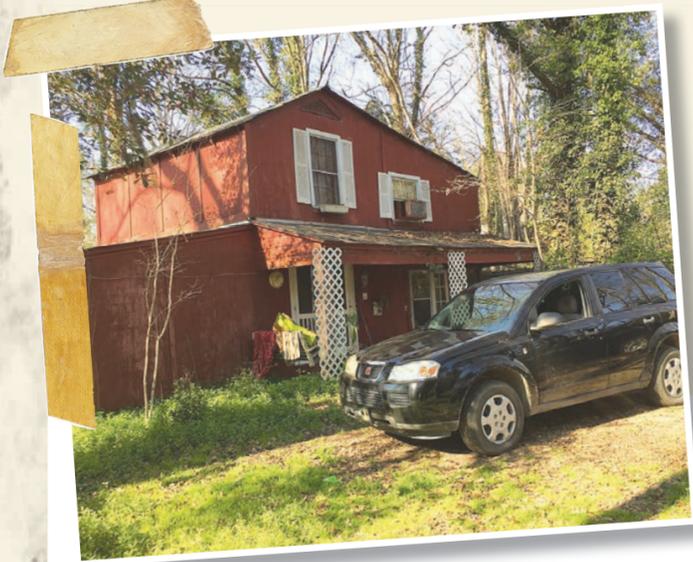
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**COLD CASE**

IT'S BEEN 1 YEAR. HAS ANYONE SEEN

# BARBARA

# NAVE ?



FILE PHOTOS  
Since Feb. 9, Sumter County Sheriff's Office has been diligently searching for Barbara Nave, who has been missing after returning to Sumter from Savannah.

Investigators at standstill in case; another search of Sumter property will be held soon

**BY ADRIENNE SARVIS**  
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Barbara Nave was last seen in February 2017 at her Tondaleia Drive property. She had just returned to Sumter from Savannah, Georgia, where she celebrated her 80th birthday with family.

Reportedly, she last made contact with other people on Feb. 9 when she sent an email to a friend and talked to a contractor about doing work on her property, located off U.S. 521.

Nave was reported missing a few days later after her son had not heard from her.

A deputy sent to Nave's property found her purse inside the house and her vehicle parked in the yard. There was no sign of foul play in the yard or inside the house.

According to a previous statement from Sumter County Sheriff's Office, Nave was concerned about dogs in the area bothering her Lhasa Apsos and wanted to find the other dogs' owners. Nave's two dogs were on the property when the deputy went to check on her.

At least two witnesses — a neighbor and contractor who visited Nave's property — said they saw Nave walking near the woods on her property before she was reported missing.

Paul Nave, Barbara Nave's son, said he doubts that his mother would have left without an explanation because things seemed to be going well for her.

She was teaching English to employees at Continental Tire the Americas — about half a mile from her

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**HAVE YOU SEEN HER?**

Barbara Nave is 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighs 140 pounds and has gray hair and hazel eyes. She is deaf and wears a Cochlear implant. Information about Nave's whereabouts can be given by calling Sumter County Sheriff's Office at (803) 436-2000 or provided anonymously by calling CrimeStoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1-888-274-6372.

## Residents say school zoning is unequal

NAACP holds final of 3 community meetings on potential school closures

**BY BRUCE MILLS**  
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WEDGEFIELD — Equity in school zoning and attendance lines was a major item of concern expressed by community members Thursday night at an NAACP community meeting regarding a potential closure of F.J. DeLaine Elementary School.

The community meeting at DeLaine Community Center, 5400 Cane Savannah Road, across the street from the school, was the third in three weeks organized by the Sumter County branch of the NAACP in selected rural communities of the county where low-enrollment schools were identified last year for potential closure by Sumter School District.

At that time, district officials were trying to best address a financial crisis from the previous fiscal year.

On April 24 of last year, the full

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## Foundation gives \$10K in books to students

Elementary teachers' libraries stocked thanks to Sumter trust

**BY KAYLA ROBINS**  
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When the Sumter Education Foundation asked teachers what they need, they said books for their classrooms. And the foundation took heed.

The members put their big brains together and thought, thought, thought. And what wonders their thinking brought.

The foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of Sumter School District, donated \$10,000 in books to R.E. Davis Elementary School as part of a \$50,000 donation from the Williams-Brice-Edwards Charitable Trust that was divided between six schools.

In recognition of Read Across America Day, which is a national program in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday, members visited the school off Highway 81/East Brewington Road to give them the books and read some of the famous author's titles to a second-grade class.

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## LOCAL BRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

### Fire department offers car seat installation

Sumter Fire Department is offering free car seat installation services, by appointment only, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 19, at Headquarters Station, 129 E. Hamp-ton Ave.

Participants must bring the car seat — one car seat per appointment — car seat manual and vehicle manual. The child must also be present.

Each appointment will last 30 to 40 minutes.

It is best for people who are expecting a baby to schedule an appointment at least one month prior to the due date.

Register online at [www.sumtersc.gov](http://www.sumtersc.gov) by going to the fire department's web page, or by calling the fire department at (803) 436-2600.

Sumter Fire Department will have another car seat installation from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 18, at Bethel Station, 1865 Nettles Road.

### McLeod Health opens new orthopedic office

According to a news release from McLeod Health, Dr. David Woodbury, MD, orthopedic surgeon with McLeod Centers for Advanced Orthopedics, has opened a new office at 540 Physicians Lane, Sumter.

Woodbury is board certified and specializes in direct anterior hip replacement; arthroscopy; fracture care; shoulder, hip and knee surgery; sports medicine; children's orthopedics; hand and upper extremity surgery; and cartilage restoration procedures. "I have enjoyed providing orthopedic surgical care to the Sumter community since 2007 and look forward to expanding our services in our new office location," Woodbury said in the release.

Woodbury, who also serves patients at his Florence office, is accepting new patients by appointment for either location. Call (843) 777-7900.

For additional information on orthopedic issues, visit [www.McLeodHealth.org](http://www.McLeodHealth.org).

## CORRECTION

In Friday's edition, a statement about the suspension and possible expulsion of the eight students involved in an after-school fight at Lakewood High School was incorrectly attributed to Shelly Galloway, spokesperson for Sumter School District. The information came from an incident report from Sumter County Sheriff's Office and should not have been attributed to Galloway.

If you see a statement in error, contact the City Desk at 774-1226 or [pressrelease@theitem.com](mailto:pressrelease@theitem.com).

# Oops! Wrong number ...

## Suspected drug dealer texts Sumter deputy instead of customer

BY KAYLA ROBINS  
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Everyone fears sending those dreaded wrong-numbers texts, but one suspected drug dealer should have double-checked before hitting send to a number he thought was a customer. Wrong number. It was a Sumter County deputy.

The deputy did not even have to try to go undercover when he received a text from someone about 2 p.m. on Thursday asking to sell marijuana.

Quinton Marqise Jackson, 21, and Michael Shannon were arrested and Carlos Tarell Wilson, 30, of Sumter,

was cited, charged and released after the fake rendezvous.

After replying to the text and contacting the Sumter County Sheriff's Office Drug Unit, the two agreed to meet at a location on Broad Street. The then-unknown texter gave a description of the vehicle he would be in, according to Ken Bell, public information officer for the sheriff's office.

"About 4:40 p.m., a vehicle

matching the description of the one the unknown texter said he would be in pulled into the agreed location with four people inside," Bell said. "Deputies immediately conducted a traffic stop."

Bell said deputies smelled marijuana "as soon as they approached the vehicle."

A search of the vehicle revealed a clear plastic bag with what appeared to be 1 ounce of marijuana, another clear plastic bag with about 21 grams of suspected marijuana, a third clear plastic bag with about 5.8 grams of sus-

pected marijuana and a fourth with about 2 grams.

Two digital scales, a box of sandwich bags, three cell-phones and \$269.55 were also reportedly located in the vehicle and were confiscated.

Wilson, who was identified as the driver, was charged with possession of marijuana. He was charged and released.

Jackson was charged with possession with intent to distribute, and Shannon was charged with possession of marijuana. They were both transported to Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detention Center, where they are awaiting bond hearings.

A fourth person in the vehicle was not charged.



JACKSON



WILSON



SHANNON

# United Way honors Sumter legislator

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A Sumter County legislator was recently honored by a nonprofit that fights for the health, education and financial stability of residents for his efforts in helping to increase access to various types of health care.

State Rep. Murrell Smith, R-Sumter, received the South Carolina Common Good Award for Health from United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties at a ceremony at City Market Vista in Columbia.

"Each year, South Carolina United Ways come together to recognize those who work to uplift and empower individuals in the areas of education, financial stability and health not only for the people in their communities but across the state," Megan Ray, marketing and communications specialist for United Way, wrote in a press release. "Their dedication to advancing the common good goes above and beyond. It is truly a reflection of the values of



PHOTO PROVIDED

State Rep. Murrell Smith is seen with United Way of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee Counties President Mindy Popovich.

what it means to 'Live United' by forging unlikely partnerships, finding new solutions to old problems and inspiring others."

Smith, who represents the western half of the city of Sumter, Shaw Air Force Base and part of the southern portion of Sumter County, said he has been working on increasing access to health care for rural communities for a

few years now and that a bill he introduced in the state House furthers that goal.

"In 2012-2013, it was brought to us that we have a decline in access to health care in rural areas with rural hospitals closing and doctors' offices and practices retiring and not having young physicians moving into rural areas," said Smith, who is the chair of the Health and Human Services

Committee for the South Carolina House of Representatives.

With telehealth, doctors and surgeons can consult patients and talk about a diagnosis virtually so patients don't have to make their way to a city to be seen. Smith said the innovation had already been in play with stroke patients.

"Time is the most crucial element in a stroke, and in rural areas, you don't have anyone who can make that diagnosis quickly," he said.

He said telehealth can also be used for ICU patients, in schools, for maternal fetal medicine and other areas.

Smith's bill, H. 4529, would allow nurses to practice telemedicine.

"It's providing access to the rural areas of South Carolina for the higher and more specialized levels of care," he said.

He said the state is leading the nation in telemedicine and that "it's nice to see South Carolina as the leader in something that improves lives."

# CCTC names Justice new director of F.E. DuBose center

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The interim director of Central Carolina Technical College's Clarendon County subcampus has been selected as its new director.

The Sumter-based college distributed a news release Thursday announcing Lisa Justice will serve as CCTC's new director of the F.E. DuBose Career Center effective immediately. Justice has served as interim director of the college's Manning subcampus since November. Since 2015, she has also served as the director of Clarendon County Adult Education, according to the release.

Located on U.S. 521 in Clarendon, the F.E. DuBose center serves as a multi-purpose facility in the county. F.E. DuBose offers CCTC courses, serves as the high school career center for the three

school districts in Clarendon, and the county's adult education program also operates out of the facility.

A Charlotte native and Manning resident, Justice was a classroom teacher for a total of 18 years between the two cities. In 2011, she became an assistant principal at Marvin Ridge High School in Waxhaw, North Carolina, just outside of Charlotte. She has a total of more than 25 years' experience in education as a teacher and administrator, the college's release said.

Justice holds a bachelor's degree in English from Wingate University, which is also just outside Charlotte. Additionally, she has a master's degree in divergent learning from Columbia College and an-

other master's in educational leadership from Winthrop University. She's enrolled in the Doctor of Education in Curriculum Studies program at the University of South Carolina.

"I am excited for the opportunity to continue to serve the students and families of Clarendon County," Justice said. "Central Carolina Technical College has a long-ranging vision for our career center, and I will support all efforts to make us the premier destination in the area."

Outside of education, she's also active in Clarendon as a children's advocate. Justice serves as president of the Optimist Club of Clarendon, a local volunteer organization that sponsors programs and events for the community's youth. She's also a trained volunteer with the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem program of Clarendon County.

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# Sheriff: Guns taken from Ga. teacher after car set on fire

ATLANTA (AP) — A Georgia teacher accused of firing a handgun in his classroom had three rifles taken away after setting the family car ablaze at his home two years ago, according to a sheriff's report obtained Friday by The Associated Press.



DAVIDSON

But authorities responsible for protecting his workplace — Dalton High School — say they didn't learn about the disturbing episode until this week.

Deputies in Dade County, where social studies teacher Jesse Randal Davidson lives, took him to a hospital for a mental evaluation and seized the rifles for safe-keeping after he torched the Mitsubishi Outlander on Aug. 13, 2016.

This sheriff's report and two others from Dalton Police in Whitfield County show Davidson has been hospitalized at least three times in recent years as people worried about his state of mind.

Davidson didn't hit anyone when he allegedly fired a handgun out his classroom window at Dalton High School on Wednesday, but it caused chaos and immediate calls to abandon the idea of arming teachers as a solution to school shootings. President Donald Trump and other Republicans have endorsed arming teachers following the killings of 17 people at a Florida high school two weeks ago.

Davidson faces six charges including aggravated assault; terroristic threats and acts; and having a weapon on school property. His lawyer hasn't returned phone and email messages from the AP.

The additional details about Davidson's past run-ins with law enforcement emerged as the school reopened Friday.

A deputy saw heavy smoke and flames pouring from the Mitsubishi as he pulled up to Davidson's home in the small community of Rising Fawn, Georgia, the sheriff's report said. The deputy told Davidson's wife Lisa and their daughter Megan to seek safety in his patrol car.

Davidson's adult son, Johnny, told the deputy that his father "was not acting like himself and was sitting down with a rifle in the back yard watching the vehicle on fire."

Johnny Davidson was eventually able to talk his father into giving up the gun, described in the report as a

Russia 7.62 rifle. No injuries were reported. Two other weapons — described as an Ithaca .22-caliber rifle and a Savage 7 mag rifle — also were seized.

In March 2016, Davidson walked into the lobby of the Dalton police headquarters and told a wild story including his suspicions that someone had been murdered, police said. Detectives couldn't verify that any of it was true, and he was taken to the hospital since he'd expressed thoughts of hurting himself, police wrote in their report on that episode.

In January 2017, school employees and a police officer began searching Dalton High after Davidson went missing. He was finally found sitting on the curb along a street a few blocks from the campus, being propped up by two school staff members, police said.

Dalton police informed school officials after they investigated the rambling story at the police station, but spokesman Bruce Frazier said police investigators only became aware of the burning car situation this week.

The family has faced financial hardship in recent years, federal court records show.

Davidson's wife told the sheriff's deputy who arrived to find the Mitsubishi engulfed in flames that the couple had argued that morning about money, a few hours before the car was burned. They'd filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in late 2015. As part of that case, the Dalton teacher listed six rifles and one shotgun on a list of assets he owned.

School officials say they can't talk about mental health issues of specific staff members. But Dalton High Principal Steve Bartoo told reporters that "as far as I know he was fit to be at work."

"We don't allow anyone in a classroom unless they are capable of doing their job and fit for their position," school system spokeswoman Pat Holloway said.

But school officials might not have been aware that his guns had been taken the day his family car was burned.

"I very seriously doubt that they knew about that incident," Dade County Sheriff's Sgt. Chad Payne said Friday.

"It resulted in him being transported for a mental evaluation," Payne said. "Once he's in that ambulance and on the way to the hospital, his medical care becomes private so I doubt that they would know anything about it."

# Worst of bad U.S. flu season finally over as illnesses decline

NEW YORK (AP) — The worst of the nation's nasty flu season is finally over.

The season apparently peaked in early February and has been fading since, health officials said Friday. The number of people going to the doctor with symptoms of the flu has continued to decline. Deaths from the flu or pneumonia are going down, too.

While the peak may have passed, the season isn't finished yet. Reports of flu remained widespread in 45 states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported.

"The season's not over but we're definitely on the downward trend right now," said Dr. Anne Schuchat, the CDC's acting director.

Flu usually takes off after Christmas and peaks around February. This season started early and was widespread in many states by December. In early January, it hit what seemed like peak levels — but then continued to surge. It had been driven by a

kind of flu that tends to put more people in the hospital and cause more deaths, and officials lately are seeing less of that. But another kind that hits children hard has picked up steam. So far this season, health officials say 114 children have died from the flu.

Making a bad year worse, this year's flu vaccine didn't work very well and health officials are trying to figure out why it did so poorly.

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness, spread by a virus. It can cause a miserable but relatively mild illness in many people, but a more severe illness in others. In a bad season, there are as many as 56,000 deaths connected to the flu.

In Friday's report, the CDC said one key measure showed doctor visits last week for fever, cough and other symptoms of the flu dropped again, down to 1 in 20 visits. The number of states reporting heavy patient flu traffic last week dropped to 32.



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# Russians eager to name doomsday arms

MOSCOW (AP) — In just one day, the suggestions have been pouring in: "Kraken" for a new underwater drone capable of blasting coastlines with a powerful nuclear explosion. "Balalaika" for a futuristic nuclear-powered cruise missile capable of circling the globe.

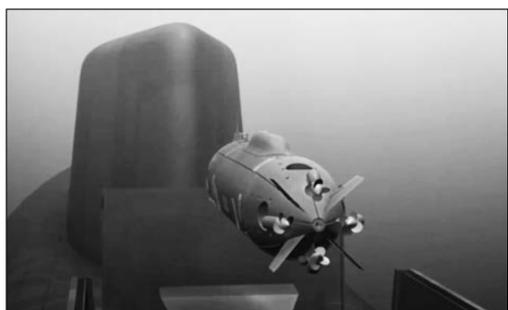
Russians are showering the Defense Ministry with proposed names for the country's new nuclear weapons, relishing the online contest announced by President Vladimir Putin in his state-of-the-nation address Thursday.

Many of the entries on Friday reflected the wry dark humor Russians are known for.

Someone suggested calling the missile "Sanction," an apparent reference to Western economic sanctions against Russia for its support of separatists in Ukraine.

Another proposed calling it "Thaw," adding in a note of sarcasm that it would finally help warm the ties between Russia and the U.S.

The kraken — a fictional gigantic Arctic sea monster that was made popular by the "Pirates of the Caribbean" film series — seemed to reflect the nature of the nuclear-powered drone intended to sneak close to the shore unnoticed and slam a



In this video grab, a computer simulation shows a Russian nuclear-powered underwater drone being released by a submarine. President Vladimir Putin declared Thursday that Russia has developed a range of new nuclear weapons, claiming they can't be intercepted by an enemy.

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heavy nuclear warhead into the coast.

And naming the stealth atomic-powered cruise missile after a Russian folk musical instrument tapped into a long Russian tradition of giving innocuous names to some of the deadliest weapons.

There were quite a few four-letter entries as well. Many others were driven by patriotic feelings, suggesting that the weapons be named after legendary Russian warriors or Putin himself.

The regional leader of the province of Chechnya, Ramzan Kadyrov, proposed calling the nuclear-powered cruise missile "Palmyra," after the historic heritage site in Syria that was taken back from the Islam-

ic State group under the Russian air cover. The site suffered extensive damage in the fighting.

"The missile's name should honor our guys who died in Syria," Kadyrov said. "The Russian victory in Palmyra marked a turning point in the fight against the IS."

Russian diplomats have sought to spread the contest beyond Russia's borders, with the Russian Embassy in Washington tweeting a link to the Defense Ministry's website.

Speaking Friday at a public forum in Kaliningrad, Putin again boasted about the new weapons, saying that the still-anonymous underwater drone, the nuclear-powered cruise missile and the intercontinental hypersonic strike vehicle called Avan-

gard border on science fiction.

He said the underwater drone "goes faster than any surface ship that exists today, I wouldn't even tell you the speed, it's incredible."

The hypersonic vehicle "flies at a speed 20 times the speed of sound ... and it can maneuver thousands of kilometers up and down and right to left," Putin said, gesticulating energetically. "It's like science fiction."

He said the Avangard's development had become possible thanks to the creation of new materials.

"We have been working on them for quite a long time," he said. "Other countries also have tried but apparently so far have failed to make them, and we succeeded thanks to new materials."

As the weapon name contest went on, Russian officials and lawmakers insisted that Putin's speech wasn't an announcement of a new arms race but a warning to Washington to treat Russia as an equal partner.

"Russia has no intention of entering an arms race," Putin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters Friday, adding that the weapons presented by the Russian leader aimed to maintain a "strategic parity, which is essential for maintaining peace and stability."

# Learn how to get a divorce without a lawyer in free class

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South Carolina Legal Services will hold a free class in Sumter from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 21 to coach people through the divorce process without hiring a lawyer and with fewer expenses.

If contested, a divorce could easily cost thousands of dollars — \$10,000 to \$20,000, Melinda Taylor, staff attorney at S.C. Legal Services, said.

It costs \$150 to file for a divorce but that fee can be waived if the individual meets low-income requirements, she said. There are other costs along the way, Taylor said, but they are not as expensive as a contested divorce.

This class is based on the state's one-year separation rule, she said.

If the two parties have not lived separately for at least one year, she said, they cannot file for divorce using the method that will be taught

during the class.

To make the divorce process run smoothly, the two parties should already have an agreement on the custody of minor children and visitation and already have an agreement on the division of property.

The court system is set up to be much simpler if there are no property nor child matters to figure out, Taylor said.

During the two-hour class, an attorney will provide all the necessary forms to file for divorce and give instructions

on how to get a spouse served. Participants will also learn about divorce hearing procedures, she said.

Courts have developed a more user-friendly system that people can navigate on their own if they learn the process, she said.

Reserve a seat by calling

(803) 799-9668. Seating is limited.

Interested parties must call to register for the class and to find out the class location.

The class will also be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on April 11 in Clarendon County and 2 to 4 p.m. on April 18 in Lee County.

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## Love, Respect, Unity Arts Festival



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U.S Air Force Band Rhythm in Blue will close out the inaugural Love, Respect, Unity Arts Festival sponsored by the Sumter County Cultural Commission and the Arthenia Jackson Bates Millican Foundation on Sunday afternoon at Patriot Hall.

### Music, dance, visual art, spoken word coming to Patriot Hall March 10-11

BY IVY MOORE  
Special to The Sumter Item

“Love, Respect, Unity” is not just the name of the weekend’s arts festival at Patriot Hall, but it’s also a big step toward fulfillment of a vision held by the Sumter County Cultural Commission and its executive director, Melanie Colclough. Two days of music, dance, visual art and spoken word performances at Patriot Hall will explore the variety in art and its ability to bring together a diverse population, Colclough said.

In meetings with the commission, Colclough said she found board members had also been discussing ways to unite the Sumter community through the arts.

“We have worked together on this project,” she said. “Arts are a neutral way to bring people together from all walks of life. “Everybody likes music, visual art, dance and poetry.”

The two-day festival will be hosted by Cynthia Hardy, host of OnPoint, the S.C. market’s top weekly radio news talk show. She is also a regular guest commentator on Awareness, WIS-TV’s

weekly public affairs show, has appeared on MSNBC’s Hardball with Chris Matthews and NBC Nightly News, and she makes frequent appearances on NPR.



HARDY

The multicultural event sponsored by the commission and the Arthenia Jackson Bates Millican Foundation also features presentations by headline speakers S.C. Poet Laureate

Marjory Wentworth, co-author of the nonfiction book “We Are Charleston: Tragedy and Triumph at Mother Emanuel,” and Alana Simmons, activist and founder of the Hate Won’t Win Movement. Simmons is the granddaughter of the Rev. Daniel Simmons, who was killed with eight other worshippers by self-proclaimed white supremacist Dylann Roof on June 17, 2015, at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston.

Rick Jones, Millican Foundation executive director, said that several of the festival’s performances are inspired by civil rights icon C.T. Vivian, who spoke



South Carolina Poet Laureate Marjory Wentworth will read from her work and speak Saturday at the Love, Respect, Unity Arts Festival. The festival will use the arts as a vehicle “to unite people around the Sumter area’s rich culture and the diversity of the arts,” said Melanie Colclough, executive director of the Sumter County Cultural Commission, co-sponsor of the weekend event with the Arthenia Jackson Bates Millican Foundation.

in Sumter two years ago. Quotes from Vivian, a close friend and cohort of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will introduce some performances.

Other highlights of the festival include a dance performance by the Caroline Mack Center for the Arts; a theatrical presentation by Taylor Burrus and Lily Geddings of Bates Middle School; spoken word performances by IMOPoetic-Soul and Charleston Poet Laureate Marcus Amaker.

Acclaimed artist and teacher Sylvester Hickmon is curating the art exhibition, featuring works by local artists.

Herbert Johnson will direct the Unity Choir, which comprises the combined vocal ensembles of Lakewood High School, Sumter Civic Chorale, First Baptist Church and Morris College, and the festival will close with a concert by the U.S. Air Force Band Rhythm in Blue.

“We’re super excited about this festival,” Colclough said. “We’ve put a lot of energy into it.”

She said, “We’re keeping it small for the first year, with four performances each day, but we hope it will grow and become an annual festival.”

Admission is free, and the public is invited to the Love, Respect, Unity Festi-

val at Patriot Hall, 135 Haynsworth St. The festival will be held from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact the Sumter County Cultural Commission at (803) 436-2260.

#### LOVE, RESPECT, UNITY ARTS FESTIVAL

Saturday, March 10,

1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Art exhibit opens

Vendors, food trucks on site

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Program begins, hosted by Cynthia Hardy, OnPoint Media

• Taylor Burrus and Lily Geddings, Bates Middle School, theatrical performance

• Headline speaker Marjory Wentworth, South Carolina Poet Laureate — One River One Boat

• IMOPoeticSoul, spoken word artist

• Caroline Mack Center for the Arts, dance performance

Sunday, March 11

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Program begins with Cynthia Hardy, emcee

• Performance by Marcus Amaker, Charleston Poet Laureate

• Headline Speaker Alana Simmons, activist and founder of the Hate Won’t Win Movement

• Unity Choir performs, directed by Herbert Johnson

• U.S. Air Force Band Rhythm in Blue performs



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Charleston Poet Laureate Marcus Amaker will give a spoken word performance at the Love, Respect, Unity Arts Festival on Sunday at Patriot Hall.



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## St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School

St. Anne & St. Jude Catholic School held its annual science fair on Feb. 26. Science professionals from outside of the school were invited to judge the projects. Winning students, soon to compete in the SCISA State Science Fair, are from left: fifth-grade category — G. Martin for “Wi-Fi Versus Plant Growth” ), C. Carpenter (second place for “Efficient Solar Energy”) and K. Martin (first



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place for “Removing Sediment from Water”); in the Middle School Biology category — A. Reisenauer (second place for “Double Dipping”), A. Pelletier (first place for “Toothpaste – A Bright Idea”); and in

the Middle School Physical Science category — Jacob Jones (second place for “Abilities of Magnets”). Rob Carneal is the SASJCS middle school science teacher and facilitator of the science fair.

## Wilson Hall

### JUNIOR CLASS RETREAT

As part of the curriculum, the 57 members of the junior class attended the 11th-annual junior class retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, North Carolina, Feb. 25-27. Coordinated by Laura Barr and Glen Rector, the retreat provided rising seniors with a “beyond the classroom walls” experience with a focus on loyalty, leadership and legacy.

The retreat included group activities, structured discussions and opportunities for enjoying the facilities of the conference center. Activities included an obstacle course operated by the Mountain Trail Outdoor School, team-building exercises and cooperation games. Dr. Milt Lowder, a licensed counseling psychologist in Greenville who graduated from Wilson Hall in 1990, delivered the keynote speech with the topic of “Defining Success.” There were also presentations given by Fred Moulton, headmaster, as well as from some of the 14 faculty members who attended the retreat.

Every member of the Class of 2019 had the opportunity to enjoy the significant benefits of a time set apart for community building and individual character development in a way that will not only benefit each student individually, but also continue Wilson Hall’s strong tradition of effective preparation for college and beyond. — *Sean Hoskins*

## Lee County School District

### BISHOPVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

National School Counseling Week, sponsored by the ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. On Feb. 9, Vanessa Bostic, who has been the counselor at Bishopville Primary School for 13 years, was recognized for her dedication to the students. Bostic was presented with tokens of appreciation from faculty and students.

As a part of the character education program, Bostic issued Character Counts certificates, “I Did It Gift Bags” and a Student of the Month pencil to students who displayed a positive attitude for January.

The shadow box display for February at Lee County School District Office was created by Laquetta McMickle (media assistant) with assistance from Cheron-da Scarborough (Powerschool Clerk), Olethia Davis (teacher assistant) and Samantha McClendon (teacher assistant).

Incentives are a great way to engage students and create excitement. BPS is using incentives as part of its Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports rewards program. The students earn Thunder Bucks as an incentive to achieve academic goals and display excellent character.

This school year, BPS has implemented a reading intervention program. The program utilizes Fountas & Pinnell scores to group students in grades three through five for assistance with improving their reading skills. Interventions are completed Monday through Thursday for 30 minutes. The program uses Front Row which provides teachers with data to easily track growth. The students work on math, ELA, social studies and science lessons that are designed for them.

