

Elks celebrate 150 years

Sumter group focuses on helping the community **C1**

Sumter sees 2nd-warmest February

After frigid January, last month marked 17.7-degree change

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After bundling up next to the fireplace with near-record cold temperatures in January, Sumterites almost had to break out the shorts, sunglasses and flip-flops during February with near-record high temperatures.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Doug Anderson, based in Columbia, said Sumter County's near "balmy February" featured a significant average temperature increase from the first month on

FEBRUARY 2018 IN SUMTER

Average daily temperature: 56.3
Average daily high temperature: 67.2
Average daily low temperature: 45.3

the calendar.

According to Anderson and National Weather Service data, Sumter County's overall average daily temperature — between the highs and lows — for the 28 days of February was 56.3 degrees, ranking as the second-warmest February by

that indicator for the county dating back to 1930. (It was in 1930 that the service's record books became more comprehensive with significantly fewer missing days' temperatures and data, Anderson said.)

In the 88 years since 1930, only the February of 1957 in Sumter was warmer than last month's average daily reading. That year's February had an overall average daily temperature of 57.2 degrees, almost one full degree warmer than this year's 56.3.

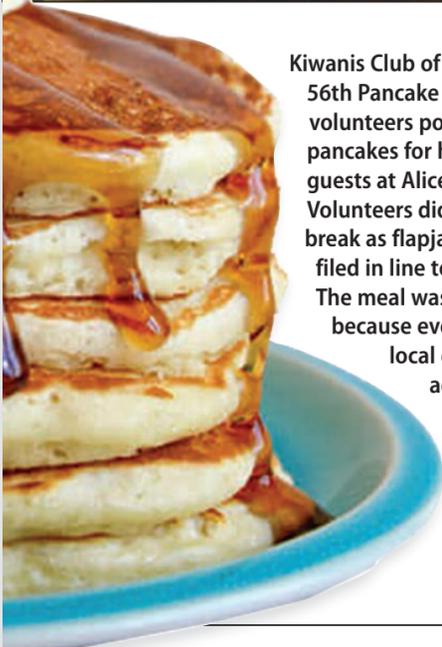
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WARMEST SUMTER FEBRUARY AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

1. 1957	57.2
2. 2018	56.3
1976	56.3
4. 1949	55.8
5. 1932	55.6
6. 1939	55.0
7. 1944	54.7
8. 1990	54.5
9. 1956	54.4
1954	54.4

Source: National Weather Service, Columbia

Pancake Day treats guests, serves kids in need



Kiwanis Club of Sumter celebrated its 56th Pancake Day on Saturday as volunteers poured batter and flipped pancakes for hundreds of hungry guests at Alice Drive Middle School. Volunteers didn't get much of a break as flapjack lovers from the area filed in line to get their annual treat. The meal was made even sweeter because every plate meant that a local child would be getting access to necessary resources with the money collected for each ticket to eat.

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Group gives back after losing mothers to cancer

Daughters of Angels helps women grieve, delivers care packages to others

BY KAYLA ROBINS
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All the chairs look the same, save for a few differences in how worn the brown leather was where pa-

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tients rest their heads.

Alexis Dickerson's mother always sat in the third chair on the far wall to the right. Dickerson sat with her

while tubes and doctors and nurses pumped her with what they told her was poison that would "destroy everything" in her mother and "re-build it" once the cancer was gone.

When the Sumter resident and founder of a new nonprofit called Daughters of Angels walked into the room at Santee Hematology and Oncology on North Lafayette Drive

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Dr. Billy Clowney is seen with members of Daughters of Angels after the group delivered gift bags to Santee Hematology and Oncology on Friday.

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Rafting Creek Elementary earns \$3K from math contest

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Rafting Creek Elementary School took \$3,000 home this weekend for placing second at a math competition.

Matific held the U.S. Matific Games, where students completed activities to earn stars or points. The more activities they completed and the better they scored resulted in more stars.

Every student won at least one star per episode completed, with the potential to earn a maximum of five stars per activity.

Each student also had the chance to replay each activity up to five times during the course of the competition.

"Matific is a company committed to offering immersive math games to children around the world," Kevin Sherman, CEO, said. "With this competition, we hope students had the chance to find a new appreciation for math and learn how excellent math skills can help them to accomplish larger goals in life."

The \$3,000 second-place prize was a congratulations for competing against thousands of schools from across the nation.

SCANG fighters honor hero with flyover

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A pair of F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter jets from the South Carolina Air National Guard's 169th Fighter Wing at McEntire Joint National Guard Base provided military flyover honors for Vietnam War hero retired Col. Norman P. Huggins, USAF, at the Red Hill Cemetery in Mullins on March 3.

On Oct. 31, 1965 (his wedding anniversary), Capt. Huggins was one of the first 10 fighter pilots shot down over North Vietnam and the first to make it back without being captured. He was part of what is known as a "VooDoo 101 er Tactical Reconnaissance Pilot" flying the RF-101C for low-level Tactical Recon. The tag line for these VooDoo 101 er's has become "Alone, Unarmed and Unafraid." He was successfully rescued after a three-hour engagement with the Viet Cong in the waters offshore for which he was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

U.S. Air Force Capt. "Mosey" Rosecrans and Capt. "Gnarly" Price performed the aerial salute on behalf of a grateful nation for the sacrifices made by the service of Huggins and his family.

2nd of 3 in custody for shooting of child

Kimberly Burgess turns self in, husband remains at large

BY KAYLA ROBINS

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One of the two suspects who had warrants for their arrest in connection with the shooting of a 7-year-old Sumter boy joined a third suspect in jail.

Kimberly Denise Burgess, 30, of Sandy Run Drive in Sumter, turned herself in Tuesday morning without incident after eluding authorities since the Feb. 1 shooting inside a home on Broad Street.

She has been charged with four counts of being an accessory after the fact of attempted murder, criminal conspiracy and breach of trust, and larceny for failure to return a rented object.

The child was reportedly asleep when

several shots were fired inside the residence near Shaw Air Force Base in the 5800 block of Broad Street about 11:30 p.m., striking him in the leg, according to Ken Bell, public information officer for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office. A cousin he was sleeping next to was not injured.

Two other bullet holes were discovered in the home from bullets that did not hit anyone, Bell said.

He said there is no known relation between the child and Burgess. A motive



BURGESS, K.



BURGESS, R.



JOHNSON

has not yet been released.

Investigators uncovered information pointing to the suspect vehicle being a 2017 Jeep that was reportedly rented through a fraudulent insurance policy under the name of Aireal Johnson.

Aireal Lakeia Johnson, 24, of White Pine Court, was arrested on Monday. She was also charged with discharging a firearm into a dwelling and obstruction of justice in addition to the accusations handed to Burgess, according to Bell.

Bell said Johnson admitted to the conspiracy for fraud and implicated Burgess and her husband, Rodney Jermaine Burgess, 33.

Authorities are still actively searching for Rodney Burgess, he said.

Anyone who sees him is asked to call 911, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office at (803) 436-2022 or Crime Stoppers at (803) 436-2718 or 1(888)-CRIMESC.

Lee schools celebrate Read Across America



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Lee County celebrated Read Across America on Monday with a visit from Arthenius Jackson as "The Singing Cat" to six local schools.

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Authorities: Prison guard paid \$1,246 in bribes

COLUMBIA — Authorities say a South Carolina prison guard has been arrested after he took \$1,246 in bribes from an inmate.

The Corrections Department says Joshua Cave was charged Tuesday with accepting a bribe and misconduct in office.

Arrest warrants say inmate Levi Bing Jr. paid Cave the bribes from September through December while they were at the Allendale Correctional Institution.

The warrants did not specify what Cave did for Bing to get the money.

Bing is serving a 40-year prison sentence for the killing of a man trying to sell a car in Orangeburg County in November 2003.

Governor wants emails from Santee Cooper

COLUMBIA — South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster is asking for all of a state-owned utility's contracts with lobbyists and all of their emails for more than a year after a pair of nuclear reactors were never built.

McMaster sent a letter to Santee Cooper on Tuesday asking for the information from the start of 2017.

Santee Cooper was the minority partner with SCANA Corp. for building two nuclear reactors. The utilities abandoned construction last summer after nearly a decade of planning and work.

McMaster is trying to sell Santee Cooper after the utility fell \$4 billion in debt.

Library to offer creative writing for teenagers

BY IVY MOORE

Special to The Sumter Item

Librarian Christy Smith will conduct a series of three creative writing workshops for teens at the Sumter County Library, 111 N. Harvin St., from 6 to 7 p.m. on Mondays, March 12, 26 and April 9. Students can attend any one or all three of the workshops.

While participants may bring their own supplies if they would like to use

them, Smith said she will have everything they need on hand, including laptop computers, paper and pencils.

"I do plan on having a different focus at each workshop," she said, "but I haven't set anything in stone because I'd like to get feedback from teens in attendance as to what they want to work on in follow-up sessions."

"We will have a variety of activities to explore dialogue, description, action, character, etc.; and students will

have plenty of opportunity to free-write at each session as well."

Smith said, "The goal of the workshops is to allow teens to connect with other young writers, express their creativity and write in a fun, relaxed environment."

No registration is required, and all of the workshops are free.

For more information, call the Sumter County Library at (803) 773-7273.

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Clark the wandering elk has become a star in S.C.

Now if the park staff could find him a mate

BY BO PETERSEN
The Post and Courier

CHARLESTON — The wandering Upstate elk has made itself at home in Charleston.

A year after the quarter-ton visitor was captured by state wildlife officers and introduced to the animal forest at Charles Towne Landing, he has buddied up with the bison herd.

They sit together and sleep together. When it's feeding time, the elk will herd the four buffalo to the feeder ahead of him.

Now all he needs is a mate. He means it. He just grew antlers and went into an aggressive rut, forcing the need for a temporary fence separating him from the bison. He'll go back when he drops his antlers, expected in April.

Elk are the massive migrating animals loosely related to deer but far larger and more imposing. They can stand as tall as 9 feet counting a fully grown rack of antlers. Although generally placid foragers, they can charge at times, swinging those antlers if they feel threatened or challenged.

That aggressiveness among rutting bull elk might have drawn or driven the now 4-year-old bull from one of the

herds in the high North Carolina mountains into the Upstate territory of South Carolina, where he became the first confirmed wild elk in the state in two centuries.

He showed up in a golf course community near Lake Jocassee. Still a juvenile, he approached anyone who came near, curious for food, head-butting and rearing up on his hind legs wanting to play.

S.C. Department of Natural Resources biologists tried to turn the animal away from the community and relocated him to a wilderness area. But he came back.

Despite warnings from DNR, people kept wanting to get close and hand feed. That can be dangerous with a full-grown elk.

When this one went into rut — an aggressive state seen in males in which they rub their antlers on trees, fight or wallow in the dust or muck — at Charles Towne Landing, he butted a Christmas tree around the enclosure until he tore it to shreds.

Because of the risk to the community, DNR had little choice but to tranquilize the elk and bring him to the state park in West Ashley, which also exhibits a panther, black bear, bald eagle, otters, wild turkey and other native creatures.

He since has become a star. People show up at the ticket

office asking where to find the 5-acre enclosure that holds him.

"They come specifically for him," said Rob Powell, park manager. "They have followed the story."

Park staff would like to get the elk a mate. They named him "Clark" after William Clark of the famed Lewis and Clark "wandering" expedition across the United States. They held off on calling him Lewis so they could name a subsequent female Lois, said Jillian Davis, animal forest curator.

Staff is working with DNR to see what can be done, but current South Carolina law doesn't allow elk to be moved across state lines because of concerns that Chronic Wasting Disease could get into the deer herd here. The chance is remote that a female will wander into the state from the herd in the high North Carolina mountains.

"If we can get one, we will," Powell said.

Man accused of wanting to eat child released on bond

COLUMBIA (AP) — A South Carolina man accused of wanting to enslave and eat a child has been released from jail on bond.

Justin Teeter Bensing of Myrtle Beach was released from jail last month after posting a \$20,000 bond, according to court records.

Bensing, 36, was arrested in Greenville County in early February on charges of criminal solicitation of a minor. He was one of more than 40 people facing charges following an investigation into child sex trafficking.

Bensing is accused of soliciting an undercover officer he thought was a child. According to arrest warrants, Bensing asked if she was "ready to be a full-time baby maker and sex slave."

During a news conference announcing the arrests last month, Sheriff Will Lewis said that Bensing wanted to "physically cannibalize" a child and to engage in sex acts with animals.

"Depravity doesn't even begin to describe this," the

sheriff said.

Court records listed no attorney for Bensing, and no further court appearances have been scheduled. According to state police, Bensing had no prior arrest record in South Carolina.

Reached at his home in Myrtle Beach, Bensing's father said Tuesday that his son wasn't available and allegations that he had wanted to eat a child were not true.

"The only thing I have to say on Justin's behalf is that any charges of cannibalism are not correct," Donald Bensing told a reporter for The Associated Press, before disconnecting the call.

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N. Korea reportedly willing to hold nuclear talk with U.S.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has expressed a willingness to discuss nuclear disarmament with the United States and impose a moratorium on nuclear and missile tests during such talks, a senior South Korean official said Tuesday after returning from the North.

Kim also agreed to meet with South Korea's president at a tense border village in late April, presidential national security director Chung Eui-yong said after talks with Kim in Pyongyang, North Korea's capital.

North Korea's reported willingness to hold a "candid dialogue" with the United States to discuss denuclearization and establish diplomatic relations follows a year of increased fears of war on the Korean Peninsula, with Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump exchanging fiery rhetoric and crude insults over Kim's barrage of weapons tests.

The Trump administration also pushed through some of the harshest sanctions the already hugely sanctioned North has yet faced.

Trump tweeted Tuesday that "possible progress" was being made in the talks with North Korea, and that all sides were making serious efforts. He added: "May be false hope, but the U.S.

is ready to go hard in either direction!"

There is still skepticism whether the developments will help establish genuine peace between the Koreans, which have a long history of failing to follow through with major rapprochement agreements. The United States has made it clear that it doesn't want empty talks with North Korea and that all options, including military measures, remain on the table.

The North has repeatedly said in the past that it won't negotiate over its nuclear program and vowed to bolster its nuclear and missile arsenals. Its apparent about-face might be an attempt to win concessions as its economy struggles under the weight of sanctions, some analysts said, or a way to buy time to better develop nuclear missiles targeting the mainland United States.

Many experts think North Korea won't easily give up a nuclear program that it has doggedly developed, despite years of escalating international pressure, to cope with what it claims is U.S. hostility.

Chung led a 10-member South Korean delegation on a two-day visit to North Korea. They were the first South Korean officials to meet the young North Korean leader since he took power after his dictator father's death

in late 2011. Chung's trip also was the first known high-level visit by South Korean officials to North Korea in about 11 years.

It followed a series of cooperative steps taken by the Koreans during last month's Pyeongchang Winter Olympics hosted by South Korea.

If talks with the United States happen, Chung said North Korea "made it clear that it won't resume strategic provocations like additional nuclear tests or test-launches of ballistic missiles" while the talks continue.

North Korea told the South Korean envoys that it would not need to keep its nuclear weapons if military threats against it are removed and it receives a credible security guarantee, Chung said. He said the North promised not to use its nuclear and conventional weapons against South Korea.

Kim also said he "understands" that contentious annual military drills by the U.S. and South Korea will take place in April at a scale similar to previous years and expressed hope that they could be modified once the situation on the Korean Peninsula stabilizes, according to a senior South Korean presidential official, who didn't want to be named, citing office rules.

Chung said the two Koreas agreed to

hold their summit at a Seoul-controlled facility inside the border village. He also said Kim and liberal South Korean President Moon Jae-in will establish a "hotline" communication channel between them to lower military tensions, and would speak together before the planned summit.

If realized, the summit between the countries' leaders would be the third ever since the Koreans' 1945 division. The two past summits, in 2000 and 2007, were both in Pyongyang and were held between Kim's late father, Kim Jong Il, and two liberal South Korean presidents. They resulted in a series of cooperative projects that were scuttled during subsequent conservative administrations in South Korea.

Analyst Cheong Seong-Chang at South Korea's Sejong Institute said the agreements "potentially pave the way for meaningful dialogue between Washington and Pyongyang" and could offer an opportunity to stably manage the threat posed by North Korea's nuclear weapon and missile programs.

"Getting North Korea to agree to halt additional nuclear weapons and missile tests while the dialogue goes on is the biggest achievement of the visit to Pyongyang by the South Korean presidential envoys," he said.

Prescription opioids fail rigorous new test for chronic pain

CHICAGO (AP) — A year-long study offers rigorous new evidence against using prescription opioids for chronic pain.

In patients with stubborn back aches or hip or knee arthritis, opioids worked no better than over-the-counter drugs or other nonopioids at reducing problems with walking or sleeping. And they provided slightly less pain relief.

Opioids tested included generic Vicodin, oxycodone or fentanyl patches although few patients needed the most potent opioids. Nonopioids included generic Tylenol, ibuprofen and prescription pills for nerve or muscle pain. The study randomly assigned patients to take opioids or other painkillers. That's the gold standard design for research.

If they don't work better than less risky drugs, there's no reason to use opioids given "their really nasty side effects — death and addiction," lead author Dr. Erin Krebs, a physician and researcher with the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System, said.

The results likely will surprise many people "because opioids have this reputation as being really powerful pain-



A pharmacy technician counts hydrocodone and acetaminophen tablets, also known as Vicodin, at the Oklahoma Hospital Discount Pharmacy in Edmond, Oklahoma.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

killers, and that is not what we found," Krebs said.

The results echo less-rigorous studies and bolster guidelines against routine use of opioids for chronic pain.

The study was published Tuesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

About 42,000 drug overdose deaths in the U.S. in 2016 involved opioids, including prescription painkillers, heroin and fentanyl. Many people get hooked while taking opioids prescribed for injuries or other short-term pain and move on to cheaper, more accessible illicit drugs like heroin.

Krebs said the strongest evidence from other studies

shows that physical therapy, exercise or rehabilitation therapy works best for chronic pain. And she said that there are a variety of nonopioid drugs to try if one type doesn't work.

U.S. government guidelines in 2016 said opioids are not the preferred treatment for chronic pain, and they recommend non-drug treatment or nonopioid painkillers instead. Opioids should only be used if other methods don't work for chronic pain, the guidelines recommend. Prescribing rates have declined slightly in recent years although they are still much higher than two decades ago.

The study involved 234 patients from Minneapolis-area

VA clinics who were assigned to use generic versions of opioids or nonopioids for a year. Follow-up ended in 2016.

"This is a very important study," Dr. David Reuben, geriatrics chief at UCLA's medical school, said. "It will likely change the approach to managing long-term back, hip and knee pain."

He noted one limitation — most study participants were men, but Krebs said the results in women studied were similar.

The study's opioid patients started on relatively low daily doses of morphine, oxycodone or generic Vicodin. They switched to higher doses if needed or to long-acting opioids or fentanyl patches. The nonopioid group started on acetaminophen, ibuprofen or similar anti-inflammatory

drugs. They also could switch to higher doses or prescription nonopioid pain pills. Few in either group used the strongest medicines.