On Feb. 13, students were recognized for academic achievement, excellent character and perfect attendance at the Awards Day Program. The theme for the event was “Soaring to Success.” The Gifted and Talented students also received awards for being the World’s Best Analogy Solvers.

Third-, fourth- and fifth-grade students will participate in the Truss Bridge Design Competition soon. The competition is a S.C. 4-H initiative. The objective is for students to learn how to design objects that contribute to strength and team-building skills. The students will collaborate and select from a choice of 15 bridges to design and build.

### LOWER LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Lower Lee Elementary School recently honored students for excellence in academics, character and attendance at the Blue Carpet Awards. Sixty-eight stu-

dents achieved the honor roll for the second quarter. Capreshia McCall and Beauty Veney spearheaded the event. Lee Central High School alum Jervyn Simon served as guest speaker. Principal Shelia Stukes recognized faculty and staff for perfect attendance.

First-grade students at Lower Lee are studying earth materials and natural resources in science. During the lessons on rocks, students became geologists and explored and sorted rocks by analyzing their hardness, shape, color and size.

During the week of Feb. 19, students in Justin Gee’s Exceptional Learning class worked on multiplication factors, order of operations, skip counting, place value, number lines and rounding. In Reading/ELA, the students reviewed the main idea of passages, predictions and conclusions.

Students are participating in the Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. This year’s goal is \$2,000. The deadline for donations is Thursday. The students receive prizes for the donations they submit. Jump Rope for Heart is a yearly fundraiser that helps prevent or helps people with heart disease.

### WEST LEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In honor of African-American Heritage Month, West Lee Elementary School dedicated the theme of the February Staff Writing Board to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Each faculty and staff member was assigned a specific school to write information about.

Students who made the Principal’s and A/B Honor roll for the second nine weeks were honored with a dance party. The students had a blast dancing and socializing.

### LEE CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Lee Central Middle School continues its salute to black Lee County natives, who have made remarkable strides. During Feb. 19-23, Lee Central Middle School paid tribute to Dr. Isaac C. Joe Sr. Born on June 24, 1915, Joe grew up in Thomastown, a small town in Lee County. Joe served faithfully as an educator, beginning his teaching career in Lee County immediately after college. He also served in the United States Army from 1941 to 1947 and rose to the rank of master sergeant. Joe served as the first and longest-serving principal at Mt. Pleasant High School, a position he held for 20 years. He died on Jan. 9, 2018, at the age of 102, at his home in Bishopville. Bernice Wright, a retired educator of the Lee County School District and Joe’s former student, shared his journey to success.

### LEE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Future Farmers of America visited the Statehouse on Feb. 21. Students toured the building and had the opportunity to meet Rep. William “Will” Wheeler III, D-Lee. Wheeler took the time to pose for a picture with the students.

Head Varsity Football Coach Justin Danner and seniors Demetrius Dubose and Deontae Lowery attended the High School Sports Report Football Banquet on Feb. 11. Danner was presented with the All Region IV 2A Coach of the Year award. Demetrius received the 2A All-State Offensive Award, and Deontae received the 2A All-State Defensive Award.

### TEACHER RECRUITMENT

Lee County School District will hold its Teacher Recruitment Fair from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10, at Lee County School District, 310 Roland St., Bishopville. The district will be recruiting for all teacher positions and will conduct interviews onsite. Candidates may register online at <http://goo.gl/forms/97L7AzGdMr> to schedule an interview in advance. Walk-ins will be accepted. For additional information, call (803) 484-5327.

### 4K AND 5K REGISTRATION

Registration is being accepted for 4-year-old child development (4K) and kindergarten (5K) for the 2018-19 school year. Students registering for 4K must be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2018; students registering for 5K must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2018.

Register at Bishopville Primary

School, 321 Roland St., Bishopville, (803) 484-9475; Lower Lee Elementary School, 5124 St. Charles Road, Mayesville, (803) 428-3637; or West Lee Elementary School, 55 W. Lee School Road, Rembert, (803) 428-3147.

When registering, bring a copy of child’s official birth certificate, S.C. Immunization Certification Form 1148, child’s Social Security card, child’s Medicaid Card (if applicable) and proof of residency (must show the parent’s name and street address — utility bill, check stub, front page of tax return, etc.)

For additional information, contact Paula Watson at (803) 484-5327, extension 8103. — *Shawnta McKenzie*

## Sumter School District

### JACKSON INDUCTED

Brian Jackson was inducted recently into the South Carolina High School Strength Coaches Hall of Fame. In 1996, he began his work with the SCHSSCA under the guidance of fellow Hall of Fame members Mark Wade and Keith Crolley. He has served in many leadership positions in the SCHSSCA including historian, webmaster, Region 2 director, state meet director, vice president and president.

Jackson was named the Head Strength Coach at Crestwood High School in 1999, and over the next 16 years, he helped transform Crestwood into a perennial force in strength competitions. In his years at Crestwood, he also served as the head track coach, academic coach, recruiting coordinator and offensive line/offensive coordinator, often at the same time. He coached more than 75 All-State Strength Athletes, and his Crestwood athletes set 23 state records of which nine still stand today. At one point, he had seven athletes squatting 600 pounds or higher in the same year, including a 700-pound lift that set the All-Time State Record in 2005. Many of his strength athletes were also region and state champions in track and field for sprints, throws and jumps.

After leaving Crestwood, he continued to work with athletes in building stronger and faster athletes and had eight All-State Lifters at Lakewood High School, including two state records, which still stand today. Jackson is in his second year at Sumter High School, and he continues to help athletes excel not only in the weight room and other sports, but in the classroom as well.

### PALMETTO HEALTH TUOMEY PARTNERS WITH LEMIRA

Palmetto Health Tuomey unveiled its Healthcare Occupations Activity Book to 91 ecstatic second-grade students at Lemira Elementary School. Chief Operating Officer Michelle Logan-Owens and representatives from departments such as environmental services, nursing, cardiology, guest services, pharmacy, radiology, food services and technology spoke to the students about their careers.

“We consider it our privilege to be your partner in education. We want to help introduce our future workforce to careers in healthcare,” said Logan-Owens. “I am fully confident you can accomplish anything you set your mind to, and we hope you will be excited about the possibility to serve and take care of people right here in your community.”

This outstanding partnership began last year when Palmetto Health Tuomey adopted Lemira Elementary School through the Partners in Education program. It has donated more than 200 books to the library, provided meals for students, served as volunteers and mentors, provided academic incentives for students, served on the School Improvement Council and assisted with the STEM Club. We are very appreciative to Palmetto Health Tuomey for investing in the lives of our children.

### GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS CONTINUE

The Greater Sumter Chamber of Commerce held the Golden Apple Awards program at Bates Middle School. Nominated by their teachers, guidance counselors or administrators, 12 students were recognized for displaying exceptional citizenship and character. Each student received a certificate and a proclamation signed by Mayor Joseph T. McElveen and County Council Chairman James T. McCain Jr.

Congratulations to the following students: Kimberly Boles, Quinnya Burns, Jassmine Dominguez, Javell Dwyer, Miguel Garcia, Madison Gordon, Meagan Jamison, Courtney Blanding, Kiersten Boyles, Keenen Hilton, Breonna Leonard, Jolyssa Green and Alyssa Seanson.

The Golden Apple Awards program, which is held at each high school and middle school in Sumter School District, is presented by Caterpillar Inc. Gold sponsors are Kaydon Corp., Nu-Ida School Supply and the University of South Carolina Sumter.

### DAR SPONSORS ESSAY CONTESTS

The Sumter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored the annual Good Citizens program and scholarship for high school students. The program encourages and rewards the qualities of good citizenship which include dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. Each school win-

ner is eligible to enter the scholarship contest.

Hannah Partin from Lakewood High School was named the chapter winner. Only one overall winner from the area’s public and private schools in the area may be selected. She will progress to the next level to compete for a chance to win the state scholarship. Lesley Strickland from Crestwood High School was named a Good Citizen School Winner.

The DAR also sponsored an essay contest for students in grades five through eight. Taelyn Savitski, a fifth-grade student at Millwood Elementary School, and Mason Scott Reese, a seventh-grade student from Furman Middle School, were named winners. The theme for this year’s essay contest was “World War I: Remembering the War to End All Wars.” Both students received a certificate, medal and cash prize for their achievement. — *Shelly Galloway*

## Morris College

### STUDENTS TAKE OFF TO EUROPE

Morris College students are preparing to jet-set to Europe as a part of the Study Abroad Program. Program participants departed for Paris and Amsterdam yesterday and will return on Saturday. Morris College has offered the Study Abroad Program for several years to students, but it is also open to faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters of the college.

The goal of the program is to immerse students in new cultures and give students an opportunity to do first-hand research in another country. Students will be required to create a field book on the culture relevant to an assigned historical period. Upon return, students will host a community forum where they will share their experiences.

Dr. Patricia Ali, who has been with the college for more than 50 years, coordinates the program with the hope that the program inspires students to broaden their horizons and encourage them to become active citizens in the global community.

Students who travel via the study abroad program will have unique perspectives to discuss in graduate school applications as they prepare to graduate from Morris College and seek graduate school acceptance. — *Anika Cobb*

## Central Carolina Technical College

### GRADUATION APPLICATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

Graduation applications for spring and summer graduates are due by April 2. The application can be submitted online through myCCTC, or a paper copy can be downloaded from the Forms Library on [www.cctech.edu](http://www.cctech.edu) and turned in to the Student Records Office.

For more information, contact Carmen Davis at (803) 778-6671.

### GRADUATION FAIR FOR STUDENTS

Central Carolina Technical College will host a Graduation Fair on Tuesday, March 27, on Main Campus in the building M500 Atrium from 10 a.m. to noon and 4 to 6 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to have graduation portraits taken, gather information about job searching, view class rings and check the status of their graduation applications. Graduation applications for spring and summer graduates are due by April 2.

### VETERANS FORUM

Central Carolina Technical College’s Veteran Resource Center, Student Veteran Association and History Department will present a “Veteran Forum: Honoring Our Local Heroes.”

This event will take place on Tuesday, March 20, from 6 to 8 p.m. on the Main Campus in Building 400, Room M401. The event will feature a panel of several local veterans who will share their experiences and insight on how their military service impacted their education. Veterans of World War II, Vietnam, Persian Gulf and Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom will be on hand.

This is a great opportunity for the community to interact one on one with these local heroes. This event is open to the public. — *Catherine M. Wood*

## University of South Carolina Sumter

### DON’T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

On March 7-8, the USC Sumter Arts and Letters Division will host “A Blind Date with a Book” from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Umpteenth Gallery.

A Blind Date with a Book is a hand-wrapped book, carefully curated from a wide range of popular genres that is tagged with intriguing clues alluding to the book inside. This collection will include everything from mystery, romance, classics, horror, adventure, science fiction to young adult.

To participate, bring in a like-new or new book to trade in for a book to read over spring break. You may trade more than one book and re-trade but please do not bring textbooks or obsolete books. The event is open to everyone on campus and in the community. — *Misty Hatfield*

# Congress' immigration push sputters as guns grab attention

BY ALAN FRAM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's taken just two weeks for Washington's immigration battle to fade from blistering to backburner. Lawmakers now seem likely to do little or nothing this election year on an effort that's been eclipsed by Congress' new focus on guns, bloodied by Senate defeats and relegated to B-level urgency by a Supreme Court ruling.

Talks have gone dormant that sought a bipartisan package: A chance for citizenship for young immigrants brought to the country illegally and \$25 billion for President Donald Trump to erect his treasured wall with Mexico. Even a proposal dangling modest wins for both sides — a three-year renewal of a program protecting hundreds of thousands of those young immigrants from deportation in exchange for a \$7.6 billion down payment for the wall — seems a longshot.

"The prospects for immigration legislation, big or small, are very, very bleak," concedes Frank Sharry, executive director of America's Voice, an immigrants' rights group.

Distrust between the two parties has intensified, with each suspecting the other of weaponizing the impasse to rouse loyal voters for November's contest for congressional control. There are tactical rifts between Democrats and the coalition of liberal and immigrants' rights organizations over how aggressively to force the issue and differences between con-



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Protesters are arrested as they block the streets near the Capitol and Supreme Court in Washington on Thursday.

servative organizations and some Republicans over the wisdom of even a narrow accord.

Looking to furnish political cover to rank-and-file Republicans, House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., only want to consider immigration bills that have Trump's support. Democrats say Trump's portrayal of immigrants as threats who commit crimes and steal jobs, plus his vulgar references to their countries, shows he's not serious about compromise — yet leaves him pivotal for

any deal.

"There are certain people and certain countries that Donald Trump does not envision as part of America's future," said No. 2 Senate Democratic leader Richard Durbin of Illinois. "Until the president and the Republicans in Congress believe that deporting the Dreamers is so much of a political negative that they must do something, I think it's unlikely that we'll move forward."

Rather than making new offers, Trump is blaming Democrats for the stalemate.

"I'm the one that's pushing

DACA, and the Democrats are nowhere to be found," he tweeted days ago, referring to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

Hoping to recapture attention, immigrant and civil rights groups plan demonstrations in Washington and elsewhere on Monday. When Trump announced last year that he was terminating the program, he gave Congress until that date, March 5, to replace it.

The program, which President Barack Obama created administratively without enactment of a law, lets immi-

grants brought to the U.S. illegally as children get jobs for renewable two-year periods. It's currently protecting 680,000 of them.

The Supreme Court this week erased that deadline's impact with a ruling that requires the administration to renew DACA permits while lower court challenges to Trump's action continue. Those lawsuits could drag on for months, easing pressure on Congress to act quickly.

Lawmakers are now fixated on last month's shooting deaths of 17 students and faculty members at a high school in Parkland, Florida. The shift accentuates how rapidly priorities shift in Congress, fueled by today's hyper speed news cycles and a president whose tweets and utterances add volatility.

Last month, the Senate rejected a Trump proposal offering citizenship to people protected by DACA, fully financing his wall, cutting legal immigration and ending a visa lottery for people from countries with low U.S. immigration rates. A bipartisan plan backed by nearly all Democrats included potential citizenship for DACA recipients and money for Trump's wall, barred the young immigrants from sponsoring their parents and left the visa lottery intact.

Neither side is showing any indication of sweetening its offer.

"We've offered the sun and the moon, and that wasn't enough," said Texas Sen. John Cornyn, the second-ranking GOP leader. "I guess we'll see what happens."

## Teacher strike reaches 7 days

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — Many West Virginia public school students were at loose ends again Friday, with their classrooms closed for a seventh-straight class day as teachers fought for pay raises.

The state Senate's Republican majority refused Thursday to take up legislation to give them a 5 percent pay raise after four years without one. The Republican-controlled House passed it 98-1 on Wednesday night.

According to union officials, members were upset by the Senate and its leader's comments and would stay out of work. By Thursday evening, the Department of Education said public schools in all 55 counties remained shuttered.

The statewide strike over low pay and rising insurance costs had been expected to end Thursday under a deal negotiated between Gov. Jim Justice and teachers union leaders. It included the proposal of 5 percent raises and the appointment of a task force to find a long-term state funding source to offset public workers' rising health care costs.

However, the Senate voted 20-14 to send the legislation with raises to its Finance Committee instead of quickly voting on it as the House did the night before. All but one of the Senate's majority Republicans voted against holding an immediate floor vote.

Outside the Senate chamber, hundreds of teachers chanted, "Pass that bill!"

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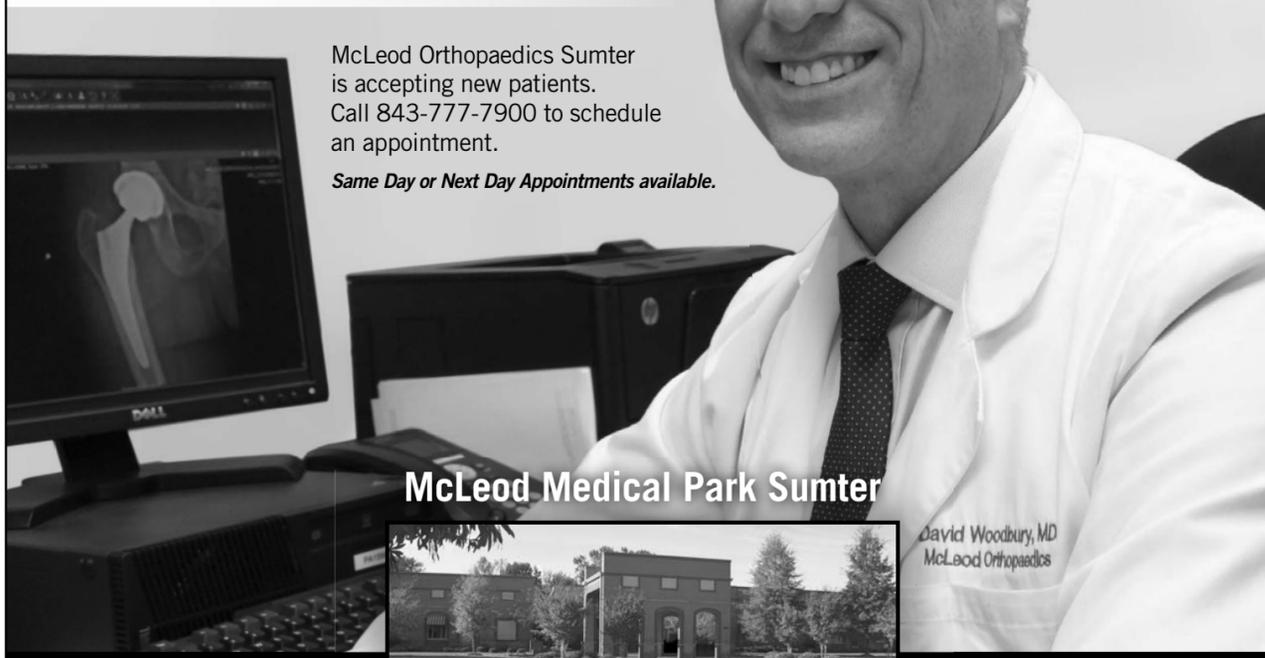
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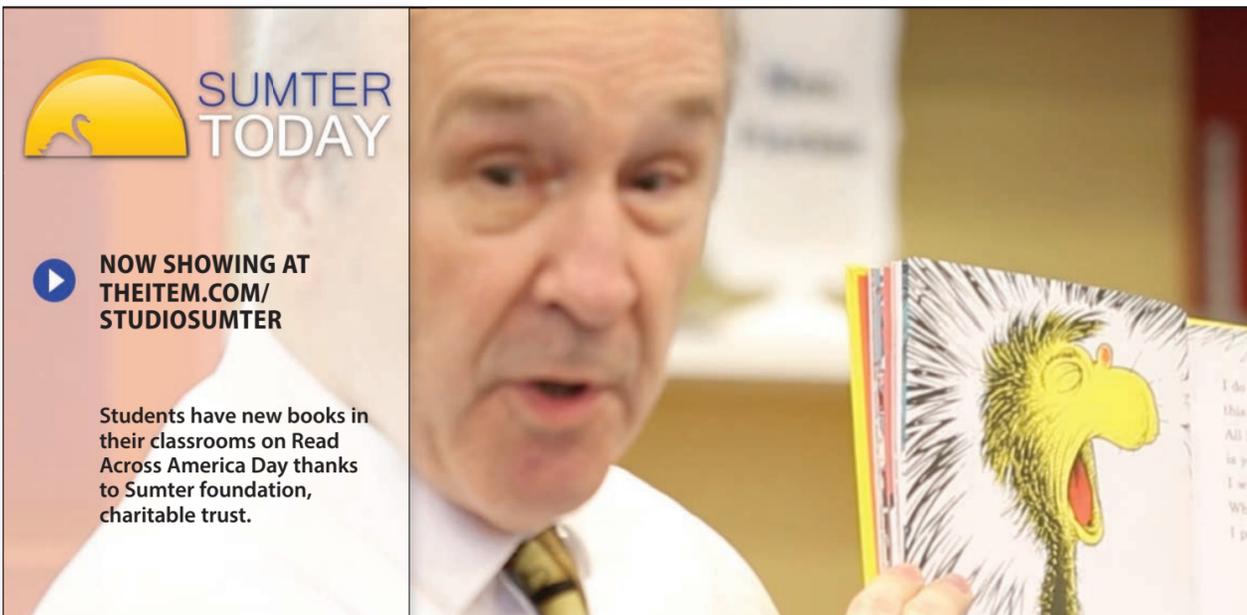
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**READING**

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“We have beautiful media centers, but this was a need for more books in the [teachers’] libraries,” said Susan Hilton, a member of the foundation’s board of directors.

The donation was part of the group’s 500 for \$500K campaign that is aiming to raise \$500,000 to purchase sets of 500 books for classrooms.

“Williams Brice Edwards was a wonderful man in our community, and he left some money for things to be done to improve Sumter, to make it a better place to live,” Hilton said. “And we approached the trust fund and said, ‘Can you help us?’ And they responded in a huge way.”

Since the foundation was established in 2012 when the school district consolidated, this campaign is its biggest yet.

“What we really love about this campaign is the teachers get to choose the books,” said Hilton, who taught at Sumter High School for 35 years. “It’s sort of like a gift card. They know what the kids need, what meets their standards and what the kids will enjoy.”

She said the enthusiasm from the kids Friday morning was “off the charts.”

“When those kids came in and sat down, and then when we were talking about the books and showing them the books and handing out the books, it was like Christmas day, I thought. It felt so good to see that kind of a reaction. And that’s our goal is to help



R.E. Davis Elementary School students celebrate Read Across America Day on Friday with new books in their classroom libraries given to their school by Sumter Education Foundation, which received money for the books from the Williams-Brice-Edwards Charitable Trust.

Below, Susan Hilton, a member of the foundation’s board of directors and retired Sumter High School teacher, tells second-graders about the books the group donated to the school on Friday.

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children love to learn to read and support the teachers who are really on the front lines doing a really fantastic job,” she said.

Jaden Goodman, a second-grader, said his favorite Dr. Seuss books are “Green Eggs and Ham” and “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish.”

Taleiya Sanseverino, his classmate, said she likes “Oh, the Places We’ll Go!” and the “Cat in the Hat” books.

“My favorite part is all the colorful things,” she said.

It is important to have books in the classroom and not just in a media center, Principal Michelle McBride said.

“With the independent reading, some students may be early finishers, and they

may need a place to go grab those books from the book basket. Just to have books that are immediately accessible to them, it means everything,” she said.

She said the school learned

about Dr. Seuss as a way to learn about everything that is possible in the world.

Teachers wore T-shirts from their colleges on Friday to introduce students to all the places they, too, can go.



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school board voted down in a 4-2 split vote on a motion from its advisory Finance Committee to close F.J. DeLaine and another school at the end of last school year.

About 50 community members turned out for Thursday's meeting — which included Sumter County Council member Chris Sumpter and state Rep. Wendy Brawley, D-Richland — and said they think it's only a matter of time before district leadership will propose closing DeLaine again, given the district's still-low general fund balance.

Several in attendance said inequitable school zoning and attendance lines are a root cause of low enrollment at F.J. DeLaine now, as opposed to decades ago.

Roland Robinson, second vice president for the Sumter NAACP, said newer school district attendance lines now zone kids for Cherryvale Elementary School and Manchester Elementary School in Pinewood as opposed to DeLaine.

"If they would redraw those attendance lines, DeLaine would have 300 to 400 students in the school," Robinson said.

Robinson said he has submitted that information as a solution to DeLaine's low enrollment and potential school closures to Sumter school board Chairman the Rev. Daryl McGhaney.

DeLaine's current enrollment is 130 students, according to the district.

Community member Roosevelt Miott, a former principal at DeLaine, agreed with Robinson's assessment.

"The equity in zoning lines is off, and it's definitely off since we became a consolidated district (in 2011)," Miott said.

Sumpter and Brawley, who represent the region in the western part of the county on the Sumter County Council and in the state House of Representatives, respectively, said they're concerned about closing schools in rural areas and encouraged four school board members in attendance Thursday to look at equity in the school lines.

Sumpter said he's concerned the district isn't looking into zoning as a solution for the low-enrollment schools and even said it could affect his decision-making on council if the district were to come before council for a millage increase.

"It's going to be hard for me to support a millage increase when we have constituents who are here of mine in District 1 who are concerned about zoning, and no one is taking a look at it," Sumpter said.

The four school board members present were Johnny Hilton, Bonnie Disney, Linda Alston and Barbara Jackson.

All said they attended to listen to constituents and reassured them that no decisions

on school closures have been made yet.

Each also said he or she made notes from the meeting and will share that information with the rest of the school board.

Last year, when a financial consultant worked with the school district through its financial crisis, he advised closing DeLaine and Mayewood Middle School would provide \$3.6 million in cost savings this fiscal year. He said at the time savings would mostly come in the areas of utility costs and insurance for the facilities. The consultant, Scott Allan, said rezoning students around the district's schools would not generate cost savings to build the district's fund balance back up.

*'The equity in zoning lines is off, and it's definitely off since we became a consolidated district (in 2011).'*

**ROOSEVELT MIOTT**

Former principal at F.J. DeLaine Elementary School

**NAVE** FROM PAGE A1

home, he said.

His mother was also writing a dissertation for her doctorate degree and occasionally volunteered with the American Red Cross to help write grants.

"I think about her every day," Paul said.

He last saw his mother in person during Super Bowl weekend in 2017, and he has had to explain to his children that their grandmother is still missing and that no major advancements have been made in the search for her.

Though no positive news has surfaced after a year, Paul said he and his family are still staying positive.

"It would be better if she shows up," he said.

The search for Nave, a 20-year resident of Sumter County, has been going strong since day one.

Multiple searches — by land, water and air — have been conducted on Nave's 20-acre property and neighboring properties by local, state and out-of-state organizations.

There were about 48 people searching on foot during the first few days of her reported disappearance, said C.S. Bonner, Sumter County Sheriff's Office lead investigator in the search.

Two professional volunteer search groups with dogs, ATVs and horses came to Sumter last year, he said, and another group is expected to come in a few weeks.

The sheriff's office and South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, using thermal-imaging camera, have even flown aircraft over the property.

Bonner, a pilot for the sheriff's office, said he could easily see all the way to the ground from a plane while flying during the fall or winter when there are almost no leaves on the trees.

Unfortunately, multiple search parties and countless tips have not yielded any answers.

"We've exhausted a lot of leads," Bonner said. "We're at a standstill."

There was no sign of foul play at Nave's property, he said, and at least five people were polygraphed with no negative results.

Nave's bank information is still inactive except for scheduled payments, he said.

With more questions than answers, investigators can only speculate about what may have happened to the woman.

Bonner said there are a million possibilities of what could have happened but no evidence that any of those things did occur.

There is a possibility that Nave could have gotten injured while walking and nature could have taken over, he said. Her house is behind Pocatoligo River, and there are numerous wild animals such as alligators out there, he said.

"I hate to think of that, but it is a possibility," he said. "We want to find closure for the family if she has passed away, but we want to find her alive."

Though the investigation has slowed, Nave's friends are also keeping hope.

The community is still talking about her disappearance and giving input about what could have happened to her, Bonner said.

"I've received letters almost every month," he said.

Bonner said he keeps those letters and a picture of Nave on his desk so he can think about her when he comes in to work and before he leaves every day.

Everyone has cases he or she will always remember.

"This is at the top of my list," he said.

Kathleen Kreklau of Cherryvale, a friend of Nave, sent a letter to *The Sumter Item* asking that a story be written because it has been a year ago that she was reported missing.

"I don't want her to be forgotten," she wrote, "and perhaps it could jog someone's memory."

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# Vero: Hot Instagram alternative, but will it stick around?

NEW YORK (AP) — Instagram users fed up with the service becoming more and more like Facebook are flocking to a hot new app called Vero.

Vero lets you share photos and video just like Instagram, plus it lets you talk about music, movies or books you like — or hate. Though Vero has been around since 2015, it surged to popularity in recent days, thanks in part to sudden, word-of-mouth interest from the cosplay community — comic book fans who like to dress up as characters. That interest then spread to other online groups.

There's also a growing frustration with Instagram, with a flood of ads, dearth of privacy options and a recent end to the chronological ordering of posts. Instagram users have been posting screenshots of Vero, asking their friends to join.

But don't ring Instagram's death knells just yet: Hot new apps pop up and fizzle by the dozen, so the odds are stacked against Vero. Remember Ello? Peach? Thought so.

"Young people are super fickle and nothing has caught on in the way that Snapchat or Instagram has," said Debra Aho Williamson, an eMarketer analyst who specializes in social media.

Here's a look at Vero, how it's become so hot — and whether it can last:

## SUDDEN INTEREST

From 2015 until this past week, Vero was little known with fewer than 200,000 users, according to CEO Ayman Hariri. Then cosplay members started posting photos of elaborate costumes and makeup. Photographers, tattoo artists and others followed. As of Thursday, Vero was approaching 3 million users, Hariri said.

Vero has gotten so popular in recent days that some users have reported widespread outages and error messages. Vero says it's working to keep up in response to "a large wave of new users."

## HOW IT WORKS

Vero works on Apple or An-

droid mobile devices and is free — at least for now. The company eventually wants to charge a subscription fee.

There are no ads, and the service promises "no data mining. Ever." That means it won't try to sell you stuff based on your interests and habits, as revealed through your posts. Of course, Facebook started out without ads and "data mining," and it's now one of the top internet advertising companies. Facebook bought Instagram in 2012 and started showing ads there the following year.

Instagram's privacy settings are all or nothing: You either make everything available to everyone on Instagram, or make everything visible only to approved friends. Vero lets you set the privacy level of individual posts. If you don't want

something available to all users, you can choose just close friends, friends or acquaintances.

Another big difference: Vero shows friends' posts in chronological order rather than tailored to your perceived tastes, as determined by software. Instagram got rid of chronological presentations in 2016, a change that hasn't gone well with many users.

## WHO IS BEHIND IT?

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg became a billionaire after starting the service. Vero's founder was already one.

Hariri is the son of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri and helped run the family's now-defunct construction company in Saudi Arabia. He got a computer science degree

from Georgetown and returned to Saudi Arabia after his father was assassinated in 2005. His half-brother, Saad, is Lebanon's current prime minister.

Hariri's ties with the family business, Saudi Oger, have come into question. The company has been accused in recent years of failing to pay workers and stranding them with little food and access to medical care. Vero says Hariri hasn't had any operational or financial involvement with the business since late 2013.

Hariri said he started the service not to replace Instagram but to give people "a more authentic social network." Because Vero doesn't sell ads, he said it isn't simply trying to get people to stay on longer. More important, he said, is "how you feel when you use (it) and how

you feel it's useful."

## WILL VERO FIZZLE OUT?

Newcomers like Ello and Peach can quickly become popular as people fed up with bigger services itch for something new. But reality can set in when people realize that their friends are not on the new services or that these services aren't all they promised to be.

Williamson, the eMarketer analyst, said it's difficult for a new service to become something people use for more than a few weeks.

EMarketer recently published a report that predicted 2 million people under 25 leaving Facebook for other apps this year. But that means going to Snapchat and Instagram, not necessarily emerging services like Vero.

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## COMMENTARY

# GOP's gun temptation

*Editor's note: This column by Kimberley A. Strassel first appeared in The Wall Street Journal on Feb. 22, 2018.*

Republicans have held the political high ground on gun rights for decades, and they've done it by sticking together and sticking to the facts. Nothing will lose them that credibility faster than if they jump on the false-hope bandwagon.

The Parkland, Florida, school shooting is rightly causing a new national debate. With astounding cynicism, Democrats rushed to capitalize on dead teens, while ineffectually dragging out the same fatigued arguments they've been making since the Clinton era. They are back again with the "assault weapons" cry — calling for an arbitrary ban on a handful of scary-looking guns, when millions of other firearms can kill just as efficiently. (The 1994 assault-weapon ban was still in effect at the time of the 1999 Columbine massacre.) They are back again with confiscation, even though they know it's a nonstarter with the Supreme Court and the public. The Parkland community deserves real policy proposals, not more empty posturing.

The GOP has excelled in recent decades in pointing out the barrenness of this gun-control agenda with statistics and common sense. And they've pointed out the unifying thread behind these mass-shooting events: mental illness. Former Pennsylvania Rep. Tim Murphy spent three years pushing legislation to overhaul and bring accountability to federal mental-health programs, and President Obama finally signed it in December 2016.

The Murphy bill was the product of a methodical and thoughtful effort to reform a system that wasn't working. Such deliberateness is in contrast with the half-baked proposals now emanating from President Trump and Sen. Marco Rubio. Both men have said they favor banning adults under 21 from buying rifles. Mr. Trump is also talking about training and arming schoolteachers, and Mr. Rubio is latching on to restrictions on the size of magazines.

This is the politics of false hope — Democrat-lite. Age limits may sound good, but most teenage violent criminals steal firearms from adults. An age limit wouldn't have stopped Adam Lanza in Sandy Hook (who used his mother's guns) or the Columbine killers (who obtained their guns from adult friends). It wouldn't have stopped the Virginia Tech shooter or the Umpqua Community College shooter in Oregon, who were 23 and 26, respectively. An age limit is as empty a gesture as a ban on so-called assault weapons. As is a call for a

large-capacity magazine ban, which is easily circumvented by reloading quickly. Arming teachers is an interesting idea, but it still doesn't get to the root of the problem — stopping insane people from getting guns.

The Trump-Rubio proposals stem from that fatal Washington compulsion: a need to be seen as doing something. What's odd is that it is unnecessary. There's plenty Republicans could do in Parkland's wake that is far more sensible and would do far more good.

House and Senate committees could investigate the FBI's failure to respond to warnings about the Parkland killer. This doesn't need to be a bash-the-FBI episode, but law enforcement failure has — along with mental health — become a defining feature of many mass shootings.

Republicans can also quickly pass the Fix NICS Act, which would fill holes in the background-check system — holes that we know led directly to mass-shooter firearm purchases that should have been barred. Some House Republicans demand that Fix NICS be combined in a single bill with a measure compelling states to recognize one another's concealed-carry permits. That's an invitation to the left to portray them as obstructionist. Instead, the House should pass each bill separately and let red-state Senate Democrats face the consequences for killing a gun-rights priority.

The biggest favor the GOP can do is to tackle the mental-health question in all its thorny complexity. The public understands the problem here. A recent Washington Post-ABC poll found that nearly 8 in 10 voters believe more-effective mental health screening and treatment would have prevented Parkland. That's far more than favor most gun-control measures.

Some politicians are broaching the question of how to ensure the severely mentally ill don't have access to guns. That would require a rewrite of federal health-privacy law, which currently makes it all but impossible to monitor the severely mentally ill. Rep. Murphy's bill originally proposed revisions, but Democrats stripped them out at the behest of advocacy groups. Even most Republicans are too timid to venture into this civil-liberties space, since it requires a frank discussion about state commitment laws, court orders and appropriate protections.

But if the GOP wants to keep the public trust, it needs to lead that discussion, be straight with the facts and force Democrats to justify inaction. Age limits and gun restrictions aren't an answer. They're a side-show.



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## COMMENTARY

# It's now time to protect public workers from unions' coercion

**WASHINGTON** — The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees is ostensibly a public worker union. In truth, it is nothing more than an appendage of the Democratic Party. One hundred percent of its political contributions go to Democrats, and it works tirelessly to increase government



**Marc Thiessen**

spending and stop Republicans who want to reform state government.

Should AFSCME be able to force public workers who disagree with its liberal agenda to pay union dues and support it? That was the question before the Supreme Court this week, when justices heard oral arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case brought by Illinois child-support specialist Mark Janus, who argues that forcing him to contribute to union coffers violates his First Amendment rights by compelling him to support speech with which he disagrees.

Public worker unions cannot compel nonmembers to directly pay for political activities, but in states that have not passed "right to work" laws, they can force public employees to pay an "agency fee" to support the union's collective bargaining efforts. Of course, the union gets to decide what spending is political, and the fees are usually between 80 and 100 percent of union dues. Moreover, to stop paying for the union's political activities, workers must proactively object — and then get a partial refund of what the union claims is the extent of its political spending.

This is a scam. The unions know that if they cannot compel workers to pay union dues, most will

choose not to do so. In Indiana, when then-Gov. Mitch Daniels (R) signed a "paycheck protection" law barring forced collection of union dues, only 5 percent of state employees chose to continue paying — and public worker union membership dropped from 16,408 in 2005 to just 1,490 in 2011. In Wisconsin, when Gov. Scott Walker (R) passed Act 10, which included paycheck protection, AFSCME membership fell by more than half — from 62,818 in 2011 to 28,745 the following year. Other public worker unions faced similar losses in membership. And those losses have been sustained. According to a Milwaukee Journal Sentinel analysis, by 2016 Wisconsin had "132,000 fewer union members, mostly teachers and other public workers — enough to fill Lambeau Field and Miller Park, with thousands more tailgating outside." (Disclosure: I have co-written a book with Walker.)

Apparently, when you don't force workers to stay in a union, many choose to leave.

Janus wants the same freedom to choose. He argues that all spending by public-sector unions is political spending. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. seemed sympathetic to this type of argument in a similar case that deadlocked two years ago after the death of Justice Antonin Scalia, noting that even negotiations over wages affect the state budget. "The amount of money that's going to be allocated to public education as opposed to public housing, welfare benefits, that's always a public policy issue," he said.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy got to the heart of the matter this week, when he asked AFSCME lawyer David Frederick, "If you do not prevail in this case, the unions will have less political influence?" Frederick admitted

they would. "Isn't that the end of this case?" Kennedy asked. Yes, it is. As Kennedy put it, the question before the court is whether states can "mandate people that object to certain union policies to pay for the implementation of those policies against their First Amendment interests."

Liberals say conservatives are trying to use the court to break the power of public-sector unions. But if the only way they can maintain their political power is through coercion, then they don't deserve that power in the first place. The reason so many workers quit when given the chance is because they know the unions use their power not to benefit workers but to enrich themselves. In Wisconsin, the teachers unions used collective bargaining to force school districts to buy health plans from union-affiliated insurers at inflated prices, when they could have gotten much cheaper insurance on the open market. Once the unions' coercive power was broken and school districts were able to open their health insurance to competitive bidding, they saved \$404.8 million over five years — money they were able to put into merit pay increases for teachers and other classroom improvements.

Public union bosses want that money for themselves. They want to dictate spending decisions to state and local governments and collect compulsory union dues to perpetuate their political power and line their coffers. The Supreme Court can end this unconstitutional coercion. The only way unions will be hurt by this is if the workers they claim to represent reject them.

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PUBLIC AGENDA

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS BOARD MEETING**  
Monday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Sheriff's Office conference room

**SUMTER CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Sumter Opera House, 21 N. Main St.

**BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCIL**  
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Colclough Building

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Using force may make you feel better,

but it won't bring the best results. Engage in activities that encourage constructive use of energy and don't let your anger get the upper hand. Remain calm and focus on maintaining good health.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take care of money matters. Keeping your books straight will give you the confidence to make purchases or put money into an investment without fretting about whether you should. Don't let anyone else handle your affairs.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Put your wallet away and focus on the type of changes you can make or activities you can take part in that are dependent on using your knowledge, experience and skills to have fun. Put the money you have saved to good use. 5 stars

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Invest in yourself. Look for alternate ways to save and investments that will bring in cash. Taking a unique approach to the way you live will help you spend less and enjoy life more. Try to slow down and make better choices.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Make alterations at home that will add to your comfort. A quiet space conducive to working on something without distractions will pay off. A challenge may tempt you, but try to avoid physical and mental stress.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't use brute force to get others to see things your way. Give everyone freedom to choose and you will in turn have the opportunity to follow

through with your plans without interference. End your day with romance or personal pampering.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be emotionally up and down when it comes to what's happening in your relationships. Before you jump in and make an impulsive decision, listen to reason.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Unexpected changes or disruptions will create additional stress for you. Take a step back from whatever situation you face and go with the flow instead of trying to do the impossible. Focus on love, romance and pampering.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look for the most practical path to follow and head in that direction. Being too accommodating will take you to a place that is costly and emotionally debilitating. Say "no" to anyone who tries to take advantage of you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Travel plans will face delays, and dealing with friends and relatives won't be easy. Memories and past experiences will be your best alternative. Revisit a familiar haunt or resurrect a hobby you used to enjoy. Romance is highlighted.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look for new opportunities and you will find something that intrigues you. Be generous with your time, but monitor your finances carefully. Simplicity and moderation will be the keys to success.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Set your sights on the goals that you believe will bring you success and happiness. Look for a way to incorporate what you enjoy doing into earning a living. Doors will open if you are happy with what you have to offer.

WEATHER

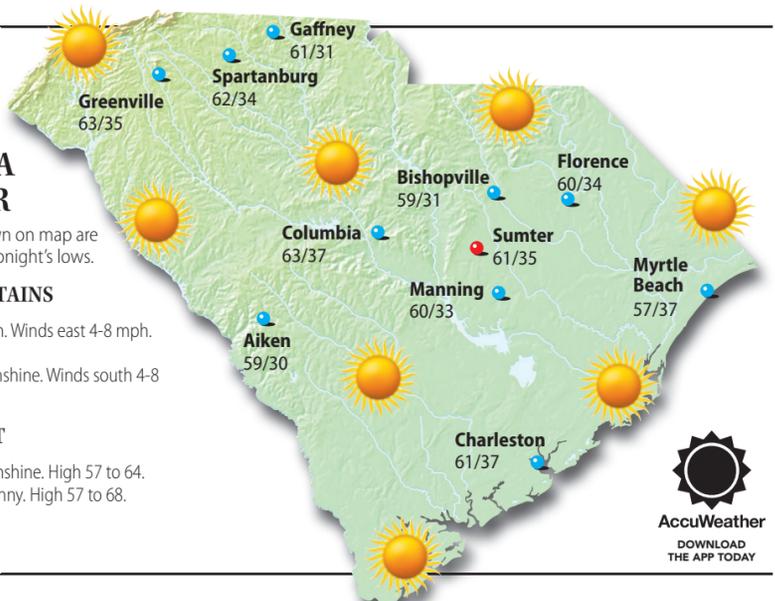
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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Plenty of sunshine	Clear and chilly	Mostly sunny	Cloudy, afternoon rain	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and cool
61°	35°	62° / 45°	62° / 42°	61° / 34°	55° / 32°
Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 70%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 5%
N 7-14 mph	VAR 2-4 mph	NNE 4-8 mph	SSW 6-12 mph	W 8-16 mph	W 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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



IN THE MOUNTAINS

**Today:** Plenty of sun. Winds east 4-8 mph. Clear.  
**Monday:** Partial sunshine. Winds south 4-8 mph.

ON THE COAST

**Today:** Plenty of sunshine. High 57 to 64.  
**Monday:** Mostly sunny. High 57 to 68.

LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
60°	60°	38°	62°	38°	85° in 1951	11° in 1980

Precipitation	24 hrs ending 2 p.m. yest.	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date	Last year to date	Normal year to date
0.00"	0.45"	0.39"	3.54"	5.77"	7.81"	

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	357.90	+0.15
Marion	76.8	74.91	-0.12
Moultrie	75.5	74.91	none
Wateree	100	97.48	+0.10

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.48	-0.03
Congaree River	19	6.40	+0.80
Lynches River	14	5.78	+0.32
Saluda River	14	6.94	+0.05
Up. Santee River	80	77.80	+0.41
Wateree River	24	9.44	+1.29

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise	6:47 a.m.	Sunset	6:21 p.m.
Moonrise	9:21 p.m.	Moonset	8:36 a.m.

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

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH				
	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	10:46 a.m.	3.3	5:16 a.m.	-0.7
	11:15 p.m.	3.2	5:37 p.m.	-0.5
Mon.	11:29 a.m.	3.1	6:04 a.m.	-0.4
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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Atlanta	64/43/s	64/51/pc
Chicago	49/33/s	44/29/r
Dallas	70/63/sh	70/44/pc
Detroit	41/23/s	37/29/pc
Houston	76/68/c	77/53/t
Los Angeles	61/45/s	72/49/s
New Orleans	75/62/pc	80/64/pc
New York	45/31/s	44/31/s
Orlando	72/46/s	76/51/s
Philadelphia	46/27/s	45/27/s
Phoenix	67/45/s	71/48/s
San Francisco	57/42/pc	61/44/s
Wash., DC	50/30/s	47/30/s

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Asheville	60/30/s	59/42/pc	Florence	60/34/s	60/42/s
Athens	66/36/s	65/46/pc	Gastonia	62/33/s	61/46/pc
Augusta	64/33/s	66/49/pc	Goldsboro	56/32/s	53/33/s
Beaufort	64/39/s	68/51/s	Goose Creek	60/35/s	65/46/s
Cape Hatteras	49/37/c	48/39/s	Greensboro	57/31/s	54/36/s
Charleston	61/37/s	65/48/s	Greenville	63/35/s	60/45/pc
Charlotte	61/33/s	60/43/pc	Hickory	61/31/s	57/39/pc
Clemson	64/36/s	61/47/pc	Hilton Head	61/41/s	65/50/s
Columbia	63/37/s	64/48/s	Jacksonville, FL	65/39/s	71/49/s
Darlington	58/32/s	59/43/s	La Grange	69/42/s	65/53/pc
Elizabeth City	51/32/pc	48/31/s	Macon	67/37/s	68/51/pc
Elizabethtown	57/34/s	57/38/s	Marietta	65/39/s	63/49/pc
Fayetteville	58/32/s	56/37/s	Marion	63/28/s	59/43/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	61/40/s	65/49/s
			Myrtle Beach	57/37/s	57/46/s
			Orangeburg	61/33/s	63/46/s
			Port Royal	63/41/s	67/52/s
			Raleigh	55/31/s	51/35/s
			Rock Hill	60/32/s	61/46/pc
			Rockingham	58/30/s	57/41/s
			Savannah	65/37/s	69/50/s
			Spartanburg	62/34/s	60/45/pc
			Summerville	60/34/s	64/45/s
			Wilmington	56/34/s	56/37/s
			Winston-Salem	58/31/s	54/37/s

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

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THE NEWSDAY CROSSWORD

**ON OCCASION: Explained further at 122 Across**  
By Gail Grabowski

**ACROSS**  
1 British coins  
6 "One more thing..."  
10 School-support orgs.  
14 Shopping aid  
18 Accepted principle  
19 Trick-or-treater's tote  
20 Freeload  
21 Prima donna performance  
22 Drawn out  
24 "Welcome to Maui!"  
25 Door-slamming sound  
26 Read digitally  
27 Laudatory verses  
28 Be infallible  
30 Without exception  
32 Serious-minded  
35 Roof-panel descriptor  
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cy  
40 Nature photographer  
Adams  
42 Staircase post  
46 Numero —  
47 Possible school-closing weather  
49 Straddling  
51 The Wolf of Wall Street director  
53 Family nickname  
55 Family nickname  
56 Any of four English art galleries  
57 Harvest, as wool  
60 Balkan capital  
61 Spiders' creations  
62 Medical insurance grps.  
64 Succotash bean  
66 Brewpub product  
68 Briny expanse  
70 Instrument's springy string  
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114 Protagonist  
116 Most elevated point  
120 Sty guy  
121 Lend \_\_\_ (listen)  
122 Hidden theme of the puzzle  
124 Brontë protagonist  
125 Frightful  
126 Solemn ascent  
127 Out in front  
128 Typical Hamlet character  
129 Great Barrier Reef swimmers  
130 Enliven, with "up"  
131 Whimpers

**DOWN**  
1 Close associates  
2 Corporate VIP  
3 Ship of 1492  
4 After-dinner drink  
5 Rescue-squad initials  
6 Mimicked  
7 Pool paths  
8 Short snoozes  
9 Long-established  
10 Equestrian sport  
11 Porky Pig and Popeye  
12 Allergy season sound  
13 Knitted wrap  
14 Field hand  
15 Persian Gulf land  
16 Join a chorus  
17 Facebook post label  
20 More irate  
23 Sanctity  
29 Overemotional episode  
31 Red-ink figure  
33 Tiny hill builder  
34 It means "equal"  
36 Sculpted piece  
37 Ancient Peruvian  
38 Hardest sub-

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stance in the human body  
39 Small snack  
41 Alphabetical quartet  
43 Highly prudent  
44 Fit for consumption  
45 Second-rate  
48 Very small  
49 Cartoon genre  
50 Former rival of Volvo  
52 Send back, as into custody  
54 At a distance  
58 Emulating  
59 Cocktail garnishes  
60 Cut, as for firewood  
61 Twists and squeezes  
63 Maritime spy org.  
65 Holstein's comment  
67 Notable time  
68 "Yikes!"  
69 Pop singer King  
70 Kitchen gadget  
71 "Would \_\_\_ to you?"  
72 S&L nest egg  
75 Innocent one  
77 Ardent allegiance  
80 Channel for football fans  
82 That lady  
83 Brown shades  
85 Gallic girlfriend  
86 Be likely (to)  
90 Oklahoma city  
92 A symbol of Massachusetts  
93 Look mopey  
95 Hang after washing  
96 Onetime MGM rival  
97 Bout ender  
98 Struck a chord  
103 Want no part of  
105 Action film scene  
106 As a result  
107 Shaq of hoops fame  
109 Drainage system  
111 Important Prado artist  
112 Be worthy of  
113 Dinghy tools  
115 Level of authority  
117 Scold, with "out"  
118 Pulverized grain  
119 Intentions  
120 Lettuce, under some entrées  
122 Short snooze  
123 Hydroelectric facility

Born in San Francisco in 1902, ANSEL ADAMS (40 Across) witnessed the great earthquake of 1906. Two of the four TATE art museums (56 Across) are in London; the other two are in Liverpool and the Cornwall coastal resort of St. Ives. In addition to instruments, PIANO WIRE (70 Across) is used in fishing lures, cheese cutters and film special effects.

SATURDAY'S ANSWERS

**CROSSWORD**

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3	9	4	7	2	8	6	5	1
8	7	6	5	1	4	9	3	2
1	2	5	9	3	6	7	4	8

JUMBLE

FRAUD AGILE PIGLET BUNKER  
The team was for sale for about \$800 million. The price was a — BALLPARK FIGURE

**PREP BASKETBALL**

# Mission accomplished

East Clarendon cruises past Timmonsville for 1A title

BY DENNIS BRUNSON  
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COLUMBIA — When Mike Lowder finally got a chance to talk to his East Clarendon High School varsity girls basketball team in the hallway to the locker room underneath Colonial Life Arena, he shouted, “Mission accomplished.”

The Lady Wolverines had just won the 1A state title — and in very convincing fashion over Timmonsville. EC led 23-1 after one quarter and were never really challenged as it rolled to a 55-31 victory on Saturday.

It is the Turbeville school’s first state title in girls basketball.

“We really couldn’t have asked for any better of a start,” said Lowder, whose team finished with a 19-5 record. “We worked hard in practice this week and the girls went out and executed the game plan.”

Perhaps a little better than even any of them anticipated. The Lady Wolverines missed their first shot of the game; they missed one the rest of the first quarter, going 9-for-11 in the opening eight minutes.

“We were very confident coming into the game,” said senior Gracen Watts, who scored the game’s first five points as EC scored the first 21 of the game. “To open the game the way we did, that made it much easier on us.”

After Watts’ fast start, eighth-grade sensation Tylasia Cooper began to assert herself. The 5-foot-11-inch Cooper scored 12 points in the opening quarter, getting out in transition and converting a pair of 3-point plays.

“It was good to start the game like that,” said Cooper, who finished with 18 points and now has 1,024 in her 2-year career. “We came out and played great.”



East Clarendon's Talaysia Cooper (10) goes to the hoop over Timmonsville defender Ke'Zirah Easterling (2) during the Lady Wolverines' 55-31 victory in the 1A state championship game on Saturday at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

SEE **CHAMPS**, PAGE B6

**CLEMSON-USC BASEBALL**

Tigers even series with 5-1 win over Gamecocks

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

GREENVILLE — The Clemson Tigers evened their 3-game college baseball series with South Carolina with a 5-1 victory on Saturday Fluor Field.

Clemson and the Gamecocks, who won the opener 3-2 on Friday at Founders Park in Columbia, will play the rubber game today at 2 p.m. at Doug Kingsmore Stadium in Clemson.

The Tigers, ranked No. 7 by Collegiate Baseball, improved to 9-1 on the season. No. 23 USC dropped to 7-4.

Brooks Crawford, Mat Clark and Ryan Miller combined to allow Carolina to just one run and seven hits.

Crawford started on the mound and gave up just one run on three hits in 4½ innings. Clark earned the win by retiring the last batter in the fifth inning. He improved to 2-0.

Miller pitched the final four innings to record his first save of the year.

South Carolina starter Cody Morris suffered the loss, falling to 2-1. He yielded four hits, three runs and six walks with four strikeouts in 3½ innings. Four South Carolina pitchers combined to issue 10 walks while allowing seven hits.

The sophomore righty walked the first two batters in the first but snared a comebacker that started a double play and then induced a fly out. In the second, Robert Jolly singled and Drew Wharton had a ground-rule double in right. Morris battled back and struck out the next three batters, keeping the game scoreless.

Clemson did score a run in the third on a sacrifice fly

SEE **RIVALS**, PAGE B4

**CLEMSON MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# Syracuse beats Clemson 55-52

BY JOHN KEKIS  
The Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Oshae Brissett and Tyus Battle each scored 17 points and Syracuse rallied to beat No. 18 Clemson 55-52 on Saturday to remain in the hunt for a postseason berth.

It was an opportunity for Syracuse (19-12, 8-10 Atlantic Coast Conference) to fill the biggest void on its resume — the lack of a marquee win — and the Orange capitalized. They were coming off a 15-point loss at Boston College, which put a big dent in their postseason hopes.

Clemson (22-8, 11-7) entered the game ranked eighth in RPI and already assured of its first NCAA Tournament berth in seven years. The Tigers finished 4-6 on the road and suffered just their second loss this season after leading at halftime.

Marcquise Reed had 21 points and Elijah Thomas 18 to lead Clemson as the pair accounted for every Clemson point in the second half. Gabe DeVoe was 2 of 13, 0 of 6 from beyond the arc, for four points.

Frank Howard finished with 11 points for the Orange, who shot just 30.2 percent (16 of 53) for the game. Battle also boosted his career points to 1,006.

Brissett broke a 50-all tie with a pair of free throws after Aamir Simms had missed a corner 3 and Brissett was fouled by Richards while snatching the rebound. Two free throws by Paschal Chukwu gave the Orange a four-point lead with 90 seconds left, but Reed converted a fast-break layup with 43.6 seconds to go after a miss by Battle to draw Clemson to 54-52.

After Battle missed again at the shot-clock buzzer, Brissett blocked Reed close in with 3.4 seconds left and the Orange survived when DeVoe's 3-point attempt at the buzzer caromed off



Clemson's Elijah Thomas (14) blocks a shot by Syracuse's Tyus Battle during the second half of the Orange's 55-52 victory on Saturday in Syracuse, New York.

the rim.

Syracuse's big three of Battle, Howard, and Brissett combined to shoot 5 of 19, (26.3 percent) for 15 points in the first half, but they all came alive in the second.

SEE **TIGERS**, PAGE B3

**USC MEN'S BASKETBALL**

# No. 14 Auburn earns share of SEC title with triumph over Carolina

BY JOHN ZENOR  
The Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Bryce Brown scored 29 points, making eight 3-pointers, and No. 14 Auburn claimed at least a share of the Southeastern Conference title with a 79-70 comeback victory over South Carolina on Saturday.

The Tigers (25-6, 13-5) earned the top seed in next week's SEC Tournament with their first regular-season title since 1999 and third overall. Auburn would win the outright championship if No. 16 Tennessee loses to Georgia, and holds the tiebreaker thanks to a win over the Volunteers.

Auburn fans began “SEC! SEC!” chants in the final two minutes, celebrating a rare title for a long-struggling program that's also poised to end a 15-year NCAA Tournament drought. Afterward, confet-

ti rained down on the team as they donned SEC championship T-shirts on the court.

Brown led a comeback after Auburn trailed by 14 points midway through the first half, busted out of a shooting slump in a big way. He made 8 of 12 3-pointers after going 7 for 39 over the previous four games while nursing foot and shoulder injuries.

Jared Harper finished with 18 points and eight assists. Mustapha Heron scored 12 points and made all 10 free throw attempts. His only basket was a breakaway dunk in the final minute that brought a roar from the crowd. Horace Spencer added 11 points.

Frank Booker led South Carolina (16-15, 7-11) with 27 points and 10 rebounds after scoring 25 points in an overtime win over LSU.

SEE **USC**, PAGE B3

AUTO RACING

# NASCAR drivers studying Vegas to prepare for playoff return

BY GREG BEACHAM

LAS

The Associated Press



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Ryan Blaney heads along pit road at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in Las Vegas on Friday. Blaney won the pole for today's Monster Energy Cup Series Pennzoil 400.

VEGAS — NASCAR's annual early-season trip to Las Vegas Motor Speedway is an understandable favorite for many teams and drivers. This year's event, however, is about getting much more than a few hands of blackjack and the checkered flag.

For the first time, everybody is coming back to Vegas in six months for the opening race of the playoffs.