Patients reported changes in function or pain on questionnaires. Function scores improved in each group by about two points on an 11-point scale, where higher scores meant worse function. Both groups started out with average pain and function scores of about 5.5 points.

Pain intensity dropped about two points in the nonopioid group and slightly less in the opioid patients.

Other research has shown that over-the-counter medicines can also work as well as opioids at treating short-term pain, including from broken bones, kidney stones or dental work.

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Annual gala to benefit Sumter's developmentally disabled

Event features extensive menu, silent auction

SUBMITTED

The fourth-annual Sumter Disabilities Benefit Gala is set.

The black tie-optional event, featuring dinner, wine and beer and a silent auction, is scheduled for March 29 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at The O'Donnell House. Proceeds from the gala benefit the developmentally disabled of Sumter County.

"Never has there been a group of folks who deserve our support more," said Chip Chase, president of the Sumter County Developmental Disabilities Foundation.

"The foundation has been tweaking the gala since we started it three years ago, and we believe it has turned into one of the best events in town. And all the funds we raise through this event go to improve the quality of life for not only the consumers of the Sumter Disabilities and Special Needs Board, but also others who live in the community who are developmentally disabled. It is a special event for a special group."

The foods that are served are prepared by Wanda Hunter and her staff at The O'Donnell House, also known as Christy & Company Catering, as well as several local restaurants. Willie Sue's will be on hand making crab cakes straight off the grill. Outback Steakhouse will be serving its ahi tuna. Lilfred's will be making perlaw. Chick-Fil-A will have its chicken tenders, and Logan's Roadhouse will be donating its teriyaki beef.

For dessert, it will be sweets from Baker's Sweets and truffles and chocolate-covered strawberries from Edible Arrangements.

And then there's the list of morsels prepared by Hunter's group: sautéed quail with creamed grits, beef strip loin, shrimp cocktail, baked gnocchi, fried Asian spring rolls, fruit and gourmet cheeses and vegetable crudités.

"You won't find a better menu at any event in town," Chase said. "And I can say because I've said many

times, I don't do the cooking. I'm just bragging on these generous businesses who make our event possible. Because of their generosity, that's not food we have to pay for. Even the food that Wanda's group prepares comes from the local Piggly Wiggly and IGA stores. These folks, along with our sponsors, make this event go."

Also helping make it successful is H&S Wholesalers, which, like Piggly Wiggly and IGA, has donated every year. H&S donates the beer for the gala. There is wine that

the foundation purchases for the event, and two nearby wine distilleries will be on hand for sampling and ordering.

Finally, there will be a silent auction with some of the gala's best prizes, including a feast for eight donated by Jack Brantley and Aberdeen Catering at Brantley's home in Camden. FTC is donating a fifth-generation 128 GB iPad. Galloway



Plenty of delicious foods, beer and wine will be available to sample during the event March 29.



PHOTOS PROVIDED

The Sumter Disabilities Benefit Gala will be held for the fourth year March 29 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at The O'Donnell House. It will feature dinner, drinks and a silent auction to benefit the developmentally disabled.



major scale for the long run. So we are asking businesses who can to consider sponsoring the gala or buying tickets. The same for others. It's a great event for a great cause, and I can promise anybody who comes will walk away from a great experience."

A pair of tickets comes with every \$250 in sponsorship, and tickets are \$75 each. Those interested in attending or donating can go to www.sumterdisabilites.org or call (803) 778-1669 extension 119.

& Moseley has given a silver bracelet worth about \$400, and Mike Williams, an artist who hails from Sumter, has donated fish metal art. Also expected is a piece from Grainger McKoy's collection. And there will be an additional 55 or so items to bid on.

"We have raised about \$35,000 each of the last two years, and if we have success on par with those, we will have \$100,000 to use toward a major project,"

Chase said. "We have done some things along the way, but this is something on a

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Does the firearms industry influence U.S. gun culture?

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Americans have blamed many culprits, from mental illness to inadequate security, for the tragic mass shootings that are occurring with increasing frequency in schools, offices and theaters across the U.S.

Yet in our nation's ongoing conversation about the root causes of gun violence, the makers of guns are hardly ever mentioned. As a public health researcher, I find this odd, because evidence shows that the culture around guns contributes significantly to gun violence. And firearm manufacturers have played a major role in influencing American gun culture.

To help spur this much-needed discussion, I'd like to share some critical facts about the firearm industry that I've learned from my recent research on gun violence prevention.

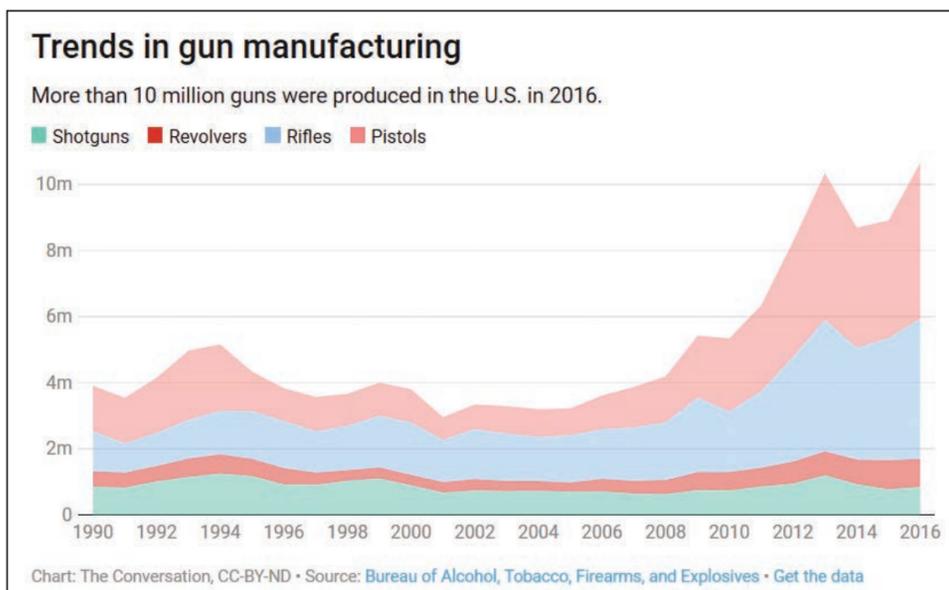
SURGING HANDGUN SALES

The U.S. is saturated with guns — and has become a lot more so over the past decade. In 2016 alone, U.S. gun manufacturers produced 10.6 million firearms for entry into the market, up from 3.6 million in 2006. Pistols and rifles made up about 85 percent of the total.

In addition, only a small number of gunmakers dominate the market. The top five pistol manufacturers alone controlled half of all production in 2016: Sturm; Ruger & Co.; Sig Sauer; Glock; Kimber Manufacturing; and SCCY Industries. Similarly, the biggest rifle manufacturers — Remington Arms, Sturm, Anderson Manufacturing, Smith & Wesson and Savage Arms — controlled 62.3 percent of that market.

But that only tells part of the story. A look at the caliber of pistols manufactured over the past decade reveals a significant change in demand that has reshaped the industry.

The number of manufactured large-caliber pistols able



to fire rounds greater than or equal to 9 mm increased six-fold from 2005 to 2016, rising from more than half a million to more than 3 million. The number of 0.380 caliber pistols — small pistols designed specifically for concealed carry — jumped to more than 1.1 million from just over 100,000 during the same period.

This indicates a growing demand for guns with increasing lethality and a design focused specifically on self-defense and concealed carry.

Production of rifles has also increased, rising from 1.4 million in 2005 to 4.2 million in 2016. This is driven primarily by a higher demand for semi-automatic weapons, including assault-style rifles.

EXPLAINING THE STATS

So what can explain the jump in the sale of high-caliber handguns and semi-automatic rifles?

Gunmakers have become very effective at marketing their wares as necessary tools for self-defense — perhaps in large part to offset a decline in demand for recreational use.

For example, in 2005, Smith & Wesson announced a major new marketing campaign focused on “safety, security, protection and sport.” The number

S.C. SLED chief: Arming teachers ‘not the answer’

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina's top law enforcement officer says arming the state's teachers "is not the answer" to making schools safer.

State Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel told a Senate panel Tuesday that he feels teachers should be focused on teaching, not weapons training. Keel also says he feels the presence of school resource officers is the best way to keep students safe.

Gov. Henry McMaster said at a school safety summit last week that he wants an armed officer in every school before he would consider arming teachers. The state Education Department says it could cost up to \$60 million to put a trained, armed police officer in every South Carolina elementary, middle and high school.

of guns the company sold soared after the switch, climbing 30 percent in 2005 and 50 percent in 2006, led by strong growth in pistol sales. By comparison, the number of firearms sold in 2004 rose 11 percent over the previous year.

There's strong survey evidence that gun owners have become less likely to cite hunting or sport as a reason for their ownership, instead pointing to personal security. The percentage of gun owners who told Gallup the reason they possessed a firearm was for hunt-

ing fell to 36 percent in 2013 from almost 60 percent in 2000. The share that cited “sport” as their reason fell even more.

Meanwhile, 63 percent of gun owners in 2016 reported self-defense as their primary motivator, up from 46 percent in 2004, according to a Harvard School of Public Health survey.

'STAND-YOUR-GROUND' LAWS FLOURISH

Another possible explanation for the uptick in handguns could be the widespread adoption of state “stand-your-

ground laws” in recent years. These laws explicitly allow people to use guns as a first resort for self-defense in the face of a threat.

Utah enacted the first stand-your-ground in 1994. The second adoption did not take place until 2005 in Florida. A year later, stand-your-ground laws took off, with 11 states enacting one in 2006 alone. Another dozen passed such laws since then, bringing the total to half of all states.

These laws were the result of a concerted National Rifle Association lobbying campaign. For example, Florida's law, which George Zimmerman used in 2013 to escape charges for killing Trayvon Martin, was crafted by former NRA President Marion Hammer.

The American Legislative Exchange Council, an association of state legislators dedicated to limited government of which the NRA was a member, has helped push the laws around the country using a model drafted by another NRA official.

It's not clear whether the campaign to promote stand-your-ground laws fueled the surge in handgun production. But it's possible that it's part of a larger effort to normalize firearms for self-defense.

This overall picture suggests that a change in firearm industry marketing fueled an increased demand for more lethal weapons. This, in turn, appears to have fostered a change in gun culture, which has shifted away from an appreciation of the use of guns for hunting, sport and recreation and toward a view that guns are a necessity to protect oneself from criminals.

How and whether this change in gun culture is influencing rates of firearms violence is a question I'm currently researching.

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U.S. man on 'jihad' admits to killing 4 in cross-country binge

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man prosecutors said was on a "jihad" to avenge U.S. policy in the Middle East pleaded guilty Tuesday to killing a college student in New Jersey and admitted killing three more people in Washington state.

The Essex County prosecutor's office said Tuesday that Ali Muhammad Brown admitted shooting 19-year-old Brendan Tevlin in late June 2014 as Tevlin sat at a traffic light in West Orange, a few miles from Newark. Brown, a 34-year-old former Seattle resident, pleaded guilty to multiple charges, including murder, robbery and terrorism. He was the first person charged with terrorism connected to a homicide under a New Jersey law.

Jury selection began last week for Brown's anticipated trial in New Jersey, and opening statements had been expected to begin next week. He notified prosecutors of his decision to plead guilty Tuesday.

"It appeared he wanted to make himself something of a martyr," Assistant Essex County Prosecutor Jamel Semper said. "He is not. He is just an invented killer who destroyed lives and hurt families. He was clearly radicalized online and took up arms against the country — his own country that gave him constitutional protections and allowed him to appear in court and throw himself at the mercy of the court."

During Tuesday's court hearing, Brown also took responsibility for killing three people in Washington: two young men who were shot in Seattle shortly after they left a gay nightclub in June 2014 and a man killed outside Seattle two months earlier. Brown said he killed the two in Seattle because he thought they were gay.

Semper said Brown would have to formally plead guilty in Washington state for those cases to be resolved.

The killings "were part of an



Ali Muhammad Brown, of Seattle, is escorted into court in Newark, New Jersey, in 2016. Brown, a former Seattle resident who was the first person charged with terrorism connected to a homicide under a New Jersey state law, pleaded guilty to multiple counts including murder, felony murder, robbery and terrorism.

AP FILE PHOTO

overarching plan to kill Americans" in retaliation for what Brown contended were "millions of lives" the U.S. had taken in the Middle East, Semper said.

In court papers filed in Seattle in 2014, authorities said Brown described himself to detectives after his New Jersey arrest as a strict Muslim who had become angry with the U.S.

government's role in Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. He claimed the government's actions led to the deaths of innocent civilians and children.

In a subsequent recorded interview in New Jersey, Washington authorities wrote, Brown described his idea of a "just kill," in which the target was men unaccompanied by women, children or elderly

people.

According to prosecutors, Tevlin, a University of Richmond sophomore, was driving through West Orange on his way home to nearby Livingston when Brown and two other men, following him in another car, jumped out and surrounded him.

Brown shot Tevlin through the passenger-side window, hitting him 10 times, prosecutors said at the time of Brown's arrest. Tevlin's car was then driven to an apartment complex in West Orange with Tevlin inside, and some of his personal belongings were stolen.

Brown was found hiding in the woods in West Orange a few weeks after the shooting. After his arrest, prosecutors in New Jersey said results of ballistics tests from the Tevlin shooting were put into a national database and matched with the gun used in the Seattle killings.

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FEBRUARY

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The county's warm February this year was in stark contrast to a frigid January, which featured an average overall daily temperature of 38.6 degrees, according to the weather service. The January average daily reading was the sixth-coldest by that indicator for Sumter dating back to 1930.

That 17.7-degree change ranks eighth overall for the largest one-month shift for the county, according to Anderson and the weather service. The largest one-month change in average temperature for Sumter was back in March 1960, when the average daily reading was 21.7 degrees higher than February. According to the weather service, Sumter has experienced a one-month change of 20 or more degrees twice. The county saw a 19.6-degree temperature change once, and three times it has seen a change of 18.1 to 18.7 degrees. One-month average temperature changes ranging from 17 to 19.9 degrees have occurred multiple times, according to Anderson.

"In my opinion, what we saw is certainly not uncommon," Anderson said. "However, it doesn't happen regularly enough that when a large change like this occurs, it sure stands out in our minds."

From a climatology standpoint, according to Anderson, in February a strong, long-wave high-pressure dome of warm air was positioned just off the coast of the Carolinas for an extensive period, bringing tropical air flow from the Central Pacific, Mexico and Central America.

"That big warm dome of air just prevents the cold air from coming down from Arctic Canada and reaching us," Anderson said. "So, basically, we got a conveyor belt of warm air that was brought up into our region."

February was also a very dry month for Sumter with just a little more than 1 inch of total precipitation (1.02 inches), according to the weather service. It was the ninth-driest February dating back to 1930, according to the official data. Normal rainfall for Sumter County in February is 3.48 inches, according to Anderson.

A year ago, Sumter also experienced a fairly warm February with an average daily temperature of 53.7 degrees, ranking as the 14th-warmest February on record.

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DAUGHTERS

FROM PAGE A1

last week, her mother was not there.

The third chair on the far wall sat empty.

Dickerson's mother passed away from cancer on June 16, 2017. She has since started this nonprofit to turn her and other women's "grief into grace" by giving back to community members who are still fighting.

"I am an only child, and I lost my father two years prior, so it was really difficult to me when my mother passed," Dickerson said. "I have my husband and my daughter but no one to go through and feel that exact same pain that I went through. I feel like I didn't have that."

"I just felt lost." When she thought of the idea to form a support group of women who had lost their mothers to cancer and hold a fundraiser to supply care packages for the chemo center, she was trying to fill a void in the space her mother left.

They raised \$700 at the fundraiser — their goal was \$200 — and did activities such as making vision boards of their mothers and calling each other by their mothers' names.

"You don't ever hear your mother's name anymore," she said. "You don't say, 'Mom.'"

"TURNING MY GRIEF INTO GRACE"

Dickerson had been back to the treatment center once before to ask about bringing in the care packages.

Felisha Dukes returned for the first time when they delivered them since she lost her mother on April 16, 2015.

"Just seeing all the chairs and the nurses and Dr. [Billy] Clowney, my emotions got the best of me," said Dukes, who works at Sumter County Sheriff's Office. "But it helped me just now by being able to get it out by finally being able to



Members of Daughters of Angels pack gift bags before delivering them to Santee Hematology and Oncology on Friday.

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come and do something for someone else to make them feel comfortable."

Dukes is the public relations coordinator for the nonprofit. Once she told Clowney who her mother was, her emotions did get the best of her.

Grief, nostalgia, closure and gratefulness all seemed as apparent at the same time on her face as did the tears in her eyes.

She said she thinks her mother would be proud of her for participating in Daughters of Angels.

"Because I keep a lot in, but being part of a sisterhood, this Daughters of Angels, if you don't have that outlet you can get stuck," she said. "And I've been there. I know what it feels like, so I can finally say I'm excelling when it comes to turning my grief into grace."

Clowney, the doctor at the chemo treatment center, said many families that come in are not as wealthy "as other places" and that "when family members can bring things like this sometimes it's really appreciated."

He said, to him, the Daughters of Angels care packages mean these women "appreciated what we did for their mom, and they want to make sure everybody else's mom gets appreciated the same way."

Bigger treatment centers sometimes lose the person-

al, human touch that makes patients and their families comfortable, and gestures like this make Sumter a "community that cares."

"WE CREATED A SISTERHOOD"

Santana Bolden's mother lost her fight to cancer in October 2014. Now she is the director of fundraising for the nonprofit.

"It still hurts. I guess it will never heal, but being around people who can understand your pain and who can actually know how you feel, it gives you some kind of hope that it's gonna be OK," she said. "And I have friends, but they haven't lost parents, so they don't know exactly, and we created a sisterhood here."

She said she was nervous to join the group and to come to the treatment center because she, too, had not been back since bringing her mother.

"It turned out to be one of the best things that could have possibly happened to me over the years," she said. "Being able to give back and help other people that are going through the same process, it makes my heart smile."

That third chair on the far wall may still be empty. More likely, it is filled by another patient. Possibly a mother, maybe a father, a sister, a brother. They are

connected to Dickerson through the care packages.

Dickerson is connected to Dukes, Bolden and the other members of their nonprofit

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That chair or this earth may not see Dickerson's mother anymore. But Dickerson is still a daughter.