Each turn in Sunday's Monster Energy Cup Series race should provide experience and data to the drivers hoping to dominate the postseason this fall.

"There is definitely some added importance to this race with (Las Vegas) being in the playoffs," said Kyle Larson, who excelled in practice this week at the track where he finished second to eventual Cup champion Martin Truex Jr. last year.

"Hopefully we have a strong race, and if not, you know what you need to go back and work on to be better when you come back later in the year to benefit your playoff run," Larson added. "Not that this race when it was just a stand-alone event wasn't important, but anytime you can race at a track that you are going to come back at in the final 10, it's got some added importance to it."

While other tracks have downsized their NASCAR ambitions when faced with smaller crowds in recent years, Las Vegas has been eager to host a second race for several years, confident in its local fan base and the visiting fans who plan a vacation weekend around the March race.

The track finally got a second race last year when New Hampshire's second race was given to Vegas, which was backed by sponsorship deals with the local Convention and Visitors Authority and with the South Point hotel-casino, owned by former race team owner Michael Gaughan.

Everybody already knows this track from NASCAR's annual visits, but

teams are paying particularly close attention this week.

"This race has more importance around it than it ever has before, just because of the playoff atmosphere that will be around it in September," said Kurt Busch, who was born in this city. "This is big for Las Vegas."

The winter weather in Las Vegas isn't necessarily helping the teams to prepare for September, when temperatures are almost certain to be sizzling. The speedway has been chilly this week, with occasional 40 mph winds buffeting cars and possibly changing drivers' tactics.

"It's definitely an important weekend to make sure you have a firm understanding of this track and what you're going to need when you come back for the playoffs," said Kevin Harvick, who won last week in Atlanta.

Other things to watch on the 1 1/2-mile track on the northernmost end of the Strip:

ON THE POLE: Ryan Blaney earned his third career pole Friday, and his Team Penske Ford will start alongside

Harvick on the front row. Blaney has been impressive already this season, nearly winning at Daytona after leading 118 laps before late-race contact with Kurt Busch forced him to pit for repairs. Penske's rising star gets another chance to earn his second career Cup victory in Vegas.

JJ'S GAMBLE: Jimmie Johnson is the most successful active driver in Las Vegas, winning four times and recording nine top-10 finishes. Yet he hasn't won on this track since 2010, and the seven-time Cup champion arrives on the longest winless skid of his career at 25 straight races. Johnson intends to get his season back on track on his native West Coast.

BUSCH BROTHERS: Kyle and Kurt Busch grew up in Las Vegas, but the Durango High School grads have only one combined Cup victory on the track that was built during their youth. Kyle Busch won the Cup race in 2009, but he also has victories there in the Xfinity Series and the Truck Series race, which he won Friday night. The 39-year-old Kurt Busch, who will

## PENNZOIL 400 LINEUP

Friday's qualifying; race Sunday  
At Las Vegas Motor Speedway  
Las Vegas

- (Car number in parentheses)
- (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 191.489 mph.
  - (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 190.248.
  - (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 190.067.
  - (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 189.980.
  - (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 189.447.
  - (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 189.175.
  - (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 189.148.
  - (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 189.102.
  - (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 188.719.
  - (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 188.640.
  - (14) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 188.469.
  - (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 188.442.
  - (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 188.838.
  - (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 188.712.
  - (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 188.607.
  - (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 188.442.
  - (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 188.363.
  - (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 187.865.
  - (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 187.846.
  - (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 187.441.
  - (95) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet, 187.305.
  - (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 187.246.
  - (38) David Ragan, Ford, 187.162.
  - (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 186.413.
  - (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 187.650.
  - (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 187.546.
  - (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 186.916.
  - (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 186.335.
  - (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 186.123.
  - (51) Cole Custer, Ford, 185.982.
  - (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 185.312.
  - (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 185.027.
  - (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 183.418.
  - (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 182.272.
  - (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 179.241.
  - (00) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 176.292.
  - (55) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 173.628.

start third after an impressive qualifying run, makes no secret of his desire to raise the trophy in the desert before he retires.

FORD TOUGH: Fords earned the first three spots in qualifying, along with five of the first eight, and eight of the first 12. Fords also excelled last week in Atlanta, but the drivers and teams aren't prepared to say they've got all the answers yet.

IN THE WIND: The drivers could get a respite from the high desert winds Sunday, but they're prepared for anything after being forced to steer through gales in practice. "It's just like anything else, just the same for everybody," Clint Bowyer said. "You get in the car and you're worried about what it's going to do. I guess it affects the balance of the car, where you pick up the headwind or where you lose it. You feel it as you change direction."

## SCOREBOARD

### TV, RADIO

#### TODAY

**5 a.m.** — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Tshwane Open Final Round from Waterkloof, South Africa (GOLF).  
**8:25 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Arsenal vs. Brighton (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**9 a.m.** — NFL Football: NFL Scouting Combine from Indianapolis — Defensive Linemen and Linebackers (NFL NETWORK).  
**9:30 a.m.** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Stuttgart vs. Cologne (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**10:55 a.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Chelsea vs. Manchester City (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**Noon** — College Basketball: Cincinnati at Wichita State (WLTX 19).  
**Noon** — Women's International Soccer: United States vs. France from Harrison, N.J. (ESPN2).  
**Noon** — International Soccer: Bundesliga League Match — Bayern Munich vs. Freiburg (FOX SPORTS 1, UNIVISION).  
**Noon** — PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship Final Round from Mexico City (GOLF).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Houston vs. St. Louis from Jupiter, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Oracle Challenger Series Men's and Women's Championship Matches from Indian Wells, Calif. (TENNIS).  
**1:30 p.m.** — Professional Basketball: Euroleague Game — Fenerbahce vs. Real Madrid (NBA TV).  
**2 p.m.** — PGA Golf: World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship Final Round from Mexico City (WIS 10).  
**2 p.m.** — College Basketball: Southern Methodist at South Florida (ESPNEWS).  
**2 p.m.** — College Baseball: South Carolina at Clemson (WJMZ-FM 93.1, WPUB-FM 102.7, WNKI-FM 107.5).  
**3 p.m.** — Professional Basketball: NBA G-League Game — Westchester at Lakeland (NBA TV).  
**3:30 p.m.** — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series Pennzoil 400 from Las Vegas (WACH 57, WEGX-FM 92.9).  
**3:30 p.m.** — Women's College Gymnastics: Auburn at Louisiana State (SEC NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona (MLB NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — Track and Field: IAAF World Indoor Championships from Birmingham, England (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**4:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Connecticut at Houston (CBS SPORTS NETWORK).  
**4:30 p.m.** — College Basketball: Tulane at Central Florida (ESPN).  
**4:30 p.m.** — Senior PGA Golf: PGA Tour Champions SAS Championship Final Round from Tucson, Ariz. (GOLF).  
**5 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles at Seattle (ESPN).  
**5 p.m.** — Professional Tennis: Brasil Open Singles Championship Match from Sao Paulo (TENNIS).  
**6 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Charlotte at Toronto (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST).  
**6:05 p.m.** — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).  
**7 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Winnipeg at Carolina (FOX SPORTSOUTH).  
**7 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Detroit at Minnesota (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**7:30 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: New York City at Kansas City (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**8 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia at Milwaukee (ESPN).  
**8 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota from Fort Myers, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).  
**10 p.m.** — Major League Soccer: Portland at Los Angeles (FOX SPORTS 1).  
**11 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Francisco from Scottsdale, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).  
**2 a.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Toronto vs. Philadelphia from Clearwater, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).

#### MONDAY

**6 a.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Tampa Bay vs. New York Yankees from Tampa, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).  
**9 a.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Boston vs. Baltimore from Sarasota, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).  
**9 a.m.** — NFL Football: NFL Scouting Combine from Indianapolis — Defensive Backs (NFL NETWORK).  
**1 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball:

Minnesota vs. Philadelphia from Clearwater, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).  
**2:55 p.m.** — International Soccer: English Premier League Match — Crystal Palace vs. Manchester United (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**4 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Washington vs. St. Louis from Jupiter, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).  
**7 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Detroit at Cleveland (NBA TV).  
**7:30 p.m.** — NHL Hockey: Toronto at Buffalo (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).  
**8:30 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Arizona vs. San Diego from Peoria, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).  
**10:30 p.m.** — NBA Basketball: Portland at Los Angeles Lakers (NBA TV).  
**10:30 p.m.** — Exhibition Tennis: The Match for Africa from San Jose, Calif. — Roger Federer vs. Jack Sock (TENNIS).  
**11:30 p.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Miami vs. Houston (MLB NETWORK).  
**2:30 a.m.** — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Angels vs. Cincinnati from Goodyear, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).

#### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

##### Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	44	17	.721	—
Boston	44	19	.698	1
Philadelphia	34	27	.557	10
New York	24	39	.381	21
Brooklyn	20	43	.317	25

##### Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	36	27	.571	—
Miami	32	30	.516	3½
Charlotte	28	35	.444	8
Orlando	19	43	.306	16½
Atlanta	19	44	.302	17

##### Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	36	25	.590	—
Indiana	35	27	.565	1½
Milwaukee	33	29	.532	3½
Detroit	29	33	.468	7½
Chicago	21	41	.339	15½

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	48	13	.787	—
San Antonio	36	26	.581	12½
New Orleans	35	26	.574	13
Dallas	19	44	.302	30
Memphis	18	43	.295	30

##### Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	36	26	.581	—
Oklahoma City	37	27	.578	—
Minnesota	38	28	.576	—
Denver	34	28	.548	2
Utah	32	30	.516	4

##### Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	33	28	.541	15
L.A. Lakers	27	34	.443	21
Sacramento	19	43	.306	29½
Phoenix	19	45	.297	30½

#### SATURDAY

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

#### TODAY

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

#### MONDAY

Detroit at Cleveland, 7 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Indiana, 7 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Miami, 7:30 p.m.  
 Boston at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
 Orlando at Utah, 9 p.m.  
 Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

## MLB SPRING TRAINING

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	7	1	0.875
Boston	7	2	0.778
Kansas City	5	1	0.833
Houston	6	2	0.750
Detroit	6	2	0.750
Cleveland	6	2	0.750
Minnesota	4	3	0.571
Los Angeles	4	4	0.500
Chicago	4	4	0.500
Tampa Bay	4	5	0.444
Seattle	3	5	0.375
Baltimore	3	5	0.375
Oakland	2	4	0.333
Texas	2	4	0.333
Toronto	2	6	0.250

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Chicago	5	1	0.833
Milwaukee	6	2	0.750
Miami	5	2	0.714
San Diego	4	3	0.571
St. Louis	3	4	0.429
Colorado	3	4	0.429
Washington	3	4	0.429
New York	3	5	0.375
Los Angeles	3	5	0.375
Cincinnati	3	5	0.375
Arizona	3	6	0.333
San Francisco	2	5	0.286
Philadelphia	2	6	0.250
Atlanta	2	6	0.250
Pittsburgh	1	5	0.167

#### FRIDAY

N.Y. Yankees 5, Atlanta 4  
 Boston 9, St. Louis 6  
 Detroit 8, Miami 3  
 Philadelphia 9, Tampa Bay 2  
 Baltimore 10, Pittsburgh 8  
 Minnesota 2, Toronto 1  
 Washington 2, N.Y. Mets (ss) 1  
 Cincinnati 3, San Francisco 2  
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Chicago White Sox 6  
 Seattle 4, Milwaukee 2  
 Cleveland 9, Texas 4  
 Colorado 15, Arizona 6  
 Chicago Cubs 6, L.A. Angels 4  
 San Diego 13, Kansas City 5  
 N.Y. Mets (ss) 7, Houston 7

#### SATURDAY

Baltimore vs. Philadelphia (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 N.Y. Yankees vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Washington vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (ss) vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Minnesota vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.  
 Arizona vs. L.A. Dodgers at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 Cincinnati vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 San Diego vs. Oakland at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 San Francisco (ss) vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 Texas vs. San Francisco (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 Milwaukee vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 8:40 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

Boston vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Detroit vs. Washington at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Houston vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Miami vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.  
 Washington vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.  
 Cleveland vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 3:05 p.m.  
 Kansas City vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 San Diego (ss) vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 Seattle vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.  
 Chicago Cubs vs. Arizona at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.  
 Colorado vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.  
 Oakland vs. San Diego (ss) at Peoria, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.

## PGA SCORES

### THE HONDA CLASSIC

**Sunday**  
**At PGA National**  
**Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.**  
**Purse: \$6.6 million**  
**Yardage: 7,140; Par 70**  
**Final**  
**(x-won on first playoff hole)**  
 x-Justin Thomas (500), \$1,188,000 67-72-65-68-272  
 Luke List (300), \$712,800 71-66-66-69-272  
 Alex Noren (190), \$448,800 66-67-273  
 Tommy Fleetwood (135), \$316,800 67-69-274  
 Byeong Hun An (105), \$250,800 69-65-276  
 Webb Simpson (105), \$250,800 66-72-276  
 Jamie Lovemark (90), \$221,100 68-72-277  
 Sam Burns, \$191,400 70-71-69-68-278  
 Emiliano Grillo (80), \$191,400 71-72-69-66-278  
 Kelly Kraft (80), \$191,400 72-69-66-71-278  
 Dylan Frittelli, \$165,000 71-72-67-69-279  
 Tiger Woods (65), \$151,800 70-71-69-70-280  
 Dominic Bozzelli (56), \$123,750 71-69-281  
 Derek Fathauer (56), \$123,750 71-65-281  
 Thomas Pieters (56), \$123,750 71-71-281  
 Adam Scott (56), \$123,750 67-69-281  
 Greg Chalmers (45), \$86,366 70-67-282  
 Lucas Glover (45), \$86,366 71-66-282  
 C.T. Pan (45), \$86,366 71-71-71-69-282  
 Jason Dufner (45), \$86,366 70-71-282  
 Tom Lovelady (45), \$86,366 67-70-282  
 Scott Piercy (45), \$86,366 71-71-282  
 Rory Sabbatini (45), \$86,366 71-73-282  
 Tyler Duncan (34), \$54,780 70-69-283  
 Russell Henley (34), \$54,780 74-71-283  
 John Huh (34), \$54,780 71-73-68-71-283  
 Louis Oosthuizen (34), \$54,780 69-75-283  
 Michael Thompson (34), \$54,780 76-69-70-68-283  
 Daniel Berger (27), \$43,890 67-72-70-75-284  
 Rafa Cabrera Bello (27), \$43,890 73-69-284

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### CONFERENCE TOURNEY SCHEDULE

#### WOMEN

##### TODAY

##### SEC

##### ESPN2

##### Championship

##### 4:30 p.m.

##### ACC

##### ESPN2

##### Championship

##### 2 p.m.

##### BIG

## CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

## UNCG, Wofford get victories to advance to SoCon semifinals

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Demetrius Troy scored 14 points with four 3-pointers, James Dickey added 13 points with 10 rebounds, and top-seeded UNC Greensboro beat No. 8 seed The Citadel 72-58 on Saturday to advance to the Southern Conference Tournament semifinals.

Francis Alonso added 12 points and Marvin Smith and Isaiah Miller scored 10 points apiece for the outright SoCon champion Spartans (25-7), who will face Wofford in Sunday's first semifinal.

The Bulldogs led 36-32 on Frankie Johnson's 3, but James Dickey's layup sparked a 12-0 run for a 44-36 Spartans' lead. UNCG led by 10 but Leandro Allende's fast-break dunk off a Kaiden Rice steal cut it to 66-58 with 1:03 left. Jordy Kuiper and Alonso combined for six free throws from there.

Zane Najdawi scored 17 points with four 3s, Allende added 12 and Matt Frierion 10 for The Citadel (11-21), which hit 11 3s but shot 35 percent from the field.

**WOFFORD 73**  
**MERCER 53**

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — Nathan

Hoover scored 22 points and Cameron Jackson scored 18 with 10 rebounds to lead No. 5 seed Wofford to a 73-53 win over fourth-seeded Mercer in a Southern Conference Tournament quarterfinal matchup on Saturday.

Wofford moves to play top-seeded UNC Greensboro in a semifinal game on Sunday. The Terriers (21-11) built a 21-9 lead with scoring from seven-different players and never trailed. Hoover's jump shot with nine seconds before halftime made the lead 37-21.

**MURRAY STATE 70**  
**JACKSONVILLE STATE 63**

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Terrell Miller Jr. had 18 points and a career-high 18 rebounds and former Crestwood High School standout Ja Morant had 11 as No. 1 seed Murray State advanced to the Ohio Valley Conference championship with a 70-63 win over No. 4 seed Jacksonville State on Friday.

The Racers (25-5) were scheduled to play Belmont for the title on Saturday.

**DREXEL 70**  
**JAMES MADISON 62**

NORTH CHARLESTON — Tra-  
maine Isabell scored 12 of his 24 points in the last four minutes to help No. 8 seed Drexel beat ninth-seeded James Madison 70-62 in the first round of the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament on Saturday.

Drexel (13-19), which had lost six of their last seven conference tournament games before beating the Dukes, will move on to face top-seeded Charleston (23-7) in a Sunday quarterfinal.

## WOMEN

**LOUISVILLE 64**  
**N.C. STATE 59**

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Sam Fuehring scored 15 points to help No. 4 Louisville hold off No. 23 North Carolina State 64-59 in Saturday's Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament semifinals.

**FLORIDA STATE 90**  
**NOTRE DAME 80**

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Marina Mabrey scored a season-high 27 points to help No. 5 Notre Dame rally past No. 11 Florida State 90-80 Saturday in

the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament semifinals.

The second-seeded Fighting Irish (29-2) rallied from eight down in the third quarter in their pursuit of a record-tying fifth straight tournament title.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE 70**  
**TEXAS A&M 55**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Victoria Vivians scored 22 points and second-ranked Mississippi State remained in position to add a Southeastern Conference Tournament title to its regular-season championship, beating No. 15 Texas A&M 70-55 on Saturday the semifinals.

The Bulldogs (32-0) reached the title game for a third straight year and extended the nation's longest active winning streak to 32 games. They will play No. 8 South Carolina or 19th-ranked Georgia on Sunday.

Mississippi State reached the tournament championship game for the fourth time overall by beating Texas A&M for a second straight year.

*From wire reports*

## TOP 25 ROUNDUP

## No. 1 Virginia gets past Irish, 62-57

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Devon Hall scored 17 points in his final game at John Paul Jones Arena and No. 1 Virginia outlasted Notre Dame 62-57 on Saturday.

Ty Jerome added 13 points for the Cavaliers (28-2, 17-1 Atlantic Coast Conference), who won their fifth in a row.

Bonzie Colson, playing in just his second game since missing 15 with a broken foot, had 24 points and 14 rebounds for the Irish (18-13, 8-10). Martin Geben added 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Virginia led 55-54 with just over 3 minutes to play before Hall scored on a tough drive. After Notre Dame missed, Isaiah Wilkins hit a pair of free throws, pushing the Cavaliers' lead to five. A 3-pointer by Matt Farrell got Notre Dame within 59-57 with 2:24 to play. The Irish had a chance to tie, or take the lead, in the final minute, but Colson couldn't get free from Wilkins' defense and, in his bid to pass the ball out, the Irish committed a 30-second shot clock violation.

De'Andre Hunter, whose banked-in 3-pointer gave Virginia a stunning victory at Louisville on Thursday night, hit 3 of 4 free throws to finish it.

As the game ended, the Cavaliers gathered at midcourt, where coach Tony Bennett spoke privately with the team, then walked out of the huddle, clapping to thank the fans and, hand raised and fist pumping,

headed for the locker room.

The Cavaliers are the top seed in the ACC Tournament.

The Irish will play Wednesday in the ACC Tournament at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.

The top-seeded Cavaliers open play in the ACC Tournament on Thursday.

**FLORIDA 80**  
**(23) KENTUCKY 67**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Jalen Hudson scored 22 points, Chris Chiozza broke the school's all-time assist record and Florida beat No. 23 Kentucky 80-67 on Saturday, ending the Wildcats' four-game winning streak.

The Gators won their third straight, swept Kentucky for the first time in four years and secured the No. 3 seed in next week's Southeastern Conference Tournament.

The Wildcats (21-10, 10-8 SEC) will be seeded fourth or fifth depending on the outcome of the Arkansas-Missouri game later Saturday. No team seeded lower than third has won the SEC Tournament since it went to a 14-team format in 2013.

**(15) MICHIGAN 75**  
**(2) MICHIGAN STATE 64**

NEW YORK — Mo Wagner scored 14 of his 15 points after a dreadful first half and fifth-seeded Michigan moved within a game of its second straight Big Ten Tournament

title with a 75-64 victory over top-seeded Michigan State in the conference semifinals Saturday, ending the No. 2 ranked Spartans' 13-game winning streak.

**(3) XAVIER 65**  
**DEPAUL 62**

CHICAGO — Trevon Bluiett scored 22 points, and No. 3 Xavier set a school record for regular-season wins while clinching the top seed in the Big East with a 65-62 victory over DePaul on Saturday.

The Musketeers (27-4, 15-3 Big East) hung on for their 12th win in 13 games after DePaul's Eli Cain and Max Strus missed 3-pointers in the closing seconds. That ended Villanova's four-year run of first-place finishes.

**TEXAS 87**  
**(20) WEST VIRGINIA 79**

AUSTIN, Texas — Matt Coleman and Kerwin Roach II each scored 22 points and Texas used an 11-0 run early in overtime to pull away from No. 20 West Virginia for an 87-79 win Saturday that was critical for the Longhorns' NCAA Tournament hopes.

The Longhorns (18-13, 8-10) were in desperate need of a big late-season victory to shore up an inconsistent resume and got it in their seventh overtime game of the season.

*From wire reports*

## TIGERS FROM PAGE B1

Battle scored eight straight points to key an early surge that put the Orange back in front and got the season-high crowd of 28,670 roaring. He drained 3-pointers on consecutive possessions and hit a jumper in the lane before Brissett converted a three-point play to give the Orange a 33-30 lead. Howard's 3 off a screen by the 7-foot-2 Chukwu boosted the lead to six with 14:00 left.

Reed was the lone bright spot for the Tigers early. He drained three 3-pointers to keep them close, his third moving Clemson within 39-36 at 12:17.

After Battle's fastbreak layup off a steal by Howard gave the Orange a seven-point lead, Thomas converted a three-point play, Reed hit a pretty floater in the lane and Thomas followed with a putback to knot the score at 43 with just over 9 minutes left.

## MOTEN'S MOMENT

Syracuse retired the jersey of former star Lawrence Moten at halftime. Moten still holds the school scoring record of 2,334 points, set from 1991-95, which also is the Big East record.

"I'm the third guy from the Washington, D.C. area to have my jersey retired," Moten said to the crowd, referencing Dave Bing and Sherman Douglas. "Understand this,

that officially makes us three Georgetown killers."

## NUMBERS

Clemson fell behind by five midway through the first half and used an 11-2 run to regain the lead, with nine of the points coming on free throws. The Tigers led 25-22 at the break despite shooting 35 percent and hitting just 1 of 8 from beyond the arc. The Orange shot 8 of 26 (30.8 percent). Freshman Marek Dolezaj led Syracuse with seven points and leading scorer Battle had only three on 1-of-6 shooting.

## BIG PICTURE

Clemson: Clemson entered the game tied for third in the ACC standings and is assured of a berth in the NCAA Tournament no matter how they fare in the conference tourney next week.

Syracuse: The Orange likely still need a strong showing in the ACC Tournament next week if they hope to nab an at-large berth in the NCAA Tournament. They're 0-3 in the conference postseason since joining the ACC five years ago.

## UP NEXT:

Clemson: ACC Tournament  
Syracuse: Begins play in the ACC Tournament against Wake Forest on Tuesday.

## SYRACUSE 55, NO. 18 CLEMSON 52

## CLEMSON (22-8)

Simms 3-6 0-1 6, Thomas 5-5 8-12 18, DeVoe 2-13 0-0 4, Reed 8-13 0-0 21, Mitchell 0-4 0-0 0, Skara 0-0 0-0 0, William 0-2 0-0 0, Donnal 0-1 0-0 0, Trapp 0-0 0-0 0, Oliver 0-1 3-3 3. Totals 18-45 11-16 52.

## SYRACUSE (19-12)

Brissett 4-9 8-9 17, Dolezaj 3-8 2-3 8, Chukwu 0-0 2-2 2, Battle 5-20 4-4 17, Howard 4-14 1-2 11, Moyer 0-0 0-0 0, Sidibe 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 16-53 17-20 55.

Halftime Clemson 25-22, 3-Point Goals Clemson 5-16 (Reed 5-7, Simms 0-1, Oliver 0-1, Mitchell 0-1, DeVoe 0-6), Syracuse 6-19 (Battle 3-9, Howard 2-5, Brissett 1-4, Dolezaj 0-1). Fouled Out\_Skara. Re-

## USC FROM PAGE B1

Chris Silva finished with 19 points and 11 rebounds before fouling out with 3:38 left. He was 8-of-10 shooting, but committed eight turnovers.

Wesley Myers scored 11 points.

Auburn stormed back from a 14-point deficit midway through the first half. Brown scored 15 points and made four 3-pointers over the final 6:14.

Booker hit a long 3-pointer from the top of the key that rolled around the rim before going in with five seconds left to give the Gamecocks a 37-35 halftime lead.

## BIG PICTURE

South Carolina: Dropped its fifth straight road game and committed a whopping 24 turnovers against a team it had beaten at home. Booker and Silva combined for 19 of the team's first 20 points.

Auburn: Fought back after missing its first eight 3-pointers and starting 2 of 15 from the floor. Showed plenty of resilience after back to back road losses.

## DOUBLING UP

Auburn coach Bruce Pearl joins Eddie Fogler as the only coach to win regular-season SEC titles at

## NO. 14 AUBURN 79, SOUTH CAROLINA 70

## SOUTH CAROLINA (16-15)

Silva 8-10 3-6 19, Kotsar 1-3 0-0 2, Minaya 1-4 1-2 4, Gravett 1-6 0-0 3, Booker 7-17 8-8 27, Haase 2-8 0-0 4, Hinson 0-1 0-0 0, Beatty 0-0 0-0 0, Myers 3-12 3-4 11. Totals 23-61 15-20 70.

## AUBURN (25-6)

Spencer 4-6 3-4 11, Murray 1-5 2-2 4, Brown 9-15 3-4 29, Harper 5-12 6-9 18, Heron 1-9 10-10 12, Blackstock 0-0 0-0 0, Okeke 2-4 0-0 5, Mitchell 0-2 0-0 0, Williams 0-0 0-0 0, Macoy 0-0 0-0 0, Easterling 0-0 0-0 0, Keim 0-0 0-0 0, Dunbar 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 22-57 24-29 79.

Halftime\_South Carolina 37-35, 3-Point Goals\_South Carolina 9-23 (Booker 5-12, Myers 2-3, Minaya 1-2, Gravett 1-3, Haase 0-3), Auburn 11-31 (Brown 8-12, Harper 2-7, Okeke 1-3, Murray 0-1, Mitchell 0-2, Dunbar 0-3, Heron 0-3). Fouled Out\_Silva. Rebounds\_South Carolina 38 (Silva 11), Auburn 35 (Okeke 9). Assists\_South Carolina 13 (Haase, Booker 4), Auburn 15 (Harper 8). Total Fouls\_South Carolina 24, Auburn 18. Technicals\_Auburn coach Bruce Pearl, Auburn team.

two schools. Volger won with Vanderbilt in 1993 and South Carolina in 1997.

## UP NEXT

Both teams are set to play in the SEC Tournament in St. Louis.

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AREA ROUNDUP

# Knights' Herrera tosses no-hitter in 2-1 victory over Williamsburg

LAKE CITY — AJ Herrera tossed a no-hitter to lead Crestwood High School's varsity baseball team to a 2-1 victory over Williamsburg Academy in the Lake City Sonic Tournament on Saturday at the Lake City High field.

RJ Reed had two hits and two runs batted in for the Knights, who went 1-3 in the tournament.

**AIRPORT 4 SUMMER 2**

LEXINGTON — Sumter High School lost to Airport 4-2 on Saturday in the Naturchem Invitational at the River Bluff High field.

Trey Yates had two hits, including a double, scored a run and drove in a run to lead the Gamecocks. Joey Pereira also had two hits, including a double.

Seth Posey took the loss for SHS, giving up three runs in two innings. Ethan Brown pitched five innings, allowing one run and three hits.

Sumter plays Lugoff-Elgin today at 9 a.m. at the Lexington High field.

**VARSITY SOCCER**

**LAKEWOOD 2 MANNING 1**

Lakewood High School improved to 2-0 on the season with a 2-1 victory over Manning on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

Benjamin Yates scored the winning goal in the final minutes for the Gators on an assist from Charles Olden.