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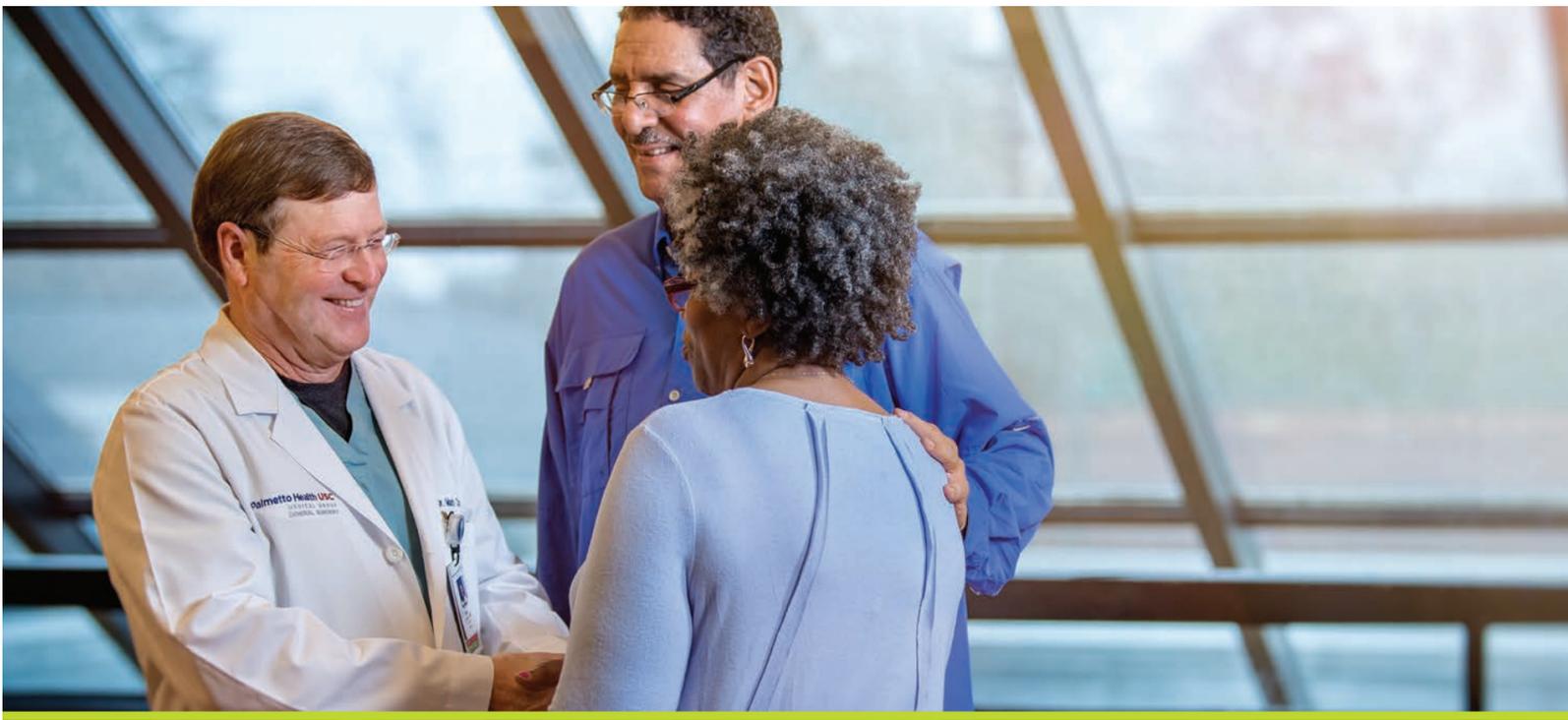
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COMMENTARY

Hidden agenda or ignorance?

Before we discuss violence with guns, I'd like to run a couple of questions by you. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every day nearly 30 Americans die in motor vehicle crashes that involve drunken driving. What kind of restrictions should be placed on automobile ownership? Should there be federal background checks in order for people to obtain a driver's license or purchase a car?

The FBI's 2015 Uniform Crime Report shows that nearly three times more people were stabbed or hacked to death than were killed with shotguns and rifles combined. The number of shotgun and rifle deaths totaled 548. People who were stabbed or hacked to death totaled 1,573. Should there be federal background checks and waiting periods for knife purchases?

Any mature and reasonable person would argue that it is utter nonsense to deal with drunken driving deaths and knife deaths by having federal background checks and waiting periods to obtain a driver's license or to purchase a car or knife. One would recognize, just as courts and the general public do, that cars and knives are inanimate objects and cannot act on their own. Therefore, if we want to do something about deaths resulting from drunken driving or being stabbed or hacked to death, we must focus on individuals. It would be folly and gross negligence of victims for us to focus on inanimate objects like cars and knives. Guns are also inanimate objects and like cars and knives cannot act on their own. It's also plain folly to focus on guns in the cases of shooting deaths.

What about the availability of guns? It turns out that for most of our history, a person could walk into hardware and department stores or a gun store, virtually anywhere in the United States, and purchase a rifle or pistol. The 1902 Sears mail-order catalog had 35 pages of firearm advertisements. Other catalogs and magazines from the 1940s, '50s and '60s were full of gun advertisements directed to both youngsters and parents. "What Every Parent

Should Know When a Boy or Girl Wants a Gun" was published by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. Another magazine advertised "Get This Cowboy Carbine with Your Christmas Money." Just a few states even had age restrictions for buying guns. Private transfers of guns to juveniles were unrestricted. Often a 12th or 14th birthday present, from a father to his son, was a shiny new .22-caliber rifle.

Today, there is far less availability of shotguns, rifles and pistols than any time in our history. That historical fact should raise the question: Despite the greater accessibility to guns in previous decades, why wasn't there the kind of violence we

see with today's far more restricted access to guns? Have rifles and pistols changed their behavior from yesteryear and they are now out committing mayhem and evil? To answer in the affirmative can be dismissed as pure lunacy. Thus, if guns haven't changed,

then it must be that people have changed. Half-witted psychobabble such as stopping children from playing schoolyard games like cops 'n' robbers and cowboys 'n' Indians won't do much. Calling for more gun restrictions, gun-free zones and other measures have been for naught.

We must own up to the fact that laws and regulations alone cannot produce a civilized society. Morality is society's first line of defense against uncivilized behavior. Moral standards of conduct have been under siege in our country for over a half a century. Moral absolutes have been abandoned as guiding principles. We've been taught not to be judgmental, that one lifestyle or set of values is just as good as another. We no longer hold people accountable for their behavior, and we accept excuse-making. Problems of murder, mayhem and other forms of anti-social behavior will continue until we regain our moral footing.

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COMMENTARY

Future of our coast is in your hands

Editor's note: This guest column originally ran in the March 1 edition of South Strand News.

Over the past six weeks, I have spoken at multiple events across the state hosted by SODA — Stop Offshore Drilling in the Atlantic — to explain that now is the time for citizens to write the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and voice the many reasons seismic airgun surveys and drilling for oil and gas are not compatible

with our coastal economy and way of life. While clearly the tide has turned and most people understand what a bad deal oil and gas are for our coast, we still hear occasional remarks about needing oil and gas for our national security, etc. SODA is not only committed to protecting our coast from oil and gas development, but we also support the development and installation of renewable energy technologies to ensure we have a truly secure energy future.

On Feb. 23, I was thrilled to have two glimpses into South Carolina's energy future by touring a new solar installation at Hopsewee Plantation and Clemson University's Energy Innovation Center in Charleston.

What a study in contrasts. A National Historic Landmark, Hopsewee Plantation was one of the South's major rice plantations. The property, which still holds two former homes of enslaved people whose labor carved acres of impoundments from cypress wetlands and coaxed rice out of the fields, was also the birthplace of Thomas Lynch Jr., one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. This majestic plantation, built some 40 years before the Revolutionary War, now hosts one of the newest and largest residential solar projects on our coast. Hopsewee's 144-solar panel installation is rated at 40 kilowatts of electricity. On an annual basis, it is projected to provide approximately 70 percent of Hopsewee's total power needs.

On the same tour, we visited the world's most advanced wind-turbine drivetrain testing facility, part of Clemson University's commitment to our energy future. The site also hosts the Zucker Family Graduate Education Center, where engineering students, university faculty and private industry work together to bring energy innovations to the marketplace. It is very exciting to meet the students who are designing the next-generation power grid and wind turbines.

My friends in SODA and I have been fighting to stop drilling off our coast for the past three years

and will continue to do so until our state and our nation understand that now is not the time to encourage new oil and gas frontiers but instead to accelerate the transition to wind and solar power. In the same amount of time it will take to explore for and establish oil and gas production in the Atlantic (about 15 years), we can instead focus now on supporting our next generation of scientists and engineers who are tackling the remaining challenges in energy storage and power distribution so that we will have a safer, cleaner and more sustainable future. It is in this shift that we will find true national energy security, not in staying addicted to finite fossil fuel resources which harm our water and air quality, our health and our oceans.

Remember to submit your comments to BOEM by March 9. Your comments can be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or by mail by sending your letter to: Ms. Kelly Hammerle, National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program Manager, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (VAM-LD), 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, VA 20166-9216.

The future of our coast is in your hands.

Howell was the first female "company man" on an offshore drill rig who helped found the organization SODA — Stop Offshore Drilling in the Atlantic.



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AA — Monday-Friday, noon and 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA Women's Meeting — Wednesdays, 7 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA Spanish Speaking — Sundays, 4:30 p.m., 1 Warren St. (803) 775-1852.

AA "How it Works" Group — Mondays and Fridays, 8 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call (803) 494-5180.

441 AA Support Group — Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p.m., Hair Force, 2090-D S.C. 441.

AA Summerton Group — Wednesday, 8 p.m., town hall.

Manning Al-Anon Family Group — Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Behavioral Health Building, 14 Church St., Manning. Call (803) 435-8085.

C/A "Drop the Rock" Group — Thursdays, 9:30 p.m., 1154 Ronda St. Call (803) 607-4543.

MONDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter Vitiligo Support Group — Second Monday, 5:45-6:45 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Call (803) 316-6763. The group is also on Facebook.

TUESDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Tuesdays, 6:45 p.m. coffee / snacks, 7 p.m. meeting, Alice Drive Baptist Church, Studio 4.3 (youth building), 1305 Loring Mill Road. For help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, addictions, pornography, smoking, anxiety, etc.

Heroin Anonymous — Tuesdays, 9:30-10:30 p.m., 4742 Broad St. Call (803) 494-5180.

Sumter Connective Tissue Support Group — First Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November, 7 p.m., 180 Tiller Circle. Call (803) 773-0869.

Mothers of Angels (for mothers who have lost a child) — First Tuesday at noon and third Tuesday at 6 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church. Call (803) 469-6059, (803) 979-4498, (803) 469-4506 or (803) 938-8544.

Sumter Combat Veterans Group Peer to Peer — Tuesdays, 11 a.m., South HOPE Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive. Veterans helping veterans with PTSD, coping skills, claims and benefits.

"The Gathering" — Second Tuesday, 5:30-6:30 p.m., North HOPE Center, 904 N. Main St. Support group for teens and adults with special needs. Call (803) 972-0051 or (803) 468-5745 or email thegathering23@aol.com.

Sumter Amputee Support Group — Second Tuesday, 6:30 p.m., Sumter Prosthetics & Orthotics, 259 Broad St. Call (803) 883-4356.

883-4356.

Sumter Chapter Parents of Murdered Children (POMC) — Third Tuesday, 5:30-7 p.m., Birnie HOPE Center, 210 S. Purdy St. Open to anyone who has lost a loved one to murder in a violent way.

EFMP Parent Exchange Group — Last Tuesday, 11 a.m.-noon, Airman and Family Readiness Center. Support to service members who have a dependent with a disability or illness. Call (803) 895-1252/1253 or (803) 847-2377.

WEDNESDAY MEETINGS:

Sickle Cell Support Group — Last Wednesday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., South Sumter Resource Center, 337 Manning Ave. Call (803) 774-6181.

Divorce Care — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

Grief Share — Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., Bethel Baptist Church, 2401 Bethel Church Road. Call (803) 481-2160.

THURSDAY MEETINGS:

TOPS S.C. No. 236 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) — Thursdays, 9 a.m., Spectrum Senior Center, 1989 Durant Lane. Call (803) 775-3926 or (803) 469-4789.

Alzheimer's Support Group through S.C. Alzheimer's Association — First Thursday, 6-8 p.m., National Health Care, 1018 N. Guignard Drive. Call (803) 905-7720 or the Alzheimer's Association at (800) 636-3346.

Journey of Hope (for family members of the mentally ill), Journey to Recovery (for the mentally ill) and Survivors of Suicide Support Group — Each group meets every first Thursday, 7 p.m., St. John United Methodist Church, 136 Poinsett Drive. Call (803) 905-5620.

FRIDAY MEETINGS:

Celebrate Recovery — Fridays, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. program, Salt & Light Church, Miller Road (across from Food Lion). Help with struggles of alcohol, drugs, family problems, smoking, etc.

Wateree AIDS Task Force Support Group — Third Friday, 11:30 a.m., 508 W. Liberty St. Call (803) 778-0303.

SATURDAY MEETINGS:

Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy/Complex Regional Pain Syndrome Support Group — Third Saturday, 1:30 p.m., 3785 Blackberry Lane, Lot 7. Call (803) 481-7521.

SUNDAY MEETINGS:

Sumter MS Support Group — First Sunday, 3 p.m., Wise Drive Baptist Church fellowship hall, 2751 S. Wise Drive. Call (803) 481-5344 or (803) 464-6440. Email l.am.me.net.ms@gmail.com or ms-miles013@gmail.com.

WEATHER

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AccuWeather® five-day forecast for Sumter

TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and breezy	Clear and colder	Partly sunny and cool	Mostly sunny and cool	Increasing cloudiness	Cooler with rain and a t-storm
60°	32°	53° / 29°	57° / 37°	68° / 47°	61° / 42°
Chance of rain: 5%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 0%	Chance of rain: 10%	Chance of rain: 65%
W 10-20 mph	NW 3-6 mph	WNW 7-14 mph	WNW 7-14 mph	WSW 6-12 mph	NE 6-12 mph

TODAY'S SOUTH CAROLINA WEATHER

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

IN THE MOUNTAINS

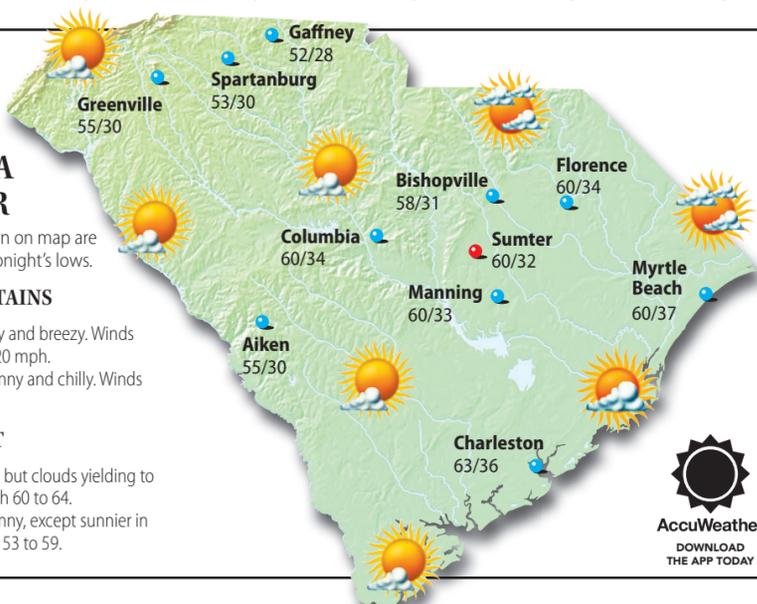
Today: Mostly sunny and breezy. Winds west-northwest 10-20 mph.

Thursday: Partly sunny and chilly. Winds west 7-14 mph.

ON THE COAST

Today: Partly sunny, but clouds yielding to sun in the north. High 60 to 64.

Thursday: Partly sunny, except sunnier in southern parts. High 53 to 59.



LOCAL ALMANAC

SUMTER THROUGH 2 P.M. YESTERDAY

Temperature	High	Low	Normal high	Normal low	Record high	Record low
56°	56°	49°	63°	38°	86° in 1955	20° in 1960

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
0.04"	0.04"	0.49"	0.77"	3.58"	5.77"	8.19"

LAKE LEVELS

Lake	Full pool	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Murray	360	358.11	+0.04
Marion	76.8	74.89	+0.03
Moultrie	75.5	74.85	none
Wateree	100	97.56	-0.07

RIVER STAGES

River	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr chg
Black River	12	6.51	-0.02
Congaree River	19	4.50	+0.70
Lynches River	14	6.65	+0.31
Saluda River	14	3.43	-1.96
Up. Santee River	80	77.90	-0.77
Wateree River	24	7.69	-1.44

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise 6:43 a.m. Sunset 6:23 p.m.
Moonrise none Moonset 10:23 a.m.

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

TIDES

AT MYRTLE BEACH	High	Ht.	Low	Ht.
Today	12:48 a.m.	3.0	7:41 a.m.	0.2
	12:57 p.m.	2.7	7:47 p.m.	0.3
Thu.	1:37 a.m.	2.9	8:33 a.m.	0.4
	1:46 p.m.	2.5	8:35 p.m.	0.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	52/34/s	50/31/pc
Chicago	32/22/c	37/20/s
Dallas	61/40/s	67/48/pc
Detroit	38/24/sf	37/26/sn
Houston	65/42/s	68/49/pc
Los Angeles	73/52/pc	75/55/pc
New Orleans	62/45/s	65/47/pc
New York	37/32/sn	42/30/pc
Orlando	74/44/pc	68/41/s
Philadelphia	37/31/sn	42/28/pc
Phoenix	82/58/pc	84/58/pc
San Francisco	65/52/pc	64/50/sh
Wash., DC	42/33/c	44/30/pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Asheville	45/27/pc	42/25/c	Florence	60/34/s	54/30/pc
Athens	54/31/s	51/28/pc	Gainesville	68/35/pc	64/34/s
Augusta	59/31/s	55/28/pc	Gastonia	54/30/pc	51/26/pc
Beaufort	64/38/s	59/35/s	Goldsboro	58/32/c	52/29/pc
Cape Hatteras	57/40/c	51/37/pc	Goose Creek	61/36/s	57/33/pc
Charleston	63/36/s	59/33/pc	Greensboro	51/29/c	45/26/pc
Charlotte	54/32/pc	50/26/pc	Greenville	55/30/s	50/26/pc
Clemson	55/32/s	50/29/pc	Hickory	50/28/pc	46/25/pc
Columbia	60/34/s	55/31/pc	Hilton Head	62/40/pc	57/37/s
Darlington	57/30/s	52/29/pc	Jacksonville, FL	67/37/s	63/34/s
Elizabeth City	56/35/c	51/32/pc	La Grange	55/34/s	54/29/s
Elizabethtown	58/32/pc	52/31/pc	Macon	58/30/s	55/27/s
Fayetteville	58/33/c	53/29/pc	Marietta	51/31/s	49/28/pc
			Marion	50/29/pc	45/25/pc
			Mt. Pleasant	62/39/s	58/36/pc
			Myrtle Beach	60/37/pc	53/34/pc
			Orangeburg	59/33/s	55/31/s
			Port Royal	62/40/s	57/37/s
			Raleigh	53/31/c	47/28/pc
			Rock Hill	54/29/pc	51/25/pc
			Rockingham	55/29/pc	51/26/pc
			Savannah	64/35/s	61/33/s
			Spartanburg	53/30/pc	49/26/pc
			Summerville	60/35/s	56/31/pc
			Wilmington	61/34/pc	54/31/pc
			Winston-Salem	52/29/c	45/26/pc

PUBLIC AGENDA

TOWN OF LYNCHBURG PLANNING COMMISSION
Wednesday, March 7, 4 p.m., town hall

SUMTER COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION / ELECTION COMMISSION
Thursday, March 8, 5:30 p.m., registration / election office, 141 N. Main St.

The last word in astrology

EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't leave anything to chance or up

to someone else's discretion. Know what you want and make a concerted effort to reach your destination. Travel and communication will have a positive effect on your beliefs and attitude.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you love someone, let them know. The difference it will make to your relationship will help you move forward with your life. Learn from the experience. Don't be afraid to let others know your feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Start looking into new beginnings and opportunities through old sources. Reconnect with someone you've worked with in the past, and you'll be offered information that can help you get ahead. Romance is on the rise.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't overreact. If something isn't going your way, make changes and be willing to compromise in order to move forward. Excessive behavior may be tempting, but in the end you'll wish you had been more moderate. Protect against injury.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make positive changes to the way you look, what you know and how you decide to move forward. Avoid indulgent individuals and obsessive behavior. Fitness, health and proper diet should be a priority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't say no to change. Listen to suggestions and advice offered. Be willing to put in the time and labor necessary in

order to cut costs. Sharing the space you create with someone you love will improve your personal life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Personal fitness, health and proper diet are featured. Start a new routine that will encourage you to be the best you can be. Share your thoughts and you'll find solutions. Trust in your ability to make the best choice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Let your imagination lead the way, and you'll come up with a plan or idea that will lead to new friendships, information and personal gains. Share your thoughts and feelings with someone you love and trust.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't share secrets. Someone will take advantage of you if you exaggerate regarding your finances, feelings or capabilities. Concentrate on personal change and living up to your dreams, not trying to impress others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Revise your qualifications. Wheel and deal and be receptive to an unusual offer. Your willingness to work hard and the experience you have to offer will lead to an interesting turn of events.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Too much will end up weighing you down. Stick to what you know and understand. Don't get caught up in what someone else is into. Being an observer rather than a player for the time being is encouraged.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can get ahead if you physically pursue what excites you the most. Financial gain is within reach and a decision will fall in your favor. Don't back down. Go after what you want.

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SUMTER ANIMAL CONTROL PETS OF THE WEEK



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TOP: Melvin is a handsome, medium-sized young boy who is friendly to both dogs and people. He would make a wonderful family addition or a great buddy for a single person. Melvin has learned kindness at the hands of our wonderful volunteers, and we want to make sure he is adopted into a family that gives him the love and security he deserves. Melvin is a trusting, gentle boy.

BELOW: Killian is a young, vibrant mid-sized boy. He obviously has had some training, as he understands "sit," "give paw" and "stay" commands. He is very treat-oriented. He is friendly with other dogs, and he likes people and exercise. Killian is just an all-around good boy. Killian deserves a loving, inside home and a family to call his own.

If you would like to meet Melvin in kennel 33 or Killian in kennel 18 at Sumter Animal Control, 1240 Winkles Road, call the volunteer coordinator at (803) 774-3232 or email at rescuesumtersc@gmail.com. We have many other adoptable dogs as well as animals who were found and are waiting for their owners to claim them. Check Sumter Animal Control on Facebook.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Crestwood High School standout Ja Morant (12) will be playing in the NCAA tournament as a freshman after helping Murray State win the Ohio Valley Conference tournament on Saturday.

Former Crestwood standout Morant helps Murray State reach NCAAs

BY DENNIS BRUNSON
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Ja Morant's decision to play college basketball with Murray State University could not have had a much better outcome in his freshman season.

And there may be more good yet to come.

Morant, the former Crestwood High School standout guard, was named to the All-Ohio Valley Conference first team. Now he is waiting for his first chance to play in the NCAA tournament.

The Racers were the first team in the country to secure a berth in the 68-team field with their 68-51 victory Belmont on Saturday in the OVC tourna-

ment championship game in Evansville, Ind.

MSU now has to wait until Sunday to see where it will be seeded, who it will be playing and where it will play.

That's when the pairings will be announced.

SEE MORANT, PAGE B4

IN THE PITS

Harvick takes a bumpy road to 100 victories

BY JENNA FRYER
The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE — Kevin Harvick once lay in wait for Greg Biffle on the pit road wall at Bristol Motor Speedway. Harvick was angry — he always seemed to be angry in the early days of his NASCAR career — and he was going to make sure Biffle knew it the moment the race was over.



HARVICK

How did Harvick send his message?

He literally hurdled over Biffle's car into a scrum and lunged at Biffle's throat.

The Biffle incident back in 2002 would most certainly be on Harvick's highlight reel. In his first two years in Cup, Harvick became the first driver to be "parked" by NASCAR for aggressive driving and he once tried to fight Ricky Rudd, usually considered a losing proposition. Harvick's nickname has always been "Happy" and he was anything but in those early days.

He said after the 2002 parking — for intentionally wrecking Coy Gibbs in a Truck Series race at Martinsville and generally being a thorn in NASCAR's side — that it was the wakeup call the 25-year-old needed.

"I haven't been racing since I was 5 years old and made it this far in my career to throw it all away now," Harvick said then. "Having to miss the race in Martinsville definitely got my attention."

OK, so it hasn't been exactly smooth sailing since that wakeup call.

But here Harvick is now, 100 NASCAR national wins later, and one of the most consistent drivers of his era.

Harvick doesn't have the statistics to show just how exceptional a race car driver he is in part because he came along at the same time as another Californian. Jimmie Johnson, with a laid-back Southern California persona, debuted a year after Harvick and has collected seven championships along the way.

Harvick has so far managed just one championship. But he's a Daytona 500 winner, a two-time Coca-Cola 600 winner, a Southern 500 winner and a Brickyard 400 winner.

That's a Hall of Fame career right there, and one many might not have seen coming when he was thrust into a miserable situation at what should have been the best time of his life. Harvick was on schedule to drive a Cup car for Richard Childress in 2002, but when Dale Earnhardt was

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Duke's Bagley leads AP All-ACC team

BY JOEDY MCCREARY
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Duke freshman forward Marvin Bagley III is The Associated Press player and newcomer of the year in the Atlantic Coast Conference, and Virginia's Tony Bennett is its coach of the year.

Bagley — the only unanimous selection to the AP all-ACC team also announced Tuesday — earned 14 votes for the top overall individual honor and all 15 votes for the award for newcomers following a vote of 15 journalists who cover the ACC throughout the league's nine states.

Bagley shares the ACC's scoring lead with Boston College's Jerome Robinson at 20.7 points per game and leads the conference with an average of 11.2. He's one of only two players in the country to average more than 20 points and 10 rebounds while shooting better than 60 percent.

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Duke's Marvin Bagley III (35) dunks during the first half of the Blue Devils' Feb. 18 game against Virginia in Durham, North Carolina. Bagley was named the ACC player of the year on Tuesday.

PRO BASEBALL

Braves' Swanson, Newcomb hoping to rebound from rocky 2017



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Atlanta's Dansby Swanson looks out from the dugout before the start of a September 2017 game against the Miami Marlins in Miami. Swanson and teammate Sean Newcomb are hoping to rebound from rocky seasons.

BY DICK SCANLON
The Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Dansby Swanson and Sean Newcomb are hoping to rebound from rocky seasons with the Atlanta Braves.

"It's almost silly to think about it like this, but this is a game of failure," said Swanson, who had a 144-game audition as the Braves shortstop in 2017.

"What happened last year, we're going to build off of it and be better now. I've already reflected and I'm ready to move on."

Newcomb, a left-handed pitcher, came up in June and showed he could strike out major league hitters (108 in 100 innings) without giving up

too many home runs (10). However, his 57 walks were a contributing factor to his 4-9 record and 4.32 ERA.

In the major league camp for the first time as a member of Atlanta's rotation, Newcomb's spring plan is "just getting more comfortable, being able to trust my stuff in the zone and let it rip, not try to strike everyone out." He said cutting down on the walks is "an over-time kind of thing in my development."

Swanson and Newcomb are at the developmental core of what the Braves are trying to do to improve. Both are 24. Both were drafted in the first round by other teams and came to the Braves as prospects in trades.

They both had mixed results in their first full seasons (Swanson played in 38 games in 2016), but they will be expected to do more this season.

"We don't feel like any of those guys are finished products yet," manager Brian Snitker said. "Dansby was coming in after the really good end of the season before, and ... this is a tough league."

"You just don't come in and conquer it. There's been a lot of Hall of Famers that had rough goes at the beginning. You're going to have setbacks in this game; it's going to beat you over the head probably more times than not. And you have to learn from it and survive it."

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PRO BASKETBALL

Cavs' Love discloses bouts with panic attacks, mental health

BY TOM WITHERS
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Suffering for years in silence, Kevin Love has opened up about his struggles with mental health.

The Cavaliers forward writes in an essay for the Players' Tribune that he had a panic attack during a game this season and he has spent most of his life afraid to accept there was something wrong with him.

"For 29 years, I thought about mental health as someone else's problem," he said.

Love says he was stricken with anxiety Nov. 5 during a home game against the Atlanta Hawks. Love adds that he had been under family stress and hadn't been sleeping well. After briefly being winded while playing 15 minutes in the first half, he felt his heart racing and couldn't catch his breath during a timeout in the third quarter.

"It's hard to describe, but everything was spinning, like my brain was trying to climb out of my head," said Love, a five-time All-Star now sidelined after breaking his left hand last month.

"The air felt thick and



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Cleveland's Kevin Love (0) looks to pass against Atlanta's Taurean Prince (12) in the first half of their November 5, 2017, game in Cleveland. Love disclosed in an essay for the Players' Tribune on Tuesday that he suffered a panic attack during the game. He was briefly hospitalized at the Cleveland Clinic and the episode left him shaken.

heavy. My mouth was like chalk. I remember our assistant coach yelling something about a defensive set. I nodded, but I didn't hear much of what he said. By that point, I was freaking out."

Love was taken to the Cleveland Clinic, but tests didn't reveal anything abnormal. He returned to playing at a high level, but was puzzled by what

happened and burdened about people finding out.

Although he did not mention it in his essay, titled "Everyone Is Going Through Something," Love left a Jan. 20 game against Oklahoma City under similar circumstances. He also missed the team's practice the following day. Those absences prompted the now infamous heated

team meeting in which former teammate Isaiah Thomas and others questioned why Love had been excused.

The exchange led to tense days around the Cavs, who rebuilt their roster by trading Thomas and four other players before the deadline.

Love's father, Stan, also played in the NBA. Kevin Love says he always struggled with the stigma attached to an athlete who shows weakness.

"Growing up, you figure out really quickly how a boy is supposed to act," he said. "You learn what it takes to 'be a man.' It's like a playbook: Be strong. Don't talk about your feelings. Get through it on your own. So for 29 years of my life, I followed that playbook."

The Cavs encouraged Love to see a therapist and he gets counseling a few times a month when the team is at home.

Love said he drew courage to go public with his issues after Toronto All-Star DeMar DeRozan's recently acknowledged he has had bouts of depression. After playing against DeRozan for years, Love said he would have never guessed one of the

game's best players was having problems similar to his own.

"The reality is that we probably have a lot in common with what our friends and colleagues and neighbors are dealing with," Love wrote. "So I'm not saying everyone should share all their deepest secrets — not everything should be public and it's every person's choice. But creating a better environment for talking about mental health . . . that's where we need to get to."

Love's revelations promoted praise from teammate LeBron James, who posted on Twitter: "You're even more powerful now than ever before @kevinlove!!! Salute and respect brother!"

Love ended his piece by encouraging anyone dealing with inner struggle to seek help.

"So if you're reading this and you're having a hard time, no matter how big or small it seems to you, I want to remind you that you're not weird or different for sharing what you're going through," he said. "Just the opposite. It could be the most important thing you do. It was for me."

SCOREBOARD

TV, RADIO

TODAY
6 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Houston vs. Washington (MLB NETWORK).
9 a.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Cleveland vs. Cincinnati from Goodyear, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
11 a.m. — Professional Golf: New Zealand Open Final Round from Queensland, New Zealand (GOLF).
1 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: New York Yankees vs. New York Mets from Port St. Lucie, Fla. (MLB NETWORK).
2 p.m. — College Wrestling: Big 12 Conference Championship from Tulsa, Okla. (FOX SPORTS SOUTHEAST, FOX SPORTSOUTH).
2 p.m. — Professional Tennis: BNP Paribas Open Women's First-Round Matches and Men's Qualifying-Round Matches from Indian Wells, Calif. (TENNIS).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Round-of-16 Second Leg Match from London — Juventus vs. Tottenham (FOX SPORTS 1).
2:30 p.m. — International Soccer: UEFA Champions League Round-of-16 Second Leg Match from London — Basel vs. Manchester City (FOX SPORTS 2).
4 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Los Angeles Angels from Tempe, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
6:05 p.m. — Talk Show: Sports Talk (WDXY-FM 105.9, WDXY-AM 1240).
7 p.m. — Women's International Soccer: She Believes Cup from Orlando, Fla. — United States vs. England (ESPNNEWS).
7 p.m. — Professional Tennis: BNP Paribas Open Women's First-Round Matches and Men's Qualifying-Round Matches from Indian Wells, Calif. (TENNIS).
7 p.m. — College Baseball: Michigan State vs. Clemson from Greenville (WJMZ-FM 93.1).
7 p.m. — College Baseball: North Carolina A&T at South Carolina (WNKT-FM 107.5).
8 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Toronto at Detroit (ESPN).
8 p.m. — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland from Goodyear, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
8 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Pittsburgh at Philadelphia (NBC SPORTS NETWORK).
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Southeastern Conference Tournament First-Round Game from St. Louis — South Carolina vs. Mississippi (SEC NETWORK, WDXY-FM 105.9, WNKT-FM 107.5, WDXY-AM 1240).
10:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Cleveland at Denver (ESPN).
Midnight — Major League Exhibition Baseball: Oakland vs. Seattle from Peoria, Ariz. (MLB NETWORK).
12:30 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Indian Open First Round from New Dehli (GOLF).
4 a.m. — Professional Golf: European PGA Tour Indian Open First Round from New Dehli (GOLF).

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	45	17	.726	—
Boston	45	20	.692	1½
Philadelphia	34	28	.548	11
New York	24	40	.375	22
Brooklyn	20	44	.313	26
Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	36	28	.563	—
Miami	34	30	.531	2
Charlotte	28	36	.438	8
Orlando	20	44	.313	16
Atlanta	20	44	.313	16
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	37	26	.587	—
Indiana	37	27	.578	½
Milwaukee	34	30	.531	3½
Detroit	29	35	.453	8½
Chicago	21	42	.333	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	49	13	.790	—
New Orleans	36	26	.581	13
San Antonio	37	27	.578	13
Dallas	19	45	.297	31
Memphis	18	45	.286	31½
Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	38	26	.594	—
Minnesota	38	28	.576	1
Oklahoma City	37	28	.569	1½
Denver	35	28	.556	2½
Utah	34	30	.531	4
Pacific Division				

	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	34	28	.548	14½
L.A. Lakers	28	35	.444	21
Sacramento	20	44	.313	29½
Phoenix	19	47	.288	31½

MONDAY'S GAMES
 Cleveland 112, Detroit 90
 Indiana 92, Milwaukee 89
 Miami 125, Phoenix 103
 Boston 105, Chicago 89
 San Antonio 100, Memphis 98
 Utah 94, Orlando 80
 Portland 108, L.A. Lakers 103

TUESDAY'S GAMES
 Atlanta at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Miami at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 New York at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 New Orleans at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Utah at Indiana, 7 p.m.
 Houston at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Memphis at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 Toronto at Detroit, 8 p.m.
 New Orleans at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
 Cleveland at Denver, 10:30 p.m.
 Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Brooklyn at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

MLB SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	
New York	9	2	0.818	
Houston	9	4	0.692	
Kansas City	6	2	0.750	
Boston	8	4	0.667	
Cleveland	7	5	0.583	
Chicago	6	5	0.545	
Los Angeles	7	6	0.538	
Detroit	6	6	0.500	
Tampa Bay	6	6	0.500	
Seattle	5	5	0.500	
Baltimore	5	6	0.455	
Minnesota	5	6	0.455	
Oakland	4	5	0.444	
Texas	3	7	0.300	
Toronto	3	8	0.273	

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W	L	Pct.	
Chicago	8	2	0.800	
Milwaukee	7	4	0.636	
Miami	6	4	0.600	
San Diego	6	5	0.545	
Washington	6	6	0.500	
Atlanta	6	6	0.500	
Los Angeles	6	6	0.500	
Arizona	6	7	0.462	
New York	5	7	0.417	
St. Louis	4	6	0.400	
San Francisco	4	7	0.364	
Pittsburgh	3	6	0.333	
Philadelphia	4	8	0.333	
Colorado	3	7	0.300	
Cincinnati	4	9	0.308	

TUESDAY
 Minnesota 9, Baltimore 8
 Boston 9, Tampa Bay 1
 Houston (ss) 10, Washington 5
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Detroit 2
 St. Louis 4, Miami 4
 Atlanta 5, Toronto 1
 N.Y. Mets 9, Houston (ss) 5
 Cincinnati 7, Cleveland 6
 Chicago Cubs 9, L.A. Dodgers 5
 Chicago White Sox 6, Milwaukee 4
 Oakland 5, Texas 3
 Arizona 5, L.A. Angels 4
 San Diego vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.
 Colorado vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 8:40 p.m.

TODAY
 Baltimore vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Boston (ss) vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Miami vs. Houston at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Toronto (ss) vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Washington vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Minnesota vs. Boston (ss) at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
 Pittsburgh vs. Toronto (ss) at Dunedin, Fla., 1:07 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
 Cincinnati vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 San Diego vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers vs. L.A. Angels at Tempe, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Texas vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 8:05 p.m.
 Oakland vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 8:40 p.m.

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

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE									
Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Tampa Bay	66	45	17	4	94	240	182		
Boston	63	40	15	8	88	209	158		
Toronto	68	39	22	7	85	223	195		
Florida	63	32	25	6	70	189	199		
Detroit	65	26	29	10	62	170	193		
Montreal	65	25	29	11	61	167	200		
Ottawa	65	23	32	10	56	177	227		
Buffalo	66	21	34	11	53	159	214		

Metropolitan Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Washington	65	37	21	7	81	203	193		
Pittsburgh	67	38	25	4	80	219	203		
Philadelphia	66	34	21	11	79	197	193		
New Jersey	66	33	25	8	74	193	199		
Columbus	66	33	28	5	71	176	186		
Carolina	66	29	26	11	69	176	198		
N.Y. Islanders	67	29	29	9	67	216	241		
N.Y. Rangers	66	30	30	6	66	189	209		

WESTERN CONFERENCE									
Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Nashville	65	42	14	9	93	214	168		
Winnipeg	65	39	17	9	87	220	175		
Minnesota	66	37	22	7	81	204	190		
Dallas	66	37	23	6	80	195	174		
Colorado	65	35	24	6	76	205	193		
St. Louis	66	35	26	5	75	180	176		
Chicago	66	28	30	8	64	188	195		

Pacific Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Vegas	65	42	18	5	89	225	180		
San Jose	66	35	22	9	79	196	184		
Anaheim	66	33	21	12	78	186	183		
Los Angeles	66	36	25	5	77	192	165		
Calgary	67	32	25	10	74	188	199		
Edmonton	66	28	34	4	60	187	219		
Vancouver	66	25	32	9	59	180	217		
Arizona	65	20	34	11	51	158	213		

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

MONDAY
 Pittsburgh 4, Calgary 3, OT
 Buffalo 5, Toronto 3
 Ottawa 3, Dallas 2, OT
 Edmonton 4, Arizona 3, OT
 Vancouver 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, OT

TUESDAY
 Winnipeg at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Vegas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at Boston, 7 p.m.
 Florida at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Carolina at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

BRAVES FROM PAGE B1

Swanson, the No. 1 overall pick by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 2015 draft, was sent to Triple-A in July after struggling.