The other goal came in the early going when Jack Turcios scored on a penalty kick.

Mason Dingle scored for Manning.

**JV BASEBALL**

**SUMMER 13 LAKEWOOD 0**

Connor Batey tossed a 1-hit shutout to lead Sumter High School to a 13-0, 5-inning victory over Lakewood on Friday at the LHS field.

Batey had seven strikeouts

**LOCAL PREP SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**

**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
Lakewood at Stratford, 6 p.m.

**JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL**  
Sumter at Hartsville, 6 p.m.  
Manning at Crestwood, 6 p.m.  
Lake City at Lakewood, 6 p.m.

**B TEAM BASEBALL**  
Brookland-Cayce at Sumter, 6 p.m.

**VARSITY BOYS GOLF**  
Sumter in Patriot Invitational (at Wescott Plantation in Summerville), TBA

**VARSITY BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER**  
Governor's School of Science & Math at Crestwood, 6 p.m.

**VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER**  
Andrews at Sumter, 7 p.m.

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**  
Crestwood at Lower Richland, 6 p.m.

**VARSITY BOYS TENNIS**  
Sumter at Wilson, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY**

**VARSITY BASEBALL**  
Crestwood at Manning, 6 p.m.  
Buford at Lee Central, 5 p.m.

Orangeburg Christian at Sumter Christian, 5 p.m.

**VARSITY AND JV BASEBALL**  
Clarendon Hall at Holly Hill, 4 p.m.

**JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL**  
South Florence at Sumter, 6 p.m.  
Camden Military at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.

**B TEAM BASEBALL**  
Pee Dee at Robert E. Lee, 6 p.m.

**VARSITY BOYS GOLF**  
Trinity-Byrnes, Carolina at Wilson Hall (at Sunset Country Club), 4 p.m.

**VARSITY BOYS SOCCER**  
Wilson Hall at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.

**VARSITY AND JV BOYS SOCCER**  
Camden at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.  
Hanahan at Manning, 5:30 p.m.

**VARSITY SOFTBALL**  
Buford at Lee Central (DH), 5 p.m.  
Trinity-Byrnes at Robert E. Lee, 5 p.m.  
North Walterboro Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.

**VARSITY AND JV SOFTBALL**  
Laurence Manning at Colleton Prep, 3:30 p.m.  
Clarendon Hall at Holly Hill, 5 p.m.

**VARSITY BOYS TENNIS**  
Manning at Sumter, 5 p.m.

for the 2-0 Gamecocks. He was also 2-for-3 with a double.

Logan Dannals had two hits and two RBI and Landon Jones had a hit and an RBI.

**JV SOCCER**

**MANNING 2 LAKEWOOD 1**

Manning High School defeated Lakewood 2-1 on Friday at J. Frank Baker Stadium.

Grayson Ramirez scored the lone goal for the 0-1 Gators.

**GIRLS**

**VARSITY SOCCER**

**SUMMER 2 ANDREW JACKSON 1**

KERSHAW — Sumter High School defeated Andrew Jackson High 2-1 in extra time on Friday at the AJHS field.

Penelope Moore scored two goals for the Lady Gamecocks. Aria Strick and Sydney Brownlee each had an

assist and Brownlee also had six saves in goal.

**JV SOCCER**

**ANDREW JACKSON 3 SUMMER 0**

KERSHAW — Sumter High School lost to Andrew Jackson High 3-0 on Friday at the AJHS field.

SHS fell to 1-1.

**JV SOFTBALL**

**CLARENDON HALL 16 DORCHESTER 0**

SUMMERTON — Clarendon Hall opened its season with a 16-0 victory over Dorchester on Friday at the CH field.

Amberly was 3-for-3 with two RBI and had five strikeouts in 2½ innings to get the win in the circle.

Hadleigh McIntosh was 2-for-3 with two RBI, while Macie McIntosh, Wells James and McKenly Wells each had two hits.

From staff reports

**RIVALS** FROM PAGE B1

from Patrick Cromwell, but the Gamecocks answered in the top of the fourth as Madison Stokes ended an 11-pitch at-bat with a solo home run over the Green Monster in left-center field.

Stokes went 3-for-4 and Jonah Bride had two more of the Gamecocks' seven hits.

The Tigers' Seth Beer broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth inning with a sacrifice fly, then Cromwell followed with a run-scoring single. In the fifth inning, Kyle Wilkie ripped a 2-out, 2-run single to double Clemson's lead to 5-1.

Wilkie had two hits and two runs batted in. Cromwell also had two RBI.

In Friday's game, USC tied the game in the eighth and scored the winning run in the bottom of the ninth.

Clemson led 2-1 going to the bottom of the eighth. Matt Williams came on as a pinch hitter and homered to tie the game at 2-2.

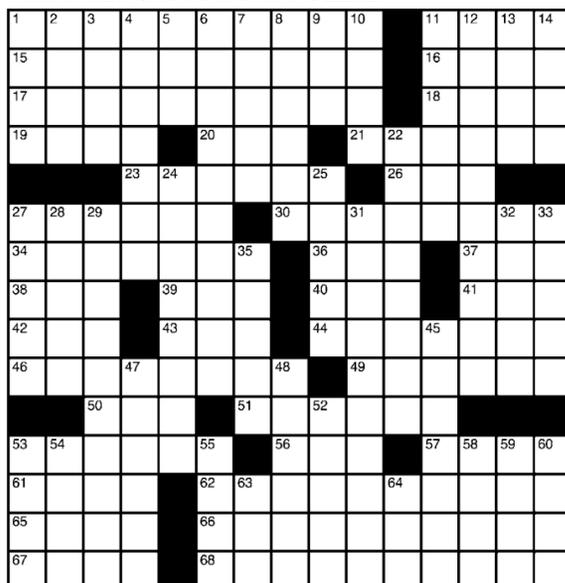
In the ninth, Bride drew a walk to start the inning. He went to third on a failed pick-off attempt and scored on TJ Hopkins' sacrifice fly.

USC took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the fifth when Bride scored on an error. Beer hit a 2-run home run in the sixth to make it 2-1.

Adam Hill started on the mound for USC. He struck out 14 in seven innings, allowing just two hits.

**SATURDAY PUZZLES**

**THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE**



Gail Grabowski

3/3/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Steve McQueen's co-star in "The Getaway"
  - 11 Hollow
  - 15 It doesn't include overtime
  - 16 Can of corn at the market, say
  - 17 Defect
  - 18 Online shopping option
  - 19 Organic soy milk brand
  - 20 Org. hacked during the 2016 presidential campaign
  - 21 Some edible plant parts
  - 23 Morally base
  - 26 Vein contents
  - 27 Texas-Louisiana border river
  - 30 Vein contents
  - 34 Red-hot
  - 36 Superfan
  - 37 "On the Road" narrator
  - 38 Company with back-to-school buys
  - 39 Flowery lines
  - 40 Crock-Pot and Cuisinart: Abbr.
  - 41 News gp.
  - 42 1940s mil. zone
  - 43 Excite, with "up"
  - 44 Wilde forte
  - 46 Sounded right
  - 49 Joan of Arc's crime
  - 50 Shorten a yard to mere inches?
  - 51 Crate up
  - 53 Where Excalibur was forged
  - 56 Buff end
  - 57 Bering Sea port
  - 61 Amy's "Sisters" co-star
  - 62 One with a lot of wheels
  - 65 Bands in the East
  - 66 It helps you get up
  - 67 Substantial content
  - 68 Commercial challenges
  - 9 Craft for couples
  - 10 "The Swiss Family Robinson" author
  - 11 Parish priests
  - 12 Portmanteau for workout clothing worn socially
  - 13 News source, perhaps
  - 14 Defib specialists
  - 22 Places for piggies?
  - 24 Very few
  - 25 End of a ristorante request
  - 27 Unlit?
  - 28 One of the original Pointer Sisters
  - 29 Passion caused by strips
  - 31 Fueling device with an automatic shut-off feature
  - 32 Cantina fare
  - 33 Disreputable
  - 35 Cabaret offering
  - 45 Hurled weapon
  - 47 Bring up the rear
  - 48 Online reminders
  - 52 Appropriate
  - 53 Splitting target
  - 54 Hard-to-describe feeling
  - 55 Tweed's caricaturist
  - 58 GM line until 2004
  - 59 Fulfill
  - 60 Throws wildly, say
  - 63 Hagen of the stage
  - 64 Down

**Previous Puzzle Solved**



**JUMBLE**

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## SPORTS ITEMS

## USC Sumter improves to 3-3 with sweep of Southeastern CC

WHITEVILLE, N.C. — The University of South Carolina Sumter softball team evened its record at 3-3 with a doubleheader sweep of Southeastern Community College on Saturday at the SCC field.

The Fire Ants won the opener 7-6 and the nightcap 11-8.

In the first game, Jayla Cowell and Kristen McKenzie both had two hits and two runs batted in. Laurel Shaw drove in three runs.

Hannah Bettencourt worked the final 3 1/3 innings to get the victory.

In the second game, USC Sumter had 14 hits. Cowell and Brooke Ward led the way with two hits apiece. Ward had three RBI and Cowell had two, as did McKenzie.

Megan Phillips worked the first 4 2/3 innings to get the victory.

## SHARMA SOARS INTO THE LEAD IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY — Shubhankar Sharma stayed up in the middle of the night in India to watch golf at the highest level, usually the majors, and the best players became legends to him.

From the time he arrived in Mexico for his first World Golf Championship, he has been hitting balls on the range next to Dustin Johnson and Jordan Spieth, and on Saturday he worked up



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shubhankar Sharma will take a 2-shot lead into the final round of the Mexico Championship today at the Chapultepec Golf Club in Mexico City.

the courage to introduce himself to Phil Mickelson on the putting green.

"It just feels like there's a TV in front of me, and I'm actually watching it through a TV," Sharma said.

Even more surreal? He's beating them.

The 21-year-old from India held his nerve to the end and holed a 15-foot par putt on the 18th hole at Chapultepec Golf Club for a 2-under 69, giving him a two-shot lead going into the

final round of the Mexico Championship.

Sharma has one round left to hold off a few of golf's biggest names — starting with Mickelson.

Mickelson played bogey-free for a 65 and will be in the final group for the first time since the British Open two years ago. Joining them will be Tyrrell Hatton of England, who went out in 30 and finished off a 64.

"It's been a long time since my game's been back to this point," Mickelson said. "I'm back playing some of my best golf again. It will start to click and get better and better as the year goes on."

## KORDA TAKES THIRD-ROUND LEAD AT LPGA SINGAPORE, KANG 1 BACK

SINGAPORE — Nelly Korda shot a 7-under 65 Saturday to take a one-stroke lead at the LPGA Tour's Women's World Championship after Danielle Kang made her first bogeys of the tournament to slip back into second place after three rounds.

Korda, whose sister Jessica won the LPGA event in Thailand last week, had eight birdies and one bogey as she finished on 15-under 201 heading into the final round at the Sentosa Golf Club.

Kang started the day leading by four strokes and finished trailing Korda by

one after a 70. She dropped her first shot of the tournament on the 15th after going 50 holes without making a bogey, then made another bogey on 18.

Brooke Henderson had a bogey-free 65, matching Korda for the low round of the day, to join Minjee Lee (68) in a tie for third at 11-under.

## STRICKER HITS IN WATER, GIVES UP COLOGUARD CLASSIC LEAD

TUCSON, Ariz. — Steve Stricker lost the Cologuard Classic lead Saturday when he drove into the water on the par-5 18th in a closing double bogey.

A year after losing a chance to win the event in his PGA Tour Champions debut when his 3-wood went left into the water on the final hole, Stricker did it again Saturday.

Stricker ended up with a 3-under 70, leaving him a stroke behind Tommy Tolles with a round left on Omni Tucson National's Catalina Course. Tolles saved par on 18 for a 70 after following Stricker into the water.

Tolles had an 11-under 135 total.

Scott Dunlap, tied for the first-round lead with Tolles, was tied with Stricker at 10 under after a 71.

Rocco Mediate (65) and Doug Garwood (68) were 9 under.

From wire reports

## OBITUARIES

## RUTH ANN HAMPTON

MAYESVILLE — Ruth Ann Hampton was born on June 8, 1953, in St. Charles, to the late Harry Sr. and Bertha Washington Copeland.

She was raised by her parental aunt and uncle, the late JP and Marie Copeland. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Mattie G. Jones and

Cornelius Dantzler; three brothers, Harry Lee Copeland Jr., Herbert Copeland Sr. and Nathaniel Copeland; and father-in-law, Sidney Hampton Sr.

Ruth Ann Hampton departed her earthly journey on Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

She leaves behind to cherish her precious memories: her husband, Alonza Hampton; her loving children, Christopher Copeland Sr. (Priscessa) and Clifton Copeland; sisters, Anna Copeland, Marie Scarborough (John), Geneva Copeland and Bertha Mabry (Olen); one stepsister, Dora Parrott (James); mother-in-law, Sarah M. Hampton; sister-in-law, Annette Anderson (A.C.); brother-in-law, Sidney Hampton Jr. (Rita); five grandchildren, India Singletary (Javis), Christopher Jr., Chandler, Chace and Christen; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Monday at Ebenezer AME Church, 119 E. Sumter St., Mayesville, with Pastor Phillip Washington officiating. Interment will follow at Mayesville Community Cemetery.

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

The family is receiving friends at the residence, 22 Mills St., Mayesville.

Services entrusted to Whites Mortuary LLC.

## NEBRASKA E. MOORE II

SUMMERTON — Nebraska Edward "Butch" Moore II, 80, husband of MaryAnne Grayson Moore, died on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at his home.

Born on Dec. 3, 1937, in Florence, he was a son of the late Ned Palmer Moore and Kathleen Wilson Moore. He was a U.S.

Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 35 in Summerton. He was a retired farmer and a member of Summerton Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of Summerton; a son, Nebraska Edward "Brac" Moore III (Stephanie) of Brunswick, Georgia; a daughter-in-law, Jodi Woods Moore of Three Forks, Montana; a brother, Palmer Moore of Timmons-ville; and five grandchildren,

Grayson McCray Moore, Nebraska E. Moore IV, Chase Mason Moore, Cole Woods Moore and Branna Kaycee Carey Moore.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Mason Palmer Bethea Moore.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Summerton Baptist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Billy Carlisle, the Rev. Bob Ashba and the Rev. Randy Bowers officiating.

Honorary pallbearers will be Jim Grayson, Mike Failmezger, Jason Corbett, Brian Saltus, Dickie Felder, Lou Saltus, Leon Yarborough, Bun Yarborough, Truett Dick, Gene Wells, Horace Green and Harold Truesdale.

The family will receive friends at the residence, 1664 Jack Touchberry Road, Summerton.

Memorials may be made to Summerton Baptist Church, 215 E. Main St., Summerton, SC 29148.

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

## JONNIE S. EMORY

COLUMBIA — Jonnie Sue Stone Emory, 77, of Columbia, died on Friday, Feb. 9, 2017, peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Born April 2, 1940, in Columbia, she was the daughter of the late Johnson Hamilton and Alma Lee Ansley Stone.

Jonnie grew up in Sumter.

Her summers were spent "going to the pavilion" at Ocean Drive and shagging the night away.

After graduating from Edmunds High School she went on to earn an associates degree at Newberry College, where she also was a cheerleader for the Indians.

After college, Jonnie worked as a secretary at Shaw Air Force Base in Sumter where she met the love of her life, James Wallace Emory. They were married in September 1960.

During her time as a military wife Jonnie worked as a preschool teacher and secretary, with her last job as Jim's secretary for Litton Industries in Hampton, Virginia.

She was a member of First United Methodist Church Fox Hill in Hampton, Virginia.

While a Carolina Girl at heart, Jonnie enjoyed the close friendships that came from military life during Jim's postings in Japan, Germany, Sumter, the Pentagon, and Hampton, Virginia.

Jonnie's greatest joys came from being a wife, mother, grandmother and ultimately, a great-grandmother.

In this life she became

known as "GJ" and made it her goal to be present for every award ceremony, sporting event, birthday party, graduation and wedding. With eight grandchildren, she and Jim logged many miles in this endeavor!

Summers at Pawleys Island were sacred and was never missed by a member of the family — if they knew what was good for them!

To know Jonnie was to know her partner of 56 years, Jim.

Like peas and carrots, some of us are just better together than apart. Jonnie and Jim will now always be together.

Survivors include two sons, Guy Edward Emory II (Julie Lynn), and Glenn Johnson Emory (Jennifer Beth); a daughter, Ansley Wallace Emory Casey (Michael); eight grandchildren, Ashleigh Wolfe (Darren), Guy Emory III, Grant Emory (Laura), Duncan Emory, Greyson Emory, Wallace Casey, Fletcher Casey, Bryson Casey; and one great-grandchild, Emory Wolfe; a sister, Shirley Stone Keyes and brother-in-law, Abbie Keyes; and numerous nieces and nephews who all meant so much to her.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Wallace Emory.

The family would also like to thank Jackie Bennett for her friendship these last few months.

A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. on Friday at Fort Jackson National Cemetery, 4170 Percival Road, Columbia.

The family will receive friends prior to the service, beginning at noon, at Shives Funeral Home, Trenholm Road Chapel, 7600 Trenholm Road Exit, Columbia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to the charity of one's choice.

Memories and condolences may be shared at [ShivesFuneralHome.com](http://ShivesFuneralHome.com).

## HERBERT LEE JOHNSON

Herbert Lee Johnson, 68, departed this life on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at the Dorn VA Medical Center, Columbia.

He was born on July 22, 1949, in Sumter, a son of the late James Lee Johnson and Ethel Boston Johnson.

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

## ELIZABETH L. DWYER

Elizabeth L. Dwyer, 68, departed this life on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at McLeod Hospice House, Florence.

Born on June 24, 1949, in Lee County, a daughter of the late James and Marie Fortune Addison.

The family will be receiving friends at the home, 24 Buttercup Street.

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

## PAUL L. JENKINS SR.

Paul Lavern Jenkins Sr., 61, gave up his mortal life for immortality on Monday, Feb. 26,

2018, in Asheville, North Carolina.

Born on Dec. 25, 1956, in Sumter County, he was a son of the late John Henry Jenkins Sr. and Anna M. Boone Jenkins. He attended the public schools of Sumter County and was a graduate of Hillcrest High School Class of 1975. Paul was a faithful worker at DuPont of Camden for 15 years. Later, he was employed by Asheville City Schools, Asheville, for 5 years before retiring.

He leaves to cherish his memories: the mother of his children, Lorraine Young; two sons, Glenn Albert Young aka "Money" of Chicago and Paul Lavern Jenkins Jr. aka "P.J." of Asheville; three sisters, Patricia J. Brooks of Florence, Minister Barbara (Asbury) Davis and Hilda (Herman) Wright of Sumter; two brothers, Larry (Selena) Jenkins Sr. of Sumter and Everette (Teresa) Jenkins of Florence; seven grandchildren; five aunts; two uncles; three sisters-in-law; three brothers-in-law; 18 nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The family is receiving relatives and friends at the home of his sister, 4400 Cotton Acres Road, Sumter.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Mechanicsville United Methodist Church, 184 Lake Ashwood Road, Sumter, with the Rev. Annie Sistrunk, pastor, eulogist.

The remains will be placed in the church at 10 a.m.

The funeral procession will leave at 10:20 a.m. from the home.

Burial will be at Mechanicsville United Methodist Churchyard cemetery.

These services have been entrusted to the management and staff of Williams Funeral Home Inc., 821 N. Main St., Sumter.

Online memorial messages may be sent to the family at [williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com](mailto:williamsfuneralhome@sc.rr.com).

Visit us on the web at [www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.williamsfuneralhomeinc.com).

## THOMAS BRACEY

Thomas Bracey, husband of Ella Mae Bracey, entered eternal rest on March 1, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

The family is receiving friends at 1213 McCaskill Road, Camden.

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

## NATHANAEL G. LUKENS

LEXINGTON — Nathanael G. Lukens, age 65, beloved husband of Irene E. Lukens, died on Saturday, March 3, 2018, at Lexington Medical Center.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home.



## WILSON HASTIE SR.

Wilson Hastie Sr., 85, died on March 1, 2018.

He was born on Oct. 1, 1932, to Frank and Emma Pearson in Sumter.

Wilson was a hard worker and at an early age he work for Williams Furniture.

He and his wife, Daisy, moved to Brooklyn, New York, with their first child, Wilson Hastie Jr., for a better life.

He was a mason and worked on the World Trade Centers. While there, he and his wife welcomed two additional children, Bernard Hastie and Pamela Hastie Taylor.

His wife, Daisy, died in 1974.

He later married Willie Mae Horne Hastie and after a successful career he returned to Sumter in 1996. He immediately returned to New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

In addition to his parents and wife, Daisy, he was preceded in death by a son, Bernard Hastie; two brothers, Woodrow and Alexander Hastie; two sisters Clarisy Archer and Eva Harvin; and two grandsons, LeRon Hastie and Devin Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Mae Horne Hastie of Elizabethtown, North Carolina; two children Wilson (Brenda) Hastie Jr., and Pamela Taylor, both of Sumter; four brothers, Murray, Frank, Calvin and John Hastie, all of Sumter; one granddaughter, Tia DesChamps-Turner of Charlotte, North Carolina; an "adopted" grandson Taj Pugh of Pine-wood; five great-grandchildren, Whitney and friend Crawford, Chloe DesChamps, Demi Taylor and Kelly and Kyle Tuner; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday with pastor Willie Wright officiating. Interment will follow in the Bradford Cemetery.

The body will lie from 10 a.m. until the hour of service.

Sumter Funeral Service Inc. is in charge of arrangements.

**DONALD E. CHAVIS**  
BISHOPVILLE — Donald Edward Chavis, 68, husband of Susie Caughman Chavis, died on Friday, March 2, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Services will be announced by Elmore-Cannon-Stephens Funeral Home and Crematorium of Sumter.

**CYLEST M. GOURLEY**  
Cylest Marie Gourley, age 35, beloved wife of Brian Scott Gourley, died on Thursday, March 1, 2018.

Arrangements will be announced by Bullock Funeral Home of Sumter.

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ABOVE: The East Clarendon High School varsity girls basketball team brought home the 1A state championship on Saturday with a 55-31 victory over Timmonsville at Colonial Life Arena in Columbia.

RIGHT: The Lady Wolverines celebrate following their state title win, the first in program history.

BELOW RIGHT: East Clarendon's Caitlin Timmons (11) puts up a shot over a pair of Timmonsville defenders.

BELOW: East Clarendon's Gracen Watts (13) shoots a short jumper during the Lady Wolverines' 1A state championship victory on Saturday.



## CHAMPS FROM PAGE B1

The Lady Wolverines, who overcame a 2-9 start to play in the final game of the season, never got into any kind of offensive rhythm.

"They couldn't have played a much better first quarter," said THS head coach Perry Stokes, whose team finished with a 15-11 record. "They came out hitting their shots. I know they didn't miss many in the first quarter."

East Clarendon also did a good job defending against Timmonsville's main offensive weapon, Makyla Commander. Commander, who came into the contest averaging over 19 points a game, managed to connect on just 3 of 20 field goal attempts and finished with eight points. She was 0-for-7 from 3-point range.

"We felt good about our

game plan with her," Lowder said. "I felt like we did a good job of defending her. She's a good player; she can shoot the 3, take it on the baseline or go down the lane. We made it very difficult for her."

The Lady Wolverines finished with 12 steals and six blocked shots. Britni Anderson, a 6-0 junior, made her presence known on the inside in the early going with three of the blocks.

Timmonsville was never able to make any real push after the devastating first quarter. EC led 33-11 at halftime and 47-19 after the Lady Whirlwinds scored seven points within the first two minutes of the second half.

East Clarendon led by as many as 34 in the fourth quarter before THS scored some late points to get over

the 30-point mark.

While the Lady Wolverines pressed the issue on offense when the opportunity arose, they didn't go full throttle like they have most of the season.

"Coach told us to be smart out there," said senior Caitlin Timmons. "Be smart with our passes, don't force the issue, take good shots."

EC was 14-for-22 from the floor in the first half, good for 63.6 percent. They finished 21-for-41.

Cooper finished with aforementioned 18 points, going 8-for-11 from the floor. She had five rebounds, four steals, three assists and two blocks.

Watts had 13 points and Timmons finished with 10 points, five assists and two steals. Valincia Garriss had eight points, 10 rebounds, two steals and two assists and Rhamey Floyd had three steals.

Commander and Alaina Thomas each had eight points to lead Timmons-

ville, which connected on just 10 of 49 shots from the floor.

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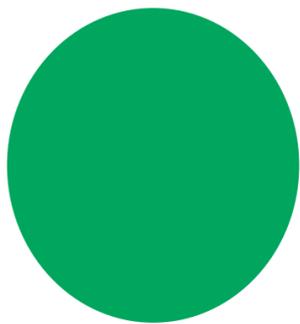
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# USA TODAY PERSONAL FINANCE



## THIS WEEK

Top reasons only 2 in 5 women say that they're financially confident: They don't earn enough (57%), don't save enough/aren't prepared for the unexpected (54%) and don't feel their money will last through retirement (51%). Most women said a salary increase/earning more (46%) or a long-term financial plan (30%) would improve their financial confidence. SOURCE Northwestern Mutual

### ON THE MOVE

Stock stories of the week

#### FACEBOOK

Investors claim the social media company misled them in its 2012 initial public offering. The company agreed to pay \$35 million to settle without admitting wrongdoing.



#### HASBRO

Recent hit movie "Black Panther" brings robust demand and revives the toy maker's superhero toys, which it made more of than any other Marvel character.



#### PAPA JOHN'S INTERNATIONAL

The restaurant chain abandoned its NFL pizza-sponsorship deal. It's unhappy over declining ratings and the handling of players' national anthem protest.



#### GENERAL ELECTRIC

The conglomerate had its 12th straight monthly decline in February, the longest losing streak on record since 1971. Shareholders lost \$135 billion.



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# Don't let tax debt derail your finances

## Use these tips to get back on track

Sean Pyles  
NerdWallet

Tax season — and tax refunds — can be a financial lifeline for many Americans. But the season can pose challenges for those who owe money to the IRS.

More than 18 million Americans owed taxes in September 2014, according to the most recent data from the IRS. Meanwhile, an estimated 10 million face tax penalties each year, the IRS found.

**Act now:** If you have a balance after crunching the numbers, make sure you still file. Ignoring your taxes will make the situation worse, says Michael Kay, a certified financial planner from New Jersey.

"You'll need to pay the piper. There are no good alternatives," Kay says. "The penalties for not filing can become criminal, so absolutely file, even if you don't have the money."

By not filing by the deadline, you could face a monthly penalty of 5% of unpaid taxes, up to a maximum of 25% of your balance, making your tax debt a lot worse. You can request an extension if you need more time to file. But you should still pay as much of your estimated tax as possible by the April deadline to avoid interest and penalties.

**Review payment options:** If you can't pay your taxes in full within 120 days, the IRS offers options to help manage your balance.

A long-term payment plan, also known as installment agreements, is best if you need more than 120 days to resolve your balance. Note that these payment plans can add penalties and interest to your debt and are only available if you owe less than \$50,000, including penalties and interest.

You can temporarily delay payment on a tax debt if you can prove paying the debt would prevent you from affording your basic living expenses. Eventually, the IRS will come knocking at your door for payment, though, and the debt will accrue interest and penalties.

The "offer in compromise" plan can help you resolve the debt with the IRS for less than you originally owed. You'll have to prove paying the debt would cause financial hardship to qualify.

**Get help:** Tax debt can be tricky. Kay advises consulting a certified public accountant or financial planner to ensure you're handling your tax situation in the best way possible.

"When it comes to tax prep and dealing with the IRS, you should absolutely work with a CPA from Day 1," Kay says. "As far as a financial coach or planner, that might be helpful for them to see what opportunities they have in terms of their cash flow. Sometimes it helps to lay it out and see the bigger picture."

# Add tax write-offs to your wedding vows

Kellie Ell  
USA TODAY

Last year the average wedding in the U.S. cost more than \$35,000. The bill for coastal city couples was even higher. As wedding fees continue to soar, twosomes are looking for creative ways to merge their fairy-tale day with financial realities. While married couples generally receive higher standardized deductions than singles, some people are opting to deduct wedding expenses instead.

"Many of the costs you incur during a wedding are often a one-time thing," says Steven Gill, associate professor in the Charles W. Lamden School of Accountancy at San Diego State University. "You can donate them to the extent that you can find a place that will take them."

"Any deduction you could get is a good deduction," says Shara Abrams, senior vice president of operations at Jackson Hewitt.