"Obviously that's not how you planned for it to go, but there's always a bigger plan to trust," he said. "I was willing to take that in stride and be better from it. I don't think I ever truly lost confidence in myself. It

was just more of like re-evaluating, like finding it again."

Swanson, who came to the Braves along with Ender Inciarte and Aaron Blair in the trade for Shelby Miller in December 2015, hit .213 before his 11-game demotion and .268 when he came back. He said the daily grind was an experience that required adjustments.

"The most I ever played in college was 72 games in a year," he said, "and now it's 162, you play every day. Physically it's tough, but mentally it can be tough too, if you let it."

Newcomb, the 15th overall pick by the Los Angeles Angels in 2014, came to the Braves a month before Swanson in the Andrelton Simmons trade. He has been in the Braves' rotation since his major league debut on June 10 last year. However his spot

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AREA ROUNDUP

Crowe, Furrow win at Diamond Hornets Invitational track meet

COLUMBIA – Thomas Sumter Academy's Bella Crowe and Triston Furrow both won their respective events in the Diamond Hornets Invitational on Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Crowe won the varsity girls 800-meter run in a school record time of 2 minutes, 31.33 seconds. Furrow won the varsity boys shot put with a toss of 44 feet, 8 inches.

TSA's Taja Hunley finished third in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump in the varsity girls competition.

Sumter High School's Rita Alan finished second in the varsity girls pole vault. Ja'Kheem Heyward was fourth in the boys varsity long jump.

SHS' Jada Gayle and Jada Sawyer were second and third, respectively, in the junior varsity girls 100-meter dash.

Simon Taylor was third in the JV boys discus and fourth in the shotput, while Antonio Filipiak was fourth in the discus.

BOYS

Varsity Tennis

Wilson 6 Sumter 0

FLORENCE – Sumter High School opened its season with a 6-0 loss to Wilson on Mon-

day at the WHS courts.

SINGLES

- 1 – Anish Jona (W) defeated Briggs Berry 6-0, 6-2.
- 2 – James Davis Ivey (W) defeated Zachary Kelly 6-1, 6-0.
- 3 – Nav Singh (W) defeated Tyler Smithhart 6-3, 6-0.
- 4 – Karthink Beeraka (W) defeated Alex Burger 6-0, 6-0.
- 5 – Joshua Anyim (W) defeated Kaleb Bartrug 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES

- 1 – Did not play.
- 2 – Jeremy Anyim/Lyle Detalo (W) defeated Nick Perales/Jordan Baker 6-0, 6-1.

Varsity Baseball

Laurence Manning 11 Porter-Gaud 3

CHARLESTON – Laurence Manning Academy opened its season with an 11-3 victory over Porter-Gaud on Saturday at the P-G field.

Jake Jordan led the Swampcats with three hits. Braydon, Riley Nettles and Dawson Hatfield each had two hits.

Andrew Boyd got the win with three innings of scoreless relief.

GIRLS

Varsity Soccer

Sumter 9 Andrews 0

Sumter High School improved to 2-0 on the season with a 9-0 victory over Andrews on Monday at the SHS field.

Sara Missildine scored three goals and had an assist to lead the Lady Gamecocks. Penelope Moore scored two goals, while Taylor Gradwell had a goal and three assists. Sophia Haughton had two assists and Natalie Barlette one, while Aria Strickland and Nina Hines both scored a goal. Sydney Brownlee had the shutout in goal.

Varsity Softball

Lower Richland 20 Crestwood 10

HOPKINS – Crestwood High School lost to Lower Richland 20-10 on Monday at the LR field.

Jada Thompson had two hits and scored two runs for the Lady Knights. Constance Kirby Alyssia Boone each drove in three runs.

Sporting Clays

Wilson Hall Wins

EDGEFIELD -- The Wilson Hall ladies middle school squad won first place in the SCDNR Governor's Cup Sporting Clays Middle School Open on Friday at the NWF Palmetto Shooting Complex.

Members of the team are Madisen Galiano, Ann Weathers Blankenship and Samantha Richards.

From staff reports

LOCAL PREP SCHEDULE

TODAY

Varsity Baseball

Sumter at Cane Bay, 7 p.m.
Creek Bridge at East Clarendon (DH), 5:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Thomas Sumter, 6 p.m.

Varsity and JV Baseball

Robert E. Lee at Carolina, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Baseball

Crestwood at North Central, 6 p.m.

Varsity Boys Golf

Wilson in Home Match (at Sunset Country Club), 4 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Trinity-Byrnes, 3:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer

Lakewood at Lower Richland, 7:30 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Laurence Manning, 4 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer

Lakewood at Lower Richland, 6 p.m.

Varsity Softball

Creek Bridge at East Clarendon (DH), 5:30 p.m.

Varsity and JV Softball

Lakewood at Sumter, 5:30 p.m.
Williamsburg at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Carolina, 4 p.m.

Junior Varsity Softball

East Clarendon at Lake City, 5 p.m.

Varsity Track and Field

Sumter in Hotseason Opener (at Memorial Stadium in Columbia), 5 p.m.
Lee Central, Scott's Branch, East Clarendon at Manning, 5 p.m.
Wilson Hall at Hammond, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Varsity Baseball

Crestwood at North Central, 6 p.m.
Lakewood at Brookland-Cayce, 6 p.m.
Manning at Darlington, 6:30 p.m.

Varsity and JV Baseball

Robert E. Lee at Wilson Hall, 4 p.m.
Junior Varsity Baseball
Crestwood at Manning, 6 p.m.

Varsity Boys Golf

Wilson Hall, Laurence Manning at Hammond, 4 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer

The King's Academy at Thomas Sumter, 5 p.m.

Varsity and JV Boys Soccer

Wilson Hall at Pinewood Prep, 5 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer

The King's Academy at Lakewood, 6 p.m.

Varsity Softball

Crestwood at Lake City, 5:30 p.m.
Lakewood at Lower Richland, 6 p.m.
Robert E. Lee at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.

Sumter Christian at Maranatha Christian, 4 p.m.

Varsity and JV Softball

Laurence Manning at Carolina, 6 p.m.

Varsity Boys Tennis

Sumter at Socastee, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY

Varsity Baseball

Socastee at Sumter, 6:30 p.m.
Manning at Crestwood, 6 p.m.
Lee Central at Chesterfield, 6 p.m.
Lake City at East Clarendon, 6:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Pinewood Prep, 7 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Florence Christian, 6:30 p.m.
Northside Christian at Sumter Christian, 4 p.m.

Varsity and JV Baseball

Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson Academy, 4 p.m.

B Team Baseball

Sumter at Brookland-Cayce, 6 p.m.
Hammond at Wilson Hall, 4:30 p.m.
Laurence Manning at Pinewood Prep, 4:30 p.m.
Williamsburg at Robert E. Lee, 5 p.m.

Varsity Boys Soccer

Sumter at Socastee, 7:30 p.m.
Trinity-Byrnes at Thomas Sumter, 6 p.m.

Varsity and JV Boys Soccer

Lakewood at Manning, 5:30 p.m.

Varsity Girls Soccer

Sumter at Socastee, 6 p.m.

Varsity Softball

Socastee at Sumter, 6 p.m.
First Baptist at Laurence Manning, 5 p.m.
Thomas Sumter at Florence Christian, 4 p.m.

Varsity and JV Softball

Crestwood at Lamar, 5:30 p.m.
East Clarendon at Dillon, 5 p.m.
Clarendon Hall at Andrew Jackson Academy, 4 p.m.

Varsity Boys Tennis

Lugoff-Elgin at Manning, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Boston College, Notre Dame, earn ACC Tourney wins; UConn beats S. Florida

NEW YORK (AP) — Following its first winning season in seven years, Boston College has a chance to make some noise in March.

Ky Bowman had 26 points, 10 rebounds and six assists to lead the Eagles over Georgia Tech 87-77 on Tuesday in the opening game of the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament.

Sophomore forward Nik Popovic scored a career-high 20 points and Jerome Robinson, runner-up for ACC player of the year, added 19 for Boston College. Despite going 2 for 14 from 3-point range, the Eagles never trailed and were in control throughout against a banged-up Georgia Tech team that struggled to score all season.

With the league holding its postseason showcase in Brooklyn for the second consecutive year, a sparse crowd was on hand to see the 12th-seeded Eagles (18-14) advance to play No. 5 seed North Carolina State on Wednesday.

Notre Dame 67 Pittsburgh 64

NEW YORK — Bonzie Colson arrived at the Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament ready to play as much as Notre Dame needs him this week in Brooklyn. The broken left foot that cost him 15 games this season is no longer an issue.

The Fighting Irish needed Colson more than expected Tuesday against a Pittsburgh team that finished 0-19 against ACC opponents.

Colson scored 19 points in 33 minutes and Notre Dame held off Pitt 67-64 in its tournament opener.

WOMEN

UConn 70 South Florida 54

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) — Gabby Williams scored 19 points to lead No. 1 UConn to a 70-54 victory over 19th-ranked South Florida on Tuesday in

the American Athletic Conference championship.

Williams returned to the Huskies' lineup after sitting out the semifinals to rest a hip injury she tweaked on Sunday. The senior forward has been dealing with the hip injury all season. She had UConn's first basket after stealing the ball near midcourt. Williams also had seven rebounds, six assists and five steals before exiting the game for good with just under 6 minutes left. Just before she left, Williams landed hard after scoring a basket.

This was the fourth straight year that these teams met for the AAC title. South Florida had lost the first three meetings by an average of 32 points and has never beaten UConn in 26 all-time meetings. Then again, no one has beaten the Huskies in the conference since league play began in 2013. The Huskies are 101-0.

COLLEGE TOURNAMENT TV SCHEDULE

TODAY

MEN

SEC NETWORK
First Round
7 p.m. – Vanderbilt vs. Georgia
9 p.m. – South Carolina vs. Mississippi

ACC

Second Round
ESPN
Noon – Florida State vs. Louisville
2 p.m. – North Carolina State vs.

Boston College or Georgia Tech
ESPN2
7 p.m. – Virginia Tech vs. Notre Dame or Pittsburgh
9 p.m. – North Carolina vs. Syracuse or Wake Forest

BIG 12

ESPNU
First Round
7 p.m. – Oklahoma State vs. Oklahoma
9 p.m. – Texas vs. Iowa State

BIG EAST

FOX SPORTS 1

First Round
7 p.m. – Georgetown vs. St. John's
9:30 p.m. – Marquette vs. DePaul

PATRIOT

CBS SPORTS NETWORK
Championship
7:30 p.m. – Bucknell at Colgate

ATLANTIC 10

SPECTRUM 1250
First Round
6 p.m. – La Salle vs. Massachusetts
8:30 p.m. – George Washington vs. Fordham

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Amanda McNulty, County Extension Agent

The Ground Is Abuzz

Our new master gardening training class has started, and, as always, we learn as much from them as we hope they'll learn from us. Jeanine Jacildone showed us a video she'd taken with her phone on February 12. We had unseasonably warm temperatures in February, and the ground nesting bees were emerging in her yard.

Ground nesting bees are fascinating creatures. Generally smaller in size than the European honey bee, they are solitary bees. Females excavate burrows in the soil, choosing a site with good drainage and with little vegetation to maneuver through during construction. It surprises people to hear that these bees are solitary, with no queen or hive to defend, but there are usually multiple bees, sometimes over hundred, that all construct their reproductive structures in the same place because the soil and vegetation conditions are ideal for that species of bees' needs.

Individual brood chambers consist of a major tunnel with small cells adjoining it. Females collect pollen and nectar, mold it into bee bread, and place a supply in each cell, before laying an egg on each food source. The cells farthest from the exit hole are designated for females while eggs that develop into males occupy the closer sites. Eggs hatch into larvae which develop on that protein rich food, then pupate and emerge as adults all

within that space. The adults wait until weather conditions are warm enough to allow them to fly and forage for food.

When they emerge, the males will hover over the area, often frightening people who are nearby. As with all male bees, wasps, and hornets, they are harmless as they lack the ability to sting – females have modifications to their ovipositor, egg-laying structure, allowing them to sting. Remember the females develop at the back of the chamber – the first to exit males are waiting for females to emerge, hoping to be their chosen mate. Females leave to search for food. Even if you did encounter a female, perhaps later in the spring when she was constructing and outfitting her own nesting site, she would not sting you without extreme provocation. Solitary bees do not have the instinct to defend a colony or nesting area.

These bees aerate the soil, serve as pollinators, and provide a marvelous example of natural adaptation. If you have a well-drained portion of your property, consider leaving it fallow or lightly mulched to attract these fascinating members of the Hymenoptera family.

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MORANT FROM PAGE B1

Murray State is 26-5 on the season and owns the nation's longest winning streak of 13 games. The Racers won the OVC regular-season title as well before winning their 16th OVC tourney crown.

Morant played a big role in MSU's two tournament victories. In a 70-63 semifinal win over Jacksonville State, Morant scored 11 points, dished out eight assists and had three rebounds in 39 minutes.

In the win over Belmont, Morant scored 15 points to go with five rebounds and five assists in 34 minutes of action.

Morant was named to the all-tournament team along with most valuable player Jonathan Stark and Terrell Miller Jr., both seniors. Stark, who is the OVC Player of the Year, and Miller are All-OVC first teamers as well.

The 6-foot-3-inch Morant not only carried his ability to score and distribute the ball with him to Murray State, he

has also continued to be the rebounding force he was at Crestwood.

Entering the OVC tournament, Morant was ranked 20th in the OVC in scoring at 12.6 points per game, 10th in rebounding at 6.8 and second in assists with 7.3 per game.

Four times this season, Morant reach double digits in rebounds. He had a season high 12 against Saint Louis and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. His 14 assists against Eastern Illinois was third all-time in a single-game at MSU.

In that game, Morant became just the second Racer (in records that start in 1984), to record a triple-double when he had 11 points, 10 rebounds and 14 assists.

Morant was named OVC Freshman of the Week four times in the regular season.

Morant will carry averages of 12.8 points, 6.8 rebounds and 6.4 assists into the NCAA tournament.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



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Georgia forward Yante Maten (1) shoots against Florida during the second half of a January 2018 game in Athens, Georgia. Maten was selected to the AP All-SEC team on Tuesday.

Georgia's Yante Maten selected as AP SEC player of the year

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Georgia forward Yante Maten is the Associated Press' Southeastern Conference men's basketball player of the year.

Maten and Tennessee forward Grant Williams were unanimous first-team picks on the all-SEC team announced Tuesday. Tennessee's Rick Barnes was named coach of the year and Alabama freshman guard Collin Sexton was selected as newcomer of the year by the 15-person media panel.

Auburn's Bryce Brown and Arkansas' Daryl Macon joined Maten, Williams and Sexton as first-team all-SEC selections.

The second team includes Auburn teammates Jared Harper and Mustapha Heron, Arkansas' Jaylen Barford, Florida's Chris Chiozza and Missouri's Kassius Robertson.

Maten leads the SEC in scoring (19.4) and ranks second in the league in rebounding (8.8). Those statistics enabled him to earn player of the year honors even though Georgia (16-14, 7-11) tied for 11th place in the league standings.

This marks the first time an AP SEC player of the year has come from a team that ended the regular season below .500 in conference play since 1971, when Mississippi's Johnny Neumann won the award while the Rebels went 6-12 in league competition.

There have been four AP SEC players of the year since then whose teams finished the regular season .500 in SEC play: Georgia's Dominique Wilkins (1981), Tennessee's Dale Ellis (1983), Vanderbilt's Dan Langhi (2000 co-player of the year) and Georgia's Kentavious Caldwell-Pope (2013).

Georgia is the No. 12 seed in this week's SEC Tournament in St. Louis and will face 13th-seeded Vanderbilt in Wednesday's first-round action. Georgia coach Mark Fox is hopeful Maten will be ready for that game after the 6-foot-8 senior took a

SEC coaches name Tennessee's Williams player of the year; USC's Silva shares defensive honors

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — SEC coaches have selected Tennessee forward Grant Williams is the Southeastern Conference player of the year and Volunteers coach Rick Barnes is the coach of the year.

The coaches also named Alabama's Collin Sexton and Kentucky's Kevin Knox as co-freshmen of the year. South Carolina's Chris Silva and Texas A&M's Robert Williams were co-defensive players of the year.

First-team all-SEC picks included Williams, Knox, Arkansas' Jaylen Barford,

Florida's Chris Chiozza, Georgia's Yante Maten, Missouri's Kassius Robertson, South Carolina's Chris Silva and Texas A&M's Tyler Davis.

The second team includes Sexton, Arkansas' Daryl Macon, Auburn's Bryce Brown and Jared Harper, Kentucky's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, Mississippi State's Quindary Weatherspoon, Tennessee's Admiral Schofield and Vanderbilt's Jeff Roberson.

Missouri's Jontay Porter and Tennessee's Lamonte Turner are co-sixth men of the year.

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He was joined on the first team by Robinson along with two players from North Carolina — forward Luke Maye and guard Joel Berry — and Virginia's Devon Hall. Maye, who averages 17.7 points and 10.1 rebounds, joins Bagley as the only players in the league averaging a double-double.

Syracuse guard Tyus Battle, the league's No. 3 scorer at 20 points per game, leads a second team that also includes Duke forward Wendell Carter Jr., Virginia guard Kyle Guy, Notre Dame guard Matt Far-

rell and Clemson's Marquise Reed.

Bennett received 13 votes for the coaching award after taking a team picked to finish sixth in the ACC and guiding it to a 28-2 record, the school's first No. 1 ranking since 1982 and the top seed in the ACC Tournament this week in Brooklyn, New York.

The 2018 AP All-ACC team, with players listed alphabetically with name, school, height, weight, class and hometown ("u-" denotes unanimous selections):

AP ALL ACC TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

u-Marvin Bagley III, Duke, 6-11, 234, Fr., Phoenix
Joel Berry II, North Carolina, 6-0, 195, Sr., Apopka, Florida
Devon Hall, Virginia, 6-5, 211, Sr., Virginia Beach, Virginia
Luke Maye, North Carolina, 6-8, 240, Jr., Huntersville, North Carolina
Jerome Robinson, Boston College, 6-6, 191, Jr., Raleigh, North Carolina

SECOND TEAM

Tyus Battle, Syracuse, 6-6, 205, Soph., Edison, New Jersey
Wendell Carter Jr., Duke, 6-10, 259, Fr., Atlanta
Matt Farrell, Notre Dame, 6-1, 175, Sr., Bridgewater, New Jersey
Kyle Guy, Virginia, 6-2, 175, Soph., Indianapolis
Marquise Reed, Clemson, 6-3, 189, Jr., Landover, Maryland

Coach of the year — Tony Bennett, Virginia
Player of the year — Marvin Bagley III, Duke
Newcomer of the year — u-Marvin Bagley III, Duke

AP ALL-ACC VOTING PANEL:

John Bednarowski, Marietta (Georgia) Daily Journal; Julian Benbow, The Boston Globe; Rick Bozich, WDRB-TV-Louisville, Kentucky; Lauren Brownlow, WRAL.com, Raleigh, North Carolina; Chris Carlson, The Post-Standard of Syracuse, New York; Christy Cabrera Chirinos, The Sun-Sentinel of Fort Lauderdale; Luke DeCock, The News & Observer of Raleigh, North Carolina; Safid Deen, The Orlando (Florida) Sentinel; Craig Meyer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette; Tom Noje, South Bend (Indiana) Tribune; Conor O'Neil, Winston-Salem (North Carolina) Journal; Jerry Ratcliffe, The Daily Progress of Charlottesville, Virginia; Grace Raynor, The Post and Courier of Charleston, South Carolina; Daniel Shirley, Macon (Georgia) Telegraph; David Teel, The Daily Press of Newport News, Virginia; Brant Wilkerson-New, The News & Record of Greensboro, North Carolina.

PRO BASEBALL



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Pitcher Tim Lincecum, shown pitching for the Los Angeles Angels in 2016, will wear No. 44 for the Texas Rangers in honor of his late brother.

Lincecum to wear 44 with Rangers in honor of late brother

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — After wearing No. 55 for his entire major league career, Tim Lincecum will switch to 44 with the Texas Rangers in honor of his late older brother.

Sean Lincecum's funeral was Saturday, which delayed Tim Lincecum from taking the physical needed to finalize his \$1 million, one-year contract with the Texas Rangers. The two-time Cy Young Award winner passed the physical Tuesday and said he will wear the number his brother used as an amateur.

"I always looked up to my brother," Lincecum said. "He was an idol for me. He just

had a lot of bad runs with the choices he made in life."

Texas general manager Jon Daniels said the 33-year-old right-hander will be a reliever and could be the Rangers' closer as he attempts to pitch in the big leagues for the first time since 2016.

"I think it's a great opportunity," Lincecum said. "It was a difficult decision with the Dodgers and the Rangers, but it came down to those two teams. I thought the Rangers would be a better fit. The conversations that we had just made me feel a little bit more warm and fuzzy inside."



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HARVICK FROM PAGE B1

killed on the final lap of the 2001 Daytona 500, that plan was scrapped.

Harvick got Earnhardt's ride the next week, went forward with his scheduled Las Vegas wedding the week after that, and won his first Cup race the week after that. It was a whirlwind three weeks for the 24-year-old from Bakersfield, California, and when he had to time to take a breath, there was a lot going on.

Maybe that's why he snapped so easily back then. And although some of that went away, he never really changed who he was. Harvick continued to stir the pot in the garage, spoke his mind even when he didn't have anything nice to say, and never lacked for confidence. It was just over three years ago when Harvick, locked into the championship battle, shoved Brad Keselowski from behind to trigger a melee between Keselowski and Jeff Gordon.

Harvick just stood back and watched the chaos between two drivers he was racing for the title.

The next race was at Phoenix, where Harvick had to win, at a track here he always wins, and Harvick didn't want to answer any questions. He didn't want to talk about what role he might have had in the Keselowski scuffle, or how his championship was one race away from slipping through his fingers.

But as he thought more about it, Harvick, by then a father to a young son, saw the bigger picture. To be a role model to Keelan, he had to be a professional and do the right thing. So he met his media obligations in Phoenix, won the race, and won the cham-



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Kevin Harvick had the lead car after the first section of the Pennzoil 400 on Sunday in Las Vegas.

pionship a week later.

Harvick and his wife welcomed a daughter this offseason and he's now a 42-year-old father of two. His future is in broadcasting and Fox already uses him quite a bit in its booth. But he's still got racing left; he's certainly shown that out of the gate this season

with two dominant wins.

An eight-time Phoenix winner, including a streak of six wins in eight races, Harvick hasn't been to victory lane at the track in three whole races.

He might snap that streak Sunday, and if he doesn't, he might have some-

thing sarcastic to say about a competitor, his own crew, maybe even NASCAR. That's just who Harvick is, 17 years after his whirlwind and emotional and untenable promotion to the big leagues. He made it work, doing it his way, and that's likely how he'll close his career.

OBITUARIES

JOHN W. JOHNSON

John William "Johnny" Johnson, 96, widower of Dorothy Ferrigan Johnson, died Monday, March 5, 2018.



JOHNSON

Born in Sumter, he was a son of the late Perry Johnson and Frances Arabella Strickland Johnson.

Mr. Johnson was a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. He was a 1939 graduate of Edmunds High School and an Army-Air Corps World War II veteran. He was the retired owner and manager of Frank's Truck Stop.

He was a life member of several organizations including Claremont Masonic Lodge No. 64, the Omar Shrine Temple in Charleston, Court No. 113 of the Royal Order of Jesters, the Sumter Shrine Club, American Legion Post 15, the VFW, the DAV and General P.G.T. Beauregard Chapter No. 1458 Sons of the Confederate Veterans.

Surviving are one son, Frank W. Johnson and wife Sally of Clemmons, North Carolina; two grandchildren, Mark W. Johnson and Lauren Johnson Cottick; two great-grandchildren, Hannah Cottick and Trevor Cottick; a sister, Lorinne DeLorme of Sumter and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Perra Comings and Merldean Harrelson.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Aldersgate United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Day officiating.

Graveside services at Evergreen will be private.

Pallbearers will be Sam Anderson, Merritt Clement, Bob DeLorme, Mark Johnson, Jimmy Mixon, Alan Prescott, Julian Seale and Sammy Way.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Wesley Fellowship Sunday School Class.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday at Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children, 952 Faris Road, Greenville, SC 29605.

Online condolences may be sent to www.sumterfunerals.com. Elmore Hill McCreight Funeral Home & Crematory, 221 Broad St., Sumter, is in charge of the arrangements, (803) 775-9386.

DELMAR R. WATFORD

Mr. Delmar Ruben Watford, 63, entered into rest on Monday, March 5, 2018. The family will receive friends on Friday at the home of his sister, Ms. Brenda Ardis, 1520 Florence Highway, Sumter.

WATFORD

Born in Darlington County, he was a son of the late Willie Ruben Watford and Letha Larymore Watford Price Richardson. Delmar was a loving father of two, son and brother. He loved fishing, helping people, and he loved life in general. He was a painter by trade and was retired for the last five years.

He is survived by his sons, Delmar Ruben Watford Dority of Seattle, Washington, and Dustin Watford of Bishopville; brothers, Robert (Delta) Watford of Bishopville, Ebbie (Sherry) Price of Sumter, Clement (Margie) Price of Bishopville and Wyman (Michelle) Price of Bishopville; sisters, Brenda Ardis of Sumter, Jennifer (Dekle) Logan of Bishopville and Wendy (John) Boone of Bishopville; and four grandchildren.

NALIQUE WELLS-TATE

ALCOLU — Nalique Wells-Tate, 18, died Monday, March 5, 2018, at 1435 Robert Rees-Durant Road.



WELLS-TATE

She was born May 16, 1999, in Sumter, a daughter of David Tate and Vicky Wells. Funeral services for Miss Tate will be held at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Hayes F. Samuels Sr. Memorial Chapel, 114 N. Church St., Manning. Dis-courtesy by Brother Ed Ross. Burial will follow in the Burgess Evergreen Cemetery, New Zion.

The family is receiving friends at the home of her mother, 17 Center St., Sumter, from 5 to 10 p.m. daily.

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

RICHARD L. BOOTH

The Honorable Richard Lauren Booth, 65, husband of Gayle Robb Booth, died Monday, March 5, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey.

Dick was born in Sumter to the late Lauren Parrott and Jean Young Booth. He graduated high school from Thomas Sumter Academy and went on to obtain a degree in Financial Management from Clemson University before earning a Juris Doctor degree from University of South Carolina

School of Law.

Since being admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1977, Dick has practiced law in Sumter. He began his career practicing with Lee & Moise, and Nash, Chappell & Wilson before becoming partner with Nash, Chappell, Wilson & Booth, and then Lee, Wilson, Erter & Booth. In 1986, he left to start his own firm, specializing in transactional law. In 2006, Dick was appointed Special Referee and Interim Master for Sumter County by Chief Justice Jean Toal on June 12, 2006, then as permanent Master in Equity for Sumter County on Feb. 13, 2008, by Gov. Mark Sanford.

He was a lifelong member of Trinity United Methodist Church, where he was an active member of the Boyle Bible Class and a teacher there for more than 45 years and a past chairman of the Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, Board of Trustees, Staff-Parish Relations Committees and several sub-committees.

He is a past board member of Sumter County Museum Foundation and Sumter County Gallery of Art; former chairman of Sumter County Cultural Commission, Sumter City-County Zoning Board of Appeals, Regional Juvenile Council, Greenhouse Group Home and Endowment Committee of the Fine Arts Council of Sumter; past president and member of the Sumter Community Concert Band and Jazz Ensemble and the Sumter County Game and Fish Association; past member of board of directors of Sumter County United Way, Sumter Family YMCA, Salvation Army Boys Club, Shaw-Sumter Community Concert Association; served on the Clemson Board of Visitors; and several others.

In addition to his wife of 37 years, he is survived by a daughter, Jayne Booth Shiver, and her husband, John Willis Shiver IV, of Charleston; a son, Richard Lauren Parrott Booth, and his wife, Jamie Jackson Booth, of Sumter; and two granddaughters, Jayne Fraser Booth Shiver and Hunter Elizabeth Booth.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church with Pastor Joseph James and the Rev. Angela

Marshall officiating.

The family will receive friends at the home on Wednesday from 4 to 6 p.m.

Burial will be private in Sumter Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, 226 W. Liberty St., Sumter, South Carolina 29150.

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

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TIERNEY A. COOPER

Tierney A. Brewer Cooper, 28, wife of Dariell Cooper Jr., daughter of Milton T. Ebb and the late Deborah Ann Brewer, and adopted daughter of Art-trell Brown, was born on March 24, 1989, in Washington, D.C. She departed this life on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at Lexington Medical Center, Lexington.

Family will be receiving friends at the home of her sister, 148 Catawba Hill Drive, Elgin, SC 29045, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. daily.

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

THOMAS R. BRACEY

Thomas Randy Bracey, husband of Ella Mae Bracey, entered eternal rest on March 1, 2018, at Palmetto Health Tuomey, Sumter. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. today at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Highway 34, Bishopville, with the Rev. Johnny Blyther officiating. Interment will follow in Boone Memorial Garden, Bishopville.

Wilson Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Bishopville, is in charge of arrangements.

RICKIE D. SAMUEL

MANNING — Rickie David Samuel, 59, died Monday, March 5, 2018, at Providence Hospital, Columbia. He was born Oct. 23, 1958, in Alcolu, a son of the late David Samuel and Robertha

Harrison Samuel.

The family is receiving friends at his residence, 309 McLeod Court, Manning.

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

HERBERT L. JOHNSON

Herbert Lee Johnson was born July 22, 1949, in Sumter County to the late James Johnson and Ethel Boston Johnson. On Thursday, March 1, 2018, God saw fit that his work on Earth was done, and he could take his heavenly rest.

Herbert graduated in the 1967 Class of Manchester High School in Pinewood. He received his Bachelor's degree in Physical Education from Allen University in Columbia. He served his country proudly in the United States Army (Vietnam). He also worked as an assistant foreman for Sumter Wood Preserving Co. in Sumter for many years.

Herbert's accolades from the United States Army include The National Defense Service Medal, The Vietnam Services Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, The Combat Infantryman's Badge and the Army Commendation Medal.

Herbert leaves to cherish his memory four nieces: Viola Johnson Cryiaque, Sandra Fulwood Graham, Latanya Johnson Holmes and Shonda Fulwood Johnson; one nephew, Harry Lee Fulwood Jr.; three grand-nieces, Mikayla Johnson, Madison Nelson and Shonciré Graham; two grand-nephews, Marcus Johnson and Eric Graham II; a good friend, Paul Parks; and a host of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, James "Jimmy" Johnson, and his sister, Sadie Johnson Fulwood.

Funeral services will be held at noon at Salem Chapel & Heritage Center, 101 S. Salem Ave., Sumter, with Minister Sandra Fulwood Graham officiating.

Interment will follow in Florence National Cemetery in Florence.

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

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Hattie Mae Walters
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The State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee is beginning its screening process for Seats 2, 4, and 6 of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee will be accepting applications for Seats 2, 4, and 6 beginning Thursday, February 22, 2018, until 12:00 p.m., Monday, March 26, 2018. The Public Service Commission has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to investor-owned electric and gas utilities, water and wastewater companies, telecommunications companies, carriers of household goods and

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hazardous waste for disposal, taxicabs, and other motor vehicle passenger carriers. A commissioner must have at least a baccalaureate degree. It is preferred that a commissioner have a background of substantial duration in one of the following areas: (a) energy; (b) telecommunications; (c) consumer protection and advocacy; (d) water and wastewater; (e) finance, economics, and statistics; (f) accounting; (g) engineering; or (h) law.

The Commission is composed of seven commissioners, one from each of the seven Congressional districts. The Commissioner for the Second Public Service Commission District represents Aiken, Barnwell, and Lexington counties, as well as parts of Orangeburg and Richland counties. The Commissioner for the Fourth Public Service Commission District represents parts of Greenville and Spartanburg counties. The Commissioner for the Sixth Public Service Commission District represents Allendale, Bamberg, Calhoun, Clarendon, Hampton, Jasper, and Williamsburg counties, as well as parts of Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, Florence, Orangeburg, Richland, and Sumter counties. The salary for these positions is approximately \$107,822 annually.

Each candidate is required to submit a completed application form no later than the March 26th deadline. Applications will not be accepted after noon on March 26, 2018. Following the March 26th filing deadline, the Review Committee will begin its background investigation of candidates. Candidates and potential candidates are subject to certain restrictions with respect to contacting members of the General Assembly.

Application forms may be obtained from the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee, 102 Gressette Building, Post Office Box 142, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, by contacting Heather Anderson, (803) 212-6208 or heatheranderson@sccenate.gov, or by contacting Michelle McGee, (803) 212-6634 or michellemcgee@sccenate.gov. For further information, contact Ms. Anderson or Ms. McGee, or visit the Public Utilities Review Committee's website at: www.sccenate.gov/C/ommitteeInfo/PublicUtilitiesReviewComm2018PublicServiceCommissionScreeningInfo.php.

Beer & Wine License

Notice Of Application
Notice is hereby given that **The Hamptons, LLC** 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 and Liquor at 33 N. Main St. Sumter, SC 29150.** To object to the issuance of this permit / license, written protest must be postmarked no later than **March 23, 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.

Bid Notices

Sandhills Medical Foundation, Inc. invites bids from properly licensed, bonded, responsible and qualified Contractors for construction of a new Medical Office Building in Sumter, South Carolina. Bids for this work will be opened in the office of Sandhills Medical Center of McBee, 645 South 7th Street, McBee, SC 29101, on Thursday the 5th day of April, 2018, at 2:00 pm. This Medical Office Building project consists of approximately 12,150 heated and

Bid Notices

cooled square feet, and includes sitework on approximately 4.25 acres with asphalt parking and concrete sidewalks. The building will be a sprinkled, single story structure, consisting of conventional wood framing with wood trusses and brick/block veneer. The building layout will primarily consist of exam rooms, a pharmacy, pharmacy retail space, a lab, and supporting areas. A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Sandhills Medical Center of McBee, 645 South 7th Street, McBee, SC 29101 on Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 1:00 pm. The Architect for the project is Jeff Lewis, AIA, 561 Jacobs Mill Rd, Elgin, SC 29201. The Contract Documents will be available for purchase from The Print Machine (TPM), 1241 Assembly Street, Columbia, SC 29201, (803) 252-4770. Hard copies obtained from TPM shall be at direct cost to Contractor/Bidder and is NOT refundable. Please contact TPM for pricing information prior to ordering plans and/or specifications. Contract Documents may also be available online for review at ConstructConnect/ISqPt and Dodge PlanRoom, subject to requirements of those companies, and can be obtained digitally from the Architect, free of charge, per written request to tre@JeffLewisAIA.com. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of not less than (5%) of the Bid. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids unless authorized by awarding authorities. Bidders will be required to supply a list of similar completed projects accompanying the bids. The Contractor to whom this work is awarded will be required to furnish an approved Performance Bond and a Labor & Material Payment Bond, each in the amount equal to 100% of the Contract. The right is reserved to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any formalities in bidding. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246 & Order No. 11375 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Anti-Kickback Act, the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, Federal Anti-Trafficking Laws, and 40 CFR 33.240. SMF is an "EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY". AUTHORIZED: Sandhills Medical Foundation, Inc.

Summons & Notice

SUMMONS
IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOCKET NO: 2016-CP-43-01146

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF SUMTER

Martha Stewart Tillman, PLAINTIFF,

vs.

Eugene Stewart, Luke Stewart (deceased), Luke Stewart, Jr., Preston Stewart (deceased), Joyce Stewart Tomlin, Linda S. Green, Matthew Stewart (deceased), Minnie J. Stewart, Naomi S. Amos (deceased), Mary Amos, Duerod, Jackie O. Amos, Levy Amos, Virginia Amos, Estelle S. Phillips, Edward Stewart (deceased), Ruth Adams, and Elagah Stewart, and the unknown heirs of any named Defendant herein who is deceased, and John Doe, a fictitious person representing as a class all persons suffering under legal disability and claiming an interest in the property described, DEFENDANTS.

TO: THE DEFENDANTS HEREIN 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 on Kenneth R. Young, Esquire, at his office located at 23 West Calhoun Street, Sumter, South Carolina, within thirty (30) days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to Answer the

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Complaint within the time aforesaid, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated at Sumter, South Carolina, on the 26th day of February, 2018.

YOUNG & ASSOCIATES, P.A.
Kenneth R. Young, Jr.
Attorney for Plaintiff
23 West Calhoun Street
Sumter, S. C. 29150
(803) 773-4371 Telephone

Public Hearing

NOTICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION DESIGN REVIEW

The Historic Preservation Design Review Committee will meet on **Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers located on the Fourth Floor of the Sumter Opera House (21 North Main Street, Sumter, South Carolina). This is a public hearing.

HP-18-06, 141 N. Main St. (City)
Request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for renovations and addition to accommodate an elevator and handicap assessable restrooms on the Harvin St. frontage of the Sumter County Courthouse located at 141 N. Main St. represented by Tax Map # 249-09-01-03.