**The venue:** The venue is often the most expensive portion of a wedding. The average venue cost more than \$16,000 in 2016. Fees paid to churches, historical locations and other non-profits are considered a charitable donation and can be deducted as a charitable contribution. Some churches won't charge members for use of the facilities but accept donations instead, which are also tax deductible, according to Abrams. This goes for any kind of eligible 501(c)(3) non-profit venue, including temples, parks and museums, and must be accompanied by a receipt.

In some cases, the membership

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Shara Abrams  
Senior vice president of operations at Jackson Hewitt

fee itself can be deducted, Gill said.

**The dress:** Both men and women consider their wedding attire a one-time shopping expense. But while most men rent a tuxedo, women spend thousands. "You can hang the dress up in your closet and try it on at your 25-wedding anniversary," Gills says. "Or, you can donate it."

Some organizations to consider are Brides Across America, which donates to military brides, and Wish Upon A Wedding, which takes used wedding dresses and gives them to underprivileged women. When you drop off the dress, get a receipt. The amount deductible is the resell value, usually around 50%, according to Abrams. Same goes for bridesmaid dresses or any other wedding apparel that can be worn again.

**Party favors and flowers:** Instead of cluttering up the love nest with items you no longer need, donate them to charity. That includes flowers, party favors, candles, decorations and any other kind of trinkets from the event.

**Food:** Any leftover, unopened food from the wedding can be donated to a soup kitchen or church. And get a receipt. Typically, charities accept packaged food over catered food, as it is less likely to have been tampered with.

### MARKET ROUNDUP

<b>Dow Jones</b> industrial average ▼3.0% week ▼6.2% month   ▲1.3% 3 months	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> ▼2.0% week ▼4.7% month   ▲1.9% 3 months	<b>Nasdaq</b> composite index ▼1.1% week ▼2.1% month   ▲6.0% 3 months	<b>Wilshire 5000</b> ▼1.9% week ▼4.6% month   ▲1.6% 3 months	<b>Gold</b> Ounce, Comex ▼0.5% week ▼1.3% month   ▲3.3% 3 months	<b>Oil</b> Light sweet crude ▼3.6% week ▼5.4% month   ▲x5.0% 3 months	<b>Euro</b> Dollars per euro ▲0.0036 week ▼0.0079 month   ▲0.0438 3 months	<b>Yen</b> Yen per dollar ▼1.21 week ▼3.57 month   ▼6.51 3 months
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## PERSONAL FINANCE



As interest rates go up, your pool of qualified buyers shrinks. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

# Don't wait. Sell your house while gettin' is good.

**Dear Pete:** We are 66, living in an 18-year-old house. We have recently replaced several items that have reached their life span in our home. Husband works part-time and wants to continue indefinitely. Should we sell our large (mortgage-free) house and downsize now or wait until husband retires? We are thinking of leaving the state when husband does retire.

— Nancy

**Pete the Planner**Peter Dunn  
USA TODAY

**Dear Nancy:** Probably like you, I see benefits to both selling now and waiting until your husband finally calls it a career. I'm leaning one way but will spell out my thought process for you, and then let you make your decision with hopefully a few new factors you hadn't previously considered.

Let's begin by defining the major events and processes involved with this entire situation. Your husband must retire, you must sell a home and you must obtain a new home. And don't forget the sales preparation process. You said it yourself — your 18-year-old home is acting like an angsty teenager. In order to sell it, you'll need to get the home in sellable shape. If you've ever been down that road before, you know how frustrating it is to fix the home you're about to leave. In a perfect world, what's the order in which these events occur? Retire, prepare to sell, sell and then buy? You would think so. But I'd argue the perfect conclusion is the one that avoided the most risk.

The sale price of your home is a good place to begin. What will make your sale price increase or decrease? Correct: Demand. What determines demand? Lots of things, but at the top of the list you'll find the number of qualified buyers. What determines the number of qualified buyers? Interest rates, for one.

Depending on the price point of your home, rising interest rates could shrink the pool of prospective buyers. That could be a huge problem if your home is exceptionally expensive. As money gets more expensive to borrow, the amount of home a person can afford will shrink. This is how a seller's market turns into a buyer's market.

Not too many people feel as though interest rates are on the way down. Instead, most folks believe interest rates are on the way up — which means participating in the seller's market right now might be the smarter option.

The next question you need to answer is whether you're willing to do the double move. Are you willing to sell your house now, move somewhere for a relatively short period of time and then move again once your husband retires?

A couple of years ago I was chatting with the head of company in a smallish-size community in the Midwest. He mentioned he was planning on retiring and then moving out of state within a two-year period. His problem was he had one of the most expensive homes in a four-county radius, which meant finding a buyer was going to be quite difficult. He decided to put his home on the market immediately, rent until he retired and then move out of state on his own terms. To this day, that's one of my favorite financial decisions ever. He got the hard part (selling his house) out of the way early, so he didn't have to worry about it later.

You could emulate this brilliant financial decision right now. You could sell your home now and then buy another locally until your husband is ready, but I think it makes much more sense to rent, just like the guy above did. Renting gets a bad name. You need flexibility, and renting can provide that flexibility. Buying another home immediately may seem like it's the cheaper way to go, but you would open yourself up to the same risks you're trying to avoid by moving now. For instance, hiring a Realtor to sell this hypothetical temporary home would reduce your sale proceeds by the percentage of the Realtor's commission.

By choosing to rent now, you would also avoid property taxes, and your insurance costs would be significantly less. Your utilities would likely be less expensive each month, too. Thus, your net rent would be lower than you might think.

We should explore the benefits of waiting to sell your home until the day your husband is ready to retire — you could avoid a double move. And that completes this portion of the program. Honestly, I don't see the benefit of waiting. Yes, if you move now and rent, as I'm suggesting, you will have a monthly expense you previously didn't have.

You have to eliminate as many unknowns as possible. I believe your best way to do this is to sell your home when you know the market is good.

Happy retirement!

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## DIGITAL DOLLARS

## Grocery delivery services: Which is the best for you?

Marc Saltzman  
USA TODAY

Like many Americans trying to juggle a personal and professional life, you've probably come to this realization: Your time could be better spent than shopping for groceries every week.

Several grocery services have sprung up to meet this demand. But there are big differences. Here's how the most widely available compare:

**Instacart**

**What is it?** Same-day grocery delivery service, with more than 190 retail partners, including national chains (such as CVS, Costco, Kroger and some Target locations) and regional supermarkets (like Wegmans and Publix).

**How much:** On an Instacart order of \$35 or more, delivery fee is \$5.99. Under \$35, it's \$9.99 (minimum of \$10 order).

**Key advantage:** Huge store selection. Orders can be scheduled for delivery in as little as an hour or up to five days in advance. You don't need to be home.

**Walmart Free 2-Day Shipping**

**What is it?** As the name says, Walmart Free 2-Day Shipping will ship "millions" of items to your door within two days — with no membership fee. No one needs to be home for the delivery.

**How much:** Delivery is free, so long as orders are over \$35. If your purchase is less than \$35, it's \$5.99.

**Key advantage:** A huge selection on all kinds of products.

**Walmart Grocery**

**What is it?** Available in select markets, Walmart Grocery delivers fresh, frozen and non-perishable food to your door in as little as four hours.

**How much:** \$9.95, with a \$35 minimum order.

**Key advantage:** Same-day delivery, for all kinds of food.

**Amazon Prime Now**

**What is it?** Fast delivery of groceries and other items — up to an hour — in select cities. Free two-hour delivery in 30 cities in the U.S.

**How much:** Amazon Prime membership costs \$99/year or \$12.99/month. Two-hour delivery is free (with orders \$35 or more), while one-hour delivery costs \$7.99.

**Key advantage:** Grocery orders include fresh and frozen foods, plus in some cities Prime Now offers delivery from restaurants, too.

**AmazonFresh**

**What is it?** AmazonFresh is Amazon's grocery delivery service, including perishables. Customers can combine grocery and other shopping into one order.

**How much:** AmazonFresh can be added to an Amazon Prime membership for \$14.99 per month. This covers unlimited orders of \$50 or more. All orders under \$50 will incur a \$9.99 delivery fee.

**Key advantage:** Fast delivery. Place a grocery order by 10 a.m. and get items by dinner, or order by 10 p.m. and get items by breakfast. Amazon works with various grocery vendors, as well as local farmers, to source fresh produce. You don't need to be home.

**Costco**

**What is it?** Same-day grocery delivery (including fresh and frozen foods), through Instacart, along with two-day delivery through Costco, for non-perishable food and household supplies.

**How much:** Same-day delivery costs \$5.99 (through Instacart) for minimum order of \$35. For two-day delivery, offered in most states, there is no fee with orders of \$75 or more.

**Key advantage:** Costco often has aggressive pricing, bulk sizes and exclusive Kirkland-branded items.

## THE WEEK AHEAD



Consumers say jobs are "plentiful," an economist says. KEITH SRAKOCIC

## Economists expect jobs report will show 200,000 gain last month

Paul Davidson  
USA TODAY

The February employment report highlights a light week of economic news. While the number of job gains, as usual, will probably grab the headlines, economists and investors will also be keenly focused on wage growth after a spike in January led to fears of inflation and lower corporate earnings, sparking weeks of market volatility.

**Monday,** the Institute for Supply Management releases its index of service-sector activity for February. The reading is a barometer of economic health because services make up about 80% of economic activity. It has hovered close to three-year highs as solid job and income growth bolster industries such as retail, restaurants, housing and financial services. After it jumped in January, economists expect a slight pullback for last month that still reflects healthy expansion.

The sturdy labor market and consumption similarly pushed outstanding credit card debt to a record in November, prompting concerns that some consumers might be getting overextended. Total consumer credit,

which includes auto and student loans, rose a solid \$18.4 billion in December. Economists expect the Federal Reserve on **Wednesday** to announce another healthy \$19 billion gain in January.

**Friday,** the Labor Department releases its closely watched jobs report. The low unemployment rate has triggered worker shortages across the country, but that hasn't put much of a damper on hiring. Job gains averaged nearly 180,000 the last six months of 2017 and 200,000 in January. Economists expect another gain of 200,000 jobs for February. Initial jobless claims, a gauge of layoffs, have remained near historic lows, and consumers continue to report that jobs are "plentiful," says Nomura economist Lewis Alexander. Annual wage growth picked up sharply in January to 2.9% from 2.5%. The rise spurred fears of higher inflation and faster interest rate hikes, leading to a market sell-off. Many economists say the concerns were overblown, in part because average hourly earnings were inflated by a drop in the number of hours worked — a byproduct of bad weather and a nasty flu season. Alexander expects some moderation in February that reduces the average annual pay increase to 2.8%.

# Sumter ITEM OUTDOORS

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## An inside look at a conservation organization

He is the type of speaker that can keep an audience spellbound for hours. Of course it helps if he is preaching to the choir, and in this instance, it was a room full of hunters, land managers and conservationists.

I attended a meeting here in Sumter recently where Dr. Frank Rohwer gave an entertaining and insightful presentation. Dr. Rohwer is president and chief scientist at Delta Waterfowl Foundation. Delta was founded in Canada as a research organization with a legacy of science dating back to the 1930s. U.S. Headquarters are located in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Delta Waterfowl seeks science-based solutions to issues facing North American waterfowl. Hundreds of master's and doctoral students have been Delta researchers. Many students have gone on to become leaders in waterfowl management.

Dr. Rohwer gave an overview of some of Delta's most successful projects, some of the failures and an inside look at efforts that have made a difference in conservation. Two of Delta's most successful projects are Hen Houses and Predator Management.

Hen Houses are nesting cylinders



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Janice Presley is Delta's director of development for the Atlantic Flyway. She is also a duck hunter.

placed over water in small wetlands. Hen House sites are focused on wetland areas with limited nesting cover. Predators such as foxes, raccoons and skunks can easily find duck nests in sparse ground cover. Delta studies have shown that nest success can improve dramatically on Hen House program sites.

Nest success is the most critical component of waterfowl production, and Delta's research has shown that Predator Management is a very cost-effective way to boost nest success. Delta began studying Predator Management in 1994, seeking ways to im-

prove chronically low nest success in areas with lots of wetlands and ducks but lacking cover in upland areas for nesting hens. The program is now fully operational, and Delta is working to expand Predator Management to have an even greater impact.

Some program ideas such as establishing dense nesting cover, fencing out predators and placing nesting culverts didn't work so well and were soon abandoned.

Delta also promotes voluntary, incentive-based programs to conserve small wetlands and upland nesting cover on private land. Working with private landowners is the key to addressing habitat challenges on the breeding grounds. Dr. Rohwer is most proud of the work that Delta has done in protecting wetlands. He noted that there are many incentive and government-based wetland protection programs in the United States but not so much in Canada.

Modern technology is also helping Delta researchers with their work in the field. Drones are used to fly over large areas of marsh and prairie to help locate nesting waterfowl, especially divers that are nesting over water. An infrared camera on the drone can detect a heat signature, and a regular camera can reveal if it is a duck or some other wetland species, such as a muskrat.

Delta's Ring-necked Duck Research Project was of particular interest to the people gathered in the room. Ring-necks are the second most-harvested duck in South Carolina and the most commonly bagged diving duck in the United States. Delta researchers have

implanted GPS transmitters in ring-necked ducks for year-round tracking to determine breeding areas, migration routes and seasonal movements. Dr. Rohwer stressed how they are consistently increasing in numbers and spreading westward when other diving duck species are not doing as well. Research might unlock mysteries that could benefit other diving ducks.

Dr. Rohwer introduced Janice Presley, Delta's director of development for the Atlantic Flyway. Janice is from Edgefield, South Carolina, and has been with Delta since last May. She had served as development director for the National Wild Turkey Federation for 12 years prior to joining Delta. She grew up hunting and fishing with her father and brothers. This past year she went on duck hunts in Mississippi and Arkansas.

Janice's primary concern at Delta is fundraising. Her duties are to cultivate and motivate individuals to support Delta Waterfowl Foundation. All the research, science-based programs and outreach at Delta are costly. Delta is a hundred-year-old nonprofit in the U.S. and Canada. Financial gifts are used to provide the greatest benefit to waterfowl and conservation. Delta doesn't seek to compete with other conservation organizations but instead to complement their efforts.

Sumter has an active chapter of Delta Waterfowl with a fundraising banquet held in the fall. There are several levels of membership available. I have been a member for more than 20 years. More information about Delta can be found online at [www.deltawaterfowl.org](http://www.deltawaterfowl.org).

### Young fishermen show their skills



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Joshua Andrews, 5, caught his first bass entirely on his own (cast, set hook and reel in) at Lakewood Pond.



PHOTO PROVIDED

Robert M. Falls III, Trey, caught his biggest bass so far at 4 pounds on Feb. 23 while fishing with his dad.

## S.C. to receive \$4,760,835 in boating infrastructure grants from Department of Interior

Funding is part of \$14M nationwide

### FROM U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of the Interior announced South Carolina will receive a Boating Infrastructure Grant of \$2,314,657 to improve boating infrastructure and provide opportunities for outdoor recreation.

State partners will provide \$2,446,178 in additional non-federal matching funds, bringing the total project cost to \$4,760,835.

The Marine Resources Division of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources proposes to work with City Marina Co. to construct two new dock "trees" which would provide a total of 32 dedicated 60-foot slips and two 130-foot-long side-tie "T" heads, restrooms, laundry and lounge space. The facility will provide dock-side utilities for transient recreational boaters, including Wi-Fi, electricity, water and pump-out services.

The Marine Resources Division of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources also proposes to work with Leucadia Coast Properties LLC

to construct a small marina facility adjacent to Joseph P. Riley Jr. Waterfront Park in downtown Charleston.

The ADA-accessible marina facility will provide a total of approximately 500 feet of side-tie dockage on floating docks of which 320 feet of side-tie dockage will be dedicated to use by recreational transient vessels 26 feet and longer.

It will also provide a 20-by-60-foot covered area for boaters to shelter out of the weather/sun, congregate, socialize, etc.

The Marine Resources Division of South Carolina Department of Natural Resources proposes to assist SCM Partners LLC to expand the existing marina and install additional state-of-the-art floating docks and utilities to create new dockage for up to 51 transient recreational vessels.

This announcement is part of \$14 million in BIG funds being awarded nationwide.

Nearly \$10 million will be awarded competitively for 10 projects in seven states under the BIG Tier II subprogram. The service will also release \$4 million to fund 33 projects in 23 states, commonwealths and territories under the BIG Tier I subprogram.

States and their partners will provide more than \$16 million in non-federal matching funds toward these projects.

These grants are awarded on an annual basis.

"Outdoor recreation is a key part of our American heritage, and boating in particular is how many Americans enjoy our public waters," said U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. "The BIG grants help ensure that anglers and boaters experience improved access to fishing opportunities and safer, more user-friendly recreational boating facilities."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service BIG program provides funding through excise and other taxes on certain fishing and boating equipment and gasoline to support dedicated boat tie-up facilities and associated amenities to help Americans enjoy the nation's waters.

Funding for the BIG program comes from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. Since its inception in 2000, the BIG program has awarded \$194 million to projects for large transient recreational boats, including the construction of more than 5,000 berths for boaters across most states and U.S. territories.

**Did you kill a big buck? Kill your first deer?  
Catch a big fish? Catch your first fish?**

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# REFLECTIONS



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The Sumter Cemetery plot where the unknown soldier is buried, along with others who died during the Civil War, is seen recently.

## Unknown soldier buried at Sumter Cemetery site

Reflections remembers the writings of Caroline S. Coleman as she reported on several historic events. Joseph Reedy's most interesting account of her jaunts into states to the north includes an item concerning the Unknown Soldier of the 1860s whose grave was marked at Old Falls Church near Arlington, Virginia. She recalls the story told by Dr. A. L. Blanding of the unknown soldier buried in Sumter. The written material and photos used to prepare this story were taken from *The Item* archives. We are fortunate to have a copy of Ms. Coleman's account of this event and will reprint it with some editing because of its length.

Dr. Blanding, a resident of Fountain Inn, stated, "Probably the first unknown soldier ever to be buried with his grave marked as such was interred in the Presbyterian churchyard, Sumter, S.C., though few people know of that fact."

Many Sumter churches were used as hospitals during the War Between the States, with the First Presbyterian as this area's main hospital because of its centralized location. It was reported that "46 Confederate soldiers died in these hospitals and were buried in the soldiers' plot in the Sumter Cemetery. All the graves were marked save one — which held a soldier whose name was never known."

The story relates that "when Gen. Potter (northern commander) entered Sumter after the Battle of Dingle's Mill, one of the wounded soldiers died in the church without having given his name. In the excitement, there was no time to take the poor boy's body to the cemetery, and he was hastily interred in the churchyard, where later the kind people of the town erected a marble slab at the head of the grave, marked 'An Unknown Confederate Soldier.'" Following the war, the grave was annually decorated with flowers as a part of the Confederate Memorial Day celebrations.

With the construction of the new Presbyterian church, part of the soldier's burial site was partly covered by the facility. Few people in Sumter were aware that this historical site was being covered. The story of this event was later published in southern newspaper pointing out the significance of the burying of an unknown soldier, and as far as was known the burial place in South Carolina "was the first to be marked 'To an Unknown (Confederate) Soldier.'"

Dr. Blanding's recollections of the Unknown Soldier, his death and burial, are consistent with the reminiscences of older residents who lived here and endured the hardships and sorrows of war and reconstruction. "However, Dr. Blanding was mistaken in his conclusion that the new Presbyterian Church was erected over the grave site. The body of the unknown soldier was removed from its resting place at the church and taken to the Sumter Cemetery and re-interred in the Confederate

among two score or more fellow confederates who died in hospitals in Sumter or were killed in the Battle of Dingle's Mill. At the same time, under the sponsorship of the Sumter Memorial Association and local Daughters of the Confederacy, the bodies of all other Confederate soldiers buried elsewhere in Sumter and in other plots in the cemetery were removed and reinterred in the Confederate plot."

"There now rests the Unknown Soldier, with the original marker, from the Presbyterian Church at his head. One other slight and immaterial error in Dr. Blanding's recollection is the exact site of the Unknown Soldier's grave. It was not where a part of the new church now stands but near the Calhoun Street boundary of the church lot and close to the driveway leading from Calhoun Street to the back of the church. These facts have been verified by consultation with several life-long residents of Sumter and members of the Presbyterian Church."

Curious readers would be able to locate the markers of these fallen soldiers in Sumter Cemetery among the graves circling the large granite monument honoring local casualties.

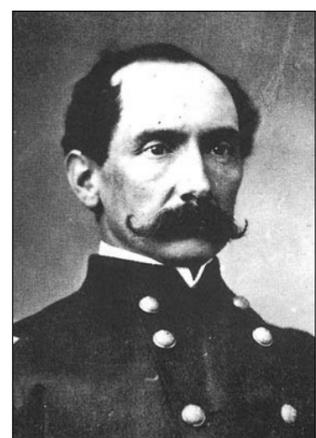


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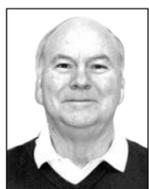
Reenactors of the Battle of Dingle's Mill shoot a cannon. The unknown soldier buried in Sumter died from injuries sustained during that battle during the Civil War.



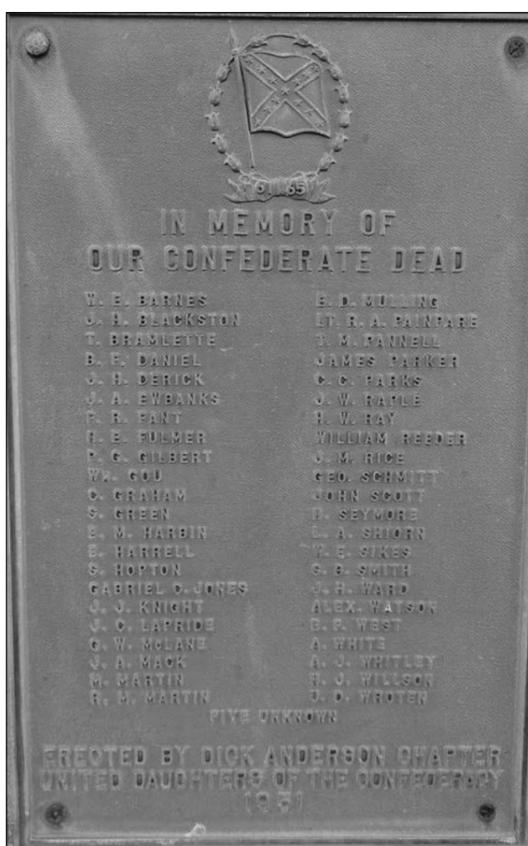
ABOVE LEFT: The unknown soldier who died after a Civil War battle was originally buried in the First Presbyterian Church churchyard.



ABOVE RIGHT: Gen. Edward E. Potter led Union forces during the Battle of Dingle's Mill, after which the first unknown soldier buried in Sumter died.



Sammy Way  
REFLECTIONS



The memorial in Sumter Cemetery lists names of those buried there along with five unknown soldiers who died during the Civil War. A soldier who died after the Battle of Dingle's Mill was originally buried on the First Presbyterian Church grounds but was later moved to the Sumter Cemetery site.

MELANIE SMITH / THE SUMTER ITEM

## Ninth Air Force Band presents its concert; Dream Week begins

75 YEARS AGO — 1943

Sept. 25 — Oct. 1

The navy announced 122 casualties, including four dead, one wounded and 117 missing. In addition, one man previously listed as missing now is reported to be dead. This brings to 39,995 the total of Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard casualties reported to next of kin since Dec. 7, 1941. The grand total includes 10,566 dead, 5,267 wounded, 10,017 missing and 4,145 prisoners of war. Included in the casualties announced was Glenn Durham Myers, missing.

The first American grandmother to enroll in the Women's Auxiliary Corps is now stationed at Shaw Field. She is First Lt. Frances Hunter Bruce, whose daughter presented her with a grandson just eight days before she became a WAC. Although she was the first



Yesteryear in Sumter

SAMMY WAY

grandmother in the nation to join the armed forces. Lt. Bruce was not the first WAC grandmother assigned to Shaw Field. This distinction belongs to Second Lt. Helen M. Smith, who has been here since Aug. 25.

“Les Coeurs Cognes” will have a dance tonight after the Sumter-Camden football game. It will be held in the Edmunds High School cafeteria, which will be decorated in red and white, the club colors. Script is 25 cents per couple, the proceeds to be used for Les Coeurs Cognes' annual Christmas ball. Friends from Camden are invited to the dance, and parents of club members have been invited to chaperone. Music will be by jukebox, and the dance will last from 10:30 to 1 o'clock.

Chief W.C. Kirven of the city police force was presented a War Bond by members of the auxiliary police force at a supper meeting in appreciation for his work with the group. The city police chief has instructed the civilian defense policemen in many phases of their work and has helped with the building up of the organization. In accepting the gift, he expressed appreciation not only for the bond, but also for the aid already given to his force by auxiliary policemen.

Sumter has been commended for its generous contributions to the Russian War Relief. A letter to the Chamber of Commerce from Arch Mandel, executive director of Russian War Relief Inc., stated that Sumter had sent more than 4,357 pounds of clothing for our Russian allies — “a record of generosity which other cities will find hard to excel.” The letter further stated that during the first six months of 1943, more than \$1,000,000 worth of relief supplies per month had been shipped to Russia from this country.

Sumter High's football team bounced back from its opening defeat at the hands of Lake View last week by overpowering a not too strong Rock Hill 11 last night in the up-state city, 12 to 0. Harry Commins, who scored the one Sumter touchdown against Lake View, tallied both of Sumter's six-pointers last night, although touchdown runs by Tommy Hughes and Glynn Godson were called back and Sumter penalized for being offside and for clipping. The first downs were about even, but Rock Hill never seriously threatened to score. Sumter did not have to kick once during the contest.

Tech. Sgt. Craft McCormick will be guest of honor at the Sumter theater for the War Bond auction, which will be held at 9 o'clock. The affair is being sponsored by the theater and Sumter Merchants Association in an effort to boost the sale of bonds. Prizes, including a diamond ring, will go to persons who buy bonds. Solicitor Frank A. McLeod will be master of ceremonies, and L.B. Darr will assist in the auctioning of bonds.

Sumter First Baptist Church was the scene of a wedding of beautiful simplicity and dignity when Miss Frances Lee Moore became the bride of Ensign Hugh DeWitt Byrd, U.S.N.R., of Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Mt. Olive, North Carolina. The ceremony was performed by Dr. William Grayson Moore, father of the bride and pastor of the church. The vows were spoken before a background of smilax, fern and greenery interspersed with candelabra holding candles.

The promotion of Lt. Col. Thomas F. Osborne from the rank of major was announced by Col. R.C. W. Blessley, commanding officer of Shaw Field. Col. Osborne, who little more than four years ago began training as aviation cadet, is now Shaw Field's director of training and is commanding officer of the 10th Basic Flying Training Group. The 26-year-old lieutenant colonel is a native of Arden, North Carolina. He entered the service June 26, 1939, and was graduated as flying officer from the Gulf Training Center and became second lieutenant March 23, 1940, at Kelly Field.

Troop No. 38, of Sumter, won first place in the Boy Scout jamboree of the Pee Dee Area Council, which was held in Darlington on the Williamson athletic field. The troop consists of the Black Bird and Eagle and Flaming Arrow patrols, and the youth made the highest points at the events. The contests participated in were: water boiling, log chopping, fire building by friction, first aid, signaling, fire building, string burning, knot tying relay and pacing relay.

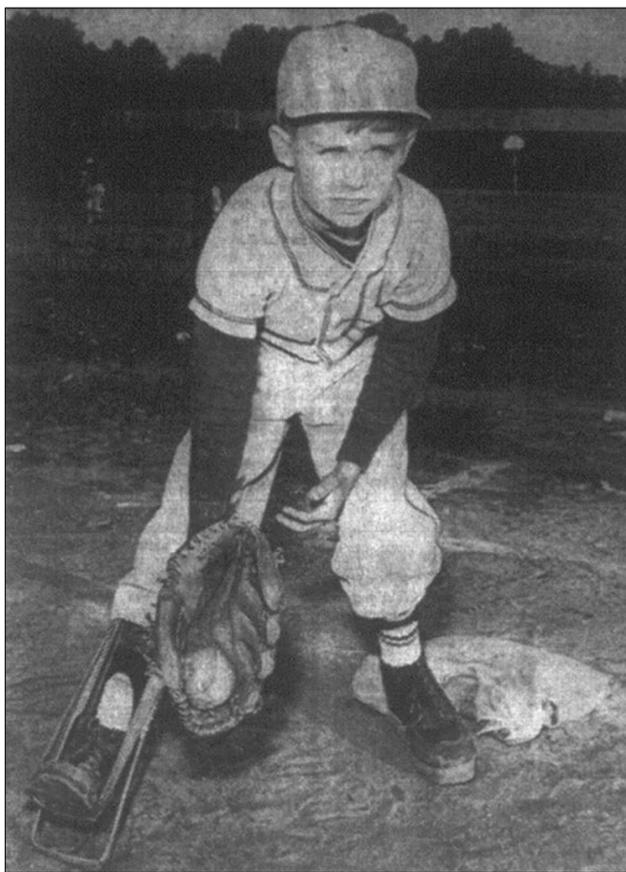
War Bonds worth \$64,500 were bought at the bond auction at the Sumter Theater. Prizes contributed by Sumter merchants were the rewards for high bidders, but winner for the night was Tech. Sgt. Craft McCormick, guest of honor of the occasion, who received several of the prizes. A capacity crowd witnessed the auction. Solicitor Frank A. McLeod and K.E. Ward, of the Sumter Theater, were in charge of the affair, and L.B.H. Darr was the auctioneer.

50 YEARS AGO — 1968

May 27 — June 1

Seven Sumter-area girls will attend the 1968 Palmetto Girls' State at University of South Carolina in Columbia. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliaries, the six-day program of government education, the Girls' State Committee and auxiliary counselors will present citizenship training, spiritual observance, companionship and recreation. Candidates are selected by South Carolina high school superintendents, faculty and junior class members and approved by local auxiliary units. Rising seniors who attend are expected afterward to furnish leadership in their schools, churches and community.

The 33-man South squad for the annual North-South All-Star high school football game has been announced by the South Carolina High School Athletic Coaches Association.



SUMTER ITEM FILE PHOTO

1968 — Larry Goff didn't give up baseball just because he had a brace the length of his leg. He became Santee Print's first baseman, a position he has covered well while compiling a two-year record of perfect attendance.

The Aug. 9 game is part of the association's annual clinic. Bobby Strock of Walterboro will handle the South Squad, assisted by J.W. Jones of Bishopville and Jim Fraser of Aiken.

Sumter County Historical Society's Museum-Archives will be open each day during Iris Festival Week, Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Located in room 103 in the basement of the Sumter County courthouse, the Museum Archives contain many items of historical interest, including books, newspapers and paintings. The reading table carries a wide range of material.

New Zion's Billy Baker motored his way to victory in the 40-lap late-model main event during the weekly racing card at Sumter Speedway. Baker, in a '56 Ford, took the checkered flag in front of second-place Frank Sessoms, who was driving a '64 Chevelle. The Chevilles have dominated the Friday night Hartsville races but have had little luck in Sumter. Albert Lee was first in the 20-lap jalopy feature, nosing out Larry Hill.

“From Out of the Blue to You” Ninth Air Force Band will present a concert in Edmunds Auditorium. The concert is one of the highlights of the Iris Festival. The Ninth Air Force Band, a 35-piece unit from Shaw, plays everything from the big band beat of the by-gone '30s to the swing sounds of the '60s. The “Men in Blue” have played concerts on several occasions in the community and seldom are the selections the same. The talented group strives for musical variety to satisfy the varied music tastes of the audiences.

A large crowd of parents, school officials, teachers and well-wishers of the graduates witnessed the commencement exercises of Lincoln High School. The program began at 8 o'clock with the band playing the traditional “War March of the Priests” under the direction of Robert J. Sanders, band instructor. The graduates were led into the stadium by Edward Lloyd and Richard Dyer of the ROTC unit which bore the colors. An address of welcome and greeting was given by Kathleen Baxter, Second Honor graduate, and Salutatorian Cheryl Moore, a Merit finalist and First Honor graduate, delivered the Valedictory speech.

Miss Martha Stoddard, first honor graduate of Edmunds High School and National Merit Scholar, has copped another honor: She was notified by telegram from President Johnson that she has been named a Presidential Scholar. The telegram also stated that further details will

be forthcoming, but she can expect to visit President and Mrs. Johnson at the White House.

Sumter attorney Wendell M. Levi will receive a doctor of letters degree from his alma mater, the College of Charleston, in exercises to be held at the college. He is one of the oldest alumni of the college, having graduated in 1912. He holds a Ph.B. degree as well as his law degree from the University of Chicago. One of the world's foremost authorities on pigeons, he has published several books on them.

Lincoln High School will graduate a record number of adults during ceremonies in the school cafeteria. Dr. L.C. McArthur Jr., superintendent of School District No. 17, will present diplomas to the graduates, who will be presented by James W. Stover, principal. Charles Thompson, who oversees adult education at Lincoln, is credited by Dr. McArthur with encouraging the substantial number of adults to re-enter and complete their educations, which in turn can mean a fuller and richer life for them and their families.

Shaw Air Force Base's new \$3.5 million hospital was officially opened by the man who broke ground for the structure nearly three years ago, Congressman L. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.). The ceremonies were opened by Col. Leslie J. Westberg, commander of the 363rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing. Maj. Gen. Gordon M. Graham, Ninth Air Force commander, introduced the distinguished civilian and military guest.

Many Bishopville women are better prepared to defend themselves against possible attack than they were six months ago. The credit for their perseverance and to the availability of a course of instruction in defense tactics which was offered them through the University of South Carolina Law Enforcement Training School. It was the first class of its kind to be taught to a community-wide group in South Carolina. The head instructor, Allen Harman, praised his 68 students when they completed the 40-hour course recently, and many women amazed themselves at the progress they made during 10 weeks of instruction.

25 YEARS AGO — 1993

Feb. 26 — March 4

The city of Sumter could save as much as \$500,000 if current trends in the bond market continue and the city reissues some of its bonds at a lower interest rate, City Manager Talmadge Tobias said. With interest rates for municipal bonds “down considerably,” the city “could

save anywhere between \$250,000 and \$500,000 if it reissues \$5 million to \$6 million of its outstanding bonds, Tobias told city council. Tobias said city officials are working on a reissue proposal and hope to present it to council soon if interest rates remain low.

At the start of the 1992 football season, South Carolina safety Norman Greene said he was anxiously awaiting the start of the Gamecocks' indoor track season. Now that that time has come, Greene, a former Sumter High track standout and state champion in the 110-meter hurdles, has decided not to participate. “Right now, I am in a tough situation,” Greene said during a phone interview. “I want to weigh around 195 pounds in the fall this year, and right now I'm at 191. I am worried that the running will drop my weight. Any time you run track, you're going to lose some weight.”

The late Hubert Duvall Osteen Sr., *The Item's* editor and publisher for 40 years, was inducted into the South Carolina Press Association's Hall of Fame. The induction took place at the association's 1993 Winter Meeting at the Marriott Hotel. Mr. Osteen is the third member of his family to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. His father, the late Hubert Graham Osteen, was inducted in 1976, and his grandfather, the late Noah Graham Osteen, was inducted in 1986. Requirements for induction into the Hall of Fame specify that a nominee must have made his or their journalistic reputation in South Carolina, or, if the reputation reflects achievements outside the state, the nominee must have been a native of the state. Nominees must have been deceased for at least four years.

Sumter was given a preview of a program to be presented at Columbia's Koger Center by the Sumter High School Symphonic Band. The five-part concert, built upon the theme of “Aggression and Conflict,” opened with the premier of “Kairos Fanfare” by Dr. William E. Doyle of Playa Del Ray, California. Commissioned by the Sumter Symphonic Band, it relies on woodwinds, strings and tonal percussion rather than brass choir and membrane percussion sounds typically found in fanfares.

After winning changes in local governments during the past few years, the Sumter Branch of the NAACP is preparing to shift its attention to the private sector. Simultaneously, the branch hopes locally to reverse the nationwide trend of declining NAACP membership. Sumter Branch President Carl Holmes, who was elected by branch members to a third consecutive term, says the branch — which, like Holmes, is 54 years old this year — is revitalized, on the move and ready to take on new challenges.

Florence Christian rallied from a first-half deficit to defeat Wilson Hall, 58-49, in the boys' semifinals of the Conference I-3A tournament at Robert E. Lee Academy. The Eagles, now 20-2 overall, 11-1 in the conference, will meet Hudgens Academy in the championship game. Florence Christian's girls downed Hudgens, 62-45, in the girls' semifinal game. The Lady Eagles (21-1, 11-0) will meet Robert E. Lee in the title game.

The week-long celebration Dream Week, which is aimed at bringing attention to the fight against drug and alcohol abuse among the community's youth, is under way. Special programs, featuring nationally recognized speakers and artists, are scheduled in the schools and the community throughout the week. A kick-off Star Search competition for students was held at Patriot Hall. The Sumter High School Star Search competition is scheduled in the Nettles Auditorium at USC Sumter.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

- **Darius Raymond Moore and Taleaha Tashiana Washington**
- **Alexander Jermaine Martin and Chiong Shin Maeling Lue**
- **Audrow Jaquan Rush and Gwendolyn Dionnaye Levy**
- **Jarren Nathan Shockey and Georgia Elizabeth Marshall**
- **Roy Owen Thompson III and Dianne Lynn Thompson**
- **Tanner Alan Rodonis and Kaitlyn McKenzie Carraway**
- **Michael Rapon Epps of Lynchburg and Melissa Monae Nicole Reed Linster**
- **Stephanie Lee James and Taarna Madison Hoyt**
- **Eric James Petersohn and Alexandra Marie Marshall**
- **Cole Leslie Williams and Jillian Elise Pack**
- **Brandon Rinaad Cruse and Michelle Tyesha Gillyard**
- **Stephen Shane McCoy and Robin Kimberly McLeod**

## BUILDING PERMITS

- **John B. Raffield IV**, owner, Roland Johnson dba R&J Home Improvements, contractor, 3301 Camden Highway, Dalzell, \$4,750 (reroof, residential); John B. Raffield IV, owner, Roland Johnson dba R&J Home Improvements, contractor, 3301 Camden Highway, Dalzell, \$6,806.93 (new roof, residential).
- **Gusto SC Sumter (Pinewood) LLC**, owner, Citadel Fire Sprinkler Inc., contractor, 343 Pinewood Road, \$109,800 (installation of fire sprinkler system, commercial).
- **Brian and Suzanne Birnbaum**, owners, Herbert C. Griffin, contractor, 6595 TD McLeod Road, Rembert, 1,500 heated square feet and 520 unheated square feet, \$110,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Chick-fil-A Inc.**, owner, Venture Construction Co., contractor, 1170 Broad St., \$600,000 (remodel of kitchen / upgrade / remodel interior and exterior finishes Chick fil A, commercial).
- **Paul F. and Denise E. Mills**, owners, Frank Sims dba Frank's Roofing, contractor, 609 Dove St., \$3,500 (reroof, residential).
- **Betty S. Ardis**, owner, Ronnie V. Gainey dba Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 6 Edgewater Drive, \$3,900 (roofing, residential).
- **Donald R. Nichol**, owner, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 1315 Hidden Oaks Drive, Wedgefield, \$6,000 (reroof, residential).
- **Lawrence W. and Helen K. McLeod**, owners, Elvin Terry Osteen dba Terry Osteen Cont, contractor, 3921 Blackberry Lane, \$1,800 (reroof, residential).
- **Holly Price**, owner, John Bailey, contractor, 34 Wilson St., \$2,830 (remove / replace roof, residential).
- **Sumter County Commission**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 441 N. Main St., \$8,980 (reroof main building, commercial); Sumter County Commission, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 441 N. Main St. (building B), \$2,470 (reroof building B, commercial); Sumter County Commission, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 441 N. Main St. (building A), \$2,850 (reroof building A, commercial).
- **Rhonda Simons**, owner, Rescomm Development LLC / Power Home Solar, contractor, 4218 Dorsey Drive, \$31,000 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Heirs of Nathaniel Wells**, owner, Jamie R. Josey, contractor, 15 Pembroke Court, \$7,000 (reroof, residential).
- **Anita David Hodges**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 4190 Livingwood Drive, \$3,573 (reroof only, residential).
- **Carolyn Williams**, owner, Carolyn Williams Richardson, contractor, 416 E. Fulton St., \$5,000 (roof / sheetrock / siding / windows / plumbing / electric / repairs, residential).
- **Trina Woodson**, owner, Michael Porcher dba LJ Construction, contractor, 100 Apple Road, Wedgefield, 192 heated square feet, \$11,000 (bedroom addition on mobile home, residential).
- **Carolinas Homebuilder LLC**, owner, Great Southern Homes Inc., contractor, 1075 Dewees St., 1,739 heated square feet and 415 unheated square feet, \$89,524.19 (new dwelling, residential).
- **National Bank of South Carolina**, owner, The Fitts Co., contractor, 1 Broad St., \$18,744.36 (freestanding sign — Synovus, commercial).
- **Benjamin A. and Carolyn Hutcherson**, owners, BDS Construction, contractor, 2391 Springvalley Drive, \$4,000 (roof replacement, residential).
- **Wayne Beasley**, owner, Aycock Construction LLC, contractor, 2891 Broad St., \$4,500 (stucco on both sides of building, commercial).
- **Joseph Stermcock**, owner, Union Corrugating Co., contractor, 3345 Plowden Mill Road, Alcolu, \$3,500 (install metal roof, residential).
- **Danny Hall**, owner and contractor, 3850 Queen Chapel Road, 1,500 unheated square feet, \$18,000 (detached building in backyard — garage, residential).
- **Tammy L. Avins / L.W. Avins**, owners, Tammy Avins, contractor, 3240 Nazarene Church Road, 1,200 unheated square feet, \$15,000 (detached garage with electric, residential).
- **Gary B. and Christal L. Ames**, owners, Elvin Terry Osteen dba Terry Osteen Cont, contractor, 3319 Annie St., Dalzell, 480 heated square feet, \$40,000 (addition to rear of house — livingroom, residential).
- **Tristina Hatfield Coker**, owner, David B. Trapp, contractor, 121 Horseshoe Cove, \$58,858 (new sub-floor / wood floor / two bathrooms, residential).
- **Perry Eugene and Karen L. Stewart**, owners, Eric Osteen Lenza dba A-Z Construction, contractor, 3080 Ashlynn Way, \$7,500 (reroof, residential).
- **Margaret K. Burch**, owner and contractor, 3620 Pinewood Road, \$5,000 (paint / repair sheetrock / replace doors, residential).
- **Eugenia L. and Phillip M. Epting**, owners, Ram Jack of South Carolina Inc., contractor, 884 Bethel Church Road, \$12,895 (foundation repair, residential).
- **James R. Byrd Jr. and Candice L. Sm**, owners, Southern Current LLC, contractor, 2280 Lloyd Drive, \$33,500 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Maurice J. and Kum S. Richard**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 920 Windrow Court, \$3,800 (five feet ornamental fence, residential).
- **Carmen V. Elmendorf**, owner, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 1755 Canberra Drive, \$3,450 (four feet ornamental fence, residential).
- **Matthew and Elizabeth Sullivan**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 3230 Foxcroft Circle, \$4,990 (six feet vinyl fence, residential).
- **Gregory L. and Jacqueline R. Jones**, owners, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 3270 Poppy Court, \$2,600 (six feet wood fence, residential).
- **City of Sumter**, owner, Tritek Fire & Security LLC, contractor, 14 N. Main St., \$11,656 (new fire alarm system install, commercial); City of Sumter, owner, Tritek Fire & Security LLC, contractor, 14 N. Main St., \$88,405 (new fire alarm system install, commercial).
- **Carol and Rosa Lee Kirkland**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 125 Hoyt St., \$4,807 (reroof only, residential).
- **Harry and Jeannis Ruby Peterson**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 4450 Furman Field Road, Rembert, 100 unheated square feet, \$7,000 (remove / replace 100 square feet screen porch, residential).
- **Michael V. and Patti A. Corp**, owners, Todd Miles dba Southern Heritage Builder, contractor, 33530 Aurora Drive, 204 unheated square feet, \$10,200 (build covered porch over patio, residential).
- **Gloria J. and Delmar L. Carter**, owners, James E. Standley, contractor, 4475 Cotton Acres Road, 432 heated square feet, \$29,200 (sunroom addition, residential).
- **William Rhett Motley**, owner, Carolina Home Improvements, contractor, 334 N. Magnolia St., \$4,800 (new shingles / rotten fascia and sheathing, residential).
- **Matthew Jennings**, owner, Baxley's Bestway Transportation, contractor, 4555 Dubose Siding Road (mobile home, residential).
- **Heidi A. Burkett**, owner, Knepp Roofing Carpenter, contractor, 35 Mason Croft Drive, \$2,980 (replace nine windows in sunroom, residential).
- **United Cerebral Palsy of S.C. Inc.**, owner, Hiller Systems Div / Hiller Companies Inc., contractor, 983 Shadow Trail, \$10,241 (new sprinkler system per IRC, residential).
- **American Towers LLC**, owner, Ericsson Inc., contractor, 5625 Leblanc Road, Rembert, \$25,000 (add / replace antennas, RRU's, fiber lines and raycaps, commercial).
- **AT&T Communications**, owner, Ericsson Inc., contractor, 13 S. Harvin St., \$25,000 (add / replace antennas, RRU's, raycaps and fiber lines, commercial).
- **Lee Hines**, owner, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 3965 Nazarene Church Road, \$5,250 (reroof, residential).
- **Joseph R. McIntosh**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 1645 Reynolds Road, Pinewood (mobile home, residential).
- **Rhonda Simons**, owner, Rescomm Development LLC / Power Home Solar, contractor, 4217 Dorsey Drive, \$31,000 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Mungo Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 900 Cormier Drive, 2,223 heated square feet and 535 unheated square feet, \$129,216 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner, A&A International Inc., contractor, 3125 Girard Drive, \$3,000 (six feet brick fence, residential).
- **Walter G. Presson Jr. and Cynthia Presson**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 6435 Montpelier Lane, \$9,270 (reroof, residential).
- **J. Paul and Janice P. Hilton**, owners, Square It Up Roofing Inc., contractor, 3050 Green View Parkway, \$16,946 (reroof, residential).
- **Samantha L. Cales and Jos Tennant**, owners, James W. Ross, contractor, 2714 Genoa Drive, Dalzell, \$5,000 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **James Baxter Pierson Sr. and Dubo**, owners, James Baxter Pierson Sr., contractor, 2252 Brost Court, 480 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (add cover to carport slab, attached, residential).
- **Frank Dennis**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 3123 Bush Lane, Dalzell, \$3,631 (reroof only, residential).
- **George and Rose Shaw**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 2460 Kolb Road, 280 heated square feet, \$21,000 (bathroom and laundry room addition, residential).
- **Santee Lynches Regional Development Co.**, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 507 W. Oakland Ave., \$4,900 (residential demolition of residence, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 202 Thomas Drive, \$6,300 (residential demolition of grayish slab on grade, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 610 N. Main St., \$5,000 (residential demolition of one story residence, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 146 Plowden Mill Road, \$4,300 (residential demolition of mobile home, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 37 Gable Court, \$4,000 (residential demolition of residence, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 36 Wright St., \$6,500 (residential demolition, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 203 Woodlawn Ave., \$3,500 (residential demolition, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 104 W. Moore St., \$6,000 (residential demolition, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 316 Wright St., \$4,000 (residential demolition, residential); Santee Lynches Regional, owner, Metro Dwellings LLC, contractor, 24 Baker St., \$8,000 (residential demolition, residential).
- **Florence Concrete Products Inc.**, owner, Leacon Inc. of Florence, contractor, 865 Industrial Road, 4,560 heated square feet, \$100,000 (new office for Florence Concrete, commercial).
- **Wendell E. and Christina D. Rogers**, owners, Donnie Ryan Beard dba AMB Construction, contractor, 1130 Beckridge Drive, 1,600 unheated square feet, \$35,000 (detached enclosed storage building, residential).
- **Forfeited Land Commission**, owner, JL Floyd & Sons Co., contractor, 5 Mickens St., \$2,600 (residential demolition of house, residential).
- **Ursula Byard**, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 1038 N. Guignard Drive (16), \$4,927 (install vinyl windows — six, residential).
- **Frederick H. Henry (lifetime estate)**, owner, Chris Muenzer, contractor, 111 S. Salem Ave., \$5,542 (vinyl siding, residential).
- **Emanuel Ragin**, owner, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 718 Warley St., \$4,343 (reroof only, residential).
- **Gary Ballier**, owner and contractor, 1200 Malone Drive, 320 unheated square feet, \$5,000 (repair and extend deck in rear of house — detached, residential).
- **Chad Arrants**, owner and contractor, 1465 Boots Branch Road, 2015 heated square feet and 1,300 unheated square feet, \$70,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Great Southern Homes Inc.**, owner and contractor, 2880 Girard Drive, 1,798 heated square feet and 388 unheated square feet, \$111,377.74 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 2886 Girard Drive, 1,798 heated square feet and 388 unheated square feet, \$112,559.19 (new dwelling, residential); Great Southern Homes Inc., owner and contractor, 273 Lagavulin Drive, 2,205 heated square feet and 363 unheated square feet, \$100,316.52 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Carolinas Homebuilder LLC**, owner, A&A International Inc., contractor, 2886 Girard Drive, \$3,000 (six feet brick fence, residential); Carolinas Homebuilder LLC, owner, A&A International Inc., contractor, 2880 Girard Drive, \$3,000 (six feet brick fence, residential).
- **John T. Atkins Jr.**, owner, Charles Mitchum dba Mitchum Brothers, contractor, 2750 Pintail Drive, 120 heated square feet, \$26,000 (master bathroom addition, residential).
- **Laura Ellen McLendon**, owner, William Lee dba Lee's Roofing Co., contractor, 672 Henderson St., \$11,500 (remove / replace felt / shingles reflash chimney, residential).
- **Kevin A. and Lisa K. Williams**, owners, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 977 Twin Lakes Drive, \$5,800 (reroof, residential).
- **Florence Concrete Products Inc.**, owner and contractor, 865 Industrial Road, \$16,618.25 (footings for equipment, commercial).
- **STC Lynette LLC**, owner, Hawkins and Kolb Construction Co., contractor, 1880 Lynette Drive, \$1,013,708 (addition to existing metal building, commercial).
- **Nova Molecular Sumter LLC**, owner, Bryant Industrial Contractor Inc., contractor, \$95,000 (replace existing guardhouse / operations trailer, commercial).
- **Juan Leonard**, owner, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 1540 Mooneyhan Road, \$4,500 (install metal roof, residential).
- **Jimmy J. Caywood**, owner, Great Southern Homes Inc., contractor, 10 Monticello Lane, \$28,000 (eight feet brick wall around property for pool, residential).
- **Charles C. Ingram**, owner, Jones & Loran Inc., contractor, 104 Radcliff Drive, \$4,000 (wood repair on deck and paint, residential).
- **Jo Ann Barwick Floyd**, owner, Ronnie V. Gainey dba Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 1311 Felder St., \$3,850 (roofing, residential).
- **GRE Limited LLC**, owner, Skywood Telecom LLC, contractor, 760 Letcher Ave., \$16,100 (add antenna, RRO's, fiber, no ground or electrical work, commercial).
- **Matthew James Huhs**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 2767 Browning Ridge Drive (mobile home, residential).
- **Jacqueline M. McLeod**, owner, The Red Shirt Guys Roofing LLC, contractor, 429 Dogwood Drive, \$6,287.30 (remove / reshingle, residential).
- **Marion Mobley Lipscombe**, owner, Danny Marshall, contractor, 15 Wactor St., \$8,900 (17 vinyl replacement windows, residential).
- **Joseph P. Metzdorf**, owner, David Windham Roofing & Remodeling, contractor, 3235 Tamarah Way, \$8,780 (reroof, residential).
- **Furman D. and Vella Raye Bryant**, owners, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 70 Brandy Court, \$14,879 (remove / replace roof shingles, residential).
- **Earlene Dawson Swann**, owner, Culler Enterprises dba Culler Roofing, contractor, 4400 Dawson Road, Rembert, \$10,859 (remove / replace roof shingles, residential).
- **Dorothy B. Chatman**, owner, Terry Wayne Sanford, contractor, 1306 Covent Garden Drive, \$6,620 (replace 15 windows, residential).
- **David Ramsey**, owner, David Ramsey dba Handy Man Ramsey, contractor, 428 E. Charlotte Ave., \$2,200 (roofing, residential).
- **Brittany Ann Grubb**, owner, Harvey McDonald, contractor, 2125 Bethel Church Road 13B (mobile home, residential).
- **James O. and Rosa G. Mardis**, owners, John Porter Jr. dba JP & Son Construction, contractor, 4010 Cannery Road, Dalzell, \$6,375 (take off and reroof, residential).
- **Barbara and Frank Norton**, owner, Malcolm Vincent, contractor, 1010 Elbow Circle (mobile home, residential).
- **Learline R. Session et al**, owner, Home Depot USA Inc., contractor, 957 Oswego Highway, \$4,900 (replace 10 windows size for size, residential).
- **Elizabeth Johnson (lifetime estate)**, owner, Briggs Air Systems, contractor, 3755 Myrtle Beach Highway, \$4,800 (remove / replace 2.5T heat pump, residential).
- **Glen I. and Ruby L. Garris**, owners, Carolina Carports, contractor, 8530 Two Mile Road, Lynchburg, \$5,351.40 (metal shed for farm equipment, commercial).
- **State Communications LLC**, owner, James Robert Byrd Jr., contractor, 9 Bon View Drive, \$1,500 (roof addition, residential).
- **Kary and Josephine Williams**, owners, Shelwood China dba China Home Improvement, contractor, 3935 Cottage Path, \$9,016 (reroof only, residential).
- **Dennis S. and Betty J. Koehler**, owners, Betty Koehler, contractor, 1221 Black Walnut Court, \$2,500 (shingle roof, residential).
- **Chick-fil-A**, owner, ASL Sign Services, contractor, 1170 Broad St., \$2,500 (freestanding sign — Chick-fil-A, commercial); Chick-fil-A, owner, ASL Sign Services, contractor, 1170 Broad St., \$8,500 (wall sign — Chick-fil-A, commercial).
- **Stop N Save Inc.**, owner, Flagship Sign Designs Inc., contractor, 390 S. Guignard Drive, \$1,700 (change face of wall sign — Metro PCS, commercial); Stop N Save Inc., owner, Flagship Sign Designs Inc., contractor, 390 S. Guignard Drive, \$1,655 (change face of freestanding sign — Metro PCS, commercial); Stop N Save Inc., owner, Flagship Sign Designs Inc., contractor, 748 Bultman Drive, \$4,000 (wall sign — Beauty 4 U, commercial).
- **Edsel V. Whitaker and James V. (as)**, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 4815 Florence Highway, Mayesville, \$2,200 (repair 13 squares, residential).
- **Kenneth L. Lovorn**, owner, Ronnie V. Gainey dba Ronnie Gainey Roofing, contractor, 419 Baldwin Drive, \$6,000 (change windows, residential).
- **Randal Wade Topp (trustee)**, owner, Timothy Kelley dba Kelley Construction, contractor, 30 Colts Run Court, Dalzell, \$3,965 (vinyl siding, residential).
- **Ryan C. Kiernan**, owner and contractor, 3131 Longleaf Drive, 240 unheated square feet, \$2,586.60 (detached enclosed sheds for garden tools, residential).
- **Ngelics Place LLC**, owner, Dee & Gee Builders LLC, contractor, 903 W. Bartlette St., \$5,173 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **David C. Ross**, owner, James W. Ross, contractor, 4241 Camden Highway, Dalzell, \$4,650 (remove / replace shingles, residential).
- **William and Rosa Mae Davis**, owners, Larry Timmons dba T&T Metal Roofing, contractor, 4136 Champagne Lane, \$2,900 (install metal roof, residential).
- **Terry A. and Phillip L. Foster**, owners, Welch's Quality Builders & Roofers LLC, contractor, 25 W. Patricia Drive, \$3,500 (reroof, residential).
- **Farmers Telephone Coop.**, owner, South Carolina Tel-Con, contractor, 625 Farms Telephone Road, \$289,000 (communication tower, commercial).
- **Michael C. Watson**, owner, Jeffrey Callen dba Callen Construction, contractor, 2590 Carriage Drive, \$10,450 (replace shingle roof, residential).
- **Booker T. McGee**, owner, George Wilson dba Wilson Roofing and Bui, contractors, \$2,500 (replace six windows and vinyl siding, residential).
- **Randolph and Michele Y. Hardy**, owner, Pack Construction LLC, contractor, 4605 Dawn Circle, Dalzell, \$5,600 (reroof, residential).
- **Sumter Hotel Venture LLC**, owner, St. Clair Signs, contractor, 18 N. Main St., \$13,000 (wall sign — Hyatt Place, commercial).
- **Colonial Sumter Calhoun LLC**, owner, Solid Structures LLC, contractor, 41 E. Calhoun St., \$19,726 (repair retail store front damage, commercial).
- **Palmetto Station LLC**, owner, Sign Tek, contractor, 493 N. Guignard Drive (Unit 145), \$3,300 (wall sign — Ginza, commercial).
- **Robert D. and Grace E. Field**, owners, Homestar Solar Solutions, contractor, 2742 Sandhill Drive, \$18,500 (roof mount solar panel system, residential).
- **Gainey Construction Co. LLC**, owner and contractor, 2177 Tanglewood Road, 1,844 heated square feet and 700 unheated square feet, \$121,652 (new dwelling, residential).
- **Raymond J. Barwick**, owner and contractor, 344 Reynolds Road, Pinewood, 2,280 heated square feet and 430 unheated square feet, \$105,406 (new dwelling, residential).
- **J. Aaron Dyson Construction LLC**, owner, James A. Dyson dba Aaron Dyson Construction, contractor, 3380 Alpenglow Drive, 1,700 heated square feet and 590 unheated square feet, \$105,000 (new dwelling, residential).
- **YWCA of Sumter Area Inc.**, owner, Carolina Construction of Sumter LLC, contractor, 246 Church St., \$16,790 (roofing, commercial).
- **Brenda W. Edwards**, owner, Global Construction and Dev Group LLC, contractor, 30 Brand Court, \$6,200 (paint / sheetrock / kitchen remodel / bathroom remodel, residential).
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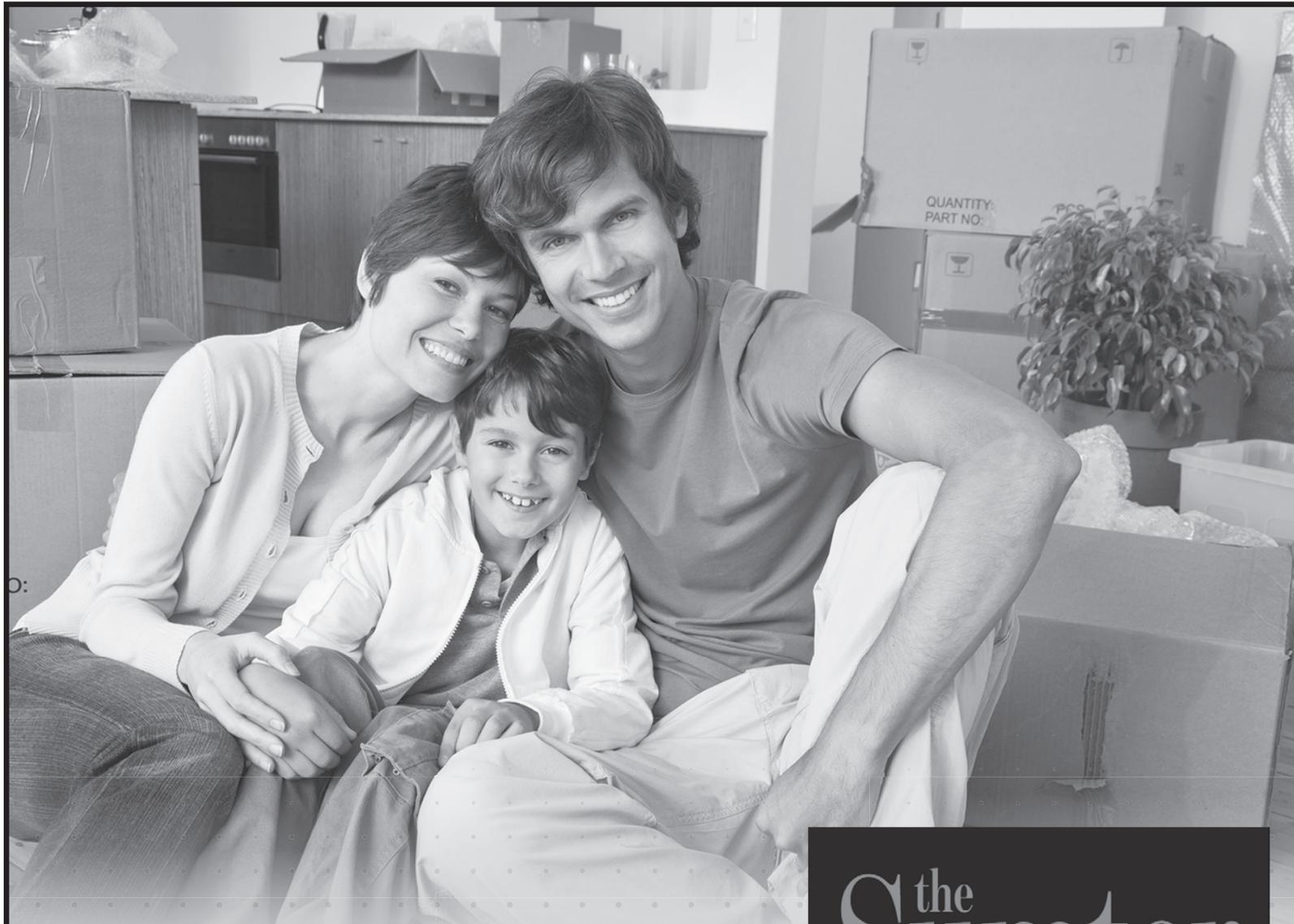
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Notice is hereby given that **DolgenCorp, LLC** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale and OFF premises consumption of **Beer & Wine at Dollar General Store #18797, located at 204 West Avenue North, Pinewood, SC 29125.** To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **March 13, 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.