HP-18-08, 142-144 N. Main St. (City)
Request for Historic Preservation Design Review approval for the demolition of a former service station structure in order to create an improved parking area on property located at 142-144 N. Main St. and represented by Tax Map # 228-12-04-016.

Documents pertaining to the proposed request(s) are on file in the Office of the Sumter City-County Planning Department and are available to be inspected and studied by interested citizens.

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.
Mayor

Estate Notice Sumter County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF ESTATES

Persons having claim against the following estates are required to deliver or mail their claims to the indicated Personal Representatives, appointed to administer these estates, and to file their claims on Form #371PC with the Probate Court of Sumter County Courthouse, N. Main Street, Sumter, SC, 29150, on or before the date that is eight months after the date of the first publication of this Notice to Creditors, (unless previously barred by operation of Section 62-3-803), or such persons shall be forever barred as to their claims. All claims are required to be presented in written statements, indicating the name and the address of the claimant, the basis of the claim, the amount claimed, the date when the claim will become due, the nature of any uncertainty as to the amount claimed and the date when due, and a description of any security as to the claim.

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Tamara Arnold
1880 Currituck Drive
Sumter, SC 29153

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1 Robbins Ave.
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Elks celebrate 150 years Sumter BPOE focuses on charitable works



BY IVY MOORE
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Sumter Elks Lodge 855 has joined with more than 2,000 lodges nationwide in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the BPOE — Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. While the original Elks lodge was founded in 1868 in New York City, the Sumter lodge received its charter in 1903.

Lodge 855 Exalted Ruler Johnny Raffield said the Elks, originally a fraternal organization founded by “a group of actors called the Jolly Corks,” changed its focus when one of its members died suddenly, leaving his family destitute. The other members stepped in to help.



RAFFIELD

Jolly Corks leader Charles Vivian then founded what became the BPOE, with new service roles and rituals.

The elk was adopted as the organization’s symbol, beating out the buffalo by just one vote.

Raffield said the Sumter Elks Lodge 855 has a strong emphasis on charitable work, while also serving as a base for social activities for its members.

The Elks’ state project, he said, is Alzheimer’s disease. “We provide respite for the caregiver, (and) the recipient does not have to be a member of the lodge to be eligible,” he said.

Formerly located in a large house on the corner of Broad Street and North Salem Avenue, Lodge 855 moved in 1971



Sumter Elks Lodge 855 at 1100 W. Liberty St. overlooks Second Mill Pond. The lodge relocated in 1971 following the sale of its previous building on the corner of Broad Street and North Salem Avenue.

PHOTOS PROVIDED

to its present site overlooking Second Mill Pond on West Liberty Street. Since then, Raffield said, “We have given over \$3,026,000 to the local community.”

An annual donation is the awarding of college scholarships to Sumter County high school students.

“Last August, I had the privilege of signing certificates for 10 students that were awarded \$1,000 each from Sumter Lodge 855,” he said.

Service to veterans is a large part of the Elks’ mission.

“Locally, we take water and magazines to the VA (Veterans Administration) clinic on Church Street,” Raffield said.

“We have a glove and scarf drive during the fall, with the items collected given to home-

less veterans. We entered a float in the Veterans Day Parade. Last November at the Dorn VA (hospital) in Columbia, we provided the funding for 60 dialysis patients to receive Thanksgiving dinner.”

Sumter Lodge 855 maintains “a close affiliation with the Boy Scouts. They operate the Halloween Haunted Trail and assist with other activities, such as the Veterans Day Parade and Youth Basketball Hoop Shoot.”

There is also a soccer shoot, with its winners and the basketball hoop shoot winners advancing to district, state, regional and national competitions.

“Last year, and for many years, we sponsored a Special People’s Dance for adults of all ages who have physical or

mental disabilities,” Raffield said. “The event was held quarterly. (These) are just some of our charitable works.”

Among the lodge’s social activities are “a Super Bowl Party watch party and chili cookoff,” he said. “We will hold a St. Patrick’s Day party on March 17, and throughout the year we hold such functions. Many times a member will prepare a ham, turkey or beef, and other members bring a favorite dish to share.”

Other activities include NASCAR nights, a Halloween Trunk or Treat followed by a party for adults, Thanksgiving dinner and a Christmas party.

“Bingo is held every Wednesday night (with) good

participation from members and guests,” Raffield said.

Proceeds benefit Elks charities.

“Ceremonies open to the public include the Installation of Officers — expected to be in April,” Raffield said, “Flag Day on June 14, and on the first Sunday in December, we hold a service in memory of our members who have died during the year. With us, ‘Living or Dead, Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.’”

Events held in February in observance of the BPOE anniversary included a steak dinner for prospective members, attended by about 60 people, he said, resulting in applications from seven people and more expected.

A party held in the lodge for members and guests on Feb. 17 also celebrated the 150th anniversary of the founding of the national Elks.

“The Sumter Lodge #855 does seek new members,” Raffield said. “Persons who would like to join simply request and complete an application. To qualify, a person must be of good character and a citizen of the United States, believe in God, uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States of America and not affiliate with any group seeking to overthrow the government of the United States by force or violence.”

Becoming an Elk will not conflict with a person’s duties to self, his or her family or religious or political opinions, he emphasized. “We seek men and women of all races for membership.”

Raffield said, “We like to think that we are the best-kept secret in town, although we do not want to be a secret!”

For more information about the BPOE, visit www.elks.org. For more on Sumter Elks Lodge 855, 1100 W. Liberty St., call (803) 773-6324.

Hayley Mills prefers theater to film, TV

BY NICK THOMAS
www.tinseltowntalks.com

As one of the best-known child actors from the 1960s, Hayley Mills starred in a half-dozen Disney films including box-office hits “Pollyanna” and “The Parent Trap.” Now in her early 70s, Mills continues to perform with a preference for theater work.



HAYLEY MILLS

“In January, I opened at the New York City Center on Stage II in the lovely Irish play called ‘Party Face’ by Isobel Mahon,” Mills explained recently while preparing for an evening performance. “It’s a sweet, funny, touching play. I knew immediately I wanted to do it when I read the script.”

Featuring an all-female cast, “Party Face” is set during a housewarming party where hilarity and personal conflicts intertwine. It runs through April 8 (see www.nycitycenter.org).

While her appearances in film and on television have been rarer in recent years, Mills doesn’t rule out a return.

“As an actor, you just don’t know what you’ll be doing next,” she noted. “But now I have four grandchildren and we all live within an hour of each other, so I enjoy spending a lot of time with them.”

Reunions with her siblings are rarer. “My brother Jonathan and his wife live in Tasmania and run a fabulous bed and breakfast called Harpers on

the Beach,” said Mills (see www.harpersonthebeach.com). “It’s just heaven there, but such a long way so I don’t get down often enough.”

Older sister Juliet Mills is also an accomplished film, television and theater actress. “Juliet lives in California and I live in London, but we’ve toured together on the stage over the years.”

Both sisters began their careers as children, but were they rivals competing for the same roles?

“No, we never were,” said Mills. “She moved to America as a teenager, and theater became a big part of her career whereas I focused on film. So our careers took us on different trajectories.”

Despite the dominant family acting genes — their father was beloved British actor John Mills — Hayley says her father never pushed her into acting. When director J. Lee Thompson visited the family farm in Sussex to talk with John Mills about his role in 1959’s “Tiger Bay,” Thompson was impressed by Hayley as she played in the garden.

“I was messing around pretending to do television commercials. At lunch, he suggested using me in the film, so I did a screen test with my dad and Horst Buchholz who was also in the film.”

Barely a teen, her career took off after “Tiger Bay’s” success. Recognizing her talent, Walt Disney signed Hayley to a 5-year contract beginning with “Pollyanna” in 1960.

The following year “The Parent Trap” was released, perhaps her best-known role playing teenage twin sisters. Remade in 1998, Mills says a theater tour prevented her from accepting a cameo and only has praise for Lindsay Lohan’s performance in the remake.

“I’ve never actually met her but



WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS

Hayley Mills with Maureen O’Hara and Brian Keith in “The Parent Trap.”



PHOTO BY JEREMY DANIEL

Gina Costigan and Hayley Mills are appearing in “Party Face” at the NY City Center.

thought she was a very good actress. However, it was a rather bizarre experience to watch the film because it felt so similar. I felt like Rip Van Winkle!”

Her next film for Disney was “In Search of the Castaways,” released in 1962, where Mills teamed up with suave French entertainer Maurice Chevalier and the always delightful

British character actor Wilfrid Hyde-White.

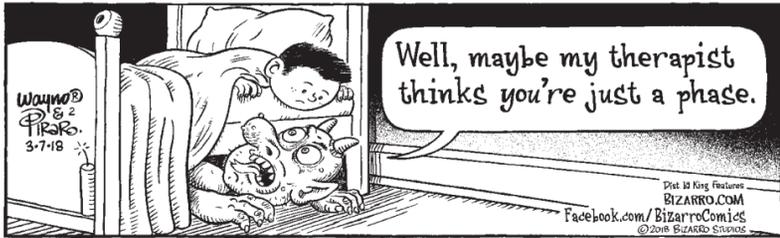
“I loved them both. Maurice was a genuine charmer with a tremendous warmth and a wonderful twinkle in his eye. Wilfrid Hyde-White was just a darling man. He was a huge horseracing fan and always had a portable TV set in his dressing room to watch the races. It was such a privilege to work with those two.”

No doubt the young cast members of “Party Face” similarly appreciate the chance to act with Mills — a true Hollywood icon.

“I was thrilled when ‘Party Face’ came up because as you get older such wonderful opportunities don’t come along quite so often,” said Mills. “It’s a very uncertain business, but I’m very grateful for the opportunities I’ve had.”

Nick Thomas teaches at Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala., and has written features, columns and interviews for more than 650 newspapers and magazines.

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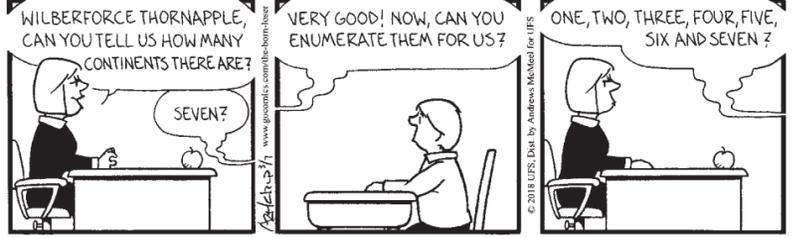
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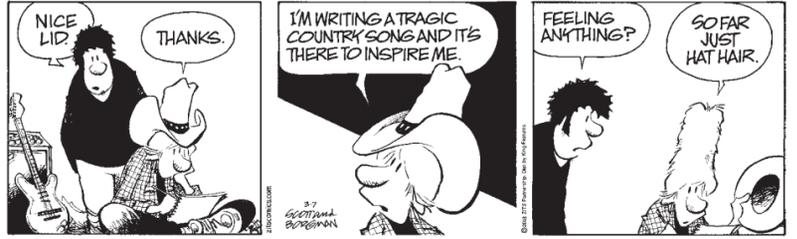
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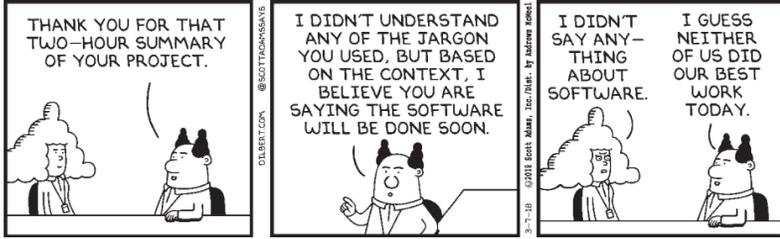
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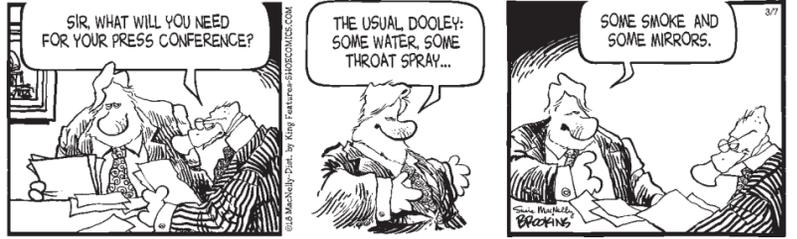
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Memories of assault revived by #MeToo movement



Dear Abby
ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY — Years ago, my husband and I hosted a St. Patrick's Day party in our apartment for friends. There was a lot of drinking going on. I had to be at work early the next morning, so I went to bed while the party went on. I awoke a short while later to one of the men attempting to rape me. He stopped and attempted an apology by saying, "But you are just so pretty."

My husband and I graduated from high school with this person, and he is/

was part of the same circle of friends. I have not told many people, but the few who do know have maintained a friendship with him, including my husband.

Because of the #MeToo campaign, all the emotions have come to a head for me now. I think about this assault daily. The worst thing for me is that even though he knows about it, my husband has chosen to remain friends with him for 35 years. How can I get past this?

Can't forget in Virginia

DEAR CAN'T FORGET — I can only imagine how traumatic the assault was, and for that you have my sympathy. The friends you confided in may feel that because your attacker was drunk, what he did was somehow excusable. That your

husband would be so forgiving is, frankly, shocking.

It may take the help of a licensed mental health professional to put this behind you, if that's possible. I sincerely hope you will reach out to a therapist who treats post-traumatic stress as well as victims of sexual assault, and include your husband in some of the sessions.

DEAR ABBY — What would you say about a man who still keeps a photo of himself with his late wife as his computer background picture two years after he remarried?

Second-fiddle second wife

DEAR WIFE — I'd say he may be too lazy or computer-inept to update it. If it were me, I'd "volunteer" to help him change it.

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By David L Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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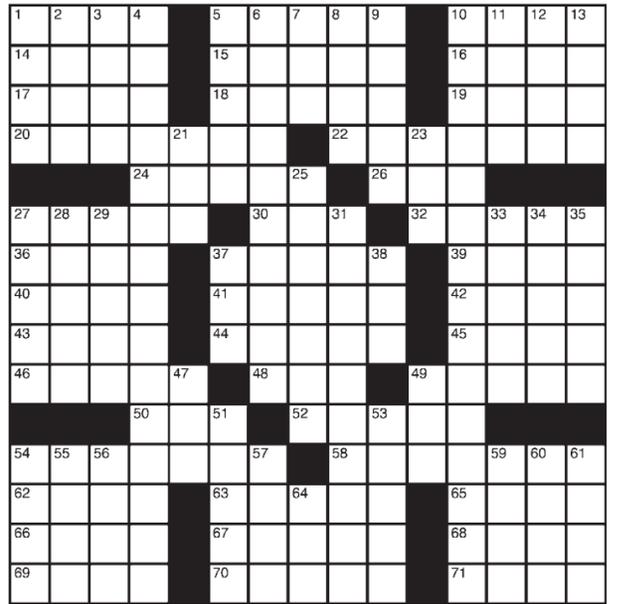
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THE DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Jeffrey Wechsler

3/7/18

- ACROSS**
- 1 Drone sound
 - 5 Spicy dip
 - 10 French flag couleur
 - 14 Parade celebrity
 - 15 Cotton swabs
 - 16 Pair on a Disneyland hat
 - 17 Verdi highlight
 - 18 It's prohibited on many highways
 - 19 Vast landmass
 - 20 Musical Christmas staple
 - 22 Culinary student's assent
 - 24 Native American symbol
 - 26 Bit of cheer?
 - 27 22% of the U.S. Senate
 - 30 WWII female
 - 32 Program breaks
 - 36 Enthusiastic
 - 37 "Good Lord!"
 - 39 Miscellaneous
 - 40 [Uh-oh!]
 - 41 Big name in threshers
 - 42 In ___ of: replacing
 - 43 City ENE of Reno
 - 44 One of pop music's Papas
 - 45 Permits
 - 46 Takes a load off
 - 48 Mil. officers
 - 49 High-IQ group
 - 50 Perilous hisser
 - 52 In check
 - 54 Succeeding like nobody's business
 - 58 Like most kosher frankfurters
 - 62 Water sport
 - 63 Only inanimate zodiac sign
 - 65 Iams alternative
 - 66 "Quite so"
 - 67 Historical period
 - 68 Slimming procedure, briefly
 - 69 Shopping club
 - 70 Swearing-in rituals
 - 71 For fear that
- DOWN**
- 1 "Careless Whisper" pop group
 - 2 "___ comes trouble!"
 - 3 Eye part
 - 4 Sunday dinner side dish
 - 5 Weightlifting maneuver
 - 6 Driving
 - 7 "Elementary" co-star Lucy
 - 8 Nimble
 - 9 Ed with seven Emmys
 - 10 Summer Olympics event since 1996
 - 11 Word with back or whip
 - 12 Historic canal
 - 13 "Aim High ... Fly-Fight-Win" military org.
 - 21 Non-neutral atom
 - 23 Took a load off
 - 25 Purplish hue
 - 27 Ante, e.g.
 - 28 Small egg
 - 29 Takes full advantage of
 - 31 Gravy thickener
 - 33 From far away (perhaps very far)
 - 34 See 51-Down
 - 35 "The March King"
 - 37 Unexpected
 - 38 Susan of "L.A. Law"
 - 47 Ottawa-to-NYC dir.
 - 49 Prefix with ware
 - 51 With 34-Down, really retro eating programs
 - 53 Vague discomfort, with "the"
 - 54 Makes a choice
 - 55 Romance writer Roberts
 - 56 Grad
 - 57 Longtime "Live!" host
 - 59 Author Wiesel
 - 60 Omar of "Shooter"
 - 61 Body part whose parts are aptly found at the bottom of this puzzle's four longest answers
 - 64 Plant sci.