**Notice Of Application**  
Notice is hereby given that **Palmer Ballard & Boats** intends to apply to the South Carolina Department of Revenue for a license permit that will allow the sale ON premises consumption of Beer, Wine & Liquor at **310 Palmetto St Sumter, SC 29150.** To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **March 5th 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, ATTN: ABL, P.O. Box 125, Columbia, South Carolina 29214; or Faxed to: (803) 896-0110.

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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING COMPLAINT**

Case No. **2017-CP-43-02474**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF SUMTER  
**SAFE Federal Credit Union, Plaintiff,**  
vs.  
**Hattie Session (Deceased), her heirs and assigns; and, any other Heirs-at-Law or Devises of Hattie Session (Deceased), their Heirs, Administrators, Successors and Assigns, and all other persons entitled to claim through them, all unknown persons with any right, title or interest in the real property described herein, including any person who may be in the military service of the United States of America, being a class designated as John Doe; and, any unknown minors or persons under disability being a class designated as Richard Roe; Magdaline Carter; C.J.R., a minor child; AscensionPoint Recovery Services, LLC on behalf of Synchrony Bank; and, 1st Heritage Credit, Defendants.**

TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WITH ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR

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INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN, INCLUDING ANY PERSON WHO MAY BE IN THE MILITARY SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE, AND ANY UNKNOWN MINORS OR PERSONS UNDER DISABILITY BEING A CLASS DESIGNATED AS RICHARD ROE:

**SUMMONS**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED** to answer the Complaint in the above-entitled action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys at their offices located at 1230 Main Street, Suite 700, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, within (30) days after the date of such service, exclusive of the date of service, except that the United States of America, if named, shall have sixty (60) days after the date of such service, and if you fail to do so, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**YOU WILL ALSO TAKE NOTICE** that the Plaintiff will move for a general Order of Reference of this cause to the Master-in-Equity or Special Referee for this County, which Order shall, pursuant to Rule 53(e) of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure, specifically provide that the said Master-in-Equity or Special Referee is authorized and empowered to enter a final judgment in this cause with any appeal directly to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

**NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the original Summons and Complaint in the above-entitled action were filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County, South Carolina on the 27th day of December 2017, at 3:06 p.m.

**ORDER FOR APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM, AND FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION UPON THE CLASSES OF DEFENDANTS DESIGNATED AS JOHN DOE AND RICHARD ROE AND FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM FOR C.J.R., A MINOR CHILD**

Upon reading and the filing of the Motion and Consent for Appointment of Attorney and Guardian ad Litem filed in this action, it is:

**ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRCP, B. Lindsay Crawford, III, Esquire, a competent and discreet person, is hereby appointed as Attorney to represent all unknown Defendants including those that may be in the military service represented by the class designated as John Doe, and as Guardian ad Litem for all unknown Defendants that may be incompetent, incarcerated, underage, or under any other disability, represented by the class designated as Richard Roe, all of whom may have or may claim to have some interest in or to the real property located at 960 Jensen Road, Sumter, South Carolina 29154.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, unless the unknown Defendants, including those Defendants that are incompetent, incarcerated, underage, under any other disability, or in the military service, shall, in person or through someone on their behalf, within thirty days after final publication of this Order, procure to be appointed some other suitable person as Attorney or Guardian ad Litem in the place and stead of B. Lindsay Crawford, III, Esquire, this appointment shall be final.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order, the Summons and Notice of Filing of Complaint shall be served upon Defendants John Doe and Richard Roe, including unknown Defendants, and Defendants who may be incompetent, incarcerated, underage, under any other disability or in the military service, by publishing a copy thereof, once a week for three consecutive weeks in The Sumter Item, a newspaper of general circulation within the County of Sumter, South Carolina, and which is hereby designated as the paper most likely to give notice

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to the Defendants intended to be served.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 17, SCRCP, B. Lindsay Crawford, III, Esquire, a competent and discreet person, is hereby appointed as Guardian ad Litem for Defendant C.J.R. a minor child (the "Known Minor Child") who may have or may claim to have some interest in or to the real property located at 960 Jensen Road, Sumter, South Carolina 29154.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that B. Lindsay Crawford, III, Esquire is empowered and directed to appear on behalf of and represent the Known Minor Child in this case.

**AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Order, the Motion and Consent For Appointment of Guardian ad Litem, the Summons, Verified Complaint and Lis Pendens shall be served upon the Known Minor Child as provided by Rule 4, SCRCP.

**James C. Campbell**  
Sumter County Clerk of Court

**Kyle A. Brannon**  
PO Drawer 2426  
Columbia, SC 29202  
Phone: (803) 771-8900  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
SAFE Federal Credit Union

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF FILING OF COMPLAINT (Non-Jury) Foreclosure**

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
C/A #: **2018-CP-43-00027**

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF SUMTER

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**EDWARD C. HOOD; DEBORAH L. HOOD A/K/A DEBORAH C. HOOD; and SC HOUSING CORP. ACTING THROUGH SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY'S SOUTH CAROLINA HOMEOWNERSHIP AND EMPLOYMENT LENDING PROGRAM,**  
Defendants.

**TO THE DEFENDANTS EDWARD C. HOOD AND DEBORAH L. HOOD A/K/A DEBORAH C. HOOD ABOVE NAMED:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** and required to answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said Complaint upon the subscribers, at their office, 1703 Laurel Street (29201), Post Office Box 11682, Columbia, South Carolina 29211, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint in the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the original Complaint in the above entitled action was filed in the office of the Clerk of Court for Sumter County on January 11, 2018.

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Attorney for the Plaintiff  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Announcements**

**Mr. Wayne Greene** has opened a new finance office. He would like to have his customers to call or come by. **Gates Finance & Tax, 561 Unit #7 Bultman Dr. Phone 803-774-7600.** Hope to hear from you soon!

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**PETS & ANIMALS**

**Pet Obituary**



**Calvin James Jarrett,** beloved hedgehog of Cpt. Josiah & Rose Jarrett, passed away on Feb. 25th. He enjoyed sunshine, bath time, and warm blankets. He will be missed by his feline brothers Hobbes & Lewis; his sister hens Karen & Georgia.



**Card of Thanks**



**Our family would like to thank all** of our loved ones and friends who have sent letters, cards, texts, Facebook messages and flowers during the death of our Mother (Geraldine Deas) and our Father (James Duncan). It was a comfort to know that so many people loved them and appreciated their presence. We knew how special they were to us, but we never realized just how much they touched the lives of so many other people. Your support has made it possible to cope during this time. Special thanks to the hospice teams for their wonderful care and friendship.  
*The Deas, Davis, and Duncan Family*



**To Yahweh Be The Glory!** I want to thank each and everyone for the LOVE that was shown during my Son Christopher Antonio Scriven's passing. Thank you family and friends for the flowers, the cards, the telephone calls, the food, the visits, your concern, your prayers, we thank you: For each act of kindness shown. May Yahweh richly bless you all! Let brotherly love continue.  
*Hebrews Chapter (13:1)*

**The family of Rickey Lee Smith** would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and gifts during our bereavement. Rickey Lee will truly be missed by many. Love always, His mother Mary, brothers William, David and Carl and family



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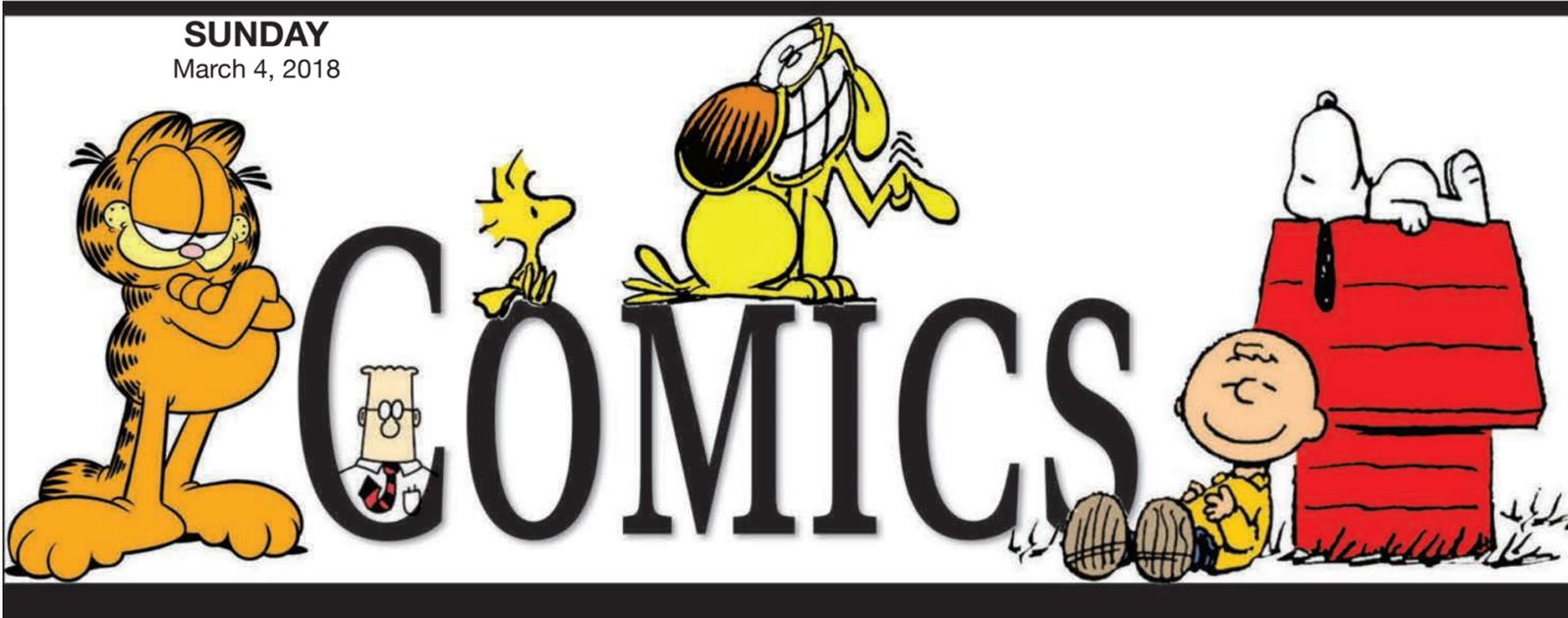
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**City of Manning Business Licenses**

Business License Renewals for the 2018 calendar year were due and payable beginning January 2, 2018 and are delinquent if not paid in full before April 15, 2018. From April 15, 2018 to May 15, 2018 the penalty is 5% of the unpaid fee for each month or portion thereof after the due date until such time the license fee is paid in full. Information given will be verified for accuracy.

If you have any questions or need to obtain a business license application, please stop by our office at 29 W. Boyce Street, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 P.M or call the Business License Department at 803-435-8477 x 5118.



**PEANUTS**  
featuring  
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by SCHULZ

WHENEVER I STAND IN LINE WITH YOU, LINUS, I LIKE TO PRETEND WE'RE TOGETHER

\*SIGH\*

DID YOU READ THE REVIEWS, LINUS? IS THIS A GOOD MOVIE?

I NEVER READ THE REVIEWS

WHEN WE GET INTO THE THEATER, LINUS, WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO SIT?

I LIKE TO SIT 'WAY UP FRONT

SOMETIMES WHEN TWO PEOPLE WHO LIKE EACH OTHER GO TO THE MOVIE TOGETHER, THEY SIT IN THE BACK ROW...

I LIKE TO SIT 'WAY UP FRONT

ONE, PLEASE

ARE YOU GOING TO PAY FOR MY TICKET, LINUS?

PAY FOR YOUR OWN TICKET

ONE, PLEASE

IF I PAY FOR MY OWN TICKET, MAY I SIT NEXT TO YOU?

FORGET IT! ONE, PLEASE

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WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I WANNA BUY A TICKET TO YOUR STUPID MOVIE?

**GARFIELD**

BY JIM DAVIS

HA! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?!

NEVER CALL MARCH'S BLUFF

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**DILBERT**

BY SCOTT ADAMS

I'VE DESIGNED OUR NEW PRODUCT TO WORK FLAWLESSLY FOR UP TO TEN YEARS.

NO ONE WILL NEED AN UPGRADE. THAT'S NO GOOD.

ADD SOME CODE TO SLOW IT DOWN AND MAKE IT UNRELIABLE AFTER TWO YEARS.

BUT MAKE SURE THE DEVICE DOESN'T SLOW DOWN UNTIL WE HAVE AN UPGRADE TO SELL.

THEN DRAFT AN APOLOGY I CAN PUT IN A PRESS RELEASE WHEN WE GET CAUGHT.

YOU HAVE TURNED MY ENGINEERING SUCCESS INTO THE DARKEST DAY OF MY CAREER.

THAT'S NOT EVEN CLOSE TO BEING TRUE.

YOUR DARKEST DAY WILL BE WHEN THE PRESS FIGURES OUT WHAT WE DID AND I FIRE YOU FOR IT.

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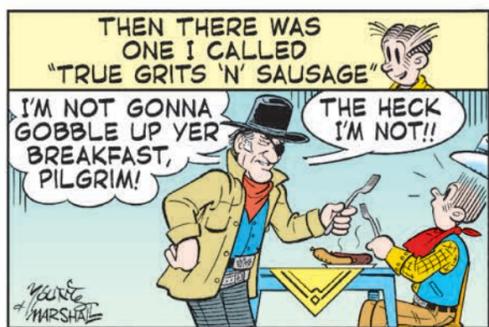
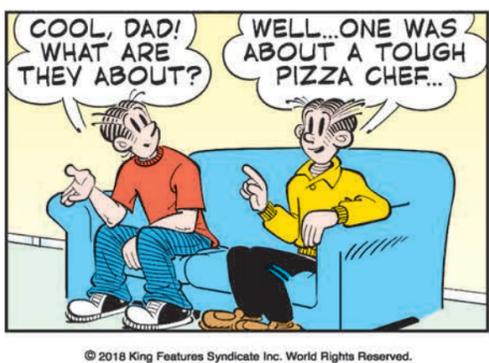
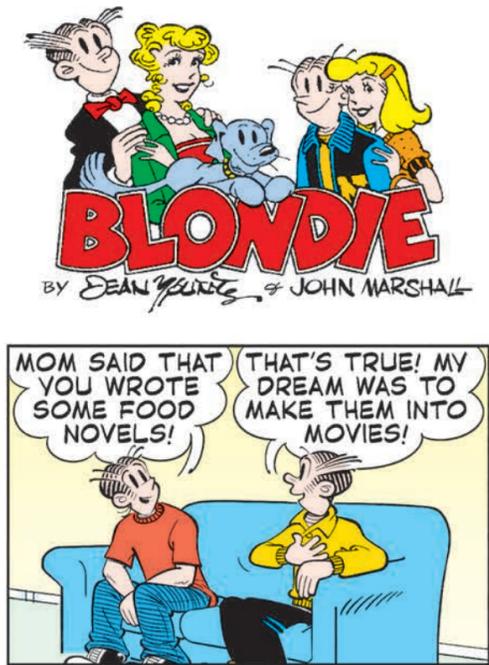
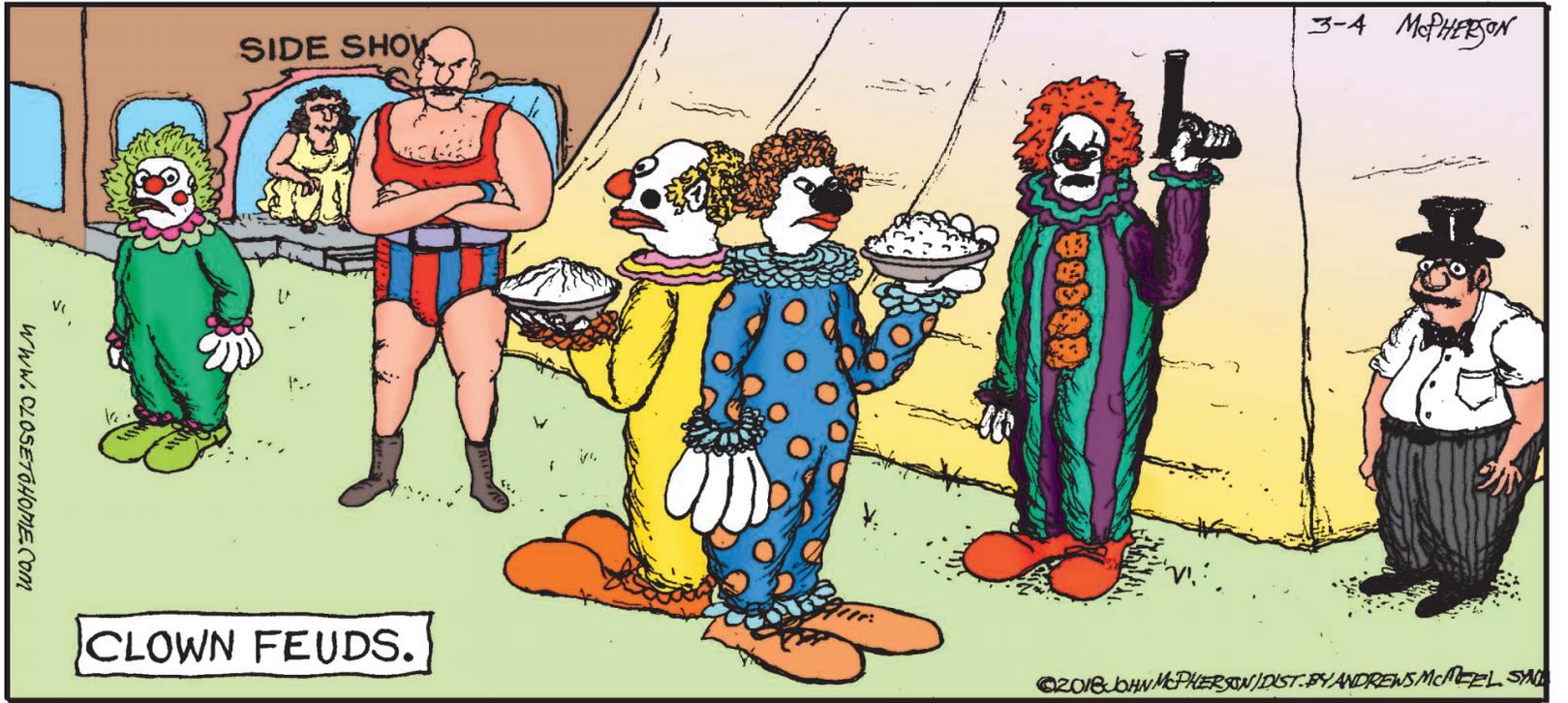
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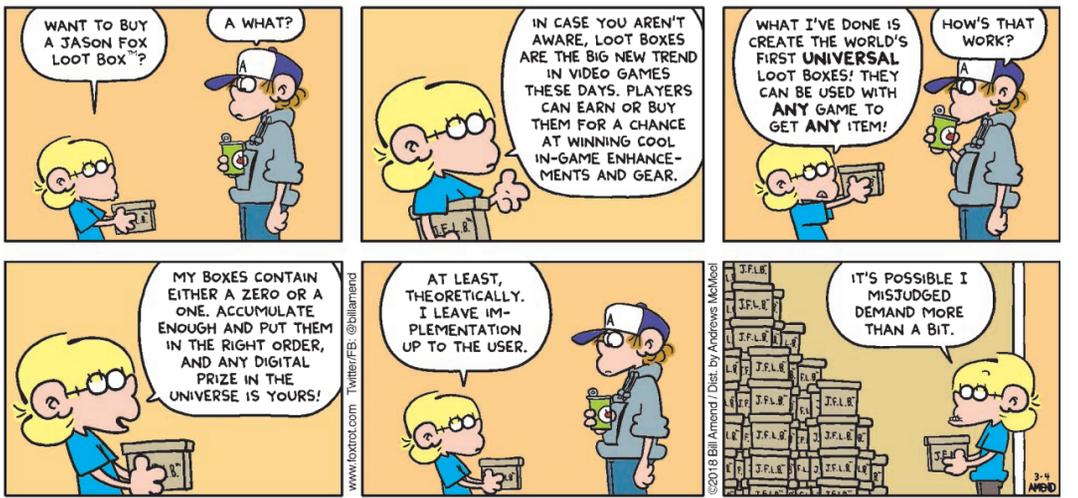
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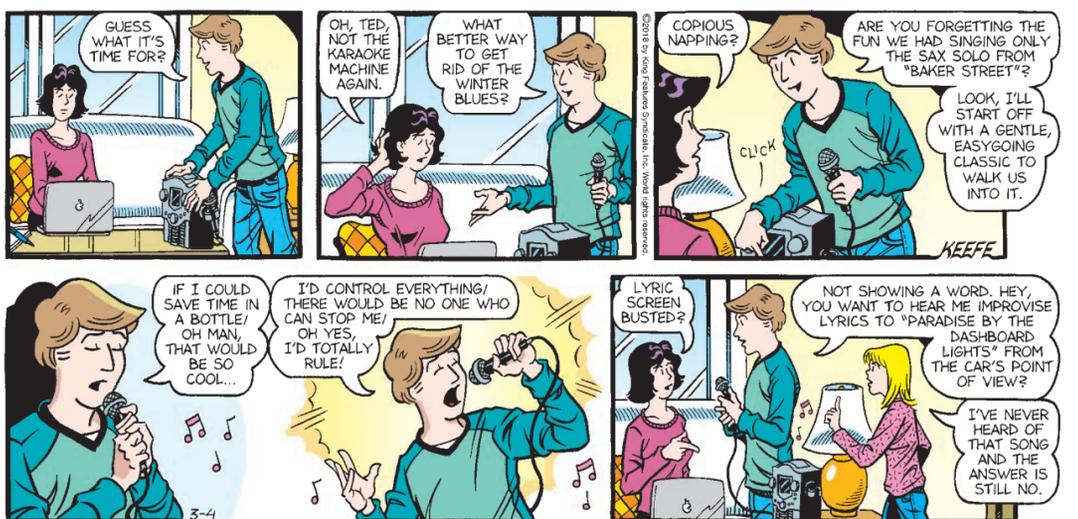
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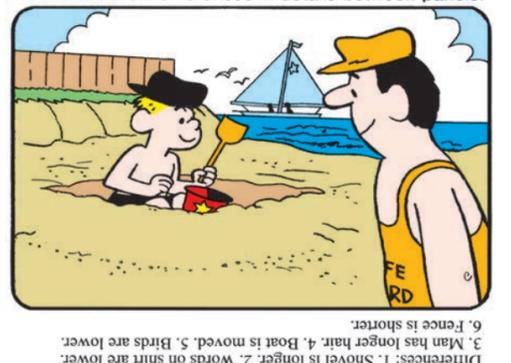
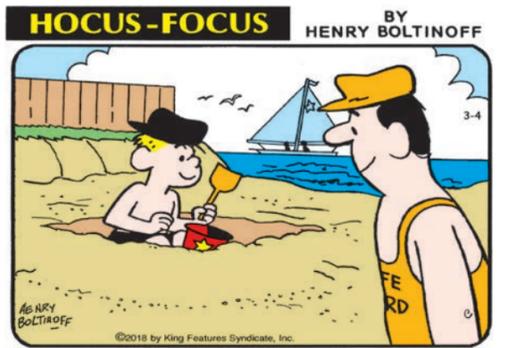
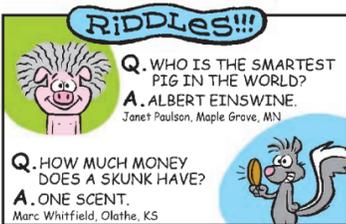
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**FRANK AND ERNEST**