Previous Puzzle Solved

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SP	FT	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	
LOCAL CHANNELS													
WIS	10	3	10	WIS News 10 at 7 (N)	Entertainment Tonight (N)	The Blacklist "Pattie Sue Edwards" Liz works a new angle. (N)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "In Loco Parentis" Carisi opens a police investigation. (N) (DVS)	Chicago P.D. "Profiles" Bombings are targeting media members. (N) (DVS)	WIS News 10 at 11 (N)	(:34) The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon John Cena; Katherine Langford. (N)			
WLTX	19	9	9	News 19 at 7pm (N)	Inside Edition (N)	Survivor "Only Time Will Tell" (N)	(:01) SEAL Team "No Man's Land" Jason meets a woman on the base. (N)	Criminal Minds "Annihilator" Roommates in St. Louis are murdered. (N) (DVS)	News 19 at 11pm (N)	(:35) The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Reese Witherspoon; Adam Rippon. (N)			
WOLO	25	5	12	Wheel of Fortune "Leave Winter Behind" (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Goldbergs "Adam Spielberg" (N) (DVS)	Speechless Ray is miserable after his breakup. (N)	Modern Family Mitchell and Cam throw a party. (N)	(:31) American Housewife "All Coupled Up" (N)	Designated Survivor "The Final Frontier" Astronauts are stranded in space. (N)	ABC Columbia News at 11 (N)	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	
WRJA	27	11	14	Jimmy Buffett: Buried Treasure: The early career of Jimmy Buffett.	Nature "Naledi: One Little Elephant" Naledi the baby elephant. (DVS)	Retire Safe & Secure With Ed Slott: Protecting savings for retirement.		The New York Cantors: Three cantors perform in Amsterdam.					
WACH	57	6	6	The Big Bang Theory The guys go on a road trip.	The Big Bang Theory	The X-Files "Familiar" An animal attacks a little boy. (N)	9-1-1 "Karma's a Bitch" Athena confronts Michael. (N) (DVS)	WACH FOX News at 10 (N) (Live)		Sports Zone	DailyMailTV (N)	TMZ (N)	
WKTC	63	4	22	Last Man Standing Vanessa falls asleep on the job.	Last Man Standing "Moon Over Kenya"	Riverdale "Chapter Twenty-Seven: The Hills Have Eyes" Cheryl makes a surprising connection. (N)	Life Sentence "Pilot" (Series Premiere) Stella learns her cancer has been cured. (N)	Dateline "Miami Heat" A woman claims self-defense.	Dateline "After Midnight" A weekend visit goes horribly wrong.	The Game Derwin gets an endorsement deal.			
CABLE CHANNELS													
A&E	46	130	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "A Fistful of Dollar"	Storage Wars	Storage Wars "Buenyena"	(:01) Rooster & Butch A woman pitches a dash cam device. (N)	(:03) Storage Wars "Mary's RE-finds"	(:33) Storage Wars	(12:03) Storage Wars		
AMC	48	180	(4:00) *** "The Green Mile" (1999) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	*** "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall, Kevin Costner, Annette Bening.	*** "Hang 'Em High" (1968) Clint Eastwood. A rancher swears revenge on the men who tried to lynch him.		TM: Branched Out						
ANPL	41	100	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out "Rolling on a River" (N)		Treehouse Masters						
BET	61	162	(4:57) * "Baggage Claim" (2013) Paula Patton, Derek Luke, Taye Diggs. A woman sets out on a cross-country quest to find a husband.	*** "Baggage Claim" (2013, Romance-Comedy) Paula Patton, Derek Luke, Taye Diggs. A woman sets out on a cross-country quest to find a husband.									
BRAVO	47	181	The Real Housewives of New York City Ladies of New York City reunite.	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Erika meets with her publisher.	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Kyle wants an apology from Lisa.	The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills Camille attempts to silence Dorit.	Watch What Happens Live	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Cynthia gets over her man problems.					
CNBC	35	84	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Secret Lives	Secret Lives	Shark Tank Hometown T-shirt.	Shark Tank			
CNN	3	80	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon (N)	Shark Tank	Shark Tank	Shark Tank		
COM	57	136	(6:50) South Park "Smug Alert!"	(:25) South Park	South Park "Man-bearpig"	South Park "Gnomes"	South Park "Cart-man Sucks"	South Park	Corporate "Week-end" (N)	South Park	The Daily Show With Trevor Noah	The Opposition w/ Jordan Klepper (N)	(12:01) South Park "Aspen"
DISN	18	200	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls (Part 1 of 2)	Stuck in the Middle	Bizaardvark	Andi Mack
DSC	42	103	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws "Making It in Memphis"	Street Outlaws	Street Outlaws	(:01) Twin Turbos "Back on Track" (N)	(:02) Street Outlaws "Memphis Money"	Twin Turbos			
ESPN	26	35	NBA Countdown (N) (Live)	NBA Basketball Toronto Raptors at Detroit	Pistons. From Little Caesars Arena in Detroit, Mich. (N)	NBA Basketball Cleveland Cavaliers at Denver Nuggets. (N) (Live)							
ESPN2	27	39	College Basketball ACC Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	College Basketball ACC Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)						
FOOD	40	109	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Grocery Games	Guy's Games		
FOXN	37	90	The Story With Martha MacCallum (N)	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N)	Guy's Grocery Games	The Ingraham Angle (N)	The 700 Club		** "Ella Enchanted" (2004)			
FREE	20	131	(6:00) *** "Matilda" (1996) Mara Wilson, Danny DeVito.	grown-ish (N)	(:31) Alone Together "Sleepover"	(:02) ** "Hot Rod" (2007, Comedy) Andy Samberg, Jorma Taccone, Bill Hader. Premiere. An accident-prone daredevil plans an outrageous stunt.							
FSS	21	47	Running (N)	Future Phenoms	Shot in the Dark	RMG's Hydro Zone	Facing Waves	Facing Waves	Power of Sports	Power of Sports	Triathlon		
HALL	52	183	Full House "The Seven-Month Itch"	Full House "The Seven Month Itch"	Full House Jesse plays Elvis.	Full House "D.J. Tanner's Day Off"	The Middle "The Rush"	The Middle "Birds of a Feather"	The Middle "Floating 50"	The Middle	The Golden Girls	The Golden Girls "All That Jazz"	The Golden Girls "Ebb Tide"
HGTV	39	112	Property Brothers: Buying & Selling	Property Brothers	Property Brothers	Property Brothers (N)	House Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l	Dream Home	Dream Home	Property Brothers		
HIST	45	110	Forged in Fire	Forged in Fire "The Rhomphaia" (N)	Law & Order "Church" Pastor accused of murder.	Law & Order "Melting Pot" An actress is found hanging.	Law & Order "Murder Book" A high-profile publisher is found dead.	(:02) Glam Masters "The Art of Beauty" Four beauty influencers are challenged.	(:04) Laurieann Gibson: Beyond the Spotlight Bad Boy Records reunion.	(12:15) "Return of the Bad Men"	Forged in Fire		
ION	13	18	Law & Order "Talking Points" Someone in a crowd fires a gun.	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy gets an unexpected health scare. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Juicy gets an unexpected health scare. (N)	Little Women: Atlanta Andrea struggles with a decision. (N)	(:02) Glam Masters "The Art of Beauty" Four beauty influencers are challenged.	(:04) Laurieann Gibson: Beyond the Spotlight Bad Boy Records reunion.	(12:15) "Return of the Bad Men"	Law & Order "Bling"			
LIFE	50	145	Little Women: Atlanta "Cover Girls" Juicy lands a magazine cover shoot.	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends		
MSNBC	36	92	Hardball With Chris Matthews (N)	All In With Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	Friends		
NICK	16	210	Knight Squad	SpongeBob	** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules" (2011) Zachary Gordon.	Full House	Full House	To Be Announced	To Be Announced	Lip Sync Battle			
PARMT	64	153	Friends	*** "Pitch Perfect" (2012) Anna Kendrick. College students enter an a cappella competition.	The Magicians "All That Josh" Convincing an old friend to return home. (N)	(:01) Channel Zero: Butcher's Block Alice reaches the point of no return. (N)	(:01) *** "National Treasure" (2004) Nicolas Cage. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.						
SYFY	58	152	(6:00) ** "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure) Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha. A man tries to steal the Declaration of Independence.	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	Conan Actor David Oyelowo; comic Jimmy Pardo. (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee (N)	Full Frontal With Samantha Bee			
TBS	24	156	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	The Big Bang Theory	(:05) My 600-Lb. Life: Skin Tight	(:08) My 600-Lb. Life Tamy becomes a hermit.				
TCM	49	186	(5:30) *** "The Sundowners" (1960, Drama) Deborah Kerr.	** "Dick Tracy" (1945, Crime Drama) Morgan Conway, Anne Jeffreys.	(:15) ** "47 Ronin" (2013, Adventure) Keanu Reeves, Hiroyuki Sanada, Tadanobu Asano. Premiere.								
TLC	43	157	My 600-Lb. Life (Part 2 of 2)	** "Hercules" (2014, Adventure) Dwayne Johnson, Ian McShane, Rufus Sewell. Hercules helps defend Thrace from a powerful warlord. (DVS)	Outcast samurai seek revenge on a treacherous overlord. (DVS)								
TNT	23	158	Bones Multitailed remains of a chicken farmer.	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers		
TRUTV	38	129	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers	ImpRACTical Jokers		
TV LAND	55	161	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Love-Raymond	Mom	Mom	King of Queens	King of Queens	King of Queens
USA	25	132	** "The Wedding Ringer" (2015, Comedy) Kevin Hart, Josh Gad, Affion Crockett. A groom must hire a best man for his upcoming nuptials. (DVS)	Madam Secretary "Pilot"	Madam Secretary "Another Benghazi"	Madam Secretary "The Operative"	Madam Secretary	Madam Secretary	Madam Secretary "Blame Canada"	Madam Secretary	Madam Secretary		
WE	68	166	Madam Secretary "Pilot"	Madam Secretary "Another Benghazi"	Madam Secretary "The Operative"	Madam Secretary	Madam Secretary	Madam Secretary	Madam Secretary "Blame Canada"	Madam Secretary	Madam Secretary		
WGNA	8	172	*** "Edge of Tomorrow" (2014) Tom Cruise. A soldier in an alien war gets caught in a time loop.	** "Jumper" (2008, Science Fiction) Hayden Christensen, Jamie Bell.									

Does 'Life Sentence' leave itself anywhere to go?

BY KEVIN McDONOUGH

So what are you doing for the rest of your life? A dark comic variation on the dying teen genre, "Life Sentence" (9 p.m., CW, TV-PG) stars Lucy Hale ("Pretty Little Liars") as Stella Abbott. The show's first five minutes play like a cloying commercial or music video as Stella relates her eight years as a cancer patient who was assured of an early grave. We learn that her parents did everything they could for her, even sending her to Paris for a romantic send-off. There she meets her perfect soul mate, Wes (Elliot Knight), who indulges her every idea of wedded bliss.

But after Stella learns her cancer has been cured, her parents, Paul (Dylan Walsh) and Ida (Gillian Vigman), inform her that they are splitting up and that they withheld the news to put their dying daughter at ease. Her sister, Elizabeth (Brooke Lyons), lets her know that she only got married and had children to give her parents something positive in their lives, while her brother, Aiden (Jayson Blair), lives like a man-child, selling drugs and having meaningless hookups with married women. He blames his immaturity on the fact that everyone ignored him to care for Stella. Even Wes seems to grow distant, finally confessing that he's tired of living in an indie rock video version of married life and might want to sleep without spooning.

This contrivance might seem funny if it emerged naturally — not



ANNETTE BROWN / THE CW

From Left, Anna Enger stars as Dr. Helena Chang, Elliot Knight as Wes and Lucy Hale as Stella in "Life Sentence," premiering at 9 p.m. today on CW.

accompanied by Stella's yammering yet strident voiceover. She's a bit of a know-it-all trying to project vulnerability, yet failing. Think "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" meets Rory from "Gilmore Girls." Stella, who never looked all that sick to begin with, becomes merely annoying by the end of the pilot, shifting from a tragic cancer diagnosis to terminal narcissism.

Speaking of terminal, it's not entirely clear where "Life Sentence" can go after explaining itself in the first five minutes. Maybe it should have settled

for being a Coldplay video and spared us the trouble.

Executive produced by Leonardo DiCaprio, "The Men Who Built America: Frontiersmen" (9 p.m., History, TV-14) is a four-part docuseries that highlights the first 75 years of the United States, from the American Revolution through the California Gold Rush.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

A boy's assault may have a paranormal explanation on "The X-Files"

(8 p.m., Fox, TV-14).

- Season three of "Hap and Leonard" (10 p.m., Sundance, TV-MA) premieres, subtitled "The Two-Bear Mambo."
- A series of bombings leads to a crossover episode of "Chicago P.D." (10 p.m., NBC, TV-14) and tomorrow night's "Chicago Fire."
- NASA faces catastrophe on "Designated Survivor" (10 p.m., ABC, TV-14).
- Donatella strives to become a force unto herself on "The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story" (10 p.m., FX, TV-MA).

LATE NIGHT

Terese Marie Mailhot visits "The Daily Show With Trevor Noah" (11 p.m., Comedy Central) * David Oyelowo, Jimmy Pardo and Margo Price appear on "Conan" (11 p.m., TBS) * Reese Witherspoon, Adam Rippon, Ben Harper and Charlie Musselwhite are on "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (11:35 p.m., CBS) * Jimmy Fallon welcomes John Cena, Katherine Langford and JD & The Straight Shot on "The Tonight Show" (11:35 p.m., NBC) * Hoda Kotb, Nick Robinson and Old Dominion visit "Late Night With Seth Meyers" (12:35 a.m., NBC) * Lindsey Vonn, Jim Gaffigan and Derren Brown appear on "The Late Late Show With James Corden" (12:35 a.m., CBS).

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Tiffany Haddish makes Oscars fashion moment with used dress

BY AMANDA LEE MYERS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's not often the dress that steals the show at the Oscars isn't even new.

But that's what happened Sunday when comedian and actress Tiffany Haddish strode on stage in a \$4,000 white Alexander McQueen dress she's worn publicly at least two other times, widely considered a faux pas in Hollywood.

Haddish wore the dress at the premiere of "Girls Trip" in July. She wore it again during her stint as host of "Saturday Night Live" in November — and dedicated half her opening monologue to it.

"My whole team told me, 'Tiffany, you cannot wear that dress on 'SNL,' you already wore it. It's taboo to wear it twice," Haddish said on

"Saturday Night Live."

"I said, 'I don't give a dang about no taboo, I spent a lot of money on this dress,'" Haddish said. "This dress cost way more than my mortgage."

She then went on to detail where else she would wear the dress: at a bat mitzvah, at her own wedding, and even at her own funeral one day.

"If I die and even if I become fat as hell — if I'm the biggest, fattest — I don't care," she said. "When I'm laying in that casket, guess what's going to be laying on top of my fat-ass body? This dress."

She'd apparently wear it to the Oscars, too.

Not only that, she walked out on stage wearing slippers and carrying her gold high heels, as did her co-presenter, Maya Rudolph.

"We are so happy to be here

but our feet hurt," Haddish said.

Earlier in the evening, Haddish walked the red carpet in a much different outfit, a traditional Eritrean dress, wrap and headpiece dedicated to her father, who died last year.

"He said one day I would end up here and if I ever end up at the Oscars to honor my people, so I'm honoring my fellow Eritreans," she told ABC.

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SARA MOULTON VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Onion Beer Bread is a crowd-pleaser

BY SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

A larger-than-usual crowd meeting up at your house for dinner? This Onion Beer Bread would add a lot to the menu. It's delicious, of course, but it's also very easy to whip up. Unlike more conventional breads, this one doesn't involve yeast or require multiple risings. And except for the rosemary, you probably have all the ingredients in the house.

The dough is a basic mix of flour, sugar, salt and leavener combined with your choice of beer, topped

with buttery onions, garlic and more butter. The result has a very moist and tender crumb.

Fair warning, though — this dough is thick and sticky. It will look like nothing but a lumpy mess when you put it in the pan and spread it out. Twenty minutes later, after it's been baked, it will be transformed into enticing, golden, glistening bread.

The best gizmo for spreading the dough in the pan is a baker's tool known as an offset metal spatula, but a rubber spatula will also get the job done. Whichever you use, grease it by dipping it into the onion butter mixture so that it won't stick to the batter as you spread it. And, by the way, the surface of the bread doesn't need to be perfectly smooth. This is rustic bread.

Onion Beer Bread will make your whole house smell heavenly as it bakes. I recommend serving it right out of the oven, but it's still darn tasty at room temperature or even cold.

ONION BEER BREAD

Start to finish: 60 minutes (20 active)

Servings: 12

1 stick butter
2 cups thin-sliced onion rings (about 1 medium onion)
2 teaspoons minced garlic
about 3 cups unbleached flour
1 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1 teaspoon table salt
One 12-ounce bottle beer (your choice)
2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary

Place a rack in the upper third of the oven and preheat the oven to 350 F. Place the butter, onion and garlic in a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish and set the pan in the oven while it is preheating (keep an eye on the butter; it might brown a little which is fine, but don't let it get too brown).

In a bowl, stir together the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add the beer, and stir just until it is mixed. The dough will be sticky and heavy.

When the butter is melted, pour the butter, onion rings and garlic into a bowl, leaving about 1 tablespoon of butter in the baking dish. Using a pastry brush, coat the bottom and the sides of the baking dish evenly with the butter. Spoon the bread dough into the pan, and spread it evenly. Divide the onions over the top of the dough, and drizzle the melted butter and garlic over the onions. Sprinkle the rosemary evenly over the dough.

Bake the bread in the upper third of the oven for 20 to 25 minutes or until a skewer when inserted comes out clean. Cut the bread into 24 squares, and serve right away.

Nutritional information: 201 calories; 71 calories from fat; 8 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 20 mg cholesterol; 394 mg sodium; 26 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 1 g sugar; 3 g protein.

Slow-cooked pork — eat it alone, wrap it up or serve with a side

BY KATIE WORKMAN

Associated Press

Slowly cooking a big hunk of tough, inexpensive meat isn't just the best way to cook this cut of meat. It's really the only way.

Most tough cuts of meat come from the hardest working parts of the animal, and therefore have a lot of collagen. This collagen needs to be broken down and converted to gelatin for the meat to become tender, and that is accomplished by low and slow cooking.

Here, if you want to rub the meat with the spice rub the night before and leave it loosely covered in the fridge overnight, the dry rub will season the meat a little more deeply. But this isn't a heavily seasoned roast, so it's a step that you can skip if you don't have time or fridge space.

This meat can be eaten just as it is, with any kind of starchy side from mashed or roasted potatoes to rice to orzo or another pasta. Or you can make it into tacos by wrapping the meat in warmed, soft corn or flour tortillas and adding in whatever feels right: avocados, shredded cheese, a dollop of crème fraiche or sour cream, salsas of any kind, fresh cilantro leaves, pickled onions, fresh onions, chopped tomatoes, shredded zucchini.

You could also use this meat in enchiladas, burritos or any kind of Mexican-inspired casserole. Finely shred it and add to huevos rancheros? Pork sandwiches with barbecue sauce, perhaps?

There is no such thing as leftover slow-cooker pork. There is only another brilliant pork dinner waiting to happen.



CARRIE CROW VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SLOW-COOKED PORK ROAST

Serves 12

6 hours start to finish

3 tablespoons brown sugar, light or dark
2 teaspoons minced garlic
2 teaspoons canola or vegetable oil
2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon paprika, hot or sweet
1 teaspoon coarse or kosher salt
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 5-pound boneless pork butt roast
1/2 cup dry white wine

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees F.

In a small bowl, combine the brown sugar, garlic, oil, chili powder, paprika, salt and pepper. Rub it all over the roast. Place the roast in a roasting pan, preferably in a wire rack. Add the wine.

Cook on low heat for five to six hours, until it has a nice crust and the meat is falling-apart tender.

Remove the roast from the oven, and let it sit for 15 to 20 minutes. Use a fork or two to shred the meat into nice-size pieces.

Nutrition information per serving: 273 calories; 154 calories from fat; 17 g fat (6 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 82 mg cholesterol; 255 mg sodium; 4 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 3 g sugar; 23 g protein.

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